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Rapprochement Seen

U.S. SENDING DIPLOMATIC MISSION

TO IRAQ: FIRST SINCE '67

WASHINGTON, July 27 (JTA)--The United States government is sending a diplomatic mission to Iraq in a move that was interpreted here today as a further indication of American rapprochement with Arab governments with which it has not had formal diplomatic relations since the Six-Day War. State Department spokesman Charles Bray announced today that foreign service officers Arthur Lowrie and Ronald Main will go to Baghdad to establish an American interest section at the Belgian embassy there. The Belgian government has been handling American interests in Iraq since the Baghdad government severed relations with the US in 1967.

The US and Iraq had agreed following the 1967 break that each country would be free to establish a diplomatically staffed interest section in the other country. Iraq immediately set up a three-man staff in Washington, but the US had not taken a similar step. Bray said that the US is establishing the interest section now because it is a propitious time but he did not elaborate.

He said under questioning that the US had been discussing with Iraqi officials the American option of establishing the section. The US resumed diplomatic relations with Yemen a month ago and with the Sudan only this week. Asked whether the development with Iraq indicated a new pattern of development, Bray responded that the fact of resumption of diplomatic relations with Yemen and the Sudan plus the staffing of the American interest section in Iraq are fruits of American efforts in recent years which were inspired directly by Secretary of State William P. Rogers' view that the US had compelling reasons to reopen or maintain a diplomatic dialogue with as many states as possible.

Bray said that the State Department is "very pleased with the state of relationships" with countries in the Middle East, including those with Israel. Asked to comment on whether improved relations would occur with Syria and Egypt, Bray said it would be premature to speculate on other countries.

Bray was asked why the time was "propitious" after Iraq, only a month ago, nationalized oil interests shared by American, British and French companies. He answered that "oil was not a consideration" in setting up the interest section.

MEIR'S KNESSET SPEECH SEEN AS CONCILIATORY

Her Approach Favored By W. Bankers

And Israeli Arabs, Some Say

JERUSALEM, July 27 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir's speech to the Knesset yesterday was welcomed by Israelis and apparently found favor with most Arabs on the West Bank and inside Israel proper, including East Jerusalem, political observers said here today. They said the obvious intention of the speech was to establish Israel's sincere desire to negotiate with Egypt without prior conditions and it accomplished that without in any way compromising Israel's positions. The Premier indicated that no conditions stood in the way of talks if Egyptian President Anwar Sadat would agree to them. She made no mention of future frontiers. It was the approach favored by most Israeli Arabs and West Bankers, the sources said.

The Premier administered a rebuff to United Na-

tions mediator Gunnar V. Jarring in her brief reference to his five-year effort to set peace negotiations in motion in the Middle East. "Up to this day, the United Nations representative has not revoked the validity of his memorandum of Feb. 8, 1971 and the government of Israel has no intention of altering the reply given on Feb. 26 of that year," she said. The Jarring memo asked Israel for a prior commitment to return to its pre-June 1967 borders and was flatly rejected by Israel.

No Controversy In Knesset

Although the Knesset debated for four hours following the Premier's speech, no one quarreled with her government's policies and Mrs. Meir's speech appeared to have won the support of most of the House.

Uri Avneri, of the Haolam Hazeh faction, often an outspoken critic of government policies, advised the Premier to follow Sadat's example and "kick out" some of her advisors, presumably to expedite peace talks. Most other MKs who spoke during the debate echoed Mrs. Meir's warning that the reduction of Soviet personnel in Egypt did not mean an end to the Russian strategic presence in that country. Prof. Yitzhak Klinghoffer of Gahal was convinced that the Soviet pull-out does not mean the end of Russian influence in the Middle East and claimed that peace talk by Egypt's Minister of Information was "pure propaganda." (See special news analysis on Page 4.)

Moshe Carmel, of the Labor Alignment said, however, that the withdrawal of Soviet advisors from Egypt could produce a new era of Egyptian-Israeli relations. But he said "we were bitterly disappointed by President Sadat's bellicose speech." Ze'evulun Hammer, of the National Religious Party, urged the government to establish more Jewish settlements in the occupied territories and warned it to be wary of American pressure in case the US tries to fill the vacuum in Egypt left by departing Russians. Shmuel Tamir of the Free Center faction warned his fellow MKs not to be lulled into complacency by the ouster of Russian advisors. "It is just as far from Odessa to Alexandria as it is from Alexandria to Odessa," he said, observing that the Russian advisors could be returned to Egypt as speedily as they were withdrawn.

REP. PEYSER CAUTIONS U.S. ON SADAT MOVE

WASHINGTON, July 27 (JTA)--Rep. Peter Peyser (R, N.Y.) cautioned Congress yesterday that while he has been "encouraged" by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's move to reduce the Soviet military presence in Egypt, "we still must wait to see if this development will lead to a lasting peace in the Middle East." Peyser said in a speech on the House floor that "other recent statements" by Sadat "have demonstrated this is an appropriate time for the United States to reaffirm its commitment to support the State of Israel."

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Just as the Israel government still feels itself, to some extent, in the dark and not for the want of assiduous watching and listening, so the US too has not yet arrived at a final evaluation of the Soviet pullout and its possible repercussions. Washington has already had to retreat from Defense Secretary Laird's assessment last week that only 5000 Russian servicemen would be involved in the withdrawal. A greater number have already left and more are still leaving.

The hasty and ignominious Soviet withdrawal, on President Sadat's embarrassingly peremptory orders, will surely not be the end of the episode. Many experienced political observers stressed as noteworthy Moscow's ominous silence following Sadat's sudden public ouster of the Russian advisors and experts. Only several days after the Egyptian President's announcement did the official Soviet news media record briefly that the advisors were returning home from Egypt on the conclusion of their assignments. There was no response in the Soviet press to Sadat's accusations that the Russians had failed him; no counter-charges, no retorts in kind.

Veteran Russia-watchers say this initial silence bodes a massive retaliation in the future; a planned retaliation, calculated to hurt Sadat more than any immediate exchange of angry rhetoric could do. It is when the slight sustained is considered truly damaging that the Kremlin does not respond at once, but plans its reaction long and carefully, and the expulsion from Egypt was damaging indeed to Russian prestige--damage far greater than any benefit in savings of cash and equipment, the experts say.

On the other hand, the experts could be wrong: The Soviets may decide to forego a vengeful reaction against Sadat in the interests of their wider strategic position in the Eastern Mediterranean. Whatever the Soviet's intentions, the US is hardly likely to attempt to exploit their discomfiture in Egypt, at least not in the near future. Even those factions within American politics who would like to see the country's ties with the Arab world mended--the oil lobby and the State Department Arabists--are reportedly counseling caution and circumspection in any fence-mending attempts with Egypt. There have been reports this week that the US and Iraq have agreed to station diplomats in each other's capitals--a step towards restoring the full diplomatic relations severed in 1967. The reports say a similar agreement will soon be reached with Syria. This, of course, is directly related to the weakening of Soviet influence in the Arab world. But a detente with Egypt would be a much slower process.

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Whatever the final ramifications of the Soviet ouster, Israel already sees the event as important, even perhaps historic in the context of the Middle East. This view permeated Premier Meir's speech, and it gave urgency and timeliness to what was after all only her restatement of Israel's constant readiness for direct negotiations towards a full or partial (canal) settlement. What was perhaps new in her address was its conciliatory tone and its scrupulous care to address the Egyptian leader as an equal worthy of respect.

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Egypt herself, it is all too apparent, has not yet formulated her policies for the future, perhaps because she too does not yet know what the eventual Russian reaction will be to her assertion of independence. This weekend President Sadat will visit Libya, probably to investigate that oil-rich country's readiness to offer him support in lieu of the Soviet's. But recent events in Libya have cast doubts on the solidity of the regime there, and Libyan offers and promises, as Uganda's President Idi Amin is now learning, do not always materialize. Libya, furthermore, is only rich in money. It has neither the planes nor the rockets nor the spare parts, the supply of which Sadat must ensure.

France too would be incapable of filling the military supply gap if the Russians cut off their hardware. Only the two superpowers can keep a war machine of the Egyptian dimensions operational, and this is the measure of Mr. Sadat's dilemma.

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JERUSALEM, July 27 (JTA)--Thirty-two Jewish students who emigrated from Cochin, India, where there has been a Jewish community for more than 400 years, have received stipends from the Jewish Agency to assist them while they study. The stipends, presented by Agency director general Moshe Rivlin, total \$7143--or \$223 per student--a sum the Agency has decided to put aside each year for immigrants from Cochin.

There are some 5000 Jewish immigrants from Cochin in Israel; 17 years ago there were about 1800. There were an estimated 500 Jews in Cochin 15 years ago but only an estimated 100 there in 1968.

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TEL AVIV, July 27 (JTA)--President Zalman Shazar will declare 1973 as Memorial Year in commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising. It was reported by Stephan Grayek and Pessah Burststein, officials of the World Federation of Jewish Fighters, Camp Inmates and Nazi Victims. The Federation is an organization of 40 groups in 17 countries.



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TO IRAQ: FIRST SINCE '67

WASHINGTON, July 27 (JTA)--The United States government is sending a diplomatic mission to Iraq in a move that was interpreted here today as a further indication of American rapprochement with Arab governments with which it has not had formal diplomatic relations since the Six-Day War. State Department spokesman Charles Bray announced today that foreign service officers Arthur Lowrie and Ronald Main will go to Baghdad to establish an American interest section at the Belgian embassy there. The Belgian government has been handling American interests in Iraq since the Baghdad government severed relations with the US in 1967.

The US and Iraq had agreed following the 1967 break that each country would be free to establish a diplomatically staffed interest section in the other country. Iraq immediately set up a three-man staff in Washington, but the US had not taken a similar step. Bray said that the US is establishing the interest section now because it is a propitious time but he did not elaborate.

He said under questioning that the US had been discussing with Iraqi officials the American option of establishing the section. The US resumed diplomatic relations with Yemen a month ago and with the Sudan only this week. Asked whether the development with Iraq indicated a new pattern of development, Bray responded that the fact of resumption of diplomatic relations with Yemen and the Sudan plus the staffing of the American interest section in Iraq are fruits of American efforts in recent years which were inspired directly by Secretary of State William P. Rogers' view that the US had compelling reasons to reopen or maintain a diplomatic dialogue with as many states as possible.

Bray said that the State Department is "very pleased with the state of relationships" with countries in the Middle East, including those with Israel. Asked to comment on whether improved relations would occur with Syria and Egypt, Bray said it would be premature to speculate on other countries.

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Her Approach Favored By W. Bankers
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JERUSALEM, July 27 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir's speech to the Knesset yesterday was welcomed by Israelis and apparently found favor with most Arabs on the West Bank and inside Israel proper, including East Jerusalem, political observers said here today. They said the obvious intention of the speech was to establish Israel's sincere desire to negotiate with Egypt without prior conditions and it accomplished that without in any way compromising Israel's positions. The Premier indicated that no conditions stood in the way of talks if Egyptian President Anwar Sadat would agree to them. She made no mention of future frontiers. It was the approach favored by most Israeli Arabs and West Bankers, the sources said.

The Premier administered a rebuff to United Na-

tions mediator Gunnar V. Jarring in her brief reference to his five-year effort to set peace negotiations in motion in the Middle East. "Up to this day, the United Nations representative has not revoked the validity of his memorandum of Feb. 8, 1971 and the government of Israel has no intention of altering the reply given on Feb. 26 of that year," she said. The Jarring memo asked Israel for a prior commitment to return to its pre-June 1967 borders and was flatly rejected by Israel.

No Controversy In Knesset

Although the Knesset debated for four hours following the Premier's speech, no one quarreled with her government's policies and Mrs. Meir's speech appeared to have won the support of most of the House.

Uri Avneri, of the Haolam Hazeh faction, often an outspoken critic of government policies, advised the Premier to follow Sadat's example and "kick out" some of her advisors, presumably to expedite peace talks. Most other MKs who spoke during the debate echoed Mrs. Meir's warning that the reduction of Soviet personnel in Egypt did not mean an end to the Russian strategic presence in that country. Prof. Yitzhak Klinghoffer of Gahal was convinced that the Soviet pull-out does not mean the end of Russian influence in the Middle East and claimed that peace talk by Egypt's Minister of Information was "pure propaganda." (See special news analysis on Page 4.)

Moshe Carmel, of the Labor Alignment said, however, that the withdrawal of Soviet advisors from Egypt could produce a new era of Egyptian-Israeli relations. But he said "we were bitterly disappointed by President Sadat's bellicose speech." Ze'evulun Hammer, of the National Religious Party, urged the government to establish more Jewish settlements in the occupied territories and warned it to be wary of American pressure in case the US tries to fill the vacuum in Egypt left by departing Russians. Shmuel Tamir of the Free Center faction warned his fellow MKs not to be lulled into complacency by the ouster of Russian advisors. "It is just as far from Odessa to Alexandria as it is from Alexandria to Odessa," he said, observing that the Russian advisors could be returned to Egypt as speedily as they were withdrawn.

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"What the newspapers neglected to report was that there are nine board members," Mrs. Schutzer told the JTA. Three did not participate in the July 12 vote. They are herself, Mrs. Antoinette DiMauro and Albert Zachter, who was the only other Jewish member of the board. Zachter was "dumped," Mrs. Schutzer said. She explained that the board had voted him out recently because he allegedly moved out of the district though he retains an address on the Lower East Side.

Mrs. Schutzer said she and Mrs. DiMauro did not attend the school board meeting the night Fuentes was appointed because the screenings for the post were held during the day when they both had to be at work. "There were six candidates for the job and they (the board) picked the worst of the lot," she said. She described the six who voted for Fuentes as "militant extremists" and herself and the other two members as "moderates." She claimed that Mrs. DiMauro was struck on the head in the course of a recent board meeting. She said school board and executive board meetings were being held in areas "too dangerous for cabs."

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Kohler told the JTA that teachers who telephoned the ADL said they saw no future for themselves in School District One because Fuentes supports the principle of Black teachers for Blacks and Puerto Rican teachers for Puerto Ricans. Some of them said that if they remained in the district they could "expect harassment."

Jewish Teachers Want Out FUENTES' APPOINTMENT BREEDS 'REAL FEAR' ON LOWER E. SIDE, SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER SAYS

NEW YORK, July 27 (JTA)--"There's real fear on the Lower East Side. Jewish teachers call to tell me they're scared and want out," Mrs. Natalie Schutzer, the only Jewish member of the Community School Board in District One, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today when asked to comment on the appointment of Luis Fuentes as the District's school superintendent. Fuentes, former principal of PS 155 in the Ocean Hill-Brownsville district of Brooklyn, has been accused of gross anti-Jewish prejudice. He was elected to the \$37,000-a-year post on July 12 by the unanimous vote of six members of the school board.

"What the newspapers neglected to report was that there are nine board members," Mrs. Schutzer told the JTA. Three did not participate in the July 12 vote. They are herself, Mrs. Antoinette DiMauro and Albert Zachter, who was the only other Jewish member of the board. Zachter was "dumped," Mrs. Schutzer said. She explained that the board had voted him out recently because he allegedly moved out of the district though he retains an address on the Lower East Side.

Mrs. Schutzer said she and Mrs. DiMauro did not attend the school board meeting the night Fuentes was appointed because the screenings for the post were held during the day when they both had to be at work. "There were six candidates for the job and they (the board) picked the worst of the lot," she said. She described the six who voted for Fuentes as "militant extremists" and herself and the other two members as "moderates." She claimed that Mrs. DiMauro was struck on the head in the course of a recent board meeting. She said school board and executive board meetings were being held in areas "too dangerous for cabs."

Mrs. Schutzer contended that she was being kept in the dark about school board events but said she intends to continue attending meetings "as long as I am still on the board." She recalled that the present chairman of the District One School Board, Georgina Hoggard, who, like Fuentes, is Puerto Rican, had said of Fuentes' candidacy for the superintendent's post four years ago, "He'll be appointed over my dead body." Apparently, she said, "lots of things have changed on the Lower East Side since then."

JTA SPECIAL NEWS ANALYSIS**AFTER THE RUSSIAN EXODUS, WHAT NEXT FOR THE MIDDLE EAST?**

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JERUSALEM, July 27 (JTA)--The Russians are going, Sadat has spoken, Golda Meir has spoken and still it would be a rash man who claimed to know exactly what has taken place this last fortnight, or who sought to predict the future with any degree of certainty. Mrs. Meir herself said in the Knesset Wednesday "It is still premature to make a reliable evaluation of the reasons, scope and result of this decision taken by the Egyptian government."

Just as the Israel government still feels itself, to some extent, in the dark and not for the want of assiduous watching and listening, so the US too has not yet arrived at a final evaluation of the Soviet pullout and its possible repercussions. Washington has already had to retreat from Defense Secretary Laird's assessment last week that only 5000 Russian servicemen would be involved in the withdrawal. A greater number have already left and more are still leaving.

The hasty and ignominious Soviet withdrawal, on President Sadat's embarrassingly peremptory orders, will surely not be the end of the episode. Many experienced political observers stressed as noteworthy Moscow's ominous silence following Sadat's sudden public ouster of the Russian advisors and experts. Only several days after the Egyptian President's announcement did the official Soviet news media record briefly that the advisors were returning home from Egypt on the conclusion of their assignments. There was no response in the Soviet press to Sadat's accusations that the Russians had failed him; no counter-charges, no retorts in kind.

Veteran Russia-watchers say this initial silence bodes a massive retaliation in the future; a planned retaliation, calculated to hurt Sadat more than any immediate exchange of angry rhetoric could do. It is when the slight sustained is considered truly damaging that the Kremlin does not respond at once, but plans its reaction long and carefully, and the expulsion from Egypt was damaging indeed to Russian prestige--damage far greater than any benefit in savings of cash and equipment, the experts say.

On the other hand, the experts could be wrong: The Soviets may decide to forego a vengeful reaction against Sadat in the interests of their wider strategic position in the Eastern Mediterranean. Whatever the Soviet's intentions, the US is hardly likely to attempt to exploit their discomfiture in Egypt, at least not in the near future. Even those factions within American politics who would like to see the country's ties with the Arab world mended--the oil lobby and the State Department Arabists--are reportedly counseling caution and circumspection in any fence-mending attempts with Egypt. There have been reports this week that the US and Iraq have agreed to station diplomats in each other's capitals--a step towards restoring the full diplomatic relations severed in 1967. The reports say a similar agreement will soon be reached with Syria. This, of course, is directly related to the weakening of Soviet influence in the Arab world. But a detente with Egypt would be a much slower process.

Officials in Jerusalem are not expecting any US diplomatic activity vis-a-vis Egypt at least until after the Presidential elections in Nov. And even then, it is said here hopefully, the administration will not want to step into Egypt diplomatically

or physically if this would mean angering the Russians and prejudicing the chances of an overall East-West detente which were raised by the Moscow summit.

Whatever the final ramifications of the Soviet ouster, Israel already sees the event as important, even perhaps historic in the context of the Middle East. This view permeated Premier Meir's speech, and it gave urgency and timeliness to what was after all only her restatement of Israel's constant readiness for direct negotiations towards a full or partial (canal) settlement. What was perhaps new in her address was its conciliatory tone and its scrupulous care to address the Egyptian leader as an equal worthy of respect.

Israel does not anticipate a positive response from Sadat today or tomorrow to Mrs. Meir's call for face-to-face talks. Officials here explain that the aim was to set before the Egyptian leadership at this time, which could be a watershed in Mideast history, the Israeli people's deep desire for peace and the Israel government's ideas as to how to go about obtaining it. Western commentators had said that with the Egyptian ouster of the Russians, the ball was in Israel's court: Mrs. Meir's aim was to send it back to Egypt's court.

Egypt herself, it is all too apparent, has not yet formulated her policies for the future, perhaps because she too does not yet know what the eventual Russian reaction will be to her assertion of independence. This weekend President Sadat will visit Libya, probably to investigate that oil-rich country's readiness to offer him support in lieu of the Soviet's. But recent events in Libya have cast doubts on the solidity of the regime there, and Libyan offers and promises, as Uganda's President Idi Amin is now learning, do not always materialize. Libya, furthermore, is only rich in money. It has neither the planes nor the rockets nor the spare parts, the supply of which Sadat must ensure.

France too would be incapable of filling the military supply gap if the Russians cut off their hardware. Only the two superpowers can keep a war machine of the Egyptian dimensions operational, and this is the measure of Mr. Sadat's dilemma.

JEWISH AGENCY AIDS IMMIGRANT STUDENTS FROM COCHIN

JERUSALEM, July 27 (JTA)--Thirty-two Jewish students who emigrated from Cochin, India, where there has been a Jewish community for more than 400 years, have received stipends from the Jewish Agency to assist them while they study. The stipends, presented by Agency director general Moshe Rivlin, total \$7143--or \$223 per student--a sum the Agency has decided to put aside each year for immigrants from Cochin.

There are some 5000 Jewish immigrants from Cochin in Israel; 17 years ago there were about 1800. There were an estimated 500 Jews in Cochin 15 years ago but only an estimated 100 there in 1968.

SHAZAR TO PROCLAIM '73 MEMORIAL YEAR FOR WARSAW GHETTO FIGHTERS

TEL AVIV, July 27 (JTA)--President Zalman Shazar will declare 1973 as Memorial Year in commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising. It was reported by Stephan Grayek and Pessah Burststein, officials of the World Federation of Jewish Fighters, Camp Inmates and Nazi Victims. The Federation is an organization of 40 groups in 17 countries.