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HERZOG: ISRAEL OFFERS TO SHARE RESEARCH RESOURCES WITH ARABS WITH NO STRINGS ATTACHED

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 8 (JTA)--Israel offered concrete proposals today to share the benefits of its research in agriculture, irrigation and solar energy with its Arab neighbors "without strings attached and without prejudice to an ultimate solution of the political problems which beset the area."

The proposals were contained in the maiden speech of Israel's new Ambassador to the United Nations, Chaim Herzog, delivered this morning at the ongoing Seventh Special Session of the General Assembly convened to discuss a new international economic order.

An anticipated demonstrative walk-out by the Arab delegates and their Third World allies did not materialize when the Israeli envoy mounted the podium. General Assembly President Abdelaziz Boufelfilka of Algeria, was not in his chair while the Israeli spoke. He had left the hall shortly before the preceding speaker, the delegate of Senegal, completed his remarks.

The Israeli envoy proposed the creation of an integrated economic community in the Middle East along the lines of the European Common Market. He said that "Israel is prepared unilaterally and without reference to political problems which divide our area...to allow the free passage of goods to our neighbors and to and from the ports of Israel."

Speech Deliberately Non-Political

Sources here said the Israeli Ambassador's first speech was deliberately non-political and addressed the subject of the special session in concrete terms in order to demonstrate Israel's ability to contribute to the world community and, hopefully, to avert the usual harassment of Israel in the General Assembly by the Arab states and their allies.

In his address, Herzog said Israel was ready to share the fruits of its research and experience with other countries of the Middle East. He mentioned specifically "drip or trickle" irrigation developed in Israel; the discovery of a high yield, disease resistant strain of wheat by scientists of the Weizmann Institute of Science; the development of solar energy; and the desalinization of sea water and brackish water.

The Ambassador noted that at least 50 member nations of the UN are benefitting from Israeli technical and agricultural aid. He noted that by December 31, 1974, 19,356 trainees from developing countries had received training in Israel and 541 Israeli experts had been assigned as instructors in developing countries.

Herzog proposed air containerization for transport to and from developing countries, which sources here pointed out, was an original Israeli concept. According to Herzog, "This development can be of enormous potential internationally to the developing countries since it effectively shortens the distance between them and their main markets." He noted also that it was likely "to reduce the investment in infrastructure for transport,

certainly in the short run" because "it is cheaper to construct air terminals than roads, railroads or harbors."

WORK BEGINS TUESDAY IN GENEVA TO FINALIZE DETAILS OF NEW PACT

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Sept. 8 (JTA)--Three high-ranking Israeli army officers left for Geneva this morning to finalize the details of the new Israeli-Egyptian interim agreement in Sinai. They are Gen. Heral Shafir, chief of the General Headquarters Branch; Avraham Tamir, chief of the planning branch; and Col. Shimon Levinson, chief liaison officer with the United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF) in Sinai.

They will function under the guidance of Ambassador Mordechai Gazit, head of the Israeli delegation that signed the pact with Egypt in Geneva a week ago. The talks will start tomorrow. The Israeli-Egyptian working teams have the job of drawing up the guidelines for the permanent Israeli-Egyptian military committee that will oversee the practical details of the agreement.

They will also have to decide the timetable for the transfer of the Abu Rodels oilfields to Egyptian hands; the location of the proposed American-manned early warning radar station in Sinai; the procedures of Israeli movement to and from its surveillance station at Umm Hashiba; the methods of joint Israeli-Egyptian usage of part of the road to Abu Rodels; and a timetable for the Israeli withdrawals from various points in Sinai. Israeli officers who are expert in various fields will be on hand to assist the Israeli team.

ISRAEL'S POPULATION: 3,451,000

JERUSALEM, Sept. 8 (JTA)--The population of Israel is now 3,451,000, the Central Bureau of Statistics announced on the eve of Rosh Hashanah. Of this total, 2,921,000 are Jews and 530,000 non-Jews. The overall population growth during 1974-75 was 2.1 percent; the Jewish population increased by 1.8 percent (51,000) and the non-Jewish population increased by 3.7 percent (19,000 Moslems, Arabs, Christians and Druze). The slow rise in the growth of the Jewish population was partly related to a drop by 48 percent of the number of olim arriving in Israel last year. Only 22,000 immigrated to Israel during 1974-75.

KISSINGER URGES MASSIVE SUPPORT FOR U.S. PARTICIPATION IN SINAI

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8 (JTA)--Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger bid today for massive American support to the U.S. participation he has committed in his mediation for a second-stage Israeli withdrawal in Sinai. Appearing before the House International Relations Committee, Kissinger outlined in words and with maps what the agreement between Israel and Egypt entails and declared "We can take pride in the fact that we are the party both sides have confidence in."

Kissinger warned that "The process of peace in the Middle East is not a matter that occurs thousands of miles away but which affects every

American. The agreement could open the way to peace in the whole area." He had warned earlier that war and economic dislocations could follow if the U.S. effort for the agreement failed.

The Committee voted prior to Kissinger's remarks that it would go into closed session after his opening statement. Rep. Thomas Morgan (D, Pa.), chairman of the Committee, said that "some" of Kissinger's information "is very sensitive."

Kissinger stressed that the total number of American technicians to serve in Sinai between Egyptian and Israeli lines would not exceed 200 and not more than 75 would be at the warning stations at any one time. The technicians, he emphasized, will not be there to serve one side or the other "in contrast to Vietnam." While both Egypt and Israel wanted the Americans there, he said Israel would not sign the agreement if they were not placed.

Reassessment Was Pressure Mechanism

In discussing financial assistance, Kissinger hinted that the reassessment policy the U.S. had employed mainly against Israel after his failure to bring about an agreement in March was designed as a pressure mechanism.

Noting that Congress has consistently backed financial aid to Israel, Kissinger said his program for Israel will include funds in view of her withdrawal and her military and economic needs. As for Egypt, he said, it was "important to take into account Egypt's economic needs" because of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's "moderation."

Without specifying figures, Kissinger said his request to Congress for Israel will be less than Israel's needs going up to \$3.3 billion. He did not mention Egypt's requirement but last week at the White House Congressional leaders were told the non-military package for Cairo would be between \$650-\$800 million. For Israel, the aid would be for both military and economic purposes a billion less than Israel was seeking or \$2.2-\$2.3 billion.

Signs Of Rapprochement

Another sign of the rapprochement in American-Israeli relations is the visits here in the coming weeks and months of Defense Minister Shimon Peres, Foreign Minister Yigal Allon and Premier Yitzhak Rabin. Rabin is expected in Washington, possibly in November, for talks with President Ford following the visit here by Egyptian President Sadat in October. Allon, who goes to New York to head the Israeli delegation to the United Nations General Assembly at the end of this month, is expected to hold talks with Kissinger in New York and in Washington.

Peres is expected here next week to shop for sophisticated American weapons. During the reassessment period, the U.S. refused to provide new contracts to Israel while dealing with Arab countries, including Jordan. It is now reported, however, that the Israeli arms procurement program is about to go forward with the acquisition of F-15 fighter planes to match the Soviet MIG-23s in Egyptian hands, hundreds of tanks to defend Sinai east of the Mitla and Gidi Passes, and surface-to-surface missiles.

TOURISM FIGURE UP SLIGHTLY

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Sept. 8 (JTA)--Tourism figures for August were two percent higher than for the same month last year, according to official fig-

ures. The total for the month was 64,500. In August, 1974, there were 1000 fewer. But the increase stemmed mainly from a dramatic rise--84 percent--in the number of cruise ship passengers alighting here for one or two-day excursions.

Tourist traffic arriving at Ben Gurion Airport--which generally refers to people staying for longer periods of time--was down three percent from August 1974. The January-August figure for 1975 is 403,000--an eight percent drop compared to the same period last year.

Breaking the figures down according to countries of origin, statisticians found a steep drop of 28 percent in arrivals from the U.S. in the January-August 1975 period compared to the same period last year. European tourism, on the other hand, is up. There was a 20 percent rise from Italy; 16 percent from France and Norway, 15 percent from Spain and nine percent from West Germany.

Tourism Minister Moshe Kol has cited the drop from the U.S. as additional reason why the government should lift the ban on charter fares without delay. El Al and the Transport Ministry favor retaining the ban.

ZIONIST LEADERS WARN AGAINST OVERCONFIDENCE FOLLOWING SINAI PACT

NEW YORK, Sept. 8 (JTA)--Two-world Zionist leaders today warned the Jewish community against being lulled into a state of overconfidence as a result of the Israel-Egypt pact by underestimating the impact of the concerted Arab propaganda campaign launched among all sectors of the population. They called for a stepped-up public education drive to rally support for Israel's security which, they said, is seriously threatened by extremist Arab regimes.

Addressing here a meeting of the executive committee of the World Confederation of United Zionists, Ezra Z. Shapiro, its president, and Kalman Sultanik, executive vice-president, asserted that it would be "a colossal blunder for Jews everywhere to assume that the signing of the interim agreement gives cause for complacency as long as there is no acquiescence by the Arab states for secure Israel boundaries."

The World Confederation of United Zionists is the central coordinating body of all Zionist organizations throughout the world who subscribe to the principles of non-identification with political parties in Israel. In the United States the main constituents of the Confederation are Hadassah, Bnei Zion and the American Jewish League for Israel.

Zionist Consciousness Stressed

Shapiro, who serves as chairman of the World Keren Hayesod, stressed the need for the Zionist movement to wage a campaign among the Jewish communities "to deepen the Zionist ideology by imparting an understanding and consciousness of the meaning of the centrality of Israel in Jewish life today."

Shapiro emphasized the importance at this time of strengthening non-party Zionism to attract all segments of diaspora Jews who do not wish affiliation with a political party in Israel. Involvement in diaspora Zionist affairs by Zionist leaders in Israel who are leaders of a political party in Israel would be detrimental to the Zionist movement, he said.

Sultanik, a member of the World Zionist Executive, reporting on his visits to Latin America,

the Far East, Australia and New Zealand, stated that the influx of Arab oil funds into those countries for propaganda purposes have also stimulated the local Arab residents to a closer alliance with the anti-Semitic and extremist leftist groups, contributing to the creation of an anti-Semitic climate. He reported that these anti-Israel sentiments have even infiltrated into certain government ranks.

Sultank further stated that the economic difficulties, as was the case in other countries in the past, are being exploited by anti-Semitic elements to incite the population against the Jews and against Israel. He underscored the urgency for world Jewry to rally the constructive forces throughout the world in order "to prevent the sowing of the seeds for the nucleus of another holocaust."

SPECIAL BLESSING RECITED FOR FORD AFTER ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT FOILED

TEL AVIV, Sept. 8 (JTA)--A special "gomel" blessing was recited for President Ford during Rosh Hashanah services at a Sephardi synagogue in Ramat Gan after the President narrowly escaped a possible assassination attempt in Sacramento, California Friday. The benediction, traditionally offered by a Jew who averts disaster, was given by Moshe Levi, an importer, who has been corresponding with the White House about Israel's need for American backing.

Ford had a pistol pointed at him by Lynette Fromme, identified as a member of the Charles Manson "family," while mingling with crowds in the California capital. A secret service agent disarmed the woman before she could fire. Levi said that since Ford is a non-Jew he cannot recite the "gomel" blessing for himself and Levi decided to offer the prayer for him. He said his letters to the White House were answered by a letter which stated that America is committed to ensure the existence of Israel.

NEO-NAZI MARCH UPSTAGED BY UNION RALLY

LONDON, Sept. 8 (JTA)--The neo-Nazi National Front's march through the streets of East London on Saturday, the first day of Rosh Hashanah, was upstaged by a counter-demonstration organized by the Hackney Trades Council. The Council's rally attracted more than 6000 persons while the NF march mustered only 1250. The two demonstrations never confronted each other. Ostensibly, the NF march was aimed against "Black muggers."

Many participants in the Trades Council rally believed that the date chosen by the NF was a deliberate incitement against the Jews of the borough. But the Council rally organizer, Michael Knowles, said that his demonstration showed the political alternative to the NF. The Council march was the biggest demonstration in Hackney since the fascists marched in 1947.

FORD MEETS WITH 33 JEWISH LEADERS AT HIS INVITATION; RECEIVES THEIR SUPPORT ON U.S. PERSONNEL IN SINAI By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8 (JTA)--President Ford met with 33 American Jewish leaders at the White House at his invitation for 40 minutes this afternoon and received their support on the issue of stationing American technicians in Sinai under terms of the new Israel-Egyptian interim accord.

Attending the meeting in the Cabinet room, at which Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger was also present, were representatives of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, headed by its chairman, Rabbi Israel Miller, and Max M. Fisher, chairman of the Board of the Governors of the Jewish Agency. Fisher, a personal friend of the President, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he had arranged the meeting. Also present at the meeting was Elmer Winter, president of the AJ Committee, representing his organization which is not a member of the Presidents Conference.

Fisher and Miller addressed reporters after the meeting. Miller said Ford had told the group that "a large supporting majority in Congress" for the technicians to man an advance warning radar station between the new Israeli and Egyptian lines in Sinai "would help the atmosphere for peace" and that the Jewish leaders concurred. "We offered our help in that direction," Miller said.

Asked by a reporter, "Did he (the President) ask you for support" in the Congress? Miller replied, "The President is more sophisticated than to ask that directly." But, he observed, "The President would be very happy if we did." He indicated that Ford felt that not only a majority, but an overwhelming majority of support in Congress would be better for the interim agreement and would support a movement for peace in the Mideast.

When Fisher was asked why leaders of the American Jewish community were so supportive of the technicians while so many in Israel were against it, he replied, referring apparently to the interim agreement as a whole, that as in any democratic society, there are some against it. But he said the Knesset's overwhelming endorsement of the accord indicated the majority feeling in Israel.

Fisher maintained that the pact was good for America and good for Israel. He conceded that there certainly are risks involved but said that "one of the great things" about the interim accord is that there will be time for further negotiations.

Miller said that Kissinger indicated to the Jewish leaders that the major problem in Congress was not the presence of U.S. technicians in Sinai but the matter of aid. He said the Secretary reported that the questions he was asked at his appearances before Congressional committees concerned economic aid rather than technicians.

Miller said that the question of U.S. aid to Israel was only touched on and the figure of \$2 billion-plus was mentioned but nothing specific was discussed. There was also no discussion of any future negotiations on the Golan Heights or the supply of U.S. arms to Israel at today's meeting. Miller said the technicians issue was expected to be resolved by a joint resolution in Congress in 10 days, to be followed by the aid package the Administration will submit.

Miller said the Jewish leaders wished Ford well and expressed gratification over his escape from an attempted assassination last Friday. They told him that prayers for his welfare were offered in synagogues during the Rosh Hashanah services.

Miller said the issues of Soviet Jewry and Syrian Jewry were discussed but gave no details. Today's meeting was the first between the President and a large group of American Jewish leaders since last December when the issue was the Jackson Amendment.

ATTENTION: There will be no Bulletin dated Sept. 15 or 16 due to the Yom Kippur holiday.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES**ISRAEL'S TROUBLED SOCCER LEAGUES**

By Haskell Cohen

NEW YORK, Sept. 8 (JTA).--At a time when Israel's government is engaged in continuing the momentum achieved by the second interim agreement with Egypt, coping with domestic, political and economic problems and waging an international diplomatic battle to win support among democratic governments to thwart Arab extremist moves and those by the Soviet Union to scuttle the new accord, the Knesset has now been forced to become involved in a political battle concerning the future of soccer in the country.

Some Western news media have been quick to allude to the situation with such frothy expressions as game-fixing scandal hits Israel's soccer sport, or Israel is reeling from the most shameful season of corruption, or even comparing the so-called scandal to Watergate. The entire situation must be placed in its proper perspective.

For some time now there has been talk of game fixing during the course of the regular season and playoffs which are very important in the Israel soccer program. The National League comprises 16 teams and the two last teams always are relegated to a lower division. Conversely, the two best teams of the lower division then move up to the National League at the conclusion of each season.

Two young mavericks in the Knesset, Ehud Olmert of the Free Center Party, and Yosef Sarid of the Labor Alignment, are battling in the Knesset for a permanent league of 16 teams and are also insisting that half the members of the Soccer Federation should be discharged, based on a suggestion made five years ago by Judge Moshe Etzioni of the Israel Supreme Court.

Opposed to these "upstarts" are the veteran politicians who have used soccer as a method of winning votes at the polls. The veteran politicians who support their particular teams, basically Mapai, progenitor of Hapoel teams; Likud-Herut, sponsors of Beitar II's; and the General Zionists, patrons of Maccabi teams, are firmly opposed to Olmert and Sarid's suggestions and don't want any interference from the Knesset so far as the operation of the Soccer Federation is concerned.

Matter Turned Over To Yadin

The whole matter has been turned over to Aharon Yadin, Minister of Education, who is due to come up with a ruling this month as to the future disposition of Israel's troubled soccer leagues. The biggest problem involved is the fact that Israel's Sportstoto, a legalized lottery based upon weekly National Soccer League game results, which throws millions of Pounds annually into a pool for subsidizing the bulk of Israel's national sports program, is in jeopardy.

A possible suspension of soccer league play, which is an extreme likelihood, would wreak havoc with this program. Without the weekly sport lottery Israel would not be able to participate in any international competition.

This writer called Haim Glovinsky in Tel Aviv, who directs the tax exempt lottery based on soccer to discuss the situation with him. He told the JTA that he does not anticipate an adverse ruling from Yadin. As a matter of fact, he pointed out that the Israel National Select Team has already left for Holland to prepare for the pre-Olympic elimination tournament which will take place in Tokyo in October. At that time it will be determined by

Israel's play in the Asian bracket as to whether or not it will qualify for participation in the Olympic Soccer games to be held next year in Montreal.

ABZUG REPORTS WOMEN SEEKING TO VOLUNTEER FOR U.S. FORCE IN SINAI

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8 (JTA).--Rep. Bella B. Abzug (D.N.Y.) said today that she has received inquiries from women who want to volunteer to serve as technicians at the early warning posts in the Sinai. The Congresswoman, who also announced her support of the Israeli-Egyptian Sinai interim accord, stated: "It might be a good idea to include women technicians in the group because their presence would underscore the peaceful goals of this mission."

She said among those seeking to volunteer was a young New York woman with an engineering degree who speaks Hebrew and Arabic and is a student of Middle Eastern affairs. In a letter to Rep. Abzug, the applicant said:

"I have friends in both Israel and Egypt and I hope that by taking an assignment in the Sinai I could help all of them to lead a more peaceful life. I have been in the Negev and I know how bleak and desolate the land can be but I will volunteer for one to two years' service."

Congresswoman Abzug said she was referring inquiries about the volunteer force to the State Department. In her general comments on the Israeli-Egyptian pact, she said she welcomes and supports the interim agreement "as a significant step toward achieving a stable peace in the Middle East." She added: "I believe the concessions made by Israel demonstrate that nation's deep sense of responsibility and commitment to peace."

SEVERAL SOVIET JEWS INJURED BY POLICE ON ROSH HASHANAH EVE

NEW YORK, Sept. 8 (JTA).--Several Soviet Jews were injured and at least one was hospitalized when police forbiddingly ended their attempt to block heavy traffic deliberately diverted past Moscow's central synagogue on Arkhipov Street on Rosh Hashanah eve, the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry reported today. The diversion of traffic to the narrow, normally empty side street on the High Holy Days is a typical form of Soviet harassment, an SSSJ spokesman said. This time, Jews laid down in the street in front of the synagogue but were dragged away by police.

SOVIET JEWRY CONFAB IN BRUSSELS FEB. 17

JERUSALEM, Sept. 8 (JTA).--February 17 has been set as the date for a conference of world Jewish leadership in Brussels to plan moves in the struggle for Soviet Jewish allies. Acting Jewish Agency Chairman Leon Dulzin announced the date at a meeting of the World Zionist Organization Executive here today. Dulzin and Director General Moshe Rivlin took part in a preparatory meeting for the conference in Paris last week. Dulzin said there would be a significant Jewish participation of sympathetic groups and individuals at the Brussels parley.

The parley is to be organized jointly by WZO, World Jewish Congress and B'nai B'rith, aided by the regional Soviet Jewry committees and also by WUJS--the international Jewish student body. Israel's delegation will include a number of Soviet olim. The parley will convene a week before the Soviet Communist Party conference in Moscow.