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SCOTT WARNS AGAINST VENOMOUS POINTS OF VIEW IN KISSINGER HEARING Says Lots Of Hate Mail Received

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11 (JTA)--The increasing amount of hate mail directed against Secretary of State-designate Henry A. Kissinger drew a warning from a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee today to any witness who might come before the committee to express "venomous points of view."

Senate Minority Leader Hugh Scott (R, Pa.) delivered the warning at the confirmation hearings in the Senate caucus room this morning after telling Dr. Kissinger, "We have had lots of hate mail!" and assuring him that "we will take care of them."

Commenting on the reports of anti-Jewish hate mail against Kissinger's nomination, Dore Schary, honorary chairman of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League, said today in New York that "once again Americans are faced with the type of reprehensible religious vilification" that attacked the candidacies of such Americans as Alfred E. Smith, John F. Kennedy and Herbert H. Lehman.

The Kissinger hearings adjourned today until Friday when the Senate Committee will hear a series of witnesses generally opposed to Dr. Kissinger's nomination. These will include the Liberty Lobby, a Washington-based extreme right-wing organization that has been linked with anti-Semites and hate mongers in the past; the New York-based Federation of Arab American Organizations; the Americans for Democratic Action (ADA); the Lawyers Committee on American Policy in Vietnam, based in New York; and the American Friends Service Committee of Philadelphia.

Scott said he believed most of these witnesses are "responsible people, some from the far right and some from the left spectrum" and that he didn't expect any hate witnesses. The Senator added, "When I hear witnesses expressing venomous points of view, I usually go after them to expose their motivation. I expect to make them very sorry for indulging in such tactics."

Kissinger Reaffirms Support For MFN

Dr. Kissinger reiterated today his support for most favored nation status for the Soviet Union in trade with the U.S. He said that MFN only permits normal two-way trade and is "independent of credits" which could be put to consideration of Congress. In an apparent reference to the Jackson-Mills-Vanik amendments, which he did not mention by name, Dr. Kissinger warned that to pursue discriminatory legislation would not be consistent with the trend of relations between the U.S. and the USSR.

Sen. Frank Church (D, Idaho) observed that the U.S. has given \$28 billion worth of weapons free to foreign nations since World War II and asked Dr. Kissinger if military grants were still necessary. Dr. Kissinger replied that it depended on individual cases and cited Jordan as a nation whose stability it was important to maintain. Jordan has received \$60 million in military grant aid from the U.S. over the past year.

Senate sources indicated today that Dr. Kissinger's confirmation as Secretary of State was

virtually assured. However, it may be delayed pending further clarification of his position on U.S. policy in Southeast Asia and his involvement in wire taps, sources said.

No Change In U.S. Policy Toward Israel

Meanwhile, sources here said today that Dr. Kissinger reaffirmed U.S. support for Israel at a meeting last night with the Israeli Ambassador Simcha Dinitz. Dinitz is leaving for Jerusalem today for consultations with his government's leaders.

(In Jerusalem, political sources confirmed tonight that the discussion Dinitz had with Dr. Kissinger proved that there was no change in the U.S. attitude toward Israel.)

JEWS MADE SCAPEGOATS FOR CHILE'S ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL TROUBLES

SANTIAGO, Sept. 11 (JTA)--Chilean Jews, because of a few in sensitive government positions, are finding themselves increasingly involved in the strife between the Marxist regime of President Salvador Allende and the powerful opposition factions which are making Jews scapegoats for the nation's economic and political troubles.

The opposition is using the Jewish ancestry of certain government officials to exploit the mistakes and failures of the regime although the Chilean Jewish community has always maintained strict neutrality in political matters. That neutrality was recently reaffirmed in a statement signed by Dr. Gil Sinay, president of the Representative Committee of Chilean Jews.

(The attacks on Jews and Sinay's statement occurred prior to today's military coup which toppled the government of President Salvador Allende Gossens, bombed the Presidential palace and the President's home. There was no immediate indication as to the political fate of government officials--Jewish and non-Jewish.)

The targets of opposition criticism have been Jews in such controversial offices as assistant secretary of transportation which recently faced a strike of transport workers; the director of electric services which interrupted opposition broadcasts; and managers of the state-owned copper mines who have been in conflict with mine workers.

Charge Jews Made War Against Arab Community

The newspaper, La Prensa, organ of the opposition Christian Democratic Party, recently published an article under the anonymous signature, "Historiada" which charged that "a cell of Jewish and Communist extraction has made racial war against the Arab community, especially their textile companies." The article was strongly protested by Sinay. The newspaper explained that it had not intended to make political-racial generalizations but to point out "the contradiction of persons who belong to a race that is attacked and persecuted in the Soviet Union standing for this (Communist) credo in Chile."

The newspaper, El Siglo, organ of the Communist Party, attacked the opposition paper and published the Jewish community protest. Dr. Allende himself publicly denounced the anti-Semitic campaign and pledged his government to fight racist manifestations. Fernando Sanhueza, a past president of the Chamber of Deputies and a member of

the Christian Democratic Party, protested to La Prensa. The paper, however, repeated the explanation it gave previously.

HILLEL ATTACKS INTERNATIONAL HYPOCRISY TOWARD TERRORISM

JERUSALEM, Sept. 11 (JTA)--Police Minister Shlomo Hillel attacked world hypocrisy toward international terrorism in an address tonight at the opening of the International Congress of the International Police Association (IPA). Hillel said that the weakness of the international system is revealed over and over again in its inability even to arrive at a conclusive definition of international terrorism.

After all, Hillel said, this unrestrained terrorism operates contrary to all moral norms customary in civilized society and its deliberate and conscious strikes result in the indiscriminate destruction of innocent people who are in no way connected with the Mideast struggle.

In this regard, Hillel continued, the weakness and hypocrisy of nations and states have plummeted downward to the nadir. Respectable nations continually preach observance of international law, but when it comes to terrorist elements they are prepared to allow them free movement as well as to hasten to release international terrorists and murderers apprehended by the authorities, he declared. The motivation for this attitude stems apparently from economic interest, political gain or simply fear and cowardice, Hillel said.

The Police Minister warned that "surrender to terrorism results not only in the decline of the value of law but also degrades every international moral authority, encourages the growth of murder, terrorism and global extortionism, and pushes the world into a state of anarchy and chaos." He said that just as civilized states and nations acted to banish piracy on the high seas, so today only similar coordinated actions can put an end to piracy in the air.

CUBA'S BREAK WITH ISRAEL SEEN AS PRELUDE TO MOVES BY OTHER COUNTRIES IN LATIN AMERICA

TEL AVIV, Sept. 11 (JTA)--An Israeli journalist regarded as an authority on Cuba expressed fear today that Premier Fidel Castro's diplomatic break with Israel, announced in Algiers Sunday, may be the prelude to similar action by other Latin American states. Simcha Flapan, editor of "New Outlook," a political magazine, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that Castro's high standing with many Latin American states may have been the reason why he was made the target of Arab pressure to break with Israel at the current non-aligned summit meeting in Algiers.

Flapan, who had close personal contacts with Cuban leaders during the 1960s, noted that Cuba was the only Communist country that recognized the legitimacy of the Zionist movement after the Six-Day War, permitted the existence of Zionist organizations on its soil and in fact facilitated aliyah activities and the work of shlichim (Zionist emissaries) from Israel.

Flapan recalled that the kibbutz movement had developed relations of its own with Cuba in 1962. He himself signed an agreement on behalf of the kibbutz movement with the Cuban Ministry of Agriculture for the exchange of kibbutz members and Cuban agriculture students. The exchange was maintained for several years.

Flapan said that after the Six-Day War, Cuba's position was complicated by its interest in maintaining good relations with the Arab world, espe-

cially in the area of trade. It also had to reconcile its support of national liberation movements in Africa, Asian and Latin American countries, including the Palestinians, with its continuing relations with Israel. Nevertheless, Cuba maintained cordial relations with Israel.

According to Flapan, Israel was the scapegoat that Castro had to sacrifice in order to retain his standing among the non-aligned nations. Libyan President Muammar Qaddafi attacked Castro for his pro-Soviet attitude and challenged him to prove that Cuba was indeed unaligned. As proof, he decided to rupture relations with Israel, Flapan said.

ISRAEL SPENDS \$25 M ANNUALLY TO PROTECT FOREIGN FACILITIES FROM TERRORISTS

NEW YORK, Sept. 11 (JTA)--Israel's Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir disclosed here yesterday that Arab terrorism costs his country \$25 million a year just to protect its embassies and facilities abroad. That figure was cited by the Israeli leader as only part of the growing economic burden Israel must bear to meet the soaring costs of defense, immigrant absorption and necessary imports.

Addressing a meeting of American Zionist Federation leaders, Sapir said the cost of living in Israel is one of the highest in the world. He said the government cannot raise prices and, therefore, must subsidize basic products in the amount of IL 1.3 billion annually.

He noted that Israel must pay \$300 million more for "basic commodities" imported from the U.S. than it paid in 1971. He said that oil consumption in Israel has soared from eight million barrels per annum in 1958 to 63 million barrels by the end of this year. "And oil is much more expensive now and is going to be even higher in the near future," he said.

Sapir predicted that Israel's gross national product would reach IL 42 billion (\$10 billion) in 1977 compared to IL 31 billion (\$7.4 billion) in 1972. He said this represented an aggregate growth rate of 35 percent in four years or an average rise of eight percent a year. He also estimated that industrial production would show an increase of ten percent by 1977, up from IL 22 billion (\$5 billion) to IL 30 billion (\$7 billion).

HISTADRUT ELECTIONS PROCEED SMOOTHLY

TEL AVIV, Sept. 11 (JTA)--Balloting for delegates to the 12th Histadrut convention--Israel's second most important election--proceeded smoothly today in all parts of the country and in the administered territories. By early afternoon about one-fourth of the eligible voters in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Haifa--the three largest cities--had cast their votes. Balloting was slower in agricultural settlements where voters normally go to the polls at the end of the work day.

About 6000 Arabs in East Jerusalem are eligible to vote, and two lines were reported outside each of the polling places there, one of men and another of women. Special security measures were taken by police but no disorders were reported in Jerusalem or elsewhere. Army units in outlying areas were participating in the vote through mobile polling stations that visited the Barley Line along the Suez Canal, the Golan Heights and the Jordan Valley. In Bedouin encampments, 30 percent of the eligible voters reportedly had cast their ballots by mid-day.

President Ephraim Katzir, whose private residence is in Rehovoth, cast his vote in Jerusalem today by special pre-arrangement. Premier Golda Meir also went to the polls in the capital. Polls close at 11 p.m. local time and the first returns are expected by midnight.

MINYAN EQUALITY GENERALLY DENOUNCED

Agudath Israel Head Urges Orthodox Groups To Leave Synagogue Council Of America

NEW YORK, Sept. 11 (JTA)--The decision by the Rabbinical Assembly, the international organization of Conservative rabbis and a member together with Orthodox and Reform Judaism in the U.S. in the Synagogue Council of America, to count women equally with men for a minyan was sharply denounced today by Rabbi Moshe Sherer. The executive president of the Agudath Israel of America said the action "should be the final straw to move Orthodox groups out of the Synagogue Council of America." He said the decision "demonstrates the failure of the contention that such interdenominational affiliation contains the non-Orthodox from further deviation from halacha."

Rabbi Sherer said the decision was "another step in the constant erosion of Jewish law and tradition perpetrated by the Conservative movement." He added, "The Jewish woman who is steeped in tradition does not need this new 'right,' and the Jewish woman for whom halacha is meaningless, will not be brought closer to our spiritual root because of this 'right.'"

Rabbi Louis Bernstein, president of the Rabbinical Council of America, the Orthodox rabbinical body, declared: "The latest Conservative act is a move of desperation to attract new worshippers. Many of its earlier innovations have proved a total failure and the average Conservative synagogue is still fighting for its spiritual survival." Denouncing the Conservative move as a breach of halacha, he added, "The fact is that Judaism demands the separation of the sexes at worship which, in and of itself, precludes the concept of a mixed minyan."

Hertzberg Hails Decision As Welcome Move

Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, president of the American Jewish Congress who is a Conservative rabbi, hailed the action as "a most welcome development that underscores the equality of the sexes." He said he hoped the innovation "will be adopted by other branches of Judaism, as well," and that it will be "a major step toward removing all other restrictions that have for too long served to diminish both the rights and responsibilities of Jewish women toward the faith and practice of Judaism." He also expressed hopes that "Jewish women who have long and rightfully demanded equal opportunity to participate in the minyan will recognize the obligation it now imposes on them to come regularly to the synagogue to pray."

Rabbi David Hollander, president of the Rabbinical Alliance of America, denounced the decision as "reckless, worthless and insulting to the Torah." He explained that the decision was reckless because it came after a majority vote and was not based on halacha. He said it was worthless because it would not increase attendance at Conservative congregations "where all kinds of experiments and gimmicks have proved useless." He claimed that it was insulting to the Torah "because to imply that Torah Judaism is insensitive to the honor, dignity and respect of women is to cast an aspersion on the whole edifice of Jewish tradition."

DULZIN HOPEFUL THAT ZOA-AZF RIFT CAN BE HEALED IN NEAR FUTURE

NEW YORK, Sept. 11 (JTA)--Leon Dulzin, chairman of the World Zionist Organization, met this weekend with Herman L. Weisman, president of the Zionist Organization of America, and

with Rabbi Israel Miller, president of the American Zionist Federation, individually and then together, in an effort to heal the rift between the two groups. "I am very hopeful that a definite agreement will be worked out in the near future tending toward a settlement of the controversy between the ZOA and the AZF," Dulzin said today, "which led to the withdrawal of the ZOA from the AZF."

On Feb. 20, 1972, the ZOA National Executive Committee adopted a resolution terminating the ZOA's association with the AZF because it was "committed" to conducting "a wide spectrum of Zionist activities" which "compete with, disrupt and supplant" important ongoing Zionist activities traditionally conducted by the ZOA. The NEC confirmed, however, its readiness to "cooperate with and participate in the coordination of Zionist efforts"--as long as the independence and individuality of its own programs are not prejudiced.

Pleased With UJA Campaign

Dulzin, who is also acting chairman of the Jewish Agency, reported that he met Friday with the leadership of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds and told the gathering that he was very pleased with the expected increased funds for the 1973/74 United Jewish Appeal campaign. The main problem of the Jewish Agency at present, he told the CJF leaders, is that although the 1973 campaign is more successful than that conducted in 1967 at the time of the Six-Day War, there is a shortage of cash payments.

He said the urgency of converting pledges into cash payments is necessitated by the fact that last month 2700 Soviet Jewish immigrants arrived in Israel compared to 2000 in July. He expressed belief that the total number of Soviet Jewish emigrants from the Soviet Union to Israel in 1973 will be 30,000.

LIKUD LIMPS INTO POLITICAL ARENA

TEL AVIV, Sept. 11 (JTA)--The long awaited non-Labor alignment, Likud (National Liberal Front) limped onto the political stage today, a congenital cripple, its progenitors furious with one of their number who defected at the 11th hour but rejoined the fold at the 12th.

Shmuel Tamir, of the Free Center Faction, announced at the last minute today that he would not join Gahal and the State List in signing the articles of agreement to bring Likud into existence. His announcement cast a pall over the press conference called this afternoon to announce a triumphant "revolution in the political panorama of Israel."

Shortly afterwards, however, Tamir did an about face. He said the Free Center would join Likud "after all because of 'the high national importance of it'" and promised to sign the agreement tomorrow. His defection and reversal caused the new alignment considerable embarrassment and reduced its impact as a political force to challenge the rule of Premier Golda Meir's Labor Alignment.

Tamir said he pulled out of the new alignment because it refused to guarantee his faction the right to bring measures directly to the Knesset. He said he also wanted changes in the electoral system, but Gahal and the State List refused to discuss them. Precluding another reversal by Tamir, Likud is now an Israeli political entity well to the right of center. But most observers felt tonight that the turmoil attending its birth leaves it little chance to succeed as a force to be reckoned with in next month's Knesset elections.

(In New York, Leon Dulzin, leader of the World Confederation of General Zionists, sent a cable to Herut leaders Menachem Begin and Dr. Elimelech Rimalt hailing the establishment of Likud.)

JEWISH FEDERATION SAYS NEW SOCAL LETTER CLEARS THE AIR

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 11 (JTA)--The Jewish Federation Council said today that Standard Oil of California has sent a new letter to its 300,000 stockholders and employees "clarifying" an earlier letter in which it urged the U.S. to be more cognizant of Arab aspirations in the Middle East.

The text of the new letter was not disclosed by the firm. A Federation spokesman said, however, that it was "a constructive step to clear the air of confusion caused by the first letter." The new letter reportedly calls for a "peace agreement fair and equitable to all states" in the Mideast.

The earlier letter which linked the possibility of an oil shortage with the Arab-Israeli dispute and implied that American support for Israel was responsible, aroused protests from Jewish groups all over the country. Los Angeles Jews started a boycott of SOCAL products in which 4000 of the company's credit cards were destroyed by their holders.

VOTER REGISTRATION DAYS CHANGED

NEW YORK, Sept. 11 (JTA)--State Supreme Court Justice Anthony DiGiiovanna signed an order yesterday which changed the voter registration days of October 9-10 to October 3-4. The change in dates was decided by Judge DiGiiovanna after a month-long court case instituted by Mordechai Rosen against the City of New York. Rosen, a member of the Association of Jewish Anti-Poverty Workers, was represented by Assemblyman Leonard Silverman and by Herbert Feinsod. Succoth starts the eve of Oct. 10.

Silverman, who sponsored the present State law which prohibits elections on Saturday or Sunday, said that he would introduce an amendment at the next legislative session to "stop once and for all the scheduling of Saturday for registrations or any other part of the elections process."

S. Elly Rosen, executive director of the Association of Jewish Anti-Poverty Workers, who initiated the court action, has issued a schedule of 53 state counties which have scheduled Jewish Holy Days for local voter registration. "Based on this court decision we hope these remaining counties will see the wisdom in quickly removing scheduled registration days which conflict with Jewish Holy Days," he said.

ISRAELI TO HELP BOND ORGANIZATION

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11 (JTA)--Sam Rothberg, general chairman of the Israel Bond Organization, announced that because of the importance Israel attaches to the program of the Bond Organization the government has acceded to the request of the board of directors of Israel Bonds to permit Michael Arnon, secretary of the Israel government and the Cabinet, to assume the post of president and chief executive officer of the Bond Organization.

In making the announcement at the National Fall Leadership Conference here this weekend attended by some 700 Jewish communal leaders from the United States and Canada, Rothberg said that during the years Arnon spent in the U.S. as Israel's Consul General in New York and in the Israel Embassy in Washington "he has acquired an intimate knowledge of the organized Jewish scene and operation of the Bond campaign." Arnon's experience in Israel and the U.S. has "equipped him to make a vital contribution to the

leadership and conduct of our campaign," Rothberg added.

Born in Vienna in 1925, Arnon came to Palestine at the age of 13. He attended high school in Tel Aviv and studied at the London University where he majored in international affairs. Prior to assuming his present position in the Israel government he served as Ambassador to Ghana, held a position in the Israel Embassy in London and was government press officer in Jerusalem. Before Israel's War of Liberation he was a member of the editorial staff of the Jerusalem Post.

JEWISH POETRY READ IN 'VILLAGE' CAFE

NEW YORK, Sept. 11 (JTA)--Wolf Pasmanik presented Greenwich Village intellectuals and the cognescent with something new last night in the way of poetry appreciation. The noted Yiddish poet held the spotlight for an hour at the Cafe Eenej on McDougal St. in the heart of the Village reading his poetry in Yiddish which was translated for those unacquainted with "moma lusen." This was the first time a Yiddish poetry reading had been held in the Israeli-oriented cafe and the 150 people present showed their appreciation by prolonged applause.

Pasmanik, a member of the PEN Club, has had many of his poems published in Yiddish and English simultaneously in magazines and periodicals in this country and abroad. In 1971 his book, "Meine Lieder" (My Poems), won an award from the PEN Club. Regarding his poetry reading presentation last night, Pasmanik said, "I helped, I hope, to show that Yiddish poetry speaks in a universal language and can reach the hearts and minds of all people. Communication is becoming a lost art, but last night there was communication."

RABBI URGES REEXAMINATION OF U.S. POLICY OF DETENTE WITH THE USSR

NEW YORK, Sept. 11 (JTA)--Americans must re-examine the moral implications of our policy of detente with the Soviet Union, if that policy inevitably leads to greater internal repression, Rabbi Irwin M. Blank, newly elected president of the Synagogue Council of America warned in remarks following his installation as the new president of the Council, the umbrella organization for the national rabbinical and synagogal agencies of Conservative, Orthodox and Reform Judaism in the United States.

"We have welcomed and encouraged steps leading to political detente and the lessening of tensions between the West and the Soviet Union," Rabbi Blank said. Recent developments in the Soviet Union, including the intensified attacks on academician Andrei Sakharov were cited by Rabbi Blank as evidence that the enlargement of trade with the Soviet Union has resulted in an intensification of repression within Soviet society.

The new Council president also discussed in his installation address relations between the State of Israel and American Jewry. "The diaspora affirms its existence and its hopes for its future. It does not hear a clear echo from Israel," Rabbi Blank asserted. He called for a "frank and free dialogue" between Israel and the diaspora. "Synagogue leadership has much to contribute to this dialogue out of its great love for Israel and out of its great concern for the spiritual commitment and vitality of Jews wherever they may be."

The Israel Consulate General's office in Houston reported that a non-Jewish local couple called the office to express sympathy on the anniversary of the murder of 11 Israeli Olympians in Munich. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Linjecondo also sent flowers to the office.