



Disengagement On Time ISRAEL LEAVES LAST OF SYRIAN TERRITORY CAPTURED IN OCT. WAR

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TEL AVIV, June 23 (JTA) -- The Israeli-Syrian disengagement process appears to be proceeding smoothly and indications are that it will be completed by Tuesday according to the agreed schedule. Israeli troops pulled back today from the last of the area captured by Israel during the Yom Kippur War. The fourth and final stage of disengagement will see Israel's withdrawal from the Heights town of Kuneitra, captured in the 1967 Six-Day War and from the western slopes of Mt. Hermon.

There were no ceremonies when the Israeli forces moved out of the 72 sq. kilometer western edge of the Yom Kippur War enclave. A few hours before the tanks and vehicles departed, Israeli and United Nations officers visited three villages which had been under Israeli control since Oct. The villagers who remained there had no complaints. Among the areas handed over by the Israelis today was a military cemetery containing the bodies of 780 Syrian and Moroccan soldiers killed during the war. The UN officer praised the way the Israelis had maintained the cemetery.

In Jerusalem, UN spokesman Rudolf Stajduhar said inspections by the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) after the first two stages had been satisfactory and had revealed no problems or infringements of the Geneva agreement. He said both sides had decided to forego an inspection after the third stage is completed tomorrow when Syrian troops move into the area Israel had turned over to UN forces today. He said the final inspection will be on Wednesday and after that there would be inspections every two weeks unless more frequent inspections are requested by either side. Stajduhar said that since the disengagement agreement began there has been no destruction by Israel of any civilian buildings or installations although military installations have been destroyed.

The schedule now calls for Israel to leave Kuneitra and the western slopes of Mt. Hermon on Tuesday afternoon. UN troops will take over and two hours later the UN will turn Kuneitra over to the Syrians for civil administration only. The Hermon will remain under UN control. Stajduhar said he did not know how many Syrian civilians would return to the buffer zone around the Kuneitra region. He said the Syrian authorities will allow civilians in only gradually for fear of mines and other explosive devices. Israeli sources say that Israel believes that the more civilians who return the better as long as they are not terrorists and go about the task of rebuilding their lives in the area. Stajduhar said the UN will begin tomorrow staking out the boundaries of the buffer zone using black-painted oil drums along the fields and blue and white drums at road crossings.

CABINET GETS MAALOT REPORT; WILL BE PUBLISHED IN FULL

JERUSALEM, June 23 (JTA) -- The Cabinet discussed today a report by the commission of inquiry set up to investigate the Maalot tragedy.

No details were given. The 60-page report was said however to be only mildly critical of the way the security forces handled the situation. According to sources, the report points out shortcomings in the communications between the political and other bodies that handled the negotiations with the terrorists.

The report will be submitted tomorrow to the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee along with the government's decision. The government will later make an official statement to the Knesset and will publish the full report except for matters dealing with security.

Foreign Minister Yigal Allon reported to the Cabinet on the information drive being carried out through diplomatic channels and in international news media to explain Israel's motives for the air raids on terrorist bases in Lebanon. Allon also reported on steps being taken internationally to rescue Syrian Jewry. No details were revealed. The Cabinet authorized the Ministerial Economic Committee to decide on whether to introduce daylight saving time during the summer months.

ISRAEL SAYS LEBANON ALONE BEARS ONUS FOR CONSEQUENCES OF AIR RAIDS ON TERRORIST BASES

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., June 23 (JTA) -- Israel has listed in detail here its air attacks on the "bases of the murder organizations in Lebanon" Thursday and said that "all possible steps" were taken "to avoid injury to residents of the refugee camps."

The statement, in a letter to the president of the Security Council, reiterated that Israel was "obliged to take all the necessary measures to protect its citizens who are being attacked from Lebanese territory and to foil the commission of atrocities, such as those of Kiryat Shmona, Maalot and Kibbutz Shamir." In the letter, Jacob Doron, Acting Permanent Representative to the United Nations, asserted that the Lebanese government "and it alone, is responsible for all the consequences, including the results of Israel's defensive action, arising from the existence and activities of a practically independent regime of the terror and murder organizations in and from Lebanon."

Doron reiterated that the Lebanese government permitted "the terror organizations" to set up and maintain "and conduct in complete freedom their headquarters, offices, propaganda machinery, bases recruiting activities, training camps, installations and arms caches and it is from Lebanon that the terrorists set out on their nefarious murder missions in Israel and elsewhere." He asserted that the Lebanese government had waived any right of its armed forces "to enter terrorist bases, including the refugee camps which have come under the domination of the Palestinian murder organizations," and that even in matters "arising from ordinary criminal offenses, the Lebanese armed forces are denied access to those camps."

HUNGARIAN RABBINICAL SEMINARY AWAITS STUDENTS FROM RUSSIA

BUDAPEST, June 23 (JTA) -- Ten Soviet Jews

have been authorized to come to Hungary to study at the Budapest Theological Seminary, according to unconfirmed reports here. If the reports prove to be true, the total of 12 students currently attending the seminary would be upped to a record high of 22 students. The seminary now counts two Soviets among its students, Chaim Levitish, 20, of Moscow, and Adolph Chaevitsh, 20, of Birobidzhan.

Hungarian Jewish community leader Geza Seifert told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that while in New York recently, he had been informed of the news by an American Rabbi, Arthur Schneir of New York. He said, however, that Hungarian officials had not yet confirmed the information. There is no indication as to when the Soviet rabbinical students might be expected to arrive in Hungary and there is some speculation that their final number may be less than the announced ten.

Seifert said he expected to find out more details on the subject during his upcoming trip to Moscow. He is due to leave Thursday for a six-day trip to the Soviet capital where he will meet with community leaders. During his Moscow visit, the Jewish leader said he will attend a ceremony in honor of the Soviet community leader, Efroim Grigorievich Kaplun, who is celebrating his 80th birthday. Seifert said Kaplun is an old friend who could clarify the details concerning the ten prospective students from the USSR.

The Budapest Theological Seminary is the sole institution of its kind still operating in Eastern Europe and therefore must serve a wide radius. However, apart from the two Soviet students, there are no other foreigners attending the school. A few years back, the student body included two East Germans and two Czechoslovakians. In Western Europe, there are two such seminaries, in London and Rome.

NAZI VICTIMS THREATEN "ACTIONS" UNLESS WAGNER CONCERT IS DROPPED

TEL AVIV, June 23 (JTA) — Pressure is mounting on the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra to cancel its all-Wagner concert scheduled for Wednesday at the Mann Auditorium. Groups of former Nazi concentration camp inmates and partisan fighters opposed to the Wagner program have threatened to take "actions" — which they refuse to elaborate. Rumors persist that many of them have purchased tickets and intend to disrupt the performance inside the hall.

Ushers at Mann Auditorium meanwhile said they will stage a one-day strike Wednesday if the Wagner concert is not called off. Police are reportedly preparing measures to deal with incidents. The Philharmonic which decided to perform Wagner — for the first time in this country since 1938 — is standing firm. Its public council, which serves the orchestra in an advisory capacity resolved by a majority vote last week to go ahead with the concert. The camp survivors groups promptly demanded the council resign. They also demanded a hearing by Philharmonic officials as to why performances of works of Richard Wagner, who they consider one of the founders of modern anti-Semitism, would be harmful for hundreds of thousands of Israelis and other Jews. Their demand was rejected.

The works of Wagner and of Richard Strauss, have been banned since the "Crystal Night" in 1938 which marked the beginning of all-out

persecution of Jews by the Nazis. The Philharmonic claimed last week that the Israel State Radio Orchestra had in fact performed works by Wagner, Strauss and other German composers. Today, the Philharmonic apologized for that statement which proved to be erroneous. It was not the State Radio Orchestra that performed the works although the State Radio has broadcast recordings of the German composers.

ORTHODOX LEADER URGES MUTING "KULTUR KAMPF" OVER RELIGION IN TIME OF PERIL FOR ISRAEL

MIAMI BEACH, June 23 (JTA) — Rabbi Louis Bernstein, president of the Rabbinical Council of America, has called on the people of Israel to "put an end to their internal differences and to present a united front that is so desperately needed in these dangerous hours." In his presidential address to be delivered at the opening of the RCA's 38th annual national convention here tomorrow, Rabbi Bernstein noted that Israel "has been weakened by war and by the economic pressures mounted by the Arab world. Even our own government is applying pressures against Israel despite its professions of friendship," he said. The RCA is the largest Orthodox rabbinic organization in the country.

Rabbi Bernstein assailed those he called "extremists" on both ends "of the incipient kultur kampf" over religious issues that he saw posing "a very serious threat to the future of Israel." He asserted that while "We are not suggesting that there not be debate and discussion of these issues...we are suggesting very strongly that these issues can be resolved in a spirit of mutual understanding." He called on both religious and secular groups for coexistence and cooperation "in a spirit of mutual love for the land and its needs."

On the American scene, Rabbi Bernstein expressed concern over the "so-called growth of Black anti-Semitism" observing that "There is no such thing as Black anti-Semitism. There is anti-Semitism without color." According to the RCA president, "Black anti-Semitism is a direct product of white anti-Semitism, which is by far the greater danger to the well-being of our democratic society. Black anti-Semitism," he contended, "is most often encouraged, subsidized and instigated by the classical anti-Semites who have never given up their struggle to destroy democracy by sowing dissension within the ranks of the democratic community."

ARABS IN VENEZUELA REPUDIATE TERRORISM, LIBYAN ENVOY SUPPORTS IT

NEW YORK, June 23 (JTA) — Spokesmen for Arabs living in Venezuela and the Libyan ambassador to Venezuela were reported to be publicly at odds over Arab terrorism, according to the Latin American Affairs Department of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

One of the spokesmen, Ali Abu Shetaia said that Arabs in Venezuela "repudiate terrorist actions which leave many innocent victims of both factions," according to an interview in the Venezuelan magazine, "Momento." The magazine also interviewed Ali Munstasser, Libya's ambassador, who said his government and the people of Libya gave total support to the Palestinian guerrillas. Asked what type of support, he said, "moral, with money, arms, everything."

OFFICIAL WASHINGTON CANNOT CONFIRM REPORTED SOVIET OFFER OF 45,000 PER YEAR EMIGRATION QUOTA

Soviet Jewry Groups Denounce
Numbers Quota On Principle

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, June 23 (JTA) -- Reports over the weekend that the Soviet Government was prepared to guarantee in writing to allow 45,000 Jews to emigrate annually to Israel failed to receive confirmation yesterday at the White House, the State Department, or in the Senate.

White House Deputy Press Secretary Gerald Warren said he had "no comment whatsoever" on the reports. State Department sources felt Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger himself should discuss the reports but he was unavailable to newsmen. Only one Senatorial aide said the reports appeared to be "true" but she quickly added that her Senator was not commenting.

The National Conference on Soviet Jewry and the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry reacted to the reported 45,000 per annum quota offer with disdain. The Soviets are "playing a cynical numbers game with human lives," said a joint statement issued by Jerry Goodman and Malcolm Hoenlein, the executive directors of the national and New York groups. The fact that the Russians may have advanced a quota is an admission by the Soviets "that countless Jews are eager to leave the USSR," the statement said. It added, "In principle, we are strongly opposed to negotiations based on numbers rather than on human rights. Our goal is total and free emigration."

[According to reports reaching London from Soviet Jewish activists, the quota promise given Kissinger, if true, would not solve the problem because it would be filled by Jews from the Baltic states, Georgia and Moldavia who presently receive visas while Jews in Moscow and Leningrad would still be unable to get them.]

The reports said that Kissinger on June 6 discussed the alleged Soviet offer with Sens. Henry M. Jackson (D., Wash.), Abraham Ribicoff (D., Conn.) and Jacob K. Javits (R., N.Y.). Aides to those Senators said at the time that "some movement" was indicated by the Soviet Government through Kissinger towards relaxing its emigration policy and that they had asked Kissinger to discuss the matter further with the Soviets. They refused then, and refused again yesterday to discuss "numbers."

Nevertheless, one especially well placed Senatorial source told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that if the Soviets were thinking of the 45,000 level of emigration yearly -- it was "unacceptable" and "wholly inadequate." He pointed out that the Jackson Amendment applies to all Soviet citizens, including Jews. The reports, he said, were misleading and implies assurances that the Soviets have not made.

Deliberate Leak Seen

Some Senatorial sources suggested that the reported Soviet offer of 45,000 was deliberately leaked at this time by State Department sources to create a situation which would indicate to the Soviet leaders that the Nixon Administration is doing its utmost to kill the Jackson Amendment. The purpose was, they said, to try to provide President Nixon with some kind of advanced position when he meets with the Soviet leadership in Moscow next week.

PERES LEAVES FOR U.S. } MEETS WITH KISSINGER TODAY

TEL AVIV, June 23 (JTA) -- Defense Minister Shimon Peres left for Washington today saying that he was going to the United States sooner than originally planned because Israel wanted to resume talks on long-term American military aid without delay. Speaking to reporters at Ben Gurion Airport prior to his departure, Peres denied he had been summoned to Washington because of American anger over Israeli Air Force attacks on terrorist bases in Lebanon. "There is no connection what so ever between the action and my mission," he maintained.

However the decision to advance the talks scheduled for next month came after a telephone conversation last night between Peres and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger. Peres is scheduled to meet Kissinger and U.S. Defense Secretary James R. Schlesinger tomorrow. The Israeli Defense Minister is being accompanied by his assistant, former Air Force Commander Gen. Mordechai Hod, and Gen. Herzl Shafir, head of the general staff branch at General Headquarters.

POPE URGES THREE FAITHS END CLAIMS ON JERUSALEM

ROME, June 23 (JTA) -- Pope Paul VI this week-end launched an appeal in favor of the Palestinians which he described as left "in a state of abandon and suffering which has lasted too long." Addressing thirty cardinals, the Pope said the Church "encourages the search for a just and dignified means, to end the formidable and tragic difficulties linked to the fate of the Palestinian people." Turning to Jerusalem, the Pontiff called on three major monotheistic religions to end their "continual claims" on the ancient city, which he said, should be "a symbol of peace."

AT LEAST 100 JEWISH ACTIVISTS ARRESTED IN USSR ON EVE OF NIXON VISIT

LONDON, June 23 (JTA) -- The arrests of Jewish activists in Russia in preparation for President Nixon's Moscow visit June 27 is continuing. An estimated 100 persons have been arrested since last Thursday in Moscow, Leningrad, Odessa, Kiev, Kishinev and other major cities where Jews live; Jewish sources in the Soviet Union reported today.

According to the sources, the KGB (secret police) smashed down the doors of the apartments of several activists in order to arrest them. Some Jewish activists escaped and went into hiding but then gave themselves up after their families and friends were threatened. Among the prominent Jews arrested since last week were Vladimir Slepak, and his wife, Maria; Alexander Voronel, Alexander Lunts, Victor Brailosky, Mark Azbel and Vitaly Rubin. Jewish activists were also arrested during President Nixon's last visit to Moscow. At that time they were drafted. Now some are held in detention for 15 days under an administrative order originally designed to deal with hooliganism and violence. But others are being called up for military service.

MONTICELLO, N.Y. (JTA) -- State Supreme Court Justice Abraham J. Multer was reelected president of B'nai Zion at its 65th annual convention here today. Rabbi William Berkowitz, former president of the N.Y. Board of Rabbis, was elected chairman of the National Admin. Comm.

ADL S'YS N.J. TOWN TRIED TO "WHITEWASH" ANTI-SEMITIC INCIDENT

NEW YORK, June 23 (JTA) -- The board of education of a New Jersey town was accused Friday of trying to "whitewash" an incident in which a Jewish pupil was alleged to have been the victim of a verbal and physical anti-Semitic assault by some of her classmates. The charge was made by Arnold Forster, general counsel of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, after a special committee of the board of education of Little Falls, N.J., issued a statement denying "charges of insensitivity, stereotyped concepts and anti-Semitism" in the town's grammar school system.

The charges were made by WCBS-TV in a recent telecast on "the new anti-Semitism." The education board held an hour-long press conference Thursday at which its president, John Heath, Jr., defended the "character and integrity" of Little Falls. The telecast featured Alyssa Feldman, an eighth grader, who said she had been beaten and subjected to anti-Semitic remarks after the class was shown a film on freedom of speech. The film, which was shown to newsmen before the press conference showed a neo-Nazi speaking in front of a Brooklyn Synagogue. The showing was meant to illustrate constitutional protection for the right of free speech.

Miss Feldman and her mother were interviewed on the telecast. The girl said other students had thrown pennies at her after the film showing and called her a "cheap Jew" and "dirty Jew." Forster told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency he had been told Miss Feldman was picked up and slammed against a wall. Heath denied that Miss Feldman, the only Jew in the class, had been insulted or beaten. He said her complaint might be due possibly to "experiencing the pains of growing up." Heath said the special committee had investigated the WCBS-TV claims and had found them to be "totally false." He admitted however that the committee failed to speak to Miss Feldman. But Heath said he spent more than three hours at the Feldman home talking to Mrs. Feldman.

Forster, who said the incident took place early in April, said he was "shocked to learn that at this late date" the board of education would declare that the incident never happened. He said there were children in the classroom "who witnessed the anti-Semitic assault," adding that if the board of education was able "to stifle this kind of evidence," they might succeed in killing the story "but that this will take a lot of doing."

CHARGE JUSTICE DEPT. BEHIND REDISTRICTING THAT SPLITS HASIDIC COMMUNITY IN BROOKLYN

NEW YORK, June 23 (JTA) -- Federal District Court Judge Walter Burchhausen has reserved decision on a charge by Hasidic Jews that the newly-drawn state assembly district lines that divide in half their community of 35,000 persons in Brooklyn's Williamsburg section discriminates against them in favor of Blacks and should be thrown out as unconstitutional.

Nathan Lewin, attorney for the United Jewish Organizations of Williamsburg, an umbrella group for more than 100 Jewish groups in the area, charged Thursday that the U.S.

Department of Justice had "strong-armed" the State Legislature to make the Hasidim the "victims of a racial gerrymander" by insisting that the new 57th Assembly district in Brooklyn be at least 65 percent Black to insure the election of a Black assemblyman. During the day-long testimony, Richard Scolaro, executive director of the legislative committee that drew up new lines for 28 legislative and congressional districts in Brooklyn and Manhattan, admitted that the "sole reason" the Hasidim could not be kept in one district was this Justice Department demand.

Scolaro said the only way to provide a Black majority in the district was to include 15,000 Hasidim in the 56th Assembly District which is now 80 percent Black making the 57th 65 percent instead of 61.5 percent Black.

N.Y. STATE PROBING CHARGES FUEENTES ABETTED ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, June 23 (JTA) -- A spokesman for the State Human Rights Commission said that further closed hearings will be held in an effort to conciliate a dispute involving charges that Luis Fuentes, superintendent of Community School District One in Manhattan, had abetted anti-Semitic abuse in one of the district's schools. The charges were made against Fuentes, who had been accused of anti-Semitism two years ago when he was named superintendent, and against Allen Boone, principal of Junior High School 22, by five assistant principals at the school.

Jean MacPherson, the State Human Rights regional director, has notified both sides that on the basis of closed hearings this spring, there was "probable cause" for a public hearing into the charges. The five assistant principals had charged that Fuentes refused to investigate and act on what they said were incidents of anti-Semitic abuse at a Community School Board meeting at meetings with the junior high school Parents Association, and in the school. They said the incidents had been occurring since July 19, 1973. The complainants are Leonard Lurie, Jack Levine, Arthur Kaufman, Philip Levitus and Paul Flaumenhaft.

Jack M. Sable, the State Human Rights Commissioner, said the conclusions of the regional director did not constitute a finding of guilt against Fuentes and Boone. The spokesman said conciliation efforts would be made to end the dispute by some form of agreement between Fuentes and Boone and the five complainants. If those failed, he said, full-scale public hearings would then be held on the charges.

A number of Jewish and other groups have charged that Fuentes made anti-Semitic statements and slurred other ethnic groups while serving earlier as a principal in the former Ocean Hill-Brownsville demonstration school district in Brooklyn. He was cleared of those charges last April by Vincent Broderick, a former New York City Police Commissioner who was named a hearing officer by the then New York City School Chancellor Harvey Scribner to examine the charges that Fuentes was anti-Semitic and unfit to serve as School District One Superintendent.

PARIS, (JTA) -- Israel's Sephardic Chief Rabbi, Ovadia Yossef, arrived here today for a Six-Day stay. He will meet with Jewish community officials and visit several Jewish schools and community institutions.