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## **ISRAEL ADOPTING TOUGH STAND ON SYRIAN DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT** **By Yitzhak Shargil**

TEL AVIV, Aug. 13 (JTA)—Israel has taken a tough stand on violations of disengagement agreement clauses, especially by Syria. In one case Israel flatly refused to remove a minefield from the buffer zone because the Syrians introduced heavy mortar batteries into a zone where the agreements call for a thinning of armaments, it was learned today. Artillery is specifically prohibited in the zone. Syria claims mortars are not artillery but Israel maintains otherwise and is adamant on the mine removal.

Other alleged violations by the Syrians which have been reported to the United Nations include the encampment of a Syrian army unit in the Mt. Hermon buffer zone opposite the Druze village of Majdal Shams and the intrusion of Syrian jets into Israeli air space. The planes penetrated to a depth of several hundred meters, apparently on reconnaissance flights to photograph Israeli lines on the Golan Heights.

More ominous from the Israeli point of view than these relatively minor truce violations is Syria's failure to date to re-establish the civilian population in Kuneitra and surrounding villages which Israel relinquished under the disengagement accords. Instead of the expected influx of returning civilians, Kuneitra remains essentially an abandoned town. There are no more than 30 civilians in the town but a 100-man police force which Israel regards as a military unit in police uniforms. No civilians have returned to the villages.

### **Sabotage Attempts Foiled**

The disengagement agreement has been observed more strictly on the Egyptian front. Flights by Russian-built helicopters into Israeli air space in Sinai were discontinued after Israel complained. The Egyptian army is sending home its reserve units after a series of military exercises, some of them carried out on the east bank of the Suez Canal.

Israeli security forces, meanwhile, reported foiling several possible sabotage attempts by Arab terrorists. The most recent incident was the sinking of a terrorist-manned dinghy in Israeli territorial waters by a Navy patrol boat. Other anti-terrorist measures include the tightening of searches on the Jordan River bridges to abort the smuggling of arms and explosives into Israeli territory and the erection of security fences along the Lebanese border.

### **FRANCE OFFERING EGYPT \$100 M IN LONG-TERM LOANS AND CREDIT**

PARIS, Aug. 13 (JTA)—France has decided to offer Egypt substantial long-term financial loans and credit as part of the French-Egyptian cooperation accord the two countries signed here last week, informed sources indicated here today. Under the agreement, France will grant Egypt a loan of 200 million francs (over \$40 million) and additional credit of 300 million (over \$60 million) at low interest over a three-year period.

The French decision is a result of consultations here between government officials and

Egyptian aide Ismail Abdallah. Abdallah was charged by his government to stay on here this week to work out the details of the accord signed last week by Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy aimed at increasing French-Egyptian economic cooperation. It was further decided that a French mission will negotiate in Egypt in Oct. on French investments in that country and on French participation in Egypt's economic development.

As part of this participation, France is expected to provide Egypt with technical assistance for the modernization of the over-loaded telephone network in Cairo and help develop telephone communications between Cairo, Alexandria and the Suez region. Other projects under consideration include French participation in the construction of a subway in Cairo, a truck manufacturing plant and a pharmaceuticals industry compound.

### **BULGARIAN HIGH COURT DISMISSES SPETTER'S APPEAL AGAINST DEATH SENTENCE FOR ALLEGED ESPIONAGE**

LONDON, Aug. 13 (JTA)—The Bulgarian High Court in Sofia has dismissed the appeal by Dr. Heinrich Spetter, the Bulgarian Jewish economist, against the death sentence imposed on him for alleged espionage and has confirmed Dr. Spetter's conviction and sentence. The only way now to save the life of the 53-year-old former Bulgarian representative on the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) is through an appeal for clemency to Todor Zhivkov, the Bulgarian head of state.

Dr. Spetter was sentenced to death May 31 by the Sofia District Court following a trial which lasted only four days. Only his wife was admitted into the courtroom. Dr. Spetter was defended by a distinguished Bulgarian lawyer, secretary of the Lawyers' Guild, and a member of the Communist Party, Velichko Ivanov. But the District Court took little notice of the defense attorney's arguments.

Dr. Spetter's appeal was heard by the High Court on Aug. 5 when he was again represented by Ivanov. Relatives of the defendant were informed of the High Court's decision last night. Throughout, Dr. Spetter has asserted his innocence. All efforts by Amnesty International to intercede on his behalf with the Bulgarian authorities failed.

Friends and relatives of Dr. Spetter appealed today to world public opinion to intervene in this new "Dreyfus Case," as they described it. They insist that the espionage charge is a complete fabrication, and that the trial was only motivated by political and internal considerations.

### **FORD PLEDGES TO PURSUE DETENTE AND TRADE WITH USSR, AND CONTINUE PEACE EFFORTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST** **From Combined JTA Dispatches**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13 (JTA)—President Gerald R. Ford stressed good will, balance and continuity in American foreign policy and tough fiscal restraint at home in his address last night to a joint session of Congress and the nation. In his 40-minute speech only four days after his inauguration, the President put his strongest emphasis on reducing government spending which he

saw as the prime cause of inflation.

He was less specific in foreign policy areas but indicated his Administration's intention to pursue detente and trade with the Soviet Union and continue the Nixon policies of improved relations with China and strong efforts for peace in the Middle East.

With respect to that region, the President said this: "To the nations of the Middle East I pledge continuity in our vigorous efforts to advance the process which has brought hopes of peace to the region after 25 long years as a hotbed of war. We shall carry out our promise to promote continuing negotiations among all parties for a complete, just and lasting settlement."

At the same time, Ford warned bluntly that the change of Administrations in Washington was no signal to test the strength and determination of American policies. In words clearly addressed to any potential crisis-makers anywhere in the world, the President declared:

"Let there be no doubt or misunderstanding anywhere. There are no opportunities to exploit, should anyone so desire. There will be no change of course, no relaxation of vigilance, no abandonment of the helm of our ship of state as the watch changes. We stand by our commitments and will live up to our responsibilities in our formal alliances, in our friendships and in our improving relations with any potential adversaries."

#### Ponder Future of J/M-V Amendments

Observers here pondering the Ford speech today suggested that while the new President can be expected to continue the policies established by former President Nixon, Ford is not burdened by the same degree of personal commitment in many areas of policy as was Nixon. Capitol Hill supporters of the Jackson Amendment noted in that respect that Ford shared Nixon's opposition to the Mills-Vanik amendment to the trade bill passed by the House earlier this year, but not with the same passion.

Dealing with that subject before the joint session, Ford said "with modification," the trade reform bill passed by the House last year was satisfactory and expressed optimism that "the Senate will pass an acceptable bill quickly as a key part of our joint prosperity campaign."

Observers noted that efforts to reach a compromise on the Jackson Amendment between the Senate and the Administration are continuing. Meetings between Sens. Henry M. Jackson, Abraham Ribicoff and Jacob K. Javits and Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger have been a regular feature of this effort. They are expected to meet this week.

In this area, however, some observers feel that Ford may be motivated by a feeling that trade between the U.S. and USSR is beneficial for the American economy and is likely to be cautious about criticizing Soviet emigration policy with regard to those Jews who want to leave.

It is also noted that Kissinger's continuation in his office means a continuation of U.S. diplomacy toward the USSR. Ford made it clear that he intends to focus on domestic problems in an effort to combat inflation and unemployment and the sagging economy in the agricultural sector. But he indicated that he views American defense spending to be inviolable when it comes to balancing the budget.

#### Arabs Given Veiled Warning

Some observers felt that Ford's insistence on fiscal restraint—"My first priority," he told

Congress, "is to work with you to bring inflation under control. Inflation is our domestic public enemy No. 1"—may reduce American grants in aid to other countries, including Israel. On the other hand, it was pointed out that the President probably considers American military aid to its allies and friends—including Israel—as part and parcel of the powerful defense posture he strongly advocates.

Ford is expected to honor the commitments in that area made by Nixon, which includes Nixon's offer of nuclear reactors, material and know-how to Egypt and Israel.

Ford may also have issued a veiled warning to the Arab oil producing states not to repeat their embargo of last winter when he said, "We will be working together with other nations to find better ways to prevent shortages of food and fuel. We must not let last winter's energy crisis happen again. I will push Project Independence for our own good and the good of others."

#### STATE DEP'T. APPEARS TO BE IGNORING REPORTS OF SYRIAN MILITARY BUILD-UP

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13 (JTA)—The State Department today appeared to be turning a blind eye towards reports that Syria is moving mortars and heavy artillery into the United Nations patrolled buffer zone in the Golan Heights and that the Soviet Union is shipping large quantities of military equipment to Syria.

Department spokesman Robert Anderson, asked about Israeli charges that Syria is putting guns into the buffer area, declared to reporters: "As we understand it, the Israelis have discussed with the United Nations the question of whether certain items of equipment should be permitted in the limited forces area. These reports apparently refer to discussions which are continuing. I have nothing more for you today on the specific reports."

Anderson said he could not confirm whether Syrian guns were in the buffer zone. Regarding Soviet equipment reportedly moving into Syria, he said that he had seen such reports but was not going to confirm or deny them. A reporter pointed out that the U.S. was instrumental in working out the disengagement of Israeli and Syrian forces in a 33-day diplomatic marathon and asked whether Syria was observing the terms of that agreement or violating it. Anderson said he had no immediate response to that question.

#### TERRORIST HQ SHELLED BY ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Aug. 13 (JTA)—Israeli navy units shelled the naval operations headquarters of Arab terrorist groups today near the Rashidiyeh Palestinian refugee camp in Lebanon near the port of Tyre, according to the Israeli army spokesman. According to Arab reports, four Israeli missile ships took part in the attack, but the army spokesman gave no details on the number of Israeli vessels taking part in the attack. All ships returned safely to base.

The spokesman said it was from the Rashidiyeh anchorage that an Arab terrorist dinghy, which was attacked and sunk by an Israeli patrol boat Friday night, had set sail for Israel. The anchorage is about 10 miles north of Rosh Hanigra, the Israeli-Lebanese border point on the Mediterranean.

Arab radio stations said the Israeli ships were aided by Israeli air force planes but the Israeli spokesman did not mention any air force participation. The Arabs also claimed they fired at the Israeli ships with guns and missiles but did not claim any hits.

# CITY OFFICIALS PROMISE BETTER POLICE PROTECTION FOR SYNAGOGUES IN NEW YORK'S HIGH CRIME AREAS

By Sue Macy

NEW YORK, Aug. 13 (JTA)--Representatives of Mayor Abraham Beame's office and the city police department promised better police protection for synagogues and other religious institutions, especially on Manhattan's Lower East Side, after meeting today with a Jewish delegation following a demonstration outside City Hall by some 35 persons led by the Jewish Defense League.

One of the demonstrators, Rabbi Julius Neumann, a former Commissioner of Human Rights for New York City and now a candidate for Councilman in Manhattan, said today that the demonstration was precipitated by the death last Thursday of Arnold Roth, 43, an observant Jew who was attacked in front of his Lower East Side shoe repair shop. Roth, who was active in Jewish social work, was the latest victim in an ongoing flood of violent crime, vandalism and harassment which has taken place in the New York Jewish community, said Rabbi Neumann.

The City Hall meeting was attended by Joe Erazzo, assistant to Beame, and four representatives of the police department, including Sgt. Edwin Dahlem, the officer in charge of the investigation into Roth's death. Two JDL members and three other members of the city's Jewish community, including Rabbi Neumann, also attended.

## Seek Allocation Of More Funds

The Lower East Side area is one in which a particularly large amount of crimes take place against the Jewish community, said Rabbi Neumann, adding, "We need more police protection in this area." Police officers "have been taken from" this area "and reassigned to other areas because their residents put pressures on the city government," he charged.

The demonstrators asked for the allocation of more funds to provide for better police protection in the city and especially on the Lower East Side, as well as the immediate assignment of uniformed or undercover police to areas such as those where Roth was killed. "It is imperative to stop these animals in human form from preying upon people who they think might have a few dollars," said Rabbi Neumann.

He noted after today's meeting that a police sergeant from the Lower East Side area assured him he would "keep a closer eye on that section. The area is the scene where two synagogues have been firebombed and put out of commission recently," the rabbi said. This section of the Lower East Side is included in the area in which Rabbi Neumann is running for Councilman.

## KAHANE SUPPORTERS PROTEST ISRAEL'S REFUSAL TO LET RABBI COME TO U.S.

NEW YORK, Aug. 13 (JTA)--Three supporters of Rabbi Meir Kahane charged yesterday that Kahane was taken off a New York-bound El Al plane at Ben Gurion Airport and told he could not go to the United States "to make trouble for Kissinger." At a press conference in the lobby of the building housing the Israel Consulate, Gene Singer, spokesman for the three, said Kahane was scheduled to make a two-month speaking tour of the U.S. He said Kahane had been promised by Israeli authorities that he could leave Israel if he did not make any speeches in the U.S.

(In Jerusalem, Kahane said he had been pre-

vented from leaving because he intended "to arouse United States Jews in angry protest" against the diplomacy of Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger. But border police at Ben Gurion Airport said there was a court order barring him from leaving. Attorney General Meir Shamgar told the JTA the court order was issued pending Kahane's trial in Tel Aviv District Court Nov. 17 on a charge of attempting to smuggle arms out of Israel.)

But Singer told the JTA here that others in the case had been allowed to leave the country. The Israeli daily, Maariv, said Kahane plans to appeal claiming he had a valid ticket and a permit from the army to travel.

Meanwhile, yesterday, the New York City police expecting a Jewish Defense League demonstration, were out in force and blocked off the street in front of the Consulate. However, no JDL members turned up. Kahane has resigned from the organization he founded and Singer said he and his two companions represented the Jewish Identity Center in New York, a new group headed by Kahane with members in the U.S. and Israel. The Israel Consulate had no comment on Kahane's reported detention.

## CARTER ANNOUNCES SANDERS IS WINNER OF FIRST ALEPH TAV AWARD

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 13 (JTA)--The American Friends of Tel Aviv University (AFTAU), which last year cancelled a major dinner to enable the Israel Bond Organization to conduct an emergency rally upon the outbreak of the Yom Kippur War, will hold an inaugural Aleph Tav Dinner at the Beverly Hilton here Sept. 14, it was announced by Victor M. Carter, AFTAU president and chairman of the university's international Board of Governors.

The first recipient of the newly established award is Edward Sanders who is president of the Jewish Federation-Council of Greater Los Angeles and a leading figure in virtually all major Jewish causes here and abroad.

Carter said that Sanders will be cited as an individual who "exemplifies the qualities of integrity, vision and compassion" in his "personal endeavors to promote universal freedom, to nurture academic development and to champion the cause of Israel." Sanders was designated for the award, which carries the initials of the Tel Aviv University and represents the first and last letters of the Hebrew alphabet, by a special selection panel of prominent Los Angeles leaders. The choice was endorsed unanimously by the executive committee of the TAU's Board of Governors.

Carter also announced that Simcha Diniz, Israel's Ambassador to the U.S., will be among the dignitaries who will pay tribute to Sanders at the award dinner. Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D.Wash.) will be guest speaker at the event. Diniz will bring "the warmest possible greetings" from the Israeli government, Carter said, "which recognizes Ed Sanders as one of the Jewish State's most ardent supporters." Prof. Yuval Neeman is president of Tel Aviv University. Carter is a member of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency's Board of Directors.

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JERUSALEM (JTA)--Haim Zadok, Minister of Justice and Religion, "regretfully confirmed" Tuesday in the Knesset a report from Safed that mailmen there had refused to deliver printed material dispatched by missionary organizations because their local rabbi ruled it was a sin. Zadok said the rabbi had been elected by due process and there was nothing that he as Minister could do to overrule his ruling or take other action against him.

# JEWISH DELEGATES TO TEXAS DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION SAY OPENING DATE CONFLICTS WITH ROSH HASHANA Request For Recess Nixed By Committee

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Aug. 13 (JTA)--A federal court suit by 11 Jewish delegates to the state Democratic convention, asking the court to enjoin opening of the convention on the first day of the High Holy Days, was supported today in a friend of the court brief filed by the southwest region of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. The state Republican convention also is scheduled to open on Sept. 17.

The 250 Jewish delegates and alternates to the Democratic convention formally asked the state Democratic executive committee to recess the convention for two days but the committee defeated a proposal for such recess. The suit was filed Aug. 7 in the Western Texas Division of the United States District Court by the 11 Jewish plaintiffs.

The suit contended that refusal to recess the convention until after Rosh Hashana placed an unconstitutional burden on the Jewish delegates and alternates by violation of the "free exercise" clause of the First Amendment. The suit declared that it was unconstitutional for the Democratic Party to compel Jewish delegates to choose between ignoring the Holy Day to attend or to observe the Holy Day and forego participation.

## Also Urging Republican Recess

Henry Cohn, Southwest ADL chairman, in a memorandum announcing plans to file the brief, said it dealt with the meaning of Rosh Hashana to Jews, the Holy Day ban on "laborious work" and that participation in a political convention would be a violation of the letter and spirit of the holy days. Cohn said that if the court ruled for the plaintiffs on the merits of their constitutional complaint, a precedent would be set which would prevent conflicts between observances by all persons, Christians and Jews, and major state functions.

Cohn said the ADL also was conferring with the state Republican Party and urging the Republicans to recess their convention. He added the ADL had no information on whether any Jewish Republican delegates or alternates planned to bring suit if the Republican state executive committee also declined to recess its convention "to avoid the disenfranchisement of Jewish delegates."

## MURPHY EXPLAINS QUESTION DEALING WITH JEWS AND WHALES

NEW YORK, Aug. 13 (JTA)--A New York Congressman expressed regret today over the "misinterpretation" of his intentions when he asked constituents recently whether they thought the U.S. "should use trade to influence foreign policy in other countries, as in the case of Jewish emigration from Russia and the overkilling of whales by the Japanese."

"There was no intent on my part to imply that the Soviet Jewry issue and the threatened extinction of whales by Japanese fishing fleets were similar," Rep. John M. Murphy, a Democrat from Staten Island, said in a letter to Malcolm Hoenlein, chairman of the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry. The text of his letter was made available to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Murphy said that the question, part of a questionnaire he mailed to his constituents last month, utilized "only two of the many examples

that would have been used for the same question." He said he picked the Soviet Jewry issue and the overkill of whales because "both received considerable publicity and are therefore well understood by the residents of the 17th Congressional District."

The juxtaposition of Soviet Jews and whales and another question on whether the U.S. should supply arms to Israel and the Arab states contained in Murphy's questionnaire, raised questions in Jewish circles as to what the Congressman was implying.

Murphy contended in his letter that this was due to a "misinterpretation." He said that "out of the thousands of questionnaires received in my Washington, Manhattan and Staten Island offices, there have been no complaints over the wording or the intent of the question.... The question is certainly not one of the rights of Jews versus whales." Murphy described himself as a supporter of the Jackson Amendment to the foreign trade bill and said he had "a clear record of support for Israel and the freedom of the Jews."

## ISRAEL BOND CONCLAVE TO LAUNCH ECONOMIC AID CAMPAIGN FOR ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Aug. 13 (JTA)--Israeli Defense Minister Shimon Peres will be the principal speaker at the 1974 Fall International Leadership Conference to inaugurate a campaign to provide immediate and large-scale economic aid to Israel through the Israel Bond program. The conference, to be held from Sept. 6-8 at the Sheraton-Mount Royal Hotel in Montreal, will bring together prominent Jewish community leaders from all over the United States and Canada to plan intensified activities for a maximum sale of Israel Bonds during the four most productive months of the year.

Sam Rothberg, general chairman and Michael Arnon, president and chief executive officer of the Israel Bond Organization, who headed a delegation that visited Israel last week at the invitation of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin called attention to the grave danger to Israel's economy posed by mounting inflation and defense expenditures on the highest scale in its history. They emphasized that the conference in Montreal must take its cue from the new economic policy adopted by the Israel government in recent weeks which has placed additional heavy burdens on the people of Israel.

The conferees will consider ways and means to accelerate the pace of the campaign in the coming months. Particular stress will be placed on the special efforts to enroll Shomrei Israel families through the purchase of \$1000 or more in Israel Bonds during the observance of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur in commemoration of those who fell in the Yom Kippur War.

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TEL AVIV (JTA)--Yiddish actor Joseph Bulloff was hospitalized Monday night at the "Ichilov" Municipal Hospital in Tel Aviv for surgery and treatment. His condition was reported satisfactory Tuesday. His next two shows in Tel Aviv were cancelled. Bulloff arrived in Israel two weeks ago.

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JERUSALEM (JTA)--The war in Cyprus was cited by officials Tuesday as partly responsible for the latest drop in tourism in Israel. The figures for July issued by the Central Bureau of Statistics were 78,900--a drop of 22 percent from the July 1973 figure. The figure for the Jan.-July period was 371,700 compared to 441,600 during the first seven months of last year.

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TEL AVIV (JTA)--The entire Gaza Strip is now linked to the Israeli electric network.