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KISSINGER, ISRAELIS CONTINUE TALKS; REPORT EGYPT AGREE TO ISRAELI OPERATION, U.S. PRESENCE AT UMM HASHEIBA SURVEILLANCE POST IN SINAI

By David Lendau

JERUSALEM, Aug. 24 (JTA) -- Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger and the Israeli negotiators met here tonight in the second round of U.S.-Israeli shuttle talks for a new Sinai interim accord after a lengthy Cabinet session at which Premier Yitzhak Rabin and his team reported on progress to date on remaining issues for an agreement. Kissinger is scheduled to fly to Alexandria tomorrow for a second round of talks with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and then will return to Israel tomorrow night or Tuesday.

Informed sources said the most marked progress on outstanding issues had been made on the manning of Umm Hasheiba, the key surveillance station northwest of the Gidi Pass, with Egypt now reported to have agreed to Israeli operation, together with an American presence.

But the issue of Israel's demand for an American presence at six other points in the Mitla and Gidi Passes remains unresolved, as does the issue of demarcation of the line of advance of Egyptian forces into areas to be evacuated by Israel. The line of the Israeli pullback is virtually approved except for a 300-meter zone on the east of the passes, the sources said.

No New Decisions Made

An official Cabinet communique said no new decisions were made at the session today and that the negotiating team of Rabin, Foreign Minister Yigal Allon and Defense Minister Shimon Peres would continue the talks along the basic lines laid down by the Cabinet a week ago.

A communique issued by the Cabinet last Sunday said: "At its session today, the Cabinet 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. The Cabinet authorized the ministerial team to continue the negotiations in accordance with the positions approved by the Cabinet."

According to the sources, hawkish Cabinet members, led by Religious Affairs Minister Yitzhak Rafael, proposed a resolution that Israel would make "no further concessions" but that was rejected, as was a dovish motion enjoining the negotiating team "to carry through the negotiations to a successful conclusion." It appeared that a majority of the ministers preferred to refrain from making new decisions or adopting resolutions pending the outcome of a further round of shuttle diplomacy. A midweek Cabinet meeting has been tentatively set for Wednesday.

Kissinger started the new effort for an accord with a meeting of nearly five hours Friday with Israeli negotiators at Rabin's home and said afterwards he was hopeful the new interim accord could be worked out soon. Allon said he felt "more hopeful" but that "it is still too early to say."

Rabin Reassures Israelis

After the first round of talks in Jerusalem Kissinger flew to Alexandria for negotiations with Sadat on Friday and yesterday morning. He then flew to Damascus yesterday where he reportedly assured Syrian President Hafez Assad that Syria would not be left out of his Middle East peace efforts. Syria has demanded talks with Israel about the Golan Heights.

While Kissinger was shuttling to Alexandria and Damascus, Israeli leaders sought to reassure a restive Israeli population that a new interim accord would benefit Israel. Rabin spoke on a television appearance Friday night about the possibilities of a major change in the hostile relationships between Egypt and Israel, declaring that the proposed accord would include commitments by both countries to renounce the use or threat of force against each other. Rabin said the change in relationship "will not be hidden, but open, contractual and public."

Kissinger's meeting with Assad came a day after Syria and Jordan announced formation of a supreme command council to direct political, military and economic action against Israel. The new command council was announced in a joint communique issued at the end of a five-day state visit by Jordan's King Hussein to Syria. It was noted that while the communique emphasized that the supreme council would direct military unification, there was no reference to a functioning joint military command.

(The first comment from the Palestine Liberation Organization on the latest round of shuttle diplomacy came in an interview in the *Corriere della Sera* newspaper in Milan in which PLO head Yasser Arafat charged that Kissinger was ignoring the Palestinians in his current effort. Arafat said Kissinger "ignores us, and does badly to do so, because we are the key to the problem." He said it was the PLO and not "the other Arab states," which can threaten Israel's security "for years and years.")

(President Ford, ending a working vacation at Vail, Colo., received yesterday a detailed report by cable from Kissinger bit White House press secretary Ron Nessen said "at this stage it is better not to say anything," when he was asked if Kissinger's report indicated progress toward a new Sinai pact.)

Kissinger Visits Yad Vashem

One of Kissinger's first public acts after his arrival in Israel Thursday was to make a visit to Yad Vashem, the memorial in Jerusalem for the Jews murdered in the Nazi Holocaust. The act was considered an attempt by Kissinger to show Israelis that he understood their concerns about the proposed new accord with Egypt. When he left the memorial building, he stopped to look at a display of books about Hitler, Adolf Eichmann and the rise of Nazism.

LIKUD CALLS FOR REFERENDUM

TEL AVIV, Aug. 24 (JTA) -- The top leader-

ARGENTINA AT NON-ALIGNED NATIONS CONFAB IN LIMA TO OPPOSE EXCLUSION OF ISRAEL FROM THE UN

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 24 (JTA) -- A statement that Argentina would oppose energetically any attempt to exclude Israel from the United Nations during the conference of non-aligned nations which opened in Lima yesterday was recommended to the Argentine Cabinet and approved by President Peron. The Argentine stand was recommended to the Cabinet by Foreign Minister Angel Frederico Robledo who explained that Argentina's traditional universalist stance obliged it to reject expulsion of any member-country from an international organization.

The announcement followed the disclosure at a three-day convention here of the DAIA, Argentine Jewry's central representative agency, that the DAIA had made an intensive effort to obtain such an assurance from Argentine officials. In making the disclosure to the 150 delegates, Juan Gurevich, DAIA secretary general, referred to widely publicized plans of Arab states to push for such a resolution at both the Lima conference and at the UN General Assembly next month.

The Lima conference opened yesterday with meetings at the ambassadorial level which will produce formal proposals for action by Foreign Ministers who will begin their sessions tomorrow. Sources in Lima said that the present negotiations for a second interim Sinai accord might reduce pressures for an anti-Israel resolution. It was reported that Israeli diplomats from the UN and Jerusalem came to Lima to lobby for Israel among the 70 delegations attending the conference, scheduled to continue until Friday.

GOLAN HEIGHTS HIT BY ROCKETS; NO DAMAGE, CASUALTIES REPORTED

TEL AVIV, Aug. 24 (JTA) -- Israeli officials said today several Katyusha rockets were fired during the weekend at targets in the southern Golan Heights, sending settlers in several settlements to shelters. However, no damage or casualties were reported. The officials said it was uncertain whether the rockets had been fired from Jordanian or Syrian territory because the frontier between Jordan and Syria runs along the southern border of the Heights. One firing occurred early Friday and a second early yesterday. The shelling ended a long period of relative calm in the area.

Israeli Soldier Dies of Wounds

Meanwhile funeral services were held Friday at the Kibbutz Kabri in northern Galilee for Pvt. Eliav Gefen, 19, a member of the kibbutz, who died of wounds suffered in a clash last Wednesday near Kibbutz Hanita, in which three Arab terrorists were killed. Gefen's father said at the graveside, "My son gave his life so that the people of our neighboring Kibbutz Hanita, can live and work unharmed." Gen. Rafael Sytan, head of the Northern Command, attended the rites.

UJA OVERSEAS PROGRAMS WILL OFFER FOUR INNOVATIVE MISSIONS

NEW YORK, Aug. 24 (JTA) -- The United Jewish Appeal's Overseas Programs for 1975-76 will offer four innovative study missions to on-

able American Jewry to experience Jewish life in Israel and other lands. Frank H. Lautenberg, UJA chairman, announced today.

"Each program has been designed as a deeply enriching confrontation with Jewish destiny," Mr. Lautenberg explained, "...our proud past...present problems...and future promise. Through features available only through the UJA, our Overseas Program offers a unique opportunity for personal encounters with the soul of the Jewish people."

Lautenberg noted that the fact-finding tours will also "give American Jews an inside, candid view of the fabric of Israeli life today, as well as first-hand observations of UJA supported programs at work, and -- on several trips -- the opportunity to personally experience Jewish life behind the Iron Curtain."

Itineraries for the Overseas Programs include visits to border settlements, development towns, immigration and absorption facilities, as well as historic sites and cultural centers. Each mission will be accompanied by a prominent Jewish leader, and several will visit Eastern Europe enroute to Israel.

BOSTON JEWISH GROUP WATCHING CLOSELY REPORTED SALE OF PROPERTIES TO KUWAIT INTERESTS

BOSTON, Aug. 24 (JTA) -- The Boston Jewish Community Council reported it was watching closely the reported sale of extensive properties in Boston to Kuwaiti interests. Albert Schlossberg, Council President, said the properties included in the reported sale "have as tenants a high percentage of residents and professional people who are Jewish." He said if indications of discriminatory action developed, the Council would "take all steps required to protect the rights of the tenants."

Schlossberg said the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination had met with the sub-committee on the Arab boycott of the Jewish Community Council's legal committee and then issued a statement indicating that the commission top intended "to monitor all situations with potential violations of the laws against discrimination, particularly with regard to the Arab boycott."

Noting that the sale of property is a legitimate right of any American, Schlossberg said the Jewish Community Council would "in this instance be vigilant in its monitoring of the situation because of the seemingly reliable report that the local agents will be purchasing the property for Kuwaiti Arab interests. Our concern in this instance is with the reported purchaser."

BANKS TAKE MEASURE TO EASE DIFFICULTIES OF 7-DAY STRIKE

TEL AVIV, Aug. 24 (JTA) -- The Bank of Israel and the Association of Banks have introduced measures to minimize the difficulties caused by the seven-day strike which has shut down all branches of Israel Discount Bank. Meanwhile, the bank's management, in an advertisement today, appealed to the 4,000 striking employes to return to work and settle their differences through negotiations since the only victim of the walkout is the public. Officials said temporary alternative means are being worked out with other banks.

ship of Likud met today and again called for a referendum or a new election before the government gives up any territory in the Sinai. The opposition group again repeated its claim that the government of Premier Yitzhak Rabin has no mandate to relinquish territory without getting a treaty of peace or nonbelligerency in return.

Likud leaders said that the negotiations since the arrival of Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger have borne out their worst fears. They charged that the interim agreement with Egypt in the Sinai would leave Israel in a dangerous position and would lead to more American pressure on Israel.

Golan Settlers Oppose Withdrawal

Meanwhile, settlers on the Golan Heights met today at Ramat Maghshimim and demanded the government reiterate its position that Israel will not withdraw from any territory on the Golan. The settlers said to even give up one settlement on the Golan would lead to the abandonment of all Jewish settlements there. Last week Defense Minister Shimon Peres tried to calm their fears in a visit to the area by saying the settlements would not be evacuated.

However, the settlers' fears have increased since the return of Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger from Damascus and reports that he favored a second-stage interim agreement between Israel and Syria.

DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST PACT CONTINUE; PROTESTORS, REPORTERS DEMAND PROBE INTO POLICE 'BRUTALITY' AT RALLIES By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Aug. 24 (JTA) -- Demonstrations, mainly by Likud and Orthodox elements, against the proposed Sinai agreement continued throughout Israel today after the government last night had played a successful game of hide-and-seek with the protestors to keep them from finding the exact location of the talks between Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger and the Israeli negotiating team led by Premier Yitzhak Rabin. More than 1,000 demonstrators disrupted traffic in Tel Aviv today and rallies were held in Jerusalem, Haifa and other towns.

More than 50 persons have been arrested since Kissinger's first arrival in Israel on Thursday. Protestors and some reporters have charged the police with using overly violent methods in quelling the demonstrators, a charge that the police have denied. However, several Knesset members are seeking a special Knesset session to deal with the charges of police brutality.

Rabin: A Blow To Israel's Soul

The government, meanwhile, showing concern about the intensity of the protests which is aimed at both Kissinger and the Rabin government. After Kissinger left for Egypt on Friday, Rabin went on television to decry the tactics of the demonstrators. "I regard it as more serious than the problem of four or five kilometers in Sinai, for it is a blow to the very soul of our way of life," he said.

Kissinger's arrival last night from Damascus set off a series of diversionary tactics by the government. Protestors thought he would be taken to the government's guest house near the Tel Aviv-Haifa highway. Crowds of Oush Emunim, Herut Youth and B'nai Akiva members converged there as the guest house itself was surrounded by police and armored cars.

A helicopter came and several hours later left.

All this was camouflage, as Kissinger was actually meeting the Israeli leaders at a Jerusalem hotel. In fact, Kissinger himself did not know where he was, or at least this is what he told newsmen when he returned to the King David Hotel shortly before midnight.

Apparently the police also did not know that Kissinger was not in the guest house because they used force, including clubs, on the demonstrators. Several reporters and Likud MKs were hit too. A police spokesman said later, "we used only the appropriate force needed." However, this statement was challenged by Israeli newsmen.

When the crowd, which had swelled into the thousands, saw the helicopter leave, they swarmed to Rabin's home in North Tel Aviv for another clash which lasted several hours. Earlier in the day Shabbat services were held by protestors in front of Rabin's home and his official residence in Jerusalem.

Counter-Demonstrations Held By Mapam

The demonstrations have been almost continuous since the start of the Kissinger mission. On Friday morning cars with loudspeakers drove through Jerusalem calling for demonstrations and this resulted in a chase through the nearly-deserted early morning streets between police and the cars. Black flags were hung on utility poles in Jerusalem on Friday and again today in Tel Aviv. Municipal workers, with the help of police, tore down these flags from various parts of the towns. Demonstrations were held last night in almost every major city in Israel.

In addition, scores of counter-demonstrations, led mainly by Mapam members, were held in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. The government, however, said today that there is no need for these counter-demonstrations since the demonstrations would be handled by competent authorities.

Police Behavior A Major Issue

Meanwhile, the behavior of the police is becoming a major issue. Likud met today to discuss the possibility of calling for a special Knesset session, but no decision was made. MK Zevulun Hammer of the National Religious Party, has already started gathering the 30 signatures needed to call a special session. Hammer and another NRP MK, Yehuda Ben Meir, who are the leaders of the "Young Guard" within the NRP, visited 17 persons being held in a detention center today and said five claimed they were beaten up. "The government is using force because it cannot persuade the people it is right in its actions," the two MKs said.

Police Minister Shlomo Hinnel today fully backed the action of the police declaring that the demonstrations were not political but aimed to interfere with normal Israeli life. The Tel Aviv police chief also denied his men had used brutal methods saying he had been present at the demonstrations last night near the government guest house and at Rabin's home and saw no brutal methods.

Meanwhile, reporters are demanding an inquiry into the police methods and the charges may be taken up by the Journalists Association.

REMINDER: There will be no bulletin dated Monday, Sept. 1 due to Labor Day, a postal holiday.

HERZOG: ISRAEL PREPARED TO TAKE 'CALCULATED RISK' FOR PEACE

CHICAGO, Aug. 24 (JTA) -- Chaim Herzog, Israel's newly-appointed ambassador to the United Nations declared here last night that Israel is prepared to take "a calculated risk" for peace by agreeing to an interim disengagement settlement with Egypt which includes certain guarantees for its defense, economic strength and international relations by the United States with the approval of Congress.

Addressing the International Fall Leadership Conference for State of Israel Bonds, Herzog said that "the new agreement could be the most far-reaching one Israel has ever signed with a neighbor," emphasizing that it still leaves Israel "with adequate depth for defense should it not work out."

In his address to almost 1,000 Jewish leaders from the United States and Canada, Herzog stated that, from a security, economic and international point of view, "Israel will be in a stronger position without the (Mitla and Gid) Passes and (Abu Rodeh) oil fields but with all the elements of the agreement than she will be without an agreement but with the passes and oil fields."

Banning Israel From UN Is Anti-Semitism

Herzog, referring to the current moves to cut or suspend Israel from the United Nations, stated that if successful, this would constitute "the largest single act of anti-Semitism and the most concentrated attack on the Jewish people since 1933 when Hitler launched his attack on the Jewish population. That is what it is and it is time we abandoned the double-talk which characterizes the discussions on this subject and called it what it is."

He said "It is encouraging to see the reaction here in the United States, in Europe, in many countries in Latin America and Asia. Above all, it was encouraging to note the rejection at Kampala (Uganda) by many important countries in Africa of the Arab attempt to dictate to them. But despite these encouraging signs, the danger exists that moves will be made which can destroy the United Nations."

The envoy said that the Third World countries meeting at Lima on Monday must appreciate the significance of this Arab move and the possible consequences emerging from it. "If Israel is not at the General Assembly," he said, "then in the final analysis, there will be no General Assembly. The process of disintegration which has taken hold of UNESCO will seize hold of the United Nations."

Serious Problems Cited

Herzog asserted that if Israel today faces serious problems in negotiations, it is because, with a balance of payments deficit of \$3.5 billion, Israel is not in the strongest negotiating position. "Israel's economic situation is an integral part today of her political struggle," he said. "The Jewish people can strike back at those who have launched an attack on them -- they can strike back through their involvement in the Israel Bond Organization. This is the Jewish people's reply to their attackers."

Sam Rothberg, general chairman of the Israel Bond Organization, who presided at the dinner, emphasized that the advancement of Israel's economic independence was vital for Israel's security and chances for peace.

Mayor Richard Daley proclaimed this week of the conference as Israel Bond week in Chicago in demonstrating his sympathetic interest in Israel.

HOLTZMAN ACCUSES STATE DEPARTMENT OF FAILURE TO COOPERATE WITH INS ON PROBE OF NAZI LIVING IN U.S.

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24 (JTA) -- The State Department was accused today by Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman (D, NY) "of continuing failure to cooperate" with the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service in its investigation of Nazi war criminals living in the United States.

Pointing out that the INS had sought unsuccessfully for more than 18 months to obtain the Department's help in acquiring information on alleged war criminals from the Soviet Union and other East European countries, Rep. Holtzman charged that the Department's "inaction and indifference is an affront to the Congress and the American people."

The information is needed, she said, to substantiate or refute charges against the alleged criminals and to assist the INS in determining whether to bring deportation proceedings in about 80 cases referred by the INS. Rep. Holtzman had written to Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger on May 20, objecting to State Department delays on INS requests. In making public today another letter to Kissinger, she attacked a letter from a Kissinger aide and asked the Secretary to respond "personally" to her.

Decision Termed 'Plainly Dilatory'

She was referring to a letter from Robert J. McCloskey, Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, in which he spoke of State Department "initiatives" that consist of "a check on the Berlin Documents Center" and a request to the West German Foreign Office "to locate any available evidentiary material." Rep. Holtzman called those steps "pointless duplication of INS efforts and further delay on the part of the State Department."

Noting McCloskey's statement that the Department would await a "formal reply" from the West German government before deciding "which foreign governments" would be "formally approached," Rep. Holtzman called this decision "plainly dilatory." She added: "the only conclusion that can be drawn is that the State Department is making efforts to avoid contacting any Eastern European countries, including the Soviet Union, which may have relevant information about Nazi war criminals."

EBAN REFUTES ACCUSATIONS

DETROIT, Aug. 24 (JTA) -- Former Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban, in a delayed statement, expressed resentment over recent attacks upon him in the Knesset, and branded the accusations, as rumors. In a statement to Philip Slomovitz, editor of The Detroit Jewish News, Eban referred to the attacks upon him as "McCarthyist virulence." He stated, in refuting the accusations that the Israel Embassy in Washington requested that he entertain top-level American officials during a recent U.S. visit. Eban was criticized for his expenses, and the Israel government forced him to repay them.