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EGYPTIAN REPLY ARRIVES; SEEMS TO CONTAIN SMALL CONCESSIONS

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Aug. 6 (JTA)--Egypt's reply to Israel's latest settlement proposals was received here today from the Washington Embassy. Officials said the three-member ministerial negotiating team would review it only tomorrow morning and Friday. The Cabinet will meet Sunday afternoon to hear their report and only then will a reply to Egypt be drafted.

Officials today were tight-lipped about the contents of the Egyptian reply. They seemed to endorse, though, the statement made yesterday by Israeli Ambassador Simcha Diniz in Washington --to the effect that the fact the negotiations were continuing was in itself a positive sign.

The Egyptian reply apparently contains some small concessions in comparison to Cairo's previous position, but it still leaves a broad gap along the entire length of the Sinai front. Informed sources said Israel's reply would probably be a request for further "clarifications" rather than a newly enunciated position. The sources said they thought the Cabinet would not, therefore, be required to take new decisions when it convenes Sunday.

The weekend talks here will be interlaced with official functions in connection with the visit of Mexican President Luis Echeverria beginning tomorrow afternoon. The Mexican leader leaves Sunday noon--after holding a joint press conference with Premier Yitzhak Rabin here.

Gaps Remain On Three Fronts

The informed sources indicated that while there had indeed been some Egyptian concessions, the gap had not been closed on any of the three fronts; the Mitla and Gidi Passes, the Refidim area to the north, and the Gulf of Suez strip to the south. Defense Minister Shimon Peres has said on several public occasions in the last 10 days that he sees Israel's latest offer as necessarily its last, and that there can be no room for further concessions. Sources close to Rabin were at pains today to point out that Rabin himself had been more circumspect in his public statements.

This immediately spread speculation in some quarters that a split within the ministerial negotiating team, and within the Cabinet, might be in the offing. But officials discouraged these thoughts stressing that the negotiating team of Foreign Minister Yigal Allon, Rabin and Peres had not yet met to discuss the Egyptian reply.

FORD, PLO REP SHOOK HANDS IN BUCHAREST

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6 (JTA)--President Ford shook hands with the representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization accredited to Rumania when the President arrived at Bucharest airport for his official visit to Rumania last week, the State Department acknowledged today. Robert Anderson, the Department spokesman, said that the PLO representative, not identified here by name, was present in the diplomatic greeting party "arranged by the Rumanian government" at

the airport when the President arrived.

"The President had no substantive exchange with him (the PLO representative) at all," Anderson said. "I want to stress here that there is no change in our position with respect to the PLO which is that we have no substantive contacts with it."

Asked whether there had been "non-substantive contacts" with the PLO by the United States, Anderson recalled that at the United Nations General Assembly last November, when a PLO delegation was voted observer status, there "might have been non-substantive contacts on arrangements."

Earlier Remark Recalled

In commenting on the meeting between Ford and the PLO representative, Anderson said that normally, the top representative or chief of protocol of the host country "will take the chief of state and introduce him to each person" in the greeting party. Questioned as to the extent of the contact, Anderson, said, to laughter by the newsmen, that "I am unaware that the President gave any sign of shock."

Anderson, who holds the rank of ambassador, said, in reply to another question, that in his overseas service, he had seen occasions when the host country arranged for the presence in a welcoming group for a visiting chief of state an individual who had no diplomatic relations with the country of the visiting chief of state.

The Bucharest incident recalled the remark of Ford, soon after he became President, that Israel would negotiate with Jordan "or the Palestine Liberation Organization." That statement was never formally repudiated by the White House.

PAYMENT TO POLAND CRITICIZED

TEL AVIV, Aug. 6 (JTA)--Tuvia Friedman, head of the Nazi War Crimes Documentation Center in Haifa, has strongly criticized the agreement by which West Germany will pay Poland DM 1 billion for work done by Polish labor under the Nazi regime in return for allowing 100,000 ethnic Germans living in Poland to come to West Germany. Friedman said the Polish laborers were chiefly Jews and Israel could have obtained greater compensation for Jewish forced labor if it had been willing to do so.

Friedman said the total compensation Poland will receive will probably be greater than DM 1 billion since Poland will probably release the remainder of the Germans within her borders under some future agreement. However, the 100,000 Jewish survivors from Poland had received almost nothing in payments from Germany, Friedman claimed.

PROTESTS MOUNTING AGAINST INVITATIONS OF PLO REPS TO LEU

LONDON, Aug. 6 (JTA)--The Board of Deputies of British Jews, the Zionist Federation of Great Britain and Ireland and B'nai B'rith of Britain have issued statements of protest to Prime Minister Harold Wilson and Home Secretary Roy Jenkins against the invitation to PLO representatives to attend the Inter-Parliamentary Union Confer-

ence here Sept. 2-13. Last week protests were made by prominent members of the Jewish community here and the Israel Embassy.

The Board of Deputies, expressing "dismay and indignation," said that if the PLO are to attend the conference "there will be inflicted upon this country terrorists who, together with colleagues in similar bodies, proudly claim responsibility for a series of murderous outrages against innocent civilians. These include, of course, the hijacking of British civilian aircraft."

The Zionist Federation charged that inviting the PLO is anomalous and illogical. "In light of the recent terrorist activity in Great Britain (the presence of the PLO) is likely to lead to further acts of terrorism as well as to possible breaches of the peace and outbreaks of violence." The terrorist activity referred to was the discovery recently in a London apartment of arms and a diary listing British Jews and non-Jews to be assassinated. The apartment was rented by a man believed to be connected with Arab terrorist activity in Britain and France.

B'nai B'rith noted that Canada had recently refused to permit the UN-sponsored crime conference to be held in Toronto because the PLO had been invited to attend. The B'nai B'rith, like the Board of Deputies and the Zionist Federation, urged British government leaders to refuse the PLO delegation visas to enter the country.

MILLER; U.S. PLAYING WITH FIRE BY SELLING ARMS TO ARABS WHILE DELAYING ARMS REQUESTS BY ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Aug. 6 (JTA)--Rabbi Israel Miller, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, said today "the Administration is playing with fire by promoting the sale of huge amounts of arms to the Arab world while delaying consideration of new Israeli requests pending the completion of the 'reassessment' of American policy in the Middle East." He said it is "time to stop" this "dangerous game." He issued this statement in response to the State Department's admission yesterday that "certain" military items are not being delivered to Israel.

Rabbi Miller said "American military sales to the Arab world, when added to the vast Arab arms purchases from Britain and France, are rapidly changing the balance of power in the Middle East in the Arabs' favor, diminishing Israel's ability to deter attack and thus threatening to plunge the Middle East into another war."

Rabbi Miller said "equally dangerous, the torrent of arms pouring into the Arab world, compared to the tiny trickle Israel is receiving from the United States--apparently just enough to keep open the pipeline of previously committed supplies--has a political dimension as well. The current U.S. policy of holding up considerations of new Israeli requests for military aid has been in effect for nearly six months. It can only encourage Arab intransigence and strengthen Arab refusal to move toward peace with Israel."

KIRYAT SHEMONA COUPLE INJURED

TEL AVIV, Aug. 6 (JTA)--A husband and wife, out for an evening stroll last night, were injured when a Katyusha rocket attack hit Kiryat Shemona for the second time yesterday. The couple, Sonogo and Daliah Rimon, were released from the hospital today, but Shlomo Gabriel, a father of seven, who was injured in yesterday morning's attack, was still hospitalized.

Last night's attack hit not only Kiryat Shemona where several houses were damaged but also Kibbutz Yashuv, east of the Galilee settlement. Israeli artillery fired back at the source of the rocket attacks in southern Lebanon. The Katyusha attacks followed earlier raids yesterday by Israel into Lebanon aimed at terrorist bases near Tyre.

Despite the attack, Kiryat Shemona sought to maintain a semblance of normalcy today. An infant, Itzhak Senansy, was circumcized today in his parents' apartment which had been damaged by rockets. The traditional ceremony, with a house full of guests, was carried out among the glass splinters and plaster pieces that were scattered on the floor. Some guests noted that this was the only way of showing that the residents of Kiryat Shemona are determined to continue living in the town despite the attacks.

Meanwhile, immediately after both attacks, employees of the electric and water companies began repairing the damages.

RABBIS BLAST LORINCZ EXCOMMUNICATION

JERUSALEM, Aug. 6 (JTA)--Four leading ultra-Orthodox rabbis issued a statement here decrying and spurning the Chief Rabbinate Council's excommunication last week of Knesset member Shlomo Lorincz. The Aguda Knesseter earned this reprobaton for having compared Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren to Idi Amin in a Knesset speech last week. Rabbi Goren himself headed the Council session when the excommunication bull was issued.

The four rabbis--Eliezer Shack of Ponewezh-Yeshiva, Yaacov Kantevsky of Hazon Ish Yeshiva (both of Bnei Brak); Shlomo Zalman Auerbach and Shalom Eliashiv (both of Jerusalem)--recalled in their statement an earlier declaration by themselves and other leading rabbis ruling that all of Rabbi Goren's judgements and halachic ordinances were "void." Referring to last week's "excommunication" in quotation marks, the four--all of whom are held in high esteem in ultra-Orthodox circles--say that the same applies to it, too. (By David Landau)

CORRECTION

The story on P. 1 of Wednesday's Bulletin stated that the Jewish Agency's aliya department is contacting NYC Jewish municipal employees who were laid off. This was incorrect. This is being done by the Israel Aliya Center which is sponsored by the World Zionist Organization-American Section.

KAHANE PLANS LEGAL ACTION

NEW YORK, Aug. 6 (JTA)--Rabbi Meir Kahane, founder of the Jewish Defense League, said today that he plans to take legal action against Matthew Walsh, director of the Westside Community Treatment Center where the rabbi is serving a one-year sentence, for reducing the time he is allowed to spend outside the center.

Kahane told a press conference at Gefens Restaurant in Manhattan's garment center that for the past three weeks Walsh has disobeyed court orders by reducing his time outside the center from the court-allowed seven-and-a-half hours to four-and-a-half hours a day. Federal Judge Jack Weinstein issued an order last May that allowed the rabbi time outside the half-way detention house to pray and eat at kosher restaurants.

Kahane said he felt his time outside the center was being reduced as a result of his recent activities against the Ford Administration's policies toward Israel. He and the JDL have been working on

a campaign to protest what they feel are "Ford's general foreign policy of choking Israel into concessions." Kahane said, "It was only when the government saw that my presence in New York enabled me to meet legally with people and plan activities against the Ford-Kissinger Administration that orders were given to Walsh to crack down."

U.S. Attorney David G. Trager yesterday asked the Court of Appeals to transfer Kahane to the federal penitentiary in Allenwood, Pa. while the issue of whether Jewish prisoners should be allowed kosher food is being resolved. Trager said that Kahane has shown disregard for the regulations of the half-way house. Walsh supported in court papers that he reduced the 43-year-old rabbi's time outside the center because of his repeatedly late arrivals. Kahane has served almost five months of a one-year sentence for parole violations in 1971. (By Mindy Yochelson.)

DINITZ SAYS ISRAEL NOT SATISFIED WITH U.S. FLOW OF ARMS, BUT IT IS NEITHER AN EMBARGO NOR STOPPAGE
By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6 (JTA)--If the Israeli government is anxious or critical about U.S. official attitudes toward obtaining a second interim accord in the Sinai, or shipments of weapons to the Middle East, Israeli Ambassador Simcha Dinitz is not reflecting them publicly. After a 90-minute meeting with Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger that went into the dinner hour yesterday, Dinitz indicated to newsmen in the State Department lobby, that both the discussions on an agreement and the flow of weapons are not unsatisfactory.

Regarding Egypt's latest reaction to Israeli proposals for a further Sinai withdrawal, Dinitz declined to discuss any aspect of the reaction but he noted that "I can say the course of negotiations is going on and this very fact is a good sign."

On reports that the U.S. has slowed or ceased deliveries of military supplies contracted prior to President Ford's reassessment order on March 24, even though the U.S. is willing to provide Jordan and North Yemen with arms, Dinitz said that his government is not completely satisfied with the flow of arms to Israel. But the situation on deliveries to Israel is "neither an embargo nor a stoppage," Dinitz said. He added that "naturally we would like to see more openness and a greater flow" of supplies.

U.S. Ambassador to Egypt, Hermann Ellits, who brought the Egyptian reaction to the latest Israeli proposals to Washington last weekend, is waiting here for the Israeli views. It is understood that the reaction Dinitz received from Kissinger will be discussed in Jerusalem quickly and that the Israeli view will be submitted through Dinitz to Kissinger by the end of this week. Ellits will then carry them to Cairo in the ambassadorial version of shuttle diplomacy.

JAPAN SUPPORTS U.S. MIDEAST EFFORTS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6 (JTA)--Japanese Prime Minister Takeo Miki said here today that Japan supports the U.S. initiatives in the Middle East and urged a ban on landing facilities everywhere in the world as an antidote to combat airplane hijackers. Addressing the National Press Club following two days of meetings with President Ford and his top advisors, Miki said in his prepared remarks that the second essential in the

building of world peace is "the conciliation of regional and local conflicts which endanger world stability and peace."

He added: "The Arab-Israeli confrontation is the most perilous of these flash points. In this tense situation, my government is grateful for--and sincerely supports--the delicate and imaginative diplomatic efforts of your President and Secretary of State in attempting to mediate a solution to this complex problem." Miki listed "the steadfast pursuit of detente, or the easing of superpower tensions" coupled with "persistent efforts to expand mutually beneficial cooperation" as the first essential for peace.

Asked for the Japanese government's reasons in releasing five Japanese prisoners in Tokyo demanded by terrorists who took 50 persons as hostages in Kuala Lumpur, Miki said that the first consideration was "sanctity of human life" and then he added his hope that hijackers will be refused landing anywhere in the world. "This is the best means to prevent such lawless acts from happening again and again," Miki said through an interpreter.

JEWISH BLIND MEET IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Aug. 6 (JTA)--More than 200 Jewish blind persons from Israel, the U.S., France, Great Britain and West Germany are attending the "First World Conference on the Problems of the Jewish Blind" here in Jerusalem's Hilton Hotel. The conference is sponsored by the Jewish Blind Society of England and the Jewish Braille Institute of America, as well as by Israeli government departments and volunteer organizations.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, Dr. Moshe Kurtz, director general of the Welfare Ministry, said that while there was no great difficulty in finding employment for blind people in Israel, employers did have to be prompted to accept a blind person and rarely volunteered to do so. Other speakers, both blind and sighted, stressed that the blind can perform many more functions than they are usually allowed to do. President Ephraim Katzir and Mayor Teddy Kolek held separate receptions for the conferees.

HARDEN ASHKENAZY DEAD AT 67

TEL AVIV, Aug. 6 (JTA)--Funeral services were held today for Prof. Harden Ashkenazy, a world renowned neuro-surgeon. He died last night at the age of 67 after a long illness. Dr. Ashkenazy was a professor of neuro-surgery at Beilinson Hospital and at Tel Aviv University's Medical School. A native of Bucharest, he studied medicine in Paris and later did additional studies at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore; the Lahey Clinic, Boston, and at the universities of Chicago, Oxford and Stockholm.

During World War II, Dr. Ashkenazy was sent to treat Jewish forced laborers in the Ukraine. In 1947, he was among the illegal immigrants who tried unsuccessfully to reach Palestine aboard the ship Pan York. He and the other immigrants were sent to Cyprus where the Hagana, having learned of his presence, smuggled him off the island into Palestine.

By 1948, Dr. Ashkenazy was working at Beilinson Hospital where he set up the neuro-surgery department. He helped save the lives of hundreds of soldiers during Israel's wars. He also trained a generation of neuro-surgeons who now head departments in hospitals throughout Israel.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES**RESURGENT ANTI-SEMITISM IN ARGENTINA**

By Edna Alzenberg

(Editor's note: Edna Alzenberg, former JTA correspondent in Venezuela, visited Argentina last month. Her analysis is presented in a two-part series.)

Part One

Aug. 6 (JTA)--"We will all go to Argentina and once again work the land, and care for our flocks.... You'll see! You'll see! It's a land where everyone works and where the Christian won't hate us, because there the sky is different and in his soul are found mercy and justice." (Alberto Gerchunoff, "Los Gauchos Judios")

In 1910, when Argentina celebrated its first centenary of independence, a Russian-born Jewish immigrant published a collection of stories in Buenos Aires as his homage to the land where the sky was different and Christian didn't hate Jew. Alberto Gerchunoff, author of the volume which he entitled "Los Gauchos Judios" (The Jewish Cowboys), was one of a group of Russian Jewish settlers brought to Argentina by the Jewish Colonization Association at the turn of the century as part of Baron Maurice de Hirsch's plan to find new homes for Jews living under the heel of czarist Mother Russia.

Later, becoming a prominent newspaperman and writer, Gerchunoff described in a series of short vignettes how observant, Yiddish-speaking shtetl Jews who didn't know the first thing about agriculture, became farmers, adjusting to the ways of the Argentine countryside even as they sought to maintain their Jewish identity.

In 1975, "Los Gauchos Judios" was brought to the screen and caused an immediate reaction. During the movie's premier in Buenos Aires, incendiary bombs were hurled at the entrance to Cine Broadway where the picture was being shown while "unknowns" destroyed glass doors and seats on the premises and distributed virulently anti-Semitic handbills claiming that "gold" was the Jewish gaucho's seed, "usury, their plow; man, their beast of burden; their fruit, the blood of the Argentines."

Even before the movie's opening, during the filming, there was an attempted arson on the set which destroyed scenery and technical equipment and forced the interruption of work for a week. After that, the area where the movie was being shot was placed under armed guard. A preview of "Los Gauchos Judios" scheduled by a Buenos Aires cinema club was cancelled at the last moment when the picture's director, Juan Jose Jusid, received threats.

Different Historical Moments

The apparent contradiction between Gerchunoff's paean to Argentina as the Promised Land and the incidents at the Cine Broadway are largely a result of the historical moments which produced each. Gerchunoff wrote at a time when Argentina was the most modern, prosperous, and powerful nation of all those that had come into being out of the dismemberment of the Spanish empire in the New World; when for scores of European immigrants--Jews included--the republic on the River Plate symbolized America.

The movie's version of his work, on the other hand, opened at a time of trouble for Argentina when the country is undergoing one of its severest political, economic, and social crises, with extremists both on the right and the left trying to outdo each other in the violence of their words and

acts. In the midst of this chaos, the government of Isabel Peron, widow of Juan Peron, the general idolized by the Argentine masses, flounders in the maelstrom literally like a ship that has lost its captain.

The anti-Semitic outburst generated by "Los Gauchos Judios" (which had some of Argentina's finest actors, Jewish and non-Jewish, in its cast) must be seen against this general state of affairs in Argentina and is but one example of a long list of hostile events that for the past several months have put the country's 450,000 Jews on guard. Other such acts have included:

Recent Anti-Semitic Acts

* Anti-Semitic articles in the press, mostly in newspapers and magazines published by right- and leftist groups in Buenos Aires and in provincial newspapers.

* The banning by the authorities of a mass meeting in commemoration of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising to be held in the city of Cordoba for "reasons of security."

* A television program on a major Buenos Aires station featuring the Libyan ambassador in which accusations were made against Israel, the Jewish religion, and an alleged Jewish scheme--the so-called "Plan Andinia"--to create a new State of Israel through the taking over of certain Argentine provinces.

* A bomb caused damage to the front of Buenos Aires' Paso Synagogue.

* The "Jewish Hour" broadcast for more than 25 years in the provincial city of Rosario was cancelled for "programming reasons" and replaced by an Arab program.

This resurgent anti-Semitism is fomented both by local extremists anxious to exploit the current unrest, as well as by Arab interests. Of late, Argentina's traditional friendliness to Israel has weakened. At the recent United Nations Conference on Women, for example, Argentina was one of the sponsors of the final resolution condemning Zionism along with other world "evils."

Awareness Rather Than Panic

Despite the seriousness of the situation, a month-long visit to Argentina this summer--winter in the Southern Hemisphere--left this correspondent with the impression that Argentine Jews are just as, if not more, worried about the overall falling apart of things than about the particularly anti-Jewish manifestations. There is a feeling that one breeds the other and that when order is restored to the nation's political and economic life the incidents will abate.

There seems to be no panic in the Jewish community, rather an awareness of what one leader called "the magnitude of the dangers which loom" coupled with a determination to defend Jewish rights and property, to protest vigorously against any outrage, and to keep the lines of communication open with responsible political figures. (Part Two tomorrow.)

AMSTERDAM (JTA)--A book published here on the 100th anniversary of the death of Hans Christian Andersen relates Jewish motifs in the Danish fairy tales to Andersen's supposedly Jewish origins. Dutch author Helene van Woelderer believes that the Danish storyteller took his origins directly from the Dan tribe, one of the 10 lost tribes of Israel. According to Ms. van Woelderer, the Dan tribe settled in Denmark. Among Ms. van Woelderer's other theories is one that the Dutch people descend from the Zebulon tribe.