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ISRAEL REAFFIRMS NO DISENGAGEMENT TALKS WITH SYRIA UNTIL POW LIST IS IN ITS HANDS AND RED CROSS VISITS ALLOWED

JERUSALEM, Feb. 6 (JTA)--The government denied today that it was wavering in its determination not to begin disengagement talks with Syria until the latter provides a list of Israeli POWs in its hands and permits the International Red Cross to visit them. A statement issued by the Prime Minister's Office this morning said that Israel's position remains unchanged and that it had been re-stated to "international bodies working to bring about an agreement between the two countries."

The statement was in response to a report published in Haaretz yesterday that the government had decided to begin discussions with the United States on separation of forces on the Syrian front before the Syrians allow Red Cross personnel to visit Israeli POWs. According to Haaretz the only condition Israel retained was that Syria must provide a POW list before it would enter into negotiations.

Foreign Minister Abba Eban admitted last night, however, that the U.S. had suggested that Israel exchange views with Syria before the submission of a POW list. But Washington has not presented any demands or conditions on the question of the prisoners, Eban said in a speech at Holon. He said there were signs that the Syrians were willing to negotiate through the offices of the U.S. Secretary of State.

Sources here said the feeling the Israeli position had weakened probably stemmed from Israel's response to an American offer to begin some form of negotiations on disengagement. Israel told the U.S. that as long as the subject of discussion was tactical, not substantive, it would not be opposed to American contacts with Syria on the subject of disengagement, the sources said. They interpreted this as meaning that Israel would not oppose initial clarifications between the two parties--through the U.S.--but would not enter into discussions before the Syrians complied fully on the POW issue.

CHIEF RABBIS RENEW HASSLE

TEL AVIV, Feb. 6 (JTA)--The smoldering differences between Israel's Sephardic and Ashkenazic chief rabbis flared anew here last night when Sephardic Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef accused his Ashkenazic counterpart, Rabbi Shlomo Goren, of bias and discrimination in the appointment of rabbinical court judges and other appointments. Rabbi Yosef addressed a meeting of Sephardic rabbis and judges at which a new body--the Sephardic Rabbinical Convention--was founded.

Rabbi Goren's office promptly denied the allegations of bias and sharply criticized the new organization on grounds that it divided the community and imperiled national unity.

Rabbi Yosef alleged that Rabbi Goren used personal loyalty to himself as the criterion of rabbinical appointments rather than scholarship and leadership capabilities. But he refused to elaborate or give specifics in order to "protect the honor of the rabbinate and the public." But he warned, "The condition of the rabbinate is very serious and will deteriorate to a dangerous

level unless we face the issue head on." For that reason he called on his Sephardic colleagues to unite in a non-partisan effort to establish complete equality between Sephardic and Ashkenazic rabbis and judges.

Rabbi Yosef complained that Rabbi Goren had accused him of associating with extremists. "Yet when people come to him with complicated problems, he refers them to me to solve them," Rabbi Yosef said. He said he had already settled 200 cases involving "agunot"--war widows whose husbands were not declared officially dead.

SPECIAL TO JTA

MOSQUE SHOOT-OUT MAY BE DUE TO BLACK - MUSLIM IN-FIGHTING OVER FUNDS FROM LIBYA

NEW YORK, Feb. 6 (JTA)--The shoot-out Monday night at a Bedford-Stuyvesant Muslim mosque that left four people dead may have been the result of in-fighting within the Black Muslim community in this country over the division of money sent here from Libya and some Persian Gulf sheikhdoms to help oil the propaganda machinery of the movement headed by Elijah Mohammed, known officially as the Nation of Islam.

According to the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith there have been reports, although unconfirmed, that a delegation representing Elijah Mohammed's movement--fundamentally and consistently anti-Israel--has made a total of five trips to Libya over a period of time to ask President Muammar Qaddafi for grants to refurbish the mosque in Chicago, the national headquarters of the Nation of Islam. In May, 1972, Libya granted a \$2,978,406 short-term loan to Elijah Mohammed's group. This loan was renegotiated in Sept. 1972 so that payment would not be due until 1981.

This past summer another delegation representing the Nation of Islam went to Libya and asked Qaddafi for an additional \$15 million but the Libyan leader turned this down reportedly because rival Muslim groups advised Qaddafi that the Nation of Islam was not genuinely Moslem and because the group is anti-white, the ADL said.

Gifts From Persian Gulf Sheikhdoms

According to the ADL, the Nation of Islam has also received as outright gifts \$125,000 from Abu Dhabi, \$100,000 from Qatar, \$35,000 from Syria and \$20,000 from Bahrain. These monies were ostensibly given, as was that by Libya, for religious purposes and to help refurbish the Chicago mosque. The speculation now is that the shoot-out in Bedford-Stuyvesant was the work of members of Elijah Mohammed's group who were angry over the intercession by other Black Muslim groups that killed the additional \$15 million grant request. The members of the Ya Sin Mosque in Bedford-Stuyvesant consider themselves to be authentic Moslems.

The ADL also reported that the Nation of Islam's bookstore at 117 Lenox Avenue in New York's Harlem area sells large quantities of three different editions of the Protocols of the Elders of Zion: an edition published in Kuwait, one published in Pakistan, and another published by Gerald L.K. Smith. In addition, the bookstore also distributes the "International Jew" by Henry Ford which Ford later repudiated. Another big seller, the ADL reported, is the notorious "The History of Jewish Crimes," published in Pakistan.

FIRST PROJECT FOR ABSORBING OLIM CONSTRUCTED WITH FUNDS FROM TWO U.S. GRANTS TOTTALLING \$72 MILLION

TEL AVIV, Feb. 6 (JTA)--The first project for absorbing immigrants in Israel constructed with funds from two American grants to Israel totalling \$72 million was dedicated Monday at Rehovot in the presence of American officials headed by Ambassador Frank L. Kellog, special assistant to the Secretary of State for Refugees and Migration Affairs, and U.S. Ambassador Kenneth Keating. Jewish Agency acting chairman Leon Dulzin, United Israel Appeal chairman Melvin Dubinsky and Rehovot Mayor Shmuel Rechtman were also present.

The project, a \$2.5 million absorption center, will provide initial accommodation for immigrants until they can be permanently absorbed. Addressing the gathering, Kellog said that the U.S. will provide Israel with grants for absorbing immigrants by aiding housing construction, improving social absorption conditions and economic integration, and will construct hospitals for immigrants. He revealed that his office is preparing plans to help absorb musicians and artists, especially from the Soviet Union.

Keating said that the U.S. has no greater friend than Israel and that Israel has not better friend than the U.S. The new center is "a link in the chain that brings people to a country so special, so dear to them," he said.

ISRAEL, EGYPT EXCHANGE DEAD

TEL AVIV, Feb. 6 (JTA)--A solemn, sad ceremony took place yesterday in no-man's land between the Israeli and Egyptian forces near Kantara, on the Kantara-Baloosa road, as 19 coffins containing remains of Israeli soldiers were turned over to the Army Burial Society of the Army Chaplainship and 27 coffins containing remains of Egyptian soldiers were given to the Egyptian authorities. An Israeli army chaplainship unit provided the guard of honor at the transfer of the dead soldiers.

This is the second time that the Egyptians turned over remains of Israeli soldiers killed during the first stages of the Yom Kippur War along the Barlev line in areas now under Egyptian control. Previously the Egyptians have returned the bodies of some 30 Israeli soldiers killed during the battle in the town of Suez.

Altogether Egypt will return about 90 bodies of dead Israeli soldiers in addition to bodies of 6 Israeli soldiers who, the Egyptians claim, were captured, wounded and died in Egyptian hospitals. Israel will return to the Egyptians 145 of their soldiers killed in action in areas under Israeli control. Army Deputy Chief Chaplain Col. Rabbi Gad Navon, recited El Moleh Rahamim and chapters of Psalms as the bodies were transferred to Israeli army vehicles for reburial in Israeli cemeteries after identification is completed.

The search for other Israeli soldiers killed in action in areas under Egyptian control, chiefly in the area under the Egyptian Second Army's control, was to be resumed today. Until now only very limited sections of the area were opened for such searches. Now it is hoped, the Egyptians will allow searches deeper inside their lines. The search and exchange of soldiers' remains is a result of the disengagement agreement.

A report from Cairo said that two Egyptian Jews, Moshe Aharon Yona and Menahem Avraham Mori, two Gaboyim of the Chief Rabbi

Aharon Chadid of Alexandria, were invited by the Egyptian authorities to say a prayer--El Moleh Rahamim--as the bodies of three Israeli soldiers were prepared for transfer to the Israeli authorities. The two Egyptian Jews were given great honor--it was said.

RABBI URGES DISENGAGEMENT OF RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES FROM PARTISAN POLITICS

LONDON, Feb. 6 (JTA)--Dr. Immanuel Jakobovits, the Chief Rabbi of the British Commonwealth, has urged the Israeli Chief Rabbinate to press for religious instruction and practices in all schools in the country in return for a moratorium on religious legislation during the present emergency. Speaking to ministers and leaders of the United Synagogue, Rabbi Jakobovits said he made his suggestion during a recent meeting in Jerusalem. He said the present agitation was "divisive and counter-productive" and advocated a gradual disengagement of religious activities from partisan politics.

The Chief Rabbi said that all rabbinical authorities agreed that Jews had no right to surrender our claim to the entire Holy Land within the present historic borders. "But what is questionable is whether we should assert it at the risk of thousands of lives," he added. He stressed that the judgement on what provides the optimum security for Israel had to be left to the military and political experts, and was not a matter for rabbis to decide. Jerusalem was, however, in a unique category.

Rabbi Jakobovits noted that the Yom Kippur War had "shattered the illusions of the earliest secular Jewish nationalists, and their successors who believed that a Jewish state would solve the Jewish problem by making Jews an equal among the nations. We are now the loneliest people on earth, subjected to the very double-standard of treatment it was the secularists' dream to eliminate. We must accept our uniqueness and never be turned into a nation like all others. Without our distinctiveness as religious pioneers, Jewish survival would be meaningless and questionable."

ISRAEL ADVISED TO TAKE EGYPT SERIOUSLY AND TEST HER DESIRE FOR PEACE

TEL AVIV, Feb. 6 (JTA)--A leader of the British Labor Party advised Israel today to "take Egypt seriously" and test "as far and fully as you can" Egypt's desire for a true peace settlement. That advice was offered by James Callaghan, the Labor Party's foreign affairs spokesman, who came here yesterday as a guest of Israel's Labor Party after a visit to Cairo where he met President Anwar Sadat.

Callaghan, who would become Foreign Secretary if a Labor government won office in Britain, said his talks with Sadat convinced him of Egypt's desire to move away from war. "It is my judgement that Egypt is concerned about its own internal future and its rapidly growing population. The reopening of the (Suez) Canal and the rebuilding of the cities are definitely a positive contribution," Callaghan told reporters at a press conference at his Tel Aviv hotel.

The British leader met privately with Premier Golda Meir yesterday but refused to say whether he had brought her a message from President Sadat. "I must be the first person since Dr. Kissinger to have seen and talked to President Sadat and Premier Golda Meir within 24 hours," Callaghan said.

SUCCESS CLAIMED ON SOVIET EMIGRATION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (JTA)--Secretary of

State Henry A. Kissinger today claimed "success" on Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union and warned the Arab oil producing countries that U.S. policy towards them would change if their embargo continued. He made his statements in response to questions at the Yale-Harvard-Princeton Club here after he had addressed it briefly on world affairs particularly the forthcoming meeting in Washington of European countries and Japan on the energy problem.

Responding to a query on Soviet-American detente, Kissinger attacked without direct reference the Jackson Amendment pending in the Senate. He also indicated general satisfaction with Soviet policy abroad. "Our concern with detente has been directed to moderate Soviet foreign policy behavior," he said, "and that has been on the whole substantially successful with occasional aberrations which is inevitable when nations have client states all over the world."

Nuclear War Danger Cited

Continuing, Kissinger stated that "because of the threat of a nuclear holocaust" between the superpowers, the United States has pushed for easing the arms race and seeking to bring about "certain links in the commercial and cultural fields." When appropriate, he said, "we have used our influence, and successfully, as in the case of Jewish emigration, but we shall not play with the danger of nuclear war and not turn this into an issue of domestic debate. The problem of nuclear war must be solved if mankind is to survive."

Kissinger did not amplify his point on emigration. In the past 34 months an estimated 80,000 Soviet Jews have emigrated. However, proponents of the Jackson Amendment and activists for Soviet Jewish emigration, particularly in the United States, but also in many other countries, have felt that their demands have caused pressures on the United States government and other governments to persuade the Soviet Union to ameliorate its rigid emigration policy.

About the oil embargo, Kissinger said that he had been "led to expect that progress in Israeli-Arab negotiations would lead to lifting of the oil embargo." But "to maintain the embargo now," he said, in the light of U.S. mediation efforts "must be construed as a form of blackmail and considered highly inappropriate by the United States. It cannot but affect the attitude with which we would have to pursue our diplomacy."

Later, when asked about Saudi Arabia's support of Syria's position on disengagement on the Golan Heights, Kissinger said that he has had "no official information to the effect Syria requires Israel to withdraw to its 1967 borders." The U.S., he said, has declared its readiness to help bring about implementation "of the relevant UN resolutions" and it has made "exclusive efforts to bring about every political improvement in the Middle East that has occurred since Oct. If now pressure tactics are continued they can be only construed as blackmail by whichever country uses them but I repeat we have not received any official word to that effect," Kissinger said. (Joseph Polakoff)

GENOCIDE TREATY APPEARS DOOMED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (JTA)—Senate ratification of the international treaty against genocide was apparently doomed today for the remainder of this session. For the second successive day an attempt by the treaty's backers

to cut off the filibuster by the opposition failed, to win the required two-thirds vote and they indicated no further effort to revive ratification will be made until a new Congress meets next year.

Both today and yesterday, 55 Senators voted to end the debate that began on Jan. 28, but today 38 others mostly conservatives from the south and west, opposed the motion made by Sen. Frank Church (D. Idaho), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on the treaty, who strongly favored ratification. Thirty-six Senators opposed cloture yesterday and when two more joined them today the leadership for the treaty decided to put off further consideration to a later and more propitious time. Two-thirds of the Senators present and voting are necessary for cloture. The same number is required for passage of the treaty.

Opponents of the treaty, who had successfully bottled it up in Senate committees over the years, expressed fear that it would cause the United States to close jurisdiction over trials of its citizens to an international tribunal.

In a statement after the voting, Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R.N.Y.), who with Church and Sen. William Proxmire (D.Wis) fought for the treaty, expressed disappointment that cloture was not voted. "In spite of the well organized lobbying campaign against the treaty," Javits said, "we are gratified that a substantial majority of the Senate voted with us today." During the debate, he continued, "it became apparent that a great deal of misinformation about this treaty had been circulated and totally unwarranted fears about the treaty were generated. We intend to use the next few months to engage in public education on the real meaning and importance of the genocide treaty and we look forward to the Senate advising and consenting to this humanitarian treaty at a later date."

Herman Bookbinder, Washington chairman of the National Ad Hoc Committee on Human Rights and the Genocide Treaty, declared: "Refusal to vote on the treaty reflects either hostility to the treaty itself or yielding to the most hateful extremist group pressure--the Liberty Lobby and the Birch Society."

Bookbinder said he was especially outraged by the negative votes of Senators J. William Fulbright (D.Ark.) and Samuel Ervin (D.N.C.). "Here are two men who are constantly preaching about morality in international affairs and morality in government and yet they vote to prevent a Senate vote on the issue of genocide," he said.

SYRIAN VIOLATIONS ASSAILED BY ISRAEL

UNITED NATIONS, Feb. 6 (JTA)—Israel complained here again today of additional violations by Syria of the cease-fire between Jan. 29 and Feb. 4. In a letter to United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim, Jacob Doron, Israel's acting permanent representative, said the violations included an attempt to cross the cease-fire line, five cases of small arms fire, two cases of tank fire, one firing of anti-tank missiles and 22 incidents of artillery fire.

Doron wrote again that the attacks, which "are causing casualties," indicated a deliberate Syrian policy to create an atmosphere of military confrontation and to change the cease-fire line in Syria's favor. Doron added that reports by UN Observer Headquarters to the Security Council supported his charges. ***

PARIS (JTA)—France and Kuwait have concluded an agreement providing for the sale of French-made Mirage planes and other arms to the oil-rich sheikhdom.

BEAME DESIGNATES FEB. 9 SOVIET JEWISH PRISONER OF CONSCIENCE DAY

NEW YORK, Feb. 6 (JTA)--A proclamation by Mayor Abraham Beame, designating Feb. 9 as "Soviet Jewish Prisoner of Conscience Day" in New York City, was read today by Deputy Mayor Judah Gribetz at a luncheon at which City Council members dined on a Soviet Jewish prisoner's typical lunch of a cup of water, an ounce of sardines and stale bread.

In the proclamation, which is in line with a resolution before the City Council, Mayor Beame called on all New York residents to participate in prayer on that day "to dramatize their personal commitment to the eventual freedom of all persons throughout the world who are denied liberty for whatever reason." The luncheon was sponsored by the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry.

City Councilman Howard Golden, Brooklyn Democrat, who wore a prisoner's uniform at the luncheon and who is principal sponsor of the resolution, urged the United States government to act promptly to obtain the release of Soviet Jewish prisoners of conscience and to bring an end to denial of human rights to Soviet Jews.

Detente And Mailed Fist

The proclamation and the resolution declared that "Jews in the Soviet Union are subjected to harassment and imprisonment when they attempt to exercise their basic human and legal rights as guaranteed under the Constitution of the USSR and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which was ratified by the Soviet Union. Trials continued to be staged against Soviet Jews who have attempted to live full Jewish lives in the Soviet Union or who have applied to emigrate to Israel and Soviet Jewish 'prisoners of conscience' are systematically denied a subsistence diet, adequate medical care, or even those fundamental rights guaranteed to prisoners of war under the Geneva convention."

Stanley Lowell, Conference chairman, said that while the Soviet Union "extends the hand of detente to the West, it uses the other as a mailed fist to persecute Soviet Jewry and to force its prisoners to live in degradation." He accused Soviet authorities of a policy designed to discourage Soviet Jews from seeking exit visas.

Lowell said many Soviet Jewish prisoners of conscience were being starved "spiritually as well as physically" in a "calculated campaign to eradicate the Jewish movement in the USSR." He cited the treatment of Silva Zalmanson, 28, in the third year of a 10-year sentence, who is being forced to work a 10-hour day, though suffering from tuberculosis and losing both sight and hearing.

TORCZYNER ELECTED HEAD OF WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS-AMERICAN SECTION

NEW YORK, Feb. 6 (JTA)--Jacques Torczyner of the World Zionist Organization Executive, past president of the Zionist Organization of America, was elected chairman of the American Section of the World Jewish Congress here last night. He succeeded Rabbi Joseph Karasick. In an acceptance statement, Torczyner urged "unity of purpose and action" within the WJC-congress' traditional framework of diversity.

His opponents, in what insiders described as a hotly contested election characterized by bitter behind-the-scenes maneuvering, were: Rabbi Wolfe Kelman, executive vice-president of the Rabbinical Assembly, and Jacob Katzman,

executive vice-president of the Labor Zionist Alliance. Rabbi Kelman dropped out of the race before the balloting.

Torczyner said after his election, "At a time when Jewish leadership throughout the world is challenged by so many issues of great magnitude, the fact that the World Jewish Congress presents a free international Jewish forum is more important than ever." He noted, too, that "This is a time when Jewish leaders from all parts of the Jewish spectrum have to sit down together, take counsel together, and find within their diversity the unity of purpose and of action that are indispensable if we are to produce the response that the challenge before us demands. Without insisting on uniformity, without trying to discredit or silence those whose views differ from ours, we must strive to preserve the unity of the community."

CORRECTION

The Israeli basketball team, reported in Wednesday's Daily News Bulletin as having been beaten by the Rochester University team, in fact belted that team. The sentence to the effect that the Israelis were clobbered should have read the Israelis then went on to clobber the local team by a score of 102-60. This error was a grave injustice to a splendid team and apologies are offered. Also for the record, the game Sunday night was held at the Mapleleaf Gardens not the Maplewood Gardens.

EXORCIST REFLECTS CURRENT TROUBLES

NEW YORK, Feb. 6 (JTA)--The current "flirtation" with "demonic possession and exorcism of evil spirits" is rejected by contemporary Judaism according to Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, director of interreligious affairs of the American Jewish Committee. He cited the film, "The Exorcist," as having become "the occasion for the surfacing of all the discussion about the devil and the demonic," adding that this had been "predictable for some time."

He said every period of major social disruption and radical change "has given rise to mass movements yearning for instant salvation, messianic redemption and apocalyptic experience with the occult" in "a weary and emotionally battered America." Rabbi Tanenbaum said Jewish theology "does not deny the reality of evil nor the existence of spiritual beings capable of harming persons" but "sin itself, rather than Satan, is regarded by the rabbis as the opponent of man and of the Deity."

The best antidote against the demonic, the rabbi taught, "was the observance of authentic religious traditions." Rabbi Tanenbaum declared, adding that "the best response to the current epidemic of the demonic is to refuse to be caught up in that collective hysteria and to face soberly and responsibly the real demons of oppression, injustice and intolerance that are of our own making." "The Exorcist" is an immensely popular film and theaters showing it have reported record attendances with long lines of patrons waiting sometimes for hours outside the movie theaters braving even inclement weather.

TEL AVIV (JTA)--A woman professor was named to the chair of Jewish and general philosophy just inaugurated at the Bar Ilan University. She is Prof. Amado Levy-Valensi, who has been with the university since 1969, and has a Ph.D. from the University of Paris. The chair, named after Dr. Yehoshua Mazur, a prominent B'nai B'rith officer was endowed by Samuel Lunenfeld of Lausanne and his son-in-law Reuben Kunin.