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ROITBURD GIVEN 2 YEAR JAIL TERM

NEW YORK, Aug. 26 (JTA)--Lev Roitburd, a 39-year-old Jewish engineer and "refusenik" from Odessa, was sentenced today to two years imprisonment on charges of "resisting arrest." This was confirmed today here by the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry and the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry.

Malcolm Hoenlein, executive director of NYCSJ, called the sentence which was handed down after a two-day trial, "a travesty of justice," and described it as an "outrageous act." He added that the trial and sentence "is a classic example of the Soviet Union's total contempt for the principles of detente."

Roitburd was detained in Odessa July 2 while on his way to meet American Senators in Moscow. He had been seeking permission for three years to emigrate to Israel. The prosecution alleged that Roitburd punched a police officer in the chest after refusing to submit to a search--a charge carrying between one and five years' imprisonment. Roitburd denied the charges. He said he had been manhandled by agents of the KGB who had threatened to get even with him.

Prison Work Stoppage Reported

At the same time, the SSSJ reported that inmates of the Soviet Union's most notorious prison, "Vladimir," recently staged a work stoppage and earlier threatened a hunger strike if a seriously ill Jewish prisoner were not treated. More than 14 "Vladimir" inmates, including Jewish prisoners Yuri Vudka, Yosef Mishner, Yakov Suslensky and Vladimir Bukovsky refused to work until they would be considered political prisoners of the Soviet system. Prison officials broke the revolt, sentencing Vudka and Suslensky to a special punishment cell, the SSSJ reported.

Last month, Suslensky had also been put in the cell for protesting food conditions in the prison. After a week's hunger strike he fell unconscious of heart pains. Not until the whole prison threatened a mass hunger strike was Suslensky treated by the prison doctors.

Meanwhile, the trial of Anatoly Malkin is scheduled to begin today. The 21-year-old Kiev activist, who has sought to emigrate to Israel, is charged with "draft evasion." He faces up to three years in prison if convicted.

NON-ALIGNED NATIONS APPROVE PLO MEMBERSHIP; EXPECTED PETITION TO OUST ISRAEL IS NOT CIRCULATED

LIMA, Aug. 26 (JTA)--The conference of non-aligned nations today formally approved the membership of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). Meanwhile, the Arab states did not circulate their expected petition to seek the ouster of Israel from the United Nations but instead urged the conference to support efforts to force Israel to give up territory occupied since the Six-Day War of 1967.

The Arabs are also proposing the creation of a standing committee to work out plans for the implementation of decisions against Israel adopted

by the 1973 Algiers non-alignment conference, last year's Arab summit in Rabat and the March meeting of foreign ministers of the non-aligned countries in Havana.

Diplomatic observers said that the creation of the committee could result in the indefinite postponement of the proposal to seek Israel's ouster from the UN despite the fact that the Arab resolution carried the word "expulsion" along with military and economic sanctions as a means of punishing Israel under the UN Charter.

FORD OPTIMISTIC ABOUT SHUTTLE EFFORT

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26 (JTA)--President Ford indicated last night he was optimistic that Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger would succeed in his current effort to arrange a second-stage Sinai interim accord. Speaking at a White House-sponsored economic conference in Milwaukee, Ford added that some difficult problems remained to be settled in the negotiations.

Earlier in the day of his Milwaukee visit, he said he was still studying a proposal of the planned accord for sending between 100 and 150 American civilian technicians to help monitor surveillance stations in the Sinai mountain passes. He stressed in a televised interview in Milwaukee, that the Americans would not be sent without Congressional approval.

The President made those two points in reply to a question as to whether, in view of American public opposition to the Vietnam war, there might be a backlash in this country if the United States had a direct role in Mideast peace-keeping plans. Ford said, "We are not going to have any action not joined by Congress; they have to be a partner in this kind of operation if it materializes."

The Congressional opposition about which the President apparently was thinking was made manifest in a comment yesterday by Sen. Mike Mansfield (D.Mont.), the Senate Majority Leader, that he would oppose such use of American technicians, adding that one Vietnam was one too many.

ALL TERRITORIAL ISSUES OF ACCORD SETTLED; EXPECT SIGNING BY WEEKEND

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Aug. 26 (JTA)--All the territorial issues of the interim agreement between Israel and Egypt have been settled and negotiators hope the accord will be initiated by the weekend. This was reported as Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger left here for Egypt late this afternoon after a six-hour marathon session with Israel's negotiating team.

Israeli sources said much of the time had been spent meticulously comparing Israeli and Egyptian drafts of the formal, public agreement between the two countries. Outstanding differences were few and minor, according to these sources. The negotiators are now reportedly concentrating on drafting the political commitments in the public and "secret" sections of the agreement.

The agreement on the territorial aspects was reached with one last Israeli concession--in the number of American-manned surveillance stations. Sources here revealed today that there would be two American-manned stations, instead of the

four-to-six that Israel had originally proposed. There will, however, be several unmanned American "sensors"--information-gathering devices in addition to the two manned stations. Later, an Israeli source said there would be three stations. There will also be an American supervisory presence at Umm Hashelba, the Israeli-manned surveillance station, and at the parallel Egyptian-manned surveillance station, all in the United Nations buffer zone.

Egypt's major concession during the Kissinger shuttle has been at Umm Hashelba, where President Anwar Sadat has now acceded to Israel's demand for continued Israeli manning of the key surveillance site northwest of the Gidi Pass. This, for Israel, had been a sine qua non for the accord.

The third key territorial issue, that of Egypt's line of advance, was resolved yesterday in a compromise which was based on a major Egyptian concession and a more modest Israeli one. Egypt will not advance eastward beyond the present buffer, but it will advance some two kilometers southward at the southernmost tip of the present buffer.

This means that the top of the coastal corridor, which Israel is ceding to Egyptian civilian administration, will be incorporated in the Egyptian "limited forces zone" instead of in the area of civilian administration. The difference in practice is that Egypt will be able to keep troops in this area. It contains a road leading from the main Suez City-Abu Rodela road to the seacoast, and Egypt was apparently keen to have this road under its military control.

'Secret' Pact Elements Under Review

Israeli sources characterized this minor Egyptian advance in the south as "an Israeli gesture." The sources stressed that there would be no Egyptian advance beyond the buffer eastward, towards the Sinai heartland and the Negev. They pointed out that Egypt had originally demanded significant slices of land beyond the eastern edge of the present buffer but Israel had firmly and consistently rejected this.

With the lines now agreed upon, the negotiators have turned to painstaking review of the various public and "secret" parts of the agreement. Last night and today they concentrated on the formal, public Israel-Egypt agreement. Differences in drafting that have so far surfaced over this were termed "minor and manageable" by Israeli sources.

But legal and political experts spent last night going over the clauses with a fine toothcomb. The results of their deliberations were discussed with Kissinger and his aides today and the Secretary was to communicate them to Alexandria today. If this phase can be concluded successfully, the talks will then move on, hopefully tomorrow, to discuss the "secret" U.S.-Israel agreement insofar as it contains unpublished Egyptian commitments to Israel through the U.S.

These include the pledge to renew the United Nations Emergency Force mandate for at least three more years and the undertakings to moderate economic and diplomatic action against Israel. The "secret" part of the pact will state clearly that the accord "stands on its own." This is intended as a clear indication that there is no linkage between the Sinai pact and the future interim negotiation with Syria. If these can be completed Thursday, the weekend will be reserved for the bilateral Israel-U.S. elements of the "secret"

accord--the assurances regarding Syria, oil and Geneva.

Oil Guarantee Issue Concluded

Israeli sources said late today that Israel and the U.S. had satisfactorily concluded the issue of U.S. guarantees for Israel's oil supplies and U.S. compensation to Israel for Abu Rodela and help in building a massive subterranean oil reservoir holding one year's supply.

There will also be a separate special accord signed by Israel, Egypt and the U.S. providing for the U.S. presence in the Gidi and Mitla Passes. According to this timetable, and assuming all goes smoothly, the pacts could be initiated Friday or Saturday night.

All parties are interested in a speedy conclusion. Kissinger must return Sunday to address the United Nations Special Assembly in New York Monday--but he has reportedly indicated that he would return here if necessary.

Work On 'Technical Provisions'

Following the initialing, an Israel-Egypt working group of officers and officials will meet for some two to three weeks to draft the "technical provisions," mainly military arrangements on the ground. Final signing will, at Israel's insistence, be held only once the U.S. Congress has approved the American presence in the passes. Top Israeli sources hinted today that the signing might not take place at Geneva after all, but at a more modest venue in the Mideast area.

KISSINGER REBUKES ALLON FOR SPELLING OUT DETAILS OF INTERIM ACCORD

TEL-AVIV, Aug. 26 (JTA)--Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger, emerging from a conference room well after midnight with Foreign Minister Yigal Allon, publicly rebuked Allon for spelling out details of the current round of negotiations on a second interim Sinai accord.

Kissinger, who left a few hours later for Alexandria for his third meeting with Egyptian President Sadat, spoke only in generalities to the crowd of newsmen who had waited past midnight for the latest round of U.S.-Israeli talks to end. Kissinger was careful to avoid details on new demarcation lines, buffer zone adjustments and related points.

But Allon responded in detail to questions as to the extent of the Egyptian advance into the United Nations Emergency Force-held buffer zone and Israeli-held territory on the eastern side of the buffer zone. Allon said Egyptian forces would move into the present buffer zone and to some extent southwards along the Suez Gulf. Kissinger, clearly annoyed, interrupted Allon and said, "I don't feel I can share your views now."

Allon quickly agreed that no details of the proposed territorial changes should be disclosed before signing of the new accord. He sought to correct himself but Kissinger again broke in to say that discussions on such matters must be kept secret. Allon perforce told the newsmen "we shall have an opportunity to discuss this problem in detail at a later stage."

A still irritated Kissinger, asked as he arrived at his hotel about the proposed Sinai lines, replied, "I would not like to prevent others from speaking on every conceivable subject before the night is over" and went to his room.

UJA Mission Briefed

The likely second accord was described last

night by Defense Minister Shimon Peres as the best of all the other alternatives. Peres spoke to members of the Prime Minister's United Jewish Appeal Mission, headed by Frank Lautenberg, UJA general chairman, at a meeting in Jerusalem. Peres, Allon and Premier Yitzhak Rabin comprise Israel's designated negotiating team for the accord.

Peres said that agreement on a new accord would still leave Israel with some severe problems, including terrorist activities and increased tension on Israel's eastern and northern frontiers. He said he preferred the proposed new interim agreement to any alternative, including a general agreement putting Israel back to its pre-Six-Day War borders.

Peres also said that the current negotiations were "at their peak," adding: "We overcome many difficulties in these talks and there is hope that within the next few days we will achieve its conclusion, which will also deepen the friendly relations between the United States and Israel."

CONGRESSMEN WARN UN

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26 (JTA)--A statement voicing deep concern and disapproval of the attempt to suspend or expel Israel from the United Nations General Assembly was issued yesterday by 50 Congressmen. The statement, drafted by Members of Congress for Peace Through Law, a bipartisan group, was signed by 47 members of the House and three Democratic Senators, Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts, Dick Clark of Iowa, and Adlai Stevenson of Illinois.

"Our need is to advance the political organization of mankind to cope with our global problems," the Congressmen said. "We would therefore view with deep concern and disapproval action on the part of any member state to expel or suspend Israel from participation in the General Assembly of the United Nations."

The statement added: "Our world is interdependent, our mutual problems demand greater, not less international cooperation. Our need is to strengthen forums and organizations where all nations can meet and participate regardless of the most profound differences. Our need is to advance the political organization of mankind to cope with our global problems." The statement, which came as the 79-nation non-alignment conference in Lima, Peru opened, was not sent to the conference.

JEWISH FEMINISTS WARN EAST BERLIN CONFAB MAY REPEAT MEXICO CITY

NEW YORK, Aug. 26 (JTA)--A group of Jewish feminists warned today that a Soviet-sponsored "conference of socialist feminists" scheduled for East Berlin in October may be used as a forum for anti-Jewish, anti-Israel and anti-Zionist activities as was the recent United Nations-sponsored International Women's Conference in Mexico City.

The New York Chapter of the Jewish Feminist Organization, a national group which defines itself as defending the rights of Jewish women everywhere, declared at a press conference that it will serve "as a watchdog for the Jewish community to work to forestall the manipulation of feminists everywhere as pawns" in the Arab attack on Israel. The group began circulating a petition denouncing the "Declaration of Mexico" for attacking Zionism and Israel and linking them with colonialism, imperialism and apartheid.

In attacking the Mexico declaration, the JFO

petition said: "We find this document offensive in its particulars" because it subverted the purpose of the conference "subordinating women's concerns to the political machinations and interneccine struggles of the United Nations."

The petition also declared "that an international women's conference should have been asked to endorse a view equating the two is not only an outrageous distortion of history, but further evidence that the universal oppression of women has been negated and trivialized by those national and international organizations which sponsored it."

"Zionism is nothing more than the Jewish people's national liberation movement," Anne Mintz, a JFO board member, declared. "We, the New York Jewish Feminists Organization, believe in our liberation as Jews, as well as our liberation as women."

She stressed that "We as Jewish feminists are tired of prostituting ourselves to such dangerous rhetoric as has recently been issued in the guise of feminism; we are tired of submitting ourselves as victims to such political ploys in the arena of world affairs; we are tired of being used by anyone trying to further his, her or their own means."

HERZOG CRITICAL OF PLO ATTENDANCE IN UN CONFAB IN VANCOUVER NEXT SUMMER By Yitzhak Rabin

UNITED NATIONS, Aug. 26 (JTA)--"The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) has as much to do with 'Habitat' as it has to do with crime prevention," Israeli Ambassador to the United Nations, Chaim Herzog, said today in response to Canada's announcement yesterday that she will host the conference on human settlement ("Habitat") in Vancouver next summer, a decision which means that a PLO delegation will attend the parley.

Canada decided last month to postpone the conference on crime prevention in Toronto after strong protests against the participation of a PLO delegation. Canada's request to put off the conference was rejected by the UN and it has been shifted to Geneva.

In an interview today Herzog contended that the admission of the PLO to international conferences with which it has nothing to do, is a "logical continuation" of a process which began with the UN General Assembly last year. "This process is not going to stop with the PLO," Herzog warned, predicting that soon "all sorts of organizations" would ask to follow the PLO precedent. "This will bring the ultimate disintegration of the United Nations," Herzog said.

BANK STRIKE ENDS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 26 (JTA)--Work resumed today at Israel Discount Bank branches ending an eight-day strike which had shut down the bank's 150 branches throughout the country. The bank's 4,000 employees accepted management's demands that they agree to accept the government's new tax reforms which eliminate certain tax-free benefits they formerly enjoyed. The strike against the bank, which accounts for 20 percent of the nation's bank customers, disrupted banking operations in Israel.

VIENNA (JTA)--Premier Yitzhak Rabin's visit to Austria, twice postponed because of negotiations with Egypt, will now take place after the general election in October, government sources said.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES**MIDDLE EAST TENSIONS EVOKE CONCERN, RELIEF**
By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26 (JTA)--Concern and relief regarding Middle East developments are traveling on parallel lines here. The concern is over the difficulties that may ensue as a result of the reportedly many unpublicized understandings tied to the second-stage Israeli-Egyptian accord in the Sinai. The relief is felt at the growing certainty that the Arab bloc may not press for Israel's ouster or suspension from the United Nations General Assembly in New York next month in view of widespread reaction against it.

Unofficial observers sympathetic to Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's current attempt to tie up a second Israeli withdrawal agreement this week feel that the ambiguities of the accord he is shaping are likely to bring storms when it is to be carried out. One termed the forthcoming agreement "a quick fix" that will, like the agreement on Vietnam, bring disagreements that ultimately will cause disaster rather than progress towards a full settlement.

Noting that "coming home with an agreement, however poor and false, seems to be a political requirement for some years now," another observer noted, "We have to face up to this painful fact that deceivers succeed because there are too many who are willing to be deceived."

Urging That Syria Be Appeased

Accordingly, influential observers here are urging a continued drive by Kissinger to bring about a second Israeli withdrawal in the Golan Heights to appease Syria and then push for a full settlement in the area, including a state with the Palestine Liberation Organization in charge, at least temporarily.

Some think that Kissinger already has Israeli acquiescence for something for Syria and that before he leaves the Middle East he will bronch the Palestinian situation to the Israelis. It is thought that in the current state of Israel's utter dependence on the United States for financial, military and diplomatic support, it cannot deny Kissinger and President Ford--their views, particularly with the Presidential election looming in the U.S. If Ford achieves the image of the Middle East peace-maker, his chances for retaining the Presidency would be immensely improved.

As progress towards the agreement increased, the specter of the Arab-led campaign with Communist and Third World support to drive Israel out of the UN is fading. Many countries that had been backing the Arabs, primarily because of their oil and potential investments abroad, are now saying that they will not vote to expel Israel as a matter of principle.

At the State Department, the suggestion is made that if an Israeli-Egyptian agreement is attained, then the campaign will collapse. But if there is no accord, the ouster proceeding will be renewed vigorously. To some it appeared the Department's view is another means of pressuring Israel to reach a Sinai agreement and avoid embarrassment in New York next month when the UN General Assembly convenes.

TAYLOR AND BURTON DUE IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Aug. 26 (JTA)--A lighter touch to the tense and intensive negotiations conducted by Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger is the "great expectation" to the grand arrival of Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton who are expected here tomorrow. According to several reports, Miss Taylor and Burton will try to get married in Israel though it will have to be a civil marriage, since no rabbi will conduct the ceremony because Burton is not Jewish. Miss Taylor, however, converted to Judaism many years ago.

Nevertheless, the expected arrival of the famous pair caused some restlessness among security men here, since Burton and Miss Taylor will most probably stay at the King David Hotel where Kissinger and his entourage are staying. Meanwhile, it was confirmed from the Jerusalem Theater that Burton has agreed to give one special performance at the theater on Saturday night. He will read some chapter from the Bible and probably poetry and monologues from some of Shakespeare's plays.

One journalist said jokingly that it will be difficult to cover the hectic events at the King David. What should come first, the prospects of another diplomatic agreement or another marital accord, he asked.

HADASSAH-WIZO LAUNCHES CANADA-WIDE 'GREAT GOLDSWEEP' PROJECT THIS FALL

MONTREAL, Aug. 26 (JTA)--The "Great Goldsweep" is the name of a unique fund-raising venture to be launched by the Hadassah-WIZO Organization of Canada from coast to coast this fall. The objective will be to collect unused, discarded metallic objects for conversion into much-needed cash for Israel. Hadassah-WIZO women in every community, 15,000 strong, will collect discarded items of gold, gold plate or filled, sterling silver, or silver plated, brass or items containing any kind of valuable metal capable of being recycled. The resulting concentrate will be sold at current market prices for re-use by industries requiring precious metals.

In announcing the "Great Goldsweep," Mrs. B.M. Bloomfield, national president, urged every Jewish household to participate in this collection as a means of providing extra dollars to relieve the economic hardship suffered by many families in Israel. "This is literally a golden opportunity to help needy mothers and children in Israel," Mrs. Bloomfield said.

Mrs. A.A. Keenborg of Winnipeg has been appointed national chairman of the "Great Goldsweep." Her aim is to implement the project in every community across Canada. Detailed plans for collection, sorting and refining procedures have been worked out over the past six months. The campaign is being patterned on the highly successful drive carried out in Winnipeg following the outbreak of the Yom Kippur War.

EVA LEVINSON DEAD AT 65

RIO DE JANEIRO, Aug. 26 (JTA)--Eva Levinson, co-founder of the Pioneer Women in Brazil, has died here at the age of 65. Born in Warsaw, she immigrated here in 1930 and was active in Poale Zion and in Jewish community life. Her husband, Leizer Levinson, who died in 1969, was a leader in the Poale Zion movement here. Mrs. Levinson settled in Israel three years ago, but was visiting her children at the time of her death.

JOSEF ADLER DEAD AT 83

RIO DE JANEIRO, Aug. 26 (JTA)--Josef Adler, an industrialist and honorary president of the General Zionist Party in Brazil, died here at the age of 83. Born in Safed, Palestine, he came here at the beginning of the century. He was active in the Zionist movement for many years.