



ISRAEL DETERMINED TO FIGHT FOR SOVIET JEWRY'S RIGHT TO EMIGRATE

JERUSALEM, Jan. 22 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Yigal Allon reiterated today Israel's determination to fight for Soviet Jewry's right to emigrate. Speaking at the Knesset, in reply to an agenda motion presented after the Soviets cancelled the 1972 trade agreement with the U.S., Allon said there were few subjects on which the Jewish people was as unified as the right of Soviet Jewry to emigrate.

"This struggle has been, still is and will be a central struggle of the Jewish people and of the State of Israel," Allon said. He said he shared the concern expressed by some MKs over the effect of the cancellation of the trade bill on Soviet emigration. However, he noted that the intensive campaign for Soviet emigration had preceded the negotiations over the trade bills.

Allon told the Knesset that he brought the subject up in his talks last week with President Ford and Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger. "The two expressed understanding for our concern, and for the fate of Soviet Jewry, and they were willing to continue assisting us on that subject," Allon said.

He said he also consulted leaders of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations on the possibility of a massive campaign for Jewish emigration from the USSR "to avoid a major tragedy of a great Jewish community" if the Soviets indeed cast an Iron Curtain between Soviet Jews and other parts of the Jewish people, as a punishment for their disappointment with the trade bill.

ONLY TERRORISTS' MOVEMENTS TRACED By Peter Friedlinger

VIENNA, Jan. 22 (JTA)--The Arab Mohammed Boudia terrorist group had tried to establish bases in Europe several times, the Austrian newspaper, "Die Presse," said yesterday. Three members of the terrorist group attacked an El Al plane Sunday and were flown out of France after the release of their 10 hostages.

In January, 1973, Austrian police arrested three members of the group who planned to attack a train with Jewish emigrants on their way from the Soviet Union to Israel. The terrorists stayed in a Vienna hotel and opened contacts with Austrian right-wing circles. They were convicted for illegal entry. Another member of the Mohammed Boudia group was arrested in Italy after escaping from Austria. Italy deported the three men to Austria, which extradited them to Arab countries along with the others.

After the six men disappeared, Austria was the site for new operations of Arab terrorists in September, 1973 when three terrorists attacked the Jewish emigrant transport station at Schoenau. Austrian police sources called it "at least possible," that the Algerian national Mohammed Boudia, had worked out the operation plan for the Schoenau attack. Boudia died later in a bomb explosion in Paris. According to the director of the Jewish Documentation Center in Vienna, Simon Wiesenthal, the Mohammed Boudia terrorists were also responsible for blowing up part of the tap-pipeline in Trieste almost two years ago.

SAPIR FAVORS MAJOR TRADE-OFF OF OCCUPIED TERRITORIES IN EXCHANGE FOR GENUINE PEACE SETTLEMENT

LONDON, Jan. 22 (JTA)--Pinhas Sapir, chairman of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization Executives, said here today that he personally was in favor of a major trade-off of occupied territory by Israel for a genuine, lasting peace settlement.

Speaking to a gathering of Labor MPs, Sapir who was formerly Israel's Finance Minister and was regarded as the "strong man" of the Israel Labor Party, said that in exchange for a formal peace settlement with its neighbors, Israel should vacate the Sinai and the West Bank, with the exception of East Jerusalem, and also the Golan Heights, retaining there only certain strategic positions necessary to protect the settlements in Galilee.

Sapir stressed that he was offering his personal views and said he was aware that some people in Israel "consider me to be a dove of doves." But, he added, "I believe the majority of Israelis would accept my position if it was put to them in a referendum or some other way."

800 EMIGRE SOVIET JEWS LEFT ISRAEL AND ARE NOW IN BELGIUM

BRUSSELS, Jan. 22 (JTA)--Approximately 800 Soviet emigre Jews have left Israel and are now staying in Belgium, the Belgian Foreign Minister, Renate Van Elsenland, reported today. He said that apart from an unknown few who have returned to Israel, none of the 800 have left Belgium for other countries. These are cases of people arriving in Belgium "in transit in the hopes of being accepted in other countries," the Minister said.

About 640 of the emigres receive administrative aid from charitable associations in Belgium. "In conformance with the principles of the Rights of Man Charter, the people in question have the right to find themselves a new fatherland," Van Elsenland said he hoped that "most of these people are accepted by the countries where they hope to settle."

The Minister's statements came in answer to a written question from Socialist Party Deputy Ernest Glinne. Glinne also asked whether the emigres could not be "redistributed" so that all Common Market countries hosted their share. The Minister answered that the emigres already are present, perhaps in lesser numbers, in France, Italy and West Germany.

U.S.-SOVIET TRADE AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL TO LOBBY FOR UNHAMPERED TRADE BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES

NEW YORK, Jan. 22 (JTA)--The joint U.S.-Soviet Trade and Economic Council has embarked on a vigorous lobbying effort to increase Export-Import Bank credits for the USSR and divorce political from economic issues in trade relations between the two countries.

Donald Kendall of the PepsiCo Co., American co-chairman of the joint council, said at a press conference here today that "the breakdown of the 1972 trade agreement" was "only a temporary setback." He said the Ford Administration is "pledged to introduce and support vigorously new legislation which we consider an immediate imperative."

The Soviet Union repudiated its 1972 trade agreement with the U.S. on grounds that provisions imposed by Congress linking trade with Soviet emigration practices was interference in Russia's internal

GOLDMANN SAYS NEW ERA REQUIRES NEW ATTITUDES BY WORLD JEWRY

LONDON, Jan. 22 (JTA)--Israel's existence is not in danger, there is no new holocaust around the corner and the bad conscience which had assailed the world after the holocaust is no longer a factor. These were some of the views stated by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, in an assessment of the "new era in Jewish life" given during his address to the Board of Deputies of British Jews in welcoming them into the WJC. The Board of Deputies decided last year to join the WJC.

"We are entering a new era in Jewish life," he observed, "and I feel it is my duty to issue at this stage some warning about future possible developments. There is no new holocaust around the corner, as some people say, and there is not the slightest danger to the existence of Israel. She may be isolated, perhaps, she may have to make concessions in the near future, but her existence is not in danger."

The outspoken WJC leader noted during his address Sunday that at the same time the Jewish people in Israel and in the diaspora "must be made aware that the good era for Jewry, which began after World War II, is coming to an end. The bad conscience which had assailed the world after the holocaust is no longer there. A new generation does not feel responsible for the holocaust, or even for the sin of omission in not saving those Jews who could have been saved."

Symptoms Of New Situation

The symptoms of the new situation are already visible, Dr. Goldmann stated. The reception given by the United Nations General Assembly to Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasser Arafat and the behavior of UNESCO towards Israel are two of these symptoms, he observed. In addition, Western democracies are getting weaker and their standard of living is bound to decline. "They are also divided among themselves, arguing and bickering," Dr. Goldmann said. "The so-called Third World is getting stronger."

World Jewry must be alive to these changes and to the way they affect Israel and the diaspora, he warned. "In other words, we must evaluate our attitudes and methods of activity to see whether they are still valid. We will find that most of them are not," he asserted. "We can meet the new situation and enter the new era with some confidence only if we are united as a people."

Dr. Goldmann refrained from discussing the policy of the Israeli government, noting that "if I can, I will present a full discussion of the policy of Israel's government at the Sixth Plenary session (of the WJC) next month. The decisions regarding borders, occupied territories and such matters are for the Israelis to take through their elected representatives in the Knesset and their government. And whatever decision they make, it is our duty to support them unreservedly."

The WJC assembly will take place in Jerusalem, Feb. 3-10. Some 500 delegates from 65 countries will attend the meeting which will be the first world gathering of the WJC since 1966 and the first it has ever held in Israel.

JDL STAGES DEMONSTRATIONS

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, Jan. 22 (JTA)--About 10 members of the Jewish Defense League, including Rabbi Meir Kahane, staged a demonstration outside Temple Emanuel this afternoon. Kahane told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that they were there "to protest the silence of the American Jewish

Establishment while the American government is choking the Israeli government." He said the group would try to enter the Reform temple and failing that, would remain outside for 24 hours. A number of police were on the scene but no incidents were reported.

Earlier about a half dozen JDL members demonstrated outside the Israeli Consulate General here to protest alleged U.S. pressure on Israel and to demand that the Israeli government not give up "one inch" of Arab territory. The protestors sought signatures from passers-by on petitions which they said were to be presented to President Ford and to the Israeli government.

They said they would gather one million signatures for Ford demanding an end to U.S. "pressure" on Israel and a similar number on petitions warning the Jerusalem government not to surrender to pressure. Kahane was not present at the Consulate demonstration.

Kahane told the JTA that today's demonstrations were the beginning of a series of similar acts by the JDL at Jewish organizations and houses of worship in New York. He said that the JDL would not try to occupy synagogue premises but would take over offices of Jewish organizations. He mentioned the American Jewish Committee.

Henry Fruhauf, Administrator of Temple Emanuel, told the JTA that the Temple had received a telephone call from the Israeli Consulate saying the JDL group was coming to protest the alleged silence of the Reform movement on Soviet Jewry.

ORTHODOX CRITICIZE VATICAN GUIDELINES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 (JTA)--The head of the nation's largest Orthodox rabbinic body expressed great distress at the failure on the part of the Vatican guidelines on relations with Jews to take cognizance of the central role that the State of Israel plays for the Jewish people and their religious faith. Rabbi Fabian Schonfeld, president of the Rabbinical Council of America, made this statement to the 500 delegates at the Council's 26th annual mid-winter conference here which began Monday and ended today.

Rabbi Schonfeld, who also called upon the Vatican to enter into diplomatic relations with Israel, said that the guidelines, which were issued Jan. 3 to implement the "Declaration on the Jews," "have gone a long way towards establishing a better relationship between the two faith communities" and have "eliminated many of the suspicions and misunderstandings which characterized the attitude of Christians towards Jews for many centuries."

However, he added, "it is regrettable that one point which would have really allayed the fears of the Jewish people has not been mentioned. That is the recognition that Israel the land and Israel the people are inexorably intertwined and that the land of Israel occupies a unique position" in the "theology of Judaism." The real step forward, Rabbi Schonfeld stressed, "would be the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Vatican and Israel."

Rabbi Schonfeld also stated that when the church says it would welcome joint prayers with the Jewish people, as the guidelines indicated, "we Jews must assert that joint prayers are not acceptable." He called upon secular Jewish organizations "to be aware lest in their desire to establish closer ecumenical ties with Christianity they compromise basic Jewish doctrines." He was especially critical of pilgrimages and study programs connected with the current Holy Year proclaimed by the Vatican.

AMSTERDAM, (JTA)--Jewish ritual slaughtering for export is now forbidden in The Netherlands for reasons of protection of animals.

affairs. What displeased Moscow most, however, was the \$300 million a year ceiling imposed by Congress on Export-Import Bank credits. Kendall said today that the joint council would like credits increased from some \$469 million now to \$2 billion by 1980.

More Liberal Terms For Moscow

He also said, in a prepared statement, that "The Council strongly believes in the need for wider separation of political and economic issues in the U.S.-Soviet trade relationship." He indicated the strategy to be employed in pressing for fewer restrictions and more liberal terms for Moscow when he claimed that increased exports to the USSR would mean more jobs in America where unemployment is on the rise. He said U.S. Department of Commerce figures estimated that every \$15,000 worth of exports generated one job.

Kendall also warned that the U.S. would be losing valuable Soviet business to France, West Germany and Japan which, he said, were already far more generous in their credit to Moscow. He said that nullification of the 1972 trade pact would not diminish the joint council's work but on the contrary, "The activities of the Council are going to be increased." He said the council will hold a meeting of top U.S. and Soviet business executives shortly to plan expanding business ties between the two countries.

POLITICAL CIRCLES REACT IN LOW KEY TO SADAT INTERVIEW

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Jan. 22 (JTA)--Political circles here reacted soberly to President Anwar Sadat's interview published in Le Monde yesterday in which the Egyptian leader warned that Israel faced a new war unless it made major concessions within the next three months on all Arab fronts, including negotiating with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

It was difficult to tell from Sadat's latest statements what was "practical" and what was intended for internal Arab consumption or other political purposes, one source said. But "We are not ignoring Sadat's words altogether. If his statements were intended for our ears only, then there is nothing to negotiate," the source added.

(See separate story on reaction in Washington.) There has been no official reaction to the Sadat interview. But Israeli observers said that Sadat's insistence on linking Israeli-Egyptian negotiations to similar negotiations between Israel and other Arab countries, notably Syria, only limited his options for a settlement with Israel and could lead to his leadership passing over to "extremist elements." The sources said, "We are willing to negotiate with any neighboring country in an effort to reach peace but considering the special problems of each region separately. The problems on the Syrian front are different than those on the Egyptian front."

U.S. PLEASSED THAT SADAT FAVORS STEP-BY-STEP NEGOTIATIONS

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 (JTA)--The United States "is obviously pleased" that Egyptian President Anwar Sadat has reaffirmed his desire for a step-by-step approach towards a Middle East settlement, the State Department said today. Sadat expressed this view in an interview published yesterday in the Paris newspaper, Le Monde, in which he also said, "I am ready to conclude a peace agreement with Israel."

State Department spokesman Robert Anderson

would not comment on other elements of the extensive interview. He specifically said "No comment" on the statement by Sadat which Le Monde published that "I can assure you that Washington will soon recognize the representativeness of the PLO. It would then be up to the United States and the USSR as guarantors of the cease-fire in the Near East to invite the PLO to sit down at the Geneva negotiating table."

Anderson said he was not aware of reports that the Soviet Union has resumed shipping arms to Egypt nor that Saudi Arabia is seeking 50 additional warplanes from the U.S. He also said that to his knowledge the U.S. has never considered the possibility of a military base in Israel. It was reported that when Israeli Foreign Minister Yigal Allon was here last week the possibility of such a base was discussed.

Meanwhile White House Press Secretary Ron Nessen told newsmen that the United States was examining an Israeli request for new aid. Nessen said that it was premature to discuss any figure but a proposal would be included in President Ford's proposed budget which will be sent to Congress early next month. Asked if new aid to Israel was contingent on a Middle East peace settlement, Nessen replied, "I am not aware that it is." Israel reportedly has asked the U.S. for \$1.5 billion in military aid and for some \$600 million for economic assistance during the fiscal year beginning next July 1.

KOL URGES CHRISTIAN WORLD TO RALLY IN SUPPORT OF ISRAEL

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, Jan. 22 (JTA)--Israeli Minister of Tourism Moshe Kol, called upon the Christian world last night to rally in support of Israel to avert "a new world disaster." Kol made his appeal after he was honored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews for his efforts on behalf of "increased understanding between Christians and Jews" at the NCCJ headquarters here.

"Cooperation between Christians and Jews is needed more than ever before to prevent a new world disaster," Kol told more than 40 Christian and Jewish leaders who attended the ceremony. "I call upon the Christian world to remember the events of 40 years ago and to wake up in time to stop this tragic development," Kol said, citing the "unholy alliance" between the Communists and the Arab Moslem countries against Israel.

"Once again we face a danger of appeasement. Politicians believe it is worthwhile to sacrifice the interests of Israel for a better relationship with the oil countries," Kol said, warning that all the free world countries "could pay a heavy price" as a result. Kol reiterated Israel's desire for peace but added that "we will defend our existence and future." He said that he hoped that the citation given to him was an expression of "readiness" on your part as Christians "to stand up to the religious and human challenges of our time."

David Hyatt, President of the NCCJ, who presented Kol with the citation, was presented with a Silver Medal of Terra Santa by the Minister of Tourism for his contribution to promotion of understanding between the Jewish and Christian communities in America.

Kol, the first non-American to be selected for citation by the NCCJ, is now making a tour of the United States on behalf of the Israel Bond Organization. He will also be meeting with a number of Jewish and Christian leaders regarding the furtherance of Israel tourism. Yesterday's ceremony also marked the appointment of Michael Pragal, of Israel's Foreign Office, as an Advisor on Church Relations in North America of the Consulate General of Israel.

RUSSIAN INTELLECTUALS URGED TO CONDEMN ANTI-SEMITIC BOOK

NEW YORK, Jan. 22 (JTA)--Six Jewish activists from Minsk have appealed to Soviet intellectuals of all nationalities to condemn a widely circulated anti-Semitic book whose author, Vladimir Begun, intimates that the Jews must be destroyed to save humanity.

According to the activists, the book, titled "The Creeping Counter-Revolution," is nothing more than "a new version of the 'Protocols of the Elders of Zion'" and is but one element of "the present rabid campaign of lies and slander against the Jewish people" in the Soviet media, the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry reported today.

The activists, who included four much decorated World War II heroes, said that Begun's tract contains "epithets against Israel that would make even the Nazis envious." It even charges Queen Esther of the Purim story with "perfidy" and sanctioning bloodshed to achieve power for the Jews, they said. According to the appeal, Begun's readers can only conclude that "the Jews have made it their goal to seize control of the world and enslave all nations" so "there remains only one thing to do -- destroy them for the sake of saving humanity."

The activists' statement said: "We appeal to you to firmly condemn the campaign of hounding an ancient people that stood at the cradle of modern civilization. Anti-Semitism is the worst enemy not only of Jews, but it maims the souls of all who come in contact with it, whether they are the victims or the executioners. Your silence is a capitulation, it is the abandoning of the humanitarian traditions of the Russian intellectuals."

The six activists are Yefim Davidovich, Naum Alshansky, Lev Ovsisher and Chaim Malintsky, all war heroes; and Grigory Rubenchik and Leonid Yoffe.

SAPIR CALLS FOR NEW ALIYA FROM NORTH AMERICA

NEW YORK, Jan. 22 (JTA)--It is important "not only for the sake of Israel, but also in order to strengthen and deepen its own Jewish identity, so intrinsically linked with Israel's destiny," that North American Jewry "develop a consensus on the desirability and necessity of aliya," Pinhas Sapir declared in Jerusalem as he announced the second annual "Aliya Month" scheduled to begin in February.

Spearheaded by the Israel Aliya Center of the World Zionist Organization-American Section and the American Zionist Federation, last year's Aliya Month reached audiences of from ten to a thousand persons at more than 2500 meetings in 300 communities throughout the United States.

Characterizing last year's program as "a major educational effort on behalf of aliya," Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson, Chairman of the WZO-American Section, pointed out that last year's meetings "were not expected to result in immediate immigration by large numbers of individual American Jews but to stimulate thinking about Israel, to give practical information on aliya and to create a better understanding of what Israel is prepared to offer."

The program this year, Mrs. Jacobson indicated, is more ambitious: "We hope to harvest the crop we sowed last year in our educational drive and at the same time stimulate hitherto uncommitted American Jews to consider aliya as a viable option in their lives."

In his proclamation, Sapir pointed out that "the very future of Israel is being challenged," and that it is important, therefore, for Jews in the free world "to make a personal commitment by supporting aliya and accepting this call for Jewish self-fulfillment."

"The 40,000 North American olim already living in Israel have made a significant contribution to its development, far in excess of their numerical strength," he said, adding a call to every Jewish organization and every individual Jew, "to make aliya a major objective in the lives of large numbers of American Jews."

450 U.S., CANADIAN JEWISH LEADERS TO PARTICIPATE IN CONFERENCE IN ISRAEL AT INVITATION FROM RABIN

NEW YORK, Jan. 22 (JTA)--More than 450 Jewish leaders from the United States, Canada and other parts of the world will leave for Israel on Saturday at the invitation of Premier Yitzhak Rabin to participate in an extraordinary conference on the country's grave economic problems. The week-long conference from Jan. 26 through Feb. 1 will also initiate a year of celebrations in Israel and the U.S. and Canada marking the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Israel Bond program.

Heading the conference will be Sam Rothberg, general chairman, and Michael Arnon, president and chief executive officer of the Israel Bond Organization. They said the conference "will address itself to the serious financial difficulties that beset Israel today and explore the most effective ways of alleviating them."

During the conference the participants will confer with Rabin, Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz, Defense Minister Shimon Peres and other leading members of the government on how Jews in the United States, Canada and other countries can help strengthen Israel's economic development in 1976 and provide jobs for new immigrants from the Soviet Union and other countries. Special events at the Prime Minister's conference will focus on two special areas of Israel's development, energy and transportation.

CHANGES IN ISRAELI UN MISSION

UNITED NATIONS, Jan. 22 (JTA)--A major shift in the composition of the Israeli Mission to the United Nations is about to take place, the JTA learned today from reliable sources. Apart from Ambassador Yosef Tekoa's pending departure in the spring, to assume his new post as head of the Ben Gurion University in Beersheba, four other top members of the Israeli Mission will end their service and be replaced by new appointees.

The four are: Ambassador Jacob Doron, Deputy Permanent Representative; Ambassador Jacob Bar-more; Counsellor Israel Eliashiv; and Yaakov Morris, Press Attache and spokesman for the Mission. The five have each served a number of years with the Mission and leave on the basis of rotation. They will reportedly be reassigned to new posts with the Israeli Foreign Office. (By Yitzhak Rabi)

BONN, (JTA)--A memorial to the Jewish citizens of Duisburg who died at the hands of the Nazis has been dedicated only a few steps away from the spot where, on Crystal Night in 1938, the Jewish synagogue was burned down on the orders of the gestapo.

BRUSSELS, (JTA)--Belgium's Minister of Justice, H. Vanderpoorten, will present a strict new law to Parliament in February, concerning criminals who take hostages. The new law would call for heavy sentences of hard labor in cases where hostages are taken, and life sentences at hard labor in cases where hostages are killed.