



RABIN NAMES SHARON ADVISOR ON SECURITY DESPITE PROTESTS

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, June 1 (JTA) -- Premier Yitzhak Rabin informed his Cabinet today that he has appointed former Likud leader Gen. (Res) Ariel Sharon as his special advisor on security matters, a civilian post with potentially far-reaching influence. The Premier acted on his prerogative to appoint advisors without prior Cabinet approval. His move was apparently intended to end the mounting public debate over the fitness of the controversial Yom Kippur War hero to occupy a sensitive position within the government whose policies he has severely criticized.

Rabin did not indicate when Sharon would assume his new post nor did he make it clear what his responsibilities would be. The Premier said that the definition of the new office would be determined "after coordination with other elements involved." Sharon, who resigned his Knesset seat earlier this year to return to the army, will continue to retain his senior post in the reserves. But according to Israel's civil service regulations his political activities will be severely limited as long as he is a "State employee." Sharon has already reportedly announced that he would not attend a Gush Emunim rally in support of unrestricted Jewish settlement in the administered territories even though he personally supports that group's cause.

Implements Agranat Recommendation

Sharon's appointment as Rabin's security advisor was seen here as the first step toward implementing the Agranat Committee's recommendation for the creation of a National Security Council. Rabin had previously named another controversial general, Rehavam Zeevi, as his advisor on intelligence matters. He reportedly considered Sharon's appointment a matter of some urgency because of possible military problems that may arise this summer.

Rabin acted despite advice from his Defense Minister, Shimon Peres, to delay Sharon's appointment. The newspaper Al Hamishmar reported last week that Peres feared that the appointment would place Chief of Staff Gen. Mordechai Gur in an untenable position because Sharon would become, in effect, Gur's superior. Sharon made no secret of the fact that he considered himself the most suitable candidate for Chief of Staff after the Yom Kippur War and the resignation of Chief of Staff Gen. David Elazar whose conduct of the war was criticized by the Agranat panel in its first interim report. After leaving the Knesset, Sharon reportedly sought the post of Deputy Chief of Staff but this was blocked by Gen. Gur who vowed that as long as he was in command of the armed forces, Sharon would not be given that post. Sharon, whose break through Egyptian lines to establish an Israeli salient on the West Bank of the Suez Canal was regarded as the most brilliant Israeli military maneuver of the Yom Kippur War, incurred the wrath of many of his colleagues by his outspoken criticism of the Israeli high command. Gen. Sharon is the founding father of Likud.

HADASSAH RAPS WHO'S ANTI-ISRAEL ACTION, NOTES MEDICAL SERVICES FOR ARABS IN TERRITORIES

NEW YORK, June 1 (JTA) -- The Hadassah Medical Organization's national board announced its plans to review its membership in the United States Association for World Health, the affiliate of the World Health Organization, a United Nations agency which voted last week a condemnation of Israel's treatment of residents of the administered territories.

In a letter last week to Dr. S. A. Mufafatopolous, head of WHO, Mrs. Rose E. Matzkin, Hadassah president, said the WHO Assembly resolution was "an action which lowers the moral value of the WHO and casts doubt on the validity of its work."

She said that after the 1967 war, hundreds of Arabs came to Hadassah for medical treatment "after years of neglect by the Arab government" of the West Bank and East Jerusalem. She said "the health standards in those areas are higher today than ever; the mortality rate is lower. This attempt, once again to politicize a UN agency only denigrates the value of the agency to all the peoples of the world and renders it liable to suspicion of its motives. As a member of the U.S. Committee for WHO, Hadassah will have to review its position."

Cites Medical Service For Arabs

Mrs. Matzkin cited the medical services provided by the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center in Jerusalem to Arab residents of Gaza, the West Bank, "and even Jordan," in addition to providing primary health care services "in hospitals and clinics."

As U.S. administrator for the Food for Peace program, she added, Hadassah distributes food supplements to Arab institutions to raise the nutritional level for children, pregnant women, and the sick and aged "and all of this has paid off in the amazing improvement of the health and welfare of the Arab population in the administered territories."

She cited the fact that the WHO assembly had condemned Israel "despite the report of the WHO investigator approving of Israel's health services in these areas."

FORD TELLS SADAT U.S. WILL NOT TOLERATE STAGNATION IN EFFORTS FOR MIDEAST PEACE

By Edwin Eytan

SALZBURG, June 1 (JTA) -- President Ford said here today that the United States will not tolerate stagnation and stalemate in its efforts for a negotiated settlement in the Middle East. Ford spoke at a luncheon offered in his honor by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat.

Today's luncheon at Sadat's Salzburg residence, Fuschl Castle, was the first time the two men met. Ford arrived in Salzburg this morning from Madrid, Sadat arrived yesterday evening from Vienna where he had paid an official state visit. The American President paid tribute in his toast to Sadat's statesmanship and wisdom. He said that the Egyptian president has demonstrated beyond any doubt Egypt's sin-

cere desire for peace by deeds. He said Sadat has also shown his fervent desire to turn the energies and talents of his people toward the creation of a better life for them, and for all peoples.

Ford indicated that the U.S. was prepared to extend economic and technical help to Egypt and will do its utmost to be a helpful partner in Sadat's programs for the progress of Egypt.

Pressure On Israel Expected

After the toast American circles here indicated that Ford's warning that no stagnation will be tolerated was aimed at those who try to freeze the situation. It also seemed clear that America will bring heavy pressure to bear on Israeli Premier Yitzhak Rabin when they meet next week in Washington. American sources also said that it seemed highly likely that Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger will renew his step-by-step approach some time this summer. They said that Egypt was not opposed to such an initiative.

At the lunch, at which the toasts were in water out of respect for the Egyptian hosts who do not drink alcohol which is forbidden to Moslems, Sadat indicated what his line will be during the two-day summit meeting with Ford. He clearly played down the Palestinian issue and concentrated his appeals on the need for an Israeli withdrawal from the occupied territories.

Palestinians Mentioned Last

The Egyptian President said it was a simple matter to solve the Mideast conflict as long as the parties concerned, including the superpowers who are, in one form or the other wittingly or unwittingly involved in the problem, adhere to the basic and undisputed principle; Namely, the recognition of the independence and territorial integrity of states; the inadmissibility of acquisition of territory by force; the acceptance and respect of the basic kind of self-determination for the Palestinian people and their right to live in a national home.

Observers here stressed that Sadat mentioned the Palestinians at the very last and that for the first time in recent years did not speak about their legitimate rights or national aspirations but about their right to a national home. The two Presidents seemed to be in excellent spirits as they left the lunch which had consisted of soup with dumplings, fresh lake pike, venison and apple strudel with whipped cream. They later met at Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky's Salzburg residence for their first working session and tonight they will be the dinner guests of the Chancellor and then will resume their meetings tomorrow morning.

SCHINDLER URGES U.S. JEWS TO STOP MAKING FORD, KISSINGER 'SCAPEGOATS'

SOUTHBURY, Conn. June 1 (JTA) -- American Jews were told to cease making President Ford and Secretary of State Kissinger the "scapegoats" for their concern and frustrations about Israel's future and the impasse in peace prospects in the Middle East. Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, yesterday told members of the Board of Trustees, meeting here that the time has come to "cease the black mood and doom and put an end to over-reaction and yielding to despair" by so many "of our people."

He said that "both the President and Mr. Kissinger still represent the only statesmen capable of moving Mideast negotiations off dead center at

the present stage. To vilify them and destroy their diplomatic position is a disservice to peace and to Israel itself."

He attacked Jewish extremist groups like the Jewish Defense League which have taken this position as "hysterical infantilism which confuses public opinion and is counter-productive for both Israel and the Jewish community."

Rabbi Schindler said he felt that President Ford's talks with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Premier Yitzhak Rabin "might put both Egypt and Israel back on the road towards a second-stage peace agreement." However, he cautioned Ford and Kissinger not be "one-sided" by constantly pressing Israel to "come forth with new ideas and concessions. In my estimation the Israelis have provided sufficient options for a new settlement with Egypt," he said.

YAMIT REGISTRATION OPENS

JERUSALEM, June 1 (JTA) -- The Housing Ministry today invited the public to register for homes at Yamit, the controversial seaside town the government plans to build in the Rafah salient south of the Gaza Strip. Yamit will serve as a regional center for moshavim and kibbutzim in the region and will be developed as an industrial town and tourist resort.

The long-standing dispute over Yamit arose because the Rafah salient was taken over by the army several years ago as a security zone and Bedouin tribes in the region were dispossessed. The Bedouins were offered compensatory lands but "doveish" elements attacked the move in principle.

The development of Yamit was strongly advocated by former Defense Minister Moshe Dayan and the government apparently intends to go ahead with its plans to create the new coastal town. The Housing Ministry said it hoped to have the first 185 housing units completed by August. The price of three and four room flats will be considerably lower than in most other parts of the country. Mortgages and loans will be offered at low interest rates. The Ministry said it will give priority to new immigrants and to persons whose professions or skills are needed for the development of the Rafah area.

OIL PIPELINE STRIKE IN THIRD WEEK

JERUSALEM, June 1 (JTA) -- The strike of Eilat-Ashkelon oil pipeline workers entered its third week today with no signs of a settlement in sight despite efforts by local political leaders and Histadrut to end the walk-out. Dockworkers at Ashkelon, declaring that they would not cooperate in strikebreaking attempts, prevented the Port Authority from bringing a tanker alongside the oil jetty for loading this morning.

The continuing strike was a subject on the agenda of today's Cabinet meeting -- as it was at last Sunday's meeting when the ministers authorized emergency measures to end the strike. Four boatloads of strikers remained anchored just outside the Ashkelon breakwater today, watched by police in their own boats inside the breakwater. The strikers are out off from supplies but the police have made no attempt yet to interfere with them. A Histadrut official from Ashdod, sailed out to the floating strikers with a mediation offer but was apparently rebuffed.

ADL CHARGES ADMINISTRATION WITH BEING 'SOFT' ON BOYCOTT PROBLEM

WASHINGTON, June 1 (JTA) -- The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith charged here this weekend that key Ford Administration agencies have approached the problem of the Arab boycott "in an uncoordinated manner resulting in contradictory policies, buck-passing and confusion." The ADL said at its three-day National Executive Committee meeting that the agencies had "an overall soft philosophy" on the problem.

Seymour Graubard, ADL chairman, charged that "a parade of high administration officials" had testified before Congress against proposals for anti-boycott and regulatory foreign investment laws." Graubard said that the reaction from some federal departments on the problem was "disturbingly negative" and characterized by rationalization and even protestation that the documented wrongs are unavoidable or "do not exist at all."

However, he said, some other government agencies have moved affirmatively to support President Ford's "excellent policy statement" on the issue. He said his comments were based on the findings of an ADL survey on the results of the ADL's disclosures in February and March that government departments and private industry were violating U.S. policy and regulations to do business with the Arabs.

Lists 'Corrective Proposals'

The ADL report listed a number of "corrective proposals which are much needed" but which "have been received by executive departments with lukewarmth if not open hostility." They included a ban on secondary boycotts; a ban against business contracts involving religious discrimination; a mandatory prohibition against domestic exporters taking actions, including furnishing information or signing agreements, which have the effect of supporting boycotts or other restrictive trade practices imposed by a foreign country against another country friendly to the U.S.; a rule suspending foreign aid or military sales to any nation guilty of religious or racial discriminatory business practices; government controls over the acquisition of substantial equity securities of major American firms by foreign investors who have tried to force American businessmen to engage in secondary boycotts; and governmental control over the acquisition of material interest in strategic industries, resources, or mass media by foreign investors.

Graubard said the shipping and banking industries continue to be major boycott participants.

Only 3 Charges Resolved

The ADL said that to date, only three of the charges it made nearly four months ago have been successfully resolved.

The ADL said the Overseas Private Investment Corp., a governmental body cited by the ADL for having asked an American business firm to withdraw the name of its Jewish vice president from a list of proposed participants in an OPIC mission to the Middle East and North Africa, had apologized for the incident.

Two private firms, the Ashland Chemical Co., Ashland, Ky. and Pacific Pump Corp., Huntington Park, Calif., announced they are now prepared to do business with Israel, the report said.

The ADL said it was now "up to President

Ford to see to it that Executive agencies follow his publicly announced declaration of policy."

PRESIDENTS CONFERENCE SAYS GULF RESOLUTION 'SPEAKS FOR ITSELF'

NEW YORK, June 1 (JTA) -- A spokesman for the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish organizations reiterated today that a resolution endorsing "acts of conscience" by members in response to Gulf Oil Corp. support of Arab propaganda efforts, about which the firm expressed "deep concern" last week, "speaks for itself."

The resolution, adopted here last Tuesday, by 300 Jewish leaders, "approves and endorses acts of conscience taken by individual members reacting to the Gulf Oil gift to Arab sources in Beirut, Lebanon, for propaganda purposes in the United States."

The resolution was adopted after Bob R. Dorsey, Gulf chairman, testified before a Senate subcommittee May 16 that the company had paid \$50,000 for a public relations campaign for the Arab position in the Arab-Israeli conflict.

In a statement at its Pittsburgh headquarters, Gulf urged the Presidents Conference to await the outcome of an investigation of apparently illegal payments Dorsey said the company made to the Arab sources under duress.

The company statement said "We are deeply concerned about this resolution. It is based upon incomplete information about a contribution which is one part of an on-going investigation by the Securities and Exchange Commission. We would hope that when this investigation reveals all the circumstances surrounding the contribution that the American Jewish leaders will reconsider their action."

U.S. BUSINESSMEN URGED TO OPPOSE BOYCOTT

NEW YORK, June 1 (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee has called on this country's major industrial corporations and banks publicly to disavow any compliance with the Arab boycott and to reject any Arab pressures to discriminate against Jews or members of any other minority group. The AJC request asked the companies to emulate the recent action by the Bank of America and the International Business Machines Corporation reasserting their non-discriminatory policy.

The AJC committee made its request in letters to its president, Elmer L. Winter, to the heads of this country's 500 largest industrial companies and 50 largest banks. In his letters, Winter quoted approvingly from a memorandum sent by Bank of America president A. W. Clausen to the Bank's officers which stated that "It has long been a policy of Bank of America to refuse to entertain questions of race, color, creed, or national origin in its business dealings. It is neither right, nor in the best interest of the bank, to participate in any credit or other business venture where a condition of the venture is discriminatory."

Winter also quoted the statement made by IBM chairman Frank T. Cary at that company's recent annual stockholder's meeting, in which Cary declared that "We do business throughout the world, in the Middle East and in Israel. We have not been blacklisted in any country. We have not received any such pressures. We are not aware of any such pressures. Should we receive any, we would resist them."

ISRAEL'S ORIENTAL JEWS DEMAND VOICE IN TALKS WITH ARAB STATES

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, June 1 (JTA) -- Leaders of Oriental Jewish communities in Israel have demanded that the government include their representatives in any negotiations with the Arab states and have called on the world to recognize their status as refugees and their rights and claims from their former homelands.

At an assembly of leaders of the various Oriental immigrant associations last week MK Mordechai Ben-Porat urged the world to recognize that the flight of more than 700,000 Jews from Arab lands and of 590,000 Palestinian Arabs from Israel at the time of Israel's creation constituted one of the many population exchanges the world had seen in the past generation.

Ben-Porat, who organized the assembly, said he would convene a gathering of Oriental Jews from Israel and abroad to examine the question of Jewish rights and claims from Arab lands.

He argued that over and above property compensation claims -- which had never been properly catalogued and classified -- the Jews from Arab lands were entitled, as distinct ethnic minorities who had "seceded", a proportional share of those lands' natural wealth and resources.

He said a team of legal experts would be set up to draft the various claims and demands which Oriental Jews should present to the Arab states.

Criticizes Avoiding Issue

Shaul Ben-Simhon, the Moroccan leader, and Professor Andre Chouraqui, speaking for Algerian Jewry, criticized successive Israeli governments for sweeping this issue of Oriental Jewry's claims under the carpet. Chouraqui said in the early fifties the government had considered the claims "not worthwhile." Later Premier Moshe Sharett pushed through a Cabinet decision calling for a detailed research effort into Oriental Jewry's property and other claims -- and in the sixties the then-Justice Minister Yaacov Shimshon Shapiro again suggested such a survey. But both times a slothful and unwilling bureaucracy foiled the Cabinet decision, the professor charged.

Ben-Simhon spoke of "discrimination" in this matter -- but he admitted too that Oriental Jews themselves had slept on their rights and let the years slip by without taking action.

Now, however, with the resumption of the Geneva Conference imminent and the Palestinian question likely to come up, the time was ripe for a thorough study and systematic classification and presentation of Oriental Jewry's claims and demands, Ben-Simhon said.

Iraqi Community Ancient

David Petal of the Iraqi Immigrants Association said his community had flourished in all walks of life in Iraq since the sixth century B.C.E. It had preceded the Arabs by more than a thousand years -- and had cooperated with successive Arab rulers in developing Iraq's trade and economy, he said. The first Finance Minister of modern Iraq was a Jew as were many top officials in state industry.

The finest suburbs of modern Baghdad were, almost totally Jewish-owned, Petal said. Cer-

tainly Jewish property abandoned in Iraq was worth many times more than Palestinian Arab property left behind in Israel, Petal said.

Knesset speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu said the top priority for the assembly and the new organization being founded was to inculcate into an ignorant and apathetic world the awareness that Jewry from Arab lands were refugees in every sense of the term.

This political campaign must be the first aim of the reawakened Oriental effort to secure rights for Arab Jews, Yeshayahu urged. Claims for proprietary compensation must be the next priority, with demands from the Israel government only third. There was no point in wasting effort through recriminations and internecine strife with the government or between the various Oriental organizations, Yeshayahu cautioned.

JEWISH EDITORS CONCERNED BY ATTEMPTS TO BLAME ISRAEL

MEMPHIS, Tenn. June 1 (JTA) -- A resolution expressing "deep concern over the repeated attempts of the Ford Administration to blame Israel for the breakdown of the shuttle diplomacy between the Arab nations and Israel" was adopted here last week at the closing session of the three-day 33rd annual convention of the American Jewish Press Association.

The resolution also put the association on record as adopting the position stated in a letter to President Ford by 76 Senators urging full and continued backing of the State of Israel.

Robert A. Cohen, editor of the St. Louis Jewish Light, was re-elected president by the association of editors and publishers of 54 Jewish newspapers.

In another resolution, the delegates expressed "dismay and outrage at the long-established and continued position of the International Red Cross in its non-recognition of the Mogen David Adom and urges the International Red Cross to review and reserve that position."

Bicentennial Noted

Recognition and participation by the American Jewish community and the Jewish press in the American Bicentennial observance to promote full recognition "of the contributions of Haym Solomon and other Jewish patriots and of American Jews to the birth of our nation" was urged in another resolution.

The editors and publishers praised Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D. Wash) and Rep. Charles Vanik (D. Ohio) for their efforts on behalf of Soviet Jewry and urged other Congressmen to follow their example. Another resolution denounced the Syrian government for its persecution of Syrian Jewry and for "its policy of keeping all visiting newsmen from visiting the Jewish prisoners of the government."

The editors and publishers expressed condolences to Eliezer Whartman, the Israeli journalist, on the death of his son, Lt. Moshe Whartman, who was killed last Monday in a clash during a search mission in Lebanon.

50th Anniversary

The association honored two newspapers that celebrated their 50th anniversary this year. The Hebrew Watchman of Memphis, Tennessee, and the Southern Israelite of Atlanta, Georgia.