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## PERES ON WAY TO WASHINGTON TO NEGOTIATE NEW ARMS PURCHASES

**Says Israel Made No Promise To Negotiate With Syria For Disengagement, Withdrawal By Yitzhak Shargil**

TEL AVIV, Sept. 16 (JTA)--Defense Minister Shimon Peres left for Washington today to negotiate new arms purchases after assuring the nation that "Israel gave no promise and made no undertaking to negotiate with Syria for a disengagement agreement or an Israeli withdrawal." He made that statement at Ben Gurion Airport in response to reports attributed to a senior Israeli personality that Israel had promised Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger that it would begin disengagement negotiations with Syria in June.

"To the best of my knowledge no such undertaking was made by Israel--and that's what counts," Peres declared. (The Defense Minister is scheduled to hold a press conference in New York on his arrival there late this afternoon before going to Washington.) Peres disclosed that prior to his departure he met with Premier Yitzhak Rabin and Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz, who returned from a mission to Washington on Yom Kippur eve, to discuss Israel's new defense line in Sinai and efforts to complete it within the timetable set by the interim agreement.

The Defense Minister said his talks in Washington will deal with Israeli military requirements and supplies. He said the Americans have unfrozen the supply of F-15 fighter-bombers, "Lance" missiles and laser-guided bombs for which negotiations were suspended last March when the Ford Administration began its "reassessment" of Middle East policy. There are no more political obstacles to the supply of these military items to Israel, Peres said, referring to last month's Sinai accord.

(President Ford, in an impromptu press conference today in Washington, said his Administration will supply Israel with "various substantial amounts of military hardware." See separate story Page 3.)

The Israeli delegation accompanying Peres to Washington consists of Air Force Commander Gen. Benjamin Peled and Intelligence Chief Shlomo Gazit. Israeli Ambassador Simcha Dinitz, Military Attache Avraham Adan, and the Defense Ministry's Chief of Mission, Joseph Trechanover, will also participate in the arms purchase discussions.

## RABINOWITZ SAYS HE IS LESS THAN

SATISFIED WITH EXTENT OF U.S. \$ AID

TEL AVIV, Sept. 16 (JTA)--Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz said after his return from Washington that he was not entirely satisfied with the extent of American financial aid offered Israel in the wake of its new interim agreement with Egypt in Sinai. Rabinowitz, who was in Washington earlier this month, said he had hoped for at least \$2.5 billion this fiscal year but expects no more than \$2.3 billion, subject to the approval of Congress.

The Finance Minister said Israel would spend

\$150 million to construct its new defense line in Sinai; \$350 million to purchase oil; and another \$50 million of U.S. aid to construct subterranean oil storage tanks. He said, however, that the sums earmarked for oil purchase and storage facilities have nothing to do with compensation for handing back the Abu Rodeis oilfields to Egypt. The ways and means that Israel will be compensated for the Abu Rodeis oil are yet to be decided, Rabinowitz said.

He disclosed that Israel would receive \$200 million from the International Monetary Fund, of which \$100 million is expected next month. Last year, Israel received a \$70 million loan from the Fund.

## HERZOG: CONSENSUS AMONG UN MEMBERS THAT EXPELLING ISRAEL WOULD HARM WORLD BODY MORE THAN ISRAEL

**By Yitzhak Rabi**

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 16 (JTA)--Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, Chaim Herzog, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that there is now a consensus among UN members that a move to expel Israel would do more harm to the world organization than to Israel. He said, at the same time, however, that the possibility that such a move would be initiated by Arab extremists could not be excluded.

The Israeli envoy made those remarks to the JTA shortly before the General Assembly convened for its 30th annual session and only hours after the delegate of Syria demanded the ouster of Israel on grounds that it violated the UN Charter. The Syrian representative, Moufak Alaf, spoke at the closing session of the General Assembly's 7th Special Session on world economic conditions which had just approved the credentials of all member delegations, including Israel's.

The Syrian charged that "the representatives of the Zionist regime who have attended this session represent a regime that is racist, aggressive, and which occupies by force the territories of member states of the United Nations and violates the essential conditions for the qualifications of membership...and is a regime which should be banished from the General Assembly."

Replying to the Syrian, Herzog said "The delegation of Israel rejects the unwarranted and ill-conceived intervention by the Syrian delegate, injecting as is their wont, a discordant note into this special assembly which has been characterized by an atmosphere of consensus." Herzog added that "neither this action nor any other disruptive action by Syria nor other countries will deter my government from its policy of seeking accord with our neighbors and moving along the road toward peace in the Middle East."

## WARNING ISSUED TO NYC EMPLOYERS NOT TO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST JEWISH WORKERS UNDER PRESSURE FROM ARAB BOYCOTT

**By David Friedman**

NEW YORK, Sept. 16 (JTA)--New York City Human Rights Commissioner Eleanor Holmes Norton today warned New York City employers not to discriminate against Jews under pressure from the Arab boycott. In a press conference

announcing that she has sent a letter to city trade associations warning that such discrimination would violate the City Human Rights Law. Ms. Norton said the City Commission on Human Rights believed that the best way to combat discrimination was to prevent it before it occurs.

The Commissioner made her statements in announcing that the Commission has found probable cause in a complaint charging a New York City oil company with discriminating in the hiring of a Jewish receptionist-typist in Feb. 1974 whose job required the greeting of Arab visitors.

Ms. Norton said that Stacie Schwerner of Queens charged that the American Independent Oil Co., which does a great deal of business with Arab companies, fired her after they learned she was Jewish. The case will now proceed to a hearing before a hearing officer, after which a final decision will be made. Ms. Schwerner will be represented by the Commission's attorneys.

Ms. Norton said this is the first such case that has gone to a public hearing. She said the case was referred to the Commission by the American Jewish Congress which she praised for its action. She stressed that individuals who feel they are discriminated against can appeal to the Commission and noted that the city law protects individuals from retaliation.

Any firm found guilty of discrimination is liable to pay both compensatory damages as well as damages for pain and suffering. Ms. Norton stressed. She said most cases were settled before a hearing is held because most firms do not want the publicity of a hearing. She noted that discrimination on the basis of the Arab boycott is "relatively new" in New York City and the Commission hopes to stem it before it becomes an "avalanche," since the city is not only a world trade center but has the largest Jewish population in the country.

#### Will Not Accept Excuse

Ms. Norton said the Commission will not accept an excuse from companies that they have to discriminate against Jews or face economic reprisals. She said economic reasons are not a justification for discrimination as the courts have shown in cases where Blacks or women have been discriminated against.

The Commissioner noted that most New York City employers are sophisticated about preventing discriminatory practices, but the Arab boycott is a new "subtle" method. She said the Commission will not only check into hiring and firing practices but also into recruitment policy--if a company no longer recruits in certain areas because Jews are there--and in promotion policies, including the assignment or lack of assignment of personnel abroad.

She said the Commission has this power as in the case now before a federal appeals court in which the Commission barred New York City newspapers from advertising jobs in South Africa for which Blacks would not be able to apply.

Ms. Norton's warning was contained in a memorandum sent to trade associations including those whose members do a great deal of business abroad. She said the companies were advised to explain the city law not only to the corporate heads but those on a lower level that do the hiring, promoting and assigning of employees.

Jack M. Elkin, chairman of the AJCongress' New York Metropolitan Council, said the organization was "gratified" with the Commission's finding of probable cause. He praised Ms. Nor-

ton's warning against discrimination and said the AJCongress "understands the need for 'recycling' oil money but the 'search for petrodollars' cannot be permitted to violate national, city and state commitments to equal opportunity and fair employment."

#### ISRAEL MARKS PEACEFUL YOM KIPPUR

By Gil Sedan and Yitzhak Shargil

JERUSALEM, Sept. 16 (JTA)--The second Yom Kippur since the fateful Day of Atonement in October, 1973, passed peacefully in Israel with hardly an incident to mar the quiet along the heavily patrolled borders. But memories of that Yom Kippur two years ago were fresh.

A lone military truck roaring down a Jerusalem street otherwise empty of traffic yesterday caused a shudder among all who heard it. For it was on just such a clear, mild Yom Kippur 24 months ago that the sudden appearance of military trucks with headlights blazing at midday, gave Israelis their first inkling of trouble--the beginning of a war that in three weeks was to take the lives of 2854 of their fellows and alter the nation's history.

Memorial prayers were offered yesterday for the Yom Kippur-War dead and the fallen of other wars. Synagogues were packed. But in the outlying border towns, villages and kibbutzim and in many other communities considered likely targets for terrorist attack, worshippers wore prayer shawls on their heads and M-1 rifles slung over their shoulders.

#### Patrols Out In Force

The Western Wall was heavily visited and many of the devout were forced to sit on the ground for lack of benches. About two dozen men slept overnight at the Wall and others remained awake reciting psalms and Talmudic tracts.

Army units, border police and civil guards had little time for worship. Patrols were out in force, especially along the northern borders. The only incident occurred Sunday when small arms fire was directed against an Israeli patrol on the Lebanese border. No casualties were reported. Security circles credited the preventive measures of the previous week which included air strikes at terrorist strongholds in Lebanon, with foiling terrorist plans to attack targets in Israel on Yom Kippur.

#### Army Regained Deterrent Power

Addressing the nation on television last night, Chief of Staff Gen. Mordechai Gur said the army had regained its deterrent power since Yom Kippur, 1973. He said that was of prime importance at a time when some Arab governments seem to be leaning toward a political settlement and could only encourage them in that direction. But Gur warned Israelis not to exaggerate the value of deterrence. The possibility of surprise attack cannot be discounted, he said. However, steps have been taken to analyze and interpret the enemy's moves and sufficient forces are available to meet any contingency, Gur said.

#### THOUSANDS OF JEWS IN MOSCOW. MINSK GREET ISRAELI WEIGHT-LIFTING TEAMS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 16 (JTA)--Thousands of Moscow Jews gave a thunderous welcome to the five-man Israeli weight-lifting team who arrived in the Soviet capital for the international weight-lifting tournament. They are the first Israeli sportsmen to go to the Soviet Union since the 1973

Universiade when Israeli footballers were hooted at by spectators in the stadium and some Jewish spectators were beaten or harassed.

Meir Meshel, captain of the team, said in a telephone conversation with friends here today that when the team went to Kibbutz services at the Moscow Synagogue last night they were greeted by thousands of Jews who tried to embrace or touch them. "We almost were unable to enter the synagogue. We were asked many questions about Israel and the Yom Kippur War," Meshel reported.

The Soviet press ignored the Israeli weightlifters. But the husky Israelis made a point of wearing their training uniforms with the word "Israel" embroidered on the front, and knowledge of their presence spread swiftly among Moscow Jews. Last night the team marched into the Luzinsky sports stadium with an Israeli flag and was cheered by hundreds of Jews in the stands, many of whom held up signs saying "Shalom."

Another group of Israeli athletes--six wrestlers--were in Minsk for Yom Kippur. Services were held at a makeshift synagogue on the outskirts of the city. There were seats for only 25 but hundreds of Jews came to welcome the Israeli visitors.

#### **FORD: U.S. WILL SUPPLY ISRAEL WITH SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNTS OF ARMS; NO U.S. COMMITMENTS FOR 'PERSHING' F-16s.** By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 (JTA)--President Ford said today that the United States will supply Israel with "various substantial amounts of military hardware" in view of the "policy established a good many years ago" by the United States to assure Israel's survival. But he stressed that there was no U.S. commitment to supply Israel with long-range "Pershing" ground-to-ground missiles or the new, highly sophisticated F-16 fighter planes that are not expected to go into production until 1979.

The President made his remarks at an impromptu press conference in the White House Oval Office in response to press reports that U.S. commitments to provide Israel with "Pershings" and F-16s were part of the Israeli-Egyptian Sinai accord signed last month.

Speaking to reporters only hours before Israeli Defense Minister Shimon Peres was due in the U.S. for discussions of new weapons supplies, Ford said "the announcement concerning the F-16 and 'Pershing' missiles are not firm commitments. They do involve negotiations. They are on the shopping list between the U.S. and Israel and they will be discussed with representatives of the Israel government." He said he believed President Anwar Sadat of Egypt was "familiar with the fact that we anticipated a commitment to Israel for sizeable military hardware."

The "Pershing" missile, with a 460-mile range and nuclear warhead capability, could reach Egyptian targets from Israeli territory. Asked why the U.S. should arm Israel and not another country, the President replied that the U.S. has supplied weapons "for a long time" to Israel and that its agreements with Israel are not a security treaty. He said "The military hardware we have supplied in the past and will in the future provide" for Israel's "survival."

#### **Under Review By Responsible Committees**

Ford said, in response to questions, that the

material related to the weapons for Israel has "all been submitted to the responsible committees in the Congress." The implications of the agreements and understandings associated with Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's arrangement of the Israeli-Egyptian accord are currently under review by both the Senate and House Foreign Relations and Armed Services Committees.

The President said he believed the U.S. sources available to Israel would keep that country secure after it has given up the Abu Rodela oil fields in Sinai. "We're not concerned that those (Israel's oil) supplies will be turned off" and "therefore it will have no adverse impact as we see it on our own oil supplies," Ford said.

He was believed to be referring to Iran as the source of Israel's oil supplies in view of indications by the Shah that he is not concerned where Iranian oil goes once it is loaded aboard tankers. Reminded that the U.S. would pay for Israel's oil, the President said, "This is part of the overall military-economic agreement with Israel and it is a step, I believe, in maintaining the peace."

Ford added: "I think it is fair to point out that several months ago 76 Senators sent me a letter actually urging that I recommend to Congress more money for Israel and no guarantee of peace, whereas, at the present time we have made this agreement--that is Israel and Egypt have made this agreement--and the prospective cost to the United States is less than what the 76 Senators recommended. So we not only have peace and a step toward a broader peace, but at a lesser cost than what the 76 Senators promoted."

#### **Removal of Technicians If Lives in Danger**

The President said that the approximately 200 American technicians who would man the advanced warning posts in Sinai "will be there during the term of the agreement unless I or another President withdraws them because of any danger to their lives." He called the posting of the technicians "a good contribution" by the U.S. toward the establishment of a permanent peace.

Asked if the U.S. would intervene if Palestinian terrorists killed or kidnapped Americans in Sinai, the President replied, "You are speculating" and "I do not anticipate that will happen." Ford also refused to "speculate" as to whether the U.S. would post U.S. technicians on the Syrian or Jordanian fronts in the event agreements are reached there in the future. He said he would not "speculate about any negotiations or agreements that have not yet begun."

One of the U.S.-Israeli agreements published says that the U.S. agrees to "consult promptly" with Israel "with respect to what support, diplomatic or otherwise, or assistance it can lend to Israel in accordance with its Constitutional practices" should Israel's security or sovereignty face threats from a world power. The reference was apparently to the Soviet Union. Ford said the language of that agreement does not constitute a treaty. "The words speak for themselves," he said.

RIO DE JANEIRO (JTA)--The Jewish community of this city paid tribute to Holland on the occasion of the 700th anniversary of Amsterdam and the 300th anniversary of the Portuguese Jewish synagogue. More than 1000 persons attended the ceremony, organized by Rio's Hebraica Club, in the club's Ben Gurion Hall. Twenty-one of Rio's principal Jewish organizations and schools gave the Dutch Consul General to Brazil gifts for Queen Juliana.

# WALDHEIM SAYS MIDEAST SITUATION REQUIRES GLOBAL SOLUTION THAT ALSO RECOGNIZES RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 16 (JTA)--Secretary General Kurt Waldheim has declared that the Middle East situation requires "a global solution which will take into account all the aspects of the problem including recognition of the rights of the Palestinian people." Waldheim's remarks, which included a warning that the Sinai agreement must not be allowed to create "dangerous" complacency, were made yesterday to diplomats attending the annual Dag Hammarskjöld memorial scholarship luncheon. There were no Israeli diplomats present because of Yom Kippur.

"It is absolutely essential that the momentum of negotiations be maintained toward such an overall settlement, which alone can bring just and lasting peace to the area," Waldheim said. "Nothing could be more dangerous than complacency."

Some diplomats said they were surprised that Waldheim had spoken of the rights of Palestinians at a time that four Palestinians had seized the Egyptian Embassy in Madrid. But they said this was seen as balancing his praise of the Sinai agreement with remarks that would please such Arab countries as Syria and Algeria.

The four Palestinian terrorists who invaded the Egyptian Embassy in Madrid and seized the Ambassador and two of his aides, threatened to kill the three hostages unless Egypt scrapped the Sinai accord. Later, after negotiations, the terrorists were allowed to leave in a plane for Algeria along with the three hostages and the Ambassadors of Algeria and Iraq, who had volunteered to go along. All five hostages were freed when the plane arrived in Algeria.

In Cairo, President Anwar Sadat, who had agreed to the request that the terrorists be flown to Algeria, said his government would not bow to terrorist demands. He said the Palestinians opposed to the settlement were being duped by the Soviet Union and Syria.

# TERRORISTS UNSUCCESSFUL IN EFFORT TO BREAK UP SINAI WITHDRAWAL TALKS By Edwin Sytan

GENEVA, Sept. 16 (JTA)--The Israeli-Egyptian military talks on the implementation of the Sinai withdrawal agreement, resumed here this morning on schedule. A conference source told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that it was "business as usual" and that the two delegations continued where they left off Sunday without referring to yesterday's attempt by Palestinian terrorists to break up the talks by attacking the Egyptian Embassy in Madrid.

The conference sources said that at no time during the evening's long wait for the terrorists to free their hostages did the Egyptian delegation at the talks give the slightest indication that it might give in to the terrorist demands. The Egyptian delegation is, on the contrary, quoted by unofficial sources as having said that "the talks will go on, come what may."

Security precautions were dramatically increased, however, as a result of yesterday's terrorist attack. Dozens of additional Swiss police were seen around the Egyptian delegation's residence, the Hotel Intercontinental, and near the delegation's headquarters in the center of the city.

The delegation arrived at the site of the talks, the "Palais des Nations," in unmarked cars

abandoning their usual diplomatic corps Mercedes. The Egyptian officers, led by Gen. Taha el Magdoub, did not seem unnerved by yesterday's events and cheerfully waved to the newsmen who had gathered to see them enter the building.

The talks were suspended yesterday because of Yom Kippur. The Israeli delegation attended services at the Geneva Synagogue and broke the fast at the homes of members of the Geneva Jewish community.

# SLEPAK'S SON ARRESTED

NEW YORK, Sept. 16 (JTA)--Aleksander Slepak, 23-year-old son of one of Moscow's long-term Jewish refuseniks, was arrested Saturday and sentenced to 15-days detention. It was reported today by the National Conference on Soviet Jewry. The sentence was reportedly for "resisting a police officer," according to his father, Vladimir Slepak, who is marking his sixth year since he applied for his first exit visa application. Slepak's younger son, Leonid, is presently in a hospital recovering from a case of hepatitis.

Both sons wanted to join their father in a hunger strike earlier this year which was aimed at highlighting the plight of the family and of other Jews repeatedly denied emigration visas to Israel. Leonid was not permitted to strike, but Aleksander fasted until his doctor urged he discontinue the strike. The NCSJ noted this latest arrest is an attempt by Soviet authorities to harass Slepak by persecuting his children.

The NCSJ also reported that Piotr Grigorenov, another young Soviet Jew, is being harassed and threatened with enforced conscription. His parents do not want to emigrate. In another development, the NCSJ said that Vladimir Malik and Boris Tatarski, both of Kiev, applied for renunciation of Soviet citizenship and were refused.

# B'NAI B'RITH JOINS 'KOACH' MISSION

NEW YORK, Sept. 16 (JTA)--The reality of 1000 participants in the United Jewish Appeal Young Leadership's Koach Mission of Strength, drew a step closer today, as the Young Leadership of B'nai B'rith announced it was joining the Mission in the spirit of solidarity with the people of Israel. "B'nai B'rith's Young Leadership welcomes an opportunity to join with UJA's Young Leadership in this historic mission," said Tommy P. Baer, chairman of B'nai B'rith's Young Leadership group. The Koach Mission will be led by Alan Rudy of Houston, Texas, incoming chairman of the UJA's Young Leadership Cabinet. Recruitment activities have been scheduled in virtually every major city in the country. Frank R. Lautenberg, UJA general chairman, called the Koach Mission an "historic affirmation of the oneness of the Jewish people." Over 670 young Jewish community leaders from throughout the country have already signed up for the largest Mission in UJA's history that will run from Nov. 6-16.

JERUSALEM (JTA)--The World Zionist Organization is launching an information campaign among Jewish intellectuals overseas to better acquaint them with the Zionist cause, Moshe Gilboa, information officer of the WZO announced. The campaign will be carried to some 100 universities in the U.S., Britain, France, Canada, South Africa, Belgium, Australia and South America. It will be coordinated by the Israeli writer, A.B. Yehoshua in Britain and Scandinavia; by Dr. Yohanan Manor, of the Hebrew University, in France and Belgium; and by Prof. Norman Rockaway, of Boston, in the U.S.