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20 PLO REPRESENTATIVES, INCLUDING ARAFAT, HAVE RECEIVED U.S. VISAS By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Nov. II (JTA)--Yasir Arafat, head of the Palestine Liberation Organization, will personally represent the PLO in the United Nations General Assembly debate in New York, opening Wednesday, the State Department formally announced today. Arafat and 10 other PLO representatives, Department spokesman Robert Anderson said, received special visas in Cairo from the American Embassy there. In addition, Anderson said, nine other PLO representatives, principally concerned with informational activities. obtained similar visas from the American Embassy in Beirut.

Anderson said he did not know the nationality of the passport Arafat is carrying. He also said he did not know the identity of the reported diplomatic passports carried by two other members

of the PLO delegation.

Anderson refused to disclose where the PLO groups will stay in New York, pointing out the "important security aspects" of the visit and that he was "not at liberty to discuss" where the Palestinians will be housed. The Palestinians have been issued C-2 visas, which are issued to persons for United Nations "business" and which restrict them to a 25-mile radius of New York.

Anderson said he was "certain that the UN was very much concerned" with the security aspects of the visit and that "we are cooperating with the UN." He also said that since the PLO visas restrict the holders to a 25-mile radius of New York, that, as far as he knew, none of them

would come to Washington.

Anderson, who said the visas were issued to the Palestinians yesterday, said that neither Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger nor any other official of the State Department in Washington will go to New York for the discussion on the Palestinian question, which will be handled by John Scali, the U.S. Ambassador to the UN, and his staff.

SCALL: SECURITY MEASURES TAKEN TO PROTECT PLO REPRESENTATIVES Praises Rally By Presidents Conference By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. II (JTA)-John Scali, the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, said today that "satisfactory security measures" have been taken to protect members of the Palestine Liberation Organization who will attend the General Assembly's Palestine debate opening Wednesday. But the American envoy, addressing a press conference, refused to give any hint as to when, how or where the PLO delegates will arrive, where they will be housed or how many of them are coming to New York.

However, Scali expressed hope that "those with a special point of view" toward the PLO, meaning its opponents, "will advocate their views in the most peaceful manner." In that connection he expressed high praise for Rabbi Israel Miller. chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations which sponsored last Monday's mass demonstration outside the UN protesting the invitation to the PLO. Scali

called that demonstration a "remarkably peaceful and constructive one."

Scali repeatedly said, "I cannot answer" when pressed by reporters for information on the PLO arrangements. He said, however, that he believed the Arabs are satisfied with the security measures. He said the PLO members would be protected by New York City police and federal agents outside the UN and by UN security personnel inside the world organization headquarters.

Security at the UN was already tightened today. Regular correspondents were required to show their credentials three or four times before being 'admitted to the building whereas ordinarily they show their credentials only once or not at all. Radio and television correspondents who have booths overlooking the General Assembly chamber are required to pass through electronic detection devices and submit to body searches.

Rumor Sparks Police Action

Meanwhile, about 500 policemen and scores of police cars surrounded the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in midtown Manhattan today, apparently in response to rumors that the PLO delegates will be staying there. An eye-witness told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the hotel was cordoned off to all but guests. Visitors were also barred from the UN today, except for groups that had made advance arrangements to visit there.

It was announced today that the Palestine debate will open Wednesday morning with a statement by the PLO, presumably to be delivered by Arafat. He will be followed on the speakers list by Syria, Dahomey and Israel. The U.S. and Britain have indicated they will participate in the Pal-

estine debate but did not say when.

Scali reiterated that U.S. policy toward the PLO has not changed. He said that policy was expressed in the negative vote he cast last month when the General Assembly voted 105-4 to invite the PLO to participate in its deliberations on the Palestine issue. He said he could not answer. when asked, if he would meet with Arafat in New York. The Lebanese Ambassador, Edouard Ghorra, met with Secretary General Kurt Waldheim today to make arrangements for the arrival of President Suleiman Franjieh of Lebanon who will address the General Assembly Thursday.

RABIN: ECONOMIC MEASURES ADOPTED TO MOBILIZE NATION FOR SECURITY By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Nov. 11 (JTA)--Premier Yitzhak Rabin said last night that the stringent economic measures adopted by the government yesterday, including devaluation of the Pound, were an unavoidable part of the national effort to mobilize Israel's resources for security. Rabin appeared on television, speaking informally, as he put it "in the way we Israelis talk things over." His remarks were obviously calculated to cushion the shock of soaring prices for fuel and basic food commodities resulting from devaluation and to convince Israelis that the time for belt-tightening is at hand.

He won the praise of political commentators, some of whom only a few days ago were questioning his capacity for leadership. This morning they saw "a courageous and confident Prime Minister

capable of looking people in the eye and telling the truth, even if it is bitter." How the general public, and especially labor, will regard the new economic measures remained to be seen today. But the government's tough moves have already won the support of leading economists, leaders of the business community and a large segment of the press.

The banks which were closed yesterday, a normal day of operation, in order to revamp their systems in line with the devaluation reopened today. Depositors flocked to the various branches to withdraw money to buy up available commodities. (See separate story.)

Devaluation Called Wise Step

Ernest Yeffet, director general of the Bank Leumi, said devaluation was a wise and necessary step. Avraham Shavit, deputy president of the Manufacturers Association welcomed the new economic measures though he thought the decision to freeze credit was a mistake that could lead to unemployment. Moshe Zanbar, Governor of the Bank of Israel, proposed that Israel float the Pound in a way that would link it to other monetary systems rather than exclusvely to the U.S. dollar.

The success of the new economic program will depend largely on whether the government and Histadrut can reach agreement on cost-of-living allowances. A 30 percent rise is due in Jan, and Histadrut Secretary General Yeruham Meshel has already served notice that labor will demand full payment. Government economists fear that would negate an important aim of the emergency economic measures which is to reduce inflation by reducing spendable income.

Labor Urged To Compromise

Influential sections of the press urged labor to compromise today. Maariv called Histadrut's demand "a sign of weakness rather than strength" and suggested that the labor federation "argue with its own members rather than with the government." Histadrut "should explain to its members that they must make an effort to lower their living standards to give the economy a chance to recover," a Maariv editorial said.

Most other papers agreed with the government's proposal to pay COL allowances on the basis of living costs that prevailed immediately prior to devaluation. Yediot Acharonot claimed that the economic situation was an additional factor calling for the establishment of a national unity government. The only dissenting voices in the press today came from the Histadrut daily Davar and Mapam's Al Hamishmar. Both papers stressed the need to compensate low income families for the new price increases.

ISRAELIS SEEK TO SOFTEN SHOCK OF PRICE HIKES AFTER DEVALUATION By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Nov. II (JTA)—Israelis sought shelter today from soaring prices resulting from yesterday's devaluation of the Pound and other severe economic measures announced by the government. Long lines formed at banks as depositors withdrew cash to buy food and other goods before the anticipated shortages develop and before prices soar out of reach.

There was also a rush on stores selling electrical appliances. Electric and gas heaters are in heavy demand as substitutes for heating oil which has sky-rocketed in price. But householders apparently forgot, for the moment, that their electric bills will also rise by 70 percent and the price of heating gas by 66 percent.

eased somewhat as shoppers found most food commodities in adequate supply. But people everywhere seemed to be stunned by the 43 percent devaluation of the Pound. It now takes six Israeli Pounds to equal one dollar compared to the predevaluation rate of IL 4.20. The only persons benefiting apparently are recipients of reparations payments from West Germany and people who have foreign currency from other sources. They were queuing up at the foreign currency windows at various banks today to get more Pounds for their marks and dollars than they would have received last Friday.

Expect Adjustment TolReality

By and large, Israelis are expected to adjust to the new economic realities as they have done in the past when austerity measures were called for. Police do not expect a repetition of last night's rioting and looting in Tel Aviv's Hatikva quarter where crowds smashed store windows and damaged cars and buses. Thirty-one persons were arrested, among them former MK Shalom Cohen, a leader of the Black Panthers. The authorities said today that while some interested parties tried to label the riots a protest against higher prices, the outbreak was in fact sparked by the cancellation of a soccer match on Saturday.

Port workers in Ashdod held a one-hour work stoppage today to protest the price hikes. Port authority representatives admonished them to get back on the job pointing out that they were no worse off than the rest of the public. A demonstration by several hundred workers outside Histadrut head-quarters here yesterday demanding full payment of COL allowances ended without incident. But wage earners generally are disconsolate over the government's apparent intention to hold the line on COL payments.

Mapam announced today that it was demanding full compensation immediately for the higher prices and insisted on the fullest coordination between the government and Histadrut on economic measures. Mapam leaders charged that the present program hits mainly at wage earners and the working class while sparing the rich.

The Histadrut Executive decided today to demand full payment of the 30 percent COL allowance in Jan. but instructed its trade union department to seek interim payments to help workers overcome the immediate impact of higher prices. Histadrut is expected to demand payment of IL 500 while the government is prepared to give IL 300. The Histadrut Central Committee called a meeting for later today with the participation of Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz.

ALLON: MORE FLEXIBILITY IN ACCEPTING NEGOTIATING PARTNER FOR WEST BANK SETTLEMENT; PLO OUT By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Nov. II (JTA)—Foreign Minister Yigal Allon indicated today that in the wake of the Rabat conference, Israel would have to be more flexible in its acceptance of a negotiating partner for a settlement on the West Bank. But he reiterated the government's determination not to negotiate with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The Foreign Minister surprised newsmen at a press conference by denying a statement made by Information Minister Aharon Yariv and other senior officials over the weekend that Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger would return to the

Middle East next month to prepare for a second stage of Israeli-Egyptian negotiations aimed at a partial settlement in Sinai.

Yariv had repeated that statement several times in briefing reporters on Kissinger's talks with Israeli leaders here Friday. Allon said, "It is an embarrassing situation, but Yariv simply made a mistake." He said that Kissinger had mentioned no intention of returning to the Middle East next month. "Of course, I am not ruling out the possibility that Kissinger will come," Allon said. "After all, for him to come to the Middle East is like for me to go from Jerusalem to Gennosar (Allon's home kibbutz in Galilee) but nothing was fixed," the Foreign Minister said.

Situation Worse Since Rabat

Allon described the overall situation in the Middle East as "a lot worse" since the Rabat conference. He accused the PLO of trying to undermine any possibility of political progress. He said that one of the lessons of the Rabat conference for Israel was that until Rabat it was understood that the self-expression of the Palestinians would be found in Jordan, but now the situation has changed and Israel should reconsider its policy on the political expression of West Bank residents.

"I do not think the only alternatives we have are Jordan or the status quo. A third possibility may arise, but it needs further study," Allon said He refused to elaborate, saying it would be "premature." But he said he had been thinking about this problem for many years and was "ready to open such a debate in the Cabinet."

look with regard to further negotiations with Egypt was not as optimistic as that conveyed to the press by Yariv after Kissinger's departure Friday. Allon said the Secretary had not reached any definite agreement "neither in substance nor in process" during his latest tour of the Middle East. But Kissinger indicated plainly that he has not given up hope for further political negotiations, Allon said.

Allon opened the press conference with a statement reiterating the government's refusal to negotiate "with the so-called PLO." He said the reason was that the PLO has "never hidden their aim to destroy Israel. They are repeating the same statements today." Asked whether that attitude did not contradict Israel's policy, repeated over the years, to meet with any Arab leader under any conditions, Allon replied that whereas the Arab countries have agreed to Security Council resolutions recognizing Israel's right to exist, the PLO has never done so and cannot be a partner for talks.

AUSTRIA MAY HAVE TO LIMIT NUMBER OF SOVIET JEWS IN TRANSIT TO ISRAEL

VIENNA, Nov. II (JTA)--Informed sources said here today that Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky, now on an official visit to the United States, plans to tell President Ford and United Nations officials that it will be impossible for Austria to transfer the vastly-increased number of Soviet Jews expected to emigrate to Israel under the recent U.S.-Soviet agreement. Kreisky is scheduled to visit Washington tomorrow for two days of talks with Ford and other U.S. government officials, including Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger.

The sources here said Austria is prepared to live up to its commitments, under which it is currently processing some 30,000 Soviet Jews a year! but that an expected doubling of that total will be

a burden other countries will have to share. The sources said that such an increase would present greater security risks and that Kreisky is expected to tell Ford that Austria does not have the facilities to provide temporary housing for a significantly increased number of Soviet Jews.

Urges Withholding Judgment On PLO

(Kreisky, addressing the UN General Assembly today, urged the Assembly not to pass judgment on the Palestine Liberation Organization until the PLO had the opportunity to "prove its moral and political responsibility." He said terrorist activities were unjustified and detracted seriously from the credibility and ethical motivations of a movement which used them.

(But, he declared, the history of the past halfcentury had many examples of movements which used harsh and brutal means to assert themselves and that leaders of such movements, after an acceptable compromise was achieved, acquired moral stature. He urged both sides in the Palestine debate to remember that despite the bitterness of the Middle East deadlock, human beings on both sides had a real desire to live in peace. He told the Assembly that Israel was a haven for Jews persecuted by the Nazis and that thousands of Austrians had found a new home in Israel.)

RECOMMENDATIONS IN CASE OF WAR

JERUSALEM, Nov. II (JTA)--A series of recommendations to put the government on an immediate war footing in the event of a sudden outbreak of hostilities was presented yesterday to Premier Allon cautioned against pessimism, but his out! Yitzhak Rabin. They call for the transformation of the ministerial security committee into a temporary war cabinet headed by the Premier. The Deputy Prime Minister would preside at regular Cabinet sessions.

> The recommendations were prepared by a special ministerial committee headed by Justice Minister Haim Zadok. The committee was the outcome of proposals made by the Agranat Committee to apply the lessons of the Yom Kippur War. Among other things, it recommended that in case a surprise attack made it impossible to convene the full Cabinet, the Premier and Defense Minister would be authorized to order a general mobilization.

WOMEN IN ARMY TO SERVE LONGER

JERUSALEM, Nov. II (JTA)--Military service for women was extended yesterday from 20 months to two full years. The decision was taken at the weekly Cabinet meeting following recommendations from the army manpower branch. It is effective retroactively from June 1973 and thus affects women currently in service. Officials said the intention is to employ women soldiers for various tasks--which for security reasons the officials would not specify--thus releasing men soldiers for combat duties.

The Cabinet also heard reports from the Defense Minister, the Chief of Staff and the head of manpower in the army on the current drive to swell the army's ranks by reviewing deferments and exemptions granted in the past. Cabinet sources said the drive encompassed a large number of men and was proceeding satisfactorily. The Cabinet discussed this as the Ministerial Defense Committee, and thus no details were revealed.

In another decision, the Cabinet resolved that highschool twelfth graders could be employed by the volunteer civil guard for guarding assignments.

4000 PROTEST IN CHICAGO AGAINST PLO

CHICAGO, Nov. 11 (JTA)—Some 4000 members of the Chicago Jewish community staged a rally this weekend at the Civic Center Plaza here to protest against the invitation by the UN General Assembly to the Palestine Liberation Organization to address the world body. The demonstration was sponsored by the Public Affairs Committee of the Jewish United Fund which coordinates the activities of 37 major Jewish organizations in Chicago.

Maynard I. Wishner, chairman of the Committee and chairman of the rally, said it had been staged in response to "the introduction into the United Nations, and institutions based on the quest for peace, of the Palestine Liberation Organization, which uses terrorism and murder as its weapons." He noted that many of the victims of Arab terrorist attacks had been non-Jews. Other participants included Rabbi William Frankel, president of the Chicago Board of Rabbis; Israeli Consul General Shaul Ramati; and Cantor Reuven Frankel.

Mexican, South African Jews, Protest

In other developments, the Central Jewish Committee of Mexico sent a cable to UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim protesting against the General Assembly resolution inviting the PLO to address it. The cable was signed by Fernando Jeno, president of the Committee, and Sergio Nudelstejr, Secretary General.

In Johannesburg, the South African Zionist
Federation and other major Jewish organizations sent cables of protest to the UN regarding
the PLO. The cable by the SAZF, signed by
Prof. Marcus Arkin, director-general, stated:
"On behalf of the entire Jewish community of
South Africa we protest in the strongest terms
at the presence of so-called Palestine Liberation Organization at the General Assembly which
is tantamount to inviting criminal murderers to
participate in deliberations of the world body and
which can only bring your organization into disrepute."

CANADIAN JEWISH LEADERS DISAPPOINTED WITH GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE ON PLO

TORONTO, Nov. 11 (JTA)—Canadian Jewish leaders said here that they were "deeply disappointed" with the results of their audience with Foreign Minister Allan MacEachan in Ottawa a week ago when they protested Canada's failure to vote against the UN General Assembly's resolution inviting the Palestine Liberation Organization to participate in its debate on the Palestine issue. Canada abstained in the General Assembly and it abstained earlier when the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) voted in Montreal last month to admit PLO representatives to ICAO deliberations as observers.

The presidents of the Canadian Jewish Congress, the Canadian Zionist Federation and the B'nai B'rith of Canada were received for 90 minutes by MacEachan after having sought an audience with him since last Aug. "We received a polite and attentive hearing but we accomplished nothing," CZF president Philip Givens told Jewish journalists here.

He said the Foreign Minister's attitude was that Canada had not changed its position with respect to the Middle East and was not prepared to pre-judge the PLO issue. "I told the Minister that our people were hurt and dismayed by the government's attitude, said Givens, a former

Mayor of Toronto and a Liberal MP in the Ontario parliament, the same party as MacEachan.

He described the invitation to the PLO as "striking a tinder box which may lead to the third world war." Boris Moroz, president of B'nai B'rith District 22, who also attended the meeting with MacEachan, said the minister told the Jewish leaders that Canada would continue to abstain on these issues. Sydney M. Harris, president of the CJC, said MacEachan did not indicate that he understood the basic issue involved in inviting the PLO to address the General Assembly.

UNESCO VOTE DANGEROUS FOR JERUSALEM

PARIS, Nov. 11 (JTA)—Abraham S. Karlikow, director of the American Jewish Committee's office for Europe and North Africa, who attended the UNESCO meeting here last week, said "the vote in UNESCO, jointly inspired by the Arab and Communist blocs," to impose sanctions on Israel, "allegedly to preserve the cultural heritage of the city of Jerusalem, is in fact a vote pregnant with danger for that city."

He said "this vote is patently a political and not a cultural act, demeaning Jerusalem, city of peace, by using it as an instrument to stir up perilous passions. That UNESCO should be the medium chosen for this political act in violation of all that agency should stand for, and, indeed, its own constitution, is only to compound the serious damage being done."

The vote in the UNESCO Commission for Social Sciences, Humanities and Culture, invited the director general to "withhold assistance from Israel in the fields of education, science and culture." Though only a recommendation, it is virtually certain to be adopted at the UNESCO general conference later this month. The Commission resolution was approved last Thursday by a vote of 54-21 with 25 abstentions. The U.S. delegate said after the vote that it was a tragic step.

AHARON MESKIN DEAD AT 77

TEL AVIV, Nov. 11 (JTA)--Aharon Meskin, considered by many as a giant of the Israeli and Hebrew stage, died this morning at Tel Hashomer Hospital. He was 77. The renowned member of the Habimah Theater was hospitalized several days ago suffering from a heart condition. Mr. Meskin, who was born in Russia, was among the first Jewish stage actors who founded the Habimah Theater in Moscow. He came to Israel in 1928 and appeared as the leading actor in such plays as "The Dybbuk," "The Golem," "Othello," "King Lear," "Cry the Beloved Country," and other classical Yiddish and Hebrew plays. He was the recipient of the Ramchal Prize in 1956 and the Israel Prize in 1960.

JEW MURDERED IN NABLUS MARKET

clamped on Nablus yesterday as police hunted for the murderer of 62-year-old Maximillian Ross, a Tel Aviv printer, who was shot to death at point blank range while shopping in the Nablus market with his wife and daughter Saturday. About 350 persons were detained for questioning after the shooting. Most of them were subsequently released.

The killer fired a 9 mm, pistol into the back of Ross' head and escaped in the narrow crowded streets of the market. Police suspect that he is the same assailant who fired a fatal shot into the head of a Haifa Jew in the Jenin marketplace a month ago. That murder was also committed with a 9 mm. pistol under almost identical circumstances. Ross was related by marriage to Solly Marcus, head of the Mapam movement in Great Britain.