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ALLON HITS U.S. FOR ARMING ARABS WHILE SUSPENDING ARMS TO ISRAEL

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, May 20 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Yigal Allon flatly accused the United States yesterday of arming Israel's Arab adversaries while suspending arms deals with Israel. Addressing the Knesset in response to agenda motions by Likud, Allon charged that the American deal to supply Jordan with surface-to-air "Hawk" missile systems and anti-aircraft guns "strengthens the military power of that country and increases its ability to become a partner to Egypt and Syria's military option."

He also warned that the continuous flow of American military aid to Saudi Arabia posed a definite threat to the balance of power in the Middle East.

Israel, declared Allon, is entitled to expect that while the U.S. was suspending arms deals with Israel "it would do the same with respect to Jordan" pending its reassessment of Middle East policy. Allon's remarks were viewed by many observers here as an unprecedented attack by a Foreign Minister of Israel on the U.S. Allon, who visited Washington only last month for talks with Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger, also criticized the U.S. for postponing a planned visit by Defense Minister Shimon Peres while at the same time discussing defense-related subjects with Arab countries.

"The timing and background of the U.S.-Jordan arms deal will serve as an encouragement to extremist factors in the Arab world to push the Arab states in the direction of war," Allon said. He added: "The government of Israel is aware of the problems and dangers I have cited and is doing everything necessary in order to cope with them."

Eliezer Beerli, of Likud; said the U.S. supply of weapons to the Arab countries made it all the more logical for Israel to consider a pre-emptive policy. Yehuda Shaari of the Independent Liberal Party, rejected such a policy and proposed that Israel find new ways to reach a breakthrough for a Middle East settlement. He observed, however, that "It would be most peculiar to find American 'Hawks' (in Jordan) bringing down American 'Phantoms' of Israel."

KISSINGER SAYS HE IS NOT CONTEMPLATING NEW SHUTTLE ROUND

By Peter Friedlinger

VIENNA, May 20 (JTA)--Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger told reporters after his first round of talks with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko here today that he was not contemplating a new round of "shuttle" diplomacy in the Middle East. "I do not intend going to the Middle East in the near future," Kissinger said.

He told the newsmen that his discussions with Gromyko took place in a constructive and friendly atmosphere but did not refer to any progress being made on the Middle East conflict. "The talks brought good results, especially concerning strategic arms limitations," the Secretary said.

That subject and the projected European conference on security and cooperation were believed to have been the chief items discussed by the two diplomats at their first meeting yesterday.

day. Diplomatic sources said a detailed discussion on the Middle East would occupy their meeting today.

Kissinger's ruling out of a new diplomatic mission to the Middle East at this time seemed to reflect a growing mistrust by Israel of Kissinger's tactics, diplomatic sources said here today. The Israelis were said to feel that he had spoken one way and acted another during his aborted efforts to achieve a second-stage Israeli-Egyptian agreement last March.

Accordingly, the sources said, American friends of Israel approached President Ford recently urging him to replace Kissinger as Secretary of State. The Americans, who were not identified, reportedly made it clear that Jerusalem might not welcome the Secretary in the future as a mediator of the Middle East dispute. But Ford rejected their approach, the sources said. Ford, nevertheless, is taking the reins of Middle East diplomacy into his own hands. He will meet with President Anwar Sadat in Salzburg, Austria, June 1-2 and with Israeli Premier Yitzhak Rabin in Washington June 11-12.

ARAB DEMAND OF PROOF THAT PERSON SEEKING VISA IS NOT JEWISH IS OPPOSED BY CANADIAN CHURCH GROUP

MONTREAL, May 20 (JTA)--The General Board of the Canadian Council of Churches has recommended to its member churches that they follow the example of Protestant and Catholic churches in The Netherlands which refuse to issue baptismal certificates to persons who are required to furnish proof that they are not Jewish in order to obtain tourist or business visas for Arab countries.

Rev. T.E. Floyd Honey, General Secretary of the Canadian Council of Churches, sent the Canadian Jewish Congress a copy of its directive. The recommendation was made following the receipt of reports that the Dutch Council of Churches and the Dutch Roman-Catholic Bishops were refusing to issue the baptismal documents that would, in effect, abet travel restrictions against Jews in the Middle East. The position of the churches in Holland was brought to the attention of the Canadian Council of Churches by Rabbi Gunther Plaut who suggested that similar action be taken in Canada.

NASHPITZ, TSITLIONOK SENT TO SIBERIA

NEW YORK, May 20 (JTA)--Mark Nashpitz and Boris Tsitlionok, the Moscow activists who each were sentenced last March to five years exile after demonstrating last February near the Kremlin, have been sent to Siberia, it was reported today by the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry. Nashpitz, 27, was sent to Chita near the Chinese border, Tsitlionok, 31, was sent to Krasnoyarsk.

The SSSJ also reported that Leningrad activist Lev Zhigun, a nuclear physicist, has been threatened with trial under an unpublished edict of Dec. 25, 1972, banning activities "against state interests." A SSSJ spokesman said he feared that this edict, used recently in Odessa against Lev Roitbard and in Tbilisi against the Goldstein brothers, "will now be used against Jews in many Soviet cities who seek to leave."

In another development, the National Conference on Soviet Jewry reported today that Igor Abramovich, a Moscow "refusenik," was arrested

in his home and taken to the militia where he was threatened with charges of parasitism, Abramovich, a radio engineer, who has been trying to emigrate to Israel for almost two years, was told that he would be given a job as a truck loader and that if he refused, he would be tried and sentenced to one year in exile.

Stanley H. Lowell, NCSJ chairman, said that there seems to be a stepped-up trend toward picking up selected "refuseniks" and threatening them with charges of parasitism, while at the same time offering them work which is out of their field.

Demonstration Against Persecution

Meanwhile, scores of protesters--including an actress with Israel's Habima Theater--staged a demonstration last night at the Bijou Theater in New York to denounce the Soviet Union's "stepped-up campaign of persecution against Soviet Jews." The demonstration, coordinated by the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry, took place on the final day of the Soviet Film Festival at the Bijou. The film shown yesterday was "Crime and Punishment."

The protesters included members of constituent agencies of the Greater New York Conference, including the Oceanfront Council on Soviet Jewry. The actress who took part is Dina Roitkop-Podriachik. She and her husband, Eli-ezer, were permitted to emigrate from the Soviet Union to Israel in 1971, but were forced to leave their son Uri, 26, behind. Uri is still in Riga, where the family had lived for more than 30 years. He has been repeatedly denied a visa and has been subjected to severe harassment. His mother is in the U.S. to call attention here to the plight of her son, as well as that of the vast numbers of Soviet Jews who want to emigrate from the USSR.

Malcolm Hoenlein, GNYCSJ executive director, said that "it is quite fitting that the demonstration was held during the showing of 'Crime and Punishment.'" He said "crime and punishment are the watchwords as far as the Soviets' attitude toward Jews is concerned."

U.S. OFFICIAL CIRCLES SKEPTICAL ABOUT SADAT'S STATEMENT THAT HE HAS 'MANDATE' TO SPEAK FOR ARABS

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, May 20 (JTA)--Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's declaration that he has a "mandate" to speak for the Arab world when he meets with President Ford in Salzburg was received with considerable skepticism in U.S. official circles.

Noting that Sadat has long been seeking leadership of the Arab states, one well placed source said, "We don't know if he can pull that out of a hat." Another official said Sadat may be speaking of something more limited than a mandate and observed that "everything is hypothetical" until the Ford-Sadat session. Sadat has been conferring with leaders of Israel's neighbors the past week and also with the PLO's Yasir Arafat.

In view of Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's presence in Geneva engaged in talks with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, official U.S. comment is restricted as usual in the Secretary's absence from Washington. However, one source said privately that the really sticky point in the Sadat demands is that of having Washington publicly state whether its support of Israel includes the support of Israel retaining all territory taken in the Six-Day War.

The Egyptian leader's desire for the PLO to be present in Geneva was described as secondary. Sadat also is seeking U.S. financial support to pay off Egypt's debt to the Soviet Union for arms. This is seen as merely a bargaining point with little substance in reality.

Rogers Formula Seen Revived

Some easing away was indicated in U.S. circles from the Kissinger statement last week that the U.S. would disclose its views on a Middle East settlement after Ford sees Sadat and Israeli Premier Yitzhak Rabin.

One official observed that the Kissinger statement was less definite than a commitment to provide a precise formula. Kissinger has steadfastly refused to state a U.S. position but it is generally believed to be along the lines of the formula set forth by former Secretary of State William P. Rogers that advocated Israel's return to its pre-1967 borders with some "insubstantial" changes.

URGE BAN ON HITLER SERIES

VIENNA, May 20 (JTA)--A group of Austrians of different political affiliations has demanded the banning of a series on the last days of Hitler published in a Vienna tabloid. In a letter to the government, the signers protested the publication of the series, "The Catacomb," by Uwe Bahnen and James O'Connell in the mass circulation paper "Kronenzeltung."

They said the series minimized the inhuman regime of the Nazis and showed Hitler as a man "who was not so bad." The personality of Hitler was completely falsified in the series, according to the group. The "Kronenzeltung," which has a circulation of more than one million and is Austria's biggest newspaper, last year interrupted a series on Jews in Austria after wide protests against its anti-Semitic orientation.

PERES, PELED OFFICIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND PARIS AVIATION SHOW

TEL AVIV, May 20 (JTA)--France has invited Defense Minister Shimon Peres and Israeli Air Force Commander Gen. Benjamin Peled to attend the Paris aviation show as official guests of the French government. The invitation was the first in a number of years to be extended to an Israeli Defense Minister. Peres and Peled were said to be considering accepting it and will reply later this week.

A matter still undecided is whether Israel will exhibit its new "Kfir" supersonic jet fighter at the Paris show. The Israelis are anxious to demonstrate the first combat aircraft built entirely in Israel but the French are said to object because the "Kfir" might compete with their own Mirage that they hope to market abroad. However, Israel's Arava commercial jet and its "Gabriel" surface-to-surface missiles, the chief armament of Israel's navy, will be demonstrated at the Paris show.

ISRAELI TOURISTS FLOCK TO RUMANIA

TEL AVIV, May 20 (JTA)--Rumania has become a favorite attraction for Israeli tourists. About 16,000 Israelis visited that country last year and 20,000 are expected to go there this year. These numbers constitute a significant percentage of Rumania's tourists from the Western world, a representative of the Rumanian Tourist Office here said last night. One of the major attractions is a cheap package deal that includes transportation and accommodations in Rumania for Israelis vacationing there.

JUSTICE COHN; ORTHODOX MONOPOLY IN ISRAEL COULD BE CHALLENGED

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, May 20 (JTA)--Justice Haim Cohn of Israel's Supreme Court, said today that Conservative and Reform rabbis could challenge the Orthodox monopoly of religious life in Israel in Israel's courts and indicated that by so doing they might gain the right to perform marriages, and other religious functions in Israel.

Addressing a press conference at the American Jewish Committee here, Justice Cohn expressed vehement opposition to religious law as the law of the State and said one of the reasons why Israel has not drafted a constitution in the 27 years since its independence was because of Orthodox demands that a constitution include a provision stating that "Judaism should be the religion of the State."

"We are a secular state and all religions are equal," the Israeli jurist declared. He noted that a civil rights bill currently before the Knesset does not contain the provision demanded by the Orthodox.

Justice Cohn is visiting the U.S. on a month-long speaking tour on behalf of the Israeli government's efforts to gain the support of American public opinion for its position on a Middle East peace settlement. Replying to questions about recent demands for capital punishment in Israel, Justice Cohn said the death penalty "is nothing but a primitive retaliation" and that he personally would never approve a law establishing it.

Harsh Words For UN Commission

The Supreme Court justice had harsh words for a recent resolution of the United Nations Human Rights Commission condemning Israel for its arrest and conviction of Greek Catholic Archbishop Hilarion Capucci who is presently serving a 12-year prison term for smuggling arms to terrorists in Israel. UN interference with Israeli court proceedings is "incompatible" with the rule of law, Cohn stated.

He noted that "Capucci is a common criminal," adding that the only thing that matters is that whatever Israelis do is done with "a good and true accounting to our conscience." He said Israelis must be determined never to lower their own standards of morality and integrity.

Referring to the recently exposed phenomenon of widespread corruption in Israeli society, Justice Cohn said "We are not angels in Israel." He expressed hope that Israelis will be able to regain the highest standards of integrity.

\$2 M RAISED FOR ISRAEL

NEW YORK, May 20 (JTA)--More than \$2 million for the economic development of Israel was raised today at the fashion show by Israeli designers given by the Greater New York Women's Division of State of Israel Bonds in the Waldorf-Astoria. The high fashion event was the spring highlight of the women's division's all-out effort to help meet Israel's economic needs through the sale of Israel Bonds in the New York metropolitan area.

Admission to the luncheon and haute couture fashion show, which featured women prominent as entertainers and leaders in social affairs as models, was based upon minimum purchase of \$1000 in Israel Bonds and a charge of \$15 per person. More than 750 persons attended, Chairman of the gala fashion event, which offered styles designed and manufactured by foremost

leaders in Israel's fashion industry, was Mrs. Jerome L. Stern, who is chairman of the Greater New York Women's Division of Israel Bonds.

Other New York women who participated in the arrangements for the yearly fashion extravaganza were Vera Bacal, a fashion consultant, and Mrs. Miriam Freund, former president of Hadasah. The fashion show lunch also accorded special tribute to Mrs. Yosef Tekoah, wife of Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations.

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD FOR THREE ISRAELI SOLDIERS KILLED IN OCT. WAR

TEL AVIV, May 20 (JTA)--Funeral services were held yesterday for three Israeli soldiers killed in the Yom Kippur War whose remains were returned to Israel a month ago under an agreement with Egyptian authorities. The men were identified as Staff Sgts. Hanooh Kaufman and Eliezer Benno and Corp. Jacob Mqssovitz.

But officials of the army chaplaincy corps and experts of pathological institutes said that they are having difficulty identifying most of the other remains returned by the Egyptians. Of 39 bodies examined, only 12 have been positively identified so far. Two were Air Force pilots and 10 were soldiers who had manned the Litoff stronghold on the Barlev line and were apparently killed in the early stages of the Egyptian attack in October, 1973.

The pathologists are trying to match the remains with medical and dental records of the men who were originally listed as missing in action but the records are not available in all cases. If positive identification cannot be made, the chaplaincy corps will have no alternative but to inter the remains in a common grave with a marker inscribed with the names of all soldiers still missing.

LATE NEWS BULLETIN

BONN, May 20 (JTA)--U.S. officials who arrived here tonight with Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger from Vienna reportedly said that the Soviet Union has agreed to postpone the reopening of the Geneva Middle East peace conference until at least August or September and to exercise a restraining influence on Arabs seeking a radical solution in the Mideast. Those agreements were said to have emerged from the series of meetings between Kissinger and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko in Vienna today and yesterday.

A joint communique issued by Kissinger and Gromyko before they left Vienna said the matters they had discussed included "a just and lasting peace in the Middle East including the question of resuming the Geneva peace conference and other matters."

POSSIBLE CHESS OLYMPIAD IN ISRAEL

COPENHAGEN, May 20 (JTA)--The International Chess Federation (FIDE) is canvassing its members over the possibility of holding the 1976 chess Olympiad in Israel. The Israeli Chess Federation has agreed to host the tournament and pay the participants' expenses, it was learned here. Sweden, which was first on the list of possible host countries, agreed to organize the games but would not pay the expenses. The Swedish Federation said, however, that it would participate in the tournament if it is held in Israel. Iran, the only other Middle East country on the list, has refused to organize the games. * * *

JERUSALEM (JTA)--The Jewish National Fund has recently blazed 4.2 kilometers of field roads for the settlement of Ramot, on the Golan Heights. These roads overlook the Betecha Valley and Lake Kinneret.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES**NEW PARTY ON ISRAEL'S HORIZON**

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, May 20 (JTA)--Israel's fragmented non-Communist left--or at least part of it--is about to coagulate into a new party that has selected the name Ya'ad, meaning target or destination. The full name--"Ya'ad for a Democratic Society, for Political Change and for Civil Rights"--not only states the group's aims but summarizes the philosophy of its two principal instigators, Shulamit Aloni, head of the Civil Rights Party, and Aryeh Eliav, one-time Secretary General of the Labor Party.

Aloni, Eliav and most of the others comprising Ya'ad are Labor Party defectors who oppose the policies of Premier Yitzhak Rabin's government. They demand greater Israeli concessions in the interest of peace with its Arab neighbors and major changes on the domestic scene to close Israel's social and economic gap.

Ya'ad intends to hold its first elective conference next fall. In the interim it will be governed by a temporary general council, secretariate and executive secretariate. The council plans its first meeting within two weeks.

Meir Zarmi, Secretary General of the Labor Party, said a few days ago that he could not foresee what the future holds for Ya'ad but predicted that the "honeymoon" between Aloni and Eliav will be a short one. "I know them both," Zarmi said. "In a pluralistic party like the Labor Party they could live together in peace. But when they are on their own--let's wait and see," he said.

Constituent Elements Of Ya'ad

Aloni quit the Labor Party several years ago during the Premiership of Golda Meir for whom she had both personal and political antipathies which were reciprocated. Her splinter Civil Rights Party was the big surprise of the December 31, 1973 elections when it won three Knesset seats and elevated Aloni to the Rabin Cabinet as Minister Without-Portfolio. But the vigorously secular Aloni quit the government when the National Religious Party joined the Rabin coalition earlier this year and has since been seeking to broaden her political base.

Eliav, an outspoken "dove," resigned from the Labor Party in March with a blast against its present and immediate past leadership. He retained his Knesset seat as a one-man independent faction. Eliav, plus the CRP will give Ya'ad four seats in Israel's parliament.

Other constituents of Ya'ad come from the dissident Shinooy movement; headed by Prof. Amnon Rubinstein which consists of academicians and intellectuals opposed to the present government's policies; and from the Libun circle within the Labor Party, a group of Laborites--Eliav among them--which has been meeting regularly to study economic, political and social problems outside the official party forums.

Splits Have Already Occurred

The creation of Ya'ad, however, has led to a split within the CRP, the Shinooy and Libun groups. The CRP voted 32-18 with four abstentions in favor of merging with Ya'ad. Those objecting, led by Ram Ron, Aloni's brother-in-law, announced immediately that they were not going along with the new faction. Ron, in fact, denounced the new movement, declaring that it was a betrayal of the 35,000 voters who gave the CRP its three Knesset seats. He said the CRP was established to safeguard the peoples' rights, not

to form another left of center party.

The CRP objectors are reportedly trying to form a coalition with the Independent Liberal Party, a member of the Rabin coalition and with the Shinooy people who refused to join Ya'ad; Ron said he would seek a court order permitting the group to continue to retain the CRP name.

Libun voted 41-5 with five abstentions last week to affiliate with Ya'ad. But the vote was probably misleading because many members who decided to remain within the Labor Party did not show up for the meeting. They have expressed the opinion that Libun's defection will only drive Labor to the right of center and that they can promote their social ideology most effectively from within Labor's ranks.

The Shinooy movement is also divided between those who have joined Ya'ad and those who reject the idea of a socialist, leftist movement. Nevertheless, they remain opposed to the Rabin policies and have demanded that the present government resign before the Geneva peace conference. They claim that the government is paralyzed by differences within its ranks and especially by the presence of the militant NRP which is bitterly opposed to territorial concessions on the West Bank for historical and religious reasons.

According to the Shinooy people, the present situation requires a new mandate from the electorate before any government can go to Geneva. Those who refuse to join Ya'ad have declared themselves to be a centrist-liberal movement, not a leftist one.

Not Too Disturbed By Defections

Zarmi, addressing a meeting in Ramat Gan last Monday, did not seem particularly disturbed by the defections from the Labor Party. He admitted, however, that there was a crisis of confidence in the party as a result of the Yom Kippur War and the recent exposure of widespread corruption in government ministries and agencies. However, he noted, the opposition Likud has similar problems and the leftist break-aways are seriously divided.

Some political observers have expressed doubts over the future of Ya'ad. They see it as almost identical in its political and social views to Mapam which is a member of the Labor Alignment; Voters who share these views are more likely to cast their ballots for Mapam than for the new faction, the observers said.

JUDITH HERMAN DEAD AT 30

NEW YORK, May 20 (JTA)--Judith Herman, director for research and planning of the American Jewish Committee's Institute on Pluralism and Group Identity, died today at Memorial Hospital. She was 30 years old. Mrs. Herman, the wife of Jeremy M. Herman, a psychotherapist, was a specialist in ethnic relations and community organization. She had previously served as coordinator of the AJ Committee's National Project on Ethnic America. The project, which Mrs. Herman joined in 1968, worked for depolarization of Black-white tensions and for the creation of multi-ethnic education and multi-ethnic coalitions.

She was the author of a number of pamphlets and papers on the subjects of ethnicity and the problems of blue-collar workers. Her most recent work, "The Schools and Group Identity: Educating for a New Pluralism," published last year, was widely endorsed by leading ethnic, racial, feminist, labor and educational authorities. Prior to joining the staff of the AJ Committee's Department of Intergroup Relations and Social Action in 1967 she was active in communal affairs.