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CONCERN EXISTS IN DEFENSE DEPT. THAT FURTHER U.S. ARMS SHIPMENTS TO ISRAEL ARE CREATING PROBLEMS

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20 (JTA)--Pentagon sources informed the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that "a valid concern" exists within the Defense Department that shipment of arms to Israel is "creating problems" for the defense establishment. "Some erosion of support" for Israel among U.S. military officers is stemming from what they consider shortages of certain kinds of missiles and tanks to meet Israel's defense requirements and U.S. defense programs, these sources said.

Press reports in recent days have said that Defense Department officials are saying for the first time that they are finding it difficult to satisfy Israel requirements and also meet the needs of U.S. forces. In view of these reports, JTA questioned usually reliable Pentagon sources whether the officials' statements to the media were a lobbying effort by the Pentagon to acquire greater appropriations for the Defense Department or whether some shortages actually exist because of Pentagon programming.

The sources acknowledged that budgeting for the Pentagon is part of "some thinking" among the military to induce Congress to appropriate more funds. The greater concern, they insisted, is that the U.S. is not producing sufficient quantities of non-nuclear weapons to meet both U.S. and Israeli requirements and those of other allies.

Tough Problem For U.S. And Israel

In this connection, Pentagon sources emphasized that Secretary of Defense James R. Schlesinger has been declaring publicly that Senators and Representatives who strongly favor assistance to Israel have also been strongly opposing military aid to South Vietnam. "It's a tough problem for us and Israel," one Pentagon official remarked in the light of the differences of thinking between support for democratic Israel and other countries whose governments are opposed by liberal elements in Congress.

Pentagon sources said the U.S. Army has an "authorized" force level of 10,000 tanks but currently has 8150 tanks. Officials reported Israel wants 600 tanks this year, in addition to the 450 tanks shipped to Israel since the Yom Kippur War and that the Defense Department cannot provide the 600 tanks without withdrawal of tanks from existing army inventories.

The current output of tanks is 40 a month, and the Pentagon was said to be having trouble boosting output to 60 a month because there is a lack of manufacturing capacity to make castings for the tanks, according to Pentagon sources. Pentagon officials also have said they have similar problems in connection with Israeli requests for other weapons, such as TOW anti-tank missiles and new F-4 fighter jets.

UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE, BY 64-27 VOTE, APPROVES PRO-ARAB RESOLUTION

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Nov. 20 (JTA)--The UNESCO General

Conference approved here tonight by 64 to 27 an Arab-Communist bloc-inspired resolution calling on the UNESCO Director General to stop cooperation with Israel and halt all aid in the fields of culture, science and education. The resolution, which had earlier been approved in commission, said that such aid would be stopped until Israel abides by a UNESCO resolution calling for a halt to archaeological diggings in Jerusalem.

Among the countries who voted against the resolution were all the nine European Economic Community member countries including France, Italy and Ireland. Immediately after the vote, the Israeli delegate announced that he would make a statement later tonight.

Before the vote, a number of Jewish organizations, including the B'nai B'rith, the World Jewish Congress and the Consultative Council of Jewish Organizations appealed to the assembly to bear in mind Israel's historical link with the holy city and its enormous contributions to the city's religious and cultural development. The former Director General of UNESCO, Rene Maheu, today condemned the organization's anti-Israel decisions "as inappropriate" and called for a continued UNESCO presence in Israel and the occupied territories.

SISCO CATEGORICALLY DENIES ANY CHANGE IN U.S. POLICY TO PLO

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20 (JTA)--Undersecretary of State Joseph J. Sisco told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that he "categorically denies there is any change in U.S. policy toward the Palestine Liberation Organization." Sisco's remark, in a telephone call to the JTA here, arose as a result of two interviews by the Undersecretary, one taped last Monday for overseas broadcast by the U.S. Information Agency and the other, this morning on the NBC-TV "Today" show.

Sisco said on the USIA interview, "We regard the PLO as the overall umbrella organization of the Palestinians." When questioned on that statement by NBC reporter Richard Valerianj this morning, the Undersecretary replied, "I think that was an unfortunate way to put it. Actually, what I was trying to reflect was that the Arabs consider the PLO as the umbrella organization. Now, let me make very clear that our policy is as stated by the President and Secretary of State. We've accorded no recognition of any kind. Our position remains unchanged."

Sisco told the JTA Washington Bureau this afternoon: "I'm going to be damn sure that the USIA uses what I said on the 'Today' show." He made that assertion several hours after State Department officials, asked by newsmen whether the USIA interview would be amended or corrected in light of Sisco's NBC interview, replied that they did not believe that would happen.

Sisco's reference to the PLO as an "umbrella" organization of the Palestinians, contained in the USIA interview which has not yet been distributed overseas, was made in the context of a further remark by the Undersecretary that "we also believe that in order to achieve any kind of durable peace the legitimate interests of the Palestinians have

to be taken into account."

Tried To Show How Arabs View Situation

When Valeriani suggested on the "Today" show that the Undersecretary's USIA remarks "seem to go further than you've ever gone before" toward recognition of the PLO, and that he seemed "to be preparing the groundwork for bringing the PLO into the negotiations," Sisco replied, "No, I don't think that's the case. Again, I've got to underscore that our position remains unchanged." He said that he was "really trying to state a fact as conceived by the Arabs, that the Arabs do conceive of the PLO as the umbrella organization."

A high level State Department source told newsmen privately today that "the whole thrust of the interview with the USIA was not in that direction," meaning recognition of the PLO. He stressed that the interview "does not change American policy."

The JTA learned that the Sisco interview for overseas distribution was made at the request of the State Department to the USIA. According to law, the State Department provides guidance to the information agency. Normally, such USIA material is subjected to formal review before it is sent overseas. It has not been determined whether the Sisco interview will be provided with an Arabic soundtrack. According to one source, it will not be shown in Israel. Distribution depends on requests from the USIA missions in each country. There was no indication today whether the USIA office in Tel Aviv has been informed of the interview.

DAUGHTER OF PARENTS MURDERED IN BEISAN ASKS: 'WHAT HAPPENED TO MY FATHER AND MOTHER?'

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Nov. 20 (JTA)--"Do you know what happened to my father and mother?" Thirteen-year-old Gila Beibas, of Beisan, asked that question of a visitor in the orthopedic ward at Afuleh Central Hospital today after describing her escape from her parents' flat, broken into by three bullet-spewing terrorists before dawn yesterday. Gila, her brothers, Asher, nearly 16 and Shlomo, 14, jumped from the second floor terrace in panic to save their lives. She fell, injuring both legs.

The last glimpse she had of her parents, Yehuda and Zohara Beibas, was of them lying face-down on the floor in a pool of blood. She didn't know that both were fatally wounded by the first burst of automatic fire from the terrorists' Kalachnikov assault rifles.

The dark-haired, dark-eyed girl said she had awakened and was washing her hands in the lavatory when she heard gunfire and explosions. Before she could dry her hands her brothers were pushing her to the terrace. "Jump if you want to live," Asher told her. "I saw father and mother on the floor with blood covering them. I hesitated but my brothers kept saying, 'jump,' and I went over the veranda. I held on for a minute but my hands were wet and I fell. My brothers jumped after me. They hailed a car and we were taken to the police station," she said. She paused and then asked again, "Do you know what happened to father and mother?"

Harrowing Stories Of Escape

Gila's brothers, in another hospital ward, were also unaware that their parents were dead, victims of the latest terrorist outrage that took

four lives and caused injuries to more than 20 persons in the immigrant township of Beisan, four miles west of the Jordanian border. The boys said they saw their parents on the floor and presumed they were trying to escape the hail of bullets. "If we didn't jump we thought we would die," Asher said.

The three Beibas children were also spared the knowledge, for the time being, that their father's body was mistaken for that of a slain terrorist by infuriated townspeople who invaded the flat after it was assaulted by Israeli soldiers; that it was hurled from the terrace and burned along with the terrorists' corpses by an outraged mob. Yehuda Beibas was identified only after his mutilated remains were examined at the police mortuary.

There were other harrowing stories of escape. One mother made a rope of sheets and blankets and lowered her three small children to safety as the terrorists rampaged through the four-story building firing into doors and throwing grenades. She herself tried to climb down but became entangled in clotheslines and hung there until rescued by police. A pregnant woman also made a rope of bedsheets and lowered herself; but the rope was too short and she fell. Neighbors took her to a hospital where she was reported to have gone into labor.

The horrors at Beisan shocked all of Israel. There were long lines outside blood banks today as citizens and tourists donated blood for the wounded. Several hundred delegates attending the B'nai B'rith triennial international convention donated blood at a Red Mogen David mobile unit brought to the convention hall in Tel Aviv. About 40 pints were flown to Beisan. B'nai B'rith District 3, which covers New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware donated \$3000 to the Red Mogen David today.

THOUSANDS ATTEND FUNERAL

TEL AVIV, Nov. 20 (JTA)--Thousands of bitter but orderly Israelis attended funeral services today for the four residents of Beisan murdered yesterday in an attack by three Arab terrorists. The victims were Yehuda Beibas, 52, his wife Zohara, 50, Mrs. Mazal Me'eri, 40, and Jean Pierre Alami, 42, who died from a broken back suffered when he jumped from a window to escape the terrorists.

During the funeral services police and soldiers were stationed around the Beisan cemetery. Several mourners were revived by nurses when they fainted during the services.

The terrorists stormed a house in Beisan, a town of 20,000 people, mostly immigrants from North Africa, located 15 miles from the Sea of Galilee and four miles from the Jordanian border. After soldiers stormed the building and killed the terrorists, infuriated Israelis threw the bodies of the killers out of windows and set fire to them.

Rabbi Goren Condemns Action

That action was condemned by Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren, who conducted the graveside eulogies. He said it was opposed by Jewish religious law, adding that Jews regarded all "bodies as holy, even those of our enemies, since all men are created in the image of God." Many Beisan mourners expressed sorrow and regret about that action.

Aharon Yariv, Israel's Information Minister, told the mourners that Israel's government and people were "intent on fighting terrorism, wherever terrorists are found, at any time and in any way necessary."

Yariv also issued a warning: "To the murderers and those who sent them we say: Our hands are stretched out in peace, our spirits are against

shameful deeds, but do not make the mistake of misinterpreting our internal discussions." Declaring that Jewish blood would not be "spilled in vain," he added that "this is the only manner in which we can honor the victims." Yariy also told the mourning crowd that "those who are entrusted with the security of Israel, and the Israel army at its spearhead, have again proved they can be trusted. By their swift action, they prevented a still larger tragedy."

He called on the Beisan residents to volunteer for service with the civil defense organization established by the government recently to guard villages and public places against terrorist attacks. Before the services, police distributed 200 rifles to Beisan residents for self-defense. (By Yitzhak Shargil)

JACKSON AMENDMENT APPROVED

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20 (JTA)--The Senate Finance Committee today unanimously approved the Trade Reform Act with its article embodying the Jackson/Mills-Vanik legislation on Soviet emigration. The J/M-V provision is identical with the measure approved 11 months ago by the House of Representatives which adopted it 319-80, a 4-1 margin.

The Senate is not expected to vote on the Trade Bill until after Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger appears before it Dec. 3 to respond to questions on his letter to Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D.Wash.) in which he gave Soviet assurances that it would no longer prevent Soviet Jews and others from emigrating or harass those who apply for emigration. Kissinger's appearance was requested by Sen. Harry Byrd (Ind., Va.) and the committee approved it.

Under the exchange of letters between Jackson and Kissinger, the J/M-V measure as it applies to the Soviet Union will be waived for 18 months while the Soviet government proves its good faith on allowing Soviet citizens to emigrate if they so wish. The fact that the Senate committee's measure and the House bill are identical means that the legislation can go automatically to the President for signing into law if the Senate does not alter any of the language.

ROTHSCHILD CONDEMNS FRANCE'S VOTES IN THE UN AND IN UNESCO

PARIS, Nov. 20 (JTA)--Guy de Rothschild, France's most prominent Jewish personality, issued a public statement yesterday condemning France's recent United Nations and UNESCO votes. The banker and philanthropist, who up to now has taken no position on the invitation to the Palestine Liberation Organization by the UN General Assembly and the anti-Israel UNESCO votes, declared that he fully supported the actions taken by the Representative Council of Jewish Institutions of France (CRIF).

"The right of Jews to exist and be respected is inseparable in our eyes from the application of the same right to the State of Israel," he declared in a communique issued at the opening of the monthly meeting of the United Jewish Social Fund Steering Committee of which he is president.

"As integral members of our respective national communities, we are unable to accept that anyone can dispute Israel's right to an equivalent place in the concert of nations," Rothschild's communique stated. He added that he did not see how France could reconcile its recent political initiatives and UN and UNESCO votes with the search for peaceful and negotiated solutions in the Middle East.

BRITAIN, FRANCE DEFEND ISRAEL AND PALESTINIAN RIGHTS

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 20 (JTA)--The British Ambassador to the United Nations, Ivor Richard, told the General Assembly today during its continuing debate on the Palestine issue that Britain considers the Palestinians as central to the Middle East conflict and that they must be involved fully in any settlement.

But at the same time, he said, that this "must be done in a manner which does not infringe upon or call into question the right of Israel as a state to exist in peace within secure and recognized boundaries. This right is that of Israel as a state and not merely that of Israelis as individuals. This is an all important proviso and neglect of it will do much damage to the search for peace we all desire to foster."

The United Kingdom, Richard said, continues to believe that Resolution 242 is the only way to reach a settlement to the Middle East conflict. He said that Britain would continue to support efforts to find a solution based on Resolutions 242 and 338 of the Security Council which give recognition to all parties in the Middle East.

Regarding the Palestinians, Richard said that the international community must find a way "to enable the Palestinian people to express their personality and exercise their legitimate political rights." He called "for flexibility, for moderation, for pragmatism, for, indeed, a willingness to contemplate the possibility of compromise" on the part of the parties to the conflict. He said also that a meaningful discussion required mutual tolerance and compromise.

The French Ambassador, Louis de Guiringaud, said that any resolution on the Palestinian issue must take into account the whole body of UN decisions over the past 25 years, including Resolution 242. He also said that the rights of the Palestinians to a homeland must be kept in mind but added, nonetheless, that the Assembly should act so that the State of Israel could co-exist peacefully with all her neighbors. He expressed the hope that Israel would accept the "major political fact" of the Palestinians in negotiating a Middle East settlement.

De Guiringaud asserted that "a true peace cannot be achieved in the Middle East without taking into consideration the legitimate rights of the Palestinians and, at the same time, that Israel 'has, as a state, rights that are the same as those of all other members of the organization.'" He called on the Assembly to encourage the resumption of the Geneva peace conference.

The statements by the British and French delegates, and similar statements by the delegates from West Germany and Italy, were considered important indices of the way they and other European countries might vote on the Palestine resolution. European nations indicated they could not vote for a resolution that explicitly calls for dismembering Israel, but would either abstain or vote for a document that was vague on this issue.

LONDON (JTA)--The International Council of Jews from Czechoslovakia has received news from Prague that Pavel Kollmann, chairman of the Prague Jewish community has been dismissed by the authorities. Kollmann visited Israel as a tourist six months ago. His brother lives in Israel, and he had permission to visit him. Kollmann's removal from office follows the removal of Frantisek Fuchs, chairman of the Union of Jewish Communities in Bohemia and Moravia, and of Ota Heitlinger, secretary of the Union.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES**THE PLO: SUITING DEEDS TO WORDS**

By Murray Zuckoff

NEW YORK, Nov. 20 (JTA)—Shafik Al-Hout, the chief spokesman for the Palestine Liberation Organization at the United Nations, vowed today that the PLO will continue its attacks against Israel and indicated that the terrorists will continue to do so until Israel agrees to negotiate with the PLO.

This statement, in an interview with Barbara Walters on the NBC-TV "Today" show, came 24 hours after three terrorists murdered four civilians in the Israeli town of Beisan and after Al-Hout said yesterday afternoon at the UN that this latest terrorist assault is the "kind of negotiations [with Israel] we accept." In defense of yesterday's attack in Beisan he also said that Israel had stated it would meet the Palestinians only on the battlefield. "So we meet them on the battlefield," he said.

Al-Hout, who arrived in the United States just before Yasir Arafat came to address the General Assembly last week, has been promoting the view that all the Palestinians want, including the PLO, is the return of land and property to "those who were driven off their land by the Zionist-imperialists," and that the State of Israel must be replaced by a "democratic secular" state. Reporters who have tried to get him to discuss the future status of Israel's integrity as a nation and the fate of the Jewish people have been given evasive replies and rhetoric by the PLO spokesman who has been described by many reporters as surly and arrogant.

Views Made Crystal Clear

His views, however, were made crystal clear when he and five other representatives of terrorist organizations participated in a symposium March 20, 1970, that was organized by the editorial staff of the Lebanese "Al Anwar." At this meeting Al-Hout stated: "I do not believe that there exists a people by the name of the Jewish people. Is there anyone here who believes there is such thing as the Jewish people? There is a people which includes different nations and differing ideological affiliations. If we declared that a Jewish people exists and that the Polish, Austrian and Arab (Jews) are a Jewish people because of the religious ties binding them, then we are creating a new definition for people in the political and ideological legacy."

Referring to the slogan of a "democratic state," Al-Hout declared: "If the slogan of a democratic state is only designed to reply to the contention that we aim to throw the Jews into the sea, then it is a successful slogan and an efficient political and propaganda act, but if we wish to see it as the final strategical aim of the Palestinian and Arab national liberation movements --then I am convinced that it demands continued consideration, since this a question of our history, our present and certainly our future."

He noted that further discussion could result in an alternative to "the basic aim of the Palestinian revolution--liberation of the Palestinian land and people in the national totally Arab frame to which we belong."

Al-Hout put the finishing touch on this idea by asserting: "Assume that we guarantee to ourselves a democratic state with its population--what will be its fate in a hundred years time or in fifty years time? Eventually it will be an Arab state--if not by virtue of political semantics then by virtue of natural increase. Eventually the

democratic state will sink in human and cultural terms into the Arab sphere."

Liquidation Of A Society

Al-Hout's views at that symposium were sustained by the others present and reinforced in an El Fatah pamphlet, "Researches and Experiments in Revolution--The Liberation of Conquered Territories and the Struggle Against Imperialism." The pamphlet states, in part:

"The liberation action is not only the wiping out of an imperialist base but, what is more important, the extinction of a society. Therefore, armed violence will necessarily assume diverse forms in addition to the liquidation of the armed forces of the Zionist occupying state, namely.... the destruction of the various military, political, economic, financial and intellectual institutions of the Zionist occupation state, to prevent any possibility of a re-emergence of a new Zionist society.... the blotting out of the Zionist character of the occupied land, be it human or social...there is no alternative to wiping out the existential trace of this artificial phenomenon."

Thus, the candid views the terrorist representatives presented at the symposium must be viewed as the real aims of the so-called Palestine revolution, not the propaganda of the Arafats, Al-Houts and others of their ilk who seek to beguile the public with their talk of peaceful co-existence between Jews and Arabs in a democratic state. Their objective, by their own candid words is nothing less than the dismantling not only of the Israeli government institutions but the liquidation of a society, "human or social." Those views were expressed before, and six million Jews were murdered.

WALDHEIM, CONCERNED OVER ESCALATION OF MIDEAST TENSIONS, MAY VISIT AREA

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 20 (JTA)--Secretary General Kurt Waldheim who has expressed concern over the deteriorating situation in the Middle East three times in the last few days, is expected to go to that region before the end of the month, sources here said today. They said the Secretary General was fearful of a new outbreak of hostilities between Israel and the Arab states through some "miscalculation."

A UN spokesman, however, said that no final decision had been made on Waldheim's trip, nor has the itinerary been set. He added that Waldheim probably would leave after the General Assembly votes on a Palestine resolution but before Nov. 30 when the mandate expires for the United Nations Disengagement Observation Force (UNDOF) on the Israeli-Syrian front. The General Assembly is scheduled to vote late Friday on the Palestine resolution.

Waldheim, according to some reports, is expected to visit the principal Mideast capitals, which would include Jerusalem, Cairo, Amman, Beirut and Damascus. The fact that he would be leaving the UN while the General Assembly is still in session, something rarely done by a Secretary General, is indicative of the gravity with which he views the Middle East situation, the sources said.

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JERUSALEM (JTA)--Education Minister Aharon Yadlin has recommended that youth exchange programs be curtailed for a year because of the current economic situation. Writing to Knesseter Adi Amoral, chairman of the Public Council for Youth Exchanges, Yadlin suggested that the Council revise its plans and hold most of its youth meetings between Israeli and foreign youth here in Israel. Only really exceptional programs should continue as planned, Yadlin proposed.