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RABIN: PROGRESS MADE ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES IN ACCORD TALKS, BUT IMPORTANT SECTIONS STILL IN DISPUTE

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Aug. 19 (JTA)--While progress had been made on a number of issues in the settlement talks there were still some "very important sections still in dispute," Premier Yitzhak Rabin told the Knesset today. Israel's position on these disputed issues was "justified and vital," he stated. Israel had made it abundantly clear to the U.S., and through the U.S. to Egypt, that its "positive attitude" to Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's impending shuttle did not imply that it would soften its position on these still-disputed issues.

Rabin addressed a special recess plenary session of the Knesset convened at Likud's behest to discuss the negotiations and upcoming shuttle. After Menachem Begin, the Likud leader, and Rabin had spoken, the Knesset voted by overwhelming majority to hold a full-dress debate--without specifying the time. Rabin voted in opposition and Yaad abstained.

The atmosphere in the plenary was charged--and grew particularly vociferous when Rabin told Haim Landau, Herut's number two man: "It is well known that you are a political Sancho Panza. This had clear implications for Begin, who was obliquely cast in the role of the famous tilter at windmills in Cervantes' story of Don Quixote. The opposition benches exploded in uproar as Yitzhak Navon, a Labor Party member, an expert in Spanish literature, chided mockingly: "What do you want, Sancho Panza was a very sympathetic character...."

No Room For Misunderstandings

The Premier said Israel's positions had been most clearly stated yesterday during a six-hour Cabinet meeting and there was therefore "no room for misunderstandings." The Cabinet's "positive attitude" to the Kissinger mission should be seen in that light, Rabin said. The mission was "acceptable to us," the Premier said, "because of our real desire for an agreement, which would be a blessing for both Israel and Egypt."

The Cabinet, at its meeting yesterday, was careful to note in its communique that it gave its approval "to the position of the ministerial team on the issues of an interim settlement, as it has been clarified to the government of the United States, including issues of importance on which agreement has not yet been reached." This wording, it was understood, was meant to underline the fact that there are questions which still have to be answered and that these are not merely marginal issues. The communique's wording was also meant to forestall any possibility that Kissinger would again blame Israel for misleading him, as he did last March when his shuttle effort was suspended.

There was "no foundation whatever" to the allegations recently made by Likud and others that Kissinger would be "persons non grata" in Israel, Rabin asserted. Israel's government had agreed to the shuttle mission "having exercised

its own sovereign consideration." Nor was it true that Israel was being "dictated to," Rabin declared. Israel was not susceptible to dictate. A foundation of its relationship with the U.S. was American respect for its sovereignty and independence, he stated.

Terms Better Now Than Last March

While not detailing them, Rabin assured the Knesset that the terms now under consideration were substantially better than those available last March. It was unjustified to say the impending agreement jeopardized Israel's security. Security was based on several components, of which territory was one, weaponry another, Rabin said.

Israel would "not sign anything that is not in our interests," he asserted. And the agreement would not be valid unless and until it obtained Knesset approval. The last stage of the talks would be "the most critical," he warned. Rabin said he would give a full and detailed report to the Knesset and to the public. Meanwhile, the Knesset Defense and Foreign Affairs Committee was being kept fully informed.

Begin: Government Reneges On Pledge

Begin accused the government of reneging on its firm pledge--enunciated in the Knesset by Rabin in February--not to surrender the Mittle and Gidi Passes and the Abu Rodeis oilfields unless Egypt renounced its state of war. Egypt had flatly rejected the non-belligerency demand, Begin noted, and had moreover asserted that non-belligerency was unacceptable in return for anything less than full withdrawal to the 1967 lines and a Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza.

A government reneging on such a basic commitment was no longer fit to govern and should resign, Begin said. How could the impending agreement be termed a step towards peace if the state of war was to remain in force? he asked. It was also baseless to hope that three years of quietude would now ensue; Egypt would press its demands for full withdrawal with redoubled vigor, Begin said.

This was not "peace in stages," Begin declared, but "surrender in stages." He listed the "stages":

At first Foreign Minister Yigal Allon had offered a 30-50 kilometer pullback excluding the passes and the oilfields. Then Rabin offered the passes and the oilfields for non-belligerency. Then Rabin offered half the passes and the oilfields without demanding non-belligerency. Then Rabin offered a roadway to the oilfields (instead of it being an enclave). Then he offered a broader swathe of land--but insisted on five kilometers of Israeli control inside the passes. Then he reneged on this insistence, speaking now of the "eastern approaches or slopes" of the passes.

This was a sure recipe for further pressures and for the destruction of Israel's credibility, Begin thundered.

SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR KISSINGER

JERUSALEM, Aug. 19 (JTA)--Police here are taking special security measures to safeguard

Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger when he arrives here Thursday. It is believed that the measures are far more radical than security precautions which were taken during previous visits by the Secretary. The security steps are being coordinated between the police forces at Ben Gurion Airport and the Jerusalem police.

Kissinger and his entourage will stay at the King David Hotel and the hotel's management said the sixth floor has been reserved for the Secretary, his aides and reporters. The Jerusalem police would not publicize, for security reasons, which streets would be closed when Kissinger arrives, but said that traffic in the city would be diverted to alternate streets without prior information to drivers.

The police and others responsible for security also expect that the various Arab terrorist groups may try to carry out acts of sabotage along Israel's borders or inside Israel during Kissinger's visit. They noted that the Masal massacre took place in May 1974 while Kissinger was in Jerusalem. There is also some speculation that the terrorists might try to carry out an act of terrorism in a foreign country.

Anti-Kissinger Demonstrations

Meanwhile, members of the Herut youth organizations demonstrated today outside the American Embassy in Tel Aviv to protest the arrival of Kissinger on Thursday. A group of demonstrators was received by an Embassy official who was given a letter charging that the interim agreement that Kissinger is trying to achieve will so endanger Israel that American soldiers will be needed to defend the Jewish State. The demonstration was the first in what is expected to be a series of anti-Kissinger protests by groups opposed to the interim accord.

DAYAN: MIDEAST SCENE LOOKS BETTER

By Michael Solomon

MONTREAL, Aug. 18 (JTA)--Moshe Dayan, here on a speaking tour for the United Israel Appeal, told the JTA today that "the most important thing now in the Middle East is the fact that there are negotiations, and after four years this is a change for the better in ending the state of belligerence."

Dayan said that thanks to the energy of Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger, the big powers have decided to negotiate for peace. What is not so good, he said, "is the power, both economic and financial, of the Arabs with their tremendous influence upon other countries. But, because the Arabs are more powerful than ever, why should they go to war and lose it when they can solve the problems on a political basis?"

The former Defense Minister termed the Soviet Union's role in the Middle East as "very dangerous because she continues to introduce sophisticated weapons into the area." He also said that the general reaction to the Arab countries' efforts to suspend Israel at the United Nations was negative. "I think Kissinger's mission will be a success because he has declared that unless there is a 90 percent certainty that the negotiations would succeed he would not have gone to the Middle East."

Dayan stated that only the government of Jordan should represent the interests of the Palestinians and not Arafat who is asking for a Palestinian state instead of Israel. He was not worried so much about the attitude of diaspora Jewry as the fact that so many Israeli citizens are leaving

Israel for overseas.

ALMOGI MENTIONED AS POSSIBLE WZO CHIEF

JERUSALEM, Aug. 18 (JTA)--The name of Yosef Almogi, Mayor of Haifa, former Cabinet minister, one-time dockworkers' leader and Labor Party strongman in the Haifa region, surfaced among political circles this week as a possible successor to Pinhas Sapir, chairman of the Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organization Executives who died last week. Almogi himself, it is reliably learned, is partial to the idea and the persons circulating his name are believed to be close to him.

The name of Almogi has been mentioned on the assumption that neither Abba Eban nor Moshe Dayan--also named as possible Laborite candidates--are interested in the post. Eban made it clear in private conversations today that he was indeed not interested in it. He saw it as an implied removal from active Israeli politics, whereas he has no intention of removing himself from that arena at this stage.

Almogi has enjoyed a string of recent successes in speaking tours in the U.S. for the United Jewish Appeal and the Israel Bond Organization. His English is not perfect, but he is a particularly effective orator in Yiddish.

Some Labor Circles Prefer Dulzin

Political circles are assuming, though, that Leon Dulzin, the Jewish Agency acting chairman and a leader of the Liberal Party, will fight tenaciously for the post of chairman. Dulzin, these circles recalled, fully intended to contest the post last time, when the Labor Party sought to put up Avraham Harman, Hebrew University president and a former Ambassador to Washington, against him. In the end, he stepped down in deference to Sapir's personality and political power when the late Labor Party strongman indicated that he wished to retire from the government and take over the Agency.

Some Labor Party circles suggested today that the party might indeed do well to surrender the WZO/Agency chairmanship to Dulzin, who is widely acknowledged to be an able and efficient administrator and well-liked among Jewish communities abroad. These circles point out that it has for some time now been Labor's latent wish to drive a wedge between the Herut and Liberal wings of Likud--with the eventual aim of attracting the Liberals into the coalition.

Endorsing Dulzin's candidacy--or at least not opposing it--these circles suggest, would be a constructive step in initiating a rapprochement between Labor and the Likud Liberals.

AMSTERDAM SYNAGOGUE MARKS 300 YEARS

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 18 (JTA)--A commemoration service on Aug. 22 will begin a week of celebration in honor of the tercentenary of the Amsterdam Sephardi Synagogue. The commemoration service will be attended by Holland's Crown Princess Beatrix and by Israel's Sephardi Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef. Princess Beatrix will also inaugurate a week-long exhibition covering the synagogue's 300-year history in the nearby Pinto House. This is the 17th and 18th century dwelling of the wealthy Amsterdam Sephardi Pinto family. The building has been recently restored to house the Amsterdam public library and cultural department offices. Lectures, a concert of liturgical music, and special Sabbath services will be part of the celebration.

CONGRESS EXPECTED TO APPROVE U.S. PERSONNEL IN SINAI BUT FIRST WANTS MANY QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (JTA)--Although Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger has publicly asserted he does not expect that Congress will reject an agreement to station American civilian personnel in the Sinai, Middle East specialists at the Capitol today indicated approval may be granted but Congress has many questions it wants answered first, that there are many reservations and passage will not be simple.

Under the proposal that still has to be spelled out by any of the three parties involved, United States civilians will operate electronic monitoring posts in the Sinai between Egyptian and Israeli lines to observe troop movements. Their observations presumably will be relayed immediately by Washington to both Cairo and Jerusalem.

At the Capitol, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was informed that leaders of Congressional subcommittees responsible for observing Middle East affairs are deeply concerned about the possibility of Soviet reaction. They are also raising questions whether the agreement will bind the U.S., Israel and Egypt or whether it will be within the UN aegis.

While Congressional sources felt the majority in Congress would welcome movement towards a Middle East peace they want to know what would happen if U.S. civilians become involved in a dispute. "It would be unfortunate," one source said, "if one side or the other reoriminated against the U.S." Responsibility and accountability of the monitors must be clearly defined, the JTA was told.

The use of civilians instead of uniformed personnel is largely symbolic, a source observed. "Americans are still Americans," he said. Some noted that if Kissinger returned from the Middle East with an agreement, Congress would hardly be in a psychological position to reject it because of an official American presence in the Sinai. "It would be like playing against a shooter with loaded dice," one source said. "Congress could not win."

Affirms Congress Will Have To Agree

Meanwhile, State Department spokesman Robert Funseth cautioned again today that the agreement for a second-stage withdrawal by Israel in the Sinai has not yet been reached, but affirmed that once it is the sections dealing with U.S. participation will be submitted to Congress for its endorsement by a vote.

The agreement is expected to be completed during Kissinger's visit to the Middle East. Funseth said that the agreement would not be implemented until Congress approves the role of U.S. personnel. Congressional hearings and debates in both Houses may entail considerable time, and it is highly uncertain how long this will take. Kissinger expects the number of American civilians to be about 100. Some put the figure at about 200.

Asked whether the entry of American personnel in the Sinai may not bring about a Soviet demand to send technicians into the Middle East, perhaps in the Golan Heights, Funseth replied that the Soviet are being kept informed of the talks.

JEWISH LEADERS TO MEET WITH KISSINGER

NEW YORK, Aug. 18 (JTA)--A delegation of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations will meet with Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger tomorrow on the eve of Kissinger's latest diplomatic mission to the Middle East. The delegation will be led by Rabbi Israel Miller, chairman of the Presidents Conference.

The Jewish leaders are expected to raise with Kissinger the need for Egyptian assurances of peaceful intentions toward Israel and specific actions toward that end. The size of the American aid package to Israel, the continuing plight of Syrian Jewry and the growing harassment of Jewish activists in the Soviet Union, along with a steady decline in the number of exit visas granted, are also likely to be raised by the delegation. It is believed.

CONFERENCE IN BOMBAY CANCELLED AFTER INDIA REFUSES TO ADMIT ISRAELIS

LONDON, Aug. 18 (JTA)--An international conference on textiles that was due to be held in Bombay in November has been cancelled because the Indian government has refused to admit Israeli delegates. The announcement was made here today by British Conservative Member of Parliament Tom Normanton, vice-president of the International Federation of Cotton and Allied Textile Industries (IFCATTI).

Normanton told a press conference, "We had no choice but to cancel the conference. We cannot allow this kind of blackmail threat to be put on us." He added that the IFCATTI "categorically refused to hold the conference under this exclusion threat." The host association, the Indian Cotton Mills Federation, tried to persuade its government to change its decision but without success. Normanton said that IFCATTI was now planning a working meeting in Zurich Nov. 24-26.

BLANCHE ITTLESON DEAD AT 99

NEW YORK, Aug. 18 (JTA)--A private funeral service will be held for Blanche Frank Ittleison, a pioneer in mental health care, who died Saturday at her home here at the age of 99. She was the widow of Henry Ittleison, founder of the Commercial Credit and Investment Company, now the C.I.T. Financial Corporation.

In 1953, Mrs. Ittleison established the Henry Ittleison Center for Child-Research to care for emotionally disturbed children. She had been active for a half century in efforts to improve the mental, psychological and emotional health of children and adults.

Mrs. Ittleison was a trustee of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies and a board member of the Jewish Board of Guardians. Among the many awards she received was the first Herbert H. Lehman Human Relations Award, presented to her in 1953 by the American Jewish Committee.

KUTSCHMANN ARREST WARRANT REVOKED

BONN, Aug. 18 (JTA)--Justice authorities in West Berlin announced today they had revoked an arrest warrant against Walter Kutschmann, a former Nazi officer who had been living in Argentina under the alias Pedro Ricardo Olmó. The eight-year-old warrant against Kutschmann was revoked because a charge of aiding and abetting the murder of Jews in Poland during World War II had become void under West Germany's statute of limitations, a spokesman said. Kutschmann had been identified as a Nazi officer by Simon Wiesenthal.

HADASSAH LEADER SAYS U.S. SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL DUE TO POPULAR OPINION NOT THE MANIPULATION BY LOBBIES

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 18 (JTA)--Rose Matzkin, president of Hadassah, declared last night that the "power-base of support for Israel rests on American popular opinion and not the manipulation of any so-called lobbies." Speaking at the opening session of Hadassah's 51st annual National Convention, she denied that there is a Jewish lobby in the United States.

"Let us distinguish between a paid lobbyist--a lawyer or publicist who registers and openly represents a government, and a loose, ad hoc coalition of citizens who come together from time to time to advance a cause or a point of view," Mrs. Matzkin stressed. She said groups like those who advocate protection for children, the aged and consumers "should not be confused with powerful, special interest groups who operate with great wealth and--I might add--with great subtlety. The oil lobby and huge multi-national corporations are in this category. They are like governments within governments."

The Hadassah president declared that American Jews are not powerful in wealth or numbers and do not speak in one voice. "However, there are some areas where there is a strong consensus among American Jews, and that is support of Israel," she said. Mrs. Matzkin added that the support for Israel's right to exist is not limited to Jews. "When the Senate and the Congress of the United States vote aid to Israel, it is not because they are coerced by a powerful lobby. It is because they are representing the moral conviction of the American people."

Some 2500 delegates, representing 500 chapters throughout the United States, are attending the four-day convention at the San Francisco Hilton Hotel.

UNESCO, WHO Actions Deplored

In a speech today, Faye L. Schenk, national chairman of the Hadassah Medical Organization, deplored the politicization of specialized United Nations agencies such as UNESCO and the World Health Organization; with which Hadassah is affiliated.

Noting that the WHO criticized Israel's health services in the West Bank, Sinai and Gaza, Mrs. Schenk declared that health and living conditions of refugees and residents in those areas have "noticeably improved, thanks to the continuous efforts of the Israeli health authorities." She said that the standard of living and health are higher than Arab countries and "infant mortality was 30.7 per thousand as against 100 per 1000 in some neighboring countries."

Mrs. Schenk also noted the medical assistance programs which Hadassah and Israel's Ministry of Health has provided since 1949 to Third World countries who now attack Israel. "In return, Israel asks not for thanks but only for friendship--for the right to live and work and teach and heal and share in peace," she said.

Warns Against Israel's Ban From UN

Sen. Gale McGee (D.Wyo.) told the Hadassah meeting last night that if the United Nations General Assembly expels or suspends Israel, the United States would withdraw from the Assembly in protest. But he added that the U.S. would not forfeit its powerful role at the UN and would remain in the Security Council to exert pressure on Israel's behalf. A member of the Senate Foreign

relations Committee, McGee said that Israel's survival is a "moral necessity to the U.S. and that the Russians, who tested American strength during the Yom-Kippur War would continue to do so."

ANTI-SEMITIC SIGNS, SWASTIKAS DEFACE DOWNTOWN DETROIT BUILDINGS

DETROIT, Aug. 18 (JTA)--Anti-Semitic signs in downtown Detroit have created anxieties among Jews and embarrassment among some non-Jews, according to The Jewish News. The newspaper reported that anti-Semitic graffiti, abusive references to Jews and swastikas were painted on the fountain in Grand Circus Park and on several public buildings in the downtown area.

Police are investigating. Leon Atchison, city director of parks and recreation, said there had been two incidents within three weeks and he believed the same person was responsible both times. Others, however, believe more than one person is to blame because the defacings were widespread.

Paul's Drug Store on Broadway, owned by the brothers Paul and Joseph Deutch, had 12 anti-Semitic slogans spray-painted on its outside wall which could not be removed and had to be painted over. The scribbles said "all, yes, Jews no," "jobs yes, Jews no," and "ovens for immoral Jews." There were also a large number of swastikas.

ROTBURD TRIAL DELAYED; MALKIN'S ON

NEW YORK, Aug. 18 (JTA)--The trial of Jewish activist Lev Rotburd from Odessa which was scheduled to open Aug. 18, was postponed because "the judge is sick," the National Conference on Soviet Jewry reported here today. The trial of Anatoly Malkin, a 21-year-old Jewish activist from Kiev, is scheduled for today. He is being charged with "draft evasion" and if convicted faces up to three years in prison. The NCJ also reported that the parents of Anna Gurevich, who is already in Israel, were granted exit visas and are scheduled to leave the Soviet Union on Aug. 20. Anna's husband, Uri Vudka, is still in prison in the Soviet Union.

MOESHE SILBERG DEAD AT 75

JERUSALEM, Aug. 18 (JTA)--Funeral services for Moshe Silberberg, former Deputy President of the Israel Supreme Court and a leading authority on Jewish law, were held here yesterday. He died Saturday at the age of 75. Prof. Silberberg was born in Lithuania and was educated in religious schools and the University of Marburg. He received a doctorate of law from the University of Frankfurt. An ordained rabbi, he was also fluent in 10 languages.

Arriving in Palestine in 1929, he maintained a private law practice in Tel Aviv from 1934 to 1945. He was appointed a district court judge shortly after Israel's independence, was named an acting Supreme Court judge in 1945 and became a full member in 1950. He resigned several years ago because of ill health. He also taught personal status law at Hebrew University. Prof. Silberberg was the author of "The Way of the Talmud" and "Personal Status in Israel" for which he received the Bialik Prize in 1958. He was awarded the Israel Prize in 1964. . . .

PARIS (JTA)--Peugeot, the French automobile firm, has contracted to build an assembly plant in Syria. The \$20 million contract covers the construction of a plant which will assemble 10,000 automobiles a year.