

NON-ORTHODOX RABBIS ASSURED ON LAW OF RETURN

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich and Jewish Agency treasurer Leon Dulzin, leaders of Israel's Liberal Party, assured four American Conservative and Reform rabbis that an Amendment to the Law of Return that would

nullify conversions by non-Orthodox rabbis could not be passed in the Knesset. Ehrlich said the Liberal Party, which together with Herut makes up the major components of Likud, would allow its Knesset members to vote their conscience

on the issue and most of them would vote against the change. The four rabbis - Stanley Rabinowitz, president, and Wolfe Kelman, executive vice president of the (Conservative) Rabbinical Association and Ely Pilchik, president, and Joseph Glazer, executive vice president of the (Reform) Central Synagogue of American Rabbis - had discussed the issue with Premier Menachem Begin in New York in July.

Begin who has pledged to the National Religious Party and the Agudath Israel bloc, Likud's two coalition partners in the government, to amend the law to require conversions "according to halacha."

ISRAEL AIDED LEBANON

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"Aboard one boat," Halevy reveals, "was Yitzhaz Rabin, then the Israeli Premier and his Defense Minister Shimon Peres. Soon the Israelis were joined by two boats from the mainland, one carrying Camille Chamoun, then a Lebanese Cabinet minister, the other carrying Lebanese Christian Phalangist Party leader Pierre Gemayel-- both boats guided and guarded by Israeli frogmen.

"Though the two Lebanese Christians, leaders of competing factions, refused to meet each other, they both appealed to Rabin for direct Israeli intervention in the civil

war then raging in Lebanon...With Israeli help, the Christians managed to stop the Palestinian offensive, and even started an offensive of their own...The Israelis are convinced that their efforts had a decisive effect on the outcome of the war..."

Halevy further informed his publication -- based on data he received from a former Minister -- that "the Israelis provided 12,000 rifles, 5,000 machine guns, 110 tanks, plus other items.... Israeli officers moved into Christian communities and some 1,500 of the Lebanese volunteers were trained at army bases in Israel...."



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PLO REJECTS 242, CONDEMNS U.S. AND ISRAEL

WASH. (WNS) -- The State Department refused to comment on the resolution adopted by the 55-member Palestine Liberation Organization Central Council which condemned "all of the United States and Zionist maneuvers," rejected United Nations Security Council Resolution 242 and called for

"increasing our continuous armed struggle against Zionist occupation." The PLO resolution adopted at the meeting held in Damascus reiterated "that the Palestinian cause is the crux of the Middle East conflict and warns against giving credence to imperialist and Zionist promises and that

it is impossible to achieve a just and lasting peace but on a basis of securing the rights of our people." President Carter said in Plains, Ga., on August 8, that if the PLO accepts Resolution 242 the U.S. would consider that as accepting Israel's right to exist. The Department also noted

that Vance's talks with the Middle East foreign ministers in New York are "continuing no matter what the PLO position is." In Jerusalem, Labor Party Leader Shimon Peres said that the PLO action proves once again that it is a violent group that rejects compromise and whose only purpose is to annihilate Israel.

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STATE DEPT. TO ADMIT 'GOOD' PLO MEMBERS

WASH. (WNS) -- The State Department will allow individual members of the Palestine Liberation Organization into the United States if they are "not bent on sabotage" or are not "terrorists."

Each applicant will be examined on an individual basis, it was disclosed.

This appeared to clear the way for the PLO to conduct an "information office" in Washington.

State Department spokesman John Trantner told newsmen that the Department's position comes about because an amendment introduced by Sen. George McGovern (D, SD) allows the Secretary of State "within 30 days of receiving applications for a non-immigrant visa by any alien who is excludable from the United States by reason of membership in or affiliation with a prescribed organization, but who is otherwise admissible to the U.S." to recommend that the Attorney General grant approval for the visa. The only exception would be if the Secretary of State determines the approval would be contrary to the security interests of the U.S.

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