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'SIGNIFICANT CHANGES' SEEN IN EGYPT'S LATEST PROPOSALS; KISSINGER MAY RENEW SHUTTLE

By Tuvia Mendelson

JERUSALEM, Aug. 7 (JTA)--There were indications today here that Egypt made "significant changes" in its proposals for a second-stage interim agreement. This has led to increased optimism about the chances for a settlement and the speculation that Premier Yitzhak Rabin may cancel his scheduled trip to Austria because Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger is expected to be renewing his shuttle diplomacy around Aug. 20.

The increased optimism came after the ministerial negotiating team--Rabin, Foreign Minister Yigal Allon and Defense Minister Shimon Peres--met today to examine the Egyptian proposals. An official said that "significant changes" had been noted in the Egyptian reply to Israel's latest proposals.

The Israeli response is expected to be given tonight or tomorrow to Kissinger by Israeli Ambassador Simcha Dinits in Washington. However, Maariv's political correspondent, Yosef Hariff, said that the Israeli answer may not come until next week and that Israel would ask for additional clarification before it agrees that Kissinger should resume his "shuttle" between Cairo and Jerusalem. Hariff explained that while the Egyptian response has increased optimism both in Jerusalem and Washington, Israel feels some "basic" clarifications are still needed.

The full Cabinet is expected to discuss the Egyptian proposal Sunday, but sources said it would not be required to take any new decisions since the negotiating team will only be seeking clarifications.

DENY KISSINGER IS PRESSING ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7 (JTA)--The State Department today "categorically" denied that Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger had urged Israel to speed up negotiations so that he could resume his shuttle diplomacy Aug. 20 on a second Sinai interim accord.

Department spokesman Robert Anderson was asked for comment on a report that Kissinger had sent a message to Israeli Premier Yitzhak Rabin to expedite negotiations now underway with Egypt through Kissinger. "This has no foundation," Anderson said, replying to a query on the report. "I can deny that report categorically. We are proceeding in these talks at the fastest pace compatible with reasonable success. In other words, we are trying our best to try and move the negotiations along."

PERES: U.S. WITHHOLDING SOME ARMS TO ISRAEL AND DELAYING ON OTHERS

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Aug. 7 (JTA)--Defense Minister Shimon Peres said today that "we shall soon know if we are nearing" another interim accord with Egypt but he said it was "unwise" while negotiations continued to make "almost every morning" new evaluations of the talks. Speaking at a luncheon meeting of the Israeli-American Chamber of Commerce, Peres confirmed reports that the

United States was continuing to send to Israel military items scheduled to be supplied under previous agreements.

However, he said, since the start of the Ford Administration's "reassessment" last March of its Middle East policies, there are military items "we are prevented from getting" and items on which supply to Israel "is being delayed." Peres declared that a major effort was being made to expand Israel's military industry, adding that "the less we use our friendship with the United States for military supplies, the greater the friendship will be."

Citing an estimate that the Soviet investment in arms and other supplies to Middle East Arab countries totals about \$25 billion, Peres conceded it was unlikely that Israel alone would be able to meet the "non-stop" flow of Soviet military and economic aid to the Arab countries. Malcolm Toon, the U.S. Ambassador to Israel, told the luncheon the United States would continue its economic aid to Israel.

TERRORIST BASES HIT AGAIN; ISRAELI PATROLS ATTACKED IN THREE INCIDENTS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 7 (JTA)--Israel conducted another raid last night against terrorist installations in Lebanon, the third this week. Meanwhile, Arab terrorists attacked Israeli border patrols in three separate actions early today. There were no Israeli injuries. The Israeli raid, which met no opposition, was carried out in two villages, Taloussa, five kilometers west of Manara, and Hanin, north of Biranit. In Hanin, a house belonging to a man who aided terrorists, was blown up.

The first terrorist attack came at 1 a.m. today when a bazooka shell was fired at an Israeli patrol north of Zarit. At 3 a.m., bazooka shells and small arms fire were directed at a patrol northwest of Metullah. Ninety minutes later a bazooka shell was fired at another patrol near Margalyot. In all three cases the Israeli units returned fire.

MEXICO'S PRESIDENT IN JERUSALEM

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Aug. 7 (JTA)--Mexican President Luis Echeverria dined with Premier Yitzhak Rabin, Foreign Minister Yigal Allon and other top officials at the Premier's residence here this evening--the first evening of his four-day official visit. The dinner was preceded by political talks which continued through the meal.

After the dinner, the party was to join hundreds of other officials and guests as an official reception at President Ephraim Katzir's residence. Echeverria, his wife and a retinue of 180 officials and newsmen arrived at Ben Gurion Airport in two special planes from Egypt. A gun salute and flypast greeted him as Mexican and Israeli flags fluttered in the sunshine. Katzir and Rabin were on hand in the welcoming party.

Echeverria spoke of Israel's "right to live in stability and security" and of the shaky state of world peace which must be strengthened in the Mideast and elsewhere. He stressed the need to strengthen the United Nations and also emphasized the very warm relations existing between

Israel and Mexico in many fields.

His first stop in flag-bedecked Jerusalem was the President's residence for a brief courtesy call. Next he visited the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial where he laid a wreath. In a massive and intricate hospitality effort, Israeli officials and ministers hosted parallel dinners this evening for the various members of the Mexican party. Israel is the 14th port of call on the Echeverria's current world tour which will end next week in Jordan.

RAISING THE ANTE ON EMIGRATION

JERUSALEM, Aug. 7 (JTA)--The Soviet authorities are placing additional stumbling blocks in the path of Jews who wish to emigrate, Jewish Agency Chairman Pinhas Sapir said here this week. He said there is a whole series of payments, none of them massive, but together amounting to a fair sum, which a person wishing to leave must pay before he can get out.

These, he told a meeting of the presidium of the Zionist General Council, include payments for passports, visas, taxes and other payments which have been raised recently according to information reaching him. The hikes make it harder for Jews to leave, Sapir said.

KAMINSKY, YAGMAN DUE IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Aug. 7 (JTA)--Former "Prisoners of Conscience" Lassel Kaminsky and Lev Yagman--both sentenced to five years in the second Leningrad trial in May 1971--are on route from the Soviet Union to Israel and due to arrive tonight at Ben Gurion Airport, the National Conference on Soviet Jewry reported here today. The two will be joining their families who are already in Israel.

FORD: U.S.-USSR CONFRONTATION POSSIBLE IF NEW WAR ERUPTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7 (JTA)--President Ford said today that both Israel and Egypt have to be flexible in achieving a peace agreement and that a fifth Arab-Israeli war may bring a confrontation between the United States and the Soviet Union. Speaking in an interview on the Public Broadcast System's 150 stations, Ford said: "Both Israel and Egypt have to understand that flexibility at this time is important to the peace of the area and possibly peace in the world."

He also said that another Arab-Israeli war would have the "potential of a confrontation" between the superpowers. Noting that he had discussed confrontation possibilities with Soviet Communist Party Secretary Leonid Brezhnev in Helsinki last week, the President said: "I think the Soviet Union has acted in a very responsible way. I think they understand the potential consequences of no progress for continued peace and understanding in the Middle East." Ford added that he made it known to Brezhnev "very, very strongly" that the U.S. believes that Israel should continue to be a United Nations member.

BEN GURION AND HAIFA UNIVERSITIES JOIN UJA'S ISRAEL EDUCATION FUND

NEW YORK, Aug. 7 (JTA)--The United Jewish Appeal has concluded agreements with the American Associates of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev and the American Friends of the University of Haifa to undertake capital fund-raising campaigns for Israel's two newest universities. UJA general chairman Frank R. Lautenberg announced The campaigns will be conducted through the

UJA's Israel Education Fund in addition to its ongoing program in behalf of secondary education and other cultural, educational and athletic facilities in Israel. Capital fund-raising by the universities' American organizations will be discontinued.

The capital projects to be funded under the agreements include construction of educational and related facilities, the establishment of special programs and projects and the endowment of chairs. Following the basic Israel Education Fund operational pattern, minimum gifts of \$100,000 will be solicited, over and above usual UJA contributions in full cooperation with federations and welfare funds throughout the country.

Recently, Alexander Grass, a UJA national chairman, was named president of UJA's Israel Education Fund, and Philip Zinman, past IEF president, was appointed board chairman.

"The UJA welcomes the opportunity," Lautenberg said, "to join Israel's southernmost and northernmost universities in serving the cause of human progress and working toward solutions of diverse social and scientific problems in Israel."

RABBI SAYS EUTHANASIA BANNED

JERUSALEM, Aug. 7 (JTA)--Mercy-killing (euthanasia) is forbidden by Jewish law under any circumstances, Rabbi Simha Hachohen Kook, rabbi of Rehovot, told delegates to the oral law conference (Tora Shebaal Peh Conference) here this week.

The conference is an annual event held at the Rav Kook Institute here. The Rehovot rabbi is a great-grandson of the first Rav Kook whose name the institute bears. This year's conference is on halacha and medical problems. Rabbi Kook said the ban applied even when the patient was suffering terribly and there was no hope whatever for saving him.

Haifa's newly elected Sephardic Chief Rabbi, Eliahu Bakshi-Doron, considered the question of plastic surgery performed for cosmetic purposes. He said that if the patient had a noticeable physical disability which obviously caused him grief and anxiety, then it would be permitted to undertake cosmetic surgery to remove or minimize it.

But cosmetic operations were prohibited when they were undertaken solely for beautification purposes when no glaring flaw in the patient's appearance was noticeable. In such cases the operation would be considered by the halacha an unnecessary wound--and therefore unlawful. This applied even if the patient wanted the operation, Rabbi Bakshi-Doron said.

O'NEILL RESOLUTION NOW HAS 232 SIGNERS; 13 MORE EXPECTED TO SIGN By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7 (JTA)--Even though Congress is in summer recess, more than half of the 435 members of the House have joined in a resolution that urges the U.S. government to consider withdrawal from the United Nations General Assembly if Israel is "expelled or suspended" from it.

The resolution, which was introduced by House Democratic leader, Rep. Thomas O'Neill of Massachusetts prior to the recess for the month of August, now has 232 signers. Thirteen other Congressmen have announced they will sign the resolution when they return to Washington. This brings the total support to 245 members. The co-sponsors include the three top leaders of both the Republican and Democratic Parties in the House.

The 165 Democrats and 80 Republican supporters are from 42 states.

It is expected that other members will join the list when Congress reconvenes Sept. 3 and acts upon the resolution shortly thereafter. The General Assembly will meet the following week in New York in a special session on economic issues. It is at that time that the Arab bloc is expected to move against Israel to climax its campaign to isolate the Jewish State from international organizations. The Arabs have been campaigning among Third World and Communist countries on this particular issue.

The O'Neill resolution states that if Israel "is expelled or suspended" the U.S. government "should reassess its relationship with and commitments to the United Nations General Assembly looking, as one of its options, to possible withdrawal from that body." The resolution takes into account the possibility that the Arab bloc and its allies may desist from demanding Israel's expulsion in view of the upsurge of opposition in Western countries against such action.

The Senate on July 18 adopted without dissent a resolution stating that the U.S. will "not tolerate any attempts to expel" Israel from the UN. That resolution was introduced by Republican leader Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania with 56 sponsors. Senate sources said that while the Scott resolution does not mention "suspension" the language regarding "attempts" to expel would probably embrace "suspension" and bring quick Senate action against Israel's enemies.

POPE TO RECEIVE SHOFAR

NEW YORK, Aug. 7 (JTA)--Pope Paul VI will be presented with a shofar as a gift from the Interfaith Committee of Israel by a group of students of Seton Hall University and clergymen from various parts of the country during their audience with him at the Vatican at the conclusion of their three-week study tour of Israel and Rome as part of the Holy Year, according to an announcement by former Congressman Herbert Tenzer of New York, president of the America-Israel Friendship League, co-sponsor of the tour.

The presentation of the shofar to the Pope will take place on Aug. 27 as Jews the world over are preparing to observe Rosh Hashanah on Sept. 6 and 7. The inscription on the shofar to be presented to the Pope reads: "A gift to your Holiness Pope Paul VI, commemorating the Jubilee Year of 1975. May this shofar symbolize the peace and reconciliation among all people sought by you and us."

The Israel Interfaith Committee, with headquarters in Jerusalem, is headed by Prof. R.J. Zwi Werblowsky and comprises in its leadership Archbishop George Appleton, Archbishop Joseph M. Raya, Mayor Teddy Kollek, Sheikh Tawfik Mah-mud Asleya, and other notables active in all three major religions.

Sister Rose Thering, associate professor of education, Seton Hall University, heads the group of Catholic students, educators and clergymen, which marks the second annual study program to Israel under scholarship grants named for New York labor leader, James Geoghegan, recipient of the 1974 America-Israel Friendship Award. The study tour, which includes a four-day pilgrimage to Rome, will include seminars in the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Among the topics to be explored will be "Jerusalem, Past and Present," "The Christian Presence Within Israel," and "Israel's Educational Efforts."

The America-Israel Friendship League is engaged in the promotion and development of mutual friendship and understanding between the American and Israeli people through the interchange of cultural, educational, artistic and scientific knowledge between both countries.

CAREY SIGNS ANTI-BOYCOTT BILL

NEW YORK, Aug. 7 (JTA)--Gov. Carey today signed a law prohibiting "boycott or blacklist" directed against any individual or corporation residing or doing business in New York State. This is the first such law in the United States, according to the American Jewish Congress, which had urged Carey to sign the bill.

The AJCongress said it was "gratified" by the Governor's action. "Attempts by Arab governments to interfere with and distort American business judgements on the basis of anti-Jewish and anti-Israel prejudices are an odious denial of American traditions of religious liberty and free trade," declared Jack M. Elkin, chairman of the AJCongress' New York Metropolitan Council. "The new law protects and preserves those traditions."

BRAZIL, COLOMBIA NOT EXPECTED TO VOTE AGAINST ISRAEL AT LIMA CONFAB

RIO DE JANEIRO, Aug. 7 (JTA)--Israel's Health Minister, Victor Shemtov, described Israel's "generous proposals" to Egypt for a second Sinai accord at a meeting in Brasilia today with Brazil's Foreign Minister Azeredo Da Silveira. Shemtov also stressed that expulsion of Israel from the United Nations would bring war in the Middle East nearer.

Shemtov came to Brasilia from Bogota, the first stop on his South American tour where he met with Colombia's Foreign Minister, Indalecio Aguirre, and other ministers and Senators friendly to Israel. Shemtov was assured that Colombia would take a pro-Israel position at the non-aligned conference scheduled to open in Lima on Aug. 25.

It was learned that Brazil, which will attend the Lima conference only as an observer, will not vote for any Arab-led effort to suspend or expel Israel from the UN General Assembly. Shemtov will leave Brasilia Sunday for Uruguay and Bolivia.

NEW TERMINAL FOR ARRIVING OLIM

TEL AVIV, Aug. 7 (JTA)--A new, special terminal for arriving immigrants--a modern, comfortable version of New York's famed Ellis Island--has been inaugurated at Ben Gurion Airport. The new facility has a large hall, special rest rooms for the aged and areas for children. All processing of newly arrived immigrants will be done within the terminal, obviating the shunting of immigrants from one office to another, long a source of complaints by the newcomers.

The Jewish Agency, the Absorption Ministry and all agencies dealing with housing and initial financial assistance for immigrants will be located under one roof. Absorption Minister Shlomo Rosen and Transport Minister Gad Yaacobi said the new terminal would ease the initial hardships. The first immigrants to be processed in the new terminal are expected from Rumania. The facilities are large enough to handle a full jumbo-jet load, usually more than 300 passengers.

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

By Edna Aizenberg

Part Two

Aug. 7 (JTA)--An example of what concerted action may achieve was the retraction by Norma Kennedy, a Peronist leader, of a statement threatening to take steps against the "unsorupulous" businessmen of "Libertad Street" and the "Once" neighborhood--where many Jewish-owned stores and a major synagogue are located--for allegedly increasing prices, illegally stocking consumer products, and sabotaging the people.

After the DAIA (Delegacion de Asociaciones Israelitas Argentinas), protested these insinuations, Mrs. Kennedy met with DAIA president, Dr. Nehemias Resnizky, and issued a declaration with him denying she had the Jewish community in mind and attributing the matter to a "series of mistakes and misunderstandings."

Jews Caught in Economic Crunch

Rather than causing the current economic crunch, as their enemies would have it, Jews are caught in it together with their fellow non-Jewish Argentines. Business is at a virtual standstill. No one buys--except tourists--or sells. Everyone waits to see what cost increases and shifts in economic policy the morrow will bring. Galloping inflation is the order of the day with prices often doubling overnight and goods disappearing off supermarket shelves as housewives hoard everything from sugar to toilet paper in fear of shortages and shrinking purchasing power.

Strikes of all kinds are rampant and in June an attempt by the regime to limit wage increases promised to the powerful General Labor Confederation (CGT) in the hope of reining inflation, brought about a two-day general strike that paralyzed the country, causing one wit to remark that even the dead will have to dig their own graves.

The plethora of political jokes with which Argentines try to alleviate their multiple headaches (Yiddish-speaking audiences had an additional chance to laugh for a while at the performances of "Stempenyu," a musical comedy by Sholem Aleichem being staged at the Buenos Aires kehila building) does not hide the gravity of what is happening.

Jewish institutions also stand to suffer. Enrollment in Jewish schools is down as budget-conscious parents look for ways to cut expenses. Jewish teachers, like all salaried employees, are hard put to make ends meet.

Power Vacuum Feared

Argentina is apparently waiting for a strong hand to step in and fill the vacuum left when General Peron died and the divisions in his Justicialist movement broke open. Jews, too, fear the vacuum. Peron was a powerful figure who could maintain internal order by listening to each group as the occasion demanded.

A pamphlet issued by the DAIA under the title "Peron el Pueblo Judío" (Peron and the Jewish People) contains quotes from a number of the General's speeches in which he expressed his friendship for Israel and admiration for the Argentine Jewish community. Shortly after he reassumed the Presidency in 1973, ending 18 years of exile in Spain, Peron had a meeting with a delegation of Jewish leaders in which he assured them that his movement was opposed to any form of discrimination and that his doors were open should any problem arise that might concern the

community.

At the same meeting, in answer to a point raised by the Jewish representatives, Peron said it was absurd to apply the term "Sinarquia" to Argentina's Jews as had been happening in a number of publications. Yet this term was used by the General himself at various points in his career to describe an alleged international power clique seeking world domination directed from United Nations headquarters in which are included Communism, Capitalism, the Catholic Church, the Freemasons--and Judaism (or Zionism).

Diverse Currents Within Peronism

The diverse currents within Peronism were further demonstrated when the Argentine leader chose a Jewish Minister of Economy, Jose Ber Gelbart, who resigned after a power struggle with Jose Lopez Rega, former private secretary to Peron and Minister of Social Welfare. Lopez Rega courted Libya and the Third World and was accused in some quarters of giving aid and comfort to the ultra-rightist, anti-Semitic "Triple A" --Argentine Anti-Imperialist Alliance.

Upon Peron's death the mantle of office fell on his second wife, Maria Estela Martinez, better known as Isabel. Since becoming President, Mrs. Peron has also met Jewish representatives and once again denounced "any attempts to divide the Argentine family"; still, with the General gone, there is worry in Jewish circles how elements unfriendly to the community might take advantage of the current unrest.

There is an episode in "Los Gauchos Judíos" --one of the few reflecting anti-Semitism--in which a Jewish settler, Rabbi Abraham, is falsely accused of stealing a Gentile neighbor's horse. No amount of valid evidence or argumentation can convince the local authorities that the settler is innocent, since as someone puts it, "those Jews are thieves."

Comments Gerchunoff: "Rabbi Abraham has witnessed--perhaps without foreseeing the consequences--the beginning of a new period, which transplants to Argentine soil the eternal opinion about the Jews....I want to believe, however, that it doesn't always have to be this way...."

At Argentina's hour of trial, Gerchunoff's words seem to have a particularly timely ring and the re-creation of "Los Gauchos Judíos" at this juncture of Argentine history, is, perhaps, of more than passing significance.

ECHEVERRIA TO GET DEGREE

TEL AVIV, Aug. 7 (JTA)--President Luis Echeverria of Mexico will receive an honorary doctorate of philosophy from Tel Aviv University at a special ceremony Sunday, it was announced here today. Observers noted that Echeverria, who arrives here today after visiting 13 other countries, was not honored by a degree at any of the Arab countries he visited.

The degree notes the Mexican President's ardent aspirations for a world of peace and justice based on human progress, his profound sympathy and concern for issues affecting the Jewish people and the State of Israel, and his dedication to the struggle against racial, religious, political and economic discrimination. It was also learned that one of Echeverria's sons is now working on a kibbutz. Echeverria and his wife have expressed interest in the kibbutz life and are expected to visit at least one. Meanwhile, it was reported that Echeverria met with PLO leader Yasir Arafat in Alexandria before arriving here.