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RABIN: THERE ARE SIGNS THAT ARABS ARE PREPARING FOR POSSIBLE NEW WAR By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, April 24 (JTA)--Premier Yitzhak Rabin said last night that recent developments in the Arab world indicated that the Arabs are preparing for a possible new war against Israel rather than laying the groundwork for new peace initiatives in the Middle East.

Therefore, the Premier said, Israel's policy must be based on rehabilitating its currently strained relations with the United States; preparing politically for new efforts to solve the Israeli-Arab conflict by peaceful means; and intensifying its military preparedness to meet any eventualities. Such measures, he told an audience of industrialists meeting here on the Export Week program, would allow Israel to exercise independent political, economic and security policies.

Rabin said it was difficult for him to assume that the visit of the Soviet Chief of Staff to Damascus, the tripartite talks between Egypt, Syria and Saudi Arabia in Riyadh and the Syrian-Jordanian rapprochement were intended to prepare the ground for peace in the Middle East.

He stressed that Egyptian policy had three aims: to isolate Israel by attempting to create a rift between it and the U.S.; to recruit countries unfriendly to Israel to participate in the Geneva conference; and to try to force a change in Israel's position so that it would agree to the Egyptian demands that it had rejected during the bilateral negotiations conducted by Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger last month.

MAIL BOMB KILLS YOUTH, INJURES MOTHER

TEL AVIV, April 24 (JTA)--A parcel bomb exploded this morning at the Herzliya post office when it was opened by a Herzliya youth, killing him and injuring his mother. It was the first such bomb in Israel in many months and police renewed a standing warning to the public to be alert to suspicious-looking letters and packages. The police said the bomb could either have been sent by a terrorist or might have been an attempt at revenge. The names of the victim and his mother were not immediately ascertained.

In another incident, an Israeli patrol was attacked last night by terrorists in ambush from across the Lebanese border after two weeks of relative quiet on that border. The patrol was moving along a road near the border when a bazooka shell was fired at its vehicle but missed. Several small arms bursts also were fired. Officials said there were no casualties and no damage to the vehicle and the patrol continued its mission.

Later it was learned that the attack came from terrorists in a car waiting on a Lebanese road near the Zarit settlement. The terrorists drove away at top speed after making the attack. Officials said this was the first time terrorists used a mobile ambush.

BRITISH JEWRY FIGHTS ARAB BOYCOTT

LONDON, April 24 (JTA)--The leadership of Anglo-Jewry is persisting in its fight against the Arab boycott against Israel. A delegation of the Board of Deputies of British Jews met Secretary of State for Trade Peter Shore yesterday to pro-

test the recent intensification of the Arab boycott in Britain against companies doing business with Israel. They told Shore that while appreciating that British firms seek trade with Arabs it was immoral and inimical to long-term British interests to succumb to Arab economic blackmail.

The delegation drew Shore's attention to the Foreign Office's advice to British firms seeking Arab trade to affirm notarized declarations of non-trade with Israel, thus appending the Foreign Office seal as if the Arab boycott was enjoying official British support. They met Shore after a previous meeting with Premier Harold Wilson.

They deplored unwarranted Arab interference in British affairs, noting cases of British firms being dictated to by Arab investors on employment policy. They charged that Britain's trade with Israel had thereby declined. Shore reiterated government opposition to any boycott.

SCHLESINGER, DINITZ CONFER FOR TWO HOURS; NO SIGN OF CHANGE IN COOL ATTITUDE BY U.S. TOWARD ISRAEL By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, April 24 (JTA)--Defense Secretary James R. Schlesinger and Israeli Ambassador Simcha Dinitz conferred privately for nearly two hours at the Pentagon yesterday. No details of their talk were disclosed but both American and Israeli sources indicated to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency later that there seemed to be no change in the cool attitude the U.S. has adopted toward Israel since the break-down of the Israeli-Egyptian bilateral negotiations conducted by Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger last month.

A high U.S. official described as an "over-statement" a report published in the New York Times today that Schlesinger had "assured Israel that the Ford Administration's reassessment of Middle East policies will not diminish continuing American support for Israel's security."

U.S. officials, referring to the Schlesinger-Dinitz meeting, said the Defense Secretary only repeated to the Israeli envoy his previously stated position that America continues to have as its objective the provision of Israel with a defense capability that will maintain the balance of power in the Middle East and assure it against destruction as a state. The officials referred back to Schlesinger's remarks on a CBS television interview two weeks ago that "The U.S. continues to have as an objective the security of Israel."

Schlesinger Showed Understanding

An Israeli source, assessing the Dinitz-Schlesinger meeting against the background of Israeli Foreign Minister Yigal Allon's three-hour session with Kissinger here Monday, told the JTA that it was still too early to say whether there has been an easing of the strained atmosphere between Washington and Jerusalem.

However, the Israeli source described the Pentagon meeting as a "good one" held in a "very friendly atmosphere" and said that Schlesinger showed understanding of the points Dinitz expressed to him. They said the two men had discussed developments of the past month and "bilateral matters" but the sources refused to comment or speculate on the actual content of their talks and declined to say on whose initiative the Dinitz-

Schlesinger meeting was arranged. They said it was "a routine meeting" within the framework of Dinitz's ambassadorial duties.

American sources were even more reticent, observing that "there were just the two men in there." They were unable to confirm published reports that Schlesinger's remarks "eases" Israel's "concern on arms."

Independent sources here expressed the belief that President Ford's remarks on the Middle East on a CBS television interview Monday night implying that he no longer regarded Israel as an object of most favored nation treatment had prompted Dinitz to make inquiries on the current American position on arms shipments to Israel.

Deliveries Held Up

The U.S. has held up the delivery of the "Lance" ground-to-ground missile to Israel, a weapon with a 40-mile range, despite previous assurances of delivery. It has also informed Israel that it was not prepared at present to deliver the new F-15 jet fighters, it is understood here. The slowdown in weapons deliveries to Israel is viewed here as part of the reassessment of Middle East policies ordered by Ford after the breakdown of the Kissinger talks.

The reassessment and other developments and comments by U.S. officials are seen by friends of Israel here to be, in the words of former Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Dayan who visited Kissinger Tuesday, both an American warning and challenge to Israel.

RA RESOLUTION AFFIRMS CONTINUED INTERESTS IN JOINING WZO; AUTHORIZES EC TO PROCEED WITH TALKS

LIBERTY, N.Y., April 24 (JTA)--A resolution affirming the continued interest of the Rabbinical Assembly, the association of Conservative rabbis, in joining the World Zionist Organization was approved overwhelmingly yesterday at the 75th anniversary convention of the JRA.

The resolution, which authorized the RA executive committee to proceed with the talks, also proposed that the WZO recognize the "religious-cultural heritage" of the Jewish tradition as an essential element of Zionism, that the WZO recognizes the "principles and legitimacy of religious diversity," and that a "high priority" be given to the status of the Conservative movement and its rabbis and synagogues in Israel. There are now ten Conservative synagogues in Israel.

Communal "Accountability" Urged

The Conservative rabbis also approved a resolution urging "stricter accountability" in allocations of Jewish funds by federations and national organizations. The resolution said that since philanthropy was "a vital part" of Jewish ethics, "our confidence in our institutions must always be protected." The resolution called on all Jewish institutions to make their records public as a matter of course.

Israel Peace Move Disclosed

Gen. Haim Herzog, Israel's Ambassador-designate to the United Nations, told the convention yesterday that Israel has made many offers of peace which are not generally known. He said that on June 19, 1967, the Israel Cabinet voted unanimously to return all of the Golan Heights to Syria and all of the Sinai except Sharm el-Sheikh to Egypt in exchange for a peace agreement by the Arab states. He said "I would never say we should not talk to the Palestinians," adding that "We do all the time but the problem is the extreme

ist organization (the Palestine Liberation Organization) and its Palestine covenant which refuses the right of Israel to exist."

POSTSCRIPT TO PATRICIO KELLY

NEW YORK, April 24 (JTA)--A highly reliable source today described Patricio Kelly as the former head of a Nazi movement in Argentina but who for the past 10 or so years "abandoned completely his old anti-Jewish activities and started to seek friendship and support of the Jews." Kelly was the editor of the Buenos Aires magazine, "Marchar" (To March), who claimed to have interviewed Ashraf Ghorbal, the Egyptian Ambassador to the U.S. The interview was repudiated by Ghorbal. Kelly is reported to have been arrested recently.

The source, describing Kelly, said: "I want to stress that as a political adventurer, Patricio Kelly may be considered an old-timer. Twenty years ago he was the head of a Nazi movement in Argentina. At that time he used to define himself as a Peronist and he was quite tolerated by the government authorities of that epoch."

"When the Peronist regime fell in September 1955, Kelly was detained and sent to a jail in the south, from which, disguised as a woman, he escaped to Chile together with another inmate of the jail, the former chairman of the Chamber of Deputies, Dr. Hector Campora, who became President of the Republic in 1973 and is now a political refugee in Mexico."

"The former Argentine Nazi (Kelly), after his return to Argentina, thanks to an amnesty decreed during the Presidency of Dr. Arturo Frondizi (in the late 1950s) abandoned completely his anti-Jewish activities and started to seek the friendship and support of the Jews."

UJA TOTAL MOBILIZATION IN FULL SWING IN U.S. JEWISH COMMUNITIES

NEW YORK, April 24 (JTA)--Every American Jewish community across the United States is now actively involved in the United Jewish Appeal emergency drive for cash in the 1975 campaign, following the opening phase of a total mobilization of American Jewry to meet urgent human needs in Israel. Frank R. Lautenberg, UJA general chairman announced today.

The present gearing-up of American Jewish communal activity comes after a special UJA cross-country series of regional meetings last week during which Israeli Foreign Minister Yigal Allon and Moshe Rivlin, director general of the Jewish Agency travelled with a group of UJA national officers on a five-city non-stop flight. More than 2000 U.S. Jewish leaders from around the country assembled--in Miami, Dallas, Los Angeles, Chicago and New York--to participate in this opening phase of the UJA Total Mobilization to collect \$100 million in cash by the end of May, to complete the regular 1975 campaign, and to resolicit major gifts.

Among the many UJA leaders taking part in the entire cross-country visit were: Paul Zuckerman, UJA president, of Detroit; Mrs. Sylvia Hasenfeld, UJA National Women's Division chairman, of Providence; and Donald S. Gould, UJA Young Leadership Cabinet chairman of Albany.

Citing the current follow-up in Jewish communities throughout the country as "highly encouraging," Lautenberg explained that meetings are being held in every community "to bring the message across on a local level, and to plan and implement--specific measures so that we can meet our three-part goal."

LEVIEV'S DEATH SENTENCE UPHELD; WIFE APPEALS FOR WORLD SUPPORT

TORONTO, April 24 (JTA)--The wife of Mikhail Leviev, a Moscow Jew under sentence of death, said today that she has just filed an appeal for clemency to President Nikolai Podgorny of the Supreme Soviet and begged people throughout the world to support her plea with appeals of their own to the Soviet authorities, "before it is too late." It has now been confirmed that the Soviet Supreme Court has upheld Leviev's death sentence.

The message of desperation was delivered by Mrs. Sofia Leviev in a telephone call from Moscow this afternoon to Mrs. Genny N. Intrator, vice-chairman of the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry in Toronto who conveyed it to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Mrs. Leviev said that appeals for clemency should be sent to Olga Gregoryevna Kolchina, chairwoman of the Supreme Soviet of the Federation of Russian Socialist Republics (RSSSR) and to President Podgorny who is the authority of last resort. She explained, according to Mrs. Intrator, that under Soviet law, death sentences cannot be carried out until appeals for clemency are denied, "but that can happen very quickly."

Mikhail Leviev, who once managed a large government store in Moscow, was accused of alleged economic crimes and was sentenced to death by the Soviet Supreme Court last Dec. 8. On Tuesday, April 22, his lawyer was informed that his appeals against the verdict had been denied. Mrs. Leviev told Mrs. Intrator today. She said that her husband refuses to appeal for clemency on his own behalf because, she says, "I am not guilty of what I am sentenced for. I will not appeal for clemency. I should be given a just trial."

Mrs. Leviev has not been permitted to visit her husband in prison to beg him to ask for clemency "for mine and my children's sake." She told Mrs. Intrator: "I saw my husband last one month ago for a half hour. At that time we were all still hopeful and I was giving him hope. Since then, all my petitions to see him were denied. This morning I tried to see Podgorny, chairman of the Supreme Soviet, or anybody else in authority to beg for my husband's life. I was not allowed to see anybody. Our lawyer has been asking my husband to petition for clemency. My husband refuses."

YARIV, ISRAEL LOSING INFORMATION BATTLE IN U.S. TO ARAB FOES

SAN FRANCISCO, April 24 (JTA)--Gen. Aharon Yariv, Israel's former Minister of Information, said here that Israel was losing the information battle in America and elsewhere to its Arab foes. Speaking bluntly, in an interview published in the Jewish Bulletin, the former Cabinet Minister and former chief of Israeli Army Intelligence, said, "I would have to say that Israel is taking the U.S. for granted. And this includes Jews and non-Jews. I don't think many American Jews understand the situation in Israel. They don't know the facts and must have them explained in a basic sense."

Yariv, who won international prominence when he negotiated the Kilometer 101 cease-fire agreement with Egypt after the Yom Kippur War, said he placed the greatest emphasis on reaching American public opinion because "Watergate and the Vietnam debacle have weakened the White House, 'the Administration is much more dependent on Congress and Congress is more alert to public opinion.'" He said that "especially in times of economic crisis, if we want important aid we have

to convince public opinion that it is justified and necessary. Not enough of an effort is being made in respect to dealing with the public."

Yariv, who resigned from the government of Premier Yitzhak Rabin last month with a blast at Israel's information set-up generally and a recommendation (which Rabin adopted) to abolish the Information Ministry because it could not function properly under the conditions that prevailed, maintained that "Israel is capable of competing with increased Arab propaganda," at least in the U.S. if not on a world-wide country-by-country basis.

Role Of Jewish Groups Stressed

He said "Information should be handled on a much more massive and intense scale." He said he would make much more and better use of Israeli officials abroad and see to it that they covered wider territory and were "never idle" in their efforts to disseminate information on Israel's position.

Yariv said he would also do his best "to coordinate all the Jewish organizations in the U.S." because "they can play a very important role in giving out information rather than just receiving it. These organizations all have public relations outlets and they're not being used effectively right now. We should also take a much more concerted effort in terms of media as well, especially in Israel itself--that's most important."

Addresses JUF Leaders In Chicago

Addressing Jewish leaders at a luncheon of the Jewish United Fund in Chicago several days ago, Yariv expressed the view that "the outlook for Israel is difficult but not bleak." He said that "although the Arabs force us to make economic sacrifices as well as human sacrifices, I assure you all that we shall stay the course." He added, however, "We can't do it alone and the only ally Israel has is the Jewish people." Yariv said his country was "intransigent.... We are intransigent for survival--we just want to live."

4 ISRAELI JOURNALISTS WIN AWARDS

TEL AVIV, April 24 (JTA)--Four Israeli journalists received the Tel Aviv Municipality's Sokolow Awards for outstanding achievements in their profession. The awards were presented by Mayor Shlomo Leht last night to Sholem Rosenfeld, editor of Maariv; Yeshayahu Avrech, an essayist on the staff of Davar; Marc Geffen, senior editorial writer of Al Hamishmar; and Ze'ev Schiff, military correspondent of Haaretz.

Rosenfeld was cited for his 35 years as a journalist and columnist; Avrech was honored for his writing generally; and Geffen, a journalist for 25 years, for his series on "The Known and Unknown of the Yom Kippur War." Schiff received his award for his Yom Kippur War book, "October Earthquake," and his series dealing with Israel's basic military and security problems.

ANTI-SEMITIC FRESCO TO STAY

VIENNA, April 24 (JTA)--An Austrian government office today rejected demands to remove an anti-Semitic wall fresco in a Catholic church, citing artistic grounds. The Tyrol Department for the Preservation of Ancient Monuments said it was not in a position to order the removal of a fresco in the Judenstern Church which shows the ritual murder of a Christian child by Jews. "The whole church is protected as an historical monument," a spokesman said. "Therefore, for artistic reasons, no changes can be made."

SPECIAL INTERVIEW IMPACT OF BOYCOTT ON ISRAEL

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, April 24: (JTA)--The man in charge of Israel's campaign to counter the Arab boycott believes the boycott has done only marginal damage to Israel's economy so far, that "it is a certain nuisance but...does not really hurt us" and has "never slowed down the rapid development of Israel, not before the Yom Kippur War and not after it."

For that and other reasons, according to Dan Halperin, advisor to Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz, the counter-boycott campaign is relatively limited. Among the other reasons is the limited resources and manpower the State can spare for the anti-boycott campaign, Halperin told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in an exclusive interview.

Halperin also noted that Israel was working in tandem with Jewish organizations abroad, especially in the United States, to counter the boycott. He chided some of those organizations for focussing on companies that have done and still do business with Israel while disregarding others that have never had any ties with this country.

The issue of the boycott and its effects on Israel's economy, particularly the decline of foreign investments here, arose from the fact that no American businessmen have been found yet who are willing to be named members of the joint U.S.-Israel Trade and Investment Council, a body proposed by U.S. Treasury Secretary William E. Simon during his visit to Jerusalem last year. Simon told reporters at the time that the purpose of the Council would be to draw the attention of the American business community to the fact that investments in Israel are in the common interests of both the U.S. and Israel.

Halperin said he didn't know "what efforts the U.S. government has made to recruit" American businessmen for the joint Investment and Trade Council and conceded that any reservations about engaging in economic activities in Israel were damaging to Israel's economy because it depended so heavily on foreign investments.

Hard To Find 10 Men With Guts

According to reliable sources, the problem was to recruit at least 10 American businessmen not previously involved with Israel. But "We find it very difficult to find ten men with guts," the sources said, indicating that the businessmen approached feared Arab reprisals.

On the other hand, the sources pointed out, a U.S.-Egyptian joint investment committee, similar to the one Simon proposed with Israel, has already been set up under the chairmanship of David Rockefeller, president of the Chase Manhattan Bank. Avraham Shavit, deputy chairman of the Israel Manufacturers Association, stated that Israel is running out of new investments and the effects of such a trend would be felt in two years.

Halperin conceded that foreign investments have dropped by an estimated 50 percent since the Yom Kippur War. But he said it was impossible to tell how much of that can be attributed to the military situation, how much to the general economic slowdown or how much to Arab pressure. He said that in the past, certain foreign companies, such as the French Renault auto company, cut their ties with Israel and announced publicly that they did so because of Arab pressure.

But he also noted that many foreign compan-

ies on the Arab blacklist continue to do business in Israel and in the Arab world--such as the Hilton, Sheraton and Intercontinental hotel chains and the Hertz auto rental system; which operates in both Israel and Egypt. He added that the Ford and Leyland motor companies have assembly plants in Israel despite continuous Arab pressure. (According to reports last year, the British Leyland Co. is phasing out its operations in Israel.)

Halperin observed that when their own economic interests are threatened, "the Arabs managed easily to bend (their boycott) and this must be made clear to the world's economic community."

Boycott Is A 'Paper Tiger'

Although he maintained that the boycott is a "paper tiger," Halperin said "the danger is that world business firms will not realize that it is not a strong body and will therefore give in to it.... It is more of a potential danger than an immediate one."

Halperin explained that Israel and Jewish organizations abroad, in a parallel campaign, deal with organizations that had contacts with Israel in the past but showed signs of giving in to Arab pressure. He noted that the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League published a list of such companies in New York last February, accusing, among others, the Chase Manhattan Bank of surrendering to Arab pressures because it was not willing to open a branch in Israel.

However, Halperin asked, what about banks and other economic enterprises of the same size that have never had any ties at all with Israel, unlike Chase Manhattan which acts as a financial agent for the Israel Government (Bonds) in the U.S.? What kind of campaign can be directed against them when they can refute Israeli charges by simply saying that Israel is not interesting enough business-wise? Halperin asked.

The counter-boycott campaign, therefore, is directed only at those economic enterprises against which Israel and the Jewish economic community have a clear and justified case, that can be proven, Halperin said. Thus, a large economic body that never had any economic connections with Israel must be ignored, he said.

Limited Resources For Counter-Campaign

Halperin said the campaign was limited because the State can allocate only limited resources to it. He noted that despite the fact that more than a year-and-a-half has passed since the Arab oil boycott, there are at present only three persons--two at the Treasury and one at the Foreign Ministry--directly involved in the counter-campaign. He said that since the beginning of this year there has been talk of creating a special authority to organize that campaign, but the authority has failed to materialize--for the strange reason that nobody has been found to organize it.

Halperin said several names were mentioned, including former intelligence chief Elyahu Zeira and former Air Force Commander Dan Tolkovsky, but none of them took the job. He said there were rumors this week that a prominent personality was about to undertake the assignment.

Once the authority materializes, its sphere may have to be enlarged and balanced between the natural Jewish opposition to racial discrimination in business and the natural disgust on the part of the international business community over Arab attempts to dictate the rules of the game. Israel will have to find a way to keep the Arab boycott only a potential threat and not a real one, Halperin said.