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## QUESTION KISSINGER ASSURANCES TO EGYPT IT WILL GET U.S. MILITARY AID

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14 (JTA)--The continuation of U.S. policy to maintain a balance of military power between Israel and its Arab neighbors was questioned here today after Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger reiterated assurances to Egypt that it will get American weapons at a yet unspecified time. Informed sources here observed that while Kissinger said discussions of arms for Egypt will be treated "in general terms" when President Anwar Sadat meets President Ford in Washington later this month, he made it clear that the Cairo government will get weapons.

Sadat is due to arrive here Oct. 26 and stay at Blair House, the President's quarters for highest-ranking guests. The Egyptian leader is likely to address a joint session of Congress on Oct. 28.

Kissinger's remarks, on the NBC television "Meet The Press" program Sunday, were couched by these sources with four other factors: assertions in Administration circles, particularly the Pentagon, against the provision to Israel of Pershing long-range missiles to offset Soviet missiles in Egypt's possession; the pending sale of 14 Hawk missile systems to Jordan; the continued arming of Syria and Iraq by the Soviet Union; and the massive sale of U.S. weapons to Saudi Arabia.

Kissinger said on the television program that the U.S. was prepared to discuss weapons with Sadat "but at this time not in terms of specific shopping lists." This was interpreted to mean that the details of the transfer would be ironed out after the dust settles on the Sinai accord and Congress completes action on foreign aid funds to be proposed soon to Congress by the Ford Administration for Egypt, Israel, Syria and Jordan.

### Continuing Consultations With Israel

Regarding future U.S.-Israel relations, Kissinger said it "depends on a continuing need for close consultations and close cooperation between the U.S. and Israel." He said "that fact is going to weigh heavily in Israel's considerations whatever decisions are made on this or that item. So I believe the nature of our relationship with Israel gives us sufficient opportunity to have our views heard sympathetically."

Those remarks by Kissinger were interpreted by informed sources to mean that the U.S. tactic of "policy reassessment" that brought Israel to agree to a second Sinai withdrawal will be put to use in some form whenever the Administration regards it as necessary to move Israel in the diplomatic direction desired by Washington.

During his television interview, Kissinger denied the contention of critics of the recently signed Israeli-Egyptian accord that it would cost American taxpayers additional billions of dollars in aid to Israel. He said Israel's request for \$2.6-billion in aid was less than the \$3 billion provided by Congress last year.

## VOTE POSTPONED AGAIN ON RESOLUTION EQUATING ZIONISM WITH RACISM

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 14 (JTA)--The General Assembly's Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (Third Committee) yesterday postponed for the third time in 10 days a vote on a controversial Arab-backed resolution that would equate Zionism with racial discrimination, specifically, the South African practice of apartheid.

The sponsors--Cuba and nine Arab states, not including Egypt--have been trying to push the resolution through the committee in various forms since the beginning of the month. But they have run into unexpected resistance from a number of Black African states they have usually been able to count on to support anti-Israel resolutions.

The United States and the nine member states of the European Economic Market have gone on record opposing the inclusion of Zionism in a resolution aimed primarily against racism as practiced in South Africa and Rhodesia. Some diplomatic sources suggested that the African states feared the European states would withhold financial support from the campaign against the two white-ruled countries if the text denouncing Zionism was added to the resolution.

But Israeli Ambassador Chaim Herzog said, "The time of the Arab steamroller tactics against the Africans is over." He noted that the behind-the-scenes force pressing for the anti-Zionist text was the Palestine Liberation Organization which the General Assembly accorded observer status here last year. The PLO can't vote but it has "threatened" several African delegations that their countries and representatives might face physical violence if they failed to support the anti-Zionist clause, Herzog claimed.

## WORLD CHESS OLYMPIAD TO BE HELD IN HAIFA

TEL AVIV, Oct. 14 (JTA)--The International Chess Federation decided at a meeting in Holland last week that the 22nd World Chess Olympiad will be held in Haifa next year despite vigorous attempts by some Arab and Asian countries to prevent the selection of Israel as the host nation, it was learned here today. The tournament will be held in October-November, 1976. About 40 countries have already announced that they will send their men's and women's chess teams to the Olympiad, among them Spain and Cuba which have no diplomatic relations with Israel.

The Israeli hosts have invited the Soviet International Grand Master Yuri Averbakh, to serve as chief referee at the tournament. Averbakh thanked the Israelis but was unable to give his final reply at the Federation meeting. It was learned that at the meeting, representatives of the Libyan Chess Federation tried without success to persuade the various delegations to hold the tournament in Algeria.

## SIMON CONCERNED ABOUT NEW TAX USSR WILL IMPOSE ON CURRENCY TRANSFERS

NEW YORK, Oct. 14 (JTA)--Secretary of the Treasury William H. Simon has voiced "deep concern" over a new 30 percent tax that the Soviet Union plans to impose Jan. 1 on all currency transfers to Soviet citizens from abroad, it was reported

today by the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. Rabbi Israel Miller, chairman of the Conference, released the text of a letter from Simon stating that the American Embassy in Moscow was "making... inquiries" into the tax and that the Treasury Department was "looking into it carefully."

Simon's letter to the Conference of Presidents continued: "If the proposed tax is intended as still another deterrent against the emigration of Soviet Jews, we are very much concerned. Even if it is not, such measures surely do not improve the environment we seek to establish for cooperation, nor does it contribute to the resolution of this difficult issue."

Replying to Simon, Rabbi Miller deplored the imposition of the new tax and said it would have a "negative effect" on Soviet Jewish emigration. "One of the major weapons being used to harass Jews who apply to emigrate--and to discourage others from even making application--is the loss of their jobs and the means of their support," Rabbi Miller said. He added: "Many of these courageous people who nevertheless apply for emigration have been sustained by help from their relatives abroad. The new 30 percent tax is confiscatory since it is added to an existing 30 percent tax."

#### **STERNSTEIN: NOT FOR DISMANTLING, REPLACING PRESIDENTS CONFERENCE**

NEW YORK, Oct. 14 (JTA)--Dr. Joseph P. Sternstein, president of the Zionist Organization of America, said here yesterday that he was "not for dismantling, disbanding or replacing the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations."

The ZOA head underscored his view that the Presidents Conference "must remain in existence" even as he expressed what he termed his "disappointment and disquietude with its general ineffectiveness compounded by its recent failure to protest publicly against the one-sided and discriminatory U.S. pressures that forced Israel to accept the Egypt-Israel accord on Sinai."

He said he is "convinced that the Presidents Conference can still prove itself to be an effective voice of the 32 presidents who represent the organized American Jewish community."

What is needed to make the Conference effective is a "re-affirmation of the spirit of independence, the courage to be critical of friends in and out of government--the U.S. government and the Israeli government--and the resolve and energy to mobilize the American public, and most certainly the great body of American Jewry, in support and defense of Israel's security as we see it from the vantage point of both the people of Israel and the whole Jewish people," Sternstein declared.

#### **MESHEL WARNS OF ISRAELI RECESSION** By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, Oct. 14 (JTA)--Yeruham Meshel, Secretary General of Histadrut, warned yesterday that Israel was headed for a recession unless the Israeli government takes appropriate measures to avoid it. He was sharply critical of Israel's new tax reform law which he said placed the burden on those sections of the population least able to bear them.

Meshel, who arrived from Israel Sunday night, addressed a press conference at Histadrut headquarters here. He said that in order to avoid a

recession and unemployment, the Israeli government would have to encourage "more investments, more sophisticated industry and increase exports." He said Israel had to take measures to benefit more from its ties with the European Common Market. According to Meshel, there is already evidence of future unemployment in Israel's textile industry.

He charged that the tax reform law adopted last summer placed the burden of taxation on the workers, while a considerable portion of the population "does not pay taxes according to their income." Declaring that "the social balance is not less important than the military balance," Meshel urged the Israeli government to take "effective steps" so that the tax burden will be shared equally by all segments of Israeli society.

Meshel will meet with Vice-President Nelson Rockefeller and Labor Secretary John T. Dunlop before he leaves for Mexico City later this week to attend an international trade union conference. He met today with AFL-CIO president George Meany. He said Meany invited him because developments in Israel prevented Meshel from addressing the AFL-CIO conference as planned last week.

The Histadrut leader told reporters that he would explain to Rockefeller that the financial aid Israel receives from the U.S. would not be used for increased consumption or to raise living standards in Israel. He said he would also discuss with Rockefeller problems of Israeli exports, industrial development and bilateral relations between Israel and the U.S.

#### **DULZIN NAMES COMMITTEE TO DEAL WITH WZO INFORMATION DEPARTMENT** Retracts Charge That Argentine Zionist Federation Distributed PLO Propaganda By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Oct. 14 (JTA)--Leon Dulzin, acting chairman of the World Zionist Organization and Jewish Agency Executives, named a three-man committee today to deal with a controversy that has purportedly paralyzed the work of the WZO's organization and information department. At the same time, Dulzin retracted a charge he made last week that the Zionist Federation of Argentina was distributing PLO propaganda.

Dulzin, who had just returned from a visit to Argentina, claimed he saw a PLO article on a Zionist Federation letterhead. He also charged that alleged leftist tendencies among Jewish youth in Argentina were infecting shlichim (messengers) from Israel and accused the WZO's information department of the "Mamapization" of Zionist propaganda efforts abroad.

Dulzin said today that he has since learned that the PLO article was a reprint from a Foreign Ministry publication intended to expose PLO plans for the liquidation of Israel and that he had not seen, at the time, a covering page explaining that purpose. He expressed regrets for making the charge without being aware of the full facts, but said it was an innocent mistake.

The troubles in the information department, headed by Avraham Shenker, of Mapam, stemmed from the appointment of Moshe Gilboa, a former Rafi member, as co-director of the department in charge of information. Gilboa was given the newly created post apparently to put a "brake" on alleged leftist tendencies in written information distributed by the department's shlichim abroad. The three-man committee consists of Ezra Shapiro, Moshe Krona and Dr. Raanan Weitz.

## CONTROVERSY ERUPTS OVER SHOWING OF TWO NAZI PROPAGANDA FILMS

ATLANTA, Oct. 14 (JTA)--The booking of two Nazi propaganda films by Leni Riefenstahl for screening at a film festival sponsored in part by the city and private funds, has embroiled this community in a bitter controversy and brought charges of censorship against the southern office of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League, which has demanded that the films be withdrawn.

The films are "Triumph of Will," a documentary on a Nazi mass rally in Nuremberg, produced in 1934, and "Olympiad," a film on the 1936 Olympic games held in Berlin during which Hitler deliberately snubbed Jesse Owens the Black American track star.

The films by Riefenstahl, who was a close friend of Hitler, have been acclaimed by film experts for their camera technique. Stuart Lewengrub, director of the ADL here, said, "We would have absolutely no objection to the films if they were being shown at, say, a seminar on film technique."

He observed, however, that "what's involved here is the praising of a woman who helped the Nazis at a festival meant to honor 'humanistic' achievement." Louise Wiener, director of the festival, agreed with Lewengrub that "the context" was the issue. "It was an oversight, a lack of communication, and when the people from the city and the museum started choosing films they reached out in every direction," she said.

### Finds Films Repugnant, Disgusting

But Gudmund Vigtel, director of the High Museum of Art, one of the sponsors of the film festival, charged that the ADL "put the pressure on us very hard, but we will not be subjected to any form of censorship." Mayor Maynard Jackson said he personally found the films "disgusting and repugnant, in complete opposition to the principles upon which a humane society is based and unworthy of celebration."

However, Jackson said that after consulting with Jewish community leaders and members of the arts community, he concluded that to withdraw the films might constitute government censorship. He said they would be shown "in a controlled atmosphere" and would be preceded and followed by "serious public discussion of their form and content." The Riefenstahl films were picketed by Jews when they were shown at a film festival in Colorado in September, 1974.

### ROITBURD APPEAL REJECTED; LIUBARSKY AMNESTY APPEAL ALSO REJECTED

NEW YORK, Oct. 14 (JTA)--The Odessa regional court today rejected the appeal of Lev Roitburd and affirmed his two-year jail sentence for resisting arrest. It was reported today by the National Conference on Soviet Jewry. The NCSJ also reported that Galina Pevzner, the wife of Lazar Liubarsky, was informed that her husband would not be released under an amnesty act. The act was declared this year to mark the 30th anniversary of the end of World War II. Liubarsky, of Rostov, was sentenced in January, 1973, to four years in prison for "anti-Soviet slander." Pevzner, who appealed for his release last July, was told this week by Soviet authorities that the amnesty did not apply to her husband.

### U.S. FIRM AWARDS CONTRACT

TEL AVIV, Oct. 14 (JTA)--The American company constructing power stations in Israel

has awarded contracts worth \$70 million to Israeli's metal industry for structural parts and other equipment. It was disclosed today by Z. Harway, vice-president of Babcock & Wilcox. Harway visited the Beersheva works of Negev Metals Ltd., which has received a \$14 million order from Babcock & Wilcox. Eight hundred tons of steel has arrived at the Beersheva plant and another 1600 tons is expected shortly to complete the steel skeleton of the power station. The American firm is building near Hadera. A total of 12,000 tons of steel will be required.

Babcock & Wilcox, a leading manufacturer of power generating equipment, built two power stations at Ashdod before winning the contract for the Hadera station. All of them are designed to burn either coal or oil. Babcock & Wilcox is one of three American companies that have tendered bids to construct Israel's first nuclear power station.

### ISRAELI DELEGATION CALLS FOR FREEDOM OF EMIGRATION, EFFECTIVE OPPOSITION TO TERRORISM

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14 (JTA)--The Israeli delegation introduced yesterday two resolutions at the Conference on World Peace Through Law relating to freedom of emigration and effective opposition to political terrorism.

The resolutions are to be discussed in panels in committees and if adopted there, will be presented to the plenary session on Friday. The conference opened Sunday at the Sheraton Park Hotel. It is being attended by delegations from 129 countries and more than 5200 delegates, of whom 1700 are from abroad and the remainder from the United States.

Those present include the Chief Justices of 48 countries, including Shimon Agranot of Israel. The Israeli delegation of 10 members is headed by Yitzhak Nenner, a Jerusalem lawyer who is president of the Council of the Israeli Bar Association.

One Israeli resolution calls for the right of any person to leave any country, including his own, and to take his property with him. In addition, it calls for a ban on any country which subjects any person desiring to exercise this right, to sanctions, penalties, harassment or humiliation. The other Israeli resolution, against terrorism for political ends, recommends strengthening of international cooperation on prosecution and punishment or effective extradition. (By Joseph Polakoff)

### BODY NOT THAT OF MISSING JEW

NEW YORK, Oct. 14 (JTA)--The family of a missing Chilean Jew has finally convinced Chilean authorities that the body of a man found near El Pillar, Argentina last summer and identified as Juan Carlos Perelman, was in fact not the remains of their relative who disappeared. Argentine police have established that the documents found near the body were forgeries. It was disclosed here by Rabbi Morton M. Rosenthal, director of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League's Latin American affairs department.

Similar forgeries led to the erroneous identification of another body found at El Pillar as that of Luis Alberio Guendelman Wientak, a member of the Chilean Jewish community who is also missing. The discovery of the bodies led some government-controlled newspapers in Chile to claim that the missing men were Marxists who faked their disappearances to embarrass the Chilean government and were later assassinated by guerrilla groups they joined. Rabbi Rosenthal reported,

## JEWISH LEADERS REAFFIRM COMMITMENT TO STRUGGLE OF SOVIET JEWRY

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 14 (JTA)--Newly elected officers of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry reaffirmed their commitment to the struggle of Soviet Jewry, in a statement issued yesterday at Independence Hall. The statement read by Stanley H. Lowell, re-elected chairman of the NCSJ, in the ceremony witnessed by hundreds of Jewish community leaders from across the United States, pointed out, "Today in our Bicentennial Year, our brothers and sisters in the Soviet Union are continually denied their rights; their lives subject to constant harassment, surveillance and discrimination from the Soviet authorities."

Noting that these actions are violations of numerous international agreements the Soviet Union has signed, most recently the Helsinki Agreement, Lowell continued: "As long as Soviet Jews are denied their right to emigrate, to enjoy full religious and cultural facilities and are subject to severe repression by the Soviet authorities, we pledge ourselves to support their struggle, to demand their human rights and to raise our united voice against injustice." The ceremony followed the NCSJ's Board of Governors meeting at the Federation of Jewish Agencies of Greater Philadelphia.

### Jewish Artist Seeks To Emigrate

Even as the ceremony was taking place, reports from Moscow stated that Ernst Neizvesty, one of the Soviet Union's best-known graphic artists and sculptors, appealed to President Nikolai Podgorny for permission to emigrate to Israel. The artist, who won worldwide attention in 1962 when he publicly quarreled with Nikita Khrushchev over modern art, asked for Kremlin intervention to halt harassment directed against him and to end what he termed his "enforced detention" in the USSR.

Neizvesty, who has been in official disfavor for many years, said he sent his appeal after a second refusal this year for permission to emigrate. Earlier this year he said he was told by officials he could not leave because he had not divorced his wife. Now, he told Western reporters yesterday, officials had told him he could not leave because he had two aged parents. When he appealed to emigrate last March he was expelled from the artists' union and from his official workshop. He told reporters that his wife and his mother and father had approved his request to emigrate.

### KAHANE LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN FOR 'DEMOCRACY IN JEWISH LIFE'

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, Oct. 14 (JTA)--Under the slogan "one Jew, one vote" Rabbi Meir Kahane opened a new campaign today for "democracy in Jewish life." Addressing a press conference at the Summit Hotel here this morning, Kahane, the founder of the Jewish Defense League, called for a "direct and open election" of an American Jewish representative body that would "truly speak for American Jews." He said the campaign will be coordinated by a group now in formation, Democracy for Jewish Life, which is not connected with the JDL.

Calling the present umbrella Jewish organizations "tyrannical and feudal baronies that bar any minority views and any opportunity for the American Jewish masses to decide any vital is-

ssues that affect their own future and survival," Kahane declared: "We believe that the time has come for the direct, popular and open election of a national body that will be representative of the total thinking of American Jewry. We believe that this should be followed by the democratic, direct election of local Jewish federations."

### Calls For Direct Elections

Announcing that a national preparatory conference of rabbis, synagogue leaders, Jewish intellectuals and youth representing all segments of the Jewish community in America will be held Nov. 24 at the New York Hilton, Kahane said it will be the first step for a democratic election for Jewish leadership based on the principle of "one Jew, one vote." Presently, on the national scene, "there does not exist one group that is directly elected by members of the American Jewish community," he asserted.

In an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency after his press conference, Kahane—who is currently serving a one-year prison term in an open detention house in Manhattan—said that an application by the JDL to join the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations was rejected "without explanation." A similar request to the American Zionist Federation also was rejected on the grounds that "the JDL is violent," Kahane said. Spokesmen for the Presidents Conference and the AZF were not immediately available for comment.

According to Kahane, "there is no way" but to establish democratic elections for Jewish leadership because "the average Jew here does not have a say whatsoever" in issues that concern him directly. He also claimed that he will mobilize support for his new idea through synagogues and Jewish community centers throughout the country. Kahane claimed that his call for democracy in Jewish life has already found a sympathetic ear among Jewish leaders who do not support the JDL. He cited the names of Rabbi Amiel Wohl of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, and Rabbi William Berkowitz of B'nai Jehshurun Synagogue in New York who was a former president of the New York Board of Rabbis.

### Demand Deportation of Trifa

In a separate statement today, Russ Kelner, JDL operations officer, said his group is joining forces with an organization of World War II Holocaust victims to demand the deportation of Archbishop Valerian Trifa, of the Rumanian Orthodox Episcopate of America. Kelner said that the president of the Rumanian Jewish Federation, Dr. Charles Kremer of New York City, has approached Kahane asking the assistance of his group in protesting the U.S. government's vacillation in its prosecution of Trifa, once a commandant in the fascist Iron Guard in war-time Rumania.

Now living in Grass Lake, Michigan, the archbishop faces a hearing on Oct. 20, on charges that he gave false statements about his past in order to gain U.S. naturalization. Officials of the JDL and Kremer's organization said they will hold public rallies in the Detroit area prior to the hearing to demand that the U.S. Immigration Service present the dozens of witnesses who have given depositions enumerating the atrocities committed by Trifa. \*\*\*

TEL AVIV (JTA)--A special IL 5 postal stamp has been issued by the Postal Authority in honor of the 50th anniversary of Pioneer Women in the United States.