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ISRAEL PURSUING NEGOTIATIONS WITH EGYPT; CABINET HOLDS LATE NIGHT SESSION TO REVIEW DEVELOPMENTS

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, July 20 (JTA) -- Israel is pursuing negotiations with Egypt as though there was no Egyptian pressure in connection with the UNEF mandate; and the negotiations seem to be progressing well. This summary of the situation was given to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency by well placed sources here just before the Cabinet met tonight to consider reports on the state of the negotiations to date. The Cabinet held its regular Sunday session this morning but, finding its agenda crowded, confined itself to other matters and decided to reconvene tonight to discuss the state of negotiations.

Well-placed sources said the ball was basically in Egypt's court now and Israelis waiting to hear President Anwar Sadat's reaction to its latest proposals transmitted through Israel's Ambassador Simcha Dinitz and the U.S. Ambassador to Cairo, Hermann Eilts. Reports reaching here from Washington indicating that an agreement was as good as concluded were dismissed as premature by the sources. While progress had been made, certain issues still need to be resolved, both on the Israel-Egypt level and in the context of Israel-U.S. relations. The general feeling here, however, was that unless last-minute obstacles were raised by Cairo an agreement would be concluded probably by a renewal of Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's "shuttle" diplomacy in August.

ISRAEL, EGYPT TAKING MEASURES IN SINAI ON ASSUMPTION THAT UNEF MANDATE MAY NOT BE RENEWED

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, July 20 (JTA) -- Egyptian and Israeli forces in Sinai have each taken specific military measures based on the supposition that the United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF) may be withdrawn from the buffer zone when its mandate expires next Thursday, July 24, it was reported here today. The likelihood is that the force will remain, at least until the United Nations Security Council, meeting this week, determines its fate. (See separate story p.4)

Egypt's announcement last week that it would not agree to an extension of the UNEF mandate did not include a demand for its withdrawal or a statement of non-cooperation. But the Israeli army is taking no chances and is preparing itself for a situation in which it would be in direct confrontation with the Egyptian army with no interposition of UN forces between them for the first time since the end of the Yom Kippur War. Such a situation, even if it does not lead to hostile incidents, would create considerable tension in Sinai.

Former Minister of Information Gen. Aharon Yariv, said Friday, however, that the Egyptian decision not to renew the UNEF mandate was a political one without military significance. Yariv, who negotiated the Kilometer 101 ceasefire agreement with Egyptian officers after the Yom Kippur War, insisted that even if Egypt carried out its threat not to extend the UNEF mandate, there was no reason for alarm from a military point of view. But he conceded that Cairo's move could sabotage negotiations for an interim settlement with Israel.

"There is a danger that if the situation gets out of hand it may jeopardize negotiations toward a new interim settlement, but this should worry Egypt more than Israel," Yariv said on a radio interview. He rejected comparisons between the situation now and that of May, 1967 when Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser ordered UN forces out of the Sinai and Gaza Strip thus precipitating the Six-Day War.

Golan Situation Of Greater Concern

Israeli military circles appeared less concerned about the situation in Sinai than that on the Golan Heights front with Syria where the departure of the Peruvian battalions last Friday left the United Nations Disengagement Observers Force (UNDOF) with only 900 men, well below the 1250 called for under the terms of the Israeli-Syrian disengagement agreement. Senior Israeli officers have approached UNDOF commander Gen. Ensio Siilasvuo with requests that he do everything possible to bring his forces back to full strength.

Although the UNDOF mandate will not expire for another three months, the Israeli military believes that with the departure of the Peruvians the force is insufficient to man the surveillance posts and carry out its inspection duties on both sides of the lines. UNDOF is now composed mainly of Austrian units which have to split their forces between the Syrian and Israeli sides of the Golan buffer zone. The rest of the force is made up of Canadian and Polish contingents which are occupied mainly with logistics problems.

YOUNGSTER KILLED, 5 CHILDREN AND 2 ADULTS INJURED IN GAS EXPLOSION

Police Investigators Rule Out Sabotage

JERUSALEM, July 20 (JTA) -- A nine-year-old boy, Naftali Peretz, was killed instantly today and five other children and two adults were injured when a gas explosion in an apartment house in Kiryat Hayovel suburb showered tons of debris on an adjacent lot where the youngsters were playing. Two of the injured children were reported in serious condition.

Initially the blast was attributed to terrorist sabotage. But police investigators announced an hour later that it was caused by a defective water heater in which excessive gas pressure had built up. The explosion destroyed the apartment in which the heater was located and the flats directly above and below it in the three story building. Other youngsters playing on the lot stopped passing cars which took the injured to the hospitals.

Police Chief Shaul Rosolio and Gen. Yona Efrat, commander of the central region where on the scene quickly along with ambulances and fire-

fighting equipment. They were joined by Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek as police bulldozers sifted the wreckage for additional bodies, but none were found.

Kollek promised the occupants of the destroyed flats and neighbors whose flats also suffered damage that the city would pay for repairs. The residents made homeless by the blast will be housed at the city's expense until it is decided whether to rebuild their flats.

SURGE IN ARAB BOYCOTT ACTIVITY

WASHINGTON, July 20 (JTA) -- Sen. Harrison A. Williams, Jr. (D, NJ) has disclosed that there has been a huge jump in Arab boycott activities involving U.S. firms in the past three years. He said figures supplied by the Department of Commerce show a nearly 30-fold increase in the dollar value of U.S. exports involved in boycott-affected transactions.

The figures revealed that in 1973 some $7 million worth of American-made goods were involved in transactions in which the exporter was asked for information related to the boycott which encompasses firms which do business with or in Israel, and in some cases firms with Jewish owners. In 1974 the dollar value of goods in such transactions rose to nearly $10 million. However, this year there has been a surge in such transactions, with the total so far approaching $204 million.

Williams said that requests for boycott-related information have been initiated at least once from all of the 20-member countries of the Arab Boycott League except five -- Algeria, Sudan, Tunisia, Somalia and Mauritania.

Saudi Arabia, Kuwait Lead

The leader in such requests is Saudi Arabia which, since 1972, has initiated 31,422. The next largest number have come from Kuwait, which has initiated 860 since 1972. However, this year Kuwait initiated the greatest number -- 220 -- and Saudi Arabia is second with 194. Information comes from private companies. Certain governments, notably Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, require commercial documents to contain restrictive trade certificates as a prerequisite to allowing goods to be imported.

Referring to the surge in the dollar value of U.S. exports involved in the boycott-affected transaction, Williams said: "These statistics are extremely unsettling. They document an alarming increase in attempts by foreign nations to coerce American business into discriminatory trade practices. In my judgment, this is dramatic evidence of the need for legislation to insure against any further penetration of our economy by foreign interests which instigate such boycott activities."

William, chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Securities, is the author of the Foreign Investment Act of 1975, which is now pending, and of an amendment to that bill which would prohibit foreigners who instigate business boycotts from making large investments in U.S. companies. The figures released by Williams were collected by the Commerce Department pursuant to a provision of the Export Administration Act of 1969. It requires exporters to report within 15 business days and requests they receive for information related to an economic boycott. The Commerce Department has until now refused to make public much of the boycott information. Williams requested it on March 13 and finally received a partial response after a protracted dialogue with the Department, including a meeting in his office with Undersecretary John K. Tabor.

OPPOSE CHANGE IN JACKSON AMENDMENT

NEW YORK, July 20 (JTA) -- The National Conference on Soviet Jewry and the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish organizations have voiced opposition to any changes in the Jackson-Vanik amendment to the Trade Act without an improvement in the Soviet Union's restrictive emigration policy. The two groups issued a joint statement following a meeting Thursday between President Ford and several of the 17 Senators who recently visited the Soviet Union.

The statement said: "Without any prior signs of positive performance we oppose new efforts to modify those vital portions of the Trade Act which link trade policies to the emigration practices of non-market countries. With respect to the Soviet Union, that performance has been shockingly poor. In the last six months Soviet authorities could have demonstrated their positive intentions in regard to international obligations on emigration, without any connection to trade matters. Instead Jewish emigration has been slashed to its lowest point in years, and more Jews were imprisoned for emigration-related incidents.

"In our view the ball is now in the Soviet court and before any thought can be given to modifying the law of the land we must see action by the Soviets: an end to the harassment of Jews, unhampered emigration for those Jews who wish to leave, and the equality of treatment in the USSR for Jews. While we support efforts to improve relations between our two great nations, we also believe that the Soviet Union should be more responsive to the sentiments of the American people in regard to basic human rights."

Meanwhile, Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R, NY), one of the Senators who visited the USSR, told the National Conference and the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry that any easing of credit restrictions is tied to progress in Jewish emigration from the USSR. "There has to be some movement on the Soviet side," Javits said, noting that there has not been any such movement during the last six months.

HEAD OF RABBINICAL COUNCIL OF AMERICA SUPPORTS GUSH EMUNIM
By David Landau

JERUSALEM, July 20 (JTA) -- The President of the Rabbinical Council of America, Rabbi Fabian Schonfeld, told a press conference here today that he fully supported the "Gush Enumin" right-wing settlement movement and believed the "vast majority" of RCA's 1,100 members did so too. Rabbi Schonfeld also said that he -- like Gush Emunim -- was totally opposed to the current settlement proposals in the Sinai and believed it would bring war in its wake.

Rabbi Schonfeld, who was accompanied by RCA's Israel branch head Rabbi Menahem Holtzer, Emunim leaders Yohanan Fried and Hanan Porat, said he was not speaking in his official capacity as RCA president and could not commit the Orthodox group to these views. Nevertheless, he was convinced that these views were

widely shared by RCA members. The rabbi, who is also a member of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, said "many" members of the Presidents Conference also supported "Emunim" and its policies. He named Rabbi Joseph Sternstein, president of the Zionist Organization of America, as an example.

Israel Fails To Give Instructions

Rabbi Schonfeld charged the Israeli government with failing to give "instructions" to the American Jewish leadership on how to act in support of Israel. He implied that many American Jews were opposed to the Ford-Kissinger policies. While it was "understandable" that Israel's leaders did not want to run into a "confrontation" with the Washington Administration, American Jewish citizens had "the right and the duty" to express their views, he said. He noted that many American Jews felt -- like he himself did -- that a more pro-Israeli policy would serve America's interests better than the current even-handedness. As regards the current settlement negotiations, Rabbi Schonfeld said that while Sinai was not part of historic Eretz Israel, retreat from the Mitle and Gidi passes on the terms offered seemed an invitation to disaster. The settlement terms called for no concessions from Egypt, with Israel being urged to make all the meaningful concessions, he said.

'Friends of Gush Emunim' In U.S.

The RCA had invited Fried to the U.S. and he appeared on RCA platforms around the country, Rabbi Schonfeld reported. As a result it had been decided to establish a "Friends of Gush Emunim" organization in the U.S. "We see Emunim as the instrumentality for explaining Jewry's historic right to Eretz Israel to American public opinion" Rabbi Schonfeld said. Porat said the aim of the new "Friends of Emunim" organization in the U.S. was to "inspire a major reawakening among American Jews" on the issues which Israelis considered vital to the existence of the State.

BORDER POLICEWOMAN CAPTURES TWO TERRORISTS AT AIRPORT CHECKPOINT
Daliyah Nahum Averts Disaster That Could Have Exceeded May 1971 Massacre
By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, July 20 (JTA) -- Israel had a new heroine today, border policewoman Daliyah Nahum, 22, of Beisan, who captured two terrorists at gunpoint at a Ben Gurion Airport checkpost Friday, thereby averting a disaster that could have exceeded the May, 1971 Lod Airport massacre in death and destruction. She has been recommended for a citation. Ms. Nahum has been with the Border Police only 10 months.

The terrorists, described as Arab youths from Nablus, were carrying high explosives which they intended to plant in the Airport terminal building, timed to go off at noon when crowds of arriving and departing passengers are at their peak. They had managed to pass unsuspected through the outer gates of the airport and were at the last checkpost, only 400 yards from the terminal, when they were arrested by Ms. Nahum whose suspicions were aroused.

A massive investigation in and around Nablus was still underway today. The captured terrorists, identified as Amad Bin-Shat Kamal Ya'Yish, 19, and Louis Ben-Ali Nafa Abdo, 20, are believed to be members of the gang responsible for the explosion of a booby-trapped ice box in Jerusalem's Zion Square three weeks ago which claimed 14 lives.

News of the events at Israel's busy international airport was blacked out for several hours to permit security forces to begin their investigation without alerting the terrorists. The details were disclosed today after dozens of other suspects were rounded up and the two Nablus youths continued under interrogation.

Details of Incident Released

At about 10 a.m., Friday, the two young men left a taxi at a gasoline station near the airport and approached the checkpost where Ms. Nahum and two border policemen were on duty. Ya'Yish, the son of a Nablus travel agent, was a familiar face at the airport and seemed to know his way around. Each man carried a small parcel and when asked for their destination, replied that they were travelling abroad.

According to routine security procedures, they entered the checkpost separately. While Ya'Yish was inside, Ms. Nahum noticed that his companions seemed nervous. She entered the checkpost and observed through a window that he was trying to conceal a nylon-wrapped parcel from which electric wires protruded.

Summoning the young man into the checkpost, she drew her revolver and, to the surprise of her fellow police-officer, ordered the two Arabs to raise their hands. Reinforcements were called and a sapper dismantled the parcels which were found to obtain high explosives and a timing device. The terrorists were transferred to a nearby police station for questioning.

Their mission was obviously to cause as much bloodshed as possible. At noon, when their device was to explode, at least five planes were discharging passengers into the terminal while hundreds more waited to board outgoing flights.

Police believe the terrorist gang under investigation was organized only recently with the aid of "summer visitors" from neighboring Arab countries. Visitors, posing as vacationers, are believed to have smuggled in the two mortar shells that caused the Zion Square carnage. While Israel has not abandoned its summer visitors program, it has intensified security at the Jordan River bridges to waylay terrorist emissaries. Security at Ben Gurion Airport has also been intensified since Friday's incident.

THREE TERRORISTS KILLED

TEL AVIV, July 30 (JTA) -- Three Arab terrorists, who were planning to capture hostages in Israel, were killed Friday by an Israeli army patrol in a clash near Metullah. One Israeli soldier was injured. Army officials said the terrorists, all about 20 years old, had rifles and ammunition, several anti-tank rockets, a large quantity of explosives, and a package of leaflets in Hebrew, Arabic and English in which the terrorists said they were holding hostages until a number of imprisoned terrorists were released. The three dead terrorists belonged to the Iraqi-supported Popular Struggle Front.

Meanwhile, eight Arabs remained in police custody today out of 24 arrested Friday morning following an explosion in Azor village east of Jaffa. Several windows were smashed in an apartment house but there were no casualties.

EFFORTS CONTINUE TO REACH FORMULA TO EXTEND UNEF MANDATE

Senate Adopts Resolution Warning Against Any Attempts To Expel Israel

By Yitzhak Rabi (United Nations) and Helen Silver (Washington)

July 20 (JTA) -- Members of the Security Council continued this weekend to conduct private consultations in an effort to reach a formula that will extend the mandate of the United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF) in Sinai after it expires July 24 and to deal with the mounting threats to expel Israel from the UN. Egypt last Tuesday announced that she would not renew the UNEF mandate unless the Security Council took steps to assure Israel's withdrawal from Arab territories. Forty Islamic nations meeting in Jidda, Saudi Arabia, last Wednesday demanded Israel's expulsion from the UN and all other international bodies.

Meanwhile, the Senate unanimously adopted a resolution last Friday which said that if Israel was expelled "The Senate will review all present United States commitments to the Third World nations involved in the expulsion and will consider seriously the implication of continued membership in the United Nations under such circumstances." The resolution was introduced by Senate majority leader Hugh Scott (R, PA).

Daniel P. Moynihan, after presenting his credentials as the new United States Ambassador to the UN Thursday, warned that Congress would act against any expulsion of Israel. Moynihan also stressed that the General Assembly cannot expel a member, only the Security Council has this power. The State Department reiterated this position. The General Assembly is due to open Sept. 16.

11th Hour Meeting For Security Council

Diplomatic sources at the UN told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that in view of the complexity of the crisis, the Security Council, which had originally planned to meet tomorrow may not be ready for the meeting until as late as Thursday, the day the UNEF mandate expires.

According to Western diplomats, the difficulty in reaching a formula is due to not knowing exactly what sort of resolution Egypt is seeking. Egyptian Ambassador Abdel Meguid has been quoted as saying that Egypt would like the resolution to call for Israel's withdrawal from all Arab territories taken during the Six Day War.

U.S. Against Changing Resolutions 242, 338

But State Department spokesman Robert Anderson said Friday that the U.S. is against any change in the previously adopted Security Council resolutions. "It is my very clear understanding that we continue to stand behind Resolutions 242 and 338," he said. "I do not think that they need revision and I know of no plan to revise such resolutions. This has been our publicly stated position all along..."

In an effort to head off non-renewal of the UNEF mandate, U.S. Ambassador Hermann Eilts left this weekend for Cairo with instructions from Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger on Israel's latest views for a second-stage interim agreement in the Sinai. Kissinger met with Israeli Ambassador Simcha Dinitz twice last week to receive what the State Department called new proposals from Israel.

Dinitz: Israel Is Not Stalling

After the second meeting Friday, Dinitz said he believed the United States has "a pretty comprehensive picture of the views, concepts and proposals that Israel has in mind for the next step" in the negotiations with Egypt. Dinitz said he felt "everything Israel has presented is constructive and conducive to progress."

But he stressed to "newsmen that "Nothing will be solved until everything is solved. So long as there are key elements that are not solved the whole thing is not concluded. I don't think we can talk of an agreement in principle or things of this nature. But I think we can say we have made progress and we hope that progress will continue so that components of the agreement will be ironed out," Dinitz said.

Asked about Egypt's charge that Israel is stalling on the negotiations, Dinitz replied: "My answer to that is look at my calendar. In the last 14 days I had five meetings with the Secretary of State, a meeting between my Prime Minister and the Secretary of State, two trips across the Atlantic, numerous telephone calls and meetings with other State Department officials. I hardly call it stalling."

Dinitz also again denied that the U.S. is putting pressure on Israel. "I do not believe that we are working in our dialogue with the United States under pressure," he said. "As I said before, there is no pressure needed in order to get Israel to move toward peace or toward an interim agreement because Israel wants it. And to the extent that Israel has to do things that are contrary to its interest and contrary to its security consideration no pressure would be helpful."

Turkey Did Not Vote For Expulsion

Meanwhile, Anderson told newsmen Friday that the State Department was informed by Turkey that it did not vote for the expulsion of Israel at the Jidda meeting, but abstained. News reports from the Saudi Arabia city said the resolution was adopted unanimously by the 40 Moslem countries including Turkey and Iran.

"The Turkish government on its own initiative informed us... that the Turks did not participate in the meetings in Jidda that dealt with drafting the resolution or when it was voted on," Anderson said. He stated that Turkish officials informed the U.S. that the news reports were erroneous and Turkey does not consider itself bound by the resolution. "They (Turkey) were never pressured by us before or at the Jidda Conference," Anderson stressed. He said he did not know officially whether Iran had voted for the resolution.

PLO LISTED IN UN 'BLUE BOOK'

UNITED NATIONS, July 17 (JTA) -- The Palestine Liberation Organization is listed, for the first time in the United Nations "Blue Book" of permanent missions to the UN for 1975, issued here last week. The PLO is listed under the section of "other organizations which have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate in the sessions and work of the General Assembly as observers." The PLO representatives, according to the "Blue Book", are Saadat Hasan and Zehdi Labib Terzi.