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LEADING FRENCH PERSONALITIES PROTEST AGAINST UNESCO RESOLUTION

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Nov. 5 (JTA)--A number of prominent French personalities, including Simone de Beauvoir, Jean Paul Sartre and Eugene Ionesco, have strongly protested an Arab-Communist proposed UNESCO resolution which suggests Israel is not protecting cultural works in Jerusalem. A coalition of Arab and Socialist countries proposed the resolution, which would direct UNESCO to cut off social, educational and cultural aid to Israel unless it "scrupulously respected" the proposed resolution guidelines for protection of historic sites.

The protest statement, signed by 27 prominent French men and women, declared that excavation ventures in Jerusalem had not menaced in any way the city's historic sites. The signers of the protest added that it was ironic that Jordan, which had destroyed 30 synagogues in Old Jerusalem and removed the stones from ancient tombs to build latrines for occupying soldiers, was first on the list of those proposing the UNESCO resolution.

In the statement, the signatories declared that what was really at stake "under cover of unfounded accusations" was the attempt to deprive the Jewish people of their historic home "by suggesting that the rebirth of the Jewish nation on its proper homeland is a monstrosity." The signers of the protest declaration urged other member nations of UNESCO to reject the resolution. The resolution was introduced last week by 34 Arab and Communist bloc countries including the Soviet Union and China.

RABIN, ALLON GRATIFIED WITH NEW YORK RALLY AGAINST PLO

JERUSALEM, Nov. 5 (JTA)--Premier Yitzhak Rabin warmly thanked the tens of thousands of Jews and non-Jews who demonstrated in New York yesterday against the UN's invitation to the PLO to address the General Assembly. He opened his Knesset address on the political situation today with a message of warm appreciation of this "expression of identity and sympathy with Israel."

(See separate story for full Knesset speech.)

Rabin declared that the demonstrators in New York expressed the views of "millions of Americans" who rejected the UN vote despite the overwhelming majority by which it was passed. Foreign Minister Yigal Allon cabled Rabbi Israel Miller, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, the group that sponsored the massive rally, to express the government's appreciation for the solidarity rally. The rally symbolized the "unbreakable bond" which linked Israel with U.S. Jewry and with the American nation as a whole, Allon said.

DINITZ: NO U.S.-ISRAEL CONFRONTATION

TEL AVIV, Nov. 5 (JTA)--Ambassador Simcha Dinitz arrived here from Washington today to take part in the talks with Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger who is due in Jerusalem Thursday. He said the U.S. government is fully aware of Israel's position not to negotiate with the Palestine Liberation Organization or with any party that might hand over the fruits of negotiations to the PLO. There is no indication that the U.S. is pressing or suggesting that Israel change its position and no confrontation between Israel and the U.S. whatsoever on this issue, the envoy said.

Dinitz refused to comment on the substance of his meeting with U.S. Secretary of Defense James Schlesinger beyond saying that cooperation in areas that involve the Pentagon was fine and satisfactory. Unconfirmed press reports in Washington several days ago said that Schlesinger had agreed to, and President Ford had approved, an expanded program of military assistance to Israel. The Pentagon, however, said it could not confirm this.

BUT CAN HE BEND MISSILES?

JERUSALEM, Nov. 5 (JTA)--Uri Geller, the 26-year-old Israeli who claims to have telepathic powers and the ability to bend forks, nails and keys by the force of his mind, may soon be put to the supreme test if his latest prediction materializes. According to Geller, a war will erupt in the Middle East sometime between Nov. 10 and Dec.12, but he isn't sure of the exact day and hour.

The Jerusalem Post, which reported his prediction, quoted a senior Defense Ministry official here as saying that Geller had contacted the Israeli purchasing mission in the U.S. last week with an urgent message that war would break out in the Mideast. The message was passed on to the Defense Ministry in Tel Aviv.

The Post added: "It was suggested that in the event of Geller's prophecy proving true, he could be employed bending Soviet-made SAM missiles used by the Arabs." There was no immediate indication who made the suggestion or whether Geller is prepared to undertake the greatest bending act of all time.

RABIN: ISRAEL WILL NOT RECOGNIZE THE PLO; DETERMINED TO NEGOTIATE WEST BANK AGREEMENT WITH JORDAN

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Nov. 5 (JTA)--Premier Yitzhak Rabin declared in the Knesset today that the Rabat summit had strengthened Israel's resolve not to negotiate with the PLO. To those who urged such negotiations, he replied that there could be no basis for talks with terrorist organizations which deny our existence, "and use terrorist methods to further their purposes." The Knesset meeting and the three-hour debate following Rabin's presentation, took place two days before the scheduled arrival here of Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger.

For Israel to talk with the PLO would give "legitimization" to both its methods and its aim, he said. The UN resolution inviting the PLO to address the General Assembly was "a grave travesty" but it will remain meaningless so long as Israel itself rejected it. "Israel will not recognize those who plot against its very existence," Rabin declared. Rabin reiterated Israel's determination to negotiate a West Bank settlement with Jordan, and added that he would watch Jordan

closely to see whether it would surrender to the terrorists' dictates.

Israel will also watch Egypt in the aftermath of Rabat to see if President Anwar Sadat accepts the ban which other Arab states seek to impose on further Israel-Egyptian negotiations, Rabin said. Although Kissinger is due here Thursday and is in Cairo this evening, Rabin did not mention him, except for a passing reference to his efforts on behalf of Soviet Jewry.

The Premier reiterated Israel's determination to conclude "a political," rather than merely a military pact, as a second stage settlement with Egypt. The pact must be a "stage of purposeful progress toward peace," Rabin said.

De Facto Non-Belligerency Accord Possible

He envisaged the pact providing for a state of non-belligerency that would last for years rather than months, free the area of periodic tension each time the UN Security Council had to renew the UNEF mandate, and would contain political and economic aspects and include a mutual undertaking between the parties.

"If we agree with Egypt on the content, we will have no difficulty agreeing on the nomenclature of the pact," Rabin said, seeming to confirm the reports that Israel would in fact agree to a de facto non-belligerency agreement. Rabin indicated that a partial agreement with Egypt must leave the Israeli army in control of a considerable area of Sinai in advance of final peace.

Turning to Jordan, Rabin recalled the Cabinet resolution of June 21, affirming the need for two, not three states between Jordan and the sea. He reiterated his promise to call new elections before any territorial compromise on the West Bank is concluded. Addressing Syria, Rabin said: "We want peace with all our neighbors....We have no reason to seek delay in peace negotiations. I am convinced that negotiations without preconditions could bring about changes in Israel-Syrian relations."

Rabin warned Arab leaders that neither threats of violence nor acts of violence, nor full scale war, could solve political problems. It was a fallacy, he said, to believe that the Palestine covenant of the PLO could be achieved by terror or war.

Israel's Military Strengthened

He reported at length on Israel's military strengthening since the Yom Kippur War: there are more divisions in the army; the call-up procedure had been streamlined; new manpower reserves are being tapped and more soldiers are joining the professional army; lessons of the war are being learned and implemented; work on fortification and maintenance of army vehicles is proceeding at an accelerated pace; and a great military acquisitions program is under way.

"This is a war policy. Where is your peace policy?" Rakah Communist MK Meir Wilner shouted. Rabin replied that hope for peace lay in a strong Israel.

Referring to the "Emunim" illegal settlement movement, the Premier asserted his government's determination to bar unauthorized settlements and called on would-be settlers to live in the Jordan Valley, the Golan Heights and the Raffah salient in accordance with the government's priorities.

Reading out the Rabat resolutions on the Palestinians, Rabin said that Israel did not yet know what the "fourth resolution--which called for a future Egyptian-Syrian-Jordanian-PLO cooperation--would mean in practice. It could imply closer military coordination, which would be "very serious," he said. Rabin added that there had been no hint at Rabat for "readiness for peace nor was anything said of social progress for the Arabs themselves. The policy of Khartoum and Rabat will not triumph--we can and will prevent it."

The Knesset debate that followed Rabin's statement was opened by Likud MK, Dr. Elimelech Rimalt. He said that the Rabat conference should prompt the government to adopt a new policy "because reality has changed." He said Rabat was a failure of American foreign policy, and the end of certain Israeli expectations. He called on Rabin once again to form a national unity government.

CALLS MOUNTED FOR UNITY GOVERNMENT

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Nov. 5 (JTA)--A faction within Premier Yitzhak Rabin's Labor Party is urging him to establish a national unity government with Likud without delay. The group, known as "Etgar" (Challenge) is composed mainly of former army officers, many of whom held senior posts. At a meeting here Sunday night it decided to approach Rabin with a request that he invite Likud to join his coalition. They want him to act before the arrival of Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger, who is expected in Jerusalem Thursday, in order to present a broadly based government representing the entire electorate.

"Etgar's" chairman, Joseph Nevo, the Mayor of Herzliya and a colonel in the reserves, argued that Likud would be joining the government on the basis of the existing guidelines. He said the opposition party would adhere to the basic position of the Rabin government which is to explore every chance of a political settlement with Israel's neighbors.

Nevo was sharply rebuked by Labor Party Secretary General Meir Zarmi who was guest speaker at the "Etgar" meeting. Zarmi objected to the fact that Nevo had sent a telegram to Rabin on his own initiative urging him to bring Likud into the government. He said that at a time when the government needs all the support it can get, Nevo's proposal weakened it. Nevo replied that the situation after the Arab summit meeting in Rabat "changed everything." He contended that the government cannot tackle the grave problems it faces on its present narrow base.

Goren Adds Voice To Unity Move

Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren, meanwhile, added his voice to the mounting pressure on Rabin to form a national unity government. Addressing the fourth biennial convention of the Union of Israeli Synagogues yesterday, which was also addressed by Rabin, Rabbi Goren said an overall coalition embracing the present opposition parties would enhance the government's stature and strengthen its policies.

At the same time, Likud leaders Menachem Beigin, Elimelech Rimalt and Ariel Sharon addressed a rally in downtown Jerusalem demanding Israel's retention of all administered territories. The rally was timed to coincide with mass demonstrations in New York yesterday against the United Nations' recognition of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

CONCERN OVER DECLINING ALIYA

JERUSALEM, Nov. 5 (JTA)--The World Zionist Organization Executive expressed concern over declining immigration figures at a meeting here yesterday and agreed that the problem would be discussed at length at the Jewish Agency Board of Governors meeting in New York later this month.

Figures provided by Rabbi Mordechai Kirschblum, associate director of the Jewish Agency's immigration department, showed that 25,578 immigrants arrived in Israel during the period Jan.-Oct. 1974 compared to 39,332 in the same period last year. Arrivals from the Soviet Union accounted for 26,613 of last year's olim and 14,817 of the total this year.

Rabbi Kirschblum reported that aliya was declining from all countries except Great Britain which showed an increase over last year. But plans are going ahead for the absorption of large waves of newcomers expected from the USSR as a result of the U.S.-Soviet understanding in trade and emigration.

An announcement issued after the meeting said that Leon Dulzin, who is acting chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive while Chairman Pinhas Sapir is abroad, reported on his recent fund-raising trip to Europe and South America. "He stressed that the Jews abroad expect much encouragement from Israel," the announcement said.

Dulzin, who is treasurer of the Jewish Agency, has been quoted in some news reports as predicting tougher fund-raising problems this year and a possible fall-off in the sums raised. Mordechai Bar-On, head of the Agency's Youth Department, reported that 3500 volunteers had come to Israel since last Jan., and about 30 percent of them expressed their intention to remain. He said the volunteer figure was good considering that only 6500 volunteers came to Israel during and right after the Yom Kippur War.

DAYAN: WAR NOT IMMINENT BUT CANNOT EXCLUDE POSSIBILITY OF NEW CONFLICT

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, Nov. 5 (JTA)--Former Defense Minister Moshe Dayan said last night that he does not think "war is coming soon" to the Mideast, but at the same time he said that the "possibility" that war will break out could not be ruled out. Speaking to an overflow audience of New York University students and staff members at NYU's Loeb Student Center, Dayan warned that the Arabs' new economic and political might made them feel stronger than ever before and thus not willing to accept Israel's existence.

Declaring that he was less optimistic now than he was immediately after the Yom Kippur War, Dayan said that the Arabs do not talk any more about peace and even Egypt refuses to accept non-belligerency with Israel. "The root of the problem is that the Arabs do not want to recognize us. They still hope that one day they will manage to get rid of us," he said.

Soviet Involvement In Mideast

Referring to the U.S. and Soviet Union involvement in the Mideast, Dayan contended that "Russia is in a much stronger position in the Mideast than is the U.S." According to Dayan, there are now thousands of Soviet experts and soldiers in Arab countries: 3000 in Syria; 1000 in Iraq; and a few hundred in Egypt. "The question is: Is the U.S. ready to confront the Soviets in the Mideast?" Dayan asked. Israel, he said, "can take care of the Arabs" but she is not capable of confronting Russia. "Only the U.S. is capable of keeping Russia out of the Mideast," Dayan said, adding that Israel does not want American boys to fight for her.

Dayan pointed out that while the Arabs get limitless quantities of arms from the Soviet Union, the United States does not give Israel the sophisticated arms it needs. He called on the U.S. government to provide Israel with arms despite Arab oil pressures. Answering a question as to what Israel would do in case of American pressure, Dayan said: "We cannot stand much pressure. You (the U.S.) can bring us to our knee. But I do not think it will happen." Dayan reiterated his position that there is no room for a Palestinian state between Israel and Jordan. He said that the Palestinians can join the Geneva conference with the Jordanian delegation.

While Dayan was speaking, more than 150 Arab and pro-Arab students--among them Jewish students--demonstrated outside, calling for the dismantling of Israel and the establishment of Palestine. Tight security measures were taken and uniformed policemen and security men were present in force.

4 COURT MARTIALED FOR FAILURE TO ACT AGAINST ILLEGAL SETTLERS

Sentence Suspended; 1 Year Probation

TEL AVIV, Nov. 5 (JTA)--A lieutenant and three enlisted men, all army reservists, were court martialed last month for refusing to obey orders to prevent illegal settlers from crossing into the West Bank, it was learned here today. The incident was first revealed by Premier Yitzhak Rabin last week at a meeting of the Mapam secretariate. But the general public was not informed, apparently to avoid a further heating of emotions over the controversial settlement issue. The four reservists were sentenced by a military court to 21-day prison terms which were suspended. They were placed on probation for one year.

The men have since returned to civilian life following the demobilization of their reserve unit. They had been ordered on the last day of the Succot holiday to man a roadblock on the Hebron-Jerusalem road to keep would-be settlers from the religious community of Kiryat Araba from entering the West Bank. But the men refused to obey the order and told their superior that they would not participate in any action against settlers. As a result, they were arrested, held in detention for one day and released to await trial.

SWALLOWS COME TO ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Nov. 5 (JTA)--Several hundred swallows who remained in Europe past the warm season arrived in Israel yesterday, but not on their own. They were flown in by Lufthansa as part of an international effort to save the birds who had been dying due to the early onset of cold weather in Europe. After being liberated at Ben Gurion Airport the swallows circled around the airfield then headed southwards to the Negev.

SCALI, ARAB MEETING POSTPONED

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 5 (JTA)--A meeting that was scheduled today between U.S. Ambassador John Scali and a delegation of 20 Arab-Americans was postponed until later this week. However, a UN spokesman said Dr. William Small, a member of the Action Committee on American-Arab Relations, will meet today with other officials of the U.S. Mission to the United Nations. Dr. Mohamed Mehdi, chairman of the committee, said his group will ask that the United States recognize the Palestine Liberation Organization and suspend all military and economic aid to Israel.

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TEL AVIV (JTA)--About 20,000 construction workers were idle today as a result of a 24-hour strike by building contractors to protest against a recently imposed tax on property and flats. The strike halted work at some 5000 construction sites. Histadrut said it would demand a full day's pay for the idle men.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES

HUNGARIAN JEWISH COMMUNITY THRIVING

By Dr. Andrew Sumeghi

BUDAPEST, Nov. 5 (JTA)--The Hungarian Jewish community, which 30 years ago lost nearly 600,000 of its members to the Nazi terror, today is perhaps the strongest and most active Jewish community in all the Socialist countries. Three decades after the Nazis swept through Hungary, three decades after Hungarian Jews huddled in the narrow streets of the Budapest ghetto or were rounded up to be sent to concentration camps, Hungarian Jews have re-entered the political and social life of their country with determination and vigor.

The chairman of the Jewish community, Geza Seifert, 62, is said to have excellent relations with the Hungarian government, particularly with the State Secretary for Church Affairs, Imre Miklos. Seifert has been president of the Jewish community for 20 years. A recent article in the community weekly, "New Life," described Seifert as "a fine guardian of old Jewish traditions and at the same time one who is working hard to assure good relations with the state."

This relationship between the Jewish community and the Hungarian government was clearly stated 25 years ago, following the atrocities of the war. At that time, the Hungarian government issued a declaration guaranteeing equal rights and liberties for the Jewish people--the first time in Hungarian history that such a declaration was so clearly and firmly enunciated. A special ceremony of Parliament was held to commemorate the signing of the agreement.

Example Of Healthy Existence

The Jewish community has had great success with this agreement. It is not known if any other Socialist country has such an agreement with the Jewish community. There are other examples of the growing health of the Hungarian Jewish community. Budapest has a rabbinical school--the only one in all the Eastern European countries. Students come from Czechoslovakia, from East Germany, and even from the Soviet Union to study there.

Before the war, there was a Goldmark Hall in Budapest, named after a poor Jewish cantor, Karl Goldmark, who later became a famous Hungarian composer. During the war, the Nazis tore down the hall. But this year, a new music hall was inaugurated in his honor. The opening of the hall was another occasion for members of the Jewish community to meet with state leaders, cultural personalities and Budapest society in general. During the ceremony, the Jewish community placed a wreath on the statue of Karl Goldmark, while state leaders looked on.

There are, of course, still many problems in Hungary for Jewish people--despite the government declaration. Hungarians of Jewish descent still form a tiny minority of government and party leadership. Anti-Semitism is not dead--it exists in Hungary as elsewhere. But Hungarian Jews, putting the terrible past behind them, are working hard to create a new and vital community, bolstered and sustained by their ancient and enduring Jewish tradition.

HUMAN WELFARE NEEDS AT HOME AND IN ISRAEL WILL BE TOP PRIORITY TOPICS AT CJF 43RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

NEW YORK, Nov. 5 (JTA)--Priority measures to strengthen the quality of Jewish life in North America, and the continuing Middle East crisis will highlight major deliberations and actions undertaken by more than 2500 Jewish communal leaders from the U.S. and Canada at the 43rd General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds in Chicago Nov. 13-17, it was announced by Raymond Epstein, CJF president.

Speakers at the five-day conclave will include outstanding Jewish leaders and spokesmen from both this country and Israel, according to Epstein, who will deliver the keynote address Nov. 14.

Prominent among those from overseas are: Major Gen. Aharon Yariv, Israel's Minister of Information, who will give a first-hand report on the major developments in the Middle East; Pinhas Sapir, chairman of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem, responsible for the immigration and absorption of Israel's newcomers, who will outline the massive human needs for 1975, a survey dramatically reinforced by the participation at the Assembly of Silva Zalmanson, renowned Soviet Jewish activist, just arrived in this country from her new home in Israel; and Dr. David Weiss of Hebrew University, with an overview of the viability of Jewish tradition and values.

An unprecedented event, reflecting the current urgencies, will occur on the eve of the General Assembly, when the United Jewish Appeal will hold the national special Big Gifts dinner, Nov. 13, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Chicago. Chaired by Paul Zuckerman, UJA general chairman, this prestigious UJA event is being held a month sooner than in other years--a measure of extraordinary and co-ordinated fund-raising efforts.

Pivotal Responsibility For Destiny of Jews

Geared to the Assembly's theme, "Crisis and Response: The New Chapter," more than 90 sessions--workshops, forums and plenaries--will concern themselves with an intensive assessment of the critical issues and needs confronting Jewish community Federations.

"We meet in a world radically changed," Epstein noted, "from our Assembly meeting last year in New Orleans. In today's tense situation our North American Jewish community, the largest in numbers and resources in all history, carries the pivotal responsibilities for our own well being and for the destiny of the Jews of the world." The Assembly agenda, he added, "reflects the most comprehensive responsibilities our Federations have ever had."

Four forums will be devoted to major aspects of these concerns: "Community Relations Issues in American Policy on the Middle East"; "Federation-Synagogue Relations--Emerging Guidelines for Local Communities"; "Federations Revisited: An Updated View of the Philosophy of Federations and the Impact of Evolving Changes"; and "Dialogue with General Assembly Scholars-in-Residence."

There will also be sessions dealing with current projects and plans for the Institute of Jewish Life, Jewish family life, community action on Soviet Jewry, Federation-government relations, techniques for reaching high school and college youth, the role and resources of the American Jewish press, and "The World Jewish Community --A New Diaspora Perspective."

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PARIS (JTA)--Militants from the Student Jewish Front Organization demonstrated Monday in front of the UN Information Center over admission of the PLO to the UN General Assembly debate on the Palestine issue. There was a brief struggle between one group of demonstrators and the civil guards, but no arrests.