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RAHIN SAYS HE WILL ASK THE U.S. FOR A FIVE-FOLD INCREASE IN ITS ASSISTANCE TO ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Sept. 5 (JTA)—Premier Yitzhak Rabin said on the eve of his trip to Washington today that he would ask the United States for a five-fold increase in its assistance to Israel. Rabin, addressing a meeting of leaders of the North African community, stressed the military, economic and social dangers that Israel faces nearly a year after the Yom Kippur War.

"We do not want another war, but we have to be ready to face one. We must hope for the best but be ready for the worst," the Premier said. He said that to cope with the existing military dangers more reservists would be called up for longer periods, the regular army will be increased and more duties will be imposed on conscripts. The Premier stressed that even more important for the nation's security was how it affected needed changes in the socio-economic foundations of society.

He said that Israel could make better use of its resources. "We have to increase production. We have to better the services and make them more efficient," he said. He conceded that there was a disproportionate distribution of the burdens of security, production and services. A sounder basis in the social and economic fields are a guarantee of better security, Rabin said.

ISRAELI UNITS CROSS INTO LEBANON TO CONDUCT SEARCH IN TWO VILLAGES SUSPECTED OF HARBORING TERRORISTS Also Shell Terrorist Stronghold in Lebanon

TEL AVIV, Sept. 5 (JTA)—Israeli security forces have taken the initiative against terrorists in southern Lebanon after two clashes this week with terrorist infiltrators on the Israeli side of the border. Israeli units crossed the border late yesterday to carry out a house-to-house search in two Lebanese villages Dahira and Battashme, suspected of sheltering terrorists. One villager was taken back to Israel for questioning. At the same time, Israeli artillery shelled Djabyeh village, a terrorist stronghold some 15 kilometers inside Lebanon.

The measures were taken following the clashes in which two Israeli soldiers and four terrorists were killed and two terrorists captured. Documents found on the infiltrators identified them as members of Naif Hawatmeh's Popular Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine which has headquarters both in Beirut and Damascus. The Hawatmeh gang, said to number 400, was responsible for the Maalot massacre last May.

Its latest mission was to capture Israeli hostages who were to be exchanged for 20 terrorists in Israeli jails and for the Greek Catholic Archbishop Hillarion Capucci, indicted in Jerusalem Monday for smuggling arms to terrorists in Israel. The nature of the mission was confirmed by Hawatmeh in an interview published in a Beirut newspaper today.

Earlier, terrorist broadcasts in Beirut claimed that a large number of Israelis had been taken hostage and were slain when Israel refused to free Capucci and the others. Israeli

authorities called the reports an "Arabian Nights fantasy." Late last night Hawatmeh's headquarters in Beirut admitted it had "lost contact" with the terrorist unit inside Israel.

The increased terrorist activity along the Lebanese border was answered by the Israeli initiatives yesterday. Israeli units searching the two Lebanese villages confiscated 15 rifles and machineguns in the raid that was unopposed. Meanwhile, the Arab League Council, meeting in Cairo yesterday, called for international action to end Israeli raids into southern Lebanon. The appeal urged world governments and international organizations to intervene immediately to put an end to Israeli "acts of aggression."

QUESTIONS ARISE OVER APPLICATION OF J/M-V LEGISLATION TO EAST GERMANY By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5 (JTA)—Capitol Hill sources appeared today to question the validity of an assumption by State Department officials that the Jackson/Mills-Vanik legislation could be applied to East Germany in the event that it refuses to make adequate reparations to Jews and other victims of Nazi persecution.

The State Department officials intimated yesterday that if the upcoming discussions between a non-governmental East German group and the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany bog down, the J/M-V legislation—if passed into law—probably would be invoked by the U.S.

But sources close to the legislation now pending in the Senate described that view as erroneous inasmuch as J/M-V applies to emigration rights, not monetary claims. They noted that the amendment to the Trade Reform Bill specifically refers only to banning trade benefits to non-market economy (Communist) countries that deny citizens their right to emigrate. Basically, its thrust is at the Soviet Union.

Other circles, however, indicated that the legislation could be invoked if East Germany denies exit visas to those of its citizens who wish to depart. These circles noted that East Germany, as indicated by its wall in Berlin and rigid barriers all along its borders with West Germany, prevents East Germans from departing to the West, in effect denying free emigration. There are reportedly about 8000 Jews in East Germany, many, if not most of them, refugees from the anti-Semitic campaigns in Poland in the late 1960s.

WALDHEIM WARNS THAT WAR IN MIDEAST WILL ERUPT AGAIN UNLESS PRESENT MOMENTUM FOR PEACE IS MAINTAINED By William Saphire

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 5 (JTA)—Secretary General Kurt Waldheim warned today that unless the present momentum for peace in the Middle East is maintained and progress is made, "it will not be long before violence breaks out again, with all its dread implications both for the people of the Middle East and for the world community as a whole." Waldheim's remarks were contained in the "Introduction to the Report of the Secretary General on the Work of the Organization" submitted to the 29th session of the General Assembly. The document was released this evening, in advance of the open-

ing of the Assembly Sept. 17.

The Secretary General listed events in the Middle East during the past year as one of two developments that "have been of particular significance in the evolution of the United Nations." The other, he said, was the UN's efforts to deal with "the mounting complexities and dangers of the world economic situation." Both that and the Middle East situation "are closely interconnected," he said.

Waldheim noted that the Arab-Israeli war of last Oct. "showed once again the explosive nature of the unresolved Middle East problem and the dangers it presented for world peace." But, he added, there had emerged from the war "a number of new elements which, provided they can be built upon expeditiously, offer a better hope for peace in the Middle East than has existed for many years past."

Among these, he said, was the recognition by the governments concerned of "the vital importance both for themselves and for the world community as a whole, of renewing the effort to reach a lasting settlement" and the "forward-looking and realistic attitude" they have shown in the search for peace.

Geneva Conference Provides New Forum

Waldheim said that "the Geneva conference, under Soviet and United States co-chairmanship, and under United Nations auspices, provides a new forum for the continued search for a settlement. In the meantime, he continued, "the disengagement agreements between Israel on the one side and Syria and Egypt on the other have, for the time being at any rate, defused an explosive military confrontation by consolidating the cease-fire and have created conditions so essential for fruitful negotiations."

He warned, however, that despite these "positive and encouraging developments...the main issues remain to be solved." He noted that "in this regard, contacts and planning should move forward with a view to the earliest possible resumption of the Geneva peace conference. Unless the momentum is maintained and progress is made, the desire for a settlement and the new combination of forces for peace, which emerged from the chaos of war, can very quickly dissolve in the bitterness of frustration and disappointment. In that case it will not be long before violence breaks out once again..."

Waldheim observed, "The problems of the Middle East are of exceptional depth and difficulty, and the process of resolving them will be long and arduous. On the other hand," he added, "it is the underlying assumption of the United Nations that no problem of human relations is insoluble."

YOM KIPPUR WAR SEMINAR

By Yitzhak Rabin

NEW YORK, Sept. 5 (JTA)—Some 120 Jewish leaders, directors and heads of Jewish educational institutions and Israeli officials gathered here yesterday to discuss the Yom Kippur War and its broad implications for the world Jewish community. The special seminar, titled "The Yom Kippur War: One Year After," was convoked by the World Zionist Organization-American Section and held at 515 Park Ave.

The seminar was led by Dr. Moshe Davis, founding head of the Institute of Contemporary Jewry of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and editor of the newly published volume, "The

Yom Kippur War, Israel and the Jewish People." The book, published by Arno Press and Herzl Press, was the basis for the seminar discussion.

Dr. Davis stated that the Yom Kippur War is "an unending war," a war that has placed once again on the agenda "the problem of the physical survival of the Jewish people." The war, he asserted, was only a link in the chain of struggles over the decades for the survival of the Jewish people in fulfillment of its peoplehood.

Discussing the lesson of the war for world Jewry in its relation to Israel, Dr. Davis stated that the war "reaffirmed the essentiality of Israel in the existential concern of the Jewish people." Thus, he noted, there is a need to create a "comprehensive program" to deal with the question of world Jewry and Israel. Dr. Davis called for "mutual responsibility" between the diaspora and Israel and urged that Jewish education be broadened, especially the teaching of Hebrew.

Urges Program Of Jewish History

Dr. Emil Lehman, director of the Herzl Institute, presented an action proposal in the field of Jewish education and Jewish community activities, needs that were sharpened by the Yom Kippur War. He called for an intensified program of Jewish history, the history of the State of Israel and Jewish culture at all levels of the Jewish community: adults, teenagers and children. He called for an evaluation from the community leaders to learn "where did we fail."

Dr. Lehman said that there is a need to plan "for future emergencies" and to create "Jewish intelligence" so the Jewish community could avoid image distortion by the media and "the public relations defeat we have suffered after the war," explaining that Israel still had to defend its "legitimacy" to the public.

The need for furthering Jewish education and Jewish consciousness was also discussed by Dr. Abraham P. Gannes, director of the Department of Education and Culture of the WZO-American Section. He observed that those who were exposed to Jewish education "have responded the most during the Yom Kippur War." Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson, chairman of the WZO-American Section, presided at the seminar.

CENTRALITY OF ISRAEL REJECTED

NEW YORK, Sept. 5 (JTA)—A leading Jewish scholar asserted here today that Israel "is the last best thing we have from our common heritage in Europe" but that "so far as Jews are human and live within the human condition, Zionism and Israel cannot and do not form the center of their lives."

Prof. Jacob Neusner made that assertion in a paper presented at the fourth annual religious leadership conference here of the Synagogue Council of America. The all-day conference was attended by more than 200 rabbis and Jewish scholars.

The Brown University scholar also said that Zionism and Israel "have virtually nothing to say to the enduring and eternal issues of life," to which "answers must be found in another place entirely." He declared that Zionism "never raised the question" of Jewish existence "as it is phrased by Judaism and the State of Israel can hardly claim to be central to the formulation of answers to those questions."

Neusner's View Challenged

Rabbi David Polish of Evanston, Ill., in a challenge to Prof. Neusner, declared that he affirmed the spiritual centrality of Israel and that he questioned whether "Galut can hope to unilaterally develop a vitality comparable to a society whose

schools, literature, media--wanting as they may be--reflect a more viable society than our own."

Rabbi Irwin M. Blank, SCA president, said that the establishment of Israel was "one of the great events of all of Jewish history" and asked: "How could the synagogue not focus so much of its attention on this experience?" He said that "to do so is not to cover its nakedness but to participate in a process of assimilating this great event into Jewish life." He noted, however, that there is perhaps a disproportionate focusing on Israel to the exclusion of other experiences and sources of Jewish experience.

COURT RULES CAPUCCI NOT IMMUNE FROM PROSECUTION BECAUSE OF STATUS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 5 (JTA)--A Jerusalem District Court judge today rejected defense claims that Archbishop Hillarion Capucci is immune from prosecution because of his clerical status and ordered the Greek Catholic prelate's detention extended "until completion of legal proceedings in his case."

Capucci was indicted here Monday on three counts of performing services for El Fatah; illegally transporting and possessing weapons; and maintaining contacts with foreign agents. If found guilty he could be sentenced to 10 years imprisonment on each of the first two counts, and 15 years on the third. Yesterday, his attorney, Aziz Shehade, sought a dismissal from Judge Miriam Ben Porat on grounds that Capucci carried a special service passport approved by the Foreign Ministry and therefore could not be tried under Israeli law.

Judge Ben Porat also rejected an appeal by Capucci that he be transferred from jail to house arrest. He claimed that his treatment by prison guards and the nature of his quarters were not in accord with the treatment he was entitled to under church law and international law.

Shehade asked that his client be transferred to his home or to his church or to the Latrun monastery on the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway. State prosecutor Gabriel Bach opposed the appeal because of the grave nature of the charges against the cleric. Judge Ben Porat said she was confident that the prison authorities would see to it that Capucci is treated in keeping with his status. She urged the authorities, however, to set a trial date as soon as possible.

VIGIL AGAINST BOLSHOI

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 5 (JTA)--One hundred Los Angeles Jews staged a silent protest in support of Soviet Jewry last night during the opening performance of the Bolshoi Ballet at the Shrine Auditorium. Dr. Robert Gerber, a spokesman for the group calling itself "The Committee of 100," said they had bought a bloc of tickets and occupied rows three to seven in the auditorium.

Dressed in striped prison shirts and white yarmulkes, the 100 persons sat silently through the performance and then stood in a silent vigil during the intermissions. Earlier they had marched from the nearby Hebrew Union College to the auditorium.

Dr. Gerber said many people in the audience came over to the group to congratulate the participants for their "dignified, solemn and effective" demonstration. He said the purpose of the demonstration was for the participants "to be the conscience of Los Angeles on behalf of the 'prisoners of conscience' in the Soviet Union."

Meanwhile, the Southern California Council

for Soviet Jews demonstrated outside the auditorium. Zev Yaroslavsky and Si Frumkin, leaders of the SCSJ, stated that "It is our obligation to continue to express our indignation at increased anti-Semitism and anti-Jewish activity which is part of daily life in the USSR."

The two Jewish leaders recalled the recent demonstrations against the Moiseyev Dancers in Los Angeles in which some 1000 people participated. "The Bolshoi cannot be permitted to leave Los Angeles with the impression that people don't know or don't care about the heroic struggle of Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union," they said.

BOND PARLEY OPENS INTENSIVE DRIVE

MONTREAL, Sept. 5 (JTA)--The first international conference in the history of the Israel Bond Organization to be held in Canada opened here tonight with a dinner at which Canadian Jewish leaders honored Michael Arnon, president and chief executive officer of the worldwide Israel Bond campaign. More than 750 communal leaders from the United States and Canada assembled here for the conference which will inaugurate the most intensive drive between now and the end of the year to help Israel solve the critical economic problems caused by the Yom Kippur War.

Arnon hailed Canadian Jewry's long and intense devotion to Israel. He said that this single-minded dedication to the creation and development of the State of Israel found expression in the whole-hearted participation of every Jewish community in every corner of Canada. He paid tribute to Allan Bronfman, national president of the Israel Bond Organization in Canada and other leaders for the remarkable results achieved last year when more than \$46 million in Israel Bonds was sold.

Bronfman expressed a warm welcome to Arnon who assumed the post of president and chief executive officer of the bond organization last May after a distinguished career in Israel's government service culminating with his last post as secretary of the Israeli Cabinet. Speaking for the Jews of Canada, Bronfman pledged the fullest cooperation in the Israel Bond effort during the next four months.

"Israel has a top priority in our hearts," he said. "It must have top priority in our responsibility as Jews." Noting that the people of Israel are making extraordinary sacrifices, Bronfman said: "We must measure our efforts not in terms of our own problems, but in terms of matching to the greatest possible degree what our brothers in Israel are doing in this year of crisis and decision."

Among other speakers at the dinner were George Cohon, national campaign chairman for Canada, and Sam Rothberg, general chairman of the Israel Bond Organization. Shimon Peres, Israel's Defense Minister, is making a special trip to Montreal to address the conference dinner on Saturday evening. The four-day conference is scheduled to close Sunday afternoon.

JERUSALEM (JTA)--There is an aliya potential of 20,000 a year from South America if Israel can provide adequate housing and improve the social absorption of immigrants, Pinhas Sapir, chairman of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization Executives told a WZO Executive meeting here Thursday. He reported on his recent visit to Jewish communities in South America which covered 16 cities in seven countries.

TEL AVIV (JTA)--Israel's export of arms has declined from \$100 M before the Yom Kippur War to \$70 M this year, mainly because of increased orders by the Israeli army, Michael Shour, head of the Israeli Military Industry disclosed here.

JEWS LEADERS PRAISE U.S. FOR SECURING PLEDGE FROM THE GDR TO DISCUSS REPARATIONS TO NAZI VICTIMS

NEW YORK, Sept. 5 (JTA)--Jewish leaders today praised the State Department for securing from a "reluctant" East Germany a pledge to discuss reparations of Jewish victims of Nazism. But they said they will carefully watch for results from East Germany which yesterday signed an agreement to establish diplomatic relations with the United States. East Germany, unlike West Germany, had steadfastly refused to acknowledge responsibility for the sufferings of the victims of Nazism.

Rabbi Israel Miller, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, said that "the Jewish community will carefully monitor" the discussions on reparations to victims of Nazism. He stated that the establishment of diplomatic relations between the U.S. and the GDR was "tempered by our government's moral insistence that the claims of all Nazi victims--not only citizens of the United States or American business firms--will now be discussed on a private and governmental level with the East Germans."

Rabbi Miller noted that "although just compensation for Nazi victims was not made a condition precedent to the exchange of ambassadors, it is gratifying that the claims item was high on the agenda of American concerns." He said that the East Germans "cannot expect anything resembling normal relations with the United States until they demonstrate their readiness to live up to their obligations to those who suffered from the brutality of the Nazis and to abide by the rules governing proper conduct between nations."

Long Overdue Recognition

In Washington, the B'nai B'rith hailed the State Department for securing from a "reluctant" East Germany a pledge to discuss compensation of Jewish victims of Nazism. B'nai B'rith President David M. Blumberg said that East Germany, "as the most prosperous country in Eastern Europe, owes it to justice and civilization to make its own contribution to redress the personal and property damages suffered by those who were robbed and sent to slave labor camps by her predecessors."

In New York, the American Jewish Congress welcomed the announcement as "long overdue recognition by East Germany of its international, legal and moral obligations." The AJ Congress is a member of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, which will enter the discussions with an East German body.

Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, president of the AJ Congress, declared: "It is to the great credit of the United States that our country persisted in requiring East Germany to commit itself to negotiations on compensation.... Considering the enormous personal as well as property losses suffered by the Jewish communities in East Germany, whose former inhabitants have been either destroyed or dispersed, it remains a legal and moral duty of the GDR to provide a just measure of compensation for those who are no longer resident there."

3-DAY FREEDOM HUNGER STRIKE STAGED AT STOCK EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, Sept. 5 (JTA)--A host of legislators, including Ramsey Clark, a former U.S. Attorney General, joined with Jewish groups at the New York Stock Exchange yesterday for the

beginning ceremonies of a three-day "Freedom Hunger Strike" on behalf of Soviet and Arab Jews. The aim of the fast, according to its organizers, is to "make it plain to the business community that the Jackson Amendment will soon be passed and it is in Wall Street's self-interest to tell the Soviets to abide by minimal standards of human rights."

The demonstration today focused on the arrest yesterday of Vitaly Rubin, a Soviet Jewish expert on China, on charges of "parasitism." He was taken from his Moscow home by police and sent to a hospital because of a heart condition. He was dismissed from his academic post when he applied for a visa for Israel.

Malcolm Hoenelein, executive director of the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry, one of the sponsoring organizations for the hunger strike, said that while "diplomats here and in the USSR continue to discuss detente and its relationship to Jewish emigration, the Soviets persist in their determination to terrify those Jews who desperately want to leave the USSR."

Hoenelein said that Rubin was charged two months ago with treason for his activities but was not taken into custody then. He said Vitaly's arrest meant that Soviet authorities were determined to prevent Rubin, with his vast knowledge of China, from ever leaving the USSR.

Workers Join Fasters

Some 20 young people have pledged to form the core of the hunger strike for the full three days, rain or shine. During the height of the strike more than 200 sympathizers, workers in the area and passers-by joined the strikers. Signs carried by the fasters, who will remain on the steps of the U.S. Treasury Building opposite the Stock Exchange, said, "Detente With Honor-Save Soviet Jews"; "Stop Arab Terror"; and "No Trade in Human Lives."

New York State Attorney General Louis Lefkowitz, speaking to the Wall Street businessmen, declared that "we must reach out wherever we can to let people know how we feel about this problem." Nassau County Executive Ralph Caso, who flew in by helicopter to attend the gathering, announced that he had invited Sylvia Zalmanson to come to Long Island. Caso has been involved for several years in the now successful effort to achieve Miss Zalmanson's release. Quoting in Hebrew the passage, "Justice, justice thou shalt pursue," Clark stated, "We have to speak out for justice and seek by our power, economically and morally, to bring this to all people."

The hunger strike is co-sponsored by the Jewish Athletic Club of Brooklyn, the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry and other groups, and endorsed by the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry. The other sponsoring groups of the Freedom Hunger Strike include the Long Island Committee for Soviet Jewry, the Oceanfront Council for Soviet Jews, the Committee of Rescue for Syrian Jews, Betar, and the American Jewish Committee.

BUENOS AIRES (JTA)--A police escort, brass bands and Hasidic fervor marked the inauguration here this week of the new building of the Rabbi Mar-co Gertzenstein rabbinical seminary. About 2000 persons witnessed the ceremony which began with the moving of Torah scrolls to the new site. A police motorcycle squad provided an escort for the three-block trip and the police band provided a musical accompaniment. The guest of honor was a visitor from the U.S., Dr. Isaac Levin, president of the Pan-American Agudat Israel and donor of the new building.