



DINITZ SAYS THERE IS NO DANGER OF DETERIORATION OF ISRAEL-U.S. RELATIONS

TEL AVIV, April 30 (JTA)--Israel's Ambassador to Washington Simcha Dinitz said today that there was no danger of a general deterioration of Israeli-United States relations. But Dinitz, who arrived at Ben Gurion Airport to participate in the preparatory talks for Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's visit here Thursday, said that there were several "worrying appearances" in the relations between the two countries recently.

There was no logic in the recent American vote condemning Israel in the United Nations, Dinitz explained, and this should be a source of anxiety. At the same time, he noted that the American government continues to provide military and financial aid to Israel.

Earlier, U.S. Ambassador Kenneth Keating met with Foreign Minister Abba Eban in Jerusalem to discuss Kissinger's forthcoming visit. The meeting, called at Keating's request, also reportedly touched on Israel-U.S. relations. Israeli officials have been expressing concern about the U.S. intention to sell weapons to Egypt and by the failure of the U.S. to veto or at least abstain in the Security Council vote which condemned Israel's raid into Lebanon.

Dinitz said that while the goal of the talks with Kissinger was clear--disengagement with Syrian forces--what is at stake is the price Israel will have to pay. But he said the Israeli government will decide what price it is ready to pay. Meanwhile, Kissinger left Algeria and was scheduled to meet Egyptian President Anwar Sadat in Alexandria today reportedly to discuss Israeli-Syrian disengagement and the Palestinian issue.

In Jerusalem, tight security precautions are being taken in preparation for Kissinger's arrival. The King David Hotel, where Kissinger, his wife, Nancy, and a group of 40 persons will stay, is being heavily guarded. The hotel has reserved 100 rooms for the Kissinger entourage and the Secretary and his wife will get a special sixth-floor suite. While Kissinger and Eban will be conferring, Eban's wife, Suzie, will be showing Mrs. Kissinger around Jerusalem. Mrs. Kissinger's visit here is expected to arouse tremendous public attention.

3 ISRAELI SOLDIERS WOUNDED BY SYRIAN ARTILLERY FIRE

TEL AVIV, April 30 (JTA)--Israeli Air Force jets attacked Syrian military targets for about a half hour this morning and returned safely to their bases. Artillery and tank fire exchanges continued all along the Syrian front today on the eve of U.S. Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's arrival in Jerusalem to try to work out an Israeli-Syrian disengagement agreement. Three Israeli soldiers were wounded by Syrian fire.

A military spokesman said Israeli warplanes strafed Syrian positions in the northern sector of the Yom Kippur War enclave and bombed Syrian tank concentrations, artillery batteries and missile bases. An Israeli patrol clashed with Syrian forces east of the Yom Kippur War enclave last night killing two Syrian soldiers without suffering any casualties. According to a military spokesman the clash was the first to occur behind the

Oct. cease-fire lines.

Ramat Maghshishim and Moshav Nov, both on the Golan Heights, came under Syrian shell fire this afternoon but no casualties were reported. Israeli artillery returned the fire.

NARKISS REJECTS ZIONIST LEADER'S VIEW ABOUT FAILURE OF ALIYA EFFORTS

Buenos Aires, April 30 (JTA)--Uzi Narkiss, head of the Jewish Agency's immigration department, replied indirectly here today to a prominent local Zionist leader who recently expressed to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency the view that "Aliya Month" would produce no immigrants and who was sharply critical of Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization methods in Latin America. Narkiss, who will be visiting Rosario, Mendoza and Bahia Blanca in addition to Buenos Aires in connection with "Aliya Month" that begins tomorrow spoke at a luncheon given him by the Argentine Zionist Organization.

He described the effort to stimulate aliya as a "total mobilization" of all Israeli Embassies, emissaries and local supportive organizations to reach a maximum number of Jews "with whom otherwise we have no contact whatsoever." He said "Aliya Month" was conceived before the Yom Kippur War and was being carried out in spite of opposition from some quarters.

"Even if no lines form at our offices for immigration, it is an important Zionist action and its success will not be measured in numbers of olim but in terms of Judaism and Zionism," Narkiss said. He conceded that absorption problems in Israel were difficult, but said, "You should not think we don't care about this."

Narkiss sharply criticized a recent article in the Israeli daily Haaretz which predicted a very high percentage of "yordim"--Israelis who permanently leave Israel. According to Narkiss, Haaretz's figures were exaggerated. He noted that the Interior Ministry has reported no increase in passports issued and the frontier police report no more departures from Israel than normal. He said the average emigration was about 10 percent for all immigrant groups--less than one percent for Soviet Jews and about 20 percent for American Jews.

COALITION TALKS OFFICIALLY BEGIN

JERUSALEM, April 30 (JTA)--Inter-party talks aimed at forming a new coalition government started officially last night. A 16-member negotiating team representing the Labor Party under the leadership of Yitzhak Rabin met with negotiating committees of the National Religious Party and the Independent Liberal Party. Labor sources said afterwards that the 21-day period allotted by law for the formation of a government was long enough for all parties concerned to reach agreement and indicated that Rabin would not ask for an extension.

Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir last night reaffirmed his backing of Rabin and pledged to assist him as much as possible. Sapir's remarks signified to observers the Labor Party's determination to form a new Cabinet without delay. Labor has reportedly taken a particularly hard line toward the NRP. The latter was given until

next Sunday to decide whether to join a new Labor-led coalition and until then official negotiations with the religious party are in abeyance. Informal contacts are expected to continue, however.

Rabin said at a Labor Party leadership and Knesset faction meeting last night that he had already held informal, non-committal talks with Dr. Yosef Burg of the NRP and ILP leader Gideon Hausner. He said he fully expected to form a new coalition on the basis of the outgoing one which in his view is the only logical government. He implied that he was opposed to a national unity Cabinet embracing the opposition Likud.

NRP Again Under Severe Pressure

The NRP is once again under severe pressure from within its ranks and from the Chief Rabbinate to insist on a national unity government and Orthodox demands on the Who is a Jew issue. Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren said in a radio broadcast last night that the Law of Return must be amended to specify that only persons converted "according to halacha" will be recognized as Jews. Although Rabbi Goren said he did not want to get involved in the political aspects of the issue, his remarks were expected to harden the NRP's stand. NRP secretary general Zvi Bernstein said afterwards that Rabbi Goren was not likely to accept any compromise in the Who is a Jew controversy.

According to informed sources, the Labor Party made it clear to the NRP in last night's preliminary talks that it will not re-open the Who is a Jew matter and insisted that the NRP honor the agreement it reached with Premier Golda Meir last March which was the basis for its joining her government. The NRP reportedly wants to re-discuss the matter.

Knesset observers said today that it appears at the moment that Rabin has a better chance of forming a government without the NRP than with it. They said the NRP has "enlarged the gap" with the Labor Alignment and is under mounting pressure from the rabbinate to hold out for Orthodox demands. Rabin in that case will have to seek a coalition with the ILP and Shulamit Aloni's Civil Rights Party. Ms. Aloni cut short a visit to the U.S. this week and is returning to Israel for coalition talks. (By Tuvia Mendelson.)

DIASPORA-ISRAEL RELATIONS SHOULD NOT BE LIMITED TO MONEY ISSUES

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, April 30 (JTA)--An Israeli Knesset member and a prominent American Jewish leader agreed here last night that American Jewry should raise its voice in regard to Israel's domestic and international problems but at the same time differed on the issue of who is to blame that the dialogue between Israelis and American Jews is based only "on getting money."

Speaking at a meeting of Breira, a group devoted to diaspora-Israel relations, the newly elected member of the Knesset, Shulamit Aloni and Rabbi Joachim Prinz, chairman of the Governing Council of the World Jewish Congress, agreed that American Jewry should speak up on all subjects pertaining to Israel. "We have to liberate ourselves from the mentality of sheer fund-raising" and begin a dialogue with Israel, Rabbi Prinz declared, noting that he was speaking for himself and not the WJC.

Ms. Aloni also maintained that the relationship between Israelis and American Jews should encompass all aspects of Israel and should be based on "mutual responsibility." She said that

American Jews gave money for the absorption of Russian Jews and other humanitarian works in Israel and thereby sought to absolve themselves of further responsibility. She contended that for many American Jews, "Israel has become a kind of church" to give money to "and redeem yourself."

The MK who heads Israel's Civil Rights Party also contended that American Jews have tended to confuse the government of Israel with the people of Israel. "You did not encourage new voices in Israel," she said. "While you protested against Nixon, Vietnam and on behalf of Blacks and Mexicans, you were mute on the question of the Palestinians," she said.

Israeli Leadership Affected By Galut Complex

Rabbi Prinz, who described himself as a "sinner" because he was not critical of Israeli government policies during the six years following the 1967 war, claimed that during those years "the Israeli leadership became impossible" and no discussion could be conducted with them. He charged that "they developed a 'galut complex' and were affected by the 'sickness of utter blindness to the surrounding reality.'" But, according to Rabbi Prinz, there is now a "new sense of reality in Israel."

Ms. Aloni agreed that "now we are more realistic." She said that more and more Israelis recognize the need for Palestinian self-determination. "If we want peace, we have to declare that we recognize the rights of the Palestinians to self-determination," she said. She expressed the belief that once the Palestinian question is settled, the cause of the Israeli-Arab conflict will have been eliminated.

In practical terms, Ms. Aloni said that in her view Israel cannot annex the West Bank but by the same token it cannot return to its pre-June 1967 borders. "Our generation will not be able to return the Golan Heights," she said, adding that Jerusalem cannot be divided again because that would cause extreme division among the Jewish people. Ms. Aloni said she was shortening her visit here because "I am going home to help (Labor Party leader Yitzhak) Rabin to form a new government without the religious party."

PROTESTS CONTINUE AGAINST U.S. VOTE

NEW YORK, April 30 (JTA)--A spokesman for the United States Mission to the United Nations said today that protests against the U.S. vote last week in the Security Council continued to come in. Over the weekend the Mission reported that some 100 telegrams and numerous telephone calls and letters arrived criticizing the U.S. for voting for the resolution which condemned Israel for its April 12 raid on southern Lebanon but failed to mention the April 11 terrorist carnage in Kiryat Shemona. The spokesman said today that numerous additional protests awaited the U.S. delegation when they arrived at their office Monday.

JERUSALEM, April 30 (JTA)--"My visit to Israel during this, of all times, is not accidental. It is in time of hardships that friendship should be demonstrated," the President-elect of Guatemala, Gen. Eugenio Laugerud said during his visit to the Knesset yesterday. He is on a week's visit in Israel.

NEW YORK, April 30 (JTA)--Leonid Zabelshinsky, a Sverdlovsk Jewish activist, who was given a six-month sentence for parasitism after he applied for an exit visa to Israel, was released at the end of April, the National Conference on Soviet Jewry reported.

CABINET SETS GUIDELINES FOR DISENGAGEMENT ACCORD WITH SYRIA

By Tuvia Mendelson.

JERUSALEM, April 30 (JTA)--The caretaker Cabinet convened this afternoon and met late into the night, wrestling with the major issues of an Israeli-Syrian disengagement accord on which firm policies must be established before U.S. Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger arrives here Thursday. Officials here do not seem to share Kissinger's optimism that an agreement will be attained. The tendency of the government, therefore, is to stick to its previous policy which allows no withdrawals from any territory captured from Syria in the 1967 Six-Day War.

According to reliable sources, Kissinger is expected to ask Israel to reverse that policy in the interests of a disengagement agreement. No final decisions are expected to be taken this evening and the Cabinet is expected to re-convene probably on Friday, after the initial round of talks with Kissinger. Today's meeting was attended by Israel's envoy to Washington, Ambassador Simcha Dinitz, who briefed the ministers on the latest developments in U.S.-Israeli relations, and Chief of Staff Gen. Mordechai Gur who reported on the military situation on the Syrian front.

The Cabinet's main task is to make policy decisions on five outstanding matters connected with an Israeli-Syrian separation of forces. The first of these is withdrawal from the Golan Heights town of Kuneitra which Israeli forces captured in June, 1967 and which Kissinger is expected to ask Israel to surrender to meet one of the conditions of Syrian President Hafez Assad for disengagement.

The second question concerns Israeli military positions on Mt. Hermon whose strategic 9200-foot peak has been the objective of bitter fighting between Israeli and Syrian forces for the past three weeks. The feeling here is that the government will not agree to withdraw its forces from Mt. Hermon as long as Syria continues to wage its war of attrition.

Terrorist Activities, POWs Among Issues

The third major problem is the nature of a buffer zone that would be established between Israeli and Syrian forces in the framework of disengagement. Israel wants the zone to be policed by units of the United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF) which has worked very well so far in the Sinai buffer zone separating Israeli and Egyptian forces. Syria objects to the presence of UN military units and insists that any buffer zone established on its front be confined to members of the UN Truce Observers Organization (UNTSO) which includes Soviet military personnel.

The fourth issue confronting the government is how negotiations with the Syrians will continue after Kissinger has left the region. On the Egyptian front last Jan., these talks were held at a UN checkpoint midway between the military lines of both sides. Here again, Damascus refuses to follow the Egyptian pattern and demands that the further talks be moved to Geneva where the two superpowers--U.S. and USSR--presumably would be looking over the shoulders of the negotiators.

The Israeli position, according to reliable reports, is that most concrete points of a disengagement accord should be concluded while Dr. Kissinger is in the region serving as an intermediary and the technical details worked out later in Geneva. This question is not expected to be decided, however, until Israel hears Kissinger's

report on his talks with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko in Geneva yesterday.

The fifth major point to be taken up by the Cabinet concerns Israel's approach to the Syrian demand that any separation of forces agreement must include a prior Israeli commitment to withdraw completely from the Golan Heights and all territories occupied in 1967.

There are, in addition, other issues such as an end to terrorist activities on the northern front and Israel's absolute pre-requisite that any agreement with Syria must include a speedy exchange of all POWs. According to reliable sources, the government is aware that Kissinger expects Israel to make the "first move" toward an agreement with Syria and in that respect will try to persuade Israel to give up Kuneitra.

SYRIA SHOWS NO SIGN THAT IT REALLY WANTS PEACE WITH ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, April 30 (JTA)--The "basic difficulty" facing Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger in his effort to disengage Syrian and Israeli forces is that Syria has not given "the slightest indication it really wants peace with Israel," according to the Israeli Embassy's Charge d'Affaires, Mordechai Shalev.

Syria's "new campaign of aggression," Shalev told the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) at a dinner last night, is "supported politically" by the Soviet Union which he declared is re-enforcing Syria "by an almost daily flow of arms." Nevertheless, he said, Israel in its talks with Kissinger "will do everything possible consistent with the security of its people."

Shalev, who spoke in place of Ambassador Simcha Dinitz who is in Jerusalem in connection with the Kissinger talks, praised President Nixon and other governmental leaders and the American public for their support to Israel, but told the 300 dinner guests marking AIPAC's 20th anniversary that Israel is "disappointed" that the United States voted for the UN resolution that condemned Israel for demolishing "empty houses" in Lebanon without mentioning that it was triggered by the massacre by Arab terrorists at Kiryat Shemona.

SAMUEL BONCHEK DEAD AT 84

NEW YORK, April 30 (JTA)--Funeral services will be held tomorrow at the Riverside Memorial Chapel for Samuel Bonchek, a founder and veteran leader of the Labor Zionist Movement of America, who died yesterday at the age of 84 after a prolonged illness. He was an assistant and intimate friend of some of the founders of the State of Israel, including Premier Golda Meir and the late David Ben Gurion. At his death, Mr. Bonchek was honorary president of the Labor Zionist Alliance, which he had served as national president from 1963-71.

During 70 years of Labor Zionist activities, Polish-born Mr. Bonchek was among the founders and leaders of numerous agencies, including the National Committee for Labor Israel, Labor Department of the Jewish National Fund, Government of Israel Bonds, the National Committee for the Jewish Folk Schools and the American Jewish Congress. At the age of 14 he was already active in the nascent Polish Jewish Labor Movement, helping in strikes and as a gun-runner for the self-defense committee of the Jewish workers.

Facing arrest and exile after one such exploit, he fled to the U.S., arriving in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1906 at the age of 16. In 1971, he helped bring about the unification with the Farband of the members and branches of the EZOA-Poale Zion and the American Habonim Association.

RABBI YOSEF MEETS WITH LAWMAKERS TO DISCUSS PLIGHT OF SYRIAN JEWS

WASHINGTON, April 30 (JTA)--After a visit from Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, Chief Sephardic Rabbi in Israel, 14 members of Congress cabled an appeal to Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger and Undersecretary of State Joseph J. Sisco to intercede with the Syrian government to allow the remaining 4000 Jews in that country to emigrate to countries that will receive them.

Rabbi Yosef, attired in his ceremonial robes, met the Congressmen in the office of Rep. Sidney Yates (D.Ill.), dean of the 12 Jewish members of the House, and described the plight of Syria's Jews. The cable was sent to the American interests section in Damascus where Kissinger and his party are expected later this week to begin talks for disengagement of Syrian and Israeli forces. It was signed by the 11 Jewish members present and Reps. Robert Anderson (R.Ill.), Charles A. Vanik (D.Ohio) and John E. Moss (D.Calif.).

Rabbi Yosef also met with Speaker Carl Albert (D.Okla.), Rep. John Rhodes (R.Ariz.) and Sen. John J. Sparkman (D.Ala.), acting head of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in the absence of chairman J. William Fulbright (D.Ark.). The rabbi's visit to the U.S. was co-sponsored by the American Sephardi Federation and the Sephardi Leadership Council of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York.

Rabbi Jeered, Insulted By Youths

Returning to New York, Rabbi Yosef was subjected to jeering, insults and profanities last night by a large group of earlocked, black-garbed yeshiva students who were identified as members of the extremist Neturei Karta group. Rabbi Yosef was addressing several hundred people inside a synagogue and an overflow crowd of several hundred more outside the synagogue listened to him on loudspeakers when the yeshiva students began to heckle the rabbi. As the rabbi was escorted from the synagogue by policemen fighting broke out between supporters of Mizrahi, the group that sponsored the meeting, and the yeshiva students.

Rabbi Yosef himself was unhurt in the incident as the screaming yeshiva youths were held in check by police and secret service men. Several of the youths were arrested and later released. Stewards appointed by the synagogue committee kept order inside the synagogue during the rabbi's discourse and allowed no one to leave. Before the rally in Boro Park, Rabbi Yosef had been enthusiastically received by hundreds of Syrian Jews at Beth Tora Congregation in another section of Brooklyn.

TRANSIT AUTHORITY ORDERED TO END BIAS AGAINST OBSERVANT JEWS

NEW YORK, April 30 (JTA)--An order by the New York State Division of Human Rights that the New York City Transit Authority must stop an employment policy barring observant Jews from employment has been upheld by the division's appeals board, the National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs (COLPA) reported today. The division had ruled that the Transit Authority may not deny jobs to such Jews even if accommodating their inability to work during the Jewish Sabbath conflicts with the Authority's collective bargaining agreements, according to Howard Rhine, COLPA president.

Under the April 10 appeals ruling, the TA must reinstate the complainant, an Orthodox Jewish bus driver who was fired for refusing to work on Saturdays. Rhine said that, in addition, he must be

given all back pay and scheduled for a tour of duty that does not conflict with his religious observances. The TA also is required to conform to a non-discriminatory policy hereafter in which "no person is to be disqualified from obtaining or holding employment because of his observance of a Sabbath or other holy day in accordance with the requirements of his religion," Rhine said.

The driver was represented by Howard Zuckerman, a COLPA vice-president, who was assisted by Dennis Rapps, COLPA executive vice-president. The case was filed under the New York State Executive Law which generally requires employers to make accommodation to Sabbath observers except for very limited situations.

TA View Not A Defense Against Charges

The TA had contended that it was relieved of the requirement because of the seniority provisions of its collective bargaining agreement with its unions, covering all job assignments. The Authority also argued that because passengers must be transported safely, it was also exempt under the "health and safety" rule of the state law. That rule relieves the employer of the duty to accommodate when that would compromise the health and safety of the public.

The appeals board held that in Sabbath observer cases, "seniority provisions of collective bargaining agreements as a matter of law are not a defense against charges of unlawful discrimination." The board also held that the only question relating to the public health and safety rule is the manner in which the operator drives his vehicle, which it said was totally unrelated to the operator's availability on the Sabbath or other religious day. Zuckerman said the appeals board had implemented the intent of the legislative protection for Sabbath observers. He said he hoped the ruling would have "a salutary effect on employment opportunities in union situations."

NEW YORK (JTA)--The National Conference on Soviet Jewry has just learned that the Dorfman family of Kishinev has received permission to emigrate. The family consists of Miron, 49, his wife, Shendel, and their two daughters, Bella and Rozalia. The entire family has been very active in the struggle for emigration, writing petitions, staging hunger strikes, and suffering the consequences the Soviet authorities meted out for this, the NCSJ reported.

BONN (JTA)--Parliamentary opposition deputies here have complained to the West Berlin authorities about Berlin cars carrying license numbers including Nazi abbreviations like "SA," "SS," "KZ," and "HJ." However, the authorities say, requests for such numbers cannot be refused under West Berlin law.

WASHINGTON (JTA)--Forty-five students from four local universities, George Washington, American, Georgetown and Maryland, walked 15 miles through the District of Columbia's principal streets to express solidarity among college students for Israel. In their walk--aathon that started at the Lincoln Memorial and ended at the Washington Hebrew Congregation, the students also sought funds for Israel's survival and collected about \$1500 among young people for the United Jewish Appeal, according to Larry Moses, the college outreach worker with the UJA in the Washington area.
