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# Palestine Chronology

## 16 February— 15 May 1990

*This section is part twenty-six of a chronology begun in Journal no. 51 (Spring 1984). The chronology focuses on events and actors affecting Palestinian communities throughout the world, with priority given to occupied Palestine/Israel.*

### 16 February\_\_\_\_\_

**UN Human Rights Committee** endorses resolution calling for **Israel** not to settle Soviet Jews in O.T. U.S. abstains (cf. 2/17) [ADS 2/18 in FBIS 2/20].

**USSR** has informed U.S. it will not allow direct Aeroflot flights from Soviet Union to Israel (cf. 2/19) [YA 2/16 in FBIS 2/16].

Soviet P.M. **Nikolay Ryzhkov** says **USSR** will consider resuming diplomatic ties with Israel only after Israeli-Palestinian dialogue is launched [RPP 2/16 in FBIS 2/23].

**Yasir Arafat** contacts the “parties concerned” in the intra-Christian fighting in **E. Beirut**, offers to mediate (cf. 2/19) [RMC 2/17 in FBIS 2/20].

**Gaza Strip** residents observe general strike [MET 2/27-3/5].

Israeli helicopters attack Amal post south of Sidon, **S. Lebanon**; no injuries [JDS 2/16 in FBIS 2/20; MET 2/27-3/5].

**DFLP** has asked Red Cross to force **Israel** to give prisoner of war status to 3 DFLP members captured 2/15 [RMC 2/16 in FBIS 2/20].

### 17 February\_\_\_\_\_

Jordan’s **King Hussein**, noting U.S. abstention on 2/16 UN resolution against settlement, expresses concern that **U.S.** is reducing opposition to Israeli settlements in O.T. [WP 2/18; ADS 2/18 in FBIS 2/20].

Arab gov’ts. are reported divided over **King Hussein**’s call for a summit meeting to discuss Soviet Jewish emigration to Israel; senior diplomats call summit premature and potentially harmful to Middle East peace process [NYT 2/18].

**Yasir Arafat** tells **Peggy Say**, sister of U.S. hostage **Terry Anderson**, he is doing his “very best” to win the release of American hostages in Lebanon [WP 2/18; LAT 2/19].

**Jordan** and **Iraq** are rumored to have formed a joint air squadron; seen as cost-cutting measure for Jordanian air force (cf. 2/18, 2/19) [RMC 2/17 in FBIS 2/20].

### 18 February

Some 8,000 Soviet Jews have emigrated to **Israel** during first 6 weeks of 1990, compared to 12,800 for all 1989 [JDS 2/18 in FBIS 2/21].

Dozens of recently emigrated Soviet Jews in **Jerusalem** protest living conditions, complain of leaking ceilings and nonfunctioning heating systems [LAT 2/19; CDS 2/18 in FBIS 2/20].

**Ariel Sharon** resigns as Industry and Trade Minister, vows to run for P.M., calls elections plan "a mistake" that "will bring more tension, more bloodshed and even a war" [NYT, WP, LAT 2/19; IDF 2/18 in FBIS 2/20].

In separate interviews, Chief of Staff **Dan Shomron** and D.M. **Yitzhak Rabin** say Israel is not concerned about joint Jordanian-Iraqi air squadron (cf. 2/19) [JDS 2/18 in FBIS 2/20].

**D.M. Rabin** says **U.S.** has conceded, though not openly, that U.S.-PLO dialogue has been a failure: "The Americans failed and learned with whom it is possible to deal" [JPD 2/19 in FBIS 2/20].

### 19 February

**Israel** has told **Jordan** it objects to any Jordanian-Iraqi military cooperation. Israeli military source expresses concern that "a military alliance . . . is being set up against us" (cf. 2/20) [HAD 2/19 in FBIS 2/20].

5 **Knesset** members announce reestablishment of Likud faction Liberal Party, which had previously merged with Herut movement [JDS 2/19 in FBIS 2/20].

High-level Palestinian delegation, sent by **Yasir Arafat**, arrives in Beirut to meet

with Gen. **Michel Aoun** and **Samir Geagea** [MENA 2/20 in FBIS 2/21].

Under pressure from Arab gov'ts., **Soviet Union** rejects U.S. appeal to allow direct flights for Soviet Jews from Moscow to Tel Aviv [NYT 2/20].

Soviet ambassador to Cairo, **Gen-nadiy Zhuravlev**, has stressed **USSR** readiness to host Israeli-Palestinian talks; denies this undermines **Egypt's** role [RYF 2/19 in FBIS 2/28].

Israeli air force bombs DFLP bases near Kfar Jarah, 4 miles east of Sidon in **Lebanon**; one person reported killed [LAT 2/20; IDF 2/19 in FBIS 2/20].

### 20 February

In advance of human rights report to be issued 2/21, **U.S. State Dep't.** says Israeli soldiers continue to violate Palestinian human rights, causing "avoidable deaths and injuries." State Dep't. also reports "significant increase in violence by Palestinians directed at other Palestinians" (cf. 2/21) [NYT 2/21].

*Washington Post* article cites recent statements by Israeli gov't. officials to the effect that **PLO** is continuing terrorism [WP 2/21].

**Jordan's** P.M. and D.M. **Mudar Badran** says financial considerations have forced Jordanian fighter pilots to train with Iraqi counterparts; this does not mean joint squadron is being formed. Badran accuses **Israel** of exploiting the subject [RAY 2/21 in FBIS 2/21].

**Egypt's** ambassador to Israel, **Muhammad Basyuni**, says "Egypt does not oppose Jewish immigration to Israel, but does oppose the settling of new immigrants in the territories" [MAA 2/21 in FBIS 2/22].

PLO envoy **Hakam Balawi** meets with U.S. ambassador to Tunisia **Robert Pelletreau** to discuss Soviet Jewish emigration to Israel [SVP 2/21 in FBIS 2/23].

Hundreds of **Israeli Arabs** demonstrate against Interior and Finance ministries, urging them to honor pledge to aid Arab local councils in **Israel** [FJ 2/26].

Chrmn. of the Supreme Soviet International Affairs Committee, **A.S. Dzasokhov**, meets in Moscow with PLO Executive Committee members **Mahmud Abbas** and **Sulayman Najjab** to discuss strengthening Soviet-Palestinian relations [IZV 2/21].

2 **UNIFIL** soldiers are killed, at least 6 are wounded by artillery fire directed at **S. Lebanon** outpost from inside Israel's "security zone"; initial Israeli army statement says bombing occurred during gunfire between SLA and Hizballah [JDS 2/20 in FBIS 2/20; NYT 2/21]; **UN** protests to Israeli gov't. [WP 2/21].

## 21 February

**U.S. State Dep't.** releases annual report to Congress on global human rights; it sharply criticizes Israel's actions in O.T., finds fault with most Arab nations as well [WP 2/22]; **Israel** criticizes report: "Everything we are doing arises from Arab violence," says **Moshe Raviv** of foreign ministry [NYT 2/22].

PLO's **Bassam Abu Sharif** tells reporters in Tunis that resettlement of Soviet Jews in O.T. is "an act of war against the Palestinian people," and that "such an action can only beget similar reactions—that is, acts of war" [LAT 2/23].

In Tunis, **Arafat** meets with Soviet ambassador to Tunisia, discusses Soviet Jewish emigration to Israel [AVP 2/21 in FBIS 2/22].

At the Kremlin, **Nabil Amr** presents his credentials to Soviet V.P. **Anatoliy Lukyanov** as ambassador of **State of Palestine** to **USSR** [TASS 2/21].

**U.S.** plans to give **Egypt** 700 surplus M-60 tanks made obsolete by cutbacks in U.S. forces in Europe (cf. 2/27) [WT 3/2].

## 22 February

Labor Party votes to give **Shamir** and Likud 2 weeks to accept Labor's 4-point compromise formula for starting talks between Israel and Palestinians, or face dissolution of gov't. [NYT, WP, LAT 2/23; IDF 2/22 in FBIS 2/23].

*Christian Science Monitor* reports growing concern among Sephardic Jews that funding for new immigrants will come at expense of Sephardics [CSM 2/22].

During telephone conversation with Pres. **Bush**, P.M. **Shamir** insists Israel is not directing Soviet Jews to live in O.T. [JDS 2/22 in FBIS 2/23].

Security sources report core of **Hamas movement** has moved from Gaza to Nablus and Tulkarm. Same sources say Hamas leaflets now on high-quality paper and computerized, indicating Israeli Arab involvement [HAA 2/22 in FBIS 2/23].

Pres. **Bush** and Sec. **Baker** suggest Israeli gov't. stop delaying implementing of its own peace plan, and make necessary compromises to open negotiations [NYT 2/23].

U.S. House Foreign Affairs internal operations subcommittee holds hearing on proposed VOA transmitter to be built this summer in the **Negev**; environmentalists testify against what would be the world's largest radio transmitter [WP 2/22].

**Soviet Union** announces it will not permit any commercial air flights between **USSR** and **Israel**, concerned that Soviet Jews are being resettled in O.T. [WP 2/23].

Israeli troops confine some 250,000 **W. Bank** Palestinians to their homes to counter call for unrest on **DFLP's** 21st anniversary [HAA 2/23 in FBIS 2/23; MET 3/6-12].

Israeli warplanes bomb military camps east of **Sidon**, wounding at least 3 [JDS 2/22 in FBIS 2/23; MET 3/6-12].

**23 February**\_\_\_\_\_

Meeting with **Moshe Arens**, Sec. **Baker** says it is time for Israel to accept his compromise formula for opening talks between Israelis and Palestinians [NYT, WP, LAT 2/24].

In letter to Jerusalem's International Center for Peace in the Middle East, **Yasir Arafat** writes PLO has "once more leaned over backward and approves the idea of a dialogue between representatives of the Israeli government and representatives of the Palestinian people" [NYT 2/23; LAT 2/24]; message also states emigrating Jews should be allowed to choose their destination, providing they do not displace another people [JTS 2/23, HAA 2/25 in FBIS 2/26].

Unnamed Capitol Hill sources say **USSR's** decision to bar direct commercial flights to Israel may spark congressional effort to maintain U.S.-Soviet trade restrictions [WP 2/24].

**W. Bank** Civil Admin. recently issued new regulation forbidding camp residents to build two or more stories on any house among first 3 rows adjacent to main Israeli highways. Several injunctions banning construction are issued, including one halting UNRWA's \$250,000 community center in **Duhayshah** [HAA 2/23 in FBIS 2/23].

Israeli jets bomb PFLP base in Kfar Jara, **S. Lebanon**; no injuries [JDS 2/23 in FBIS 2/23; MET 3/6-12].

**24 February**\_\_\_\_\_

Arab Cooperation Council in **Amman** concludes 2-day meeting [ATS 2/24 in FBIS 2/28].

**25 February**\_\_\_\_\_

Chrmn. **Arafat** arrives in Baghdad on official visit; will meet with Pres. **Saddam Hussein** [BVP 2/25 in FBIS 2/27].

PLO envoy **Hakam Balawi** meets with U.S. ambassador to Tunisia **Robert Pelletreau** [TDS 2/26 in FBIS 2/28].

General strike called for by **Hamas** is observed in **O.T.** [HAD 2/26 in FBIS 2/27].

Israeli Employment Services tells representatives of **UN** International Labor Organization (ILO) that unemployment in **O.T.** is 4.5% compared to 9% inside green line [MAA 2/26 in FBIS 2/27].

**26 February**\_\_\_\_\_

Israeli F.M. **Moshe Arens** arrives in Warsaw to renew diplomatic ties with **Poland**; Polish gov't. newspaper issues detailed apology for past anti-Semitic acts [WP 2/27].

In Jerusalem, **Shimon Peres** has told Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations that U.S. Sec. of State **Baker's** proposals for negotiations are acceptable to most of Israeli public [IDF 2/26 in FBIS 2/27].

PLO leaders have authorized **Radwan Abu-'Ayyash**, chrmn. of E. Jerusalem Journalists Association, to begin exploratory talks with State Dep't. officials **John Kelly** and **Dennis Ross** in Washington [MAA 2/26 in FBIS 2/26].

Israeli Arabs stage one-day strike pressing gov't. to put into place agreement to write off \$50 million of debt accumulated by Arab town and city councils. About 4,000 Arabs march through **Haifa** in protest [NYT 2/27].

Israeli military authorities allow 16 community colleges in **O.T.** to reopen (combined enrollment of c.5,000) [NYT, WP, LAT 2/27].

At least 91 Palestinians are injured by IDF gunfire in one of the most violent days ever in **Gaza Strip** [NYT 2/26; LAT 2/27]; Israeli helicopter is used to teargas demonstrators [JDS 2/26 in FBIS 2/27].

**27 February**\_\_\_\_\_

**Poland** becomes 3d Warsaw Pact nation to renew full diplomatic ties with Israel, ending 23-year break [NYT 2/28].

D.M. **Rabin** says Israel is asking U.S. for compensation for U.S. supplying **Egypt** with surplus M-60 tanks [JDS 2/27 in FBIS 2/28].

**Radan Abu-'Ayyash**, head of E. Jerusalem Journalists Association, tells reporters that "according to new PLO strategy, the Palestinian right of return will be confined to the borders of the Palestinian state—the West Bank and Gaza Strip" [HAM 2/27 in FBIS 2/28].

**PFLP** in **Damascus** announces use of arms in O.T. has now become necessary [RMC 2/27 in FBIS 2/28].

Israeli military extends by 3 months closure order for 7 O.T. universities, now closed until end of May [WP 2/28; JDS 2/27 in FBIS 2/28; MET 3/13-19]; prompts student sit-ins throughout O.T. [NYT 2/28; HAA 2/28 in FBIS 3/1].

In a speech in Lusaka, Zambia, **Nelson Mandela** says that **Yasir Arafat**, who is in attendance, is fighting "a unique form of colonialism and we wish him success in his struggle" [NYT, LAT 2/28].

**28 February**\_\_\_\_\_

Polish officials will comply with F.M. **Arens's** request for **Poland** to serve as transit point for emigrating Soviet Jews [MAA 2/28 in FBIS 3/1].

February poll conducted by Modi'in Ezrahi Research Institute indicates 60% of surveyed Israelis are in favor of settling new immigrants in O.T. [HAD 2/28 in FBIS 3/1].

P.M. **Shamir**, speaking before Presidents of American Jewish Organizations in Jerusalem, says if Israel were to leave O.T. "a Beirut-like situation" would develop [IGP 2/28 in FBIS 3/2].

Led by economics minister **Yitzhak Modai**, 5 Likud Knesset members announce the formation of opposition party, "The Party for the Promotion of the Zionist Idea" [NYT 3/1; JDS 2/28 in FBIS 3/1].

**Yasir Arafat** meets with **Nelson Mandela** in Lusaka; the two note they are fighting common struggle against imperialism and racism [SVP 3/1 in FBIS 3/2].

**W. Bank** Civil Admin. allows 3 religious colleges/seminaries to reopen [JDS 2/28 in FBIS 2/28].

Arabs in **E. Jerusalem** and **Gaza Strip** hold general strike to protest Israel's continued closure of Palestinian universities [MET 3/13-19].

**1 March**\_\_\_\_\_

Brig. Gen. **Shmu'el Zucker** assumes duty as commander of IDF forces in Gaza; replaces Brig. Gen. **Tzvi Poleg** [IDF 2/28 in FBIS 3/1].

Sec. **Baker** indicates Bush admin. would back \$400 million loan guarantee program for housing Soviet Jews in Israel only if **Israel** stopped settlements in O.T.; also says he favors cuts in U.S. aid to Israel, **Egypt**, other major recipients in order to provide money for emerging democracies [NYT, WP, WT 3/2; NYT 3/3].

Pres. **Bush** denies U.S. is holding direct or indirect talks with **Iran** or **Syria** about release of American hostages in Middle East [WP, WT 3/2].

Appearing before House Foreign Affairs Committee, Defense Sec. **Richard Cheney** defends plan to give **Egypt** 700 surplus U.S. tanks made obsolete by reduction of European forces, says **Israel** was consulted and did not object [WT 3/2].

Arab diplomatic sources say ACC leaders have agreed **Egypt**, **Iraq**, and **Yemen**

**Arab Republic** will intervene militarily in event of Israeli military threat to **Jordan** [WFD 3/1 in FBIS 3/8].

British Foreign Sec. **Douglas Hurd** meets with PLO advisor **Bassam Abu Sharif** in London; Hurd reiterates Britain's objection to settling immigrants in O.T. [WAKH 3/2 in FBIS 3/2].

Speaking in Jerusalem, **Shimon Peres** reiterates it is not Israeli gov't. policy to settle Soviet Jews in O.T. [JDS 3/2 in FBIS 3/2].

3 trade union groups in **W. Bank** end 9-year rift, merge into 1 group: General Federation of Trade Unions in the West Bank, headed by **Shahar Saeed** [MET 3/13-19].

Explosion detonated by "resistance fighters" kills 2 Israelis in **S. Lebanon** [BDS 3/1 in FBIS 3/2]; security sources report **Israel** has brought additional armored reinforcements in to its "security zone" in S. Lebanon [BNR 3/1 in FBIS 3/1].

## 2 March

Israeli military authorities issue order requiring all news organizations, foreign and domestic, to submit all reports on Soviet Jewish immigration to military censors [NYT 3/3; MET 3/13-19].

Responding to **Baker's** 3/1 statement tying U.S. loans to Israeli halting of O.T. settlements, senior officials say remarks hardened an angry **Shamir** against Baker proposal. Many say Baker's timing was terrible; one Labor leader says "I don't see how Shamir can surrender to the Baker plan now. His own people would kill him" [NYT 3/31].

**Israel** announces it will renew diplomatic ties with **Bulgaria** when **Moshe Arens** visits Sofia in the near future [NYT 3/3].

## 3 March

In California, Pres. **Bush** states "My position is that the foreign policy of the United States says we do not believe there should be new settlements in the West Bank or in East Jerusalem" [WP 3/6].

**Shamir** discusses Mideast peace process with Likud ministers amid reports he has decided to support U.S.-backed plan to convene Israeli-Palestinian talks in Cairo [WP 3/4].

**Israel** is requesting more than \$1 billion in loans, gifts, and donations from American Jews and U.S. gov't. to help pay for resettling Soviet Jews [NYT 3/3].

**Hamas** has sent letter to Chrmn. **Arafat** and PLO leadership, stating Palestinian state is objective of intifada; Hamas also urged **PLO** to discontinue contacts with U.S. [BAY 3/3 in FBIS 3/5].

**King Hussein** spends day in **Iraq** holding talks with Pres. **Saddam Hussein** [ADS, ATS 3/3 in FBIS 3/5].

## 4 March

Responding to Pres. **Bush's** 3/3 comment, **Shamir** tells Jewish fund-raisers "There are no settlements in Jerusalem. It is part of Israel and it will never be divided again" [JDS 3/5 in FBIS 3/5; WP 3/6].

February is first month of intifada in which more Palestinians are killed by fellow Palestinians than by Israelis [WP 3/4].

Leading members of Likud, including **David Levy** and **Moshe Katsav**, speak out against modified U.S. proposal for peace talks between Israel and Palestinians; Levy threatens to resign if Cabinet agrees to offer [NYT 3/5].

Iranian envoy **Mahmoud Hashemi** meets in **Damascus** with Syrian for. min. **Farouk Charaa** to discuss efforts to free Western hostages held in Lebanon [WP 3/5].

## 5 March

U.S.-Israel settlement dispute appears to escalate as P.M. **Shamir** insists that new Jewish neighborhoods in E. Jerusalem would be expanded with "as many Soviet Jewish immigrants as possible" [WP 3/6].

**UNLU** issues leaflet no. 53, entitled "the women's call"; *JDS* reports leaflet does not break any new ground [JDS 3/6 in FBIS 3/6].

**PLO** delivers note to Washington, saying it rejects Israeli attempts to ignore issue of E. Jerusalem in any Palestinian-Israeli dialogue [NAH 3/5 in FBIS 3/7].

Pres. **Bush** meets with **Seymour Reich**, pres. of the Conference of Presidents of American Jewish Organizations; admin. officials say Bush "reiterated that U.S. policy toward Jerusalem is unchanged." Reich says Bush told him connection of E. Jerusalem to W. Bank may have been "unfortunate linkage" [WP, LAT 3/6].

In op-ed piece in *New York Times*, **Ariel Sharon** explains he resigned from Israeli gov't. because current peace efforts "reward the Palestinians for their terrorism and increase the risks of war" [NYT 3/5].

## 6 March

After internal debate, **Likud** party says Labor must agree to "basic and essential" issues before Israeli-Palestinian negotiations can proceed: (1) E. Jerusalem Arabs be excluded from talks and (2) Israel reserves the right to walk out of sessions if it believes **PLO** is trying to control or direct discussions [NYT, WP, WT 3/6]; Labor rejects these terms [NYT 3/7].

U.S.-PLO dialogue continues in Tunis, where **Hakam Balawi** meets with **Robert Pelletreau** [BVP 3/7 in FBIS 3/9].

In op-ed piece to *Washington Post* former Sec. of State **George Shultz** writes

"some form of confederation between Israel, the Palestinians, Jordan, and perhaps Egypt seems as necessary as it is inevitable" [WP 3/6].

Quoting "regional officials and experts," *New York Times* reports changes sweeping **E. Europe** represent major strategic setback for Palestinians and other Arabs [NYT 3/6].

Arub Academy, a 2-year teachers' college in **W. Bank**, is reopened by Israeli army [WP 3/7].

## 7 March

**Israel's** Cabinet opens debate on U.S.-backed formula for Israeli-Palestinian talks, but puts off any decision until 3/11 to allow for behind-the-scenes bargaining between Likud and Labor [NYT, WP, LAT, WT 3/8].

About 2,000 right-wing Israelis demonstrate in Jerusalem's Menora Square calling on P.M. **Shamir** to reject Sec. **Baker's** 5-point proposal [JDS 3/7 in FBIS 3/8].

Survey of 1,006 Israelis conducted for Israel-Diaspora Institute shows more than half believe army, when investigating Palestinian activities, should be allowed to use tactics that would be illegal if used against Jews. More than half also say they believe press should be prohibited from writing about or photographing mistreatment of Arabs by soldiers [NYT 3/8].

Examination of **E. Jerusalem** newspapers *Al-Sha'b* and *Al-Bayadir Al-Siyasi* by Israeli human rights group **B'Tselem** reveals Israeli military censor has partially or fully banned more than 1/3 of items presented [HAA 3/7 in FBIS 3/8].

*Washington Post* reports recent stands by Bush admin., in particular Baker's 3/1 statement tying U.S. loans with Israel stopping O.T. settlement, having increased **Washington's** standing with Palestinians. Unnamed PLO advisor is



quoted as saying PLO has "really felt the sincerity of the U.S. position" [WP 3/8].

In Paris for meetings with Pres. **Francois Mitterrand, King Hussein** expresses dissatisfaction with Israeli and PLO "intransigence" [JDS 3/7 in FBIS 3/7].

### 8 March

Israeli housing minister **David Levy** calls for building 2,000 new W. Bank apartments this year to house Jewish immigrants (cf. 3/12) [WT 3/9].

**Ruth Kaminker** of Jerusalem's City Planning Board says city gov't. has plans to build new Jewish neighborhood in Mount Homa area of E. Jerusalem, despite U.S. opposition [WT 3/9].

In interview with *Le Figaro*, **King Hussein** blames U.S. for helping facilitate Soviet Jewish emigration to Israel [ADS 3/8 in FBIS 3/9].

Pres. **Asad** denounces political changes in E. Europe as beneficial to Israel [NYT, WP 3/9]; says **U.S.** is encouraging Soviet Jewish emigration, pledges to continue war against **Israel** "for as long as time" (cf. 3/9) [LAT 3/10].

Attacking what he calls **Arafat's** "strategy of compromise," PFLP leader **George Habash** calls for "mobilizing all our energies" to foil proposed Israeli-Palestinian negotiations [NYT 3/9].

**Hamas** issues statement explaining it does not intend to join national leadership in O.T., nor any Palestinian-Israeli dialogue; says it is not part of PLO, therefore PNC resolutions are not binding on Hamas [JTS 3/8 in FBIS 3/12].

PLO advisor **Nabil Sha'ath** says it is important the U.S.-PLO dialogue continue, and that PLO keep all channels open [RAY 3/9 in FBIS 3/9].

Pentagon officials say **U.S.** will sell to **Israel** (at a cost of over \$200 million) sophisticated new weapons system capable

of shooting down tactical ballistic missiles [LAT 3/9].

Israeli forces outside self-imposed "security zone" in **S. Lebanon** shoot dead 5 Arabs, allegedly members of Hizballah [IDF 3/8 in FBIS 3/8; NYT, LAT 3/9].

### 9 March

Confirming 3/8 statements by **Davy Levy** and **Ruth Kaminker**, Israeli housing ministry announces construction of 4,000 apartments for Soviet Jews; 2,000 for W. Bank, 2,000 for E. Jerusalem [LAT 3/10].

PLO Exec. Committee member **Mahmud Abbas** reports Palestinian command has agreed to stop making public statements about Middle East peace efforts at this time, due to political turmoil in **Israel** [ITT 3/9 in FBIS 3/13].

**U.S.** denounces as "bellicose rhetoric" Pres. **Asad's** 3/8 statements pledging to continue war against Israel, states Asad should be "committing himself to peace, not war" [LAT 3/10].

Palestinians in **O.T.** observe general strike to mark start of 28th month of intifada [LAT 3/10].

In an unusually deep foray into **Lebanon**, Israeli warplanes bomb PLFP-GC bases north of **Beirut** killing 1, wounding 2 others [IDF, BDS 3/9 in FBIS 3/9; MET 3/20-26].

### 10 March

About 500 Palestinian and Israeli women march in **Jerusalem** to call for negotiations between Israel and Palestinians [WP 3/11; FJ 3/19].

Jerusalem mayor **Teddy Kollek** says current gov't. crisis was brought on by Pres. **Bush's** 3/3 statement against E. Jerusalem settlements [NYT 3/11].

Arab League opens 93d ordinary session in **Tunis**; meeting is chaired by

**State of Palestine** [TDS 3/9 in FBIS 3/12].

### 11 March

**Israeli Cabinet** fails to agree on whether to accept U.S. proposal for Israeli-Palestinian talks, Labor party leaders set stage for possible collapse of coalition by deciding to ask its Central Committee to authorize "whatever steps are necessary to advance the peace process" [NYT, WP, LAT, WT 3/12; JDS 3/11 in FBIS 3/12].

**King Hussein** meets in London with P.M. **Margaret Thatcher** to discuss Middle East situation, particularly Soviet Jewish emigration [ADS 3/11 in FBIS 3/12].

Arab League foreign ministers in **Tunis** agree in principle to return Arab League headquarters to **Cairo** after 11-year absence (cf. 3/15) [NYT, WP, LAT 3/12; MENA 3/11 in FBIS 3/12].

### 12 March

Deported Palestinians in **Algiers** stage sit-ins in front of U.S. and Soviet embassies, protesting Soviet Jewish emigration [AGS 3/12 in FBIS 3/13].

Arab League Council in **Tunis** calls for holding Arab summit as soon as possible to discuss immigration of Soviet Jews to Israel [SPA 3/12 in FBIS 3/14].

Regarding 3/8 comment by Israeli housing minister **David Levy**, Soviet for. min. information head **G. Gerasimov** says "certain circles in Israel are blatantly setting out to violate the norms of international law, and are intentionally erecting obstacles to a peaceful settlement," and USSR "condemns these lawless actions" (TASS 3/12).

### 13 March

Largely due to inability to agree on U.S. plan for Israeli-Palestinian talks, Israeli gov't. coalition collapses. P.M.

**Shamir** fires deputy P.M. **Peres**; other Labor ministers resign. Vote of confidence is scheduled for 3/15 [IDF 3/13 in FBIS 3/13; NYT, WP, WT, LAT 3/14].

At press conference, Pres. **Bush** says "I don't regret" 3/3 statement calling into question Israeli settlements in E. Jerusalem; states speculations and commentary "having blown things way out of proportion" [WP 3/13].

### 14 March

Jerusalem mayor **Teddy Kollek** says he received letter dated 3/13 from Pres. **Bush** reading Jerusalem "must never again be a divided city" [LAT 3/15].

**Jimmy Carter** arrives in **Damascus** for talks as part of his effort to gain the release of Western hostages in Lebanon [WP 3/15].

Clashes occur between Hizballah and Israeli forces in **S. Lebanon**, no further details [BVL 3/14 in FBIS 3/14].

### 15 March

Prime Minister **Shamir** loses vote of confidence 60-55, ending his Likud-led coalition gov't. He remains interim P.M. until new gov't. is formed [JDS 3/15 in FBIS 3/16; NYT, WP, WT, LAT 3/16].

Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine group threatens to attack airports and airlines to stop emigration of Soviet Jews to Israel [WT 3/16].

By request of **USSR**, UN Security Council begins discussion of Israel's alleged settling of Soviet Jewish emigrants in O.T. [TASS 3/15].

Decision to move Arab League headquarters from **Tunis** to **Cairo** is postponed due to opposition from **Faruq Qaddumi**, chrmn. of current Arab League session [WAT 3/15 in FBIS 3/19].

**Fateh** Revolutionary Council opens session under leadership of **Arafat** (cf. 3/18) [SVP 3/21 in FBIS 3/23].

**16 March**

Two small religious parties, Shas and Agudat Israel, suggest they would not join Lidud-led coalition as long as **Shamir** is party leader [NYT 3/17]; *Los Angeles Times* reports growing pressure on Shamir to resign [LAT 3/17].

Senate Democratic Leader **George J. Mitchell** (D-ME) sharply attacks Pres. **Bush** for "heavy-handed blunder," that "contributed to the recent political crisis in Israel." Mitchell is referring to Bush's 3/3 statement [LAT 3/17].

In letter dated 3/16 from Sec. **Baker** to Rep. **Mel Levine** (D-CA), Baker softens U.S. stand on Israeli settlements in E. Jerusalem, writing "Clearly, Jews and others can live where they want, East or West, and the city must remain undivided" [NYT 3/13].

**Arafat** meets in Tunis with Israeli peace activist **Abie Nathan**, who spent 4 months in prison for previous meeting with Arafat [BVP 3/17 in FBIS 3/20].

**Jimmy Carter** arrives in **Jordan** from Syria for talks about Middle East [MET 3/27-4/2].

In London, **King Hussein** meets with PLO advisor **Bassam Abu Sharif** [WAKH 3/16 in FBIS 3/19].

Israeli military reports killing 3 Palestinians, allegedly DFLP members, inside Israel's "security zone" in **S. Lebanon** [MET 3/27-4/2].

**17 March**

Pres. **Bush** and Pres. **Mubarak** hold telephone conversation to discuss Middle East events and ways to advance the peace process [MENA 3/17 in FBIS 3/20].

Islamic Conference Organization (ICO) opens 2-day meeting in **Jeddah** to discuss Soviet Jewish emigration into O.T. [SPA 4/19 in FBIS 4/20].

**18 March**

**Jimmy Carter** arrives in **Jerusalem** after visits to Syria and Jordan; says Pres. **Asad** is willing to enter into peace talks with Israel at international conference [NYT, WP 3/19].

Iran's First Dep. For. Min., **Mohammed Ali Besharati**, says chances for freedom for Western hostages in **Lebanon** have never been brighter, predicts they will be freed within 10 months [NYT 3/19].

General strike called for by **Hamas** is observed in **W. Bank, E. Jerusalem**; masked Palestinians wielding axes and knives enforce strike in **Hebron** [NYT 3/19].

**Fateh** Revolutionary Council closes extraordinary and ordinary sessions [SVP 3/21 in FBIS 3/23].

**19 March**

**U.S. State Dep't.** sends to Congress report crediting **Arafat** and PLO with adhering to commitment to renounce terrorism (cf. 3/20) [NYT, WT 3/21].

**IDF** has increased fines for stonethrowing: 1,500 to 3,000 NIS fines are imposed as jail sentences proved ineffective deterrent [YA 3/19 in FBIS 3/19].

**Jimmy Carter** meets with delegation of 13 prominent Palestinians in Jerusalem, including **Faisal Husayni, Sari Nusaybeh, and Hanna Sinyurah** [JDS 3/19 in FBIS 3/20].

**20 March**

Pres. **Chaim Herzog** asks **Shimon Peres** to try to form new Israeli gov't. [JTS 3/20 in FBIS 3/21; NYT, WT, WP, LAT 3/21].

Israeli gov't. press office head **Yosi Olmert** says 3/19 U.S. State Dep't report to Congress is "not relevant to reality" and that **PLO** continues to engage in terrorism [IGP 3/21 in FBIS 3/21].

**IDF** will interrupt new recruits' basic training to send them to O.T. for short tours of duty, beginning at end of March [JPD 3/20 in FBIS 3/20].

**Jimmy Carter** cancels visit to Tunis as **Arafat** is in Namibia [RMC 3/20 in FBIS 3/21].

General strike called for by **UNLU** is observed in O.T. [JDS 3/20 in FBIS 3/20].

## 21 March

Asked 3/20 to form gov't. Labor leader **Peres** asks interim P.M. **Shamir** if Likud would be interested in joining Labor-led gov't.; Shamir's reply is unequivocal "no" [NYT 3/22].

Palestinian farmers in **Gaza Strip** say **Israel** has begun restricting sales of their vegetables to W. Bank [MET 4/3-9].

Hungarian commercial airline Malev suspends direct and charter flights of Soviet Jews to Israel due to threats from Islamic Jihad (cf. 3/23, 3/28, 4/1) [NYT, WP 3/22].

**Namibia** and the **State of Palestine** agree to formalize diplomatic relations, exchange ambassadors [MENA 3/21 in FBIS 3/22].

## 22 March

U.S. Senate adopts by voice vote resolution recognizing undivided Jerusalem as capital of Israel [NYT, WP 2/23; LAT 4/20].

**Arafat** says PLO has asked **USSR** to adopt specific measures to slow immigration of Soviet Jews to Israel; **USSR** announces Aeroflot will no longer issue tickets to Soviet Jews planning to emigrate to Israel via Hungary [NYT 3/24].

Israeli gov't. press office issues report on "Fateh-linked terrorism," claims **Arafat** and Fateh support some 200 terrorist groups [IGP 3/22 in FBIS 3/23].

**Arafat** meets with former U.S. ass't. sec. of state **Richard Murphy** in Tunis [INA 3/23 in FBIS 3/23].

Pres. **Bush** rejects criticism that his 3/3 statement opposing E. Jerusalem settlements led to collapse of Israeli gov't.; says he was "simply reiterating a standing United States policy" [WT 3/23].

Announcing his intent to "show how Israel PAC money is like the S&L influence scandal, only worse," Arab American Institute Director **James Zogby** says his organization will publicly monitor pro-Israel lobby's financial contributions to members of Congress; AAI releases initial report [WT 3/23].

## 23 March

Israeli officials protest **Hungary's** 3/21 decision to suspend charter flights from Budapest to Israel because of terrorist threats; deputy F.M. **Netanyahu** calls act "surrender to pressure by the threats of Arab terror" [LAT 3/24].

Palestine **Red Crescent Society** has drawn up Palestinian health plan costing more than \$50 million. Plan relies on funding from WHO and other relief agencies [MET 4/3-9].

## 24 March

*New York Times* reports **Shimon Peres** has made no visible progress toward securing majority of Knesset votes needed to form gov't. [NYT 3/25].

**Faisal Husayni** says positive Israeli response to Baker proposals would lead to change in intifada methods used by Palestinians [JDS 3/25 in FBIS 3/26].

Pres. **Asad** and Pres. **Mubarak** meet in Libya; first meeting since their countries restored diplomatic ties in December [WP 3/25; DDS 2/25 in FBIS 4/3].

**China** and **Israel** have exchanged unofficial liaison offices to coordinate growing contacts, but diplomats says it is very

unlikely China would recognize Israel soon [NYT 3/25].

## 25 March

In light of Malev airlines halting flights to **Israel**, the Israeli gov't. has established contacts with **Soviet** authorities to discuss possibility of Soviet Jews travelling to Israel via ship [MET 4/3-9].

Senior Polish officials say **Poland** will not restrict Soviet Jews travelling through its land and will allow new charter flights to Israel, despite Arab gov't. pressure and terrorist threats [WP 3/26].

## 26 March

**Elie'zer Schach**, elderly rabbi with influence over Shas and Torah Flag religious parties, delivers speech disapproving of **Israel** as secular state; his criticism of Likud and Labor could prolong gov't. crisis [NYT 3/27; WP 3/28].

Israeli gov't. officials express satisfaction with 3/22 **U.S.** Senate resolution [JDP 3/26 in FBIS 3/26].

**Syria** and **Jordan** sign agreement to promote tourism between the 2 nations [MET 4/10-16].

In Tunis, **Arab League** Council conducts emergency meeting at request of **Iraq**; strongly condemns 3/22 U.S. Senate resolution [TDS, RDS 3/26 in FBIS 3/27].

**Czechoslovakia's** airline CSA and El Al agree to provide 2 flights a week, 1 by each carrier, between the nations beginning this summer [JDP 3/27 in FBIS 3/27].

## 27 March

**UNLU** issues call no. 54, "call of martyrs" [BVP 3/27 in FBIS 3/27].

Israeli Knesset adopts resolution saying united **Jerusalem** is under Israeli sovereignty and there will be no negotiations

on its unity and status; vote is 45-4 [JDS 3/28 in FBIS 3/28; TASS 3/29].

Israeli forces in **S. Lebanon** are seeking to change the border markers between Israel's "security zone" and Lebanon, enlarging the zone [BDS 3/27 in FBIS 3/27].

**Jimmy Carter** says that Syrian Pres. **Asad** is ready to acknowledge Israel's existence and to engage in peace negotiations with Jerusalem [LAT 3/28].

Hungarian airline Malev suspends flights to **Beirut** in retaliation for threats to attack planes carrying Soviet Jews to Israel; threats that originated in Lebanon [MET 4/10-16].

American lay missionary **William Robinson** is shot, killed by intruders in his home in Rachaiya el Foukhar, **Lebanon**, just inside Israel's "security zone." (cf. 3/28) [NYT, WP, LAT 3/29; MET 4/10-16].

Israeli gov't. lifts ban on amateur radio operators' contracts with Arab counterparts; previously Israeli radio operators could only speak with Egyptians [JPD 3/28 in FBIS 3/29].

Israeli army lifts ban on Palestine Press Service, Jerusalem organization that was ordered closed 2 years ago [NYT 3/29].

## 28 March

Likud and Labor accuse each other of trying to bribe rabbis from small religious parties who control deciding votes in attempts to form gov't. [WT 3/29].

Customs officials in **London** discover 40 American-made trigger devices for nuclear weapons that were being smuggled into **Iraq** [NYT, WP, LAT, WT 3/29]; **U.S.** intelligence sources report Baghdad is installing Soviet-built medium-range ballistic missiles [WT 3/29].

**Yasir Arafat** meets with Nobel laureate **Mother Teresa** in Calcutta, India. Mother Teresa says she will try to visit Je-

rusalem and Bethlehem this year [LAT 3/29].

U.S. House Foreign Affairs Committee approves provision to Israel's request for \$400 million loan for Soviet Jewish housing. Provision reduces loan origination fee from usual 1% of loan to .25% of loan, saving Israel \$3 million. Other legislation reduces annual service charges [WT 3/30].

Hungarian official says the national airline, Malev, soon will resume flying Soviet Jews to Tel Aviv from Budapest on its regular flights. **Hungary** suspended direct and charter flights of emigrant Jews on 3/21; the official says the charter flights will not be resumed (cf. 4/1) [WT 3/29; NYT 3/30].

### 29 March

Western nations join UN Sec. Council debate on flow of Soviet Jews to Israel, with both **Britain** and **France** saying Israeli settlements in O.T. and E. Jerusalem are illegal [WT 3/30].

Israeli authorities impose curfew on **Gaza**; order special precautions in **W. Bank** and Arab areas in Israel in hopes of forestalling violence on the anniversary of 1976 Land Day, when a number of Israeli Arabs protesting land expropriation in Galilee were shot by IDF [WP, WT 3/30].

Israeli col. **Yehuda Meir** pleads not guilty in military court to brutality charges, saying he was following orders. He is accused of ordering his men "to systematically break the bones of 20 Palestinians from the villages of Beita and Hammara" in **W. Bank** [WT 3/30].

### 30 March

Thousands of Palestinians and Israeli Arabs hold protest marches in rallies marking 14th anniversary of Land Day; strike is observed in **O.T.** and Arab villages in **Israel**; about 10,000 Israeli Arabs

attend main rally in Arraba; police in Taibeh use tear gas to disperse stone throwers [NYT 3/31].

Displeased with current politicking, Pres. **Chaim Herzog** says in monthly radio address "In the light of present political events, I once again publicly express my opinion on the urgent need for change in the electoral system" [LAT 3/31].

**IDF** issues new guidelines on firing plastic bullets; only company commanders with telescopic sights and soldiers given special training are allowed to shoot plastic bullets [JDS 3/30 in FBIS 3/30].

Poll of 506 Moscovites, conducted by Institute of Sociology of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, finds 48% believe anti-Jewish feeling in on the rise in **USSR** [NYT 3/30].

### 31 March

Unidentified senior Israeli official says number of Soviet Jews emigrating to **Israel** has shown "a slight decrease" for first time since latest wave of emigration began last year [NYT 4/1].

### 1 April

Hungarian airline Malev resumes direct flights for Soviet Jews from **Budapest** to **Tel Aviv** [WP 4/2].

Estimated 120,000 people demonstrate outside **UN** in **New York** in support of Soviet Jewish emigration, call for direct flights from Moscow to Tel Aviv [WT 4/2].

Israeli Tourism Ministry reports 1,425,000 people visited **Israel** in 1989, an increase of 9.7% over 1988 [MET 4/10-16].

**PLO** has rebuilt its military strength in **Lebanon** to 11,000 troops, more than the 8,000 who were forced out by 1982 Israeli invasion [NYT 4/2].

**2 April**

Caretaker P.M. **Shamir** has set in motion plans quickly to begin construction of 5 more settlements in O.T. Labor MK **Avraham Burg** says "part of [Shamir's] plan is to kill the peace process" [WT 4/2]. Responding to Shamir's plans, **U.S.** State Dep't. spokesperson says "It's disturbing that an Israeli leadership which was unable to move forward on peace seems ready to move forward on new settlements" [LAT, WT 4/3].

Washington-based National Conference on Soviet Jewry reports that 7,280 Soviet Jews emigrated to **Israel** during March. The figure is confirmed by Israeli immigration officials [NYT 4/3].

Rabbi **Meir Kahane** goes on trial on charges of sedition for calling Arabs at rally last year "cancer spreading in our midst" [WT 4/3].

Pres. **Saddam Hussein** says in speech to his armed forces Iraq would use its stockpile of nerve gases against any aggressor, especially Israel. Hussein says if West was trying to "give Israel a cover in order to strike at some [Iraqi] industrial metalworks, by God we will make fire eat up half of Israel if it tried [to strike] against Iraq" [NYT, WP, LAT, WT 4/3].

**3 April**

**Israel** launches Earth-orbit satellite 1 day after Iraq's leader warned he would use chemical weapons against Israel. Labor party leader **Peres** says satellite should tell **Saddam Hussein** "that if he wants to deal with Israel, he should look for means other than the military one" [NYT, WP, LAT, WT 4/4; JDS, IDF 4/3 in FBIS 4/4].

Israeli human rights organization "In the Image" reports IDF soldiers killed fewer Palestinians in first quarter of 1990 than in any 3-month period since intifada began. 30 Palestinians were killed by

IDF; 35 Palestinians were killed by fellow Palestinians over the same period, according to group [NYT 4/4].

**Saddam Hussein's** 4/2 statement angers Pres. **Bush**, who says "This is no time to be talking about using chemical or biological weapons. This is no time to be escalating tensions in the Middle East" [LAT 4/4].

**4 April**

**Shimon Peres** tells reporters he has majority of votes in Knesset, enough to form new gov't. [NYT, WP, WT, LAT 4/5, CSM 4/6].

In Paris, former Pres. **Jimmy Carter** meets with PLO Chrmn. **Arafat**, French Pres. **Mitterrand** in effort to revive stalled Middle East peace plan [WP, LAT 4/5].

Israeli helicopter gunships attack Rashidiyeh camp in **S. Lebanon**, at least 5 are wounded [MET 4/17-23].

Feuding between activists from PFLP and Fateh injures 8 Palestinians in **W. Bank** village of Awarta [MET 4/17-23].

Iraq's F.M. **Tareq Aziz** tells Arab ministers meeting in Amman that Iraq will destroy its chemical weapons if Israel does same and signs 1968 nuclear non-proliferation treaty [WT 4/5].

Libyan leader **Qadhafi** tells Tripoli Radio foreign hostages and prisoners of conscience should be freed to mark beginning of Ramadan [LAT 4/5].

**5 April**

**Dov Shilansky**, speaker of Knesset, announces legislature will convene on 4/11 to vote on gov't. put together by **Shimon Peres** [WT 4/6].

PLO Chrmn. **Arafat** says he has asked Arab Knesset members to back Labor leader **Shimon Peres** in his effort to form gov't. [LAT 4/6].

**Arab League** Council hold emergency session in Tunis [INA 4/5 in FBIS 4/6].

Foreign ministers of **Iraq, Egypt, Jordan, Yemen, and Syria** call for ban on nuclear and chemical weapons in Middle East, urge Western pressure on Israel to comply [LAT 4/6].

## 6 April

In Washington, Soviet F.M. **Eduard Shevardnadze** says USSR is prepared to operate direct flights from Moscow to Tel Aviv if Israel will "give us assurances that people will not settle in occupied territories." White House spokesperson **Marlin Fitzwater** agrees Israel should give such assurances, adding "We oppose settlements in the occupied territories" [LAT 4/7].

Responding to appeal by Libyan leader **Qadhafi**, spokesperson for Abu Nidal's Revolutionary Council says the group will release 3 European hostages in next few days (cf. 4/7, 4/10) [NYT, LAT 4/7].

After Vatican meeting with **Pope John Paul II, Arafat** tells reporters that D.M. **Rabin** and P.M. **Shamir** have sent emissaries with messages to Pope [NYT, LAT 4/7].

## 7 April

**Yasir Arafat** arrives in Morocco to attend meeting on status of Jerusalem hosted by Islamic Conference Organization. **King Hassan** of Morocco called meeting of Jerusalem Committee to discuss Soviet Jewish emigration to Israel (cf. 4/8) [RDS 4/7 in FBIS 4/10; MET 4/17-23].

Representatives of PLO factions meet in **Amman** to discuss potential reorganizing of PNC [JTE 4/8 in FBIS 4/11].

As many as 100,000 Israelis demonstrate in **Tel Aviv** to demand change in national electoral system following deal-making and backroom politics employed by party leaders trying to form new gov't. [WP 4/8].

Abu Nidal's **Fateh** Revolutionary Council, which on 4/6 announced its intention to release 3 Western hostages, calls for release of 2 Swiss Red Cross workers who were kidnapped in **Sidon** on 10/6 (cf. 4/10) [NYT 4/8].

## 8 April

Jerusalem Committee in **Morocco** statement is made public, condemns Soviet Jewish settlement in O.T., U.S. Senate 3/22 resolution [SPA 4/8 in FBIS 4/10].

U.S. Senators **Dole** (R-KS), **Simpson** (R-WY), **McClure** (R-ID), **Murkowski** (R-AK), **Grassley** (R-IA), and **Metzenbaum** (D-OH) arrive in Damascus [SANA 4/8 in FBIS 4/10].

## 9 April

**Israel's Jewish Agency** reports that during FY ending 3/31, only 175 of immigrants who were not sent to absorption centers settled beyond green line; also adds some 1,800 immigrants had settled in Jerusalem. **JDS** adds 41,500 total immigrants arrived during FY; 23,019 did not go to absorption centers, but looked after themselves [HAA, JDS 4/9 in FBIS 4/10].

*Washington Times*, citing unnamed defense sources, reports **Israel** is "reasonably close" to first test flight of experimental interceptor that could strike down incoming ballistic missiles; but deployment of these Arrow interceptors is at least 5 years away [WT 4/9].

*New York Times* reports **Shimon Peres** seems assured of 61 Knesset votes, majority needed to form new gov't. [NYT 4/11].

Syria's Pres. **Asad** receives Senator **Bob Dole**; says he wants better relations with U.S. and peaceful settlement to Arab-Israeli conflict [NYT, WT 4/10; DDS 4/9 in FBIS 4/10].



Representatives of Abu Nidal's **Fateh** Revolutionary Council begin talks in **Beirut** with Belgian delegation on exchanging Palestinian jailed in Brussels for 4 Belgians held captive since 1987 [NYT 4/10].

**Elias Freij**, Bethlehem's mayor, meets in Washington with Sec. of State **Baker**, discuss opposition to O.T. settlements [JDS 4/10 in FBIS 4/10].

**Dahaf organization** publishes poll that finds 80% of those Israelis surveyed want to change current electoral system, 78% want to directly elect P.M. [YA 4/9 in FBIS 4/10].

### 10 April

**Shimon Peres** says he wants to serve as both prime minister and foreign minister in proposed coalition gov't. [LAT 4/11].

Abu Nidal's **Fateh** Revolutionary Council releases French woman, her Belgian companion, and their 2-year-old daughter after holding them hostage since November 1987 (cf. 4/16) [NYT, WP, LAT, WT 4/11].

### 11 April

**Shimon Peres** is forced to withdraw his bid to form new Israeli gov't. as 2 Agudat Israel party members withdraw their support [LAT, WT 4/12]; he receives 15-day extension from Pres. **Herzog** [JDS 4/11 in FBIS 4/12].

150 Jewish settlers move into Hospice of St. John building belonging to Greek Orthodox Church in **Jerusalem's** Christian quarter [JPD 4/12 in FBIS 4/13].

### 12 April

Jerusalem's Greek Orthodox patriarch **Diodorus I** is overcome by tear gas as Israeli police disperse group of clergymen protesting Jewish nationals' occupation of church building in Old City's Christian quarter [WP, LAT, WT 4/13; JDS 4/12

in FBIS 4/13]; **Jerusalem** magistrate court issues evacuation order to settlers in church building [IDF 4/12 in FBIS 4/13].

**PLO** formally requests membership in World Health Organization. PLO made same request last year, was denied membership after U.S. delegation walked out in protest (cf. 4/23) [WP 4/13].

PLO rep. **Hakam Balawi** meets with U.S. ambassador **Robert Pelletreau** to discuss latest developments [TDS 4/13 in FBIS 4/18].

**Arafat** arrives in **Czechoslovakia** for state visit [NYT 4/13].

### 13 April

Cypriot police seal off Larnaca airport grounds in response to threat of attack by extremist groups against Aeroflot plane carrying Soviet Jews to **Israel** via **Cyprus**. Passengers are taken from plane and continue to Israel via ferry [TASS 4/13].

In television interview, Senator **Bob Dole** says he will work to repeal Senate's 3/22 resolution recognizing Jerusalem as capital of Israel [LAT 4/14].

Israeli gunboat fires upon, reportedly sinks, dinghy carrying Palestinians off **Lebanese coast** [NYT, LAT 4/14].

### 14 April

U.S. Senate delegation, led by **Bob Dole**, meets with 10 Palestinian notables at the U.S. consulate in Jerusalem; Palestinians give Dole memo detailing Palestinian position on **Jerusalem** [JTS 4/14 in FBIS 4/16].

PLO urges UN to send special delegation to **Jerusalem** to monitor settlement; another message is sent to **Pope John Paul II** urging him to help end Jewish settlements in Jerusalem [BVP 4/14 in FBIS 4/19].

**15 April**

In Jerusalem, Senator **Bob Dole** urges Israel to move toward peace talks, says American support for Israel diminishes with every report of violence in O.T. [WT, LAT 4/16].

Israeli Peace Now group holds small demonstration in **Jerusalem's** Old City, protesting Jewish nationals' occupation of building owned by Greek Orthodox Church [NYT, LAT 4/16].

**16 April**

**Faisal Husayni** arrives "unexpectedly" in **Moscow** to attend symposium on Soviet Jewish emigration [TASS 4/17].

Skirmishes between Israeli and Egyptian forces occur after Israeli patrol crosses border claiming to pursue infiltrators; **Egypt** sends strongly-worded protest to **Israel** [JDS, RMC 4/18 in FBIS 4/19].

*Le Monde* reports 3 hostages freed on 4/10 by **Fateh** Revolutionary Council were originally kidnapped by Libyan navy in 1986, not by Abu Nidal's group in 1987 [WT 4/17].

**17 April**

**Jerusalem** District Court overturns lower court ruling, allows eviction of Jewish nationalists from Hospice of St. John (cf. 4/10) [WP, LAT, WT 4/18; NYT 4/19; JDS 4/17 in FBIS 4/18].

In Moscow, **Faisal Husayni** meets with Soviet F.M. officials to discuss Jewish emigration [YA 4/17 in FBIS 4/18].

**Arafat** arrives in **Amman** for official state visit [ADS 4/17 in FBIS 4/17].

Palestinians commemorate 2d anniversary of assassination of Abu Jihad [**Kahlil al-Wazir**]; at least 30 Gazans are injured in marches [JDS 4/17 in FBIS 4/18].

Pres. **Saddam Hussein** says Iraqi military commanders have standing orders to

attack Israel with chemical weapons in event **Israel** uses nuclear weapons against Iraq [LAT 4/18].

**18 April**

In Amman, **Arafat** and **King Hussein** revive Jordanian-Palestinian joint committees, 1 for politics, 1 for information [QUD 4/20 in FBIS 4/24].

Interim P.M. **Shamir** is hurriedly seeking to establish new Jewish settlements in O.T. before his gov't. leaves office [WP, LAT 4/19].

Bulldozers, guarded by Israeli soldiers, level orange grove in **Gaza Strip** for construction of new Dugit settlement. Soviet F.M. spokesperson says "some circles in Israel continue to deliberately raise obstacles to a peaceful settlement in the Middle East" [WT 4/19].

Islamic Jihad says it will release one of its 3 hostages "within 48 hours" as a "goodwill initiative"; group also calls for asst. sec. of state **John Kelly** to come to Damascus "to coordinate final measures" [WP, LAT, WT 4/19].

Egypt's F.M. **Esmat Abdel Meguid** says Egypt intends to press for ban on "weapons of mass destruction" in Middle East [WP 4/19].

**19 April**

**Robert Dole** tells his Senate colleagues they made "dangerous" mistake in passing resolution recognizing undivided Jerusalem as capital of Israel [LAT 4/20]; key House Republicans, including Minority Whip **Newt Gingrich**, criticize Dole for straying from the party's "unwavering commitment to Israel" [NYT, WT 4/20].

Former nat. sec. advisor **Zbigniew Brzezinski** endorses notion of cutting foreign aid to **Israel** and other top recipients, saying "It is simply an absurd situation in which one single country has

come to view American aid for itself to be a permanent entitlement" [WT 4/20].

PLO officials, Soviet Jewish organizations, and members of Jewish intelligentsia meet in **Moscow** to discuss settling of Soviet Jews in O.T. [MTS 4/19 in FBIS 4/23].

Tear gas canister is thrown into Agudat Israel party meeting near **Tel Aviv** [LAT 4/20; JDS 4/19 in FBIS 4/20; WP 4/23]. Rabbi **Avraham Verdiger**, 1 of 2 party members who withdrew support for **Shimon Peres** at vote on 4/11, reverses his position, says he will support Peres in future vote [NYT, LAT, WT 4/20].

Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine stalls release of American hostage, apparently due to **U.S.** refusal to send high-ranking diplomat to **Syria** to work out unspecified details [NYT, WP, LAT, WT 4/20].

**Arafat** arrives in **Baghdad** on state visit [BVP 4/19 in FBIS 4/20].

Israeli air force bombs PFLP-GC bases in **S. Lebanon** [JDS 4/19 in FBIS 4/19].

## 20 April

Israel's Supreme Court blocks atty. gen. eviction order of 150 Jewish settlers from former Hospice of St. John in the Christian quarter of **Jerusalem's** Old City [WP, LAT 4/21].

*Los Angeles Times* reports that rumors of dissension in top circles of PLFP-GC have been circulating for weeks in **Syria**; dissension revolves around group's reliance on Iranian funding [LAT 4/21].

In overnight attack, Israeli troops shoot, kill 6 Hizballah members in Israeli raid north of its "security zone" in **S. Lebanon** [NYT, WP 4/22].

## 22 April

After 2 weeks of denials, Israeli officials acknowledge that **Shamir's** caretaker gov't. was helping fund controversial oc-

cupation by Jewish nationalists of Hospice of St. John in Jerusalem's Christian quarter [NYT, WP, LAT, WT 4/23].

Iranian-backed Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine frees American educator **Robert Pohill** after 39 months in captivity [NYT, WP, WT 4/23]; *New York Times* reports Iran gave weapons and financial assistance to Islamic Jihad to persuade group to release Pohill [NYT, LAT 4/23]; Pres. **Bush** tells reporters he does not plan any gestures to respond to release of Pohill, says release of all hostages is "bottom line" for any reciprocal "good-will" action [WP 4/23].

Israeli officials insist that 4/19, 4/20 air force raids on PFLP-GC and Hizballah bases in **Lebanon** have no impact on fate of American hostages, and dismiss as rhetoric warning that such attacks could endanger future hostage releases [WP 4/23].

**PLO** officially requests extraordinary Arab summit to discuss Soviet Jewish emigration (cf. 4/24) [TDS 4/23 in FBIS 4/24].

Meeting for the 3d time in 15 days, **Hakam Balawi** and **Robert Pelletreau** discuss latest developments as part of U.S.-PLO dialogue [Wafa 4/24 in FBIS 4/25].

## 23 April

Leaders of Christian churches in **Israel** and **O.T.** announce they will close all shrines for 1 day beginning at 9 A.M. on 4/27. The first-ever closure is to protest Israeli gov't. funding for Jewish settlers at Hospice of St. John [NYT, WT, LAT 4/24; FJ 4/30].

*JTS* reports 24,200 Soviet Jews have emigrated to Israel since start of 1990, *JDS* adds total number of immigrants is 28,740 [JTS, JDS 4/23 in FBIS 4/24].

Lebanese cleric **Hussein Musawi** and Iranian F.M. **Ali Akbar Velayati** suggest

second Western hostage will be released soon, but reiterate that 4/22 freeing of **Robert Pohill** should be met with similar "goodwill" response [WP 4/24].

**U.S.** mission UN in Geneva says U.S. will stop paying contributions to UN bodies that admit State of Palestine or upgrade PLO's status; statement comes 2 weeks before opening of World Health Organization's assembly, to which **PLO** has applied for full membership [WT 4/24].

**U.S.** State Dep't. sharply criticizes Israeli gov't. for financing Jewish nationalists' takeover of church-owned hospice in Jerusalem; calls move "an insensitive and provocative action" [WP 4/24].

Pres. **Bush** telephones Pres. **Asad** to express appreciation for Syria's role in 4/22 release of **Robert Pohill**. Bush also telephones Jordan's **King Hussein** to discuss Middle East peace issues [WP 4/24].

## 24 April

Responding to international criticism about secret gov't. funding of Jewish settlement in Jerusalem, Israeli foreign ministry issues statement: "It is the right of Jews to live everywhere, and to purchase or rent property in all parts of the land of Israel, and especially in Jerusalem" [NYT 4/25].

UN spokesperson says Sec. Gen. **Javier Perez de Cuellar** is deeply concerned over presence of Jewish settlers in Christian quarter of Jerusalem, and disturbed over Israeli officials' financial involvement [WP 4/25].

Through an emissary to interim P.M. **Shamir**, AIPAC exec. dir. **Thomas Dine** questions timing of Jewish settlement in Christian quarter of Jerusalem, criticizes Israeli gov't.'s secret financing of move (cf. 4/25) [NYT, WT 4/25].

Gov't of **Greece** has shelved its plans to establish full diplomatic relations with

**Israel** until all settlers are evacuated from Greek Orthodox St. John's Hospice in Jerusalem [JPD 4/24 in FBIS 4/25].

**Peretz Kidron** of Yesh Gvul organization says at least 108 IDF reservists have gone to prison for refusing to serve in O.T. [MET 5/8-14].

Group called Islamic Jihad—Jerusalem threatens to kill Americans worldwide unless **U.S.** Senate repeals 3/22 resolution calling Jerusalem the capital of Israel [NYT 4/25].

**U.S.** House of Representatives votes 378 to 34 in favor of a nonbinding resolution affirming support for united Jerusalem as capital of Israel. Resolution, identical to one passed by Senate on 3/22, conflicts with official U.S. policy [WP, WT 4/25; FJ 4/30].

Syria's first ambassador to Egypt in 13 years, **Isa Darwish**, presents his credentials to Pres. **Mubarak** [MET 5/8-14].

Eight Arab states, including the **State of Palestine**, have agreed to Arab summit in Baghdad in late May (cf. 5/1) [KUNA 4/24 in FBIS 4/25].

Officials from PLO and **Japan** meet within framework of agreement reached last October, PLO to ask for assistance in creating jobs in O.T. [AVP 4/24 in FBIS 4/25].

**Czechoslovakia's** Pres. **Havel** says his country can serve as transit station for emigrating Soviet Jews [JDS 4/24 in FBIS 4/25].

Amid rumors that **Israel** will release captives held in **S. Lebanon** as payoff for release of U.S. hostage, Israeli officials say Israeli prisoners in Lebanon must be released as part of any deal [LAT 4/25].

## 25 April

Bulldozers, under IDF guard, begin clearing ground near Alon in the **W. Bank** for new Israeli settlement [WT 4/26; JDS 4/25 in FBIS 4/26].

**Hussein Musawi**, Hizballah leader, urges groups not to release any U.S. hostages because of ill will on part of U.S., says release of **Robert Pohill** was met by House vote recognizing united Jerusalem as Israel's capital [NYT, LAT, WT 4/26].

**U.S.** House 4/24 resolution evokes sharp criticism from PLO, most Arab gov'ts. [MENA, ADS, DDS 4/25 in FBIS 4/26].

Arab diplomats ask **Cyprus's** parliament to restrict Soviet Jewish emigrants from using Cypriot ports as they travel to Israel [WT 4/26].

As first Eastern European leader to visit Israel, Czech Pres. **Vaclav Havel** briefs interim P.M. **Shamir** on meeting Havel had with PLO Chrmn. **Arafat**, offers help in mediating between Israel and the Palestinians [WP 4/26].

According to *Washington Times*, new gov't. of **Nicaragua** has asked Mossad, Israeli intelligence service, to reorganize Sandinista intelligence apparatus [WT 4/25].

Pro-Israeli supporters question **Thomas Dine's** criticism of Israeli gov't., speculating Dine was trying to help AIPAC with its critics in U.S. [WT 4/26].

Israeli soldier throws stun grenade at Swiss Red Cross worker in **W. Bank** camp near Ramallah [MET 5/8-14].

Israeli "There Is A Limit" movement reports 108 IDF regulars and reservists have been jailed for refusing to serve in **O.T.** [HAM 4/25 in FBIS 4/26].

## 26 April

Israeli Supreme Court upholds eviction order of 150 Jewish settlers from Hospice of St. John in **Jerusalem**, saying all but 20 settlers must leave by 5/1; the 20 may remain in hospice as guards while lower court hears testimony on Panamanian-owned company that sublet to settlers [WP, NYT, LAT 4/27].

Labor party leader **Shimon Peres** officially surrenders his mandate to form new Israeli gov't. after 5 weeks of bargaining [NYT, LAT 4/27; IDF 4/26 in FBIS 4/26].

In departure from usual custom, **Israel** declines to release Muslim prisoners in celebration of Muslim holiday of Id al-Fitr, apparently to avoid speculation it is involved in prisoner exchange [NYT 4/27].

**U.S.** State Dep't. statement strongly criticizes start of 2 new Israeli settlements in O.T. [WP 4/27].

PLO rep. **Hakam Balawi** meets with ambassador **Robert Pelletreau** to discuss situation in O.T. [TDS 4/27 in FBIS 4/27].

**Israel's** Knesset Finance Committee approves NIS 2.44 billion plan to build 32,500 housing units for new immigrants [JPD 4/27 in FBIS 4/27].

## 27 April

Interim P.M. **Shamir** accepts Pres. **Herzog's** mandate to try to form new Israeli gov't., quickly dismisses Labor suggestion that short-term "national unity" gov't. be formed to revise Israel's electoral system [JDS 4/27 in FBIS 4/27; NYT, LAT 4/28].

Church of the Holy Sepulcher locks its doors for first time in 800 years, all other Christian shrines in **Holy Land** also close in protest over presence of Jewish settlers in St. John's Hospice [NYT, LAT 4/28].

General strike called for by UNLU is observed in **W. Bank** [JDS 4/27 in FBIS 4/27].

Syria's Pres. **Asad** arrives in **Moscow** for talks with **Mikhail Gorbachev** (cf. 4/28) [TASS 4/27; MET 5/8-14].

Several Katyusha rockets are fired into Israel's "security zone" in **S. Lebanon**; no injuries [MET 5/8-14].

**28 April**

Pleasure cruise in Gulf of Aqaba by Jordan's **King Hussein** is interrupted as Israeli naval patrol fires shots nearby. Israelis say they were clearing guns in routine weapons check, king's yacht flees into Saudi coastal waters, no injuries are reported [LAT 5/5].

*Washington Post* reports trust and goodwill between **Washington** and **Jerusalem** is eroding; U.S.-Israeli relations are at lowest since early 1980s [WP 4/28].

**Mikhail Gorbachev** receives Pres. **Hafiz Asad** in Moscow to discuss Soviet-Syrian relations and Middle East peace [PRAVDA 4/29].

**29 April**

Interim P.M. **Shamir** accuses foreign gov't.s of trying to force him into negotiations with **PLO**. Shamir does not name foreign gov't.s., says intifada is merely "the tip of the iceberg" of Arab-Israeli conflict [NYT, WT 4/20].

Organization of Islamic Dawn announces it will release U.S. hostage **Frank Reed** within 48 hours [NYT, WP, WT, LAT 4/30].

**Pope John Paul II** expresses "profound concern" over recent attempt to create Jewish settlement in Jerusalem's Christian quarter; seems to suggest Israel needs to be more sensitive, pointing out Jerusalem is sacred to 3 religions, and all rights must be respected [NYT 4/30].

**30 April**

In speech marking 42nd anniversary of Israeli statehood **Shamir** says he will not "accept every proposal or idea of an American secretary of state." U.S. State Dep't. spokesperson **Margaret Tutwiler** responds: "saying yes to Sec. **Baker's** questions meant saying yes to the gov't. of Israel's plan" [WP, WT, LAT 5/1].

Plans to build road in **Cairo** through ancient Jewish cemetery has provoked outcry. Pres. **Mubarak**, eager to preserve relations with world Jewish community, agrees to study alternatives that would keep Al Basatin cemetery intact [WT 5/1].

**Yasir Arafat** arrives in Cairo to seek Pres. **Mubarak's** support for an Arab summit in May [MET 5/8-14].

U.S. hostage **Frank Reed** is freed in Beirut after 43 months of captivity [NYT, WP, WT, LAT 5/1].

Pres. **Bush** thanks **Syria** and **Iran** for help in securing freedom for 2 Americans in past 9 days. **Robert Pohill** delivers private message from his captors to Pres. **Bush** [WP, WT, LAT 5/1].

U.S. State Dep't. releases annual report "Pattern of Global Terrorism," which lists **Syria** and **Iran** as chief sponsors of state terrorism [WP, WT 5/1].

Bethlehem Mayor **Elias Freij**, visiting New York, says 4/11 occupation of St. John's Hospice by Jewish settlers was "not an isolated incident" but "the beginning of a premeditated effort" by Jewish settlers to obtain control of Christian properties [NYT 5/6].

**1 May**

Militant rabbi **Moshe Levinger** pleads guilty to death by negligence charge after lawyers plea bargain to reduce original charge of manslaughter for shooting death of Arab salesman in Hebron. Levinger is to be sentenced on 5/14 [WT 5/2].

Israeli officials offer to exchange Arab prisoners for 3 Israelis held in **Lebanon**, but indicate they would not make any deals for Western hostages [WT 5/2].

Israeli gov't. reports that for 16th consecutive month number of Soviet Jews arriving in Israel has increased. Officials say 10,500 Jews emigrated to **Israel** in

April, compared to 7,300 in March [NYT 5/2].

All but 20 Jewish settlers leave St. John's Hospice in Christian quarter of **Jerusalem** in compliance with Supreme Court eviction order [IDF 5/1 in FBIS 5/1; NYT, WP, LAT 5/2].

Soviet ambassador to Syria **Alexander Zotov** says Arab-Israeli conflict and buildup of weapons in Middle East will be "top priority" at 30 May-3 June Bush-Gorbachev summit [WT 5/2]; Zotov criticizes **U.S.** for not showing enough "firmness" with Israel to reach peace settlement [WP 5/2].

Fifteen Arab states have agreed to attend Arab summit meeting in **Baghdad** in late May [KUNA 5/1 in FBIS 5/2].

**Arafat** and **Saddam Hussein** meet in Baghdad to discuss upcoming Arab summit [INA 5/1 in FBIS 5/3].

## 2 May

Legislator **Yossi Sarid**, of Citizens Rights Movement, says he has "details of 14 planned settlements" to be initiated by P.M. Shamir if he forms gov't. [WT 5/3].

Pres. **Asad** and Pres. **Mubarak** meet in Damascus for talks, seal diplomatic ties restored last December WP 5/3].

## 3 May

IDF places 160,000 Palestinians of **Nablus** under curfew so 150 Jewish settlers and Knesset members can dedicate Torah for seminary in Nablus [WP, LAT, WT 5/4].

Former D.M. **Yitzhak Rabin** publicly challenges **Shimon Peres's** Labor party leadership, says he could better lead **Israel** to peace with Palestinians [WP 5/4].

Army-commissioned poll published in *IDF Weekly* reveals about 30% of Israelis surveyed lack full faith in army announce-

ments and in ethical behavior of soldiers [WT 5/4].

On final day in Damascus, Pres. **Mubarak** says he believes **Yitzhak Shamir** does not wish to settle Palestine problem and this could lead to "much more destructive situation." Mubarak calls on **U.S.** to pressure Israel into negotiations [WP 5/4]; *Washington Times* reports Mubarak leaves Syria empty-handed, failing to bring **Syria** out of its isolationist stance [WT 5/4].

**Israel** and **Bulgaria** restore diplomatic relations after 23-year break, sign agreement over air transportation, tourism, communications [NYT, WP, WT, LAT 5/4].

Visiting New York, Jerusalem Mayor **Teddy Kollek** calls occupation of St. John's Hospice by Jewish settlers a "great stupidity" and "a major setback" to inter-religious relations in Israel [NYT 5/6].

## 4 May

Israeli court blocks appeal of Jewish nationalists who settled in St. John's Hospice in **Jerusalem**. The settlers were attempting to appeal eviction notice [LAT 5/5].

## 5 May

*New York Times* reports interim P.M. **Shamir**, 10 days into his attempt to form new gov't., is facing same problems as did **Peres**, may not be able to gather majority of votes [NYT 5/6].

PLO Executive Committee opens meeting in **Baghdad**, chaired by **Arafat**, to discuss upcoming Arab summit [BVP 5/5 in FBIS 5/5].

## 6 May

**Shimon Peres** says he would form another unity gov't. with Likud if two parties could agree on how to proceed with peace talks [WT 5/7].

Islamic Jihad movement leaflet calls on Palestinians in **O.T.** to launch "a revolution of daggers" against Soviet Jews, and to escalate uprising [WT 5/7].

Chrmn. **Arafat** orders about 2,500 Fateh troops to move from **Jordan** to **Iraq** [WT 5/7].

**Kamal Kharrazi**, Iran's UN ambassador says that it is doubtful any more U.S. hostages will be released until **U.S.** forces Israel to release Arab hostages [WT 5/7].

## 7 May

Statement by **Avi Pazner**, of interim P.M. Shamir's office, rejects **U.S.** assumptions that Israel is holding "hostages," but rather, Israel is holding "terrorists" and "therefore there is no room for any comparison between them" and Western hostages held in Lebanon [WP, LAT 5/8].

**Syria** announces it will not attend the Arab summit meeting in **Baghdad** because of animosity between Pres. **Asad** and Pres. **Saddam Hussein** (cf. 5/9) [WP 5/8].

## 8 May

**Israel's** Supreme Court, responding to appeals from Israelis fed up with politicians' intrigues, rules that political parties must make public all coalition agreements before forming gov't. [WT 5/9].

*New York Times* reports strengthening of ties between **Arafat** and **Saddam Hussein**, notes recent movement of Fateh troops from **Jordan** to **Iraq** [NYT 5/13].

Hizballah cleric **Hussein Mussawi** says freedom for 3 captive Israeli servicemen is "impossible" and expresses doubt that hostage crisis will end any time soon [WP 5/9].

## 9 May

Interim P.M. **Shamir** endorses \$1 billion plan to absorb another 150,000 Jewish immigrants into Israel [WT 5/10].

**Abdullah Omar Nasif**, sec. gen. of World Islamic League sends messages to **Mikhail Gorbachev** and Pres. **Bush** appealing for help to stop Soviet Jewish emigration to Israel [WT 5/10].

**U.S.** House Foreign Affairs subcommittees on Europe and the Middle East and on human rights hold first ever hearing on intifada [WP 5/10].

**Israel** accuses **U.S.** of working with Arab nations to draft resolution at UN against immigration to Israel, interim F.M. **Moshe Arens** summons U.S. ambassador **William Brown** for meeting to discuss alleged U.S.-Arab collusion [WT 5/10; NYT 5/11].

UN Sec. Council puts off a vote on a resolution terming Jewish settlement in **O.T.** and **E. Jerusalem** illegal [WT 5/10].

## 10 May

Israeli officials, including **Moshe Arens**, accuse **U.S.** of creating "artificial storm" over Soviet Jewish emigration [WP, LAT 5/11].

Bowing to **U.S.** threats to withdraw funding, World Health Organization shelves indefinitely PLO application [NYT, WP, WT 5/11].

*New York Times* news analysis claims **Israel** "has emerged as the beneficiary of changing times in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union, while the Arab world confronts the losses" [NYT 5/10].

In his column in *Catholic New York*, **Cardinal John O'Connor** denounces Israeli settlement in Jerusalem's Christian quarter: "What happened in Jerusalem is obscene," and writes that Israelis are "speeding up . . . a design to make it virtually impossible for Christians to func-



tion anywhere in the land" [NYT 5/12; WT 5/14].

**Shimon Peres** announces his intent to go into opposition of any gov't. formed by **Yitzhak Shamir** [TET 5/10 in FBIS 5/11].

### 11 May \_\_\_\_\_

**Yitzhak Rabin** calls on **Shimon Peres** to resign as Labor party leader in continuing power struggle within party [LAT 5/12].

Leading **U.S.** Jewish organizations urge Bush admin. to oppose any UN Security Council resolution critical of Soviet Jewish settlers in O.T. [NYT 5/12].

### 12 May \_\_\_\_\_

**Felicia Langer**, Israeli lawyer who represents Palestinians, quits her practice, claims justice for Palestinians in Israeli courts is nearly impossible [WP 5/13].

### 13 May \_\_\_\_\_

Vandals deface c.250 graves in 2 Jewish cemeteries near **Haifa**. Police hold 41-year-old Jewish man in custody [WP, WT, NYT, LAT 5/14].

Maj. Gen. **Antoine Lahad**, commander of SLA, says he is willing to exchange "large number" of c. 300 Muslims held by his army for remaining Western hostages held in **Lebanon** [NYT, LAT 5/14].

**UNLU** issues call no. 56 in the O.T. [JDS 5/13 in FBIS 5/16].

### 14 May \_\_\_\_\_

**Rabbi Moshe Levinger** is sentenced to 5 months in prison for shooting death of Arab merchant, is lauded as hero by supporters who carry him to prison on their shoulders [WT 5/15].

Israeli authorities says they are considering reopening colleges and universities

in **O.T.** that have been closed for over 2 years [NYT 5/15].

Thousands of Jordanians and Palestinians march near **Jordan's** border with W. Bank to show support for intifada. Police fire tear gas to keep crowd from converging on border; at least 53 are injured [NYT, WP 5/15].

Pres. **Mubarak** arrives in **Moscow** for meeting with **Mikhail Gorbachev**, first visit to USSR by Egyptian leader in 18 years [WT 5/15].

### 15 May \_\_\_\_\_

Gen. sec. **Gorbachev** and **Hosni Mubarak** sign declaration in Moscow condemning settlement of Soviet Jewish emigrants in O.T. [NYT, WT 5/16].

### Journal Source Abbreviations

CSM (Christian Science Monitor)  
FJ (Al-Fajr, Jerusalem)  
IZV (Izvestia)  
JPI (Jerusalem Post, International Edition)  
LAT (Los Angeles Times)  
MEI (Middle East International)  
MEPARC (Middle East Policy and Research Center)  
MET (Middle East Times)  
NYT (New York Times)  
PRA (Pravda)  
TASS (Moscow Tass)  
WP (Washington Post)  
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BDS (Beirut Domestic Service)  
BNR (Beirut Voice of National Resistance)

- BVP (Baghdad Voice of the PLO)  
 BVL (Beirut Voice of Lebanon)  
 CDS (Cairo Domestic Service)  
 DDS (Damascus Domestic Service)  
 HAA (Ha' Aretz)  
 HAD (Hadashot)  
 HAM ('Al Hamishmar)  
 IDF (IDF Radio, Tel Aviv)  
 IGP (Government Press Office,  
 Jerusalem)  
 INA (Radio INA, Baghdad)  
 ITT (Al-Ittihad)  
 JDS (Jerusalem Domestic Service)  
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 JTS (Jerusalem Television Service)  
 KUNA (Radio KUNA, Kuwait)  
 MAA (Ma'ariv)  
 MENA (Radio MENA, Cairo)  
 MDS (Rabat Domestic Service,  
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- MTS (Moscow Television Service)  
 NAH (Al-Nahar)  
 QAB (Al-Qabas Al-Duwali, Kuwait)  
 QUD (Al-Quda Al-'Arabi, London)  
 RAY (Al-Ray)  
 RDS (Riyadh Domestic Service)  
 RMC (Radio Monte Carlo, Paris)  
 RPP (Radio Peace and Progress,  
 Moscow)  
 RYF (Rose al-Yusuf, Cairo)  
 SANA (Radio SANA, Damascus)  
 SPA (Radio SPA, Riyadh)  
 SVP (Sana Voice of Palestine)  
 TET (Tel Aviv Educational Television)  
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