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## US CANAL REOPENING INITIATIVE STALLED Interim, Over-All Mideast Settlement Awaits Results Of UN Debate

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22 (JTA)--An authoritative State Department source admitted today that the American initiative to reopen the Suez Canal has stalled and that further US activity for an interim or over-all settlement in the Middle East awaits the results of the debate on the whole issue in the United Nations General Assembly early next month.

"We are of the belief," the authority said, "that while neither Egypt nor Israel has closed the door entirely to an interim agreement, it seems clear in the light of recently publicly expressed reservations on both sides that in the next few weeks the principal preoccupation will be with the General Assembly's involvement in that matter. We will have another look at the situation in the light of the results of the debate in the General Assembly." While denying that the interim agreement was "dead" as a practical matter, the source said the next round will revolve around the Assembly's considerations.

## No Comment On Sadat's Threats

Department spokesman Charles Bray, in response to questions by newsmen, refused to confirm reports of Egyptian troop movements along the Suez Canal reportedly attributed to Western intelligence sources. Bray said "There do not appear to be significant changes in the disposition of forces in recent days" on either side of the Suez Canal. He declined to comment on Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's two bellicose speeches over the weekend to Egyptian forces, in which he said he will no longer go along with US negotiations for an interim agreement, and that there is no alternative for Egypt but to wage war in order to recover the Sinai Peninsula, occupied by Israeli troops.

Bray also refused to discuss whether the US received information from Cairo of Sadat's threats in advance of their delivery. However, he did say that US officials have been in contact with the Egyptian government on subjects which he would not reveal. Asked if his silence on Sadat's speeches meant that the State Department was not taking Sadat's threats seriously, Bray responded: "No comment." Department sources said that Israel's request for Phantoms continues "under study and review" despite Sadat's appearance with his troops and the arrival of up to 10 Soviet TU-16 aircraft capable of firing air-to-surface missiles.

## SECURITY COUNCIL SHOULD EXAMINE SADAT'S CLAIMS THAT POSSIBILITIES FOR MIDEAST PEACE EXHAUSTED

LONDON, Nov. 22 (JTA)--Some members of the House of Lords believe President Anwar Sadat's claim that all possibilities for a peaceful Middle East settlement have been exhausted is serious enough to bring before the United Nations Security Council. The matter was brought up by Lord Brockway (Labor) today. He was told by the Undersecretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Lord Latham, that Sadat's statement would have to be studied carefully before deciding whether to bring it before the Security Council and added that he was "seriously concerned" by Sadat's remarks. Lord Brockway suggested that postponement of urgent action

"make more likely the inevitability of a terrible war."

Joseph Godber, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs informed the House of Commons today that Foreign Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home will be discussing the Middle East problem with Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban who is visiting Britain next week. Godber added, "We are extremely concerned about the situation in the Middle East." (Britain's Ambassador to Israel, John Barnes, conferred today with Eban in Jerusalem. They reportedly discussed Sadat's latest speeches and other subjects connected with Eban's visit to Britain beginning Nov. 28.)

## JEWISH LEADERS URGE IMMEDIATE SALE OF JETS TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Nov. 22 (JTA)--The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations urged today that more Phantom jets be made immediately available to Israel in order to restore the Middle East military balance and "assure Israel's deterrent capabilities." The request was contained in a telegram sent to Secretary of State William P. Rogers. The telegram followed an announcement yesterday that the 26-member Conference of Presidents would meet at B'nai B'rith headquarters in Washington, D.C. Nov. 29-30 to demonstrate American Jewish solidarity with Israel's request for more Phantoms and to outline a program for further action.

Today's telegram was signed by Rabbi Israel Miller and Jacob Stein, acting co-chairmen of the Conference. It cited Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's "incendiary statements coupled with accelerated deliveries of sophisticated weapons by the USSR to Egypt, as confirmed by the State Department" as reasons for sending more Phantoms to Israel. The telegram called for "forthright action by our government to prevent war" in the Middle East. It concluded "only in this way will Arab attack be prevented and peace be preserved."

## HEARINGS OPEN INTO ACTIVITIES OF OIL, WATER COMPANIES

JERUSALEM, Nov. 22 (JTA)--Oil and water are the subjects of two official inquiries into the activities of government-owned companies, one of which began here today. Involved is Netivei Neft whose oil drilling operations in the Sinai has given rise to charges of financial and moral corruption, and Vored, a water development company which has unaccountably lost over \$10 million in operations abroad. The inquiry into alleged financial and moral corruption in the affairs of Netivei Neft opened this morning by a three-man panel headed by Supreme Court Justice Alfred Vitkon which was appointed last week at the Cabinet's behest.

The committee will look into charges brought last May that operation of the Sinai oil fields has been marked by theft of government equipment and bribery of government officials. The main target of the probe is Mordechai Friedman, an oil man the government put in charge of Netivei Neft shortly after the Six-Day War. Several high ranking members of the government are alleged to have been involved at least peripherally with Friedman. The investigation into the affairs of Vored will

be conducted by a three-man ministerial committee appointed yesterday which consists of Agriculture Minister Haim Gvati, Justice Minister Yaacov Shimshon Shapira and Welfare Minister Michael Hazani. They will look into charges that Vered was pressured by the Foreign Ministry to accept contracts in certain countries for political rather than economic reasons. The company's losses stood at \$10.86 million as of April 1, 1971 for which costly operations in Iran and Peru are said to be mainly responsible. Vered is one-third owned by the government. The balance of its shares are held by the Mekorot Water Co. which in turn is owned jointly by the government and the Jewish Agency.

Zeev Kariv, board chairman of Vered, told a ministerial economic committee earlier that the firm's difficulties began after 1965 when it expanded from water development into diversified engineering projects that required a heavy capital outlay for equipment. Its work for the Iranian government, estimated to cost \$14 million, has now run up to \$30 million with six months to go before completion. Iran has agreed to pay \$26 million. The project in Peru also experienced a heavy cost overrun which was attributed to the change of government in that country.

The Netivei Neft case generated sensational articles in the press here and abroad but the inquiry that opened today attracted little public attention. The courtroom used by the committee was empty except for the principals in the case and journalists. Attorney General Meir Shamgar formally spoke for the government. The committee granted his request to withhold the identity of other partners in the firm for state security reasons. David Niv, the oil geologist who brought the charges that led to the inquiry, repeated his complaint. The inquiry is expected to last at least six weeks.

#### BEN AHARON SAYS MIDEAST MILITARY BUILDUP REMINISCENT OF WORLD WAR II

NEW YORK, Nov. 22 (JTA)--The secretary general of Histadrut, Yitzhak Ben Aharon, said here yesterday that the military build-up in the Middle East was reminiscent of World War II. Addressing a meeting of American Professors for Peace in the Middle East, Ben Aharon observed that the Soviet Union has supplied Egypt with greater fire power than was available to Field Marshal Sir Bernard Montgomery at the battle of El Alamein.

The trade union leader made the comparison in reference to Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's speech to his troops Saturday telling them that he has decided to go to war against Israel because there is no chance of a political settlement. Ben Aharon said Israel was still searching for peace despite the failure of United Nations efforts so far and has activated non-governmental channels in pursuit of that goal. He did not elaborate.

#### RABBI MILLER URGES DOBRYNIN TO ASK KREMLIN TO RELEASE MRS. KUZNETSOV

65 Soviet Jews Petition  
Podgorny On Same Issue

NEW YORK, Nov. 22 (JTA)--Rabbi Israel Miller, president of the American Zionist Federation, has asked Anatoly F. Dobrynin, the Soviet ambassador to the US, to ask the Kremlin to release Soviet Jewish prisoner Sylva Zaimanson Kuznetsov, who is serving a 10-year sentence for an alleged skyjacking attempt. In a cable to Dobrynin in Washington, Rabbi Miller said: "The condition of her health continues to deteriorate and humanitarian considerations dictate her immediate release. Positive and immediate action on the part of your government may serve to save her life and will also redound to the benefit of the

Soviet Union." Rabbi Miller further asked the envoy to inform him of "any steps you take to effectuate this request made purely on humanitarian grounds."

Meanwhile, 65 Jews of Moscow, Leningrad and Tbilisi have petitioned Soviet President Nikolai V. Podgorny to free Mrs. Kuznetsov, Jewish sources here said today. Because of her poor physical condition, the appeal stated, her 10-year term amounts to a death sentence. Glenn Richter, national coordinator of the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry, reported today that the 27-year-old Jewish engineer was being denied the three conjugal visits a year granted by the Soviet authorities. Her husband, Edvard Kuznetsov, 31, is serving a 15-year labor camp sentence on the same charges, reduced from the original death penalty.

#### MODERATE ELECTED TO NPD

BONN, Nov. 22 (JTA)--Martin Mussnug, a 35-year-old member of the Baden-Wuerttemberg State Parliament, was elected last night to succeed Adolf Von Thadden as president of the ultra right-wing National Democratic Party. Von Thadden announced his resignation from the presidency and all party committees on Saturday. Mussnug who belongs to the more "moderate" wing of the party, won election by a vote of 259-189 at the NPD party congress in Holzminden, Bavaria. A protege of Von Thadden, he is said to represent party members who want to erase the neo-Nazi image that has long been attached to the NPD.

Mussnug takes over at a time when the NPD is at its lowest ebb after threatening to become a serious factor in West German politics four years ago. At that time it held seats in seven state parliaments and was bidding for representation in the Bundestag. The party denied that it was neo-Nazi but the rhetoric of Von Thadden and other NPD spokesmen clearly reflected Hitlerite tenets. The Nazi image was believed to have caused large scale defections from the NPD. In elections since 1968, it lost seats in all state legislatures except Baden-Wuerttemberg. In the last national elections the NPD failed to poll sufficient votes for a single seat in the Bundestag.

#### CHOU SAYS ISRAEL SHOULD NOT EXIST

ROME, Nov. 22 (JTA)--The People's Republic of China views the Middle East as a region bullied by the Big Powers and unable to take their destiny in their own hands. Its aim is "to assist these people's liberation from foreign intervention and to encourage them to decide their own fate," according to Premier Chou En-lai quoted in an article published today in the Socialist daily "Avanti." The article was written by Pietro Nenni, leader of Italy's Socialist Party, who just returned from a visit to Peking where he had a 4 1/2 hour interview with Chou.

(The Tel Aviv daily Maariv claimed today that Chou's attitude toward Israel is that the Jewish State should not exist but he does not foresee a "violent end" to its existence. According to Maariv, that assessment was conveyed to Premier Golda Meir in a letter from Nenni who was asked by Mrs. Meir to try to find out in Peking what Israel could expect from the People's Republic now that it has been seated in the United Nations.)

Nenni's article in Avanti said China's aim in the coming months will be to try to destroy the influences of the two superpowers--United States and Soviet Russia--in those areas of the world which they have divided between themselves as spheres of influence.

**SPECIAL LATE NEWS BULLETIN****CONFIRM MEIR-NIXON TALKS**

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22 (JTA)--Israeli sources confirmed today that Israeli Premier Golda Meir will meet with President Nixon and Secretary of State William P. Rogers early next month to discuss the general position of Israel in the tense Middle East. The sources said that the Soviet Union was determined to raise the Middle East issue in the summit conference between Nixon and Soviet leaders in Moscow next May.

In light of these reported developments, together with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's threats to engage in war to recover the Sinai and admission by State Department sources that the American initiative for an agreement between Israel and Egypt is stalled, the sources said that Israeli authorities considered it essential that an exchange of views take place on the highest level between the US and Israel.

They said that even if no immediate decisions are taken by the US government, Israel must have an opportunity to communicate to Nixon its political and security requirements. Such a meeting, the sources stated, is of importance to Israel even if Mrs. Meir returns to Israel "empty-handed." They stressed that the main purpose of the visit is not to obtain additional Phantoms nor to participate in the General Assembly debate on the Middle East.

The sources stated that while the Middle East may not be the most important issue for the US or USSR, it is naturally of the utmost concern for Israel. They also doubted that shooting would take place before the end of the year, but thought it likely that for political purposes, to convince the US to pressure Israel for concessions, the Egyptians might inaugurate limited warfare in the near future.

**ECONOMY MEASURES APPROVED**

JERUSALEM, Nov. 22 (JTA)--A sweeping list of government economy measures was approved yesterday in principle by the Cabinet. But proposals to curtail economic privileges granted new immigrants were held in abeyance pending consultations between the government and the Jewish Agency. The moves approved halt the construction of all public buildings except hospitals, schools and telephone exchanges. Synagogues are included in the ban but these and other projects are subject to review, a government spokesman told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Under the economy program the government will not replace official cars or furniture in government offices except in cases of complete breakdown. Public ceremonies are cancelled. The Cabinet also approved freezing dividends at the current level and the continuation of price controls until the end of the year. Business expenses will be strictly curtailed and the hiring of halls for bar mitzvahs, weddings and similar personal expenditures will be taxed heavily.

The Cabinet approved the establishment of a committee to supervise the details of the economy program. It is headed by Avraham Agmon, director general of the Finance Ministry. Agmon told the JTA that the curtailment on new building would save about \$42 million but he said he had no idea how much money could be saved by the other measures.

**DR. MANDELBAUM: HEARTS MUST FEEL WHAT MINDS KNOW**

NEW YORK, Nov. 22 (JTA)--"The Jewish Theological Seminary of America seeks to educate the hearts and minds of men to where they should be,"

Dr. Bernard Mandelbaum, president of the Seminary and who next June 30 will succeed Dr. Louis I. Finkelstein as chancellor of the Seminary, last night told the nearly 500 guests attending the 1971 Awards Dinner of the JTS. "But the genuine dilemma of our times," he added, "is that we often succeed with the mind of man--we know what is right. Yet we fail in feeling the facts with our hearts. Thus, we know that six million or more Pakistanis--and what a terrifying number that is for Jews--are wasting away near death. But we don't feel it; and not feeling it, we don't do anything about it."

The world knows that the survivors of the holocaust, having found a new life in Israel, are constantly threatened by military aggression and war by enemies who have more land than they know what to do with, he stated. "The nations know it but don't feel it, and so they debate and talk and split hairs about silly UN resolutions, instead of taking hold of the issue with courage, to create peace."

Referring to Judaism as "a well-spring of ideas and values to guide us in all of our frames of reference--as individuals, as citizens, as families, as a nation," he commented that the Seminary in all its departments strives for two goals: to teach the knowledge which is necessary for the good life, and to cultivate the commitment in the heart of man so that he will feel what he knows and then do something about it." Among the seven persons honored last night was Dr. Arthur F. Burns, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board who was the first high member of the government to propose what ultimately became President Nixon's new economic policy. He was made a Fellow of the Seminary.

**KOLLEK SAYS HE WOULD WELCOME PRIVATE INTER-FAITH MISSION TO STUDY JERUSALEM**

GROSSINGER'S, N.Y., Nov. 22 (JTA)--Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem today invited the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith to send "a private mission of highly respected American leaders, representing the three faiths, to study and report objectively on the physical and spiritual development of Jerusalem as a unified city." Addressing a luncheon session at the 58th annual meeting of the ADL meeting here through Nov. 24, Kollek said that "Jerusalem is open for all to come and see what we have done to safeguard the religious rights of Christians and Moslems, their holy places and the aesthetic, spiritual and historical character of the Holy City."

Kollek's invitation came on the heels of Israel's rejection Nov. 17 of a UN Security Council resolution of Sept. 25 which called upon UN Secretary General U Thant to send a UN sponsored mission to check on housing and population policies of Jerusalem's Arab sector. The mission was to have consisted of representatives from Argentina, Italy and Sierra Leone. Premier Golda Meir said in the Knesset on Oct. 26 that Israel would not "enter into discussions of any political factor on the basis of this resolution."

**JEWISH LECTURER ASSAILED IN STREET**

GENOA, Nov. 22 (JTA)--An Israeli scholar was assailed here yesterday as he was walking on the street shortly after completing one of his lectures at the University of Genoa. The assailant called him a "dirty Jew" and beat him. The victim, Prof. Leo Levi, the new lecturer in Hebrew Philology at the University had arrived here several days ago. Prof. Levi lost consciousness as a result of the beating and was taken to the hospital and released. The assailant is being sought.

# ADL WARNS OPPOSITION TO ISRAEL AND US SUPPORT FOR STATE MAY REPLACE VIETNAM AS ISSUE FOR LEFT, RIGHT

GROSSINGER'S, N.Y., Nov. 22 (JTA)--The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith warned today that opposition to Israel and to American support for Israel may replace Vietnam as a key issue of the far Left and segments of the extreme Right. The warning was issued here today by Judge David A. Rose chairman of the ADL's national executive committee.

Addressing a session of the ADL's 58th annual meeting, Judge Rose stated that "a sustained anti-Israel propaganda campaign" by extremists in the United States since the Six-Day War escalated sharply in 1970 and again this year. He said that "the anti-Israel hate campaign by these extremists not only poses a serious threat to Israel's survival, but is, in its broadest sense, anti-Jewish."

Dr. Abraham Joshua Heschel, the renowned Jewish scholar, tonight received the America's Democratic Legacy Award presented annually by ADL for "distinguished contributions to the enrichment of America's democratic heritage." Dr. Heschel, a theologian, author and educator, is Professor of Jewish Ethics and Mysticism at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

## Left, Right Unite

Judge Rose said that as American involvement in Southeast Asia winds down, some leaders of anti-war efforts in the US are attempting to turn the anti-Vietnam movement into an anti-Israel campaign. He noted an article by James Lafferty, a leader of the National Peace Action Coalition, which appeared recently in Free Palestine, the major pro-Arab Fatah publication in this country.

According to the ADL spokesman, Lafferty, a radical Detroit lawyer, spelled out plans for "exploiting the legitimate aspirations of many Americans for peace and converting existing anti-war groups to anti-Israel and pro-Palestinian purposes." The magazine is edited by Lafferty's law partner, Abdeen Jabara. Lafferty is one of five national coordinators of NPAC and Jabara is a member of the organization's steering committee.

Judge Rose also cited a lawsuit brought last month by Jabara on behalf of Lafferty and others. The suit, filed against Secretary of State William Rogers, Defense Secretary Melvin Laird, and Presidential advisor Henry Kissinger, seeks to force these officials to disclose government studies of American involvement in and commitment to the Middle East as well as US "contingency plans" for the area.

Judge Rose cited the following as leading the extreme Left's propaganda campaign: the Trotskyist Socialist Workers Party; its youth arm, the Young Socialist Alliance; and various Trotskyite publications; the Maoist and pro-Peking Workers World Party; its youth arm, Youth Against War and Fascism; and one of the latter's front groups, the Committee to Support Middle East Liberation; the Moscow-oriented Communist Party; and the Progressive Labor Party, formed a decade ago by Communist Party dissidents.

Judge Rose also noted that the new Left's so-called "underground press" has in recent years exposed many thousands of young Americans to "substantial doses of anti-Israel propaganda and a one-sided barrage of articles extolling the Arab cause in general and glorifying Palestinian revolutionary guerrilla terrorists in particular." He said that Liberty Lobby, headed by Willis Carto, a known anti-Semite, is the most vehement of the far Rightist groups opposing Israel.

The ADL official charged Carto with using the "million-dollar-a-year, Washington-based lobby" as "the pivot and showcase for a complex of other organizations, publications and enterprises whose extremism and anti-Semitism are often far from subtle."

Judge Rose said it was ironic that far-Left and far-Right groups are aiming a propaganda campaign against the same targets--Israel and "Zionism," and that both make comparisons between US involvement in Southeast Asia and potential involvement in the Middle East. He said the extremists neglect to recognize that Israel has explicitly stated that it will accept no military support other than materiel and certainly does not want manpower.

## PINCUS URGES SUPPORT OF LZM SLATE

NEW YORK, Nov. 22 (JTA)--Louis A. Pincus, chairman of the World Zionist Organization, called yesterday on American Jews to support the Labor Zionist Movement Slate in the forthcoming World Zionist Congress elections. Addressing a rally of several hundred Labor Zionist leaders at the Plaza Hotel, he said that it is vital that in the elections to the Zionist Congress the Labor Zionist Movement "will command the support of all those who believe in an Israel established on the basis of social justice and equality, of a Jewish diaspora renewing its Jewish content with Israel as its center."

Pincus declared that "No matter what shades of opinion there may be, it is vital that as many Zionists go to the polls as possible." He added that the "Labor Zionist Movement has been the pre-eminent force in world Zionism," and observed that since the inception of Israel, the LZM has led Israel in social welfare and social justice, the Histadrut, the kibbutz movement, and other phases of the economy of Israel and the life of the people. The LZM comprises Poale Zion, Pioneer Women, Farband, Friends of Labor Israel, American Habonim Association, Habonim and Dror.

Commenting on the elections, Pincus, who is also chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, said this is a testing time for American Zionism, especially for the American Zionist Federation which must take its place as the largest representative in world Zionism. "The American Zionist Federation is setting the pace for democracy in American Jewish institutions," Pincus declared.

## ZALMAN SHAZAR AWARD ANNOUNCED

NEW YORK, Nov. 22 (JTA)--The creation of an American Zalman Shazar Educators Award by the Department of Education and Culture of the World Zionist Organization was announced today by Rabbi Emanuel Rackman, member of the Executive of the World Zionist Organization and chairman of the Department's Advisory Committee.

The Award is designed to "honor Jewish educators in the diaspora for their contribution and service to Jewish education," said Dr. Rackman. It was named in honor of Israel's President who served earlier in his career as Israel's first Minister of Education and Culture and as the head of the Department of Education and Culture of the WZO. Three educators and/or institutions from three different countries will be selected for the 1971-72 year, one of them from the United States and Canada. Each recipient of the Award will receive \$700 in cash.

REMINDER: There will be no Daily News Bulletin on Thursday, Nov. 25 due to Thanksgiving.