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ISRAEL DELAYS SENDING TEST CARGO THROUGH SUEZ CANAL AT URGING OF U.S. By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Sept. 21 (JTA)--Israel has delayed sending a cargo through the Suez Canal to test Egyptian intentions at the strong urging of the United States not to add to the discomfort of President Anwar Sadat who is under severe attack and heavy pressure from Arab opponents of the interim accord he signed with Israel last month, it was learned today. The test was also delayed because of the excessive publicity surrounding the movements of the ship that may have been the first to attempt to take an Israeli cargo through the Egyptian waterway.

Although Israeli authorities had warned local maritime circles to avoid publicizing the event, all eyes were focussed on the 7000-ton Greek freighter *Valentina P.*, chartered by Israel's Zim Lines to carry a cargo of tractors and cement from Rumania to Eilat. The vessel's Master is known to have been briefed on a Suez passage and the necessary insurance arrangements were made for the ship and crew. But the *Valentina P.*, apparently bound for the Suez Canal from the Black Sea, was diverted to Haifa where she discharged her 5000-ton cargo this morning. The tractors and cement will be sent to Eilat via Israel's "land bridge," meaning by truck. Circles here believe that Israel will eventually test the Egyptian undertaking to permit its cargoes through the canal but when that will be is a matter of speculation.

EGYPTIAN JEWS IN ISRAEL SEEK TO BLOCK ABU RODEIS RETURN UNTIL COMPENSATED FOR PROPERTY LEFT IN EGYPT By Gil Sedan and Yitzhak Shargil

JERUSALEM, Sept. 21 (JTA)--Representatives of Jewish immigrants from Egypt appealed to the Supreme Court today to block the transfer of the Abu Rodeis oilfields to Egypt until they receive compensation for property which they left in Egypt. Dr. Moshe Sachs and Shmuel Atiyah, head of the Council of Egyptian Immigrants in Israel, said that the some 4000 Egyptian Jews now living in Israel had left property worth \$167 million when they were forced to leave Egypt. The area where the Abu Rodeis oilfields are located is the first to be returned to Egypt under the interim agreement.

In their suit, the Egyptian Jewish immigrants asked the government to halt the transfer of the oilfields until they receive compensation for their property. They also asked the government to furnish them with detailed information of the financial transactions involved in the Abu Rodeis oil productions in order to balance them against their claims for compensation. Sachs and Atiyah said the Finance Ministry refused their request for the financial information last July. Israel Radio today said that the Egyptian immigrants' appeal is being backed by a group called the "Public Committee for Abu Rodeis" which includes people who worked at the Sinai oilfields and those opposed to the Israeli withdrawal.

Meanwhile, Israeli oil prospecting companies

are considering a large-scale search for oil in the areas of the Sinai to remain in Israeli hands following a favorable report by oil geologists. American representatives who have visited the Abu Rodeis oilfields expressed satisfaction at the way the equipment is being maintained. Israel has invested hundreds of millions of dollars in improving the pumping equipment, expanding the oilfields and in setting up a pumping terminal since Abu Rodeis was captured in 1967. This includes a new platform for an off-shore well completed only a few days ago at a cost of IL 1 million that will be handed over to the Egyptians. The platform replaces one that was damaged by fire when the off-shore wells were accidentally hit by an Israeli missile a year ago.

ISRAEL TO INITIAL SINAI PROTOCOLS BUT WON'T SIGN UNTIL U.S. ACTS ON SURVEILLANCE PERSONNEL By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Sept. 21 (JTA)--The Cabinet decided today that Israel would affix its initials to the military protocol being negotiated at Geneva, but would sign in full only after the U.S. Congress has approved the stationing of American surveillance personnel in the Sinai passes. Informed sources here said later that the initialing would probably take place tomorrow at Geneva. The Israeli team, led by Mordechai Gazit, will remain in Geneva until the full signing, which, it is hoped here, will still take place this week. Congressional hearings have been set for later this week.

Israeli sources here assumed that Egypt, too, would only initial the pact tomorrow and would finally sign it together with Israel after the Congressional approval. The Cabinet decision put to rest some press reports from Geneva of major last-minute problems which threatened to deadlock the talks and hold up completion of the protocol. There have been reports that the size of the Egyptian police force in the Abu Rodeis coastal strip has been and still is the subject of tough negotiating. Sources here refuse--as they have done throughout the two weeks of talks at Geneva--to divulge details. But they stress that the Cabinet decision should be seen as an indication that the ministers believe all problems are solvable and that the protocol can be completed on time. After the Cabinet session, the working groups reassembled in Geneva for their second meeting of the day.

RABIN DENIES HE TOLD KISSINGER HE COULD WIN CABINET SUPPORT FOR GOLAN PULLBACK

JERUSALEM, Sept. 21 (JTA)--Premier Yitzhak Rabin denied today that he told Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger he felt he could win Cabinet and Knesset support for a three-kilometer pullback on the Golan Heights in another interim accord with Syria.

Rabin told the ministers at the weekly Cabinet meeting that there was "no basis" to the statement to this effect attributed by newspapers to Kissinger. Several Israeli correspondents reported from Washington that Kissinger said in a briefing last week that Israel-Syria talks would

hopefully begin towards the end of next month and that Premier Rabin had indicated that such an agreement--involving a three km. pullback--would be feasible. Rabin told the Cabinet that he has asked Ambassador Simcha Dinitz to check whether Kissinger had indeed made the statement as reported in the press.

Meanwhile, the future of the Golan Heights and Israeli settlements there were the subject of public and faction meetings in Tel Aviv over the weekend. Likud leader Menachem Begin demanded that even the phrase "cosmetic changes" be dropped from discussions of the matter because it only invited more pressure for further Israeli withdrawals. He claimed there was a national consensus that Israel must permanently retain the Golan. Health Minister Victor Shemtov of the Mapam wing of the Labor Alignment charged that political leaders have failed to tell the public the facts about possible future negotiations over the Golan Heights. He said that, on the other hand, the government has never concealed the fact that following the conclusion of the new interim agreement with Egypt, political activities would focus on the Israeli-Syrian front.

PERES COMPLETES ARMS TALKS IN WASHINGTON; KISSINGER SAYS ARMS FLOW TO ISRAEL HAS RESUMED

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21 (JTA)--Israeli Defense Minister Shimon Peres completed his mission to Washington with assurances that Israel will receive the weapons that the United States has held up delivering since the Ford Administration began its reassessment of its Middle East policy last March. "Items held up during the reassessment have been released," Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger told reporters following a two-hour breakfast meeting with Peres yesterday. Although Kissinger did not mention what these weapons are they are believed to be F-15 fighters, "Lance" missiles and laser-guided bombs.

Peres, who met with Kissinger last Wednesday for 90 minutes and with Defense Secretary James Schlesinger for three hours Thursday, delayed his departure yesterday and returned to Washington from New York, to discuss Israeli purchases of military equipment including the long-range "Pershing" missiles, which has become a major controversy in the United States.

"Pershing" Missiles Under Review

Kissinger told newsmen that the "Pershings," which can carry a nuclear warhead in the American arsenal, is "not a new item that has been submitted to us during the negotiations and its discussion should not be considered a payment for the negotiations." He said the requirements for Israel, which include the "Pershing," are now under review. Peres had said earlier that Israel would guarantee that it would not use nuclear warheads on the "Pershings." Apparently responding to Pentagon reports Friday that the American military had not been aware that the "Pershing" was an Israeli requirement, Kissinger said that the Israeli list of arms had been "reviewed, prior to the reassessment, by all the agencies in Washington and is continuing to be reviewed by a National Security Council group now."

Kissinger also said that the "Pershing" item "should be seen in the long-term context and not geared to specific events." Regarding the F-16

fighter plane, which Israel also has requested, Kissinger pointed out that they will not be available before 1979 or 1980 "by which time the F-4 (Phantoms) will be 20 years old and is a normal replacement of existing inventories and is being discussed in that context." Schlesinger had indicated Friday that he would not approve transfer of weapons now in the hands of U.S. forces, but that Israel would have to wait for new production before it could acquire the sophisticated arms it seeks. It was understood that the Defense Secretary conveyed these views to Peres Thursday.

Joseph A. Lattin, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs, told newsmen Friday that Schlesinger had not been told in advance that Israel would be offered the "Pershing" missiles. Lattin said that, "as far as I know," the State Department did not consult with Schlesinger or other civilian or military Pentagon officials before making the "Pershing" offer. Lattin also said that Schlesinger "feels very strongly about supplying most foreign needs, needs of our allies, from production lines and not drawing down from inventories," indicating that if the U.S. did agree to supply "Pershing" missiles to Israel, the missiles might not be delivered for several years.

'Hawks' Sale To Jordan, On Again

Meanwhile, a 24-hour flap between Jordan and the United States over conditions of a sale of 14 batteries of "Hawk" anti-aircraft missiles appeared to have ended Friday with the announcement by the State Department that a "misunderstanding" had been "cleared up." A spokesman said "we are going ahead" with the sale on the basis of President Ford's letter to both Houses of Congress which provided assurances that the missiles will be stationary and used only for defense purposes. The spokesman said that there was no intention to change the conditions in the President's letter. Earlier, in Amman, the Jordanian Prime Minister, Zayid el Rifai, said the conditions were an affront to Jordan's "national dignity."

In another development, Kissinger discussed the Middle East with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko Friday night. Gromyko met with Ford and Kissinger Thursday at the White House but at that time the Mideast situation was reportedly subordinated to discussions on furthering the superpowers' agreements on the Strategic Arms Limitations Treaty (SALT). Kissinger has indicated he could mollify Soviet feelings against the Israeli-Egyptian agreement and the presence of American technicians as monitors in the Sinai. But after Friday's meeting Gromyko told newsmen that his government wanted "real progress" not "visual progress" in the Sinai. He repeated Soviet support for Israeli withdrawal from all occupied territories, guarantees for all states, including Israel, and a return to the Geneva conference.

BUENOS AIRES (JTA)--Leon Dulzin, acting chairman of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization Executives, said here that the financially troubled Argentine Jewish community has the material and human resources to become self-sufficient but needed to free itself from the traditionally narrow frame of its leadership spectrum and put the general interest and welfare of the community above petty party politics. In a special statement to the JTA, Dulzin called for a basic re-organization of Jewish institutional life in Argentina and the incorporation into its leadership circles of many who are now only marginally involved.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES**As School Begins****JEWIS LITTLE AFFECTED BY
BUSING CONTROVERSY**

By Ben Gallop

NEW YORK, Sept. 21 (JTA)--Jewish families with school-age children have been generally unaffected by existing or pending court-ordered plans for mandatory busing for public school integration in five cities where reports have been provided to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in a telephone survey.

Jewish communal agencies in three of the five cities have participated in varying degrees in community-wide efforts to plan for peaceful implementation of court-ordered busing for school integration. The five cities include two in which public demonstrations and violence have been the response to busing programs--Louisville, which has 8500 Jews, and Boston, which has 180,000 Jews. The other three cities studied were Pittsburgh, which has 45,000 Jews; Wilmington, Delaware, which has 8500 Jews; and Detroit, which has 80,000 Jews.

Alvin Kushner, executive director of the Jewish Community Council of Metropolitan Detroit, and Herman Brown, executive director of the Jewish Community Council of Greater Boston, reported that the Jews in those cities had long since moved to the suburbs and were unaffected by the school busing issue.

Unaffected By Violence

Brown reported that some Jewish parents living in urban Boston had kept their children in the public schools to show their support for school integration but, he said, the community council had not received any complaints about busing-related problems from any Jewish parents.

Similarly, most Jewish families in Louisville have been unaffected by the violence which has marked busing integration in that city. Norbert Freuhau, executive director of the community relations committee of the Louisville Jewish Community Federation, said there has been some busing of Jewish children. He said problems for such Jewish families involved earlier rising for the children and problems of adjusting afternoon Hebrew school class hours. Freuhau also reported that all parochial schools in Louisville, including its community-sponsored Jewish day school, had taken public positions they would not accept children to enable them to avoid busing.

Prospects in Pittsburgh for substantial involvement of Jewish school children in court-ordered busing were reported by Michael Bierman, director of the community relations committee of the United Jewish Federation; and in Wilmington by Nathan Barnett, executive director of the community relations committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. Bierman said that while most Pittsburgh Jews, who live in the Squirrel Hill section, would not be affected by an integration plan now under study by the Pittsburgh school board, that plan--if it is approved by the State Human Relations Commission--would affect at least some Jewish children in the Squirrel Hill section. The Pittsburgh plan, as publicly outlined a week ago, would make two elementary schools in Squirrel Hill feeder schools for a new middle (pre-high-school) Florence Reizenstein public school started this year at a point where the Squirrel Hill section adjoins Black areas.

Integration In Pittsburgh

The Reizenstein school was started under an open enrollment policy and has a first year ratio of 53 percent white students and 47 percent Black. Bierman said 20 percent of the white pupils were Jewish children, whose families had voluntarily chosen the school. Under the Pittsburgh integration plan now under study, the two Squirrel Hill schools, each currently about 90 percent white; would become 51 percent white and 49 percent Black; and 53 percent white and 47 percent Black. The high school in Squirrel Hill, now about 80 percent white, would become 70 percent white and 30 percent Black. Bierman said if the plan is approved, it will not become effective until the 1976-77 school year, and there is no way to determine now the precise impact on Jewish pupils in the three Squirrel Hill public schools.

When the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission ordered school integration in Pittsburgh, with busing to implement it, three years ago, the Federation community relations committee took the position that busing was one of several possible alternatives to achieve integration. Bierman said that remains the Federation position. During the past year, he reported, Jews took part in a Squirrel Hill Urban Coalition which had an active role in talks with the Pittsburgh school board on integration proposals. Several key leaders of the Federation committee have been and remain active in the coalition. The coalition president is Edwin Griesberg, a Federation committee member.

In Wilmington, Barnett said most of the 1800 Jewish families had migrated to the suburban areas of New Castle County. At present, he said, there is no school integration order in effect. A federal court has accepted a number of proposals for integration and is expected to propose a redistricting plan, possibly within two months. All of the plans involve redistricting, Barnett said, adding it was almost a certainty that if busing is ordered to implement redistricting, Jewish school children will be affected. He said Jewish parents were aware of the possibility but there has been relatively little reaction from the parents so far, mainly because of uncertainty as to the kind of plan the court will order, which is not expected to be implemented until next year.

There have been a number of Jewish community meetings in Wilmington to discuss the pending school integration order, Barnett said. He said the Federation had participated in plans for a peaceful implementation through a New Castle County Desegregation Committee, which is now operating on a state-wide basis. He said the position of the Delaware Federation is that the Jewish community will abide by whatever order the court issues.

Boston Jews Support Busing

Jewish communal involvement in the five cities has ranged from active participation in offering proposals for integration plans to keeping a low public profile on the issue. The most intense Jewish participation in the five cities appears to have taken place in Boston, where the community council joined with four other agencies--the Council of Churches, the Social Action Commission of the Boston Diocese, the NAACP and the League of Women Voters--to form a Massachusetts Coalition for Human Rights to support integration. The community council and other Jewish agencies had publicly endorsed school integration and busing to achieve it. Brown said the community council has two committees--one on urban affairs and one on

human rights--which continue to examine "positive approaches" to means to end the violence which has brought heavy contingents of federal, state and city law enforcement units to deal with repeated violence. However, Brown added, the issue has not received as much attention this year as last year, mainly because of a shift in Jewish priorities to the Middle East and the problems of Soviet and Syrian Jewries. He said Rabbi Roland Gittelsohn, a national Reform leader, and Rabbi Irwin Blank, a former president of the Synagogue Council of America, continued to be active as individuals in behalf of peaceful acceptance of bussing for integration.

In Louisville, the Federation had said publicly it would abide by the decision of the court and had expressed the hope there would not be violence. Jews have not been involved in any of the protests, peaceful or violent, in either Boston or Louisville, the JTA was told.

No Anti-Semitic Reactions

The Detroit Jewish community council has not taken any position on the integration plan which the Detroit school board recently submitted to the federal district court, Kushner said. That plan, which could be implemented by the end of this month for the current school year, would require initial bussing of about 2000 pupils, very few of them Jewish. The Detroit community council is represented on the Coalition for Peaceful Integration formed a number of years ago when debate started on an integration plan. Lewis Grossman, community council president, is a Coalition member. The Coalition, which had previously acted on an ad hoc basis, this year received a federal grant to act in an advisory capacity to the school board, to help the board understand community concerns arising from the bussing plans.

None of the five community relations officials reported any anti-Semitic reactions in their communities to the public stands or activities by the Federation agencies on the integration-by-bussing issue.

EBAN WARNS AGAINST SLACKENING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL FOLLOWING SINAI ACCORD

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 21 (JTA)--Israel's former Foreign Minister Abba Eban warned here that "There can be no slackening of Jewish response or financial support" for Israel "as a result of the interim Sinai agreement or the expected substantial American aid without serious consequences for Israel, especially in its efforts to relieve the enormous pressure on its economy as a result of inflation and a record deficit in its balance of payments."

Addressing an audience of 400 at a State of Israel Bonds inaugural dinner, the first of a series of appearances the Israeli diplomat will make on his current tour of American cities on behalf of the Israel Bond Organization, Eban said that "Israel Bonds, which have been at the core of our economic growth for a quarter of a century have never been more vital than today in buttressing our economy and as an indispensable factor in preserving our independence and security." He emphasized that the bulk of financial assistance expected from the U.S. will go to meet Israel's overwhelming defense needs. He said an increased response to the Israel Bond campaign was essential not only to meet Israel's current, critical economic needs but to promote the country's

economic development "in the coming months of hoped for increased tranquility."

Speaking of Israel's new interim agreement with Egypt in Sinai, Eban said that Israel gave more than it received but "it was a very important step away from war." A total of \$63.3 million in Israel Bonds were purchased at the dinner. Eban's tour for the Bond organization will take him to New York, Baltimore, Chicago, Miami, Detroit, Newark and other New Jersey communities and to Toronto, Canada.

SOVIET SUPREME COURT WILL HEAR DR. STERN'S APPEAL

NEW YORK, Sept. 21 (JTA)--The Soviet Supreme Court has agreed to hear the appeal of Dr. Mikhail Stern, the Ukrainian doctor now serving an eight-year sentence, it was reported today by Inez Weisman, president of the Long Island Committee for Soviet Jewry, and the Emergency Coalition for Soviet Jews. She said she learned this in a telephone call from the physician's son, Dr. August Stern, who is in Europe seeking aid for his father.

"I and my family in the Soviet Union are most hopeful that this important legal step means that my father will soon be free," the younger Dr. Stern said. "We are confident that the Supreme Court in Moscow after investigating the evidence against my father will come to the only possible conclusion, that the Ukrainian courts made a mistake and will recognize my father's innocence."

ILP REVIVES CIVIL MARRIAGE BILL

TEL AVIV, Sept. 21 (JTA)--The Independent Liberal Party is dusting off its civil marriage bill and intends to submit it in the Knesset shortly, it was learned today. The bill, authored by ILP leader Gideon Hausner, a Minister-Without-Portfolio in the Rabin Cabinet, was held in abeyance under a coalition agreement not to submit the fiercely controversial measure during the first year of the coalition's existence. It is bitterly opposed by the National Religious Party.

The proposal to revive it now that the year has passed was made by MK Yehuda Shaari and adopted unanimously by the ILP's Knesset faction. The ILP is now in the process of collecting the required 30 signatures needed to call a special Knesset session to discuss the proposed bill.

These developments followed the disclosure last week that the Ministry of Religious Affairs maintains a secret "black list" of Israelis to whom the Chief Rabbinate denies marriage rites on halachic (religious law) grounds. The list currently contains the names of about 2500 men and women who are ineligible for marriage according to the Orthodox interpretation of halacha. They include uncircumcized men; people whose credentials as Jews do not satisfy the Orthodox rabbinate; women who are not permitted to marry on a variety of grounds including adultery; and male Cohens--purported descendants of the "priestly caste"--who may not wed a divorced woman.

The Hausner bill, if passed, would provide civil marriage for persons in these and other categories. Religious Ministry circles admitted the existence of the secret list after it was disclosed by MK Shulamit Aloni and other supporters of civil marriage. The Ministry claimed it was intended only for rabbis authorized to perform marriages.

TEL AVIV (JTA)--About 1200 Jewish war veterans and ex-partisans will attend the world assembly of Jewish war veterans in Jerusalem Jan. 25-30, 1976.