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PERES; ISRAEL SOUGHT 7-10-YEAR COOLING-OFF PERIOD IF SADAT FELT HE COULD NOT CONCLUDE SUBSTANTIVE PACT By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, April 10 (JTA)--Defense Minister Shimon Peres revealed last night that Israel's position during the recent bilateral negotiations with Egypt called for a 7-10-year "cooling-off" period if Egyptian President Anwar Sadat felt he was incapable of concluding a substantive peace settlement with Israel at this time. He also said that the reason the talks, conducted by Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger, collapsed was because they turned out to be attempts on both sides to gain American good will rather than negotiations between Israel and Egypt.

Addressing the monthly meeting of the Working Mothers Association here, Peres said that what Sadat offered Israel was at best a deferment of hostilities for several months. "We argued that if Sadat was incapable of making peace at once, he should be able to promise a cooling off period of 7-10 years, but he refused," Peres said. He also said that Sadat wanted to involve Syria and the Palestine Liberation Organization in the process "but we cannot discuss the future with parties who simply declare they want our destruction."

Peres predicted that this summer would be a decisive time for the Middle East. He said the key to stability and the choice between peace and hostility was Egypt's. If Egypt chooses a peaceful approach and reopens the Suez Canal, it may be sure that Israel will not interfere, he stated.

The Defense Minister said he was sure the present differences between Israel and the U.S. would be cleared up in time, just as previous differences had been amicably resolved. He recalled that early in 1948 the then U.S. Secretary of State, Gen. George C. Marshall, had warned Jewish leaders in Palestine not to establish a state. But that did not prevent President Harry Truman from extending U.S. recognition to Israel the moment the State was declared, Peres said.

7 SENATORS URGE SIX-MONTH EXTENSION OF UN MIDEAST FORCES By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, April 10 (JTA)--Seven Senators, including Foreign Relations Committee Chairman John J. Sparkman (D, Ala.), have called for a six-month extension of the UN peace-keeping forces in the Middle East. A bipartisan resolution introduced yesterday by Sen. William Brock (R, Tenn.) for the mainly conservative sponsors asks the Senate to urge the United Nations to continue UN emergency forces whose mandate to patrol the area between Israeli and Egyptian lines expires April 24, and the UN Disengagement Observers Force (UNDOF) whose presence in the Israeli-Syrian sector ends May 29.

A spokesman for Brock told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the resolution was agreed upon by the Senators after they learned that Syria seeks to extend the UNDOF for only two months and Egypt has agreed to a three-month extension of the UNEF. The Syrian and Egyptian proposals would mean the life of the two forces would ex-

pire virtually simultaneously.

In introducing the resolution, Brock told the Senate the UN forces will not guarantee peace but "we can be guaranteed increased tension, if not war, if the UN forces are removed." He recalled that the Six-Day War erupted after Egypt demanded the removal of the UN forces.

"In the past, the forces have been renewed almost automatically by the UN Security Council," Brock said, "but the breakdown of the step-by-step diplomacy of Secretary Kissinger and the assassination of King Faisal have added confusion and uncertainty. Those factors, added to the potentially long negotiating period in Geneva, do not present a pleasant picture. The renewal of the peace-keeping forces might help to keep hostilities cool."

In addition to Brock and Sparkman, the sponsors are Senators Howard Baker (R, Tenn.), Paul J. Fannin (R, Ariz.), Gale W. McGee (D, Wyo.), Strom Thurmond (R, S.C.) and Frank Moss (D, Utah).

INDEPENDENCE DAY IN ISRAEL WILL BE MARKED BY HIGH SPIRITS, LOW BUDGET By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, April 10 (JTA)--Israel's 27th Independence Day next Wednesday will be characterized by high spirits and a low budget, organizers of the festivities said at a press conference here today. The theme of this year's "Yom Haatzmaut" will be one of individual efforts for the common good. The 12 citizens who will kindle the 12 torches that mark the end of Memorial Day and the beginning of Independence Day celebrations were selected because of the personal examples they set of loyalty and dedication to the nation, Yehuda Ilan, head of the Independence Day Committee, said.

He also said that unlike past years, there will be no central Independence Day event next week but a series of local events, especially in the border settlements. Israelis will be encouraged to spend the day in the country--a "back to nature" movement--that will be aided by public transportation. Independence Day is one of the few holidays on the Israeli calendar during which public transportation operates. Ilan said that according to the latest polls, public spirits are high--much higher than last year--which should guarantee a successful celebration.

While there will be no massive military parades and displays of armed might as in some past years, several ceremonies that have become traditional Independence Day events will be observed. These include the President's reception for 100 outstanding soldiers of the year; the World Bible Quiz in Jerusalem; the Israel Prize award ceremonies in the Jerusalem Theater; and the Presidential reception for the diplomatic corps.

Events In Jewish Communities Abroad

(Preparations to mark the 27th anniversary of Israel's Statehood are also underway in Jewish communities abroad. The official celebration in the U.S. will be sponsored by the American Zionist Federation, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, Yosef Tekoah, will open it with an address Tuesday evening at the Hunter College Assembly Hall. It was announced by Mrs. Faye Schenk, AZF

sion that visited Israel and Syria last October to interview former POWs and officials of both countries.

Dr. van Vuuren stressed that the lack of Syrian medical documentation and the commission's inability to meet with Syrian doctors who had treated Israeli POWs had made its work "so much more difficult" and reinforced the case against Syria.

Ennals and Thomas Hammarberg, vice-chairman of Amnesty International's executive committee, reiterated, however, that the purpose of the report was not to condemn or allocate blame but to prevent similar abuses from occurring in the future. They said that both Israel and Syria were guilty of abuses in their handling of POWs and stressed that both governments refused to permit the Amnesty International commission to examine allegations of maltreatment by civilian prisoners.

Had Ignored Israeli Medical Files

Referring to Israeli charges, published here, that the Amnesty International report had ignored medical files submitted by Israel to the International Red Cross, Dr. van Vuuren admitted that he had not seen such files. Ennals explained that all material submitted to the Red Cross was classified and not made available to other bodies and organizations. The Red Cross has to maintain good relations with all governments and is therefore unable to fulfill a watch-dog role or to exercise control of the treatment of POWs which was the responsibility of the community of nations, Ennals said.

He said this sense of responsibility has increased among the world's nations since the Yom Kippur War which highlighted the failure of the present system of assuring proper treatment of POWs. Dr. van Vuuren cited as an instance of this failure the fact that Red Cross missions to Israeli POWs in Syria were not accompanied by doctors. Ennals stressed that in releasing its report, Amnesty International did not want to provide fuel for the propaganda machinery of either side.

SOME 2,250 MILLION AMERICANS HAVE VISITED ISRAEL SINCE 1948, ZURIEL SAYS

NEW YORK, April 10 (JTA)--More than 2,250 million Americans visited Israel in the 27 years since the State of Israel was established in May 1948, according to Israel Zuriel, Commissioner for Tourism, North America. Zuriel, the senior representative of the Israel Ministry of Tourism in the United States, reviewed the position of travel to Israel from the U.S. at a press briefing here. He pointed to four major market areas which are basic sources for North American tourism to Israel. "These consist," he said, "of Jewish visitors, Christian visitors and participants in congress and professional tours.

"We are now undertaking an effort to make contact with every leader of a Jewish congregation urging them to organize annual pilgrimages to Israel," Zuriel said. "In line with this I recently wrote 3000 rabbis in the United States in order to enlist them in this effort." He noted that a significant number of organized tours to Rome scheduled for the Holy Year also include Israel. "This seems to be, I am pleased to note, evidence that interest in travel to the Holy Land is high among U.S. Catholics." Zuriel also spoke of systematic efforts to increase the flow of Christian pilgrims to the Holy Land.

"Our plans are to establish direct communications with 60,000 Christian clergymen of all de-

nominations so that they will lead groups and encourage pilgrimage," he said. Zuriel noted that the majority of the U.S. tourists visited Israel in the last five or six years, making tourism a mainstay of the Israel economy with thousands of families being directly employed in the industry.

UNION LEADERS DENOUNCE REASSESSMENT POLICY; SAY OIL INTERESTS INVOLVED

CHICAGO, April 10 (JTA)--Union leaders here and in New York assailed the reassessment of American policy in the Middle East ordered last month by President Ford and pledged continued support for Israel. Patrick Gorman, international secretary-treasurer of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butchers Workman Union, told more than 1000 people here that the union members strongly opposed the reassessment. "Israel must continue to receive all financial assistance and military hardware needed to maintain her strength for self-defense," he declared.

The meeting here, under the joint auspices of Chicago's Israel Histadrut and the Amalgamated Union, was a testimonial dinner honoring Joseph Belsky, the union's international president, who presented a check for \$150,000 to Histadrut executive director Lazar Shupakevitz. Gorman announced that a medical center will be built in Jerusalem bearing the name of Belsky and the Amalgamated Union.

In New York, two labor leaders representing nearly 900,000 trade unionists warned that the liberal and progressive elements of America will not sit by idly and watch Israel extinguished. Some 600 labor leaders, business executives and friends of Histadrut attending a meeting sponsored by several locals of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, headed by Murray H. Finley, ACWA general president, and Sol C. Chaikin, International Ladies Garment Workers Union general secretary-treasurer, also charged that there are forces at work in the reassessment that stem from oil interests.

"Reassessment has the stink of oil about it," Chaikin charged. "By what yardstick is our Middle East policy being reassessed? Is the checklist based on those factors favoring freedom, democracy, decency and stability?"

BOMB EXPLOSION INJURES WOMAN

JERUSALEM, April 10 (JTA)--A woman was slightly injured when a bomb exploded under a car this morning in Sanhedria, a religious quarter on the northern outskirts of Jerusalem. The front of the car was badly damaged. The vehicle had Swiss license plates and belongs to a physician employed by the government. The injured woman was identified as Varda Grinberg, 60, who was passing by when the bomb exploded. It was the second explosion in a Jerusalem residential area in recent days. The earlier one also involved a bomb placed under a car. It occurred in the Rehavia quarter, one of the oldest Jerusalem neighborhoods outside the Old City walls.

EL AL ENDS STRIKE

TEL AVIV, April 10 (JTA)--El Al technical foremen, observing a court order, ended their 24-hour "warning strike" ten hours ahead of schedule today, permitting the airline to resume its normal flight schedule this afternoon. The back to work order was handed down by a Tel Aviv District Labor Court at 2 a.m. local time and work in the El Al hangars was resumed at 4 a.m. But the foremen, whose signatures are required before any plane can take off, have not abandoned their wage demands.

president. She also announced that Mrs. Bernice Salpeter, AZF vice-president, has been named chairman of the celebration, the theme of which is "Strength in Unity.")

BLACK LEADERS URGE SUPPORT OF SOLIDARITY SUNDAY FOR SOVIET JEWS

NEW YORK, April 10 (JTA)--New York's Black community has been urged by Manhattan Borough President Percy E. Sutton and 22 other Black governmental, business, religious and community leaders to identify with the plight of Jews in the Soviet Union by participating in the "Solidarity Sunday" demonstrations sponsored by the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry this Sunday, April 13.

In an advertisement published in the New York Amsterdam News, the Black leaders compared the condition of Soviet Jews with the segregation and discrimination suffered by Black Americans. "This fight is our fight. Their plight is our plight," the advertisement declared. It stated, in part: "As the descendants of once enslaved people, we know all too well the sense of devastation which results from being victimized by segregation and discrimination.... Today in Russia, Soviet Jews who dare to ask to emigrate have no rights which Soviet authorities are bound to respect.

"Today, in Russia, Jews who apply to emigrate are treated as 'traitors.' In Russia today, all Jews must carry 'internal passports' which are stamped 'Jewish' as to nationality. These cards are cards of discrimination which set the Soviet Jew apart and subject him to job, education and other discrimination; just as the color of our skins has historically set us apart and subjected us to the same discriminations.... We see the parallel and we feel the need to speak out.... As Black Americans we care what happens to others. We care and we ask others who care to join us in calling attention to what is happening to the Jews of Russia....

"We ask all to show their solidarity by their presence in the parade of persons at the United Nations or by their prayers in their churches on Solidarity Day to demonstrate to all the world we care."

The signatories, in addition to Sutton, included Dr. Kenneth Clark, social scientist and president of M.A.R.C.; Rep. Charles B. Rangel, chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus; Eleanor Holmes Norton, chairwoman of the New York City Commission on Human Rights; Franklin Williams former U.S. Ambassador to Ghana and president of the Phelps-Stokes Foundation; and Benjamin Malcolm, New York City Commissioner of Corrections.

WARSAW GHETTO UPRISING, LIBERATION OF CAMPS, MARKED IN CANADA

MONTREAL, April 10 (JTA)--More than 6500 Canadian Jews attended observances in six major Canadian cities this week commemorating the 32nd anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising and the 30th anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi death camps. The observances, sponsored by the Canadian Jewish Congress, were held in synagogues, community centers, libraries and schools in Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Ottawa and Halifax.

Prof. Emile Fackenheim of the University of Toronto delivered the memorial address to more than 900 people attending special services here at the Chevra Kedisha B'nai Jacob Synagogue last Sunday. A teach-in of the Holocaust was held at the Jewish public library where 250 people viewed a film on the Warsaw Ghetto, followed by a panel

discussion.

On Monday, the McGill University Jewish Teachers Training Program presented "Night Words," a midrash of the Holocaust. Programs continued for the entire week at Jewish elementary and high schools. About 250 French Canadian Jews are expected to attend commemorative services during the latter part of the week.

In Winnipeg, 700 people attended services Sunday at the B'nai Abram Synagogue. Genia Silkes, who was a teacher in the underground Jewish schools in Poland, spoke on the defense and uprising in the ghetto. She also spoke to students at Jewish schools and at the University of Manitoba. Some 250 people participated in the ceremony of renaming one of the city's main streets, "Avenue of the Warsaw Ghetto Heroes," for the week.

Twelve Christian clergymen joined 400 people in the Jewish Community Center in Vancouver in special services. A year of Holocaust activities in Ottawa was culminated with services last Sunday at Congregation Mathzikel Hadas with a program prepared by the youngsters of the community. More than 300 people attended the services wearing black arm bands. Some 500 people visited the Yad Vashem display held at the Jewish Community Center.

About 150 people attended special services in the Shaar Shalom Synagogue in Halifax, Nova Scotia. The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation featured some four hours of special programming, including music, dramas, and readings dealing with the Holocaust period.

RABBI ROSEN TO VISIT PEKING

By Sam Lipski

MELBOURNE, April 10 (JTA)--Rabbi Moses Rosen, Chief Rabbi of Rumania, plans to visit Peking after he completes his current visit to Jewish communities in Australia. Rabbi Rosen is one of the most senior representatives of world Jewry to visit China in recent years. Although the visit is a private one, Rabbi Rosen's position as a member of the Rumanian Parliament will probably mean he will have the opportunity for informal meetings with Chinese officials. Rabbi Rosen said there were no Jewish communities in China but there could be matters of wider Jewish interest which could come up in his discussions.

The rabbi, who is a member of the governing council of the World Jewish Congress, will also visit Jewish communities in Hong Kong and Japan before returning to Bucharest via Peking. Rabbi Rosen, accompanied by his wife, has been visiting Australia as a guest speaker at commemorative activities arranged by the Executive Council of Australian Jewry to mark the 30th anniversary of the Holocaust.

WEIGHT OF EVIDENCE ON POW ABUSE IS AGAINST SYRIA

LONDON, April 10 (JTA)--Martin Ennals, secretary general of Amnesty International, said today that in the abuse of Yom Kippur War prisoners, the weight of evidence was against Syria, although both Israel and Syria were guilty of abuses in violation of the Geneva Convention on POWs according to the report of a special investigating commission of Amnesty International that was released here today.

Addressing a press conference, Ennals said "It seems that the abuses perpetrated against Israeli POWs were generally of a more severe character" than those committee against Syrian POWs in Israel. That view was supported by Dr. Kees van Vuuren, a Dutch physician who was a member of the three-man Amnesty International commis-

POLSKY: SOVIET GOVERNMENT DECIDES TO STOP JEWISH ACTIVIST MOVEMENT

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, April 10 (JTA)--The Soviet government has decided to "put an end" to the Jewish activist movement in the USSR and as a result, "now is the worst time for Soviet Jewish activists in the last five years."

Viktor Polsky, one of the founders and earliest leaders of Jewish activism in the USSR, who immigrated recently to Israel and who claims to have maintained very close contacts with his Jewish activist friends in the Soviet Union, gave this assessment of Soviet Jewry yesterday, charging that the Soviet decision has brought greater restriction and stepped-up harassment of Jews who wish to immigrate to Israel.

Addressing a press conference at the American Jewish Committee, sponsored by the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, the 45-year-old physician who struggled for six years before he, his wife and daughter were permitted to leave for Israel, said that the trend toward greater restrictions on Jews by the Soviet government started in 1974. This included not only restrictions on issuing visas but also restriction on the initial act of application for a visa to emigrate, he said.

To illustrate the dramatic decline in the number of Jews receiving permission to leave for Israel, Polsky pointed out that while in December 1974, some 1400 Jews were given exit visas, only 800 Jews were permitted to leave for Israel last month. "We fear that no more than 15,000 Jews will be allowed to come to Israel this year," Polsky said.

New Methods Of Harassment

According to Polsky, the new methods of harassment include trying demonstrators (a tactic that was not used in the past), isolating Jewish activists by disconnecting their phones, trying Jews on criminal charges which have nothing to do with their activities, and dismissing Jews from their jobs and then bringing them to court on charges of parasitism.

Polsky read a message he received Tuesday from activists in the USSR who expressed fear that soon the Soviets will succeed in isolating the activists "and the world will hear only the Soviet authorities." They called on Jews and non-Jews all over the world to unite "to save Soviet Jewry." The message will be read next Sunday in solidarity rallies for Soviet Jewry to take place in more than 20 cities in the United States.

Polsky and his wife, Elena, expressed their gratitude to the press in the West, which, according to them, was instrumental in their exit to freedom. Polsky and his wife will be here for three weeks, speaking in various cities to further the cause of Soviet Jews. They arrived here Tuesday from Israel and are guests of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry. Mayor Abraham Beame of New York extended an official welcome yesterday to Polsky.

VIKTOR STERN THREATENED WITH ARREST

NEW YORK, April 10 (JTA)--Viktor Stern, son of Dr. Mikhail Stern, was threatened with arrest on "parasitism" charges by Soviet police, it was learned today by the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry. Dr. Stern, sentenced to eight years in hard labor is now in a Vinnitsa prison awaiting transfer to a Soviet labor camp. In a further attempt to isolate Dr. Stern from his family and friends, his wife Ida was told by mil-

itary officials that Viktor would find himself in the same situation as his father if he did not find employment. The Stern's younger son, August, is now visiting the United States in behalf of his father.

ALLOU TO ADDRESS UJA MEETINGS TO HELP RAISE \$100 MILLION

NEW YORK, April 10 (JTA)--Israeli Foreign Minister Yigal Allou will launch a United Jewish Appeal cash collection campaign aimed at raising \$100 million in cash during the next two months when he visits the U.S. next week, it was reported here yesterday by UJA General Chairman Frank R. Lautenberg. He said Allou would address cash campaign kick-off meetings in New York, Miami, Dallas, Los Angeles and Chicago.

Speaking at a meeting of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, Lautenberg and Irving Bernstein, executive vice-chairman of the UJA, reported on their 36-hour visit to Israel from which they had just returned.

Lautenberg stressed the "critical nature" of Israel's need for welfare services. He stated that despite the current recession in the U.S., pledges to the UJA's 1975 campaign were running only five percent behind last year which he described as "near miraculous." He said that cash collections were running ahead of last year, an "indication of the profound commitment of the Jews of America to the courage and determination of the Israeli people."

Rabbi Israel Miller, chairman of the Presidents Conference, reported on his conversation with Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger in Washington last week. The details of his report were not disclosed.

FISHER BROUGHT NO MESSAGES

WASHINGTON, April 10 (JTA)--Max M. Fisher, who met last weekend with Israeli Premier Yitzhak Rabin and top Jewish Agency officials in Jerusalem and reportedly conveyed his impression that President Ford and Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger believe there is room for another American effort on an Israel-Egypt pact before the Geneva conference reconvenes, saw Ford yesterday shortly after his return from Israel.

A White House spokesman said yesterday Fisher made a private and personal visit to Israel and that he neither carried a letter from Ford to Rabin nor did he bring back a letter from the Premier to the President. The Jewish Telegraphic Agency made several attempts in Jerusalem and Washington to reach Fisher for comment but he could not be reached there nor in his Detroit office.

NATIONAL TEST ON ISRAEL

NEW YORK, April 10 (JTA)--Highlighting the fifth annual Yediat Israel Examination next week will be questions dealing with the life and career of Dr. Chaim Weizmann, first President of Israel, in honor of centennial year observances, and the very pressing and immediate problem of Israel-Arab relations. More than 8000 students in schools throughout the U.S. and Canada will participate in the examination, held annually during Israel Independence Week, under the joint sponsorship of the Department of Education and Culture of the American Section--World Zionist Organization and the Department of Youth and Education of the Jewish National Fund. The announcement was made on behalf of both organizations by Dr. Abraham P. Gannes, director of the WZO's Education and Culture Department.