



SCALI REAFFIRMS U.S. POSITION THAT UN IS TYRANNIZED BY NEW MAJORITY By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 11 (JTA) -- United States Ambassador John Scali reaffirmed today the American position he enunciated last Friday that the UN was being tyrannized by a new majority seeking unrealistic and impossible goals and that the world organization was losing the confidence of the American people and others as a result.

Scali made his remarks at this morning's General Assembly debate on ways to strengthen the UN role after "third world" delegates sharply attacked the earlier criticism leveled by the U.S. and West European delegations.

"As we seek to strengthen the performance of the UN, I hope we can concentrate more on meaningful dialogue rather than oratory," the U.S. envoy said. Responding to an accusation made today by the Algerian Ambassador, Abdelatif Rahal, that his Friday speech was an exercise in public relations, Scali said that anyone who seriously believed that misjudged the mood of the American people. He said that despite "extreme statements" by some delegates today, he would continue to do his best to persuade his countrymen that the General Assembly could return to the paths of the Charter and serve the interests of all its members.

Bouteflika's Action Defended

The attack on the American and European positions was led off by the Algerian envoy who rejected the "extravagant warning" made by the U.S. and its allies. He defended the move by the General Assembly's President, Abdelaziz Bouteflika of Algeria, in limiting Israel's participation in the Palestine debate.

Referring to "the delegation in question" without mentioning Israel by name, Rahal accused Israel of showing contempt for the General Assembly and trying to upset its proceedings. He said that those delegations rebelling against the new majority were previously the majority themselves. The old majority, he said, partitioned Palestine despite the strong opposition of the then minority.

Scali's statement last Friday was warmly praised by Yosef Tekoah, Israel's Ambassador to the UN. The U.S. envoy had sharply condemned the "tyranny of the majority" -- the Arab, Afro-Asian and Communist member states of the UN -- and criticized several UN and UNESCO actions, including the deferential treatment accorded to the Palestine Liberation Organization and the reverse discrimination against Israel during the General Assembly debate on the Palestine issue, the exclusion of South Africa from the remainder of this year's Assembly session, and the anti-Israel resolutions adopted by UNESCO.

ISRAEL REACTS SHARPLY TO VATICAN STATEMENT ON CAPUCCI SENTENCE

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Dec. 11 (JTA) -- Official sources here reacted sharply tonight to the Vatican's expression of "profound grief and regret" over the prison sentence imposed by a Jerusalem

court Monday on Greek Catholic Archbishop Hillarion Capucci. The sources noted that the statement, by Vatican spokesman Federico Allessandrini, "made no mention or any condemnation of" the offenses for which the West Bank cleric was convicted. These included smuggling arms to terrorists in Israel, maintaining contacts with terrorist agents in Lebanon and rendering services to an illegal organization.

The official sources said they did not want to view the Vatican's statement as an indication of sympathy by the Holy See with the actions of a man who aided and abetted terrorist activities. Referring to Allessandrini's charge that the sentencing of Capucci had injured the reputation of a land (Israel) "where the leaders of religious communities have traditionally been surrounded with respect and regard," the sources noted that Israel had always respected "Church leaders who were faithful to their high office" and would continue to show respect to such persons.

Capucci was found guilty on six counts and was given six sentences totalling 59 years. The court ruled that the sentences would run concurrently and he will, therefore, serve a maximum of only 12 years. The Vatican statement hinted that it had hoped Capucci would be deported after his trial. Well placed sources here confirmed an earlier report by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the government intends that Capucci will serve the sentence imposed by the court.

Allessandrini, in the statement released at the Vatican yesterday, said that Israeli action had distressed "one of the most glorious Catholic communities of the east, the Melkite Church" and that the Vatican would continue to follow the Capucci case "with all its attention and interest, hoping a solution that will favor -- rather than prevent -- the reconciliation of spirits in the Holy Land." The implication was that the sentencing of Capucci would exacerbate Arab-Israeli tension in the Middle East.

ISRAEL REPORTEDLY NEGOTIATING TO BUY 48 U.S. FIGHTER PLANES

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 (JTA) -- Israel is reportedly negotiating to purchase 48 of the latest U.S. fighter planes, the McDonnell Douglas F-15 valued at over a half-billion dollars. The terms and methods of payment are under discussion between the two countries and may have figured in Israeli Foreign Minister Yigal Allon's talks with U.S. officials here, including Treasury Secretary William Simon. This, however, remained a matter of speculation today but sources here indicated that the Defense Department has formally offered the planes to Israel and that Israel has tentatively accepted.

Israel was also reportedly offered 48 of the new Grumman-built F-14 Navy fighters but was said to prefer the smaller, less expensive F-15 which is regarded as one of the most maneuverable aircraft in the world. The first production model was delivered to the U.S. Air Force only a short time ago. The offer to Israel was said to have proposed a production rate of two F15s a month

with the first due for delivery in about a year. Assistant Secretary of the Army Harold Broman told the House Armed Services Committee yesterday that a total of 579 M-60 and 284 M-48 tanks had been shipped to foreign countries, mainly to Israel, since the Yom Kippur War. The Army is asking Congress for \$85.9 million to make up the shortage of tanks in the U.S. armed forces resulting from shipments abroad.

U.S. military circles have complained recently that the emergency air lift to Israel in Oct. 1973 denuded U.S. forces of tanks and that U.S. tank production lags behind that of the Soviet Union. According to Broman, the Army presently has 8,226 tanks, well below the 10,000 authorized by Congress.

Arms Shipments And Diplomatic Pressure

Defense Secretary James R. Schlesinger said at a press conference several days ago that the withholding or limitation of weapon shipments to a potential warring party "has repeatedly been explored" as a means of exerting diplomatic pressure. But he said that the use of such tactics would depend on decisions of other "rather vigorous suppliers" of arms.

Schlesinger mentioned no country by name but he appeared to be referring to Israel which is dependent upon American arms supplies and to the Soviet Union which is arming Syria, Egypt and Iraq. The U.S. also furnished Jordan and Lebanon with military equipment and is working out a multi-million dollar arms deal with Saudi Arabia. France and Britain also supply arms to the Arab states.

The Defense Secretary said the U.S. cannot provide "a panacea" either in the strategic arms area or "even in the area of regional arms competition." He said "the U.S. has far less leverage in this area than in the area of strategic arms in which there is only one other serious power."

SWISS PARLIAMENT GIVES FUND LEFT BY JEWS WHO DIED IN CONCENTRATION CAMPS TO JEWISH AND REFUGEE GROUPS

BERN, Dec. 11 (JTA) -- The Swiss Parliament voted unanimously yesterday to give to Jewish agencies and a refugee group the remaining funds left in Swiss bank accounts of European Jews who died in Nazi concentration camps. The Swiss National Council voted 123 - 0 to give two-thirds of the unclaimed money to the Swiss Federation of Jewish Communities and one-third to the private Swiss Central office for Refugee Affairs.

Only about two million francs remains of the millions deposited by European Jews just before World War II. After the war, those who managed to escape Nazi persecution collected what they had deposited. Surviving relatives of victims collected more. Swiss approval came despite criticism by the Arab press of the proposal. A Kuwait newspaper last month denied that the funds were Jewish property and claimed that the Arab League was going to take up the matter. There has been no official Arab protest however.

In urging support of the Swiss legislators, Justice Minister Kurt Furgler told Parliament that approval of the measure would finally close a case that began "in the darkest period of modern history."

ISRAEL AND EIRE ESTABLISH TIES

JERUSALEM, Dec. 11 (JTA) -- Israel and the

Republic of Ireland have decided to establish full diplomatic relations, an official Foreign Ministry statement revealed here tonight. At first there will be non-resident ambassadors, but sources here hope that within a short time embassies will be set up in the two countries. The official statement spoke of the decision as "affirming the desire to strengthen the friendly relations and cooperation between the peoples of their countries...." Ambassadors would be exchanged "initially on a non-resident level" the statement added.

Sources here told the JTA the move had been agreed to by Israel's and Ireland's Foreign Ministers at their meeting at the UN on Sept. 25. Further contacts were pursued by the two UN delegations and later by the Israel Embassy in London. Ireland has recently decided to open diplomatic ties with Lebanon and Egypt. It has not until now had any such ties with Middle-east countries.

PROMINENT NEW YORK WOMEN PLACE SOVIET UNION ON TRIAL

NEW YORK, Dec. 11 (JTA) -- The Soviet Union was placed on trial yesterday by a group of prominent New York women who accused the USSR of violating the UN Declaration of Human Rights by its "crimes against Jewish women and systematic persecution and harassment of Soviet Jews." The trial, held in the New York County Lawyers Association building in Manhattan, was sponsored by the Women's Coalition on Soviet Jewry, an affiliate of the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry.

Participating in the trial were a number of prominent public officials and civic leaders, including Lieutenant Governor-elect Mary Ann Krupsak; New York City Consumer Affairs Commissioner Elnor Guggenheimer; City Councilwomen Carol Greitzer and Aileen B. Ryan; Ann Kielszek, the Mayor of Teaneck, N.J., and Irma Badillo and Billie Fish, wives of the New York congressmen.

Other participants included Ronnie Gold, wife of the Brooklyn District Attorney; Susan Carey Dempsey, daughter of the Governor-elect; Marlene Manes, wife of the Queens Borough President; Eleanor Holmes Norton, the city's Human Rights Commissioner; Genevieve Vergari, wife of the Westchester District Attorney; attorneys Rita Hauser and Jane Gilman, among others. Mrs. Margie Davis was coordinator of the event.

Mrs. Krupsak told the participants: "The women now seeking to emigrate to Israel from the Soviet Union stand by themselves in courage and heroism. Separated from their husbands and families, threatened with long prison terms and denied all means of religious and cultural expression, they have nevertheless continued their struggle to live in freedom with dignity." She added: "American women, as they claim an equal role in American society, must also lay equal claim to their humanitarian responsibilities.... It is our duty to ensure that the rights which have long been guaranteed to all men and women, are finally granted to Soviet Jews."

Dramatize USSR's Anti-Jewish Campaign

The event was one of hundreds of national activities marking the day as United Nations Human Rights Day. The trial here, attended by nearly 300 women, served to dramatize the

USSR's "unremitting campaign to destroy the Jewish people." A group of New York women served as attorneys, witnesses and jurors. Absent, however, was a representative of the Soviet Mission to the United Nations who was invited by the Women's Coalition to defend the USSR's oppressive treatment of Jewish women.

A first-hand account of the Soviet Union's persecution of Jews was given by Bronya Veinger Chernoglaz. Her husband, David, one of nearly 40 Soviet Jewish "Prisoners of Conscience" languishing in Soviet prisons, had applied for an exit visa and was sentenced to a five-year term in June, 1971, for alleged "anti-Soviet activities." Presently, he is incarcerated in the Vladimir prison, where treatment of prisoners is acknowledged to be especially severe.

ALLON: TALKS WITH PLO IS OUT, BUT THERE ARE OTHER PALESTINIANS

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 (JTA) -- Israeli Foreign Minister Yigal Allon said today that "without the infamous resolution in the UN on the so-called PLO and the disastrous summit at Rabat, we might have been in the middle of hopeful negotiations, at least for an interim agreement with Egypt" and to "give the Palestinians the opportunity to express their identity within a peaceful context." Allon made the remark in reply to questions after he addressed more than 100 diplomatic correspondents at a luncheon sponsored by the Overseas Writers Club here.

"We are not going to negotiate with the so-called PLO -- not because they pretend to be Palestinians but because it is a roof for splinter organizations united by one idea, the elimination of the State of Israel," Allon declared. But he indicated that Israel did not rule out negotiations with Palestinians. "Thank God there are other Palestinians," he said, adding that Israel would accept their expressions of identity in a constructive way. He did not elaborate on who the "other Palestinians" are.

The Israeli Foreign Minister, who has held lengthy talks with Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger and other government officials during his current visit in addition to a White House meeting with President Ford on Monday, told his audience that a new Middle East war was neither unavoidable nor inevitable. He said that Israel was making sure that "no opportunity is overlooked to seek an agreement with each of her neighbors without discrimination." He said that if Egypt were as forthcoming as Israel the chances for another agreement would be more feasible.

Allon said Israel favored bilateral negotiations because the problems are different nation-to-nation. He did not rule out a return to the Geneva conference but insisted, "We shall not accept the presence of the PLO at Geneva."

No Substitute For Peace Treaty

Asked if Israel would favor a U.S.-Soviet guaranteed peace settlement, Allon said "that would be helpful" but not in place of a signed agreement. "There is no substitute for a peace treaty," he declared. A proposal that the U.S. and USSR underwrite a Mideast peace settlement was made to Ford today by a group of prominent North American, European and Japanese businessmen and known as the Tri-

lateral Commission which was formed in 1972 by David Rockefeller.

Asked about reports that the U.S. has urged Israel to return the Mittle and Gidi passes and the Abu Rodeis oil fields in Sinai to Egypt as part of a second stage disengagement agreement, Allon said, "We didn't reach yet the drawing of lines on any map. We are still discussing principles and generalities. I have questions of the other side. What will they give us in return?" Asked if he detected any U.S. shift toward recognition of the PLO, Allon responded, "Not at all."

Friendly Meeting With Senators

Allon is due in New York tomorrow where he will address the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations and is scheduled to return to Israel on Friday. Yesterday he lunched with seven members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in what was described by one of the participants as a "very, very friendly atmosphere."

Allon reportedly thanked the Senators for aid to Israel included in the foreign aid bill, and for the letter sent by 71 Senators from 42 states to President Ford urging continued U.S. commitment to Israel. He also expressed Israel's appreciation for the Senate action in cutting off U.S. funds to UNESCO. According to Sen. Gale McGee (D, Wyoming), Allon told the Foreign Relations Committee members that Israel is ready to negotiate with any Arab government, but not with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Meanwhile sources here reported today that former Israeli Premier Golda Meir who is presently visiting the U.S. will meet with President Ford and will be guest at a dinner to be given by Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger Dec. 18.

SCORES INJURED IN EXPLOSION

TEL AVIV, Dec. 11 (JTA) -- Scores of persons were injured, at least 15 seriously, when hand grenades exploded in the balcony of the Chen Cinema this evening shortly after the start of the second show at 10:20 p.m. Eyewitnesses said that two or three grenades were thrown by unknown terrorists. Ambulances rushed to the theater on Dizengof Square, the center of downtown Tel Aviv, to remove the injured. The movie house was evacuated by police who cordoned off the entire area. The terrorists are believed to have concealed the grenades under overcoats they were wearing because of the cold, rainy weather. They were not detected by the security guard at the entrance to the theater.

ISRAEL SILENT ON PLO HEADQUARTER ATTACK

TEL AVIV, Dec. 11 (JTA) -- Israel remained officially silent today on yesterday's rocket attack on PLO headquarters in Beirut amid speculation that Israeli forces or their agents were responsible. While government officials declined to discuss the incident, the newspaper Maariv said in an editorial today that the efficient way in which the target was pin-pointed and the attack launched tended to corroborate the PLO contention that Israeli agents were involved.

Rockets fired from automobiles parked on crowded streets in downtown Beirut struck three offices of the PLO causing heavy damage but only minor injuries. According to a report from Beirut, government security forces identified four men who had rented the cars used in the attack and who held passports from West Germany, Mexico, Britain and Ireland.

RADIO-NETWORK CUTS LIBERTY LOBBY PROGRAM AFTER ADL DISCLOSES RIGHT-WING GROUP'S ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, Dec. 11 (JTA) -- Liberty Lobby, a far-right propaganda apparatus charged by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith with using its daily radio program to peddle anti-Semitism, has said that as a result of ADL's disclosures, Mutual Broadcasting System will no longer make the five-minute show available to its 600 affiliates.

"A victory for the ADL" was the way Liberty Lobby's December report to contributors described Mutual's termination of its eight-month-old distribution contract with the Washington-based group. The cancellation came on the heels of the League's exposure of the anti-Semitic content of the "This Is Liberty Lobby" programs, of Liberty Lobby materials, and the long-time anti-Jewish activities of Willis A. Carto, its founder.

According to Seymour Graubard, ADL's national chairman, about 90 of the Mutual Stations have been airing the program around the country. He added, however, that "the Mutual action cuts the number of 'This Is Liberty Lobby' outlets almost in half, but some 100 independent stations still carry the program."

The ADL survey of the broadcasts, made public last July by Lawrence Peirez, chairman of the ADL's civil rights committee, and John L. Goldwater, chairman of its fact finding committee, identified Carto as "an outspoken anti-Semite" and "the unpublicized force" behind "This Is Liberty Lobby." Noting that "This Is Liberty Lobby," commentator Bob Bartell has charged American Jews with being disloyal, using terminology "scraped from the garbage cans of professional hatemongers," the League also questioned whether the managements and licensees of the program's radio outlets were "ignorant of its contents or uncaring about their role in helping peddle bigotry."

Escalated Anti-Semitic Campaign

Graubard pointed out that "even in its report of the cancellation, Liberty Lobby again libeled American Jews and perpetuated the falsehood that Jews control the news media." He said that after ADL's survey of "This Is Liberty Lobby" was made public, Liberty Lobby had escalated its anti-Semitic campaign with a promotion and distribution of two notorious hate tracts -- "The Myth of the Six Million," a 119-page anonymous paperback, and a reprint of a 27-year-old fraudulent anti-Semitic pamphlet, "The ADL and Its Use in the Communist Offensive," written by Robert H. Williams, an anti-Jewish propagandist in the 1940s and 1950s.

The ADL survey disclosed that the Liberty Lobby broadcasts regularly offered a free copy of "America First" as a bonus for subscriptions to "the equally anti-Semitic monthly, 'Liberty Letter.'" The July issue of "Liberty Letter," in a column and ad on "The Myth of the Six Million," described the book as containing "facts" allegedly proving that Hitler's decimation of the Jewish people during the Holocaust "is pure poppycock."

JEWISH EDITORS ON TV PROGRAM

NEW YORK, Dec. 11 (JTA) -- Four Jewish editors are scheduled to discuss the role of the American-Jewish and Yiddish press in reporting events and developments of vital concern to both American Jewry and Israel on the WOR-TV

(Channel 9) "Point of View" program Dec. 15 from 10:30 to 11 a.m. The program is produced in cooperation with the Radio and Television Commission of the New York Board of Rabbis.

The participants in the discussion will be Murray Zuckoff, editor of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, who will act as moderator; Simon Weber, editor-in-chief of the Yiddish daily, The Forward; Harry Weingast, editor of the Jewish News of metropolitan New Jersey; and Frank F. Wundohl, editor of the Jewish Exponent published in Philadelphia.

Among the topics to be discussed will be: What are the major issues which concern Jewish newspapers? How does the Jewish news media differ with the daily press in reporting events and activities? Do Jewish newspapers follow a pre-arranged "line" or policy? Is there any subject or area in Israeli life or in the life of American Jewish communities that is considered taboo? Is the Jewish and Yiddish press objective in its reporting?

STERN TRIAL BEGINS: VORONEL GIVEN PERMISSION TO EMIGRATE

NEW YORK, Dec. 11 (JTA) -- Dr. Mikhail Stern went on trial today in Vinnytsa, Ukraine, on charges of accepting bribes from patients to procure illegal drugs, Jewish sources in the Soviet Union reported. According to the sources, the charges are unsubstantiated and the trial is an exercise in intimidation because Stern's sons had applied for exit visas to go to Israel.

The sources reported that 50 people were admitted to the courtroom at the trial opening, among them relatives of Dr. Stern and two Jewish activists from Moscow who are attending as observers. The 56-year-old Jewish physician was arrested last May after his sons had applied for visas. The trial was to have opened 10 days ago but was postponed because Dr. Stern was ill. He is reportedly suffering from a heart condition.

Jewish sources also reported that Prof. Alexander Voronel of Moscow, a 43-year-old physicist and a leading activist at whose home several scientific seminars had been held, has been given permission by Soviet authorities to leave the USSR.

BARBIE TO REMAIN IN BOLIVIA

NEW YORK, Dec. 11 (JTA) -- Klaus Barbie, the former Nazi SS chief who was known as the "butcher of Lyons," will not be sent back to France, the Bolivian Supreme Court ruled yesterday according to reports reaching here from Sucre where the court was in session. Barbie, who faces the death penalty in France for wartime crimes, has been living in Bolivia since 1951 and is a citizen of that country. The court ruled that France could not extradite Barbie because there is no extradition agreement between the two countries. France has been conducting a campaign to get the former Nazi back.

JNF STARTS WORK AT MAALE HAEDUMIM

JERUSALEM, Dec. 11 (JTA) -- Jewish National Fund tractors and bulldozers have begun leveling and ground-breaking work at Maale Haedumim, on the Jerusalem-Jericho road, the site earmarked by the Cabinet two weeks ago as a future industrial estate for the capital. A JNF spokesman told the JTA in reply to a question that the work had begun a few days ago. The initiative had come from the Israel Lands Authority, in overall charge of developing the site.