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ISRAEL PREPARED TO WITHDRAW FROM CANAL IF KNESSET APPROVES MOVE

Egyptian Military Crossing Barred; No Interim Talks Before Conditions Met

JERUSALEM, Nov. 9 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir said today that her government was prepared to pull back Israeli forces from the Suez Canal, provided such a move was approved by the Knesset, but was not prepared to permit Egyptian troops to occupy the evacuated zone and would not resume talks on an interim agreement before the United States meets several Israeli conditions, including an undertaking to resume the supply of Phantom jets.

Addressing a Press Club luncheon here, Mrs. Meir said these points were made clear in discussions with the US. She did not name the American officials with whom the discussions were held but it appeared from the context of her remarks that she was referring to her talk last week with US Ambassador Walworth Barbour in which Foreign Minister Abba Eban participated.

Foreign Ministry sources said today that Israel has not yet received the "clarification" of the US position which it asked for through Barbour. Mrs. Meir pointedly rejected the term "interim agreement" for a deal to reopen the Suez Canal. In her view, "interim agreement" implied something binding on an overall settlement. She said she would prefer calling it a "special agreement" so it is clear that it stands by itself.

Differs With US On Principle

Mrs. Meir said the Americans themselves were not sure that the terms of a Suez agreement would be kept by the Egyptians and told her that in the event of an Egyptian violation, Israeli forces could easily rec occupy the zone they evacuated.

"Of course we can do it," Mrs. Meir said. "Fifty or 750 Egyptian soldiers on this side of the canal do not mean much. There were 100,000 Egyptians in Sinai during the Six-Day War and they were routed. But it is a question of the price Israel has to pay, mainly in terms of human lives."

She said her differences with the Americans were not over how many Egyptians would be permitted to cross the canal but over the principle that any should be allowed to cross. She added that if there was a danger that an agreement would be violated there was no point in having one.

STATE DEPARTMENT SAYS MIGS' OVERFLIGHT VIOLATED CEASE-FIRE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9 (JTA)--The State Department has condemned last Saturday's overflight of the Sinai peninsula by two Soviet MIG-23s as a clear violation of the cease-fire. Observers here described this as the "most unequivocal" and "strongest" statement by the Department in recent months on cease-fire violations. A Department spokesman yesterday told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the overflight was "in clear violation of the cease-fire. We have repeatedly said that any violation of the cease-fire does not help reach a peaceful settlement."

The MIG-23s, which are piloted only by Russians and are the world's fastest and highest flying combat aircraft, traversed the Sinai on a

roughly north-south course in less than three minutes at an altitude of 70,000 feet. They were able to photograph Israeli positions in both the Sinai and Israel proper. Israeli jets sent up to intercept them were unable to make contact. The overflights were believed to have had a two-fold purpose: reconnaissance and intimidation of Israel.

CHAVEZ LAUDS ROLE OF JEWS IN AIDING GRAPE PICKERS' STRUGGLE Pledges Union's Aid For Soviet Jews

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 9 (JTA)--Ceasar Chavez, head of the United Farm Workers Union, pledged here today that its members "will continue to seek freedom for every Jew, especially the three million Jews in the Soviet Union." Chavez, who led the struggle to get union recognition for California's itinerant grape-pickers, spoke at the 51st general assembly of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

He received a standing ovation when he declared: "Without the help of Reform Jews and other Jewish communities in the US and Canada, where we received some of our greatest support, we would not have been able to succeed in our five-year struggle for migrant grape pickers." Asked later if he favored boycotts in the cause of Soviet Jews, Chavez said such action might be useful in achieving causes for justice but its value must be determined by each individual group.

QUAKES NOT CONNECTED WITH AMCHITKA NUCLEAR BLASTS

TEL AVIV, Nov. 9 (JTA)--Earth tremors were reported last night in northern Israel, but Israeli scientists said this morning that the tremors had nothing to do with the American underground nuclear blast last Saturday at Amchitka in the Aleutian Islands. The tremors were felt mainly at Kiryat Shmona near the Lebanese border and at the nearby Kibbutz Shamir. A slight earthquake was also felt at Bat Galim, a suburb of Haifa. No casualties or damages were reported. Residents in the kibbutzim and in houses in Haifa rushed outdoors when the tremors occurred.

STEPS SOUGHT TO CURB ABUSES OF PRIVILEGES BY NEW IMMIGRANTS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 9 (JTA)--Absorption Minister Natan Peled has approved the recommendations of an inter-ministerial committee to prevent profiteering and other abuses by new immigrants of the privileges granted them by the government. Jewish Agency Chairman Louis A. Pincus defended those privileges last night, which he emphasized were not favors, as incentive to attract more immigrants. He told the Jewish Agency Executive that he had no objection to a review of Treasury proposals to curtail certain immigrant benefits for economy reasons on condition that nothing is done which could reduce immigration.

The privileges accorded new immigrants were established several years ago by a joint committee of the government and the Jewish Agency. They include customs exemptions on dutiable articles brought into the country for personal use, tax rebates, low interest loans and low interest mort-

gages. The nature of the abuses of these privileges by some immigrants was reflected in the recommendations presented to the Absorption Minister by a committee composed of Absorption Ministry representatives and representatives of the Finance and Interior Ministries and the Jewish Agency.

Stricter Controls Recommended

The committee calls for stricter control of mortgages, loans and tax exemptions. It proposes that an immigrant receiving a low interest mortgage be forbidden from transferring it to another party without permission. If an immigrant sub-leases his apartment without permission or does not occupy it for six months, the Ministry's mortgage would be subject to immediate redemption at the interest rate prevailing on the general money market. The committee urged closer supervision of apartments rented to immigrants by the Absorption Ministry at nominal sums to make sure that the immigrant does not sub-lease it while finding cheaper accommodations for himself.

All low interest loans granted immigrants for the purchase of furniture and other goods would be subject to immediate redemption if the immigrant returns to his country of origin or leaves this country for longer than six months. The proposals will be considered by a joint government-Jewish Agency committee on immigration next week. The recommendations also called on police and customs inspectors to exercise stricter surveillance to prevent immigrants from importing duty-free goods not for their own use. Where such goods are found to have been sold, the immigrant would be charged the full duty.

RABIN SLATED FOR CABINET POST; ELAZAR TO SUCCEED BAR-LEV

JERUSALEM, Nov. 9 (JTA)--Gen. Yitzhak Rabin, Israel's Ambassador to the United States for the past three years, is slated to enter the Cabinet late in 1972 or early in 1973, it was learned from reliable sources here today. According to the sources, he will take the portfolio of Minister of Development, presently vacant. Rabin was Chief of Staff of Israel's armed forces during the Six-Day War and was subsequently appointed to his post in Washington. In recent months he has publicly expressed sharp criticism of American policies in the Middle East.

Sources said Rabin was due to enter the Cabinet early next year along with retiring Chief of Staff Gen. Haim Bar-Lev, but the shift was postponed in order to allow more time to find a successor. Bar-Lev will assume the Commerce and Industry portfolio presently held by Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir who reportedly has approved Bar-Lev's appointment.

According to knowledgeable sources here, 46-year-old Gen. David "Dado" Elazar has already been selected to succeed Bar-Lev. Elazar is Chief of the General Staff Branch at General Headquarters, the same post Bar-Lev held before his elevation. It is regarded as a stepping stone to the post of Chief of Staff.

Like Bar-Lev, Elazar grew up in Yugoslavia and was commander of an armored corps. During the Six-Day War he was commander of the Northern Command which battled the Syrians and captured the Golan Heights. Elazar is presently in the United States on a mission for the United Jewish Appeal. If his appointment is confirmed, he will be the ninth Chief of Staff of the Israeli Army.

LZM LAUNCHES ELECTION CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, Nov. 9 (JTA)--The Labor Zionist

Movement began its election campaign for delegates to the 28th World Zionist Congress which opens in Jerusalem next January. Israel Stolarsky, chairman of the LZM election committee declared that the movement "will continue, unstintingly to support Israel, especially its labor and pioneering movements which have been mainly responsible for its historic achievements in the areas of social justice and human progress and have provided the dynamic leadership of the State of Israel since its establishment." The seven Labor Zionist groups comprising the Movement are Poale Zion, Pioneer Women, Farband, Friends of Labor Israel, American Hahonim Association, Hahonim and Dror. Stolarsky cited statements by high ranking Israel government leaders of the Labor Party, including Deputy Premier Yigal Allon and Foreign Minister Abba Eban, in support of the LZM's election slate.

JEWISH LEADERS URGE NEGOTIATIONS NOW FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

NEW YORK, Nov. 9 (JTA)--Jewish leaders voiced alarm today over Saturday's overflight of the Israel-occupied Sinai peninsula by two Soviet MIG-23 jets and urged the US State Department to "seize the opportunity to bring Israel and Egypt together in direct negotiations now for peace in the Middle East."

A statement by the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations deplored "the provocative action of the Soviet military forces" and warned of a possible "miscalculation" by the Soviets and their Egyptian allies "that might tempt them to a renewal of hostilities with Israel." They urged the US to resume the delivery of Phantom jets to Israel "to deter any such miscalculation." The statement was signed by Jacob Stein and Rabbi Israel Miller, vice-chairmen of the Conference.

PEARL BRINGS SUIT AGAINST PAROCHIALD STATUTE

NEW YORK, Nov. 9 (JTA)--Hearings opened in Federal District Court today in the first suit brought against a parochial statute since the US Supreme Court's ruling last June 28 that state aid to religious sponsored schools was unconstitutional. The suit was filed by the Committee for Public Education and Religious Liberty (PEARL), a coalition of 31 civic, religious, education, labor and civil rights organizations and 14 individual plaintiffs against New York State's \$33 million purchase-of-services law which was signed by Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller on the very day the Supreme Court rendered its decision.

Arguing the case today, PEARL's special counsel, Leo Pfeffer, contended that the New York law was no different from the parochial laws of Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Connecticut which the Supreme Court's decision struck down. The New York law to provide acceptable secular educational services for pupils in non-public schools, includes teachers' salaries and other instructional costs of private and parochial schools. The PEARL suit named as defendants State Comptroller Arthur Levitt and Commissioner of Education Ewald B. Nyquist.

Pfeffer noted that both the outlawed Pa. law and the N.Y. statute defined a "crisis in elementary and secondary education" as a reason for allocating state funds. He observed that in deciding the R.I. case, the Supreme Court stated the very existence of a financial crisis in church-school financing was an additional ground for invalidating the statutes because it would potentially divide religious belief and practice.

STATE DEPARTMENT FEELS CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION ON SOVIET JEWS APPROPRIATE Witness Claims Picture of Soviet Jews Living In Terror Seems 'Overdrawn'

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9 (JTA)--The State Department believes that a Congressional resolution on the denial of Soviet Jews' rights "would be appropriate," but "claims that Soviet Jews as a community are living in a state of terror seem to be overdrawn," a Department official said today.

The latter remark by Richard T. Davies, Deputy Assistant Secretary for European Affairs, before the House Foreign Affairs Committee's European subcommittee raised the only serious difference of opinion today between a witness and the subcommittee chairman, Rep. Benjamin J. Rosenthal (D., N.Y.). The House unit is considering pending legislation expressing concern over the USSR's treatment of its Jewish citizens.

Rosenthal was also astonished at Davies' endorsement of a Soviet Jewry bill sponsored by Rep. Frank Annunzio (D., Ill.) as "an excellent vehicle through which to convey the concern of the Congress over this issue." Rosenthal noted that the Annunzio bill was the only one among the approximately 200 introduced so far which does not specifically mention emigration. Davies replied that the State Department's "suggested modifications" include reference to emigration.

Rosenthal stated: "We intend to produce a resolution before the end of this session of Congress (because) we must view these deprivations not as citizens of one country viewing the abhorred behavior of another government but as the denial of human rights, (which) must be condemned wherever and whenever it occurs."

Sol Polansky, a Foreign Service officer testifying with Davies, backed Davies' denial of a Soviet Jewish "state of terror" but admitted that "Jews do feel they are being discriminated against," Polansky also said he was "not at all persuaded" that there were enough Yiddish-speaking Soviet Jews to make Yiddish broadcasting over the Voice of America "worthwhile." Asked afterwards by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent to comment on a report in Pravda, the Soviet Communist Party newspaper, that 300,000 Soviet Jews consider Yiddish their first language, Polansky said he was unaware of the report.

Other witnesses today included Rep. James H. Scheuer (D., N.Y.), Rep. John Buchanan (R., Ala.) F. Lee Bailey, the lawyer, representing the League for Repatriation of Russian Jewry; Rabbi Zev Segal of the Essex County (N.J.) Conference on Soviet Jewry, and Bertram Zweibon, national vice chairman of the Jewish Defense League. Zweibon said: "Violence is always bad but sometimes necessary. The League favors that which keeps the plight of Soviet Jews before the world. Even violence."

2,000 PROTEST TREATMENT OF SYRIAN JEWS

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 9 (JTA)--About 2,000 Sephardic Jews and Jews from Arab countries held a mass meeting here yesterday to protest the treatment of Jews in Syria and other Arab lands. A cable was sent to Alain Pöher, president of the French Senate, acknowledging his action on behalf of Jews in Syria. Pöher heads the International Committee of Jews in Arab Lands. Speakers at the meeting included the Sephardic Grand Rabbi, Isaac Chehebar; Sauil Mizrahi, spokesman for the Zionist Youth Conference in Argentina; and Mark Turkow, general secretary of the Latin American Jewish Congress.

Turkow said the fate of Jews in Syria was of great concern to Jewish communities everywhere. He appealed to the Syrian government to allow Jews to emigrate if they wished to. The meeting also drafted an appeal to the United Nations to intervene on behalf of Syrian Jewry. It denounced an attack by the Syrian Ambassador to Argentina, Jawdat Atassi, against Zionists and the DAIA, the central representative body of Argentine Jewry. Atassi charged that DAIA had launched a "vast" Zionist campaign falsely accusing the Arab states, particularly Syria, of anti-Jewish discrimination.

SOVIET EMIGRE HOPES FOR BRIGHT DAY

NEW YORK, Nov. 9 (JTA)--Mrs. Rita Gluzman, the Soviet Jewish emigre who is here to seek international aid to effect her husband's departure from the USSR, said today that there was still hope of success despite the "terrible tragedy" that has befallen her family. "I am sure that one bright day, Soviet authorities will be forced to open their doors to Jewish emigration," she told more than 40 women--mostly teenaged girls--who braved chilly winds to gather at the Isaiah Wall opposite the United Nations to hear Mrs. Gluzman and distribute artificial white roses symbolizing women's suffering.

The emigre's husband, who like her is 23, was to leave the USSR with her two years ago, but was detained by the authorities without explanation. The couple's first child, a son, was born in Israel half a year later. Mrs. Gluzman told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency before her brief speech that she had received encouragement from Mrs. Rita E. Hauser, the US representative on the UN Commission on Human Rights, and from Richard E. Combs Jr., a political aide to US Ambassador George Bush. Mrs. Gluzman had earlier been introduced to Secretary General Thant by Israeli Ambassador Yosef Tekoah.

The attractive emigre told the JTA that she had spoken with her husband by telephone Saturday, and that he had told her he had been forced to go to Moscow, where he had to sleep in the snowy streets for lack of shelter. Her husband is now in Khotin, the Ukraine, working as a carpenter, and has been promised that a decision on his emigration application will be disclosed by month's end.

Today's rally was sponsored by the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry. The roses were fashioned during the summer by students in Long Island day schools. Malcolm Hoenlein, director of the Conference, introduced Mrs. Gluzman and reported that he had learned this morning that five Jewish families holding exit visas had been detained as they sought to leave Russia for Austria.

PRESIDENT, CHANCELLOR CONGRATULATE VAN DAM FOR BRINGING HARMONY

BONN, Nov. 9 (JTA)--The West German President Gustav Heinemann and Chancellor Willy Brandt were among the hundreds of well wishers who cabled the Secretary of Council of Jews in Germany, Hendrik Georg Van Dam, to congratulate him on his 20 years of service on behalf of Germany's Jewish community. Brandt stressed in his message that Van Dam, who also celebrated today his 65th birthday, has done "much to make tolerance and respect among people and religious communities a yardstick and an example." Heinemann said that Van Dam "had sparked off a new trust among Germans and German Jews" while Christian Democratic Union opposition leader, Rainer Barzel, praised the Jewish official's contribution to mutual understanding.

CJF ASSEMBLY TO FOCUS ON US, WORLD JEWRY; ACTION PLANNED ON PROPOSALS OF TASK FORCE ON JEWISH IDENTITY

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 9 (JTA)--More than 1,500 Jewish leaders from communities throughout the United States and Canada will participate in the 40th General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds (CJF) at the Hilton Hotel. It was announced today by Max M. Fisher, CJF President. The Assembly begins tomorrow and ends Sunday.

Louis A. Pincus, chairman of the Executive of the reconstituted Jewish Agency for Israel and chairman of the Board of Governors of Tel Aviv University, and Dr. Charles I. Schottland, president of Brandeis University, will give a major address at the convention. Pincus will discuss "A New World Partnership for Israel's Needs and Progress." Pincus will assess developments since the historic reconstitution of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem last June and explore how best the new partnership between American Jewish communities and the Jewish Agency can meet the urgent human needs of Israel's immigrants and newcomers.

In an overview of the social welfare problems and actions before the nation, Dr. Schottland, in his address, will discuss "What Should America's Human Priorities Be?" The Brandeis president and former dean of the school's Florence Heller Graduate School for Advanced Studies in Social Welfare, is currently president of the International Council on Social Welfare, an association of governmental and voluntary social welfare organizations representing some 75 countries throughout the world.

Of major interest at this year's 40th forum will be the final review and action by the delegates of the recommendations of the Task Force on Jewish Identity--capping two years of intensive, community by community study and discussion. At the Assembly's opening plenary session, Irving Blum of Baltimore, chairman of the Task Force, in his address "Jewish Identity--Recommendations for Action," will present a consolidated report previewing the signal resolution delegates will be asked to vote upon before the Assembly ends.

Student Participation Planned

This key resolution, responding to the concern of Federations, who represent 95 percent of the Jewish population of North America, calls for an enhancing of the quality of Jewish life, by: creation of a new instrument under CJF auspices, to concentrate on innovative projects dealing with all aspects of Jewish identity, with a three-year program subject to review; with funds to be provided by Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, foundations and other sources.

More than 50 sessions and workshops will be devoted to the broad scope of needs and opportunities at home, overseas and in Israel that are before the American Jewish communities. The Assembly will attempt to strengthen existing actions and create new avenues whereby Federations in cities large and small can deal with them. Assembly reports will cover the gamut of local Jewish communal concern; changing community services; Jewish education; family and child care; hospitals; the aged; the campus and the community; Jewish centers; and endowment funds, which present new opportunities and dimensions in long-range Jewish Federation planning.

Featured also are sessions whose focus is: initial findings of the National Jewish Population Study; Jews in poverty; National Health Insurance proposals and their implications for Jewish

Federations; inter-city cooperation and collaboration among Jewish newspapers; and special needs of volunteer-directed Federations. On the international level, the delegates will give major study to two paramount areas: the continuing plight of Soviet Jewry, and the coordinated local and national efforts to help those who wish to emigrate to Israel or elsewhere; and the mounting social welfare needs of Israel, aided now by the new partnership between North American Jewish communities and the Jewish Agency in Israel to meet these needs.

Of special significance, Fisher noted, will be the campus representation with students as official delegates of their respective communities, and as full participants in the Assembly program and deliberations. Special sessions have been designed for college youth and faculty members: integrating the campus and the community; current directions in Hillel-Federation relationship; reaching the unaffiliated student; and year-round and summer encampments for college youth. There will also be an orientation session by college youth tendered to other delegates. Among the highlights during the Assembly will be a special session on Soviet Jewry.

ZIONIST 'TOWN-HALL MEETING' SCHEDULED

NEW YORK, Nov. 9 (JTA)--Five hundred Zionist leaders are scheduled to gather Saturday night at the Belmont Plaza Hotel to hear the spokesmen of the various organizations in the American Zionist Federation explain why their particular grouping is best equipped to advance the goals of Zionism and the cause of Israel, and seek support of enrolled Zionists who will be eligible to vote for the American delegates to the next Zionist Congress to be held in Jerusalem next month.

This announcement was made by Rabbi Israel Miller, president of the AZF which is sponsoring the pre-election campaign event prior to the nationwide elections due early in Dec. "Zionists in every town and city throughout the United States will be given the opportunity to vote in democratic fashion for the slate of their choice," said Rabbi Miller. "The make-up of the American Zionist delegation at the next Zionist Congress will represent participatory democracy in the Jewish community."

The 13 national Zionist organizations and the 10 youth and student groups are represented in seven slates which are competing for the votes of American Zionists in this election. The "Town Hall Meeting" here is one of some 60 such meetings throughout the country this month. Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, member of the World Zionist Executive, will serve as moderator-chairman at the meeting at which the spokesman for each slate will make a ten-minute presentation and be allowed to challenge and question the representative of any other slate competing for the support of the voters.

US, ISRAEL EXCHANGE INFORMATION ON ARMS BALANCE IN MIDEAST

JERUSALEM, Nov. 9 (JTA)--Israeli and American officials have recently conducted intensive exchanges of information concerning the arms balance in the Middle East, it was learned today. Israel has been demanding the resumption of deliveries of Phantom jets independent of any progress on an interim Suez agreement with Egypt. The US says that Israel's claim that it needs more of the supersonic fighters is still "under review." According to Dan Margalit, diplomatic correspondent of Haaretz, the talks are being conducted on a professional level. Israel's Military Attache in Washington, Maj. Gen. Eli Zeira, was recently here on a visit. Paralel talks on the matter have been going on in Washington.