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KISSINGER SAYS PROGRESS IN MIDEAST NEGOTIATIONS WOULD LESSEN NEED FOR U.S. PROPOSALS

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, June 10 (JTA)--Whether there is an American proposal for solving the Arab-Israeli conflict depends on the evolution of diplomacy in the Middle East, Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger said today. He told the House International Relations Committee that if there is an interim agreement between Israel and Egypt there will be less need for an American plan.

Kissinger testified before the committee on President Ford's trip to Europe including Ford's meeting with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat in Salzburg, Austria, but most of the questions were on the Middle East. His appearance came only a few hours before Israeli Premier Yitzhak Rabin was due to arrive in Washington. (See separate story.)

Emphasizing that the United States is committed to breaking the Mideast stalemate, Kissinger declared that prospects for a second interim agreement between Israel and Egypt are better than they were earlier in the spring. He said he sensed a new conciliatory attitude among all parties in the Mideast.

Ford Will Discuss 'Options' With Rabin

President Ford said at a press conference last night that his meeting with Premier Rabin "will be a meeting where I will get his personal assessment of the overall situation in the Middle East." He said that he and the Israeli leader "will discuss the options that I see as possible--either a resumption of the suspended step-by-step negotiations or a comprehensive recommendation that I would make to probably reconvene the Geneva conference or a step-by-step process under the umbrella of the Geneva conference." He said he would go into these alternatives or options "in depth" with the Prime Minister and when their discussions are concluded "I'll be in a better position to know how our government should proceed in trying to achieve a broader peace, a more permanent peace, with fairness and equity in the Middle East."

The President remarked later in his press conference, "I think I can benefit immeasurably by meeting face-to-face with people like Prime Minister Rabin and President Sadat," adding that "in this area of major decision," the Middle East, "we have to get the broadest possible information to make the best judgements."

Kissinger Might Return To Mideast

Asked about the possibility of face-to-face negotiations between Israel and her Arab neighbors, Kissinger replied that if there is an interim agreement it would probably come through American mediation. He said he has no plans to return to the "shuttle" diplomacy between Israel and Egypt which broke down March 22. But, he said that after Rabin's visit, if the "parties" appeared to be close to an agreement, he might return to the Mideast but for a shorter duration than the three weeks he spent there in March.

Kissinger reiterated that the U.S. would do

whatever the parties wanted in order to reach an agreement. But he indicated his preference for interim agreements because "we never believed Geneva is the ideal form, especially from Israel's standpoint." He said that at a reconvened Geneva conference all elements of settlement would be open for discussion by numerous participants.

The Secretary of State also stressed that the "United States has had an historical friendship with Israel" and supports Israel's "survival." At the same time, he said, the U.S. would like to maintain friendly relations with the Arab countries.

Kissinger, in response to a question, said that a final peace settlement would require some kind of "assurance" by the U.S. of Israel's "viability." He emphasized he would not use the word "guarantee," noting that this is "a complicated matter." He added that such a commitment "need not be offensive to the Arab countries," noting that Sadat has said that Egypt would not object to an American guarantee for Israel in a final settlement. He stressed that the U.S. is not considering establishing military bases in Israel.

The committee went into executive session after an hour of public testimony. Members later said that neither Israel nor the U.S. has specific estimates on military and economic aid for Israel. It was also reported that an interim agreement must be accompanied by a U.S. commitment to supply Israel with arms.

ISRAELI MILITARY CIRCLES DENY SINAI PULL-BACK WAS SHAM

TEL AVIV, June 10 (JTA)--Israeli military circles rejected as "malicious" reports attributed to Western military sources in the Middle East that Israel's thinning out of its troops and armor in Sinai last week was a sham. The reports, published in newspapers abroad today, alleged that the troops, tanks and artillery which Israel said were pulled back from 30 to nearly 50 kilometers east of the Suez Canal in a unilateral gesture on the eve of the canal's official reopening last Thursday had actually been withdrawn many months earlier.

According to these sources, Israel's announcement that it was thinning out forces which did not actually exist was a propaganda ploy. They said Egypt was aware of this fact from U.S. intelligence reports but decided not to challenge the Israeli announcement because it was considered a politically and psychologically important gesture.

The Israeli military circles stated flatly today that the troops, tanks and artillery were pulled back in accordance with the decision of the government and as per the Prime Minister's announcement. It was "a bona fide withdrawal" and "no pantomime," the circles said.

SADAT: NO PEACE WITH ISRAEL BEFORE 'NEXT GENERATION'

LONDON, June 10 (JTA)--President Anwar Sadat of Egypt said on a television interview here last night that a full peace with Israel "should be left to the next generation," that full recognition of Israel was "not available now" and insisted that the key to "a final solution" of the Middle East conflict is "in the hands of the United States which gives Israel everything" and is "the only one that can exert pressure on Israel."

Appearing on the BBC "Panorama" program

taped at Sadat's summer home outside Cairo, the Egyptian leader hedged on Egypt's acceptance of Israel's right to exist and on the issue of transit for Israeli cargoes through the Suez Canal. The latter, he said, "will depend on the conduct of Israel." When the interviewer noted that he had committed himself on the issue of Israeli cargoes when he signed the disengagement accords with Israel in January 1974, Sadat repeated, "According to the conduct of Israel." Asked whether he was ready to recognize Israel's right to exist, Sadat replied: "Resolution 338 says that the two superpowers guarantee the cease-fire, guarantee immediate implementation of Resolution 242. By accepting 242 I gave recognition of Israel's right to exist."

Sadat observed that the main lesson of the Yom Kippur War was that the Middle East conflict could not be solved by war. He said war was not inevitable but insisted that Israel proved during the latest Kissinger mission that it "feared peace" and claimed that "Israel is not capable of working for peace." Sadat said he did not seek to have the U.S. abandon Israel, but wanted to know, "Is the U.S. going to protect Israel within her own borders or conquests?" The Egyptian President, who met with President Ford in Salzburg, Austria a week ago, observed that "There are two governments in America, one in the White House and one on Capitol Hill."

PREMIER RABIN WILL HAVE THREE MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT FORD

Arrival in Washington Delayed One Hour
By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, June 10 (JTA)--The Presidential jet sent to New York to pick up Israeli Premier Yitzhak Rabin and his party was due to arrive at Andrews Air Force Base at 4:30 p.m. instead of 3:30 p.m. as originally scheduled, it was announced this afternoon. The one-hour delay was attributed to Rabin's longer than anticipated stop-over in London today where he conferred for 90 minutes with British Prime Minister Harold Wilson. (See separate story.) Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger was to greet the Premier and Mrs. Rabin at Andrews Air Force Base.

Rabin's talks with the President and other officials, beginning tomorrow, are regarded as crucial to the next stage of negotiations in the Middle East and to future relations between the U.S. and Israel.

Premier Rabin will have his first meeting with President Ford at the White House tomorrow morning, scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. and to last 90 minutes. He will meet with the President again Wednesday evening at a working dinner at the White House and he and Ford will have a final meeting at the White House beginning at 10:30 a.m. Thursday morning.

The Premier, who will be staying at Blair House, the official residence for visiting heads of state, will breakfast with Kissinger Wednesday and Thursday mornings and will have a working lunch with Kissinger at the State Department Thursday. Kissinger will also attend a dinner for Premier and Mrs. Rabin to be given by the Israeli Ambassador, Simcha Dinitz, Thursday night. He will lunch with Defense Secretary James R. Schlesinger Wednesday afternoon.

Rabin Hopes For Deepening Dialogue With U.S.

Before departing from Tel Aviv this morning, Rabin said he hoped that his talks with President Ford would result in a deepening of

the Israeli-U.S. dialogue and a review of all the possibilities and components of an approach to peace. He said he would explain to the American President Israel's sincere desire and striving for peace. He told reporters at Ben Gurion Airport that Israel was ready to cooperate in every way in negotiations aimed at either an overall peace settlement or a second-stage interim agreement with Egypt.

He said, in reply to questions, that he would have to wait until he spoke to President Ford and Secretary Kissinger before he could determine whether Egyptian President Anwar Sadat had offered any changes in Egypt's position during his meeting with Ford in Salzburg, Austria last week.

Members of Rabin's official entourage include Mordechai Gazit, director general of the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem; Gen. Efraim Poran, his military adjutant; and Eli Mirrahi, bureau chief of the Prime Minister's Office. Rabin's press attache, Dan Patir, arrived here several days ago.

Rabin's schedule in Washington includes a meeting with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee at the Capitol Thursday afternoon; a meeting with the House International Relations Committee Friday morning; and an appearance on the CBS "Face the Nation" television program in Washington on Sunday prior to his departure for Israel.

The Premier will have a closed luncheon meeting with 400 leaders of the United Jewish Appeal and Federations and Welfare Funds and a meeting with representatives of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations in Washington Friday. He will be in New York Saturday night for an Israel Bonds dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel.

RABIN, ENROUTE TO U.S., MEETS WITH BRITISH LEADERS

LONDON, June 10 (JTA)--Premier Yitzhak Rabin met with Prime Minister Harold Wilson and Foreign Secretary James Callaghan at Heathrow Airport for nearly two hours today to discuss the Middle East situation and Anglo-Israeli bilateral relations. Wilson made a special trip to the airport to meet with the Israeli leader who was enroute from Tel Aviv to Washington for talks with President Ford. Wilson and Callaghan were also meeting today with Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy. Callaghan joined the Wilson-Rabin talks after officially greeting Fahmy who had just landed at Heathrow.

ALLON, IRISH FOREIGN MINISTER EXCHANGE VIEWS ON MIDEAST

JERUSALEM, June 10 (JTA)--Irish Foreign Minister Garret Fitzgerald, who has just completed a tour of four Arab capitals, met today with Israeli Foreign Minister Yigal Allon to exchange views on the Mideast problem. Earlier, Fitzgerald told newsmen here that he believes there is in the Arab countries "the same desire for peace which I think is in Israel."

Fitzgerald, who was president of the European Economic Community's Ministerial Council in May when Israel and the EEC signed a treaty, explained the agreement to the Arabs during his recent tour. During today's talks, Allon reviewed the historical background of the Mideast conflict, Israel's insistence on secure borders and the Israeli view on the Palestinian issue. Fitzgerald met earlier with President Ephraim Katzir.

COPENHAGEN (JTA)--The Moscow-oriented World Peace Committee awarded PLO leader Yasir Arafat the Gold Medal for Peace, in the name of Julian Cusieser.

JAVITS SAYS AMERICAN FRIENDS OF ISRAEL CAN CONTRIBUTE TO SUCCESS OF MIDEAST DIPLOMACY

NEW YORK, June 10 (JTA)--Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R.N.Y.) said here tonight that Israel's friends in the United States have "an unavoidable responsibility for helping to create circumstances and attitudes conducive to creative diplomacy respecting the Middle East." He said "There is a very creative role to be played at this juncture in history by Israel's friends in the U.S., in supplementing the formal channels of diplomatic communication between Washington and Jerusalem."

Sen. Javits was addressing a dinner of the United Jewish Appeal and Federation of Jewish Philanthropies Joint Campaign given at the New York Hilton Hotel as a farewell to Israeli Ambassador Yosef Tekoah who is retiring after seven years as his nation's Permanent Representative to the United Nations. The dinner was attended by 300 leaders of the New York Jewish community.

Javits observed that the complex problems of the Middle East "require bold and imaginative solutions which can by-pass the roadblocks of routine thinking." He said that some of the best diplomatic ideas are "generated by non-official sources." Former Rep. Herbert Tenser, a member of the UJA-Federation Joint Board who presided at the dinner, presented Ambassador Tekoah with an original painting by the artist Marc Cleonsky, titled "The Persecuted People."

JTA AND 'ISRAELI' PRESS ARE ONE TO HENRY

WASHINGTON, June 10 (JTA)--American diplomats appear to have a fixation that the Jewish Telegraphic Agency is the "Israeli press." Joseph Polakoff, JTA Washington Bureau Chief, was given that appellation by Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger as the latter emerged from testifying before the House International Relations Committee today.

Kissinger was approached by a CBS newswoman who asked the Secretary if he ought to take his vacation July 11. The question was apparently to elicit from Kissinger whether he expected any major international developments at about that time. Glancing at Polakoff, who was writing on a pad, Kissinger quipped, "Look at the Israeli press taking notes." The Secretary, though speaking in jest, seemed to imply that whenever he advised the CBS newswoman to take his vacation, the Israelis would regard it as some form of pressure on them.

Kissinger was advised that the JTA is not the "Israeli" press but an American news corporation. A similar misidentification was made earlier this week by Malcolm Toon, the career foreign service diplomat whose nomination as U.S. Ambassador to Israel was confirmed by the Senate yesterday. Toon declined to answer a certain question at a Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing on grounds that the "Israeli" press was present in the hearing chamber. He looked toward Polakoff. There were no Israeli reporters present.

SOVIET ENVOY RECEIVES DELEGATION; REFUSES FOOD PACKAGES FOR POCS

OTTAWA, June 10 (JTA)--The Soviet Ambassador to Canada, Alexander Yakovlev, received a delegation of prominent Canadian Jews and non-Jews to discuss the situation of Jews in

the Soviet Union yesterday. But he declined to accept food packages intended for 40 Jewish "prisoners of conscience" in Soviet jails. The delegation, consisting of rabbis, priests, representatives of the medical, legal and academic fields and the arts flew to Ottawa from Montreal yesterday in a chartered plane. The flight was dubbed a "Freedom Flight" to dramatize the plight of Jews incarcerated in the Soviet Union or refused exit visas from that country.

They were joined in the Canadian capital by four members of the Canadian Parliament: Tommy Douglas, of the New Democratic Party; Herb Grey, former Minister for Consumer Affairs; John Roberts of the Liberal Party; and Harry Blank, a member of the Quebec National Assembly. The Russian envoy invited the MPs to visit the USSR to see for themselves the condition of Soviet Jewry. He invited John Roberts, chairman of the Parliament Committee, to meet with him to discuss the problems of Soviet Jews.

B'NAI B'RITH LEADER REBUTS SEN. BAKER ON LETTER TO FORD

MEMPHIS, Tenn., June 10 (JTA)--A contention by Sen. Howard H. Baker Jr. (R.Tenn.) that the letter to President Ford signed by 76 Senators urging continued economic and military support for Israel was an ill-timed "mistake" was disputed here by B'nai B'rith president David M. Blumberg. Baker, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said upon his return from a Middle East tour, that the letter was likely to harden Arab attitudes and limit Ford's maneuverability to promote a Mideast settlement.

But Blumberg, addressing the B'nai B'rith District 7 convention here, said the bipartisan action responded to "vagueness and ambiguities" regarding the Ford Administration's reassessment of American policy in the Mideast. He said the letter had the effect of "not hobbling but strengthening" Ford's efforts to overcome diplomatic stagnation in the area. By affirming American sentiment and policy," Blumberg declared, "the Senate helped diminish many mistaken Arab notions that American support for Israel is eroding and there is no need to negotiate." Sen. Charles Mathias, Jr. (R.Md.), one of the signers of the letter, told the 300 delegates that the letter was also intended as "a clear message" to the Soviet Union of American intentions.

LABOR ALIGNMENT BACKS RABIN ON MISSION TO U.S.

TEL AVIV, June 10 (JTA)--The Labor Party fully supports Premier Yitzhak Rabin on his present mission to Washington, Labor Party General Secretary Meir Zarmi said at a party regional meeting last night. He stressed that this support included not only Labor but the Alignment itself, Labor and Mapam.

Zarmi promised that there will be party elections before the end of the year, a move long demanded by many branches of the party but postponed because of differences of opinion within its ranks. It was assumed here that the party leadership now believes these differences have diminished. Zarmi concluded by stating that although the cooperation with Mapam will continue, its form -- Alignment, merger or coalition -- is still undecided.

JERUSALEM (JTA)--A public garden was dedicated on the Mt. of Olives Monday in a joint project of Jews and Baptists. The garden, located in an Arab neighborhood, is named for Alton and Winnie Newell, Baptists from Dallas, Texas.

ADL FILES LEGAL CHARGES AGAINST FOUR AMERICAN CORPORATIONS FOR ALLEGED ANTI-JEWISH POLICIES

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, June 10 (JTA)--The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has filed legal charges against four American corporations charging them with anti-Jewish discrimination in their hiring policies and violating the civil rights of American citizens.

At a press conference at ADL headquarters here today it was announced that charges were filed June 4 with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) against Aramco Service Co., Texas; Bendix-Sizano, Maryland; Hospital Corporation of America, Tenn.; and International Schools Services, Princeton, N.J. The four companies are accused of accepting and complying with anti-Jewish job practices of Saudi Arabia and Abu-Dubai. According to Arnold Forster, ADL's general counsel, those firms are "screening out Jews from employment in the Arab world on the basis of religion." He cited Aramco, the world's largest oil combine, for demanding baptismal certificates from candidates seeking employment overseas, to prove that they are not Jewish.

Forster said that the charges of discrimination made to the EEOC will be "preliminary steps to Federal Court." If the ADL's application for an immediate "right to sue" is granted by the EEOC, Forster added that ADL filed the charges in order to compel the four firms "to cease and desist their collusive discrimination with the Arab countries," to nullify those clauses in the U.S.-Saudi agreement which encourage them to do so and to obtain a ruling that will "serve as a binding precedent upon American firms doing business with the Arabs." The U.S. trade agreement with Saudi Arabia, signed June 1974, stated that the U.S. agrees to be "sensitive to the social, cultural, political and religious contexts of Saudi Arabia."

Seymour Graubard, national chairman of ADL, said that the League "deliberately selected" four big and powerful corporations in order to reach "a clear and unequivocal" rule against the illegal discrimination of American Jews. He added that these companies "are simply the top of the iceberg" and that the ADL's legal action against them is only "the vanguard" for more legal charges against American firms discriminating against Jews. Forster said the ADL continues with its investigation of American firms dealing with the Arabs. He noted that since the ADL disclosed last February that it has been investigating American corporations who yield to Arab pressure, it became more difficult "but not impossible" to proceed with the investigation.

APPEALS FILED FOR MOSCOW JEWS EXILED TO SIBERIA

NEW YORK, June 10 (JTA)--Relatives of Mark Nashpitz and Boris Tsiftlikov, the two Moscow activists who were sentenced to five years of exile in Siberia after demonstrating near the Kremlin last February, have appealed to have the case reopened, the National Conference on Soviet Jewry reported today. The authorities have accepted the documents and a decision is expected in about three weeks.

The NCSJ also reported that Anatoly Malkin, 21, of Moscow, who was detained last week will probably be charged with draft evasion. Malkin, who is being kept in isolation, applied for an exit

visa in July 1974 and was expelled from his third year at the university which made him liable for conscription. The NCSJ noted that for a young Jew, service in the army means postponing his departure for seven years because he cannot be given an exit visa for five years following the mandatory two years of military service.

The NCSJ reported that Alexander Slunim, who is serving a three-year sentence for refusing to serve in the army has been deprived of his right to receive visitors. It reported further that in the Moscow suburb of Babushkin, Jews seeking to apply for emigration were told to go home because "emigration is finished." In another region, applicants were told their invitations from relatives in Israel to come there were forged. Stanley H. Lowell, chairman of the NCSJ said the new tax aimed at harassing Soviet Jews and these reports from local regions are an indication of worsening conditions faced by Soviet Jews who seek to emigrate.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

JERUSALEM (JTA)--Lord Caradon, the former British Ambassador to the United Nations, urged Israel Monday to cultivate the Palestinian leadership in the administered territories. "As long as Israel refrains from doing so, she should not be surprised that the Palestinians follow other leaders who live outside the territories," an apparent reference to the PLO, the newspaper Yediot Achronot reported. Lord Caradon, who is on one of his frequent visits to Israel and the administered territories since his retirement, also advised the Palestinians to "accept Resolution 242 and demand its full implementation."

BONN (JTA)--West Germany will provide Israel with DM 140 million in capital aid for 1975 under an agreement signed in Bonn Tuesday. The assistance, at the same level as in previous years, will be used to finance mainly housing and telephone projects and the Israel Industrial Development Bank.

JERUSALEM (JTA)--Two brothers who had lost contact with each other for 45 years were reunited here Tuesday with the help of the Jewish Agency's "Search for Relatives" department. Benno Weiner, who immigrated to Israel from the Soviet Union two years ago, applied to the department to help find his brother, Isidore. At the same time, Mrs. Sara Berkowitz of Kibbutz Beeri in the Negev asked the department to find Benno on behalf of her brother-in-law, Isidore Weiner of Montreal, Canada. The department made the connection and Isidore flew in from Montreal this week. The Jewish Agency department handles some 600 queries each month, most of them from Soviet immigrants.

COPENHAGEN (JTA)--Danish Foreign Minister K.B. Andersen, returning from Moscow, told journalists Tuesday that the exclusion of Israel from the United Nations would be drastic. He added that the Soviets consider the United Nations a universal organization. Asked about the possible installation of a Palestine Liberation Organization information bureau in Copenhagen, Andersen said: "An information office does not need government permission to open in Denmark."

SAN FRANCISCO (JTA)--Roger Pavlov, the local coordinator of the Jewish Defense League, was sentenced to 30 days in jail Tuesday for violating probation by staging a sit-in at the offices of the Jewish Welfare Federation April 8.