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LEGISLATION INTRODUCED CALLING FOR CRIMINAL, CIVIL PENALTIES ON U.S. PARTICIPANTS IN ARAB BOYCOTTS Firms Could Be Fined Up To \$1 M; Officials Could Face Jail And Fines By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, March 20 (JTA)--Legislation was introduced today in the House of Representatives that would impose criminal and civil penalties on American participants in the Arab boycotts or those who initiate them. The legislation was presented by Rep. Peter W. Rodino (D,NJ), chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, and Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman (D,NY).

Rodino said that the legislation is "intended to preserve the constitutional right of all Americans to be free of racial and religious discrimination." He said that his committee would hold hearings "to explore all the ramifications of the question this legislation addresses." Rep. Holtzman said that "recent revelations of Arab-inspired economic boycotts against American Jews are extremely disturbing. Oil blackmail can pose an insidious threat to the liberty of all Americans."

The legislation would make liable a company for up to \$1 million in fines and company officials would be subject to imprisonment and fines up to \$100,000 for any company effort to organize an illegal boycott. Any company that cooperated with or participated in an illegal boycott would be liable to \$500,000 in fines and its officials liable to fines of up to \$50,000.

In addition, any person or company hurt by an illegal boycott could bring federal court action for treble damages against the company instigating the boycott. Also, in the event the firm initiating the boycott is not present in the United States, the Attorney General could seek a civil penalty against it, and after a court ruling, could seize its assets in the United States, including any funds owed to the firm by an American company.

SPAIN REFUSES ENTRY VISAS TO ISRAEL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

PARIS, March 20 (JTA)--The Spanish government has refused entry visas to the Israeli Philharmonic Orchestra which was due to give a concert in Madrid next week. A spokesman for the French Weizmann Institute, under whose auspices the Philharmonic is giving a concert in Paris today, said the Spanish Consulate refused to grant the visas claiming "security problems."

The spokesman added that the Consulate also refused to grant "a license to perform" which is mandatory for all public shows and concerts in Spain. The orchestra, consisting of some 120 performers and technicians, has cancelled the trip and is considering giving a concert elsewhere in France next week.

SAPIR DENOUNCES LAG IN BUILDING OF HOUSING UNITS FOR IMMIGRANTS

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, March 20 (JTA)--A serious lag in the construction of housing units for immigrants was denounced today by Jewish Agency Executive chairman Pinhas Sapir. He urged the Housing Ministry to take urgent steps to close

the gap between immigrant housing requirements and the number of available flats.

Sapir made the demand at a meeting of the Immigration and Absorption Authority, a joint government-Jewish Agency body. He and Absorption Minister Shlomo Rosen were informed by Housing Ministry representatives that only 7000 housing units were completed last year out of 11,361 that had been promised for immigrants. They said that Housing Minister Avraham Ofer has warned contractors that they would no longer be employed by the Ministry if they continued to fail to meet their building time-tables.

The government, meanwhile, has acted on demands by the Absorption Ministry and Jewish Agency to free new immigrants from the requirement to identify their tax-exempt cars by placing the license plates in a special white frame. The measure was originally enacted to enable police to identify such vehicles easily because many newcomers were abusing the privilege by selling their tax-free cars to non-immigrants.

The Jewish Agency contended, however, that the special plate frames aroused jealousy among Israelis not entitled to the tax exemption and created a hostile attitude toward immigrants. The Agency said police could expose abuses if they paid more attention to their routine license checks.

INS PROMISES ACTION AGAINST NAZIS RESIDING IN THE U.S.

WASHINGTON, March 20 (JTA)--The head of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service pledged yesterday that he would increase the number of Department of Justice investigators seeking the 33 Nazis still living in America.

Retired Gen. Leonard Chapman had testified about the four to twelve million illegal aliens in the United States when he was asked by Rep. Joshua Eilberg (D,Pa.) about the Nazi leaders who fled from Germany as World War II was ending. Eilberg, Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman (D,NY) and others in Congress have been urging a thorough investigation of the Nazis believed to be in the United States. Eilberg is chairman of the subcommittee on immigration of the House Judiciary Committee.

Chapman replied that of 89 cases that the INS had begun, 33 remain on the active list and "we have it at the highest priority." When Eilberg noted that more than a year has passed since more active investigation had been urged in Congress, Chapman promised he would put more investigators to work on the cases. He said that the list had been reduced to 33 because of deaths and lack of sufficient evidence in the other 56 cases.

CABINET GIVES DECISIONS TO KISSINGER TO TAKE BACK TO SADAT THAT MAY DETERMINE LATEST ROUND OF NEGOTIATING EFFORTS

By David Landau and Yitzhak Shargil

JERUSALEM, March 20 (JTA)--Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger took off for Aswan, Egypt tonight carrying with him decisions by the Israeli Cabinet that may well determine the fate of his two weeks of "shuttle" diplomacy aimed at a second-stage Israeli-Egyptian agreement in Sinai. The Secretary and his party boarded their plane at Ben Gurion Airport and the giant Boeing transport took off immediately, leaving a bevy of journalists

and cameramen shivering on the runway without so much as a word from the departing Secretary for whom they had waited in freezing temperatures for hours.

Just about two hours before he left, Kissinger received from the Israeli leaders the results of one of the longest and possibly most fateful sessions ever held by the Cabinet. The message that he will convey to Egyptian President Anwar Sadat was hammered out during almost continuous deliberations that began at 6 p.m. local time yesterday, continued until past 2 a.m. this morning, resumed at 1 p.m. this afternoon and ended only this evening.

The marathon sessions were interrupted briefly this morning by a further meeting between the Israeli and American negotiating teams, headed by Premier Yitzhak Rabin and Kissinger, respectively. Defense Minister Shimon Peres told reporters after that meeting that the Israeli negotiators had sought certain "clarifications" to report back to the full Cabinet.

Speculation Rife About Compromises

While the Cabinet was locked in closed session this afternoon, Kissinger remained in his sixth floor suite at the King David Hotel awaiting its outcome. No substantive information was available to newsmen beyond the clear indication from top Israeli sources that the latest ideas and proposals that Kissinger brought back from President Sadat could "not serve as the basis of a settlement."

Speculation was rife among observers and newsmen here that Kissinger had proposed some kind of compromise formula of his own and was seeking Israel's consent before broaching it to Sadat. But if that was the case, there was no inkling when Kissinger left of the contents of the proposals he was taking to Egypt.

Some sources believe the Cabinet abandoned hope of a "broad" settlement involving an Egyptian renunciation of belligerency and was casting around for some alternative scenario--either its original "modest" proposal for a 30-50 kilometer pullback in Sinai without relinquishing the strategic passes or the oil fields, or some intermediate configuration that would rescue the current talks.

There was speculation, too, that differences of opinion between the Ministers or between the Israeli and American negotiators accounted for today's inordinately long deliberations. A brief statement issued at 2:30 a.m. this morning did little to dispel the clouds of uncertainty. The statement said the Cabinet has "decided to authorize the negotiating team to continue the talks with the Secretary of State in accordance with the decisions of the Cabinet, striving for a positive conclusion to the negotiations on the attainment of an interim settlement between Israel and Egypt."

SADAT CONFIRMS GETTING WEAPONS FROM THE USSR AND FRANCE

WASHINGTON, March 20 (JTA)--President Anwar Sadat has confirmed for the first time that Egypt has received highly sophisticated MIG-23 jet fighters and other weapons from the Soviet Union as well as 25 French-built Mirage jets purchased for Egypt by Saudi Arabia. The Egyptian leader made the disclosures in an interview published today in the Lebanese weekly Al Hawadith, according to reports received here.

He did not say how many of the MIG-23s

Egypt has gotten but Western intelligence sources have said that the first group of six was ferried to Cairo earlier this year. The MIG-23 is reputed to be a higher flying and faster combat aircraft than any in the U.S. Air Force. The six, said to have been delivered to Egypt in January, were described as part of the first Soviet arms shipments to that country since the October 1973 war.

Sadat reportedly told the Lebanese publication that the 25 Mirages obtained through Saudi Arabia were replacements for 25 Mirages loaned to Egypt by Libya a year ago and since returned at that country's demand. Sadat also revealed that Saudi Arabia is footing the bill for aircraft factories to be built in Egypt by Britain's Hawker Siddeley firm, manufacturer of the Hawk training aircraft and the Westland Co. which makes the Lynx helicopter.

DAYAN; ISRAEL SHOULD NEGOTIATE WITH EGYPT, SYRIA SIMULTANEOUSLY

TEL AVIV, March 20 (JTA)--Former Defense Minister Moshe Dayan believes that Israel should negotiate simultaneously with Egypt and Syria and not with Egypt alone. In an interview to be published tomorrow in Maariv, Dayan argued that it was a mistake to conduct negotiations only with Egypt in a second-stage disengagement accord because any settlement reached with the Egyptians would be in danger as long as there was no parallel agreement with the Syrians.

Dayan reiterated, however, that if Egyptian President Anwar Sadat is not prepared to renounce the state of belligerency, Israel should not withdraw from another inch of territory in Sinai. Dayan, who is on a private tour of the Far East and is in Bangkok today, warned in his Maariv interview that Israel cannot continue to defer the Syrian problem for long if there is an agreement with Egypt.

Syria will not remain quiet nor will the Russians agree that their client in Damascus should get less than the American client in Cairo, he said. A new eruption on the Syrian front would not only jeopardize a pact with Egypt but would focus the world's attention on the Golan Heights where Israel will be told, "For some lousy kilometers you are willing to risk another war and undermining the agreement reached with Egypt," Dayan warned.

TEL AVIV (JTA)--Should the Arabs attack Israel's population centers there are enough gas masks stocked to equip most of the country's 3.1 million citizens, Brig. Gen. Yitzhak Zeid, the civil defense commander, said this week. He also told a news conference that Israel had spent more on air raid shelters since the disengagement agreements a year ago than in the seven previous years.

JERUSALEM (JTA)--Police arrested 35 members of the militant Gush Emunim settlers movement Wednesday night after they tried to break into the Prime Minister's Office where the Cabinet was meeting in special session on the current negotiations for a second-stage disengagement accord in Sinai. All were released Thursday morning after questioning. The militants were part of a group of about 60 Gush Emunim followers who Wednesday attempted to establish a settlement near Sebastia on the West Bank west of Nablus but were forcibly removed by soldiers.

TEL AVIV (JTA)--Ten members of a terrorist gang in the Gaza Strip have been arrested during the past several days.

U.S. AID FOR PALESTINIAN REFUGEE CAMPS, MONEY FOR SYRIA, UNDER HEAVY ATTACK BY SENATORS

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, March 20 (JTA)--American support for the Palestinian refugee camps and the appropriation of \$100 million for Middle East "requirements" which is actually targeted for Syria, came under heavy attack during debate yesterday on the Foreign Aid Bill in the Senate. But assurances were given by a key Senator that the reduction of funds to assist Soviet Jewish immigrants going to Israel from \$40 million to \$25 million would be lifted if the immigration flow increases.

Sen. Joseph M. Montoya (D,NM) charged that aid to the Palestinian refugees "has become a political keg of dynamite" and asserted that "it is highly questionable if we have, in the long run, really helped these people at all." He observed that it was "quite clear that far from being grateful for our help, they (the Palestinians) have learned to hate us for it." He noted that the American tax-payers, not the Arab states, have been supporting these refugees "and in the process unwittingly created a terrible source of unrest and threat to the peace in the Middle East."

Sen. Birch Bayh (D,Ind.) sharply questioned the money for Syria. He said the Senate had to "rely on sketchy information from the Administration" on this and other appropriations for Middle Eastern countries. Quoting from the Senate Foreign Aid subcommittee's report, Bayh referred to pressure on the committee to adopt the funds for Syria.

The report said that "the committee has been hampered by the considerable difficulty we have had in obtaining precise and timely information concerning 'understandings' and possible agreements negotiated by the United States and various countries of the Middle East" which has placed Congress and the committee under considerable pressure to accede to the Administration's requests.

Larger Migration, More Money

Questioned by Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D, Minn.) about the reduction in aid money for Soviet Jewish refugees, Sen. Daniel Inouye (D, Hawaii), chairman of the Foreign Aid subcommittee, said he "certainly" would favor a supplemental appropriation when a larger migration took place. Inouye noted that the numbers of Jews leaving the USSR for Israel "actually" dropped to "almost half."

He also told the Senate that the U.S. is spending about \$5 per capita shifting refugees in Cambodia between villages and about \$18 per capita for Palestinian refugees with "not much transportation involved" while "for the Soviet refugees leaving the Soviet Union and going to Israel, we are spending slightly more than a thousand dollars" per capita.

PROSECUTORS CHOSEN FOR NASHPITZ, TSITLIONOK TRIAL; FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS MAY BE ADMITTED

NEW YORK, March 20 (JTA)--Prosecutors have been chosen for the trial of Mark Nashpitz and Boris Tsitlionok, the Moscow Jewish activists, and there is a possibility that the trial will be an open one to which foreign correspondents may be admitted, the National Conference on Soviet Jewry reported today. Nashpitz and Tsitlionok were among seven demon-

strators who were arrested outside the Lenin Library in Moscow on Feb. 24 for protesting the denial of exit visas. The names of the prosecutors were given as Larachev and Mukhin.

The NCSJ also reported that the prosecution planned to call 10 to 15 witnesses who will say that the demonstration lasted 15 minutes and that the demonstrators blocked traffic, displayed posters and struck a woman. The defense hopes to call nine witnesses who can attest that the demonstration lasted not more than 30 seconds before it was disrupted by KGB agents and that there was no disruption of traffic. The NCSJ said a date probably has been set for the trial but that it had no information on that point.

SPECIAL LATE DEVELOPMENT

ISRAEL SOFTENS DEMANDS ON THE ISSUE OF NON-BELLIGERENCY

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, March 20 (JTA)--The Jewish Telegraphic Agency was reliably informed tonight that new Israeli proposals that Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger is taking to Egypt embody a certain softening of Israeli demands on the non-belligerency issue. A well placed source told the JTA after Kissinger's departure that Israel is giving Egypt a number of options which link greater or lesser concessions on its part to greater or lesser fulfillment of Israel's demand for the practical components of non-belligerency.

The Cabinet met for 15 hours before it finally adjourned at 5 p.m., local time. The Israeli negotiators then met with Kissinger for the second time today and conveyed to him what Defense Minister Shimon Peres later described as Israel's "complete proposal." Before he left Jerusalem, Kissinger told newsmen he would be better able to judge tomorrow, after meeting with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, whether his present mission can still succeed. Peres said Kissinger was due to return to Israel late tomorrow.

The JTA learned that the Cabinet was split on some points. Mapam ministers and some others reportedly favored greater concessions than the majority would accept. Premier Yitzhak Rabin and Peres stood with the majority, the sources said. They said there was little prospect that the narrow scenario of a very limited Israeli withdrawal in Sinai would be revised inasmuch as Egypt totally rejects it. But as far as Israel is concerned, there are still options midway between the limited scenario and a broader one, the sources said.

BEN SHAHAR NEW TEL AVIV U. PREXY

TEL AVIV, March 20 (JTA)--Prof. Chaim Ben Shahr, a 40-year-old sabra, was today elected president of Tel Aviv University by its Board of Governors to head an institution he had served for the last three years as dean of its social sciences faculty. Prof. Ben Shahr replaced Prof. Yuval Ne'eman, a nuclear physicist, who resigned from the presidency to become chief scientist of Israel's defense establishment and senior advisor to the Defense Minister.

Prof. Ben Shahr was a popular choice. He has become well known to Israelis in recent weeks as chairman of a special committee on tax reform appointed last year by the Finance Minister. Among the recommendations submitted by that committee last week was a sharp reduction in the income tax rate which will affect every Israeli wage-earner.

RIO DE JANEIRO (JTA)--The Guanabara Legislative Assembly approved the erection of a "Monument for the Arab people" on a square near the center of Rio de Janeiro.

