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## COALITION SNAGS CONTINUE; RABIN HOPES FOR ACCORD BY WEDNESDAY

**JERUSALEM, May 28 (JTA)**--Premier-designate Yitzhak Rabin struggled through the day today, against mounting obstacles, to achieve agreement on the membership of the coalition Cabinet he hopes to present to President Ephraim Katzir by tonight's deadline. He informed Katzir last Friday that an agreement had been approved between his Labor Alignment, the Independent Liberals and the Civil Rights Party for a 61-member coalition in the 120-seat Knesset but that he had been unable to obtain agreement on the Cabinet portfolios.

The most difficult problem remained that of Abba Eban, Foreign Minister in the caretaker government who has repeatedly announced he would not join the Rabin Cabinet if he was not again named Foreign Minister, a post Rabin has promised to Yigal Allon. Efforts were made over the holiday weekend to persuade Eban to accept the Information Ministry and the post of Deputy Premier. However, Rabin, who has promised the Deputy Premier's post to Allon who holds it in the caretaker government, reportedly does not want to start negotiations all over again with Allon.

Problems for Rabin developing from Pinhas Sapir's categorical refusal to serve as Finance Minister in the new government deepened when Yaacov Levinson, director of the Histadrut bank, said that even if he accepted the Finance Ministry, he could not begin serving for two or three months "because of previous obligations." Israel Radio reported today that Levinson would probably be replaced temporarily by Chaim Barlev, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Development.

There were also reports that if Eban and Sapir would not be in the Rabin Cabinet, Avraham Offer, Knesset member and general manager of the Histadrut-owned Shikim Ovidim Construction Co., would become Communications Minister, and Aharon Yariv, currently assigned to be a Minister-Without-Portfolio, would become Information Minister.

Police Minister Shlomo Hillel told Rabin he, too, would not join the next Cabinet, contending that, as a representative in the Cabinet of the Sephardic community, he deserved a more important Ministry. Later, however, Hillel was induced to accept the Police Ministry again. But Hillel demanded extended powers for the Police Ministry and that he be named head of a Ministerial Committee on social problems.

## WALDHEIM SAYS HIS MIDEAST TRIP NOT MEANT TO COMPETE WITH KISSINGER'S PEACE EFFORTS IN AREA

**AMSTERDAM, May 28 (JTA)**--United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim said in an interview with a Dutch journalist that his forthcoming trip to the Middle East is not meant to compete with U.S. Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's peacemaking efforts there. He said on-the-spot discussions concerning problems which have arisen since the installation of UN peace-keeping forces in the Mideast necessitated his trip to the region.

Waldheim said he would visit the Sinai buffer zone and UN observer groups on the Israeli-Syrian border and indicated he would also contact governments. He did not specify which ones. Waldheim said he considered a UN peace-keeping force of 6500 men in the Middle East sufficient. Turning to the prospects for a solution to the Mideast conflict, the UN Secretary General said it will require "long and hard negotiations at Geneva." Made in New York by the well-known Dutch political commentator Henk Neuman, the 50-minute interview was shown on Dutch television this weekend.

## SOVIET JEWS APPEAL FOR LEGAL ACTION AGAINST ANTI-SEMITIC POET

**LONDON, May 28 (JTA)**--Jewish sources in the Soviet Union reported that 13 Minsk Jews, including Col. Yefim Davidovich, and "Red Army heroes" Naum Alshansky and Lev Ovsitcher, have appealed to the Soviet Prosecutor-General, Roman Rudenko, to start legal proceedings against the anti-Semitic Byelorussian poet, Maxim Luzhantsev, whose new collection contains yet more anti-Semitic poems echoing the tone and contents of Nazi war-time propaganda.

In their letter, the 13 protestors point out that Luzhantsev does not actually use the word Jew, but transparently substitutes for it a similarly-sounding "khari" (polecat in Byelorussian). The "kharis" are then described as "base and fiendish."

"If you spit in their faces, they will wipe it off; spit again and they turn the other cheek, and when you give them what they've asked for, they run off and bark at you like a dog," Luzhantsev writes. In fact, the author queries, how did these "kharis" manage to survive the war? "I thought that they would all burn in the fires of the war and their ashes would be scattered by the wind."

Davidovich and the other signatories to the letter point out that "everyone knows that in the Soviet Union the state publishing houses publish only what has been approved by senior governmental authorities," so that some such senior authority must be involved in this case. The 13 signers are:

Yefim Davidovich, war veteran, wounded five times, awarded 15 medals; Naum Alshansky, war veteran, awarded 13 orders and medals; Klara Alshansky; Leonid Zubarev; Lev Ovsitcher, war veteran, wounded in Stalingrad, awarded 15 orders and medals; Grigory and Elena Hess; Leonid Yoffe; Aron Zevin; Solomon Goldin, invalid of the "Great Patriotic War"; Ilya Goldin, Alexander Millman and Bronya Gaunayakh, wife of an officer killed at the front. They also ask that their letter be published in "Literaturnaya Gazetta" the organ of the Soviet Writers Association.

## WHITE HOUSE, STATE DEPT. MUM ON ISSUES BLOCKING DISENGAGEMENT

By Joseph Polakoff

**WASHINGTON, May 28 (JTA)**--The White House and the State Department maintained total silence on Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's 13th shuttle trip between Damascus and Jerusalem today in his unexpected "last" effort to disengage Israeli and Syrian forces. (See P. 3 for view from Jerusalem.)

Spokesmen declined to speculate on when Kis-

singer might return to Washington or to discuss the precise questions holding up the disengagement agreement that looked so promising only three days ago. Neither would they speculate on why Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko flew into Damascus from Moscow without previous public notice.

However, reports from the Kissinger entourage, now in its 31st day in the Middle East, indicated in varying degrees emphasis that the main issues are the Palestinian guerrillas, which had no mention in the past, and the dimensions of the proposed buffer zone. In addition, other differences include the scope of the United Nations role and the method of guaranteeing observance of the disengagement. Of these, some observers here said that the most important is the issue of the guerrillas.

Syria's reported refusal to agree to Israel's demand for assurances that guerrillas would be barred from incursions across the disengagement line and the current Gromyko visit to Damascus without prior public notice are believed here to be part of the same stumbling block to an agreement.

To preserve its influence with Syria and with the Palestinian guerrillas, the Soviet position is believed to be that a disengagement agreement must include Israel's willingness to acknowledge that it will ultimately surrender all the areas it has acquired since 1967 but that the disengagement accord cannot include anything about the Palestinian activities. That issue must go before conference in Geneva where it is believed, the Soviets will press for giving the Palestinians their "national rights." The precise nature of the issue regarding the Palestinians for disengagement agreement purposes is not being discussed in official circles here.

#### JEWISH AGENCY TO OPEN IMMIGRANT TRANSIT CENTER

JERUSALEM, May 28 (JTA)—The Jewish Agency Immigration and Absorption Department will soon open an immigrant transit home in Beisan, in the Jordan Valley. The home will serve immigrants arriving in Ben Gurion Airport who do not have any apartments ready. It will be able to accommodate up to 20 persons. Because of the acute shortage of apartments for new immigrants, the Jewish Agency has turned several of its absorption centers into transit homes, serving as temporary housing until permanent housing is completed.

The shortage will be somewhat relieved in June, when the Immigration and Absorption Department will end the lease of 110 hotels which served as absorption centers. At the same time three new absorption centers will be opened in Tiberias, Dimona and Netivot. Another center, to be opened in July in Nehora, will serve those immigrants who want to join moshavim. The Immigration and Absorption Department currently operates more than 100 absorption centers, housing 15,000 immigrants.

#### 10 JEWISH ACTIVISTS RELEASED

LONDON, May 28 (JTA)—Ten Soviet Jewish activists who were detained this weekend by Russian police were released yesterday, according to Jewish sources in the Soviet Union. The 10 included Viktor Polsky, a famous physicist and one of the leaders of the activists. Rumors persist, however, that another show trial is in the making. Polsky still faces a charge of dangerous driving, stemming from an incident in which a 19-year-old woman was allegedly struck by his car and in-

jured. Evidence, however, points to the fact that the woman was trying to commit suicide. The 10 Jews, all of whom have been denied exit visas to Israel, were held in a Moscow jail until they were released. The sources said that none were charged.

#### SOVIET PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS PAY COURTESY CALL ON PRESIDENT NIXON

WASHINGTON, May 28 (JTA)—Eight provincial governors from the Soviet Union paid a courtesy call on President Nixon at the White House today at the start of an eight-day visit to the United States. They were invited by the U.S. Governors Conference to repay a visit by a group of American governors to the Soviet Union in Oct. 1971.

Their visit follows closely on the four-day Washington visit last week by the eight-member delegation of the Supreme Soviet which advocated closer U.S.-Soviet trade relations in meetings with Congressmen despite the Jackson Amendment that would tie such trade to Soviet amelioration of its emigration practices.

An effort by the Jewish Community Council to communicate with the group failed. The Soviet Embassy refused to accept the Council's letter from two of its officials. Ernest M. Shalowitz and Samuel H. Sisten of the Council thereupon tried to present it to the delegation itself and left it at the hotel where the visitors were staying.

The letter charged the Soviet government has not kept its promise of "an increased, stable emigration of Jews to Israel" and that "to the contrary, Jewish emigration has decreased markedly over the last four months." While endorsing Soviet-American cooperation, the letter expressed support for the principles of free emigration of Soviet Jews "as a condition of most favored nation trade status" for the Soviet Union.

#### COLOMBIA'S POLITICAL LEADERS ATTEND DEDICATION OF B'NAI B'RITH SCHOOL

BOGOTA, Colombia, May 28 (JTA)—The President, President-elect and former President of Colombia attended the dedication here of a technical school presented as a gift to the government by the B'nai B'rith Women of Bogota. President Misael Pastrana Borrero, President-elect Alfonso Lopez Michelsen and former President Carlos Lleras Restrepo were present when Mrs. Lia Ganitsky made the presentation.

President Pastrana praised the group's generosity in building the school in a poor neighborhood. It has seats for 1500 students and a health center. The President stressed the critical importance of education to Colombia. Also participating in the ceremony were delegates to the fourth convention of B'nai B'rith District 23, which includes Mexico, Central America, Colombia, Venezuela and the Caribbean islands. The delegates presented the district's Human Rights Award to former President Lleras Restrepo in recognition of his efforts as a champion of human rights in Colombia and in the international community.

In his acceptance speech, the former President deplored the fact that the world has achieved great technical progress while permitting gross violations of human rights to continue. He lauded Israel and condemned terrorist acts against Israel as the "law of the jungle."

Leon Krajbmalnik of Mexico told the convention that the Children of God sect was distributing anti-Semitic material in almost every country of the B'nai B'rith district. He also reported Arab threats to destroy an oil refinery in Curacao, as well as the appearance of anti-Semitic editorials in major newspapers in Mexico City and Caracas.

**KISSINGER'S LAST TANGLE IN DAMASCUS?**

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, May 28 (JTA)—Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger, in a sudden change of plan, left Israel today for Syria for what he called a final effort to wrap up a Syrian-Israeli disengagement accord. Originally, Kissinger had said that Under-Secretary of State Joseph Sisco would go back to Syria with the latest Israeli proposals reached at a five-hour meeting of the Israeli Cabinet. Kissinger announced the change of plan after talking for more than two hours with Premier Golda Meir, Foreign Minister Abba Eban and Defense Minister Moshe Dayan on the results of the Cabinet meeting.

In announcing that he, rather than Sisco, would make the latest visit to Damascus, Kissinger declined to speculate on his chances of achieving an agreement during his 13th shuttle. No reason could be learned for the switch, Kissinger remarking only that since he had brought each previous Israeli decision to Damascus "I should do the final lap myself." He said he planned to be back in Jerusalem tonight.

The Cabinet was scheduled to meet once again tonight for another special session, following Kissinger's return from Damascus. Information Minister Shimon Peres said "a decision will come tonight, or tomorrow morning, one way or another." Peres also said the Cabinet session dealt with "all the subjects" involved in the disengagement negotiations and not just with one specific problem.

The principal remaining obstacle appeared to involve Syria's refusal to accept Israel's demand that Syria undertake to prevent terrorist incursions across the disengagement line. At a special session last Sunday, the Cabinet had decided unanimously that this demand could not be withdrawn or compromised.

**Terrorist Issue Is Fundamental**

It was reported that the Cabinet had conveyed to Kissinger the Israeli view that an agreement without an express commitment by Syria against terrorist incursions would leave the way open for Syria to pursue its war of attrition against Israeli targets through use of "irregular" Palestinian forces. Without such a Syrian commitment, incursions by "irregulars" would not be considered violations of a disengagement accord while Israeli retaliation—against Syrian territory—would be, a situation Israel feels must be avoided at all costs.

Other unresolved issues, it was reported, concern the proposed buffer zone and the limited forces zone required to separate the contending forces. Syria has resisted Israeli demands for a large United Nations force and Israel reportedly had decided to accept a UN force of less than 1500 men, as against its original goal of 3000 to 4000 men, considered here a major Israeli concession.

However, Israel was reported balking at Syrian demands that the proposed zone between the opposing forces be narrowed from the originally-suggested one-and-a-half to three-and-a-half mile strip proposed by the American negotiating team as a compromise. For Israel, a zone of maximum width in the narrow space confines of the Golan Heights was viewed as important for protection against terrorist incursions. A substantial UN force also was considered important for that reason.

American negotiators said last night, when

talks in Damascus with Syrian President Assad, that a text had been prepared, with blanks left for unresolved issues. The officials said the remaining questions were "very tough ones." Although Kissinger and his officials have consistently warned about last minute difficulties, it was evident that when Kissinger left Sunday for what he said would be his final visit of this mission to Damascus, he was confident of completing an agreement. That optimism seemed reflected in a speech he made Sunday at a luncheon given him by Premier Meir in Jerusalem.

**Kissinger: Current Mission Most Rewarding**

Kissinger said that the four weeks of his current mission were, "with all their difficulties," the "most rewarding and sometimes the most emotional in our lives. One is not often given the opportunity to change the course of events in history and there is no area in this world which needs so much a change in events and there is no people which deserves more than your people to be able to live in peace." He also said "Israel is testimony to the fact that the dreams in history can become reality. To see your country is proof that there is still hope in this world."

Premier Meir responded that Kissinger had taught "us that it is not enough to be right and to be convinced that we are right. In order to be able to live with others in this area, we must at least try to understand our neighbors."

**NATIONAL PTA CONDEMNNS MAALOT CARNAGE**

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., May 28 (JTA)—The National Parent-Teachers Association adopted a resolution at its recent national convention here denouncing the slaughter of Israeli schoolchildren in the Arab terrorist attack on Maalot. The resolution, unanimously adopted by the 1400 delegates from throughout the U.S. and other countries, called on the National PTA, its state branches and its local units to urge the Congress and President Nixon to sponsor resolutions in the United Nations condemning acts of terrorism in any part of the world.

The resolution, believed to be the first to be passed unanimously at a National PTA convention, also called on local, state and national governments to declare their opposition to the use of terrorism, "whether by individuals or governments, as an instrument for political or social change." The resolution was offered by a delegate representing an elementary school in San Antonio.

**SALUTE TO ISRAEL PARADE JUNE 9**

NEW YORK, May 28 (JTA)—The Tenth Annual Salute to Israel Parade, along Fifth Avenue from 57th to 86th Street, will celebrate Israel's 26th anniversary on June 9. More than 300,000 spectators are expected to join over 75,000 youthful marchers to pay tribute to the Jewish State as this year's parade theme highlights their exhilaration: "Shalom Al Yisrael." Parade participants will be drawn from more than 300 schools and Jewish youth organizations in the New York, New Jersey and Connecticut area.

A project of the American Zionist Youth Foundation, this year's Salute to Israel Parade completes a decade of involvement for Jewish youth in the metropolitan New York area. It serves as the focal point drawing thousands of youngsters into the celebration of the newest Jewish festival: Yom Haatzmaut. A two-day festival of band exhibitions and competitions at the Guggenheim Band Shell in Lincoln Center's Damrosch Park June 6-7 will be the prelude to the parade.

## SCIENTISTS AFFIRM THAT MOSCOW SEMINAR IS NOT ACT OF PROVOCATION

NEW YORK, May 28 (JTA)—A Soviet claim that an international scientific seminar is a "provocative action of certain circles" was rejected today by a spokesman for the International Secretaries of the International Seminar which is sponsoring the event. Prof. Edward Stern of the University of Michigan affirmed that the seminar is "a purely scientific gathering, being conducted in accordance with usual international scientific standards, and is in no way a 'provocative action,'" and that this characterization represents "a distortion of the character and purposes of the seminar."

The unprecedented seminar, sponsored by an advisory board of eminent scientists, including eight Nobel Laureates and the Tel Aviv University, was scheduled for July 1-5 in the Moscow home of the prominent Jewish scientist Alexander Voronel. The State Committee for Science and Technology, the scientific arm of the Soviet Council of Ministers, has disowned the seminar and Soviet authorities have indicated that the seminar will be opposed.

Dr. Stern, in pointing to the world famous scientists who constitute the International Board of Sponsors and Advisors, stated that this is "evidence of the international scientific community's support for the right of all scientists not only to freely pursue their inquiries, but also to freely communicate in the open forum of scientific exchange." Dr. Stern added: "Our Soviet Jewish colleagues who are ostracized by official Soviet science and denied access to normal scientific channels because they seek to emigrate to Israel, need the opportunity to exchange scientific information with their colleagues outside the Soviet Union."

Dr. Stern reported that more than 100 scientific papers, including 75 from the West, have been submitted for presentation at the seminar. "The authors are all highly qualified scientists; many who will be attending the seminar have visited the USSR previously in connection with their scientific activities," he said.

### Aims Of Seminar Outlined

Prof. Silvan Schweber, professor of physics at Brandeis University whose scientific works have been published in the Soviet Union, speaking for the International Board of Sponsors and Advisors, stated that an important aim of the seminar is to prove that international multi-disciplinary scientific cooperation can shed important light on the complex scientific problems facing mankind. A second aim, he stated, is to help "protect the right of all scientists to pursue science; their right to fully and freely participate in appropriate scientific meetings, to fully and freely discuss the results of their research...and their right to travel freely within and outside their country for scholarly purposes."

Dr. Stern emphasized that the seminar is "an unofficial gathering, and, therefore, does not need to be arranged through official Soviet scientific committees." The other international secretaries are Prof. Norman A. Chigier, University of Sheffield, England; and Prof. Raymond Orbach, Tel Aviv University.

## ISRAEL AIDS OHIO TOWN LIBRARIES DESTROYED LAST MONTH BY TORNADO

XENIA, Ohio, May 28 (JTA)—Israel has arranged a gift of 712 book shelf units to public and parochial schools and churches here in which

libraries were destroyed in the April 3 tornado. Yaakov Keinan, consul for press and information for the Consulate General of Israel in Chicago, arrived here a few days ago to make arrangements for the gift.

On behalf of Chicago Consul General Shaul Ramati, Keinan met with Mayor William Wilson, Superintendent of Schools Carl Adkins, Greene County Library Director John Wallach and the Xenia Daily Gazette editor Jack Jordan to discuss the needs.

City officials decided 576 units would be needed to replace those in libraries destroyed by the tornado in four schools. Another dozen units were arranged for a parochial elementary school, and 124 for libraries in churches and the county historical society building.

## WALK-A-THON FOR ISRAEL NETS \$200,000

CHICAGO, May 28 (JTA)—More than 5000 people demonstrated their solidarity with Israel by embarking on a 26-kilometer walk to raise funds for the Jewish United Fund-Israel Emergency Fund. The distance was set in honor of Israel's 26th anniversary. Starters in the Third Annual "Walk With Israel" ranged in ages from 3 1/2 to 73. Not all of them negotiated the entire course through primarily residential areas in the northwest part of Chicago and nearby suburbs. But all participants, sponsored by friends and relatives for each kilometer completed, helped raise an estimated \$200,000.

Previously, members of the Chicago Jewish Youth Council, which sponsored the event, and the Young People's Division of the Jewish United Fund traversed the course to note hazardous intersections. Volunteer guards were stationed at these locations, and other volunteers drove "toe trucks" along the route to rescue the footsore and the flagging. Registration began at the Bernard Horwich Jewish Community Center, starting and finishing point for the event. Prior to the Walk, participants staged an open-air memorial service for the students slain by Arab terrorists in Maalot.

Both the number of the walkers and the total raised was up about 25 percent this year, estimated Michael Krevitt, "Walk With Israel" chairman. Last year's Walk drew about 4000 people and raised \$156,000. The Walk's success last week has stimulated Jews in Chicago's southern suburbs to organize a similar event in their communities. Their first "Walk With Israel" is set for June 2.

## U.S. WANTS SOVIET JEW TO GET EXIT VISA

WASHINGTON, May 28 (JTA)—A Michigan Congressman has disclosed that the U.S. has requested the Soviet Union to grant an exit visa to Prof. Vitali Rubin, a Moscow Jewish activist, who has a standing invitation to teach classical Chinese culture at Columbia University in New York. Rep. Marvin Esch, a Republican, said he had assurances from U.S. Ambassador Walter Stoessel in Moscow that the request had been made.

Prof. Rubin is a specialist in Chinese history and philosophy. He and two friends staged a hunger strike in Moscow earlier this year to protest harassment by Russian authorities. Esch and Robben Fleming, president of the University of Michigan, had sent a joint letter to Prof. Rem Khokhlov, the president of Moscow State University, expressing concern over Soviet refusal to grant Prof. Rubin an exit visa.

BASEL (JTA)—The World Jewish Congress governing council is due to meet in Lausanne June 11-13 to decide, among other things, the date and place of the next plenary assembly.