



## **SISCO: NO GUARANTEES OF OIL SUPPLY TO ISRAEL IN EVENT OF ARAB EMBARGO; U.S. NOT PRECLUDED FROM CONTACTS WITH PLO**

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18 (JTA)--Undersecretary of State Joseph J. Sisco told a Congressional committee today that the United States has not given Israel "a guarantee" of oil supplies in the event of an Arab embargo, said the U.S. was "not precluded" from contacts with the Palestine Liberation Organization although there was no intention to make such contacts "on a politically significant level," and indicated that the "essence" of America's influence on Israel was its military and economic support to that country.

Sisco made those remarks in statements and replies to questions before the House International Affairs Committee, which is conducting hearings on U.S. commitments made in connection with the Israeli-Egyptian interim agreement in Sinai signed last month including the presence of American technicians in Sinai.

Rep. Thomas Morgan (D.Pa.), committee chairman, said a resolution on the American presence would be drafted tomorrow and the House would vote next week. He said he expected the Senate to vote on its own resolution also next week. The interim accord cannot be put into effect before Congress approves the American commitments.

Sisco testified before the International Relations Committee in closed session yesterday. The committee voted 11-7 to make today's session public over the objections of its chairman.

### **Assisting Is Not Guaranteeing**

On the matter of oil, the Undersecretary of State said there was no U.S. guarantee in the event of an Arab embargo against either Israel or the U.S. or both countries. "It is one thing to assist in making available (oil) for purchase and a guarantee. There is a distinction," Sisco told the committee.

He said the American undertaking to Israel refers to "assisting to purchase in various contingencies" in which the U.S. can help Israel buy oil, adding "I don't want to be more specific than that." He added, however, that the formula worked out between the U.S. and Israel is the same as the International Energy Agency (IEA) formula for oil consuming nations in an emergency.

Sisco said all matters relating to U.S. assistance to Israel in obtaining oil were covered by the Ford Administration's aid package to Israel. However, he declined to give specific figures because the President has not yet made a final decision.

According to the text of the secret U.S.-Israel memorandum, disclosed in the press this week, the U.S. "will promptly make oil available for purchase by Israel" if that country is unable to purchase its oil needs. In case of an oil embargo, the memorandum states that the IEA conservation and allocation formula would be applied by the U.S.

Sisco's remarks on the PLO were in response to Rep. Paul Findley (R.Ill.), who said, "It is a

mistake" for the U.S. to limit its flexibility by refusing to negotiate with the PLO. Sisco said, "We are not precluded on contacts" and disclosed that "over the years on a lower level, technical contacts have been made but no political contacts on politically significant levels" and there is "no intention such contacts will be made."

Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger disclosed earlier this week that the U.S. had given Israel a written undertaking that it would not recognize or deal with the PLO without Israel's approval as long as the PLO refused to recognize Israel's right to exist.

### **Essence Of U.S. Influence**

Findley and Rep. Lee Hamilton (D.Ind.) pressed Sisco on "what leverage" the U.S. has on Israel to progress toward a settlement with the Arabs. Sisco said America's close relationship with Israel is a principal core of its undertaking in Sinai and the "essence of our influence" is U.S. military and economic support of Israel. Hamilton remarked that the interim accord still leaves Israel in occupation of 87 percent of the Sinai and will cost the U.S. \$4 billion to implement which, he noted, is "mighty expensive real estate."

Rep. Jonathan Bingham (D.N.Y.) urged that the interim agreement be put into effect as soon as possible, saying "it is dangerous to delay" because President Anwar Sadat of Egypt is under "violent" attack and Premier Yitzhak Rabin of Israel is under "vehement" attack.

Bingham also observed that "Congress is not bound" by the provisions of the U.S.-Israel memorandum which, he said, conveys "nothing more" than that the Administration will view them sympathetically. Hamilton claimed that the U.S. was doing all the giving and Israel is not giving anything.

Meanwhile, the White House said that President Ford and Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger were due to meet late this afternoon with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko. It is expected that a principal topic will be the Soviet attitude toward Kissinger's Middle East diplomacy.

### **JORDAN REJECTS U.S. 'HAWKS' PROPOSAL** Case Says U.S. Compromise Stands

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18 (JTA)--Sen. Clifford Case (R.N.J.) said today that the Ford Administration's compromise with Congress over the sale of 14 "Hawk" missile batteries to Jordan still stands despite King Hussein's rejection of it as "insulting." Case said yesterday that he was dropping his opposition to the sale as a result of President Ford's letter to Senate and House leaders giving assurances that the weapons would be restricted to defensive use and would be deployed around the Jordanian capital of Amman, out of range of Israeli air space.

The Jordanian government announced today that Ford's assurances were an affront to Jordan's "national dignity." A government spokesman in Amman said Jordan would never agree to sign a deal for the missiles under the conditions laid down by Ford.

Case said that he and other Senators who had

go the "last mile" to satisfy Hussein's request for American weapons and not upset the Middle East power balance believed that "this matter is too serious to be based merely on dignity." Questions also arose here as to whether the State Department kept Jordan fully informed of the objections to the sale by members of Congress and the compromise reached with the White House.

An official Jordanian statement today said the delivery dates mentioned in Ford's letter to Congress "are incompatible with Jordan's needs. According to the President's letter, the first 'Hawk' battery would be delivered to Jordan in October, 1976 and the final one sometime in 1979. The Jordanian statement said "Jordan insists on importing them as soon as training of our armed forces are completed." The statement asserted that if the U.S. insisted on its terms, Jordan would seek the missiles "from any other sources."

#### CRITICISM OF SADAT TONED DOWN

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Sept. 18 (JTA)--Israel's Arabic language propaganda broadcasts aimed at Egyptian audiences have dropped their criticism of President Anwar Sadat and are concentrating on the Sadat regime's intentions to improve internal conditions in Egypt. The change in emphasis, which followed the signing of the new Israeli-Egyptian interim accord in Sinai, is intended to bolster Sadat's moderate policies against his critics in the Arab world, according to an official of the Israel Broadcasting Authority.

The main theme of the broadcasts to Egypt and other Arab countries is to emphasize that those Arabs who oppose the Sinai agreement hold to an obsolete policy that is out of touch with the present political dynamics in the Middle East, the official said. A similar campaign has been launched by the government-sponsored East Jerusalem Arabic daily Al Anba which is offering its pages to articles by well-known Arab writers on the West Bank who support the agreement.

Of the other Arabic dailies in East Jerusalem, only one out of three supports the Sinai accord. That paper, Al Quds, stresses, however, the importance of solving the Palestinian problem at the same time that the Arab states reach settlements with Israel.

Under terms of the Sinai agreement, Egypt is also supposed to tone down its propaganda against Israel.

#### FIRM OPERATING OILFIELDS TAKING STEPS TO DISSOLVE ITS WORK THERE

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Sept. 18 (JTA)--The government-owned Netivef Neft company which has been operating the Abu Rodels oilfields in southwestern Sinai since 1967 is taking the first steps to dissolve itself in view of the imminent return of the oilfields to Egypt. According to reports from Geneva today, the Israeli and Egyptian working teams have agreed on details of the transfer and the first Egyptians are expected to arrive at Abu Rodels by the end of next week.

Nativef Neft has already sent out dismissal notices to 150 of its 550 employees, many of whom are working in the company's Tel Aviv office. According to some sources, the dismissed workers will receive severance pay at the rate of over three month's wages for every year of employment.

Mordechai Peles, secretary of Netivef Neft,

said, however, that oil is still being pumped at the normal rate "and will continue until we are told otherwise." Meanwhile, crude oil presently in storage tanks at Abu Rodels is being pumped aboard tankers for transfer to tank storages at Eilat. Two tankers are presently engaged in the transfer and two or more are expected to be sent to Abu Rodels to hasten the process.

As the transfer of the oilfields to Egypt approaches, Israeli authorities have taken additional measures to assure that it is an orderly one and to protect the facilities from possible sabotage attempts by zealots opposed to the Sinai accord. The Abu Rodels and Ras Sudar areas on the eastern shores of the Gulf of Suez have been declared a closed military zone and entry is permitted only by special authority. About 200 battle-hardened Israeli border policemen were sent to the area last week to guard against sabotage.

#### Clarification On Rabin's Kuneitra Remark

Meanwhile, the Prime Minister's Office issued a "clarification" of Premier Yitzhak Rabin's recent remark on a television interview that "I do not want another Kuneitra" when Israel withdraws from Abu Rodels. Some press accounts abroad had interpreted that remark as a "tacit admission" of Syrian charges that Israeli forces destroyed Kuneitra before they evacuated the Golan Heights town following the 1974 disengagement agreement with Syria.

According to the Prime Minister's Office, the Premier made no such admission but merely wanted to assure an orderly withdrawal from the oilfields so as not to give the Egyptians any pretext for similar accusations.

#### HUMPHREY: CULTURAL, SCIENTIFIC TALKS BETWEEN ISRAEL, EGYPT CAN LEAD TO A TRUE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

By David Friedman

NEW YORK, Sept. 18 (JTA)--Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D, Minn.) last night urged the American government to take the lead in encouraging Israel and Egypt to work together on a broad range of educational and scientific projects in the Sinai and for the betterment of the Middle East.

"Let Israeli and Egyptian doctors, scientists, archaeologists and farmers begin working together and the time will not be distant when Prime Minister (Yitzhak) Rabin and President (Anwar) Sadat face each other across the table," Humphrey declared. He added, until there is such face-to-face negotiations there will not be a true peace in the Middle East.

Humphrey's remarks were made at the Golden Jubilee Scopus Awards Dinner of the American Friends of the Hebrew University where he received the group's Judah L. Magnes Award. Dr. Max M. Kampelman, president of the American Friends, announced that the garden at Hebrew University's Mt. Scopus campus will be named after Humphrey.

Also receiving 1975 Scopus Awards at the dinner which marked Hebrew University's 50th anniversary were Frank R. Lautenberg, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, and Isaac Stern, the noted violinist and president of the America-Israel Cultural Foundation. The some 600 persons attending the black-tie affair at the Waldorf-Astoria sat under portraits of the first Board of Governors of Hebrew University.

#### Favors U.S. Technicians In Sinai

Humphrey announced that he would vote for

sending American technicians to the Sinai and all of the economic and military aid Israel needs. He said Americans should not compare sending technicians to the Sinai with the Vietnam experience and said he is convinced "that these technicians are not the commencement of a commitment of American troops." He said Israel has never wanted American troops to fight for her, only the tools and weapons to defend herself.

However, the Minnesota Senator stressed that "Israel's great strength is not her spectacular victories in battle... it is the emphasis she has placed on human resources."

Lautenberg stressed that "Israel's future is dependent upon its quality of life. It exists as a Jewish homeland--and that must always be our first priority." He said that "closing the educational and cultural gap" is "a priority that holds the key to the quality of life in Israel." Lautenberg stated that what American Jews are doing by aiding Israel "is not charity--but rather an investment in the quality of life--in Jewish civilization."

Sam Rothberg, chairman of Hebrew University's Board of Governors, and chairman of the State of Israel Bond Organization, said that the White House and the State Department are watching closely to see how the American Jewish community responds to Israel's needs. He said the size of American aid to Israel will be determined by how well American Jews contribute to Israel's economic betterment.

Avraham Harman, president of Hebrew University, said the 50 years of the Jerusalem university has been one of existence in a society which has not known peace throughout that time. He said the educational accomplishments of the university have been coupled with the willingness of Israelis to defend their country.

#### ACCORD TALKS PROCEED SMOOTHLY

By Edwin Bytan

GENEVA, Sept. 18 (JTA)--The Israeli-Egyptian military working group, meeting in Geneva since Sept. 9, is drawing up the blueprint for the final protocol on implementation of the second Sinai disengagement accord for a scheduled signing Sept. 22. The delegations meanwhile are exploring in depth some unresolved items such as the switch-over of the Abu Rodels oilfields and the stationing of UNEF forces along the southern Sinai coastal road.

As the agreement stands now, the signature of the implementation protocols would automatically start a count-down for Israel's withdrawal the creation of the buffer zone, the stationing of the UNEF troops, the handing over of the Abu Rodels oilfields and the setting up of the surveillance stations.

#### U.S. Congress Casts A Shadow

The delegations are working on a purely technical basis, isolated from political developments but the talks in recent days have been held under the shadow of the U.S. Congress' upcoming decisions on U.S. contributions to the withdrawal agreement. Conference sources told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that Jerusalem and Cairo may decide to postpone implementation of the agreement pending the Congressional decisions, but that possibility has not been discussed at the Geneva talks.

Relations between heads of the two delegations have improved markedly since the start of the talks. Both delegations consult regularly

with Harold Saunders, U.S. Deputy Undersecretary of State, who keeps Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger informed of all developments.

The most touchy issue so far involved stationing of Egyptian police in the southern area. Egypt claims it can place as many policemen in an Egyptian sovereign area as it wishes--believed to involve some 1500--while Israel insists on a much smaller number. A compromise is understood to be in the works.

#### MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO SAPIR

NEW YORK, Sept. 18 (JTA)--"No man deserves more gratitude and appreciation" from the Jewish people than Pinhas Sapir, Israeli Ambassador to the United Nations Chaim Herzog said yesterday at a memorial tribute to Sapir, the late chairman of the Jewish Agency who died on Aug. 12.

Addressing more than 200 Jewish leaders, members of Jewish organizations and Israeli officials who came to pay tribute to Sapir at the Jewish Agency headquarters here, Herzog described Sapir as "one of the giants in Israel's modern history." He recalled Sapir's "unorthodox methods" that brought into realization the seemingly impossible. "Let's go to Sapir" became a solution to almost every problem in Israel, Herzog said.

Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson, chairman of the World Zionist Organization-American Section, told the audience: "Sapir was a man of peace; and he was willing to pay a high price to bring peace to the land of the people of Israel. His eyes were always to the future--to the need to develop the country and to provide incentives for development and progress. His instinctive genius for finances was outstanding and he not only dreamed big things, he made them come true."

Frank R. Lautenberg, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, said: "Sapir never accepted what could be; he only asked why not. In his gregarious, larger-than-life way, he lived by the idea that no problem was insoluble. In his lifetime, this extraordinary pioneer took nothing for granted--nothing, perhaps, except the strength of a united Jewish people. So let it be written that in the annals of Jewish life, we--the leadership of the American Jewish community--continued the tasks and the tradition of Pinhas Sapir."

Also paying tribute to Sapir's memory were Sam Rothberg, general chairman of the State of Israel Bonds; Max Fisher, chairman of the Board of Governors of the Jewish Agency; Melvin Dubinsky, chairman of the United Israel Appeal; and Dr. Judah Shapiro, president of the Labor Zionist Alliance.

NEW YORK (JTA)--Israel's Minister of Commerce and Industry Haim Barlev arrived here Thursday on a two-week visit to the United States to explore ways to stimulate more American investments in Israel and for talks with U.S. authorities on trade and economic cooperation.

NEW YORK (JTA)--The New York area tour of Shimon Gellier is being co-sponsored by the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry and the Board of Jewish Education, not the National Conference on Soviet Jewry.

TEL AVIV (JTA)--A small bomb that exploded under an Egged bus Thursday caused slight damage to the vehicle but no injuries to any of the passengers aboard. Police are investigating.

**PERES: ISRAEL READY TO GUARANTEE  
IT WILL NOT PUT NUCLEAR WARHEADS  
ON WEAPONS SUPPLIED BY THE U.S.**

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18 (JTA)--Israeli Defense Minister Shimon Peres said yesterday that Israel was ready to guarantee that it will not put nuclear warheads on weapons supplied by the United States that are capable of delivering such warheads. "If you want to, we shall give such a guarantee," he declared in the course of an address to the National Press Club here. Peres, who arrived here to discuss weapons supplies with U.S. officials, was apparently referring to the "Pershing" ground-to-ground missile which Israel is seeking and which has a nuclear delivery capability.

The Israeli defense chief also disclosed to his National Press Club audience how the proposals to place American technicians in Sinai evolved during last month's negotiations for an Egyptian-Israeli interim agreement.

**Sadat Was First To Propose U.S. Personnel**

According to Peres "the first to suggest" that Americans man advance warning stations was President Anwar Sadat of Egypt, during his talks with President Ford in Salzburg, Austria, last June. Peres said that Israel originally did not agree and made counter-proposals.

These included, Peres said, an Israeli-manned warning station in Egyptian territory and an Egyptian-manned station in Israeli-held territory, which Sadat refused. Israel then proposed that each side man its own advance warning posts. The final agreement calls for the latter, plus posts between Israeli and Egyptian lines manned by Americans.

Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger has insisted all along that the American presence was not initiated by the U.S., but the proposal written into the agreement was drafted by the U.S. Some sources maintained that Israel had asked for the American presence but Peres claimed yesterday that it was Sadat.

**USSR Has Personnel In Syria, Egypt**

Asked if the U.S. presence might prompt the Soviet Union to demand a similar presence in the area, Peres said that would be "a very strange request" inasmuch as there are now 3000 Soviet personnel in Syria and 75 Soviet officers in Egypt, placed there without consulting Israel.

Asked whether the \$2.2 or \$2.3 billion in U.S. economic aid the Ford Administration will offer Israel would have any impact on Israel's serious internal economic situation, Peres replied, "No impact whatsoever." He said that \$1.8 billion would go for the purchase of U.S. military equipment, and \$150 million to build a new defense line in Sinai and \$550 million for oil to replace the Abu Rodels oil are all included in the aid package.

Peres expressed thanks on behalf of Israel to the American people, their institutions, the Administration and the media "for the understanding Israel has enjoyed through the years." The Defense Minister's schedule in Washington included a meeting with Kissinger last night, a meeting with Defense Secretary James R. Schlesinger today and meetings with members of Congress Friday. He will also address a United Jewish Appeal meeting in New York Friday.

**RABIN SEEN SUPPORTING ALMOGI  
FOR JEWISH AGENCY CHAIRMANSHIP**

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Sept. 18 (JTA)--Premier Yitzhak Rabin is expected to come out soon in favor of Haifa Mayor Yosef Almogi as chairman of the Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organization. Almogi met with the Premier in Tel Aviv last week and though Rabin carefully avoided taking a final stand, sources close to him said he would most probably back Almogi since the Haifa leader seems the only realistic Labor Party candidate.

The other serious contender is acting chairman and Agency treasurer Leon Dulzin. But the sources close to Rabin said it was highly unlikely that the Premier--"who is, after all, also leader of the Labor Party"--would wish to see the powerful position of Agency chairman fall to a leading opposition politician like Dulzin. Dulzin is a leader of the Liberal Party, a main partner in the Likud bloc.

Dulzin has said publicly that he will fight to retain the chairmanship against any candidate Labor might put up. He says he has broad support among the major world Jewish fund-raising organizations whose representatives form half of the Agency's policy-making forums. Observers here note that once Rabin has taken a public stand, the Labor Party machine can be expected to begin canvassing on Almogi's behalf, both among the overseas fund-raising leaders and also among some of the other Zionist parties.

**Party Consideration A Factor**

Dulzin said last week that Abba Eban had told him that Dulzin was the best candidate for the post. The former Foreign Minister confirmed yesterday that he had told Dulzin that he regarded him as personally qualified if there was no party consideration involved. Since, however, the issue was a party matter, "I shall support the Labor Party's candidate," Eban commented in a statement to the Jerusalem Post. He added that Dulzin had not been authorized to state publicly that Eban favored his election.

In a conversation with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Dulzin confirmed Eban's statement and recalled that Eban had approached him in a Jerusalem hotel and had said to him that he was personally well suited for the post. Eban has been approached to accept the post of chairman of the Jewish Agency and WZO but has told friends that accepting this post would be political suicide and would effectively end any aspirations for a return to Cabinet power.

Political pundits here believe that should Dulzin win and be elevated to the chairmanship, Moshe Rivlin, the Laborite Agency director-general, would take over as treasurer (since that post would then by right fall to Labor). Dulzin and Rivlin are said to mesh well together in administering the Agency.

The time and format of the chairmanship contest is not yet known for certain. In January, the Zionist General Council is due to meet here, and theoretically it could elect a new WZO chairman (the WZO and Agency chairmanships are traditionally held by the same person). But the fund-raising organizations have no representation in the Zionist General Council, and so, it is thought, Dulzin would prefer the issue to be decided first in an Agency forum and only then in a WZO forum.