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DISENGAGEMENT ACCORD SIGNED; POW EXCHANGE IS FIRST STEP

By Edwin Eytan

GENEVA, June 5 (JTA)--Israel and Syria today signed a disengagement agreement laying out in detail the withdrawal of troops and weapons from the front line, creating a buffer zone to be manned by United Nations troops and providing for the exchange of POWs and the search for bodies.

The agreement was signed here at the UN's European headquarters at 10:05 GMT by the Israeli delegate, Maj. Gen. Herzl Shafir, Syria's Maj. Gen. Adnan Tayara and the commander of the United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF), Lt. Gen. Enso Sillasvuo. America's Ellsworth Bunker and Russia's Vladimir Vinogradov attended the meeting in their capacities of co-chairmen of the Geneva peace conference.

It is believed that the agreement provides for a three-phase Israeli withdrawal which will culminate in a retreat from the town of Kuneitra, occupied in 1967. UN troops, supplied by Austria, Poland and Canada, will take up posts in the buffer zone shortly before Israel's withdrawal.

Today's ceremony was half private. The Syrian delegation requested that newsmen and cameramen be barred from the actual signing ceremony. Addressing the delegations, Gen. Sillasvuo stressed that both sides, Israel and Syria, had done their best to find "areas of accommodation" and solutions of compromise. The UNEF chief expressed the belief that the disengagement process, due to start tomorrow, will "be completed without difficulties."

Starts Today

According to the agreement the disengagement process is to begin 24 hours after the signing. It is believed that the first step will be the exchange of remaining POWs. Wounded POWs were exchanged last Saturday. The Red Cross has two planes stationed in the Middle East for the purpose, a small Fokker in Damascus and a larger Douglas in Tel Aviv. Red Cross officials say that they might send a third plane to the Middle East to speed up the exchange.

The negotiations started last Friday when the two delegations signed the basic disengagement agreement as drawn up by U.S. Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger. They started negotiations on its implementation the following day and completed them with relative ease within three days, instead of the five provided by the basic agreement. On Monday afternoon a military subcommittee drew up the actual withdrawal maps. The five delegations present at today's ceremony, the UN, U.S., Soviet Union, Israel and Syria were seen carrying with them copies of the disengagement maps.

At the end of the official meeting, the Americans and the Soviets walked over to the two delegations to shake hands with them. Ambassador Vinogradov's handshake with Gen. Shafir seemed rather curiously rather than Ambassador Bunker spent some time chatting with the Syrians. The second man in the American delegation, Alfred Atherton,

was seen engaged in conversation with the Syrians. Atherton's name is frequently mentioned as the possible U.S. Ambassador to Damascus once Syria and the U.S. resume diplomatic relations.

The Syrians and the Israelis did not shake hands. It appeared that the two delegations pointedly avoided looking at each other. Throughout the meeting both sides followed the same system, addressing their remarks to the UN chairman and avoiding any direct contact. There were no greetings or salutes. In spite of this "coldness" UN officials here are optimistic saying that today's agreement which for the first time ends all open warfare, may open the way to an actual peace negotiation. It is believed that the groundwork for this will be laid by President Nixon during his forthcoming trip to the Middle East and at his meeting with Soviet Communist Party Secretary Leonid Brezhnev.

ISRAEL AWAITS POWs

By Tuvia Mendelson

TEL AVIV, June 5 (JTA)--Israel was preparing today for the return of 56 prisoners of war held by Syria since the Yom Kippur War. The exchange will begin tomorrow, 24 hours after the signing of final disengagement documents by Israel and Syria in Geneva today. The POWs are expected to land at Ben Gurion Airport early tomorrow morning where they will be greeted by Premier Yitzhak Rabin, Defense Minister Shimon Peres, Chief of Staff Gen. Mordechai Gur and other senior officers.

Because the prisoners have been without news of events in Israel for many months, an officer will board the plane before they disembark to inform them of the change of government and let them know that the men who greet them are no less than the Premier and the Minister of Defense. The authorities will allow the returnees to greet their families waiting at the airport as they leave the plane. The released men will be taken from the airport to a military base for orders and information and then will be given 48 hours leave to spend with their families, a military source said.

On Sunday they will report to a pension in Zichron Yaacov for medical examinations and orientation lectures on developments in Israel and abroad during their captivity. Israel will free 382 Syrian POWs tomorrow as soon as word is received from Damascus that the plane carrying Israeli soldiers has taken off. The Red Cross has chartered a jumbo jet to carry all of the Syrian POWs home on a single flight.

NIXON DENOUNCES JACKSON AMENDMENT; LINKS DETENTE WITH MIDEAST PEACE HOPES

WASHINGTON, June 5 (JTA)--President Nixon today denounced the Jackson Amendment in the strongest terms he has yet publicly used on the Soviet emigration issue and also pledged continued U.S. efforts toward "a permanent peace" in the Middle East in a full dress foreign policy review.

Outlining what he described as "America's strategy for peace" Nixon emphasized U.S. relations with the Soviet Union and achievements in the Middle East in addressing the graduating class at the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis.

His remarks were immediately interpreted here as diplomatic blandishments preparatory for his

visits to four Arab states and Israel beginning Monday and his trip to Moscow beginning June 27 for his third Soviet-American summit conference.

Vanik Scores Remarks

Rep. Charles A. Vanik (D, Ohio) who with Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D, Wash.) and Rep. Wilbur Mills (D, Ark.) has been a prime sponsor of the legislation tying U.S. trade benefits and credits to the Soviet Union to amelioration of Soviet emigration policy, scored Nixon's latest remarks as "not responsive" to the views of Congress.

The President's denunciation of "eloquent appeals" for Soviet policy changes in emigration also came at a time when Soviet Jewish emigration has fallen this year by more than one third below the monthly average of the two previous years and harassment of Soviet Jews has risen sharply in the Soviet Union together with the growth of anti-Semitism in the Soviet media. The National Conference on Soviet Jewry, in emergency session here two days ago, announced it would appeal to President Nixon to seek to intercede for Soviet policy change when he goes to Moscow.

In his speech, the President tied the Soviet Union and the Middle East situations, declaring "The tension" that led to four wars made that area "a world tinderbox that could easily draw the United States and the Soviet Union into military confrontation." Last October's war "while tragic," he said, also presented "a unique opportunity" because "for the first time it was clear to us and clear to the moderate leaders of the Arab world that a positive American role was indispensable to achieving a permanent settlement in the Middle East." The military disengagements on the Egyptian and Syrian fronts, he said in praising Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger, removed "an insurmountable roadblock" on the road to a "just and lasting peace" that "is still long and difficult."

"My trip to the Middle East next week," Nixon said, "will provide an opportunity to explore with the leaders of the nations I shall visit ways in which we can continue our progress toward permanent peace in the area."

Praises 'Quiet Diplomacy'

Reasserting his often expressed position of "quiet diplomacy" on the emigration issue, Nixon said, "We continue to adhere firmly to certain humane principles not only in appropriate international forums but also in our private exchanges with other governments--where this can be effective. We are more faithful to our ideals by being concerned with results and we achieve more results through diplomatic action than through hundreds of eloquent speeches," he declared. "We would not welcome the intervention of other countries in our domestic affairs and we cannot expect them to be cooperative when we seek to intervene directly in theirs," he added. "We cannot gear our foreign policy to transformation of other societies. In the nuclear age our first responsibility must be the prevention of a war that could destroy all societies."

Congressman Vanik in a statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency said that "President Nixon should speak more forcefully about the rights of Soviet citizens wishing to emigrate and wishing to live in peace without harassment: in his upcoming trade talks with the Russian leaders. Our need for trade is not so great that we can overlook the heartlessness of a nation to-

wards its own citizens." Vanik noted that "Congress for several years has sought to impress upon the Soviet Union what we consider to be the immorality and illegality of its treatment of its Jewish citizens. Neither the Soviets nor the President has been responsive to those efforts."

The House by an overwhelming majority has adopted the Jackson/Mills-Vanik legislation. The proposal is in the Senate Finance Committee awaiting action. Seventy-eight Senators have sponsored it. (By Joseph Polakoff)

WALDHEIM, ALLOAN CONFER

JERUSALEM, June 5 (JTA)--United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim conferred with Foreign Minister Yigal Allon for two hours here this morning. Government sources said that Allon raised the question of continuing terrorist infiltration of Israel from Lebanon and asked Dr. Waldheim to use his good offices to secure free emigration rights for Jews in Syria and the Soviet Union.

Waldheim was the first international diplomat to meet with Allon since the latter became Foreign Minister when the new government of Premier Yitzhak Rabin took office Monday. Allon, who is also Deputy Premier, greeted the Secretary General at Ben Gurion Airport and accompanied him back to Jerusalem. Waldheim is on a tour of UN installations in the Middle East and came here directly from Damascus. He lunched with UN officials here this afternoon and called on former Premier Golda Meir. He also called on President Ephraim Katzir and will meet with Premier Rabin and Defense Minister Shimon Peres.

Talking to reporters at the airport, Waldheim described the Israeli-Syrian disengagement accord signed in Geneva as "a very important step forward" that "opens the door for resumption of the Geneva peace conference." He expressed hope that the separation of Israeli and Syrian forces on the Golan Heights could be completed in a few days even though the agreement allows 20 days for the task. He said "the first contingent of the United Nations Disengagement Observers Force (UNDOF) has already begun moving into the buffer zone and I hope within the next few days it will be fully established." He said "The UN is ready to render every assistance for the implementation of the disengagement agreements" that Israel has now concluded with both Syria and Egypt.

CHIEF RABBIS IN DISPUTE

JERUSALEM, June 5 (JTA)--Sephardic Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef expressed "sharp revulsion" today over a letterbomb addressed to Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren which police believe may have been sent by religious zealots who support Yosef in his most recent dispute with Goren. The lethal letter, which Mrs. Goren turned over to police Monday, contained a note stating "You have started trouble for Yosef so you will die."

The feud which has simmered between the two chief rabbis since their elections two years ago flared anew last month when Rabbi Goren tried to fire Rabbi Shimon Efrati, head of the Chief Rabbinate's kashrut department. Yosef blocked the move and Efrati kept his job. But he is recognized only by Rabbi Yosef's supporters and not by the Chief Rabbinate Council which is made up mainly of Goren supporters. Goren appealed to Yosef in a Shavuot eve radio address to meet with him and make peace. Yosef rejected the plea because it was made through the media, not directly to him.

JEWISH SQUATTERS SEEK SETTLEMENT IN NABLUS

JERUSALEM, June 5 (JTA)--Large contingents of Israeli troops surrounded a site near the Arab town of Nablus on the West Bank today in an effort to persuade a group of Jewish squatters to depart peacefully. The group, consisting of several dozen men, women and children took over the site and demanded permission to establish a settlement near the Biblical Shechem which they claim belongs to Israel by historic and religious right.

The squatters, who brought an electric generator to the spot and proceeded to set up an improvised synagogue and yeshiva, were joined later by Likud MKs Ariel Sharon and Geula Cohen and by Yehuda Ben Meir and Zevulun Hammer, leaders of the National Religious Party's militant "Young Guard." They were further encouraged by the arrival of the aged Rabbi Zvi Yehuda Kook, the NRP's spiritual mentor. The incident, apart from its security implications, poses a delicate political issue for Premier Yitzhak Rabin's newly installed government.

The incident occurred on the seventh anniversary of the 1967 Six-Day War when Israel captured the West Bank from Jordan. The squatters said their act was in celebration of the "liberation" of the West Bank. Troops rushed to the scene were apparently under orders to exercise utmost restraint. Brig. Gen. Yona Efrat, Commander of the central region and Brig. Gen. Rafael Vardi, Military Governor of Judea-Samaria, came to the site to make personal appeals to the squatters to leave. When these went unheeded, soldiers began to dismantle the squatters' equipment and encountered resistance. They were ordered to desist for the time being. The army enlisted the help of its chief chaplain, Rabbi Mordechai Firon, but his effort at persuasion also failed.

This evening the site resembled an armed camp and there were indications that the squatters might be removed forcibly, which would be sure to raise an outcry from the opposition benches in the Knesset. Various settlers groups have been pressing for some time for permission to establish Jewish settlements in the administered territories but the government has turned them down. A precedent of sorts was established in 1968 when Orthodox Jews installed themselves in the West Bank town of Hebron, south of Jerusalem and defied government orders to leave. Political pressure on the government of former Premier Golda Meir from right-wing and religious quarters forced the government to yield and establish a Jewish quarter, Kiryat Araba, adjacent to Hebron.

Meanwhile, the Six-Day War anniversary passed with almost no disturbances in the occupied territories and East Jerusalem.

ZANBAR OPTIMISTIC ON ECONOMY

LONDON, June 5 (JTA)--Moshe Zanbar, Governor of the Bank of Israel, said here last night that while the Yom Kippur War exacted a heavy toll from Israel's economy, the situation was not as gloomy as some make it seem and the remedies he has proposed, including cutbacks in public spending and private consumption, did not warrant the outcries raised against them in some quarters. Zanbar admitted that the war left Israel with a serious trade deficit and a heavy debt to the United States, but noted that the U.S. was not demanding payment this year or next.

Zanbar, whose position is roughly equivalent to

chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank in the U.S., is in Europe to attend a meeting of the Bank of International Settlement in Basle. Last night he spoke to a group of Israeli economists, businessmen and journalists within the framework of the "Economic Club" established by Yosef Katz, the Economic Minister at the Israeli Embassy here.

He noted at the outset of his remarks that Israel's economy, like that of many nations, has its cycles of rise and fall which occur about every four years. "Israel has succeeded until now to master the situation and there is no reason to assume she will not succeed again," he said.

He said that when war broke out last Oct. there was no question of expense. "When American supplies arrived during the war, Israelis did not ask themselves how they would pay for them and the Americans did not put this question to them," Zanbar said. "In the end, the total was \$2.2 billion. President Nixon was authorized to make a grant of \$1.5 billion. For the time being he has made a grant of \$1 billion. Thus \$1.2 billion are booked as a debt against Israel but of course, the Americans could not expect payment this year or next year," he said.

He noted that the war seriously reduced Israel's exports and sent imports up. "Production also went down catastrophically, because of the mobilization and for other obvious reasons," Zanbar said. But the Bank of Israel managed to infuse money into the economy on a short term basis. In 1974, however, Israel will have to spend \$6.5 billion abroad, including outlays for arms, and can expect to earn only \$3.3 billion from exports. In addition, Zanbar said, there are the funds provided by diaspora Jewry and for the balance, Israel will have to make do with loans, grants and a determined effort to live within her means, Zanbar said. "Only then will she be economically credible and only then will she be deserving of the enthusiastic support of the rest of the Jewish people," he said.

LATE NEWS BULLETIN

WASHINGTON, June 5 (JTA)--Seven American Jewish leaders were meeting with President Nixon at the White House late this afternoon to discuss the Middle East. Nixon leaves Monday on a 12-day trip to four Arab countries and Israel. The leaders meeting with him today were: Max Fisher, chairman of the Board of Governors of the Jewish Agency; Rabbi Israel Miller, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations; Jacob Stein, former chairman of the Conference; Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, president of the American Jewish Congress; Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson, chairman of the World Zionist Organization, American Section; David Blumberg, president of B'nai B'rith; and Lewis Cole, chairman of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NJCRAC).

NEW YORK (JTA)--Pinhas Sapir, Finance Minister in Golda Meir's Cabinet, has arrived here for an intensive one-week tour of five major cities in behalf of the Israel Bond campaign. He will emphasize the importance of the \$1 Billion Reconstruction and Development Bond issue in meeting Israel's development needs as well as creating jobs for new immigrants from the Soviet Union and other countries.

NEW YORK (JTA)--Over 250 young Jews from New York and Long Island last Sunday walked 10 miles through Long Island raising \$6500 for the 400,000 Jewish poor of New York City.

ISRAEL TELLS UN OF MORE CASES OF TERRORISM COMING FROM LEBANON

UNITED NATIONS, June 5 (JTA)--Israel has complained to the Security Council over "the continuation of the activities of the terror and murder organizations in and from Lebanon" against the civilian population of Israel. Ambassador Jacob Doron, Acting Permanent Representative of Israel, in a letter to this month's President of the Security Council, Moulaye El Hassat, cited two recent instances in which terrorist infiltrators on missions of murder and destruction, were intercepted by Israeli forces.

The letter accused the Lebanese army of continuing "to acquiesce in the complete freedom of action of armed units of the terror and murder organizations in Lebanon" and charged that the Lebanese government takes no action against the terrorists despite complaints from its own citizens and despite terrorist acts against Lebanese soldiers.

Doron noted that on May 23, a terrorist who surrendered to Israeli forces in Gallilee admitted that he and four other terrorists had been trained in Lebanon and personally briefed by El Fatah chief Yassir Arafat before embarking on a mission to seize hostages in the Israeli town of Nahariya, attack the police station at Carmiel and "use hand grenades to kill everybody inside the local cinema."

Cites 'Murder Squad'

Doron reported that on the night of June 1-2 "another murder squad from Lebanon was intercepted by an Israeli patrol in the Idmit region of Western Gallilee." Two were killed and the rest escaped back to Lebanon.

The Israeli Ambassador cited reports in the Lebanese press "that residents of southern Lebanon continue to voice their complaints against their government for permitting terrorist bases to exist in their midst." He also referred to news agency reports from Lebanon of the recent kidnapping of a number of Lebanese soldiers by the terrorists "and all the Lebanese army did was to negotiate the release of the soldiers with the leadership of the terror organizations."

"The government of Lebanon thus continues to permit the existence in its territory of an autonomous regime, as it were, of the terror organizations," Doron's letter continued, "Israel is compelled to defend itself and its citizens against the crimes that are being perpetrated from Lebanese territory by these organizations and the responsibility for all the consequences falls squarely on Lebanon," he warned. Doron asked that his letter be circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

CARACAS JEWS PROTEST ANTI-SEMITIC BOOKS AT FAIR

NEW YORK, June 5 (JTA)--A display of anti-Semitic books at a Caracas, Venezuela book fair drew a letter of protest from the Jewish community's Human Rights Office, the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League reported. In a letter to the president of the International Education Expo '74, the office cited four books--"The International Jew," "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion," "Israel Commands" and "Protocols of the Bosses of Israel: A Secret Jewish Plan?"--for attempting "to impair Venezuelan democracy by introducing racial and religious hatred."

According to the ADL's Latin American Affairs Department, Mexico City, where the books were printed, is the publishing center for anti-

Semitica in the Spanish language. The League has received complaints from American tourists that such books are on display in bookstores and hotels in Mexico.

They are also exported to many Latin American countries where anti-Semitic elements subsidize their sale at reduced prices and are sold in the United States in neighborhood bookstores of cities with Spanish-speaking populations. In addition, the books are offered by mail through "Accion," the official publication of the Cuban nationalist organization, "Comandos Libres Nacionalistas" of El Monte, California.

U.S. JEWS URGED TO INCREASE BONDS WITH JEWS ELSEWHERE

SAN FRANCISCO, June 5 (JTA)--There is a need for American Jewry to strengthen bonds with counterpart communities throughout the world, according to Charles Zibbell, associate executive director of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. Zibbell, speaking to some 600 professional workers at the 76th Annual National Conference of Jewish Communal Service, also called for positive programs to increase immigration of Jews to the United States.

Zibbell said that in strengthening Jewish communities in all countries, communal programs must be examined as to their effect on Jewish family structure, the unity of the Jewish community, and on helping younger Jews to identify as Jews. Also necessary for stronger world-wide Jewish communities is a better understanding by Israelis of Jewish life outside Israel, Zibbell said.

Dr. Arnulf M. Pins, executive director of the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture, New York City, told the conference that the Yom Kippur War shattered many myths which had existed in the Jewish world before last October, as well as giving new perspectives on issues and problems which many Jews faced.

"The sudden and dramatic events of last year and their multiple consequences have also resulted in both a feeling of pessimism and concern and a new sense of urgency about the problems of Israel and the Jewish people," Pins said. He called for greater effort and commitment on the part of professional communal workers to make the challenges into opportunities for developing a stronger American Jewish community.

USSR MIDEAST ACTS SCORED

NEW YORK, June 5 (JTA)--Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D.Wash.) has declared that Soviet efforts to undermine the willingness of some Arab governments to make peace with Israel were extremely disturbing, adding that "the Soviet's growing willingness to ally themselves with terrorist extremists is particularly disturbing."

In a statement made at the annual founder's dinner of Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital at the Pierre Hotel last week, Jackson said that the new Israeli-Syrian disengagement agreement was a "precarious one." He also expressed a continuing distrust of Soviet policy despite Moscow's endorsement of that agreement.

Three hundred persons attended the \$150-a-couple dinner on behalf of the hospital, founded in Jerusalem in 1873 by the Jewish communities in Frankfurt and Amsterdam. The hospital is currently completing a \$25 million medical center, which will be the largest hospital complex in the Middle East. It will include a nursing school, research area and a 500-bed nine-story hospital with three levels below ground as a precaution against attack.