

**JUSTICE MINISTER TELLS HADASSAH JORDAN PEACE CAN END PALESTINE PROBLEM**

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- "Israel is prepared to negotiate an over-all peace treaty with each of our Arab neighbors. We are ready to go to Geneva for this purpose...or failing this, to negotiate on the end of the state of war between Israel and some or all of its neighbors -- presenting significant options for diplomatic movement," Haim Zadok, Israel Minister of Justice, said in a major address.

Mr. Zadok spoke at the opening plenary session of the 62nd annual National Convention of Hadassah, at the Washington Hilton Hotel. More than 2,500 delegates and guests representing over 350,000 members of the largest women's volunteer organization in the U.S. attended the convention August 15 - 18.

Mr. Zadok said that the problem of the Palestinians can be solved in the context of a peace agreement with Jordan.

He explained: "The vast majority of them live -- in almost equal numbers -- in Jordan and in the territories now administered by Israel. The majority of the inhabitants of Jordan are Palestinians. Palestinians are predominant in the political and economic life of Jordan.

"Once we agree with our eastern neighbor on the boundary between us, the state to the east of Israel, extending up to the border of Iraq, will be the home of the Palestinian Arabs in which they can assert their distinct identity.

"Whether that state will be a kingdom or a republic, whether it will be called 'Jordan' or 'Palestine,' whether it will be a federal state or a unitary state -- these will be their own internal affairs. But we utterly reject the claim of the so-called Palestine Liberation Organization to represent and speak for the Palestinian Arabs. It does not, in fact, represent the vast majority of Palestinian Arabs."

Rejecting the idea of a separate state, Mr. Zadok said: "The idea of an additional Arab state -- wedged-in between Israel and Jordan, ruled by the P.L.O. with a predominant Soviet influence -- which would serve as a base of operation both against Israel and against Jordan -- is a prescription not for settling the conflict, but for perpetuating it."

He continued: "Let nobody be misled by the deceptive and deceitful slogan of a 'united-democratic-secular-Palestine' in which Arabs and Jews will live happily together."

Pointing out that Lebanon was the only "secular democratic state" in the Arab world -- whose structure rested on a "delicate balance between Christians and Moslems" he charged the P.L.O. with the prime responsibility for the civil war. First, by transforming Lebanon into a base of terrorist operations against Israel and later by trying "to exercise control of Lebanon as a whole. The Christians were thus faced with a desperate struggle for their survival and integrity as a Christian community

in the midst of the Moslem world."

He called the P.L.O. "a cancerous growth on the body of the Middle East -- drawing its financial sustenance and political support primarily from a bizarre alliance between a country ruled by a deranged fanatic and an unscrupulous world power ruled by a Communist government."

He concluded: "It is too early to make an intelligent forecast as to how the civil war in Lebanon will end. What is certain is that Lebanon is never going to be the same again; and under no circumstances will we allow Lebanon to become again a base for terrorist operations against Israel."

Turning to the question of terrorism, the Justice Minister said:

"We shall continue to strike at the terrorists, wherever they are, with all the resources and all the resourcefulness at our disposal. And we must reserve the right to decide for ourselves, to the best of our own judgment, on the scope, methods and timing of our operations. Our experience as a people and as a state have, perhaps, given us a better understanding of the nature of international terrorism and a better command of the means of combating it.

"The Entebbe operation was brilliant in its planning and in its execution. Still, I would freely admit that there are several other armies in the world capable of planning and executing an operation of this kind. Yet, at the risk of sounding self-congratulatory, I would respectfully suggest that there are very few, if any, other governments with the will and courage to make the political decision made by Israel's allegedly weak and divided leadership. This is so, even though it is more and more widely realized that terrorism is not merely a threat to Israel or to any other individual nation; it threatens civilized mankind as a whole."

In an interview before he addressed the meeting, the Justice Minister said that he opposed capital punishment for terrorists. "While I can understand the emotional drive of our people who feel that the death of innocent victims should

be vindicated, our decision must be guided by cool judgment rather than by emotional reaction.

"I feel capital punishment is not an effective deterrent for this type of crime. It not only would not deter potential terrorists but it could create martyrs, thus providing an example for others to follow."

He added that capital punishment "focuses attention on saving the lives of so-called 'freedom fighters' rather than focussing attention on the graveness of their terrorist acts.

"On balance, therefore, I believe that the introduction of capital punishment would not serve Israel's best interests and that it would not be an effective weapon against terrorists."

**New Year Message**

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The New Year, 5737, for "We, the Jewish People," is a symbol of life, new hope, and new purpose. For in the aftermath of Entebbe, we who dream -- who choose man over chaos, who endeavor to make of life something of value -- now realize that we have the power to make impossible dreams come true.

For at Entebbe, we saw the spectre of Jews again being separated. But at Entebbe we also saw Jewish life defended. In this period of self reflection, it is the spirit of Entebbe that we must emulate. For us, the task is not to foresee the future, but to enable it.

For just as we pray for peace during this High Holiday period -- the remembrance of Yom Kippur three years ago tells us we must always maintain our vigilance. The Psalms say: "The guardian of the people of Israel neither sleeps nor slumbers."

For there is no real peace for the people of Israel, and their economic problems imperil their growth. And although the exodus from the Soviet Union continues slowly, we must maintain our vigilance for those in Russia who still can't say, "Next Year in Jerusalem."

As the new year approaches, let us resolve to make of 1977 a year of new expectations -- a year of new vision -- a year of challenge to our communities and our people.



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