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CONFIDENCE EXPRESSED THAT SYRIA, ISRAEL WILL SIGN DISENGAGEMENT ACCORD BY END OF THIS WEEK

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JERUSALEM, May 21 (JTA)—Israel and Syria continued to move steadily toward a disengagement accord today and while the road was bumpy and the diplomatic pace was slowed down by wrangling over details, all concerned seemed confident that an agreement would be signed or at least initiated by both sides at the end of the week. Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger flew back to Damascus before noon today after meetings late last night and early this morning with Israeli negotiators. He is expected to return to Jerusalem tonight for more talks.

American officials sought to dampen the near euphoria that arose here Sunday when word came that Kissinger had finally achieved agreement in principle by both sides on the key issue of the disengagement line. State Department spokesman Robert Anderson denied in fact that he had said Sunday that agreement on the line, in effect, had been reached. Anderson had indeed said that, but apparently intended it to be off the record.

The cautionary note adopted by members of Kissinger's entourage today was viewed more as a reflection of the extremely delicate nature of the negotiating process at this stage than as a sign that something has gone wrong. Both sides were reportedly down to the minute details of the accord and taking pains that every phrase and nuance is clearly formulated and understood to avoid misunderstandings and conflicts in the future.

Other Issues Being Worked Out

Information Minister Shimon Peres explained this when he disclosed, to the surprise of some reporters, that the disengagement line was still a subject of discussion at the latest meetings here with Kissinger. He said the Syrians had raised some further issues but these were minor and did not necessitate another meeting of the Cabinet to iron out.

Peres indicated that some work has been accomplished on other aspects of disengagement such as the POW exchange, the United Nations presence, the buffer zone and limited forces zone. He said these issues were being broken down into "hundreds of details" that remain to be settled and which will require several more trips by Kissinger between Jerusalem and Damascus. Peres said the Secretary of State was expected to continue shuttling between the two capitals until Friday, but will definitely return to Washington over the weekend.

Kissinger may leave the clearing up of last minute details to Undersecretary of State Joseph J. Sisco and Ambassador-at-Large Ellsworth Bunker if necessary, sources here said. Once a preliminary agreement is signed or initialed, the scene will shift to Geneva where Israeli and Syrian teams will have to work out a time-table for implementation. The accord is expected to be signed formally in Geneva by the chief Israeli and Syrian negotiators. Bunker and the Soviet representative, Vladimir Vinogradoff, co-chair-

men of the Geneva peace conference, are expected to affix their signatures to the document at a formal ceremony in Geneva.

Kissinger's desire to wrap up an Israeli-Syrian disengagement agreement this week is matched by Premier Golda Meir's desire to bow out of office on a note of success and hope for the future. Her caretaker government is expected to end its tenure with the establishment of a new coalition Cabinet by Yitzhak Rabin.

NIXON INSTRUCTS KISSINGER TO STAY IN MIDEAST AS LONG AS POSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE DISENGAGEMENT

WASHINGTON, May 21 (JTA)—President Nixon has instructed Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger to stay in the Middle East as long as possible in his efforts to help bring about disengagement between Israeli and Syrian forces, the White House said today. The President's instructions came in his communication earlier today with Kissinger who reported "good progress" in the negotiations for disengagement, White House Deputy Press Secretary Gerald Warren said.

"The President is pleased the outlook is very good," Warren said. "Both the President and the Secretary are eager to make as much progress as possible." The instructions for Kissinger to remain in the area are because "the efforts he is undertaking are of such importance," Warren said. Kissinger has been in the Mideast 22 days, the longest stretch yet away from Washington. Nevertheless, according to Warren, he communicates with the State Department on other issues and is able to conduct other foreign policy business.

125 JEWISH PROTESTERS ATTACKED BY UN SECURITY GUARDS

UNITED NATIONS, May 21 (JTA)—United Nations guards attacked and forcibly dragged out 125 protesters who had staged a peaceful sit-down demonstration yesterday in the lobby of the General Assembly building. The demonstrators, 120 Jewish students from universities in the metropolitan area and five rabbis, demanded that the UN "assert moral leadership to prevent further Arab terror in the Mideast."

After a half hour, the demonstrators were approached by a UN security officer, who was told that if they would be permitted to speak to the assembled press they would leave. As one newsmen approached and began his interview, 30 security guards quickly surrounded the group, which quickly linked arms. Breaking each person's grip, the guards dragged the students and rabbis out the door and then out of the UN grounds.

Many students and the rabbis complained of the brutality with which they were treated. Yarmulkes were knocked off the heads of the male students and rabbis, the lenses of Rabbi Steven Riskin's glasses were knocked out, and one student was repeatedly punched in the base of the spine and had to be carried out by others. Several protesters said that the guards had removed their identification shields before they attacked.

After their ejection, the group sat down in front of the UN gates and conducted a ceremony of speeches and prayers. Rabbi Avraham Weiss stated that "we came to ask the end of violence and found that the UN practiced violence on us." A

group of students remained across the street at the Isaiah Wall to engage in a Talmud class. The rest dispersed but vowed to return. The demonstration was initiated by the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry.

SUSPEND 3 TEACHERS WHO ESCAPED FROM SCHOOL BUILDING IN MAALOT

SAFAD, May 21 (JTA)—The Safad municipality has suspended three teachers who escaped from the Netiv Meir school building in Maalot when armed terrorists broke in before dawn last Thursday, leaving 90 of their pupils and one other teacher to their fate. The town council acted after bereaved parents of the 21 youngsters slain by the terrorists demanded dismissal of the teachers who fled. The teachers will remain suspended until a committee appointed by the Mayor of Safad investigates their behavior.

Safad, home of most of the Maalot victims, continued to agonize over the tragedy as the father of one of the victims claimed that he had begged the headmaster of the high school, Shlomo Ben-Lulu, to cancel the three-day camping trip because of reports that terrorists had entered the area where the youngsters were to go.

According to Nissim Sitbon, whose daughter was slain, Ben-Lulu told him it was too late to cancel the Gdna outing because all arrangements had been made. Ben-Lulu, who has been in seclusion since enraged parents tried to attack him during mass funeral services last week, confirmed to a reporter today that Sitbon had indeed approached him May 14 with a plea to cancel the trip.

Ben-Lulu said Sitbon called him only an hour and a half before the students were to leave. He said, nevertheless, that he telephoned police in Nahariya and Acre to ascertain the situation. According to Ben-Lulu, a police official in Nahariya who refused to identify himself hung up without giving details. But the telephone calls resulted in last-minute changes in the route of the trip, Ben-Lulu said.

Shimon Eshed, commandant of the northern regional police headquarters in Nahariya, refused to comment today on Ben-Lulu's claim that he had called the police station but was not given information. He said the matter was under investigation by a committee appointed by the national chief of police, Shaul Rosolio.

ANTI-SEMITISM IN LATIN AMERICA

NEW YORK, May 21 (JTA)—Jews in Latin America feel a deepening sense of unease because the traditional anti-Semitism of the Right has been supplemented in recent years by anti-Semitism from the Old Left and the New Left, stimulated by Arab League propaganda efforts and closer commercial ties between some Latin American countries and the Arab oil-producing states. These conclusions were expressed here this weekend at the 68th annual meeting of the American Jewish Committee, by Jacobo Kovadloff, director of the South American office of the AJCommittee in its headquarters in Buenos Aires.

Kovadloff stated that patterns of anti-Semitic behavior had been cropping up in Argentina, Uruguay, Peru and Bolivia. In many of these countries, he reported, newspaper articles and editorials had appeared portraying the Arab side of the Middle East conflict in more sympathetic terms than heretofore and viewing the Israel position in an increasingly hostile light. Specifically, Israel was frequently seen as a vanguard of "Western imperialism" while the Arabs were seen as representing the "Third World Libera-

tion?" elements.

This attitude, Kovadloff explained, reflects the increased politicalization of the intellectuals and the academic community, with a greater element of New Left strength visible in these circles. In addition, trade union elements in some Latin American countries are increasingly sympathetic to the Arab cause, he declared.

Kovadloff reported that there was little or no overt governmental anti-Semitism on the continent but in some countries Arab League propagandists and other anti-Semitic elements were able freely to whip up hostility against Jews. This was sometimes masked as anti-Zionist or anti-Israel, but its long-range effect was to instill fear and hatred of Jewish citizens among the general public, he declared.

According to Kovadloff, local Jewish communities in several major countries, particularly Argentina, Uruguay, Chile and Brazil, had reacted strongly to such attacks and had vigorously defended the rights of Jewish citizens. On an official government level, Kovadloff revealed, the Arab states had succeeded in arranging lucrative commercial deals with many Latin American governments, using the oil weapon to penetrate the various countries' economies. Just as the Arabs have been successful in exploiting Europe's oil needs for their own economic benefit, he said, so they have accomplished similar gains in Latin America, with important political overtones.

JEWISH LEADERS CONFER WITH WALDHEIM ABOUT ARAB TERRORISM 7000 Demonstrate In Montreal

UNITED NATIONS, May 21 (JTA)—Leaders of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations met this afternoon with UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim to discuss Palestinian terrorism and the UN's failure to adopt an effective program to combat it. The delegation, representing the Conference's 32 national Jewish secular and religious bodies, pointed out that the refugee camps in Lebanon that are centers of terrorist activity are UNRWA camps and therefore the UN is subsidizing terrorism.

Leaders at the meeting expressed their appreciation to Waldheim for his forthright response to the Maalot massacre last week but urged that continued one-sided Security Council resolutions such as that which condemned Israeli reprisals but failed to mention the earlier Kiryat Shmona attack that provoked them, serve only to encourage the terrorists. Led by Rabbi Israel Miller, chairman of the Conference and president of the American Zionist Federation, the delegates asked that the issue of terrorism be placed on the agenda of the General Assembly at the next session.

Meanwhile, in communities throughout the world, reactions to the Maalot carnage poured in from Jewish and Christian leaders and organizations. Many of these meetings were taking place even as the Conference delegation was meeting with Waldheim. In addition to Rabbi Miller, the delegation included Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, president of the American Jewish Congress; Rose Matzkin, president of Hadassah; Dr. Maurice Sage, president of Mizrahi Hapoel Hamizrachi and Yehuda Hellman, executive director of the Conference.

In Montreal, 7000 Jews, most of them carrying candles, participated in a mass candlelight memorial in MacKenzie Park here, in observance of the end of shiva for the children massacred in Maalot. Henry Steinberg, chairman of the Canadian Zionist Federation, opened the meeting calling on all civilized nations to put an end to terrorism. Father Stephane Valliquette, chairman of the Coun-

cil of Churches for Social Action, read Pope Paul's telegram to the government of Israel condemning the Maalot massacre.

"It is a degradation of open values when the lives of innocent children are sacrificed for political aims. I share in the sorrow of Israel and of the Jewish people," he said. Federal Minister of Health and Welfare Marc Lalonde said, "The last time I spoke here it was after the Munich massacre of Israeli athletes and now we have gathered in mourning for the death of innocent children killed for political aims. The suffering of innocents, in particular of children, remains for us unexplainable."

Lalonde quoted from a long personal letter addressed to Premier Golda Meir from Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau. "We are overtaken by revulsion and horror from the murder of Israeli children in Maalot and we believe that it is unthinkable that such acts can still exist in a civilized society," he wrote.

Trudeau's letter continued: "The Canadian government assures you that it will not cease in its efforts to put an end to terrorism because unless we stop it, what happened yesterday in Israel may happen anywhere tomorrow. Terrorism must be eliminated from our midsts the way piracy was exacerbated in the 19th century."

Black Congressman Assails Terrorists

In Washington, Walter E. Fauntroy, the District of Columbia's representative to Congress, said the Arab terrorists who killed the school children at Maalot knew "no bounds of decency," in a telegram to a gathering of more than 800 people expressing solidarity with Israel at Congregation Har Tzeon in nearby Wheaton, Md. The Black Congressman said, "The brutality of these acts is matched only by the realization that these individuals will stop at nothing to destroy a nation and a people. The world must not be allowed to ignore this fact and the United States must not sit quietly in light of continued terrorist attacks without passing its voice against these actions."

In Monsey, N.Y., the Religious Jewish Youth of Monsey conducted a 24-hour "Psalm-a-thon" this weekend at the Community Synagogue. Over \$2500 was raised from pledges of \$5 per 10 minutes of prayer during the time that Psalms were read in memory of the Maalot victims. The money will be used to aid the families of the victims.

In Johannesburg the celebration of Yom Yerushalam, commemorating the unification of Old and New Jerusalem after the 1967 war, was combined with solemn memorial services for the children killed at Maalot. At the main central service in the Great Synagogue in the city, Chief Rabbi Bernard Casper told the congregation that responsibility for the terrorists' crime had to be shared by states which sheltered terrorists and governments which remained passive in the face of such outrages. Casper also blamed the UN for adopting resolutions criticizing Israeli retaliation without taking account of the cause. Leading South African newspapers have expressed shock at the horror-filled Maalot murders and condemned the terrorists in their recent editorials.

In Paris nearly 1000 persons gathered here yesterday for a memorial ceremony dedicated to the victims of Maalot. The ceremony was held at dusk on the small, tree-covered point of the Cite Island in the Seine where the crypt of the unknown Jewish martyr stands. In Brussels a mass demonstration took place in the streets of

the city last night. The demonstration was organized by the Coordinating Committee of the Jewish Organization of Belgium.

In Cincinnati members of the faculty and student body of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion agreed to visit this summer with the Israeli families which lost children in the Maalot massacre. At a convocation in the Reform seminary's chapel more than 200 assembled to express their feelings of solidarity with Israel and with the families of the victims of the terrorists. In San Antonio, more than 800 participated in a memorial Sunday morning on the grounds of the Alamo.

RIVLIN: DISENGAGEMENT ONLY THE BEGINNING OF PEACE SETTLEMENT

NEW YORK, May 21 (JTA)--David Rivlin, the Consul General of Israel, warned here that the expected disengagement agreement between Israel and Syria on the Golan Heights will represent only the beginning of "long, delicate negotiations" for a final Middle East peace settlement that will be undertaken in Geneva. He urged patience by all parties concerned.

Rivlin was the principal speaker at the closing session of the Jewish National Fund's National Assembly at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel over the weekend. He said the peace-making process was greatly enhanced and inspired by the efforts of U.S. Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger. But the tasks ahead are formidable, including not only a final settlement with Egypt and Syria but a solution of the complex issues involved in the Jordanian and Palestinian aspects of the problems and the future of the West Bank which are at the core of the Arab-Israeli conflict, Rivlin said.

He observed that the Palestinians will have to decide whether they opt for peace within the framework of an Israeli-Jordanian settlement "or whether they give into the terrorist groups who are pledged to continue their acts of indiscriminate murders and to hinder the chances for any settlement between Israel and the Arab world."

Role Of Soviet Union Assessed

The Israeli diplomat stressed that his country's firm position was to combat Arab terrorism and to punish the murderers of innocent civilians for their crimes. He expressed hope that enlightened world opinion and the nations of the world will finally recognize the dangers posed by Arab terrorism and their soft treatment and toleration of terrorists.

Rivlin said that while a climate of tranquility may be created by an Israeli-Syrian disengagement accord, overall peace prospects in the Middle East "to a large extent depend on the good faith of the Soviet Union as well as the continued, untiring constructive efforts of the United States for the benefit of all the nations of the region." He said the Soviet Union as well as the U.S. must recognize its responsibility toward peace and construction rather than war and destruction in the Mideast.

Abram Salomon, executive vice-president of the JNF of America, told the closing session that in the last three years his organization has almost doubled its intake from traditional and foundation activities. He said that the income in the last fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1973 stemmed from 480 localities across the nation.

NEW YORK (JTA)--Alexander Feldman, the Jewish activist who recently completed an extended period of solitary confinement in a Soviet jail as punishment for his inability to perform difficult work tasks, has been placed in solitary confinement again, the National Conference on Soviet Jewry reported.

