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KISSINGER DEFENDS NUCLEAR KNOW-HOW

FOR EGYPT; SAYS SAFEGUARDS 'FOOLPROOF'

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, June 24 (JTA)--U.S. considerations in agreeing to provide Egypt with nuclear power technology and supplies included the supposition that "Eastern European countries" would do it if America did not, Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger indicated today. In a five-point defense of the agreement that Congress is committing to close scrutiny, Kissinger declared "There is no reason to suppose" that Eastern European states would not be "quite prepared to engage in discussions" to supply nuclear power plants for peaceful purposes with Egypt and "perhaps other countries in the Middle East."

Kissinger was responding to questions at a news conference, largely devoted to long statements denying Soviet-American agreements on nuclear weaponry, that the U.S.-Egyptian nuclear accord "opened the door" to the spread of potential atomic bomb manufacture in the Middle East. India's manufacture of such a weapon from peaceful apparatus supplied by Canada was cited as an example of this danger.

Noting in the first place that the U.S. nuclear agreement with Egypt is also being made with Israel, Kissinger added that the diversion of material in India occurred in a reactor that "did not even have" the safeguards of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). Additional safeguards for "both reactors"--presumably Egypt's and Israel's--include the storage and disposition of production that "we believe are substantially foolproof," he said.

Soviets Gave Egypt Only Tiny Reactor

In addition, Kissinger observed, the U.S. decision must be seen not in the context of present technology but in the 6-8 years that it takes to construct the reactor. In that period there would be incentives for "moderate behavior and constructive action," he said. The Soviet Union alone among Eastern European countries has the nuclear power reactors and production capacity. In the 18 years of close relationship between the USSR and Egypt, since the 1956 Suez war, the Soviet Union has restricted its nuclear apparatus to a two megawatt research reactor, according to the Joint Congressional Atomic Energy Committee. The U.S. has agreed to build 600 megawatt reactors in Egypt and Israel. A Soviet source told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the Soviet government has withheld greater capacity because it opposes proliferation of apparatus with atomic bomb production potential and, perhaps more significantly, it has sought to avoid opportunities for other countries to learn the Soviet method of bomb manufacturing.

NIXON INTERVENTION FOR SOVIET JEWS ASKED IN ADVANCE OF MOSCOW TRIP

DETROIT, June 24 (JTA)--A national assembly of Jewish community leaders appealed to the White House today to intervene in behalf of Jewish activists rounded up and jailed by Soviet authorities in advance of President Nixon's summit visit to Moscow. The appeal, delivered in Washington to Presidential Counselor Leonard Garment,

urged that President Nixon make "direct representation" to Communist Party Secretary Leonid Brezhnev to end the arrests "since they are obviously linked to your visit." (See related stories on Page 3.)

The appeal was signed by Stanley H. Lowell, chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry and announced by Lowell at the annual plenary here of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council. The Council's nine national organizations and 97 local community councils adopted a policy statement reaffirming their support of the Jackson Amendment. The statement said that the amendment "serves not only as direct pressure" on the USSR to change its policies "but strengthens the hand" of the Administration in seeking "dependable assurances" from Soviet leaders that they will do so. Lowell said that the White House had also been given a current report on Soviet Jews, including the names and details on some 1600 "hard core" cases who have lost their employment or suffered other "official harassments" because they had applied for an exit visa.

SYRIANS TAKE OVER YOM

KIPPUR WAR ENCLAVE

Disengagement Completed Today

TEL AVIV, June 24 (JTA)--A Syrian civilian administration today took over the narrow western part of the Yom Kippur War enclave evacuated by Israeli forces yesterday. Israel is scheduled to complete its withdrawal under the disengagement agreement tomorrow when it pulls out of Kuneitra and the western slope of Mt. Hermon.

Syrian forces, meanwhile, have withdrawn from the "Fatahland" region of southeast Lebanon where they had been entrenched since the war of attrition on Israel's northern front. They left behind sophisticated weapons including the SAM-7 anti-aircraft missiles, according to reports published here today.

Israeli sources said that the long-term aim of its bombing of terrorist bases in Lebanon was to convince the terrorists that the price of war is high and that they should try to solve the Palestinian issue through political means. A short-term aim was to get the terrorists to abandon the refugee camps. It was reported today that the terrorists have cut back their operations in countries outside the Mideast and are concentrating on acts within Israel by specially trained units. One reason given for this is that they have been blocked abroad by the Israeli intelligence service together with other intelligence services.

FEAR ARAB THREATS MAY DELAY GENEVA TALKS

JERUSALEM, June 24 (JTA)--Political sources here are concerned that the extreme reaction by Arab leaders to Israel's bombing of terrorist bases in Lebanon may delay the start of the Geneva peace conference scheduled for autumn. Statements last week by Arab political leaders as well as comments in the leading Arab newspapers are seen here as part of a war of nerves intended to soften Israel's position before the next round of talks begin.

The sources indicated that the talks were

scheduled to resume in Geneva in the autumn after a period of relaxation in the Middle East which would build up a proper atmosphere for negotiations. However, the recent threats of military action against Israel from Cairo and Damascus indicated here that the two Arab capitals were not doing anything to cool down the area. Both Premier Yitzhak Rabin and Defense Minister Shimon Peres said that Israel would not make any additional peace moves unless she was convinced that Egypt and Syria really want to make constructive efforts for peace. A continuation of the new anti-Israeli attacks might therefore slow down the process to an overall settlement.

Gen. Mordechai Gur, Chief of Staff, indicated on the radio over the weekend that Israel will continue with the preemptive raids on terrorist camps despite the Arab protests. "Further action may be possible in the very near future," he said. However, there were no Israeli attacks over the weekend. This was explained here as "wait and see attitude." According to security sources, Israel now wants to see if Lebanon will act to halt terrorist operations from her territory. If so, Israel will cut down her action in Lebanese territory, according to the sources.

KISSINGER-PERES TALKS WILL BY-PASS AMOUNTS IN U.S. AID PROGRAM

WASHINGTON, June 24 (JTA)--Discussions taking place here between Israeli Defense Minister Shimon Peres and United States authorities on military aid to Israel are not based on specified amounts of funds, Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger said today. Israel is reported to have asked for a \$1.5 billion program spread over a "multi-year" period believed to be from 5-10 years.

Kissinger, at a news conference, said that he has told Congressional committees that the U.S. is prepared to discuss a "long-term arrangement" with Israel and that Peres' visit is "designed for that discussion" but there is "no particular level" of funding.

Kissinger refused to discuss the U.S. position toward Israel's retaliatory raids against Arab terrorists in Lebanon. Asked about the raids in connection with the U.S. commitment to Israel on activities across the Syrian border, Kissinger replied that the U.S. statement regarding Syria was in the disengagement plan between that country and Israel. The U.S. will make a separate decision in "each case," Kissinger said.

RABIN VISITS NORTHERN SETTLEMENTS; STRESSES SECURITY NEEDS

TEL AVIV, June 24 (JTA)--Premier Yitzhak Rabin warned today that settlers of the north must intensify their vigilance in the face of the terrorists' activities. The Premier visited townships, moshavim and kibbutzim and army units along the northern borders and on Har Dov, on the western slopes of Mt. Hermon.

Rabin also visited Kiryat Shemona where he promised that governmental departments would assist the township in the fields of security, industrialization and in other social and economic affairs. At Maalot Rabin said that though plans for development have been prepared, it will take some time to carry them out. At Misgav Am the Premier said that the settlers in the north must rearrange their lives, especially in the security field, as there are no signs that Lebanon is willing to halt the terrorists' activities from her territory and "we have to prepare ourselves that the present situation of attempts to carry out acts of terror will continue for some time."

PHILHARMONIC DROPS WAGNER FROM PROGRAM TO AVOID DISTURBANCES

TEL AVIV, June 24 (JTA)--The Israel Philharmonic yielded to threats and pressure from Nazi survivors groups tonight and dropped three works by Richard Wagner from its Wednesday evening concert at the Mann Auditorium. Daniel Benyamini, a viola player, who is a member of the orchestra's executive committee, said the decision to cancel the Wagner works stemmed from fear that the performance would be disrupted by hostile elements if they were included.

Benyamini said the orchestra had learned that a quantity of tickets sold for the Wednesday performance, to be conducted by Zubin Mehta, were purchased by people who intended to create a commotion in the hall. "It would be impossible to play if there are disturbances," Benyamini said.

DARIUS MILHAUD DEAD AT 81

GENEVA, June 24 (JTA)--Private funeral services will be held at the Jewish cemetery here tomorrow for Darius Milhaud, the famed French-Jewish composer who died Saturday at the age of 81. The services, in conformance with Mr. Milhaud's wishes, will be conducted by Rabbi Alexander Safran. His body will be buried in Aix-En-Provence, the town of his birth.

Mr. Milhaud was a versatile musician who left a legacy of operas, cantatas, ballets, symphonies and chamber music. He enjoyed particular success in the United States where he was the first conductor of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

OPPOSITION PARTIES BLOCK BUDGET

JERUSALEM, June 24 (JTA)--Opposition parties in the Knesset Finance Committee are blocking approval of a state budget--apparently with the objective of embarrassing the government. A three-month interim budget approved by the Knesset expires next Sunday and the government faces the situation of having to operate without a budget after that date.

The opposition parties--Likud, National Religious Party and the Aguda bloc--occupy 11 of the 22 seats on the Finance Committee and have voted en bloc against the budgets for individual ministries. State Attorney Meir Shamgar has ruled that if the vote in committee is tied, the budget is regarded as approved and may be sent to the Knesset, where the government coalition commands a majority, for final passage.

But the Finance Committee has yet to vote on the new budget as a whole. It is not certain how the Aguda bloc will vote this time. If it goes along with Likud and the NRP to create another tie, the opposition may drag out the proceedings so that the government begins the month of July with no approved budget.

WANTED TERRORIST FOUND DEAD

TEL AVIV, June 24 (JTA)--A wanted terrorist, who had been active in the Hebron area, was found dead in a cave near his village of Dura. An Arab shepherd who found the body reported to the police. An investigation identified the terrorist as Mahmoud Abu-Atwan, and determined that he was killed by explosives he was handling. Atwan was on the wanted list for over five years, since he appeared in the region, recruited groups and carried out acts of sabotage. Many of his aides were captured. The villagers in Dura helped him evade arrest by providing food and apparently shelter as well.

JERUSALEM (JTA)--Nine women MKs cabled the president of the West German Parliament, Mrs. Anna Maria Ranger urging her to drop legal action against Nazi hunter Beate Klarsfeld.

REFORM, CONSERVATIVE LEADERS DENY CHARGE THEY 'BLACKMAIL' ISRAEL ON WHO IS A JEW ISSUE

MIAMI BEACH, June 24 (JTA)—Rabbi Louis Bernstein, president of the Rabbinical Council of America, the largest Orthodox rabbinic body in the United States, today accused leaders of the Conservative and Reform movements of trying to blackmail the Israeli people by implying that financial aid would be conditional upon Israel's acceptance of their religious ideologies. The charge was vigorously denied by the leaders of the two non-Orthodox movements contacted by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in New York.

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (Reform), said the charge was "irresponsible and Rabbi Bernstein should either produce the evidence or apologize to Conservative and Reform leaders."

Rabbi Bernstein's remarks were contained in his address at the opening of the RCA's 38th annual national convention here. He charged that "the message and threats by the Conservative and Reform synagogues and rabbinic bodies to the political leadership in Israel implied that any change in the Law of Return on the question of 'Who is a Jew' would result in a diminution of financial aid to Israel and other boycotts." He added that "these messages were published in the Jerusalem Post and other newspapers, including the insertion of a telegram to Shulamit Aloni," a Cabinet Minister.

Rabbi Joseph B. Glazer, executive vice-president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the rabbinic branch of Reform Judaism, called Rabbi Bernstein's accusation "utterly false," "deeply resented" and "disappointing in terms of what seems to be an attempt to twist what we are doing." Rabbi Glazer said the Reform movement has been "extremely careful to avoid any kind of coercive element in our stand on the subject."

Rabbi Wolfe Kelman, executive vice-president of the Rabbinical Assembly of America, and Rabbi Bernard Segal, executive director of the United Synagogue of America, the Conservative rabbinical and synagogue organizations, denied the charge of blackmail. They said Rabbi Bernstein was apparently referring to a telegram sent May 6 to the leaders of the three political parties in Premier Yitzhak Rabin's coalition government urging that a Law of Return not be changed since it would mean that Reform and Conservative Jews in Israel and abroad would be classified as "second class" Jews.

They noted that the telegram warned that if these Jews became "second class" it would have a "deleterious effect on moral, political and financial support of Israel." Rabbi Kelman said this statement was not intended to lessen support of Israel in any way. Rabbi Segal said this was not blackmail but a realistic appraisal of how some Jews might feel. The two Conservative leaders stressed that Conservative Jews have not been asked to withhold financial support but instead financial aid to Israel from the diaspora was increasing and the majority of the funds came from Reform and Conservative Jews. They said Rabbi Bernstein was reading something into the telegram that was not there. Rabbi Glazer told the JTA that a few people had advocated taking the course that Rabbi Bernstein has accused the Reform movement of taking but "we summarily and firmly rejected it," he said.

PRESSURE MOUNTS ON NIXON TO INTERVENE AT SUMMIT FOR SOVIET JEWS

NEW YORK, June 24 (JTA)—Public pressure is increasing on President Nixon to intercede on behalf of Soviet Jews when he arrives in Moscow Thursday. Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D.Wash.) and AFL-CIO president George Meany sent telegrams to a "We Are One" concert-rally in Queens denouncing Nixon's statement at Annapolis that the question of emigration for Soviet Jews and others is an internal matter of the USSR. The rally, sponsored by the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry at the Forest Hills Tennis Stadium, was postponed yesterday because of rain and will be held tonight.

Jackson, in his telegram, declared that the "fate of tens of thousands of innocent human beings in compelling situations in the Soviet Union depend on our making it clear to the highest levels of government in Washington and Moscow our intention to condition the eligibility for further U.S. trade concessions on respect for the fundamental right to emigrate."

Meany called Nixon's Annapolis remarks "a thinly-veiled and completely unwarranted attack against the position taken by American labor and Sen. Jackson. In plain English, the President's charge is a deliberate misrepresentation of the facts." Meany said that the Soviet Union, which wants most favored nation treatment in trade is being asked to abide by the International Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination which the USSR signed. The treaty provides "the right of everyone to leave any country, including his own, and to return to his own country," Meany said.

Rep. Hugh L. Carey (D.NY) in an address scheduled to be delivered at the rally, pledged that Congress "will not relent on this issue." He urged President Nixon not to mislead the Soviet leaders on this point. "Tell them in no uncertain terms that the Congress of the United States is in support of the Jackson Amendment," Carey declared.

In Philadelphia, Benjamin S. Loewenstein, president of the Jewish Community Relations Council, telegraphed Nixon to intervene on behalf of Soviet Jews before he goes to Moscow. He said the Soviet government was hunting Jewish activists in preparation for the Nixon visit and this "makes you an accomplice to Soviet crimes, I can only believe to your distress." Loewenstein declared that Nixon must make "it clear before you depart for Moscow that this action could endanger your summit talks."

NIXON TOLD JEWS DON'T THREATEN MOSCOW VISIT

NEW YORK, June 24 (JTA)—In a communication addressed to President Nixon yesterday, Harold Ostroff, president of the Workmen's Circle assured him that "No Soviet Jew poses a threat to your visit" to Moscow. "Reports that Soviet Jews are being corralled and imprisoned during your stay should evoke strongest protests from you," Ostroff said in a telegram to the President. "No Soviet Jew poses a threat to your visit. Detente has no meaning under these circumstances. We urge that you receive assurances that no Soviet Jews will be imprisoned during your stay and respectfully suggest that you meet with Soviet Jewish leaders who wish to emigrate as a demonstration of your concern." The New York Board of Rabbis has appealed to Nixon in a letter to "use all your influence to convince the Soviet leaders to open your doors to the free unhindered emigration of Jews" during his visit next week to Moscow.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES**HATZOR--A DEVELOPMENT TOWN STRIVES TO 'MAKE IT' WITH AMERICAN HELP**

By Jack Siegel, JTA Executive Vice-President

HATZOR, Israel, June 24 (JTA)--Here, not far from the border surrounding Golan, where disengagement processes are taking place and as near to both Kiryat Shmona and Maalot--is what is called a development town.

Hatzor escaped the dramatics of the recent Yom Kippur War although the road in the center of the town was zeroed in by the Syrians and two of its kids were killed in Maalot in the aftermath of the war. In the near distance you can see the hills of the Golan. But it all looks suspiciously quiet from afar. In the town itself are two American social workers, Mark and Ruth Sober, who represent the Ministry of Welfare. The town, which has a mayor, has about 6000 people. Its ethnic breakdown is 75 percent North Africans, 20 percent Iraqi and Indian and about five percent Ashkenazi. The Sobers are recent olim, two years in Israel, and face momentous tasks in helping the local structure move forward in its plans.

Industry exists in Hatzor but by categories not size: metal working, diamond cutting, jewelry key punching and fruit canning. All are private but must depend on the sympathetic largesse of governmental loans, all returnable, in order to either begin or function. There is some new housing which have eight apartments to a building and the Sobers live in one. By modern Israeli standards it is sufficient and allowances are made to newcomers. By American standards it would be hard to make the habitation a most invitable one. But the Sobers are young and they are idealistic and they are proud to help this town which has a secular co-ed elementary school. The money for this comes from the United Jewish Appeal. There is what they call a high school but it is really a junior high, helped by an American philanthropist, Henry Everett. It is also co-ed, and in addition to general studies has courses in wood and metal working.

Drug Scene Too

Oddly enough, there is a data processing plant in town which calls for sophisticated labor and second generation immigrant North African girls work on machines for contracts with the government.

An American Community Center exists which has a library, study center and youth club. Hatzor has its youth problems, like any American city. There are about 30 "Beth-Kaf" or kids who either were discharged from the army or not accepted because of unsuitability for health or mental reasons. They and some others are into the drug scene and it was surprising to learn that drugs were easily available, mostly coming from the Lebanese and Syrian border. To counter effect this, street workers, or former addicts and troubled kids work with the delinquents. About 200,000 Israeli Pounds have been assigned for social projects in an effort to integrate these troubled youngsters and about IL 1.2 million are distributed in the town via the UJA.

The Rains Came

Nevertheless, it is difficult to overcome the fact that some families of eight live in one and two rooms and that the average salary of workers is about IL 625 a month. But assistance is given to families in need by the National Insurance. However, the overall struggle to integrate both the people within the town and the country goes on

despite the difficulties. Unlike elsewhere, hunger, associated with poverty, does not exist here. Nobody goes hungry.

Legend has it that Choni Hame'agel, termed a saint here, is buried nearby. The same legend says that in a serious drought he demanded rain of God. And when a few sprinkles came, Choni drew a circle and said he would not budge from the circle until rain fell. And then rain fell. The lesson of the tale is persistence and perseverance, and undoubtedly with these characteristics Hatzor will soon pass from the developmental to advanced stage of a community both integrated and making its contributions to Israeli community and culture.

ADL ASKS KISSINGER TO SEEK CLAIMS SETTLEMENT FROM E. GERMANY BEFORE U.S. DIPLOMATIC TIES

NEW YORK, June 24 (JTA)--The B'nai B'rith's Anti-Defamation League has asked Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger to withhold "diplomatic recognition and formal relations" from the East German Democratic Republic until "a firm and detailed advance commitment" is made to pay reparations to victims of the Nazi era. Seymour Graubard, ADL national chairman, suggested in a letter to Kissinger that the Secretary "make a public statement calling upon East Germany to initiate settlement of reparations and claims prior to any recognition by the United States."

Graubard pointed out that the German Democratic Republic has never accepted its responsibility as a successor state to the Third Reich for Hitler's criminal acts nor made any redress to his victims. He contrasted this attitude with that of the West German government which, over a period of many years, has made substantial reparation payments to Israel and to individual victims of Nazi cruelty who survived the Holocaust. Graubard observed that "East Germany is motivated by strongly antagonistic feelings towards Jews throughout the world, and that this attitude must be changed before diplomatic relations between our country and the East German regime are initiated."

NEWSPAPER POLL FINDS 80 PERCENT OPPOSED TO NIXON'S NUCLEAR DEAL WITH EGYPT

DETROIT, June 24 (JTA)--An opinion survey by the Detroit Free Press which asked its readers if they favored "President Nixon's agreement to supply Egypt with nuclear fuel for research and peaceful purposes" drew an 80.2 percent negative response, according to the published results. The newspaper circulates in the Greater Detroit area which is believed to have the largest Arab community in North America.

Comments from readers opposed to the agreement included: "It's like putting a loaded gun in the hands of a baby...." "How do we know they'll only be using it for peaceful purposes?" and "That's all we need, another nuclear power country." Among the 19.8 percent who favored the agreement, one reader remarked, "We've given it to Israel, so why not to Egypt?" Another said it would "help keep world peace" and a third thought "It's good the U.S. is helping some other Middle East country besides Israel."

JERUSALEM (JTA)--The Jewish National Fund is carrying out extensive developments in the Jordan Valley providing drainage and preparing land for cultivation. One project at Moshav Argaman also includes the beginning of work on 40 housing units and a four-kilometer road around the settlement.