



ISRAELIS UNITED IN DISAPPOINTMENT, SHOCK AT FAHMY'S DEMAND THAT ISRAEL HALT IMMIGRATION, RETURN TO '47 BORDERS

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Dec. 15 (JTA)—Shock and disappointment was the reaction at both ends of the political spectrum here today to Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy's demand that Israel suspend immigration for 50 years and return to the 1947 partition boundaries. From the hawkish Likud to the doveish Mapam, political figures expressed the view that Fahmy's remarks, if taken at face value, foreclosed any hope that Egypt is interested in a political settlement with Israel and made negotiations for a second stage agreement with Egypt pointless at this time. (See Cabinet reaction P. 3)

The government has withheld official comment, but a government spokesman told reporters this morning that Fahmy's statement did "not merit" a serious reaction. But some sources predicted that the government would make a forceful response after today's Cabinet meeting.

(In Washington, State Department officials said they were not surprised at Fahmy's remarks because "99 percent was old" but expressed concern at their timing—just when Israeli Foreign Minister Yigal Allon was returning to Jerusalem after a week of talks with U.S. government officials in Washington designed to promote a second stage of negotiations with Egypt.)

Likud leader Menachem Beigin declared that Fahmy was giving Israel "the choice between destruction and annihilation." He said the Egyptian Foreign Minister's words should end the dispute between Likud and the government over whether Egypt was the "moderate" among Israel's Arab foes. Meir Talmi, secretary general of Mapam, said that if Fahmy's statement indeed represented Egyptian policy, it clearly "closed the options." But Talmi commended the government for delaying its reaction until it could ascertain whether Fahmy was speaking for the Sadat government.

May Not Reflect Sadat's Views

Some political observers speculated today that Fahmy may have made his remarks for the benefit of the Arab hard-liners—Syria, the PLO, Libya and Iraq—to placate them with extremist rhetoric while Egypt itself prepared to begin a new round of separate negotiations with Israel. Others noted Fahmy's personal flamboyance, his desire for constant publicity and his hard-line policies that do not always reflect the thinking of President Anwar Sadat. They said there was some hope that the Egyptian government would find a way to retreat from Fahmy's extremist position.

Nevertheless, it was generally noted that the Egyptian diplomat had exposed more nakedly than ever the wide gap between the Israeli and Egyptian views of a peace settlement. Israel's basic premise in preparing to negotiate a second stage agreement with Egypt has been that a settlement must constitute substantial progress toward a final peace.

Israel has stated that a second stage accord must contain significant political concessions from Egypt in exchange for any further Israeli territorial withdrawals. Egypt's view, seen in the context of Fahmy's demands, makes any thought of progress through partial accords meaningless, it was said here.

The Jerusalem Post said in an editorial today that "If he (Sadat) chooses this point of time to remind us that he does not accept our existence, then there is very little purpose in withdrawing from the Mittle Pass in Sinai." Maariv suggested that Fahmy may have aimed his statement at Soviet Communist Party Secretary Leonid I. Brezhnev who is due in Cairo next month with the intention of persuading the Russians to keep a lid on the emigration of Soviet Jews to Israel.

DULZIN SAYS ISRAEL IS SHORT \$3 B TO COVER COSTS OF YOM KIPPUR WAR

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 (JTA)—Leon Dulzin, treasurer of the Jewish Agency, said that Israel is short \$3 billion to cover the costs of the Yom Kippur War. The total cost of that war, Dulzin said, was \$8 billion. Addressing an overflow crowd of the United Jewish Appeal 1975 National Conference at the New York Hilton, Dulzin stated Friday that Israel still "suffers from the consequences of the last war." (See related UJA stories P. 2 and 4.)

"We are not only in a post-war period," he said, "we are also in a pre-war period." Noting that there is a possibility of a new war in the Mideast, he said that Israel spends 35 percent of its GNP on defense, the highest percentage in the world. "The burden is heavy, it is difficult, but we are strong. The morale is high," he said, adding that Yasir Arafat's speech at the UN did not discourage the Israelis but rather made them angry and more determined.

Turning to the problem of emigration and absorption of olim in Israel, Dulzin said that despite all the difficulties, Israel's doors will always be open to any Jews who want to come. "This is the essence of Israel's existence," he observed, recalling the Nazi era when Jewish refugees could not find a haven. He said that the burden of immigrants is "a great privilege and any Jew should consider it a matter for great joy." He predicted that as many as 75,000 new immigrants will come to Israel in 1975 from all over the world, including the Soviet Union.

Dulzin pointed out that he is aware of the sagging economy in the United States, but said, nonetheless, that "I am sure you (American Jews) will go on helping Israel." He noted that Israel needs help and financial support more than ever before. "I am encouraged by the support of the Jewish community here," he said, noting that the Jewish people is united and is like a "family."

WAR AGAINST TERRORISTS ESCALATED

By Yitzhak Shargil and Gil Sedan

TEL AVIV, Dec. 15 (JTA)—Israel's war against the terrorists escalated over the week-end. An Israeli patrol wiped out a four-man terrorist gang in a fierce gun battle south of Kibbutz Manara near the Lebanese border yesterday morning in which

one Israeli border policeman was killed and a police sergeant was slightly wounded. Israeli long-range artillery continued to blast terrorist bases in southern Lebanon. Safad in Upper Galilee was hit by several Katyusha rockets late Friday night but suffered no casualties or damage. Terrorist cells responsible for a series of bombings and attempted sabotage were uncovered in Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip.

Yesterday's clash occurred shortly after an Israeli border patrol found a section of a barbed-wire security fence cut away, indicating that infiltrators had entered Israeli territory from Lebanon. While tracking down the gang, the patrol was ambushed. Mair Dayan, 20, of Tiberias, was killed in the first volley of fire. Funeral services were held today in Haifa.

The patrol opened fire on the terrorists' position behind a bush and killed four Arabs aged 20-25. They were dressed in civilian clothes but were wearing commando-type shoes and military windbreakers. Near the bodies were Kalashnikov assault rifles, grenades, commando knives and a two-day food supply. The terrorists carried El Fatah leaflets demanding the destruction of Israel.

The Katyusha attack on Safad Friday night was followed by a 90-minute Israeli artillery barrage aimed at Nabatiyeh township some 20 kilometers inside the Lebanese border, which is ringed by refugee camps, terrorist bases and the headquarters of several terrorist organizations. Reports from Beirut later confirmed that Israeli 175 mm. shells scored direct hits on several blocks of buildings in Nabatiyeh, destroying some buildings and severely damaging others.

El Fatah Cell Discovered In Gaza Strip

Security forces announced today the discovery of an El Fatah cell in the Gaza Strip commanded by Judge Khaled el Qadra of Khan Yunis, who was recently appointed by Israeli authorities to serve as resident district judge in the Gaza Strip. The judge and his associates from Gaza, Raffah and Khan Yunis were arrested and documents were seized, including lists of recruits and instructions for the execution of terrorist acts. The gang, which numbered about 25, is believed responsible for a series of terrorist acts dating back to last February when explosives were planted on a bus in Rishon LeZion.

Security authorities announced Friday that eight members of a terrorist cell in Jerusalem have been arrested. Three of them are suspected of having participated directly in terrorist acts which they reconstructed for police. These included placing explosives in an East Jerusalem bank last July; planting a bomb in the Jerusalem district court building on Saladin Street in East Jerusalem; and planting explosives in a residential building and a supermarket in the Ramot Eshkol section of Jerusalem last month.

DINITZ URGES TOTAL SUPPORT OF AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 (JTA)—Israeli Ambassador Simcha Dinitz spoke to a private luncheon for leaders of the American Jewish community here Friday. The group of some 150 Jewish leaders, all major contributors to the United Jewish Appeal campaign, met on the eve of Mrs. Golda Meir's address last night to the 1975 National Conference of the UJA. "What we are undergoing now is not a crisis that demands despair, but a different time...a time of great challenge," Dinitz told the group. "What you do—you who have given your lives to humanitarian dedication and

commitment—will determine how well that challenge will be met."

"This is the most important conference you have ever had," he continued. "Together we must make this difficult period ahead one dedicated to great achievement. Let us raise our sights and demonstrate that together we can overcome." Dinitz stressed that "the entire American Jewish community must be reached through its leadership. There is no other aid, from any group in the world—except you and us together—and together we must strive for new levels of human dignity."

Those present at the meeting included: Justice Israel Maisels, member of the Board of Governors of the Jewish Agency and national chairman of the Keren Hayesod/United Israel Appeal of South Africa; Paul Zuckerman, outgoing UJA general chairman; Frank R. Lautenberg, incoming 1975 UJA general chairman; Fritz Frank, member of the Executive of the United Israel Appeal of South Africa and of the South African Zionist Federation; and Irving Bernstein, UJA executive vice-chairman.

Addressing a session earlier in the day, Justice Maisels called on Jews to unite to help Israel, noting that "when we are united for Israel we are united for ourselves, for the Jewish people."

SENATE APPROVES JACKSON AMENDMENT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (JTA)—The Senate approved Friday night by a vote of 77-4 the Administration's Foreign Trade Bill after approving the Jackson Amendment to authorize trade concessions to the Soviet Union in exchange for less restrictive emigration policies, particularly those applied to Soviet Jews.

The bill contains a wide range of provisions on tariffs and new powers for the President to act on foreign trade policies. It also would clear the way for major reductions in tariffs on products from the USSR and other Communist countries through most favored nation status.

The sudden Senate passage was made possible by a 71-9 approval of closure motion limiting debate. The House had approved a similar bill earlier but there are many technical differences between the bills which will have to be reconciled. But experts said that final passage appeared likely despite the approaching end of the current Congress.

USSR Must Adhere To Commitments

The amendment on emigration was approved 89-0, adding language which ratifies the understanding between the U.S. and the Soviets on emigration. The amendment will allow the President to offer the Soviet Union most favored nation status for a minimum of 18 months if he certifies that Soviet emigration procedures have been liberalized.

The emigration amendment does not specify any figure for emigration but Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D.Wash.) said during the debate preceding the vote that if the USSR adhered to its agreement, the number of Jews who would be able to emigrate during 1975 would top 60,000. Jackson warned that "the basis of trust and confidence" essential to all U.S.-Soviet relations would be destroyed if the Soviets failed to abide by their commitments.

Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger negotiated the "understanding" on emigration with the Soviet Union and brought it to Jackson and to Senators Jacob K. Javits (R.N.Y.) and Abraham Ribicoff (D.Conn.), which cleared the way for approval by the Senate Finance Committee.

Must Prevent Another Holocaust

Jackson, addressing 500 Jewish community

leaders from the U.S. and Canada attending the 60th anniversary meeting of the Joint Distribution Committee at the New York Hilton Thursday night, pledged he would watch carefully to see to it that the Soviet Union abides by its agreement to allow unhampered emigration or it will not receive U.S. trade benefits and credits under the trade reform measure. "I am going to follow it like a bulldog," Jackson said.

Noting that some officials, like Kissinger, had said that asking for unhampered emigration was interference in the Soviet Union's internal affairs, Jackson said "Freedom is everyone's business and the tragedy is that we did not interfere when the Holocaust went on in the 1930s." He said both Jews and Gentiles bear a responsibility for not doing enough to prevent the Holocaust and must see to it now that it never happens again.

CABINET REACTS SHARPLY TO FAHMY'S STATEMENT: ALLON TERMS IT ABSURD

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Dec. 15 (JTA)—The government reacted sharply tonight to Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy's "so-called peace proposals" which demand that Israel declare a 50-year moratorium on immigration and return to the 1947 partition boundaries. Premier Yitzhak Rabin said at today's weekly Cabinet meeting that Fahmy's statement imposed a "large and serious question mark over Egypt's willingness to negotiate a second stage settlement in Sinai."

Foreign Minister Yigal Allon, who just returned from a week of meetings with U.S. officials in Washington, read a statement at the Cabinet meeting rejecting Fahmy's demands as "absurd from beginning to end" and "entirely without foundation." Declaring that aliya was "the life and soul of the State," Allon declared that neither the restraint of immigration nor the 1947 lines could ever serve as a basis for negotiations not even as a bargaining point. He said Israel also utterly rejected the "alternative" idea of a "democratic secular Palestine state" proposed by the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Talks In U.S. Not Optimistic

Allon's report on his talks in Washington with Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger and other officials presented an uncertain and clearly non-optimistic picture of the political situation but expressed satisfaction over the status of bilateral relations between Israel and the U.S. He said he was pleased with the pace of implementation of economic and military aid agreements that were concluded during Rabin's visit to Washington last September.

Cabinet Secretary Gershon Avner disclosed later that Allon discussed Israel's attitude toward the offer of an American nuclear reactor and nuclear material which was made by former President Nixon to both Israel and Egypt last June. Avner gave no details, however, and would not say whether the nuclear deal was still on.

On the political front, Allon reported that the situation that arose after the Arab summit meeting in Rabat still prevailed. It was still necessary to determine whether Egypt is in fact willing to negotiate a second stage agreement with Israel, he said. He asserted the ball was in Cairo's court and Israel could but wait and see what developed after Soviet Communist Party Secretary Leonid I. Brezhnev's visit to the Egyptian capital next month.

The Cabinet agreed that if Allon returns to Washington next month as has been proposed, his

trip would be preceded by a long Cabinet discussion of the fundamentals of the political situation as Israel's response to it.

THE SHOW MUST GO ON

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Dec. 15 (JTA)—The Chen Cinema on Dizengoff Square displayed a big sign Thursday night. It said, "The Show Must Go On." The old show biz bromide expressed the defiance of Tel Avivians who queued up by the hundreds at the movie house where last Wednesday night a terrorist hurled grenades that killed two spectators and himself and injured scores of patrons.

Their tickets brought them a double feature—the regular movie plus a vaudeville show featuring Israel's top entertainers that went into the wee hours of the morning. The morale-boosting show was given under the auspices of Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lehat. Outside the theater, thousands promenaded around the square, giving it the aspect, except for the near freezing temperature, of a Saturday night in the spring.

NATIONWIDE CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED FOR RELEASE OF MARINA TIEMKIN

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 (JTA)—A nationwide campaign for the release of Marina Tiemkin, a Moscow Jewish teenager who was kidnapped last year by KGB agents and brought to a "youth camp" many miles from her home after she publicly stated her desire to leave for Israel, was launched here Friday. The "Free Marina" campaign is sponsored by the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry and spearheaded by the Brooklyn SSSJ. Leaders of the Brooklyn community, including Congresswoman Elizabeth Holtzman, Congressmen-elect James Scheuer and Steven Solarz, and Brooklyn District Attorney, Eugene Gold, are involved in the campaign.

Launching the campaign at a press conference at Lincoln Square Synagogue, the SSSJ released a statement by Marina's father, Dr. Alexander Tiemkin who is now a professor of physics at Tel Aviv University, that she was brought back to a hospital in Moscow and forcibly injected with mind-changing drugs. "Marina's torments are the revenge of pogrom-makers for her Jewish pride and her passionate desire to live in our homeland," Dr. Tiemkin stated. He himself was given the choice of imprisonment or leaving for Israel, and chose the latter in an attempt to gain publicity for his daughter.

An SSSJ spokesman told the press conference: "We urge the Soviet government to immediately release Marina and reunify her with her father if they truly plan to live up to the spirit of the Jackson Amendment agreement."

SANTIAGO (JTA)—Chile's Jewish bank, the Banco Israelita, will revert to private ownership as part of a government plan to return certain banks nationalized by the Allende regime to non-governmental control. The reversion will be achieved through the sale of shares by the government development corporation. The Banco Israelita is to merge with another bank, the Banco Continental, to insure "greater operational efficiency."

TEL AVIV (JTA)—Israel Aircraft Industries exports to Latin America will reach \$50 million this year, the IAI publication revealed here. The items supplied include sophisticated weapons for land, air and naval forces. Also included are Arava and Westwind Executive planes and electronic machinery.

SOME 3000 AMERICAN JEWISH LEADERS USHER IN 1975 UNITED JEWISH APPEAL CAMPAIGN**MRS. MEIR: ISRAEL WILL FIGHT FOR ITS EXISTENCE EVEN IF IT HAS TO DO IT ALONE**
By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 (JTA)--Former Israeli Premier Golda Meir declared here last night that Israel will fight for its existence "even if we are alone.... We will fight with everything in our possession. Israel will not commit suicide like the heroes of Masada."

Mrs. Meir spoke forcefully and with emotion to an audience of more than 3000 American Jewish leaders attending the closing dinner of the United Jewish Appeal National Conference given in her honor at the New York Hilton Hotel. The former Premier was greeted by a standing ovation that lasted several minutes and was repeatedly interrupted by applause. The Conference, which began Friday, ushered in the 1975 UJA campaign.

She scornfully rejected Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy's demand that Israel close its doors to immigration for the next 50 years and return to the 1947 partition boundaries. "I ask you, can't we be forthcoming for a change and accept that for the sake of peace?" she said. "In what a peaceful atmosphere we will live in (Yasir) Arafat's 'secular state,' the 'democratic secular state' with 50 years of no immigration, with no new child born. I leave it to your imagination."

Mrs. Meir also denounced the United Nations and UNESCO for attempting to isolate Israel and deprive it of its rights of membership. It is not Israel that has been isolated, she said. "The UN is isolated from everything that is decent and moral in human life."

Israel Has No Alternative But To Win

Mrs. Meir stressed that she no longer spoke in the name of the government but as a private citizen of Israel. She said she could not promise that the Yom Kippur War was Israel's last war. She said that Israel would never, under any circumstances negotiate with the Palestine Liberation Organization, even though UNESCO, which deals with education, prefers Arafat over Israel. "Who knows better about schools and children than Arafat?" she said, referring to the massacres at Maalot and Kiryat Shmona.

She stated that she believed the future "existence of the Jewish people depends upon an Israel safe, alive and developing. If you believe that, then everything is worth while," she told her audience. She said that if the spirit of the Jewish people and the people of Israel remains intact, "even if we are alone, and God knows that is the last thing we want, even if left alone we can make it.... We will win because we have no alternative."

U.S. Jews Ready For Heavier Burdens

The former Premier reaffirmed her view of Fahmy's demand on CBS-TV "Face the Nation" today. "I hope that he hasn't talked this nonsense just to give a sign to Americans that unless something drastic is done against Israel then there can be no peace, no negotiations," she stated. Mrs. Meir recalled that three generations of Israelis have fought wars and spilled blood, "for what, not to let a Jew come in for 50 years, or for five years or for five months or for five days?" Israel cannot enter serious negotiations when such demands are made, she said.

Mrs. Meir noted that contributions by American Jews to Israel might be down because of eco-

nomic conditions. But she said that American Jews she has met during her current visit to the U.S. on behalf of the UJA and the Israel Bond Organization indicated that they were prepared to make sacrifices so as not to reduce their contributions to Israel.

She refused to confirm or deny that she had met with King Hussein of Jordan while she was Israel's Premier. "I'm not saying that I met with him, but assuming that I had, it would be a secret because he wants it" kept secret. She said that if Israel promised such a meeting would be kept secret it would not break its promise. She also stated that she could not imagine Israel launching a pre-emptive strike against its Arab neighbors.

LAUTENBERG-NEW UJA GENERAL CHAIRMAN

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 (JTA)--Frank R. Lautenberg of Montclair, New Jersey, was elected general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal last night at the closing dinner of the UJA National Conference. He succeeds Paul Zuckerman in that post. Lautenberg is president of Automatic Data Processing, Inc. of Clifton, New Jersey, the largest data processing service company in the world.

In accepting the general chairmanship of UJA, Lautenberg set the pattern for the coming year by saying: "The goals of the UJA are synonymous with the goals of the Jewish people: to eliminate need, to provide for life and life-building, and to generate hope--in Israel and for Jews in distress wherever they may be. There is no cause which can be more noble and no work more satisfying. To this I pledge all my efforts and my energy."

In making the announcement, Max M. Fisher, chairman of the UJA Nominating Committee, pointed out: "The Jewish people, and the United Jewish Appeal, which strives to meet its needs, are at a crossroads. It is a time when new and vigorous leadership is primary. The election of Frank R. Lautenberg to the position of general chairman marks the beginning of a new era. The dynamism of his character, coupled with his great ability, will prove invaluable in the months of decision ahead."

Lautenberg is a member of the International Board of Governors of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, and is current president of the American Friends of the Hebrew University. He is a founder of the Lautenberg Center for General and Tumor Immunology at the Medical School of Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He serves as a member of the Board of Governors of the American Jewish Committee. Active in his resident state, Lautenberg is a member of the New Jersey Economic Development Authority, as well as a member of the Board of Trustees of the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra. Lautenberg, a graduate of Columbia University, is currently an associate of Columbia University School of Business.

NEW YORK (JTA)--The film premiere of "Zalmen or The Madness of God" by Elie Wiesel took place Friday at Carnegie Hall, under the auspices of the United Jewish Appeal. More than 2000 Jewish leaders attended this special preview, which was a highlight of the UJA's National Conference. "Zalmen or The Madness of God," Wiesel's mystical drama of one rabbi's impassioned rebellion against religious persecution in Russia in the 1950's stars Joseph Weisman as the rabbi and is performed by Washington D.C.'s Arena Stage Company. The play received great critical acclaim last year during its stage production. Wiesel has devoted all proceeds of the play to the New York Conference on Soviet Jewry.