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KISSINGER SAYS EGYPT WOULD MAKE NUCLEAR WEAPONS IF ISRAEL DOES But Not With U.S. Reactor

WASHINGTON, June 19 (JTA)—Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger appeared today to be defending a warning by Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy that Egypt would make nuclear weapons under certain circumstances. Replying to reporters' questions at the NATO Foreign Ministers Conference in Ottawa, Kissinger said, "As I understand it (the Egyptian statement) if Israel develops nuclear weapons then Egypt would develop nuclear weapons of its own."

But Kissinger insisted that Egypt could not produce such weapons with the promised U.S. nuclear know-how. "I have stated in Jerusalem and I have repeated here that we see no possibility that Egypt could develop nuclear weapons by means of the reactor we have agreed to sell," he said. He added that "it will take six to eight years to install at the best and will be subjected to safeguards we consider substantially fool-proof."

The Secretary of State said he gave the NATO ministers an account of U.S. policy in the Middle East. He acknowledged that while the nuclear agreements the U.S. has made with Egypt and Israel were outside the NATO area of shared consultation, they did nevertheless effect the security of NATO countries.

RABIN GOV'T. DEFEATS NO CONFIDENCE MOTIONSON NUCLEAR REACTOR FOR EGYPT By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, June 19 (JTA)—The new government of Premier Yitzhak Rabin easily survived its first test in the Knesset today. The vote was 60-50 against motions of no confidence filed by Likud and the National Religious Party on grounds that the government was irresponsibly playing down the potential peril to Israel of the U.S. agreement to provide Egypt with a nuclear reactor.

Replying to the motions, Premier Rabin conceded that he would have preferred it had the U.S. postponed its nuclear aid to Egypt. "The longer it is possible to postpone the introduction of nuclear reactors to the area, the better for Israel," he said. "But on the other hand, describing the existence of such reactors as the end of Israel is merely spreading fear to the public. Israel will live forever, under any conditions," the Premier declared.

His government was upheld by the votes of coalition MKs plus the lone Moked man, Likud, the NRP and the Aguda bloc voted against the government. Three Rakah Communist MKs abstained but made it clear that they would have voted for the government had it been in danger of losing.

Rabin promised that the matter of the Egyptian reactor would be discussed with Israel's Atomic Energy Committee after a report is completed by two leading scientists who the Premier has asked to study the subject. Rabin disclosed the identities of the two men: Prof. Yisrael Dostrovsky, his special advisor on nuclear energy and Shalhevet Freier, head of the Atomic Energy Committee. He also disclosed that after the matter is discussed with the Committee, Israeli rep-

resentatives would review it again with American experts.

Allon Says Alarmists Cause Damage

Likud leader Menachem Beigin accused Foreign Minister Yigal Allon of "senseless and irresponsible talk" for his radio comments last week minimizing the danger of a nuclear reactor in Egyptian hands. Yehuda Ben Meir of the NRP denounced Allon's remarks in equally strong terms. But Allon told the Knesset today that it was not his remarks but rather the outcries of alarm that did the most damage. He said it had been necessary to soothe public fears after the announcement in Cairo that President Nixon had pledged American nuclear material and know-how to Egypt. He said his remarks did not foreclose continued and effective handling of the issue. It was learned, meanwhile, that the Foreign Ministry and army intelligence are conducting an investigation to find out why Israel was not aware of the nuclear deal until it was announced in Cairo. Political sources here said Secretary of State Kissinger had issued instructions at the time to inform "all parties concerned" of the planned deal but the official in charge did not include Israel "contrary to the intentions of the Secretary of State."

ISRAELI JETS CONTINUE ATTACKS ON 'FATAHLAND'

TEL AVIV, June 19 (JTA)—Israel Air Force jets continued to pound terrorist concentrations in southeastern Lebanon this morning after sorties yesterday afternoon and evening. All aircraft returned safely to their bases, a military spokesman announced. Today's attack commenced at 6:15 a.m. local time.

Targets included terrorist strongholds near the villages of Hatzbiyeh and Rashid-el-Wadi and other villages on the western slopes of Mt. Hermon. It was from this area that four armed terrorists infiltrated Kibbutz Shamir last week and murdered four women. The air raids today and yesterday are believed to be a delayed retaliation for that outrage—the delay occasioned by President Nixon's visit to Israel over the weekend. They were the first Israeli air activity over Lebanon since May 31.

Israeli planes also attacked terrorist bases near Khreiba in the so-called "Fatahland" area of southern Lebanon; Ein Arab; Kaifa; Rashiya-el-Puhar; and the Hatzbani River gorge.

LEBANON RESPONSIBLE IF INNOCENT CIVILIANS HIT IN RAIDS, ISRAEL SAYS

UNITED NATIONS, June 19 (JTA)—Israel replied sharply today to a Lebanese allegation that Israeli air raids on terrorist strongholds in southern Lebanon were an attempt to terrorize the Lebanese people and Palestinian refugees. Ambassador Jacob Doron, Acting Permanent Representative of Israel, charged that the Lebanese complaint was an attempt to "evade responsibility and to gloss over the facts" that Lebanon was the host country to "Palestinian murder organizations" that commit atrocities against Israel and its citizens.

In a letter addressed to Ambassador Moulaye El Hassan, of Mauritania, this month's President of the Security Council, Ambassador Doron said that Israel would continue "to take all the appropriate measures in order to defend itself and foil

terror attacks that are carried out against it from Lebanese territory." The letter said that "if as a result of these defensive actions Lebanese civilians who are not connected with the aggressors are also hit in addition to members of the Palestinian murder organizations...then this is regrettable, but the responsibility falls squarely on the government of Lebanon which knowingly enables atrocities to be carried out from its territory against Israeli civilians."

SAPIR ACCLAIMED NEW CHAIRMAN OF JEWISH AGENCY EXECUTIVE

JERUSALEM, June 19 (JTA)—Premier Yitzhak Rabin, former Premier Golda Meir and most of the Cabinet were present at the Jewish Agency General Assembly late this afternoon to witness the election of former Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir as chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive. Last night, the Zionist General Council elected Sapir chairman of the World Zionist Organization Executive. He succeeds the late Louis Pincus in the dual chairmanships.

Sapir was nominated by the New York builder and philanthropist Jack Weiler who described the veteran Israeli leader as one of the great Jews of this generation. Sapir said later that for some time he had wanted to devote himself mainly to immigration and absorption work and would gladly have served under Pincus' chairmanship.

Sapir described the Jewish Agency as a "true and practical expression of the identification of the Jewish people with our endeavors" in Israel. "Let us build here a society based on a foundation of social justice, a nation living in peace with its neighbors," he declared in his acceptance speech. He stressed the support of world Jewry for Israel, observing that "we were all brothers in time of anxiety as well as partners in a venture of creation....All this we have done in accordance with the ancient Jewish tradition that 'all Jews are responsible for one another,'" he said. He had warm praise for Mrs. Meir, referring to her as "This great woman to whom we all owe so much."

The Herut and General Zionist factions abstained when Sapir was elected WZO Executive chairman last night. Prof. Howard Ableson, of Herut, said his group did not vote for Sapir because he opposed a national unity government for Israel. Herman Weisman, of the General Zionists, said his faction had favored Leon Dulzin for the post. Dulzin, who was acting chairman since Pincus' death and who continues to serve as Jewish Agency treasurer, praised Sapir for undertaking leadership of the Zionist movement even though it meant giving up an important government position and prospects for an even higher one.

Panovs Get Ovation

Dulzin presented a \$701.6 million Agency budget for the fiscal year that began April 1. He said this would provide services for 100,000 new immigrants, 100,000 high school youths receiving scholarships, 100,000 persons in agricultural settlements, and 175,000 welfare cases. Dulzin pointed out the immense contributions of immigrants to Israeli economy as well as the strong link between the Jewish Agency budget and the Israeli economy.

Exra Shapiro, chairman of the Keren Hayesod-United Israel Appeal, said that an unprecedented \$410 million was contributed by world Jewry in 69 countries outside the United States since the Yom Kippur War, which is two and a half times more than the sum after the Six-Day War of 1967.

Ballet dancers Galina and Valery Panov appeared before the Jewish Agency General Assembly meeting last night and received a standing ovation. The two were visibly moved and Panov thanked world Jewry for its help in their emigration from the Soviet Union. "We had very difficult times," Panov said. "We were persecuted all the time, and when we thought we could not endure any more, Jewish friends came to us and said: 'If you fall, we shall fall. If you stand up to them so shall we.' And then things went better."

ISRAELI OFFICIALS SAY NIXON TALKS MET EXPECTATIONS

Agreements in Principle Reached;
Further Negotiations Soon
By David Landau

JERUSALEM, June 19 (JTA)—The Cabinet sitting in secret as a ministerial defense committee heard reports from Premier Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Yigal Allon on the Nixon visit last night. No details were released. On the whole, official Jerusalem has expressed itself as well satisfied with the Nixon visit, the talks with him and the joint communique issued Monday. Officials said the talks and the communique indicated in effect—over and above the extremely warm expressions of general support—the Administration's agreement in principle to Israel's requests for long-term military and economic aid that would extend till the end of the decade. Further negotiations on both sorts of aid are to begin forthwith, with an Israeli military delegation due in Washington next month.

The officials said that the agreement in principle was what Israel had hoped for from the talks with the President. There had been no question, they said, of the President's approving the details of the various requests on the spot, without further consultations in Washington. Before the visit, some officials had seemed to anticipate that the deals would in fact be clinched by the President himself during his visit. But the Premier himself had said, it is now reliably learned, that it was not Nixon's style of work to go into such details—and what could be expected was his overall commitment to consider the requests favorably, followed by further talks in Washington.

The main thing, one well placed source said, is that the President has accepted "the new and much bigger dimensions" of Israel's military and economic needs for the mid- and late seventies. Rabin's statement Monday night that he had appointed two top scientists to report on possible dangers of Egypt's receipt of a nuclear reactor, and his cautious tone on the subject, contrasted with earlier soothing statements by Allon and Information Minister Aharon Yariv over the weekend, when news of the U.S.-Cairo nuclear pact was announced. Sources close to Allon explained that the Foreign Minister deliberately adopted the soothing tone—at the Cabinet's behest—to allay to some extent public fears and anxieties and thereby ensure that the nuclear episode did not impinge unduly on the Nixon visit and the President's welcome here. The Cabinet had felt that the visit—and the issues to be discussed during it—were too weighty to be jeopardized by this nuclear issue. Nevertheless, the residue of surprise and alarm remains.

TEL AVIV (JTA)—The Defense Ministry announced Wednesday that it would prolong the military service of new immigrants and yeshiva graduates who do not claim exemption. The extension was ordered on the basis of an army decision to maintain a larger regular force.

SYRIAN TROOPS, FOLLOWED BY VILLAGERS, RETURN TO YOM KIPPUR WAR ENCLAVE

TEL AVIV, June 19 (JTA)—Syrian units took up positions today in the Yom Kippur War enclave evacuated by Israeli forces yesterday. The first Syrian contingents—infantry and engineer corps—appeared early this morning searching for minefields and other obstacles. Later in the day some Syrian tanks and armored vehicles entered the enclave and took up positions at some distance from the demarcation lines.

The Syrian soldiers were followed by villagers returning to their abandoned homes in Harfa and Hader, towns they had fled during the war last Oct.

As Israeli forces completed their evacuation of the larger part of Syrian territory captured in the Yom Kippur War yesterday, Gen. Raphael Eitan, commander of the northern front warned that "should another war be imposed on us we shall return stronger still." Columns of Israeli tanks roared past the reviewing stand on a hillside near Tel Shams to take up new positions west of the United Nations buffer zone. At the same time, soldiers of the United Nations Disengagement Observers Force (UNDOF) entered Tel Shams and the UN set up advance headquarters at Khan Arnaba near the new Israeli lines.

The final phase of evacuation is expected to be completed within the next five days. It will find Israeli forces occupying the pre-Yom Kippur War lines, separated from Syrian forces by a UN buffer zone 5-8 kilometers wide.

HOUSE REJECTS MOVE TO LIMIT NUCLEAR AID TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, June 19 (JTA)—Congressional critics of President Nixon's pledges to provide nuclear reactors and materials to Egypt and Israel lost their first skirmish that would bar the agreements without the approval of both Houses of Congress. By an overwhelming majority, the House in a voice vote yesterday shouted down a move by Rep. Mario Biaggi (D,NY) that would prohibit U.S. funds from being used to provide foreign countries with nuclear technology or materials or to enter into agreements to provide them without "the expressed consent of both Houses of Congress."

Biaggi's action was in the form of a amendment to the Appropriation Bill for the State, Justice and Commerce Departments. Later, he told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that his move was "in a small way" to block the State Department in this field but "even more important" he wanted to "trigger action" in the House and among Congressional committees that would have jurisdiction over such agreements.

Reps. Melvin Price (D,Ill.), chairman of the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy and Chet Holifield (D,Calif.), who has often advised U.S. delegations to international atomic energy conferences, opposed the Biaggi measure. Both indicated the joint committee would decide whether the agreements would be put to a vote in either House. Price said the Congress "will have ample time to be heard on these specific agreements" and pledged he will inform the House when the committee receives the agreement "so that every member then can state his desire to be heard," but he made no promise of putting the agreements to a floor test.

SOME ACTIVISTS GET EXIT VISAS ON EVE OF NIXON MOSCOW VISIT

NEW YORK, June 19 (JTA)—A number of So-

viet Jewish activists have been given permission to emigrate to Israel before President Nixon arrives in Moscow, the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry reported today. They include Boris Rubenshtein, 49, a Leningrad physicist; Itzhak Goitberg, 46, Kishinev mathematics professor; Alexander Galich, 55, of Moscow, composer of satiric songs widely circulated "underground" in Russia; and Alexander Korotukov of Kiev, a screenwriter.

The Soviet Union has granted approval to 10 young Moscow Jews to go to Budapest to train for the rabbinate at the seminary there, it was reported yesterday from Moscow. Rabbi Arthur Schneier, of New York, president of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation, reported the Soviet government decision after meeting with Petr Makartsev, deputy chairman of the Soviet Council for Religious Affairs. The candidates will be chosen by Soviet Jewish communities. Rabbi Schneier said he hoped the rabbinical candidates would be in Budapest by this fall.

Rubenshtein has been a leader in the emigration effort in Leningrad, the SSSJ said. Goitberg, as a corresponding member of the Moldavian Academy of Sciences, is the second highest-ranking Soviet Jew in science to have applied for emigration. Prof. Benyamin Levich, whose request has been rejected, is considered the highest, the SSSJ said. Although never closely identified with the Jewish emigration movement, Galich has been formally accused by Soviet authorities of "inciting Jews to leave the USSR." In his "Zionist songs," Galich recounts that "My hands have grown thin from shaking hands goodbye."

CARDINAL COOKE PROMISES TO INTERVENE FOR SYRIAN JEWS

NEW YORK, June 19 (JTA)—Rabbi Shlomo Goren, Israel's Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi, discussed the plight of Syrian Jews and the status of Jerusalem with Terence Cardinal Cooke, the Archbishop of New York, at a 40-minute meeting at the Archdiocese today. The Roman Catholic leader promised Rabbi Goren to intervene on behalf of Syrian Jews.

Rabbi Goren told Cardinal Cooke that since Jerusalem has been under Israeli control, members of all faiths have free access to all holy sites and shrines. He contrasted this with the situation during 19 years of Jordanian control of East Jerusalem when Jews were denied access to their holy places and Jewish cemeteries were desecrated. Rabbi Goren told Cardinal Cooke that his mother's gravestone was one of those destroyed in that period. Rabbi Goren, who is visiting the U.S. on behalf of the Israel Bond Organization, also discussed the situation of Syrian Jews with Jewish Congressmen in Washington yesterday. He will be honored at a City Hall reception to be given by Mayor Abraham Beame Friday. (By Yitzhak Rabi)

DEMONSTRATIONS GREET MOISEYEV FIRST NIGHTERS

NEW YORK, June 19 (JTA)—About 40 students demonstrated for two hours last night outside Lincoln Center where the Moiseyev Dance Company of Moscow opened its current U.S. tour. The "counter-performance" organized by the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry, was joined by groups representing the New York Chavurah, the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry, the Ocean Front Council for Soviet Jews and others. Songs, chants, speeches and posters greeted first nighters as they arrived at the theater. The demonstrators carried signs reading "Detente With Honor: Save Soviet Jews" and "Yes the Jackson Amendment."

ASSIMILATION THREATENS FRENCH**JEWRY, SEPHARDIC RABBI WARNS**

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, June 19 (JTA)--An international leader of Sephardic Jewry warned today that "a great tragedy" is threatening French Jewry because of growing assimilation and intermarriage on the part of the more than half million Jews presently living in France.

In an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency here, Rabbi Solomon Daviv Sassoon, president of Poret Yosef Yeshiva in Jerusalem and director of the world-wide Ozar Hatorah system of Sephardic schools, said that as a result of lack of Jewish education, the intermarriage rate in most Jewish communities in France is over 90 percent. "In a period of one generation we might witness the vanishing of French Jewry," Rabbi Sassoon said.

According to the rabbi, out of 110,000 Jewish children in France, only 5000 receive Jewish education. He said that in the last three years, in his efforts to promote Jewish education in France, he has raised about \$300,000 in the United States from concerned individuals. Rabbi Sassoon is on a fund-raising tour in the U.S. for this purpose. He complained that the Jewish Agency and the world Jewish community are not aware of the alarming situation in France. "The situation is very grave. We must do something before it will be too late," he said.

CONGRESSMAN CAUTIONS U.S. NOT TO PLUNGE TOO DEEPLY INTO MIDEAST CONFLICT

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, June 19 (JTA)--Rep. Donald Fraser (D, Minn.) has warned that the United States must not become involved so deeply with peace-making efforts in the Middle East "that we will be held responsible" if they failed and led the U.S. to take on "the role of policeman of the Middle East." Fraser is chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on International Organizations and Movements which recently heard grievance statements from pro-Palestinian American and Israeli witnesses over Israel's administration of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. He spoke at 50th anniversary ceremonies for the Beth El Synagogue in St. Louis Park, Minn. Excerpts of his address were made available here.

Expressing hope that further progress could be made toward an Arab-Israel settlement, in efforts to follow the disengagement accords between Israel and Egypt and Syria, Rep. Fraser cautioned against the United States becoming too closely identified with the agreements, though he noted that Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger had said the U.S. is not a "guarantor" of the agreements.

He said Arab extremists could regain the upper hand in Cairo, Damascus or even Amman and commit themselves anew to recovery of lost Arab territory by war. He said a breakdown of law in Lebanon could enable the Palestinian guerrillas to foment violence and terror in Israel on a greater scale than ever before. He also warned that the Soviet Union could block efforts for a settlement at the Geneva Mideast peace conference. "The United States must do its best to see to it" that "these threats do not materialize," he said, but he cautioned that U.S. Mideast peace efforts "must not be such that we will be held responsible for the breakdown of that peace" and allow "an Indo-China syndrome" to develop in which the United States "would ac-

cept for itself the role of policeman of the Middle East."

AFTER MAALOT--UNICEF URGED TO ACT ON CHILD VICTIMIZERS

NEW YORK, June 19 (JTA)--A spokeswoman for the Leadership Conference of Jewish Women's Organizations, citing the murder of Israeli children by Arab terrorists at Kiryat Shmona and Maalot, said today the Conference had asked the United States to bring before UNICEF the issue of the victimization of children as a means of political action.

Mrs. Charlotte Stein, president of Pioneer Women, one of the nine Conference organizations, said a delegation from the Conference met with Michael Scelsi, U.S. representative to the UNICEF executive board, to discuss the problem and to ask for the United States to act. She said Scelsi told the women leaders he shared their concern.

The meeting with Scelsi was arranged after a Conference session at which a resolution was approved stating that "while all human life is infinitely precious, men and women of whatever race, creed or political persuasion must recognize that children are mankind's most precious gift of life and hope that, in all circumstances they must be spared the trauma and the physical and psychological tragedies of war and guerrilla assault."

She submitted to Scelsi a Conference statement asking UNICEF to "call upon the organs and agencies of the United Nations" to establish "effective methods" to punish any persons or groups violating "these basic codes without which the whole concept of international law and international community become compromised."

OPPOSITION PARTIES AGREE TO COOPERATE; WON'T FORM BLOC

TEL AVIV, June 19 (JTA)--An attempt to form a Knesset opposition bloc of Likud, the National Religious Party and the Agudah bloc has failed. But the three groups have agreed to meet frequently to coordinate their stand on political issues and in the Knesset and Knesset committees. Each of the three groups had a different reason for not forming a bloc.

The NRP refused to sign a declaration that it will not join any government unless the Who is a Jew question is resolved to meet the demands of the Orthodox establishment. Likud refused to block Knesset acceptance of a change in the electoral system. The Agudah bloc opposed the formation of a united opposition but said it would act in coordination with the others on the merit of each issue.

ISRAELI SOLDIERS YEARN FOR RELIGION WITHOUT POLITICS

TEL AVIV, June 19 (JTA)--The "Revolutionary Jewish Revival Movement of America" has decided to set up a branch in Israel and a school in Jerusalem where every Jew, irrespective of educational level or age, "would be able to absorb true Jewish understanding, where every Jew would be able to hear words that would bring him nearer to the Jewish values and true belief." This was announced today by the leader of the movement, Esther Jungreis at a press conference at Sokolow House. Mrs. Jungreis was invited to Israeli army camps, bases and hospitals where she talked and sang with soldiers in the name of the "Jewish soul." She said she found an enormous yearning for religion without politics, a tremendous thirst for Jewish values, for a return to God, for a belief, among the soldiers she met. Mrs. Jungreis, the wife of a rabbi, has been described as "The Jewish Billy Graham."