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## PERES: ISRAEL WILL DROP ITS REQUEST FOR PERSHING MISSILES IF EGYPT GIVE UP ITS SCUD MISSILES

JERUSALEM, Oct. 8 (JTA)--Defense Minister Shimon Peres said here last night that Israel would withdraw its request for long-range Pershing missiles from the United States if Egypt reciprocated by giving up its Soviet-made Scud ground-to-ground missiles. "Instead of escalation, let us try the road to de-escalation," the Defense Minister declared in an address at a dinner of the United Jewish Appeal annual Study Mission. The meeting was closed to the press but Peres' call for a mutual reduction of missile strength was published and released by the Government Printing Office.

The Defense Minister said Israel sought weapons such as the Pershing not to make war but to deter it. He said Israel was not interested in the Pershing for its nuclear delivery capability. He noted that the Phantom and Skyhawk jets already in Israel's Air Force could theoretically deliver nuclear devices. Peres said that when Israel bought those planes from the U.S. it was the clear understanding that they would never carry nuclear devices and this understanding has been honored.

## MAJOR U.S. SHIPPING FIRM DUE TO INAUGURATE CONTAINER SERVICE FROM U.S. TO FAR EAST VIA SUEZ CANAL By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Oct. 8 (JTA)--The American President Lines of San Francisco, a major American shipping company, is about to inaugurate container service from the U.S. to the Far East via the Suez Canal which will include calls at the Israeli ports of Haifa and Ashdod in both directions, shipping circles reported in Haifa today. According to the circles, the company is waiting for the first Israeli cargoes to pass through the Suez Canal before putting its schedule into effect.

Representatives of the line visited Israel recently to appoint local agents. They also met with port authorities and with officials of the Zim Lines, Israel's national shipping company. The new service would add another major line to the roster of shipping companies serving Israeli ports and would constitute a political benefit arising from the recently signed Sinai accord with Egypt.

But Zim Lines circles have expressed fear that the APL would become a serious competitor, inasmuch as it would be carrying Israeli cargoes through the Suez Canal while Zim ships, flying the Israeli flag, would have to have their cargoes transhipped overland between the Mediterranean and Eilat. The new American service may also contribute to the decline of the port of Eilat which has suffered a drop in business since the Suez Canal was reopened last June.

The American President Lines, founded in the 1920s as the Dollar Steamship Lines, has been serving Egyptian ports for more than 50 years on a west-about round-the-world service.

but never called at Israeli ports.

## ZALMANSON COLLAPSES DURING HER HUNGER STRIKE, TAKEN TO HOSPITAL Condition Described As 'Fair' By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, Oct. 8 (JTA)--Silva Zalmanson, who was rushed this morning to Beth Israel Medical Center after she collapsed on the 16th day of her hunger strike, was described by a hospital physician as being in "a fair condition."

Dr. Allan Bennett told an impromptu press conference outside the hospital that Ms. Zalmanson is suffering from low blood pressure, low sugar levels, from dehydration and exposure. He said she will have to stay at the hospital for a few days. Dr. Bennett said that tests are being conducted to determine if her past condition of tuberculosis, which she developed while in a Soviet labor camp, is re-emerging because of the fast.

Ms. Zalmanson, who was fed fluids intravenously, expressed the wish, according to Dr. Bennett, to continue the hunger strike after her discharge. But the doctor said he doubts if she will be able physically to do it. Ms. Zalmanson was fasting at the Isaiah Wall, across from the United Nations, in an appeal to the Soviet Union to release her husband and two brothers from prison.

## Soviets Reject Zalmanson's Request

Eleanor Holmes Norton, New York City Commissioner of Human Rights, visited Ms. Zalmanson at the hospital's emergency room and said she was in good spirits. Ms. Norton read to the press conference a message from the Soviet Embassy in Washington sent to Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman (D.N.Y.) who had requested a visa for Ms. Zalmanson to return to the Soviet Union to visit her husband and brothers.

The Soviet Embassy rejected Rep. Holtzman's request, claiming that Ms. Zalmanson is not a Soviet citizen and that affairs of a citizen of a third country have nothing to do with Soviet-American relations.

## FORD SAYS MOYNIHAN'S AND MITCHELL'S CRITICISMS OF AMIN 'NEEDED TO BE SAID'

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8 (JTA)--President Ford was reported today to be supporting Ambassador Daniel Moynihan's denunciation of Uganda President Idi Amin as a "racist murderer," and the statement by Clarence Mitchell Jr., a member of the U.S. delegation to the United Nations, in which he said that Amin's speech to the General Assembly last week was "an affront to millions of citizens of the United States."

Presidential press secretary Ron Nessen said Ford believed both statements "needed to be said." Amin delivered a tirade calling for the expulsion of Israel from the UN, the extinction of Israel as a state and charged that the U.S. is controlled by Zionists. Moynihan, the U.S. envoy to the UN, in a speech before the AFL-CIO convention in San Francisco, picked up the phrase "racist murderer" from an editorial in last Friday's New York Times to describe Amin.

Mitchell, who is also the director of the Washington bureau of the NAACP, remarked three days

later that a long war had been fought "against one kind of racism, inflicted upon the world by a dictator who exterminated millions of humans because they were not members of what he called the master race." He added, "If we had been less courteous with that dictator in the beginning, immense human suffering and loss would have been avoided."

Reporting Ford's belief that both statements "needed to be said," Nessen added: "The President feels that is about all he can contribute."

#### NEO-NAZIS CALL FOR DISBANDMENT OF WEST BERLIN JEWISH COMMUNITY. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST JEWISH LEADERS

WEST BERLIN, Oct. 8 (JTA)--Heinz Galinski, chairman of the West Berlin Jewish community, has urged the authorities to take action against the neo-Nazi National Socialist German Labor Party (NSDAP) which has called for the disbandment of the West Berlin Jewish community and its institutions and for legal proceedings against the Jewish leadership.

Galinski approached Kurt Neubauer, a member of the Berlin Senate who is currently chairman of the Conference of Interior Ministers of the German Laender (provinces), to discuss moves to counter the recent upsurge of Nazi propaganda. He warned against complacency and against the tendency to dismiss such groups as the NSDAP as lunatic fringe right-wingers.

"We all know what the ravings of even a small number of political psychopaths can lead to. One should not only think of the present but should keep in mind possible developments in the future and never forget the lessons of the past," Galinski said.

A publication distributed by a so-called "Circle of Friends of the NSDAP" which has a Hamburg address, described Galinski and Austrian Nazi-hunter Simon Wiesenthal as "accusers of the German nation." It added ominously, "We all know what we can do about it and we must do it."

Galinski observed that "A short while ago nobody would have believed that the dissemination of such material was possible in our country." Among other things, the NSDAP publication urged its readers and sympathizers to familiarize themselves with Hitler's autobiography "Mein Kampf" and discuss it at their regular meetings.

#### JNF TACKLING NEW PROJECT

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Oct. 8 (JTA)--The Jewish National Fund, which has reclaimed 10,000 dunams of land in southern Israel this year for agriculture and settlement, is now tackling a project aimed at increasing the population in Lower Galilee. The JNF has begun a four-year program to prepare some 1250 acres for use by existing settlements and additional land where an infrastructure will be developed for the absorption of new settlers.

The Galilee project presents a special technical problem in that a sub-soil layer of rock nearly a yard deep must be removed. Ordinary bulldozers have broken down while attempting the task. The JNF is now employing a machine known as "Big Teeth" which can probe the soil to the necessary depth and extract the rocks. It is an adaptation of a sub-soil rock remover used in the United States.

A JNF official reported, meanwhile, that land

reclamation work in the south is nearing completion. It includes the preparation of virgin soil for agriculture and the repair of fields in the Arava district which were destroyed by floods last February.

According to the official, the JNF so far has reclaimed fields for seven settlements in the Negev; reclaimed land in the Arava district for 12 settlements to grow dates, mangoes and field crops; repaired flood damage at Ketura, Grofit and Yotvata; developed 300 dunams at Dikla in northern Sinai and 2000 dunams at other new settlements in the Rafah salient of northern Sinai.

#### FIRST WORLD ASSEMBLY OF JEWISH WAR VETERANS TO MEET IN JERUSALEM

NEW YORK, Oct. 8 (JTA)--The First World Assembly of Jewish War Veterans is scheduled to be held in Jerusalem Jan. 25-30, when as many as 2000 participants will come to that city from more than eight nations. It was announced today by Meir deShalit, chairman of the organizing committee of the Assembly, at a press conference sponsored by the Israel Ministry of Tourism.

The conference is open to all Jewish veterans who served in war or peace whether or not they are affiliated to an official veterans organization. Members of "Mahal," volunteers with the Israel Army in 1948, and members of "partisan" groups that fought behind German lines in World War II are also invited to participate, deShalit said. New immigrants in Israel who are veterans of the Soviet Red Army are now organizing a special delegation with the express purpose of putting the issue of freedom of immigration on the Assembly agenda.

According to deShalit, the idea for the project was first broached last November during the annual parade organized by the Jewish Ex-Servicemen's Association (AJEX) in London. "The delegations met and decided to observe the 30th anniversary of the defeat of the Nazis with an Assembly of Jewish war veterans," deShalit said. "Non-Jewish veteran organizations are also invited to attend."

He noted that one of the prime objectives of the Assembly is to demonstrate Jewish solidarity and to show identification with the State of Israel at this particular time. Many of the most prominent figures in Israeli life are scheduled to participate in the Assembly.

#### RABBI SNUBS INDIAN EVENT

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 8 (JTA)--Rabbi Roberto Graetz, spiritual advisor of the Reform Emanu-El Congregation, refused to attend a meeting here several days ago to pay homage to Mahatma Gandhi when he became aware that the event was organized by India's Embassy in Argentina. The rabbi, who had previously accepted an invitation, stated in a letter published in various newspapers, that it is inconsistent for the sponsors of the event to honor non-violence when they do not practice it.

Rabbi Graetz, who graduated from the Cincinnati Hebrew Union College and a member of its faculty, said that India has repeatedly demonstrated that it does not respect universal principles. The support by the Indian government of terrorist movements devoted to the destruction of Israel is itself an act of violence, he said. "I shall attend with pleasure such an event when it will be organized by a body truly devoted to non-violence," he stated.

## ASHDOD PORT PARALYZED BY STRIKE By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Oct. 8 (JTA)--Ashdod, Israel's second largest port, remained paralyzed today by a general strike of dockworkers infuriated over a sentence imposed yesterday on their local union boss, Yehoshua Peretz. The incident, though similar to past labor strife in that volatile town of 55,000 populated largely by immigrants, has begun to take on national ramifications because it poses a test of the normal judicial process in Israel.

Premier Yitzhak Rabin considered the situation serious enough to suggest that Transport Minister Gad Yacobi visit short his present visit to the U.S. and return home to deal with the matter. Rabin said the main issue was the functioning of the port. Three ships sailed for Haifa yesterday to unload their cargoes there. Ten ships carrying general cargo and two with bulk cargoes of chemicals remained idle at the docks where longshoremen quit work yesterday leaving cranes with cargoes hanging in mid-air and vehicles blocking the port gates.

Shops, factories and schools were shut today as several hundred dockworkers assembled in the town square and marched to protest the sentence imposed on Peretz. The march was orderly and police who poured into the town yesterday kept a low profile on the outskirts, though they were ready to move in at the first sign of trouble. Justice Minister Haim Zadok said he would give the strikers a day to cool off before taking measures to reopen the port or close it down altogether.

### Sentence Viewed As Too Severe

The balding, bearded, burly Peretz, known and adulated by the dockworkers as "The King of Ashdod," was slapped with a 60-day jail term and an IL 5000 fine by Magistrate Abraham Sassoun yesterday for illegally exercising his "royal" prerogative two months ago when he closed down Ashdod port for a day over an alleged insult by a border policeman guarding the port gate. Peretz's supporters and many neutral observers believe the sentence was too severe and that higher echelons--possibly in Hishadrut--were concerned by Peretz's power in Ashdod and decided to cut him down to size.

Rabin himself indicated today that he thought the sentence was too harsh. But he said, at a Tel Aviv municipality luncheon, that Israel was a country of law and order and the law must be preserved. He warned that the judiciary must be free from influence by outside factors. "The courts must carry out their duties according to law and must impose sentences according to law," Rabin said.

Ashdod Mayor Tzvi Zilkner, who went to Jerusalem yesterday for conferences with Zadok, Police Minister Shlomo Hillel and senior officials of the justice, police and transport ministries, was told that the national authorities could not intervene in the local situation. Zadok who seemed to share the Mayor's view that the sentence was too severe, said nevertheless that the longshoremen had to return to work and Peretz should appeal the sentence through normal judicial channels.

### Minor Incident Led To Sentence

News of the sentence spread within minutes along the Ashdod docks yesterday and hundreds

of longshoremen streamed out of the port area to the courthouse where scores of other Peretz supporters were already demonstrating. A door was smashed and a window was broken in the courthouse. Judge Sassoun and the chief prosecutor took shelter in the judge's chambers.

Peretz, released on bail, emerged from the courthouse with his lawyer, Uri Ron, to the cheers of his supporters. He did nothing to calm them, however, but expressed indignation over his sentence. "Have I committed murder?" he asked as his followers roared their protest.

The fine and prison term--which will be extended by 60 days if the fine is not paid--was in sharp contrast to the nominal fines and suspended sentences meted out to striking Eilat-Ashkelon pipeline workers who fought pitched battles with police in Ashkelon harbor last summer, injuring several.

Peretz's sentence stemmed from a relatively minor incident. The dock boss claimed he was insulted when a young border policeman, now to the job, failed to recognize him and demanded identification at the port gate two months ago. Peretz taught the policeman a "lesson" by closing down the port within minutes. Later, however, he admitted that he had acted hastily, called off the strike and shook hands with the policeman.

### MOVE IN UN COMMITTEE TO SEPARATE ZIONISM FROM RACISM RESOLUTION By Yitzhak Rabin

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 8 (JTA)--The Third Committee of the General Assembly is considering a separation of its vote on racism and Zionism. It was learned today. Eleven Arab states, Cuba and Guinea demanded last week an amendment to the resolution before the Third Committee, the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee, which would include Zionism as one of the ideologies to be condemned along with racism and colonialism. The vote on the amended resolution was postponed after opposition was voiced by the United States and the European Economic Community.

It was learned today, however, that the Third Committee is considering returning to the original resolution and then vote separately on the issue of Zionism. This development came after the Third World countries sought to assure a majority of votes for a resolution condemning racism and colonialism. A majority, they felt, could not be obtained with the amendment on Zionism attached to the resolution. It was not immediately known, however, when the Third Committee would vote.

### PODRIADCHIK RELEASED BY USSR

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8 (JTA)--Rep. Bella S. Abzug (D-L NY) announced today she has received word from Uri Podriadchik, of Riga, that he has finally been allowed to leave the Soviet Union, and has arrived in Vienna en route to Israel. Podriadchik, who lived in Riga and fought five years for the right to emigrate, had been issued his exit visa on Yom Kippur eve. Rep. Abzug had interceded in the case at the request of Podriadchik's mother, whom she met in New York in May. The Congresswoman sent pleas to Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin and Vladimir Obidin, Moscow's chief of visas, when authorities denied Podriadchik the right to attend his mother's funeral in Israel in August. Podriadchik wired his thanks from Vienna to Rep. Abzug for her efforts.

## U.S. FIRM AGREES TO REFRAIN FROM ADVISING CLIENTS VISITING MIDEAST TO OBTAIN PROOF THEY ARE NOT JEWISH

NEW YORK, Oct. 7 (JTA)--An American brokerage firm, Advest Company, that has been arranging businessmen's trips to the Middle East, has agreed to desist from advising its clients to obtain certification from a clergyman that they are not Jewish as a condition of admission to certain Arab states such as Saudi Arabia.

Responding to a protest over the practice from the American Jewish Committee, an Advest Co. partner, Randolph Guggenheimer Jr., said in a letter to AJ Committee executive vice-president Bertram H. Gold that "We sincerely regret that we circulated a letter with the requirement that each participant on the trip produce a statement that he is a Christian."

That requirement was also imposed on Jewish participants who were advised by Advest to secure a statement from a clergyman that would enable them to "pass" as Christians. Guggenheimer said in his letter that "Adest never intended to discriminate against any participant and would never knowingly do so. We will continue to make trips open to all participants and will make no attempt to have people participate under false colors."

Responding to the letter, Gold said "It is reassuring to know that you will henceforth discontinue this practice." But, he added, "We would be very much interested to hear from you how you intend to implement the fine statement of intentions expressed in your letter to us."

## Urges Kissinger To Take Steps

The AJ Committee made its protest in a Sept. 29 telegram to Paul S. Campion, an Advest official in charge of the tours. At the same time, the AJ Committee wrote to Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger noting that the Advest delegation "will be briefed by the United States Ambassador and other senior Embassy officials." The letter said, "We are shocked that the United States government would actively assist a business venture that blatantly discriminates against American citizens on the basis of religion."

The AJ Committee urged Kissinger "to take immediate steps" to convince Saudia authorities in particular to end their discriminatory practices against American citizens and, if unable to do so, "refuse official cooperation with any trips or business ventures established on a discriminatory basis."

The Advest Co., whose Middle East tours included Israel, reportedly advised participants to apply for new passports if their old ones contained any stamps or markings by Israeli authorities. Participants whose passports contained evidence that they had previously visited Saudi Arabia were advised that they need not supply a statement certifying they were not Jewish.

## 800 IN MEMORIAL SERVICE TO VICTIM OF MUNICH MASSACRE

CLEVELAND, Oct. 7 (JTA)--A United States Senator and a Justice of Israel's Supreme Court joined 800 Clevelanders in a memorial ceremony for Cleveland-born David Berger, one of 11 members of the Israeli Olympic team murdered by Arab terrorists at Munich on Sept. 5, 1972. An original sculpture by David Davis depicting the tragedy was dedicated last Sunday in memory of Berger, who was 28-years-old at the time of his death.

Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D.Minn.) lauded Berger as representative of the best America and Israel had to offer, typical of those who "yearn for peace, who prefer competition on the playing field to that on the battlefield." Referring to the perpetrators of the Munich massacre, Humphrey declared that to recognize the Palestine Liberation Organization "is to condone terrorism and violence...the PLO has no role in our plans for peace until it is willing to accept peaceful means as a principle of its existence."

Israeli Supreme Court Justice Haim Cohen said: "Our own grief is aggravated by a feeling of identification with the murdered...but the message of this beautiful sculpture is not one of revenge or brandishing swords. It is rather a message of the silence of the dead that fills our hearts with a dedication to peace and to a world of love and mutual understanding."

Former Sen. Howard Metzenbaum of Ohio told the audience at the Jewish Community Center where the sculpture will be on display that eight couples, friends of the Berger family, organized the creation of the work and the public dedication ceremony.

## WJC, WZO SLAM ANTI-ZIONIST MOVIES

JERUSALEM, Oct. 8 (JTA)--The World Zionist Organization Executive and the World Jewish Congress Executive in separate actions denounced the moves by Arab and Third World blocs at the United Nations and at other international forums to condemn Zionism and seek its abolition.

The WJC Executive called yesterday on all Jewish communities and affiliated bodies "to take immediate action to mobilize public opinion against this anti-Zionist campaign." The Executive said that equating Zionism with imperialism, apartheid, colonialism and racism is "politically motivated, falsifies the nature of Zionism and presents it in perverted form...This amounts to incitement to anti-Semitism and racial hatred."

The WJC Executive expressed at the same time its appreciation to "the increasing number of governments" which had rejected the anti-Zionist campaign and "appealed to all the nations of the world to resist attempts to distort historical truth...."

The WZO Executive said those who seek to abolish Zionism are trying to undermine the right of self-determination for the Jewish people and are actually seeking the destruction of the State of Israel. The Zionist movement is the national liberation movement of the Jewish people, the WZO resolution said, and its goal is to secure a homeland for the Jewish people. The resolution, adopted by the Executive on Tuesday, condemned in particular the speech by President Idi Amin of Uganda to the UN General Assembly last week.

## LATIN AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS CONDEMNNS UN'S 3RD COMMITTEE SLANDER

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 8 (JTA)--Two officials of the Latin American Jewish Congress cabled United Nations General Assembly President Gaston Thorn asking him to condemn the efforts in the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (Third Committee) to slander Zionism by equating it with racism. The cable, signed by Dr. Nehemias Resnizky, LAJC acting chairman, and Marc Turkow, secretary, said this effort was "one of the most insidious forms of anti-Semitism whose final objective is the genocide of Israel and world Jewry."