

## BEGIN HOLDS BACK WEST BANK STATEMENT

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- An expected government proclamation on the status of Jewish settlements on the West Bank intended to assure the Gush Emunim that future settlements will not be subject to challenge in the courts failed to materialize. Premier Menachem Begin declined to present such a proclamation to the Cabinet. He was known to be working on such a statement but apparently decided not to introduce it at this time because of mounting public protests and strong opposition within his Cabinet to any further appeasement of the Gush Emunim. Begin reportedly told his ministers at the Cabinet meeting that he had been persuaded that a government proclamation at this time would not be useful.

The Gush Emunim was denounced by Deputy Premier Simcha Ehrlich, leader of Likud's Liberal Party wing, "and those in the government who support it." In a speech in Tel Aviv, Ehrlich had declared: "It (the Gush Emunim) tries to create facts in contravention of Cabinet decisions. They consider themselves a state within a state and I am deeply sorry that some ministers negotiate with them on those terms." He noted that the Gush is "now part of a political grouping whose aim is to fight the government and we should remember that." Ehrlich was referring to the new ultra-nationalist Tehiya faction led by Tel Aviv University Professor

Yuval Neeman, which has attracted militants who defected from Herut.

Ehrlich blasted behind the scenes efforts to draft a new government proclamation aimed at contravening the Supreme Court's order that the Gush settlement of Elon Moreh be dismantled because it was established illegally on seized Arab lands. "We have already announced that we will claim sovereignty (over the West Bank) at the end of the five years (autonomy transition period). But if the Cabinet decides now that Judaea and Samaria are not occupied territory (as demanded by the Gush) that would endanger the peace process and violate the Camp David agreements," Ehrlich said. He said he opposed new settlements on the West Bank at this time because of the cost factor.

The government has announced that it will abide by the Supreme Court's ruling to remove Elon Moreh but the Cabinet decided November 18 to carry out the evacuation in two stages. Some 30 acres were returned to their Arab owners November 21, but the settlement remained intact.

According to the Cabinet's decision, it will be removed by the end of December at which time the government will have prepared an alternative site about six miles away.

SURFSIDE, FLA. -- It was announced that the American Anti-Nazi Association will sponsor a national campaign to collect one million signatures on a petition calling on the CBS TV Network to rescind the casting of Vanessa Redgrave as a Jewess in their forthcoming TV movie on a Concentration Camp theme. The title of the three-hour movie is "Playing for Time" and it depicts the tragic story of an all-female Concentration Camp orchestra forced to play for the Nazi camp leaders. Rabbi Dobin explained that the nationwide protest will be directed at the lack of sensitivity of the CBS officials in casting the notorious Ms. Redgrave as a Jewish Concentration Camp inmate, when her entire career is devoted to causes that are hostile to the Jewish people. Petition forms can be obtained by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to The American Anti-Nazi Association, Box 6292, Surfside, Florida 33154.

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