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MORTON: U.S. BUSINESSMEN DO NOT HAVE TO STOP TRADING WITH ISRAEL IN ORDER TO SELL TO ARAB COUNTRIES

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15 (JTA)--Secretary of Commerce Rogers Morton is telling American businessmen that they do not have to stop trading with Israel in order to sell to Arab countries. He coupled this statement with 15 "specific grounds" on which Arab countries boycott companies engaged with Israeli markets but did not mention discrimination against American companies with Jewish principals for which he continues under fire in Congress.

In an editorial in the current issue of "Commerce Today," a bi-weekly publication of the Department of Commerce, Morton wrote "boycott sanctions are not applied by Arab countries against U.S. or other foreign firms which engage in routine commercial trade with Israel" and "the astute businessman aggressively looks for commercial opportunities in Israel as well as with her newly wealthy neighbors." He said Israel represents "a billion dollar market" for American goods and services.

Continuing, Morton stated: "Firms are boycotted by Arab countries on the more specific grounds of having a main or branch factory, joint venture, or assembly plant in Israel; holding shares in Israeli companies; licensing their technology patents or trade names to Israeli firms; providing certain technical and consultative services to Israel; exploring for natural resources in Israel; acting as agent or principal importer in the U.S. for Israeli products; or selling strategic equipment and materials directly to Israel."

SOVIET JEWISH ECONOMIST NAMED AS JOINT WINNER OF 1975 NOBEL PRIZE

NEW YORK, Oct. 15 (JTA)--Prof. Leonid Kantorovich of the Soviet Union who was named yesterday as the joint winner of the 1975 Nobel Prize in economics, is Jewish, the National Conference on Soviet Jewry informed the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today. The NCSJ said it obtained information from an authoritative source that the 63-year-old Nobel Laureate's parents were Jewish and that he is Jewish, though non-observant.

Prof. Kantorovich is associated with the Institute Matematiki in Novosibirsk, is a professor at Leningrad University, a deputy director of the Laboratory for Use of Statistical and Mathematical Methods in Economics and a holder of the Soviet Union's prestigious Lenin Prize.

He will share the \$145,000 Nobel Award with Dutch-born Prof. Tjalling Koopmans, 65, a member of the faculty of Yale University. Both men were cited by the Royal Academy of Sciences in Stockholm for their studies in the problems of how available resources can best be used in producing goods and services.

Prof. Kantorovich is the author of a number of works, including his book "The Best Use of Economic Resources," in which he analyzed efficient conditions for an economy as a whole and demonstrated the connection between allocation of resources and prices. He is regarded as the

leading representative of the mathematics school in Soviet economic research.

USSR BARS JEWISH LAWYER FROM ATTENDING CONFAB IN U.S.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15 (JTA)--The Soviet government has refused to allow Vladimir Lazaris, a Jewish lawyer in Moscow, to attend the World Conference on Peace Through Law currently being held here, it was disclosed last night.

Lazaris, whose wife and child are in Israel, was invited to attend by a cable personally sent to him by Charles S. Rhyne, president of the World Peace Through Law Center in Washington, which arranged the conference, and who also is a former president of the American Bar Association. Lazaris replied that he regretted his inability to attend since the Soviet authorities would not grant him an exit visa.

The case of Lazaris, who was dismissed from his law practice in Moscow for asking to emigrate to Israel, was presented to the panel, concerned with the right to leave one's country, by Alan Gould, of Berkeley, Calif., and William I. Miller, a Queen's Counsel in Montreal. Four Communist countries--Poland, Bulgaria, Rumania and Yugoslavia--but not the Soviet Union--are among the 129 countries represented at the conference.

ARMY EXPRESSES REGRET OVER FATAL SHOOTING OF TWO SYRIAN SHEPHERDS

TEL AVIV, Oct. 15 (JTA)--The Israeli army expressed regrets last night over the fatal shooting of two Syrian shepherds who crossed the Israeli disengagement line on the Golan Heights north of Kuneitra yesterday morning. The official account of the incident given to United Nations headquarters, said the shepherds who crossed the line with their flocks failed to heed warnings shouts or warning shots fired into the air. The army expressed hope that such incidents would not be repeated.

ALLON DOES NOT CONSIDER SYRIA'S REFUSAL TO NEGOTIATE AS FINAL

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Oct. 15 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Yigal Allon said today that he had informed the U.S. that Israel did not take Syria's refusal so far to negotiate as Damascus' last word on the subject. Perhaps, Allon said, Syria's refusal was a tactical maneuver and the tactics would yet change. "We shall find out soon," he said, in an apparent reference to the Nov. 30 deadline for renewal of the mandate of the United Nations Disengagement Observers Force (UNDOF). Allon was addressing a luncheon session of the "symposium on military aspects of the Mideast conflict," hosted by Noah Mozes, publisher of Yediot Achronot and a member of the Board of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Allon, recently back from the UN General Assembly, said he had been informed "officially" that Syria was "not interested" in any form of negotiations with Israel. Israel, he said, remained ready to negotiate without preconditions. He said he had discerned at the UN this time, for the first time after "several unhappy years,"

that the "automatic vote" is no longer "secure" for the Arab bloc.

Encouraged By Recent Moves

Several non-aligned states, apart from the Western bloc, had informed the Arabs that they would not support Israel's suspension—and this had prompted the Arabs to drop that initiative. They are now launching an "indirect" attack by seeking to have Zionism condemned. But Israel's explanations that this was a disguise for anti-Semitism is being accepted, Allon noted, adding that he was encouraged by the fact that the Arabs had so far not brought their resolution to the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (Third Committee) for a vote.

Almost all the African states that broke their ties with Israel now regretted the act. The small states still have to pay exorbitant oil prices despite their "dancing to the Arabs' tune." The bigger states have come to realize that by taking sides in the Mideast conflict they lost influence in the international arena and were "being taken for granted" by the Arabs, Allon said.

The Foreign Minister observed that the same applied, to some extent, to the Soviets, and that it is time for them to reassess their Mideast stance since they find themselves in the peculiar position of being a superpower that was "pushed around" by Arab extremist states.

Allon would not reveal the contents of his meeting with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko last month in New York. He did not seem confident that diplomatic ties with the USSR would be resumed shortly. "It is up to them," he said.

OPPOSITION MOUNTING TO RESOLUTION EQUATING ZIONISM WITH RACISM

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 15 (JTA)--The United States and the nine member nations of the European Common Market indicated in the General Assembly's Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (Third Committee) today that they would not support a resolution condemning apartheid and colonialism even if it was separated from one condemning Zionism.

At the same time, the International League for the Rights of Man sent telegrams to the representatives of several African states urging them to dissociate themselves from any resolution equating Zionism with racism.

Roberta Cohen, executive director of the League, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the telegrams protested against an amendment to the resolution against racism and colonialism that equated Zionism with those practices. The African delegates were told that such an amendment would be "counter-productive" and in effect would weaken the resolution against apartheid.

Nine Arab countries--not including Egypt--and Cuba have been seeking support in the Third Committee for a condemnation of Zionism either in the anti-apartheid resolution or in a separate form. The latter stratagem was resorted to because of unexpected resistance by some African states to the anti-Zionist clause in the resolution condemning racism and colonialism.

A United Kingdom spokesman said today that Britain and the other Common Market countries would not support the anti-apartheid draft even if separated from an anti-Zionist resolution because the two would be linked together and pre-

sented as one item to the General Assembly plenary.

A vote on the resolution condemning racism and colonialism has been postponed three times in the past 11 days because of Arab attempts to insert the anti-Zionist text. It was expected that a vote might be taken late today.

GOLDBERG SAYS SINAI PACT IS A POSITIVE ACHIEVEMENT

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 15 (JTA)--Conceding that "grave and difficult issues remained unresolved" in the effort to bring permanent peace to the Middle East, Arthur J. Goldberg declared that he nevertheless welcomes the interim agreement between Egypt and Israel as "a positive achievement."

Observing that "perhaps the most accurate description of the agreement is that 'it gives peace a chance in this area,'" the former U.S. Supreme Court Justice and Ambassador to the United Nations told a dinner audience here that "giving peace a chance implies what is obviously the case--that peace is not at hand. 'But neither is war,' he added. "And to give peace a chance, and to provide the basis for further negotiations is not an insubstantial achievement."

Addressing guests Sunday night at the Academic Award Dinner given in his honor at the Beverly Hilton Hotel by the American Friends of Tel Aviv University, Goldberg had praise for Egypt and Israel, and President Ford and Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger. "Egypt and Israel," he stated, "are to be commended for accepting risks for the sake of further movements toward an overall settlement. President Ford and Secretary Kissinger are also to be commended for their roles; they have also taken risks in the interest of achieving peace and stability in the area."

Prof. Haim Ben-Shahar, president of Tel Aviv University, who flew in from Israel to confer the university's honorary Doctorate of Philosophy on Goldberg, told the dinner audience that there is a need for institutions of higher learning to go beyond academic training in preparing young people for their futures. "To help a youngster get his degree, preferably with honors, is, in my opinion, only one of our functions," Prof. Ben-Shahar said. "It is equally important that we should send him into the world as a full person with spiritual roots and high moral principles. How to do this effectively will be one of our tasks in the coming decade."

Victor M. Carter, chairman of the International Board of Governors of Tel Aviv University, president of the American Friends of the university, and a member of the Board of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, chaired the dinner program. In his remarks, Carter said that "the phenomenal growth of Tel Aviv University is almost matched by the supportive organizations which have increased at a most gratifying rate." Since the university was formally established less than 12 years ago the student body has increased from 1700 to more than 17,000.

JNF PROJECTS: FROM SINAI TO GOLAN

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Oct. 15 (JTA)--Arye Bar Kol, director of the Jewish National Fund's land development department, explained to newsmen here how the JNF carries out its land reclamation and development work on more than 500 sites from the Sinai to the Golan Heights. This year's budget for the land development department amounts to IL 150 million, of which 25 percent is derived from contribu-

tions and a matching amount from the Jewish Agency's settlement department. Fifty percent of the budget is supplied by government ministries which order certain projects. But the IL 65 million budget for the JNF's afforestation work comes entirely from private contributions, Bar Kol said.

He said the Golan Heights contained some difficult terrain and the JNF is beginning its reclamation work there only after long preliminary studies. He said one of the problems is supplying settlement areas with water, which is done by digging pools and tapping the waters of larger streams some distance away. The JNF also builds roads in that region, Bar Kol said.

He stated that the land reclamation agency also reclaims large plots for moshavim (cooperative farms) in Galilee and builds roads. Similar work is being done at farms in the Jerusalem and other regions. In the Jordan Valley and Arava regions, the JNF is engaged in drainage projects to draw off the waters of winter floods. Work in the Rafah salient is concentrated around the new development town of Yamit, Bar Kol said.

4000 WORKERS FACE DISMISSAL

JERUSALEM, Oct. 15 (JTA)--Israel Aircraft Industries and other military industries will dismiss close to 4000 workers shortly in an effort to cut expenses by Israel's military establishment. The dismissals were seen as the Defense Ministry's response to criticism that it was not doing enough to prune its costs in view of Israel's severe economic situation.

A spokesman for Israel Aircraft Industries, one of the country's largest weapons producers, said dismissal notices were being prepared for about 3000 of its employees. Close to 1000 more will lose their jobs in other military industries in what is expected to be the largest wave of dismissals since the economic downturn in 1966. Military sources have warned that the dismissals may reduce "the potential production" of the military industries.

ALMOGI GRATIFIED BY BEING NOMINATED FOR JEWISH AGENCY, WZO CHAIRMAN

LONDON, Oct. 15 (JTA)--Halifa Mayor Yosef Almogi, who was officially nominated last week by the Labor Party leadership for the post of chairman of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Executives, told Anglo-Jewish leaders what he believed are the qualities demanded by the office he seeks.

Almogi, who later delivered the keynote speech at the 74th annual conference of the Zionist Federation of Britain and Ireland, declared, "You need a man who is both practical, namely, he stands firmly with both feet on the ground, and who, at the same time, has vision."

Almogi said he was gratified by his nomination, confirmed that, if elected he would relinquish his Knesset seat, and expressed hope that the citizens of Haifa who elected him their Mayor would understand his reasons for not completing his full four-year term. He said he had been asked to run for a position that presented one of the greatest challenges. He said he believed aliyah was the main task ahead and observed that Israel's should always keep in mind the demographic issue without arguing over geography.

In an impassioned speech, Israel's Ambassador to Britain, Gideon Rafael, declared that

"It is not the fulfillment of the Palestinian aspirations" that moves the enemies of Israel "but the extinction of Israel's right to national existence" which motivates their struggle."

He asserted that Zionism and Judaism were today synonymous and the attack on Zionism was meant to strike at the very existence of Jews. He protested the distortion of the Jewish national independence movement which reached "its height of obscenity" in Uganda President Idi Amin's recent attack at the UN General Assembly.

Herut, Left-Wing Delegates Fight

A political session of the Zionist conference was suspended for a time after a fight broke out between Herut and left-wing delegates over a Mapam resolution urging "an overall peace plan based upon territorial adjustments" and readiness by Israel to negotiate with "representative Palestinian Arabs." The resolution also called on the Israeli government to give full recognition to the Palestinians' right to self-determination. Stewards were forced to eject two Herut youths in the melee.

Later, Herut leader Malvin Benjamin, defeated in his candidacy for the chairmanship of the British Zionist Federation, expressed deep regret over the incident. He denounced "acts of hooliganism" and said the two youths involved no longer represented his movement. Eric Moonman, a Labor Member of Parliament, was elected chairman of the Zionist Federation, succeeding Abraham Kramer, who did not seek re-election.

VATICAN-JEWISH CONFAB IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Oct. 15 (JTA)--Members of the Vatican's Secretariat on Jewish Affairs will come to Jerusalem next February, it has been reliably learned, to hold discussions here with Jewish theologians and representatives of international Jewish organizations. This is the first time such talks will be held in Jerusalem. Previous meetings--aimed at improving Jewish-Catholic relations and understanding--have taken place in France, Belgium and Rome.

The Secretariat was set up some years ago to re-study Catholicism's attitude to Judaism. Early this year it published a guideline document condemning anti-Semitism. The Jewish organizations to be represented at the parley include the World Jewish Congress, the American Jewish Committee, B'nai B'rith, and the Synagogue Council of America. Later in February the same Jewish groups will hold talks--also in Jerusalem for the first time--with members of the (Protestant) World Council of Churches Commission on Judaism.

NEW WEAPON DESIGNED BY ISRAELI FIRM

TEL AVIV, Oct. 16 (JTA)--A new self-propelled artillery piece that can fire 4-5 shells a minute and revolve 360 degrees, has been developed by Sultam Industries, a subsidiary of the Histadrut-owned Koor Industries, with the participation of private investors. The weapon, designed and constructed entirely by the Sultam staff, is regarded by local and foreign experts as one of the best of its type in the world, according to Koor's internal publication.

The gun, designated as the Sultam-155, is mounted on a turret constructed of steel sheets that can be hermetically sealed, affording better protection for its crew than previous types of self-propelled guns. Its range, said to exceed that of other 155 mm. artillery, was reported to be 21 kilometers.

SINAI ACCORD TERMED MOST HOPEFUL MIDDLE EAST DEVELOPMENT IN 27 YEARS

BALTIMORE, Oct. 15 (JTA)--David M. Blumberg, president of B'nai B'rith, called the new Israeli-Egyptian Sinai accord "the most hopeful Middle East development in 27 years" because "for the first time, Arabs and Israelis have agreed not just to stop fighting and separate their armies, but to reduce the danger of another war."

In a speech here last night, Blumberg recited the benefits of the Sinai agreement which has been criticized in some American-Jewish circles and by some elements in Israel. He observed that Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's diplomatic efforts to achieve the agreement "has meant a serious diplomatic reversal" for the Soviet Union "after having spent \$25 billion in all-out support for the Arabs." The B'nai B'rith leader addressed the opening of a seven-part forum series co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Center and the Maryland Association of B'nai B'rith Lodges.

Blumberg rejected allegations that the United States had "pressured" Israel into agreeing to the accord. "The line between persuasion and pressure is a shadowy one," he said, and "the United States, having been invited by Israel to serve as mediator, could not be expected to ignore its own global interests."

U.S. Interests Served By Pact

Among the American interests served by the pact was increased American prestige, the diminished danger of Soviet domination in the Middle East and the assurance of continued oil supplies from the Middle East for America's European and Japanese allies, Blumberg said. He noted that "Kremlin influence in Egypt has crumbled and President Sadat has evidently placed greater trust in the United States."

Blumberg also rejected contentions that the U.S. presence in Sinai paralleled the situation in Vietnam a decade ago. Vietnam was a first step toward conflict but the American presence in Sinai is a move away from conflict, he said. He said the "ultimate importance" of the Sinai agreement "will be determined by the momentum it generates" to encourage political concessions by the Arabs to be met by further territorial withdrawals by Israel.

ZIONISM MEANS THAT THE JEWISH PEOPLE HAVE THE SAME RIGHT TO SELF- DETERMINATION AS THE PALESTINIANS

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 15 (JTA)--The Jewish people have the same right to self-determination as the Palestinians, and that is what Zionism is all about, Israeli Ambassador Hadassa Ben-Itto declared yesterday during the debate on self-determination and human rights in the General Assembly's Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (Third Committee). Ben-Itto spoke in the exercise of her right of reply to charges by Arab delegates that Zionism denied the rights of the Palestinians to self-determination.

She said she was proud to be a Zionist and grateful that 40 years ago her parents were Zionists and came to Israel, otherwise she would have perished like all of her other relatives in the Warsaw Ghetto or the ovens of Auschwitz. Ben-Itto quoted Israeli Foreign Minister Yigal Allon's recent speech to the General Assembly in which he said that Israel was aware of the

problem of the Palestinians and sought a fair and constructive solution for that problem.

MORTON PLACES WREATH AT MEMORIAL ON SITE OF WARSAW'S OLD GHETTO

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15 (JTA)--Secretary of Commerce Rogers Morton laid a wreath at the memorial on the site of Warsaw's old ghetto to the more than three million Polish Jews exterminated by the Nazis during World War II, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was informed. According to William Rhatigan, director of the Commerce Department's communications division, Morton made the gesture shortly after his arrival in Warsaw recently for a meeting of the Polish-American Trade Commission. Rhatigan said Morton was accompanied to the memorial by U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Europe, Robert Hartman, and the American Ambassador to Poland, Richard Davies.

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS MOVES ITS AFRICAN, ASIAN DESK TO NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Oct. 15 (JTA)--The Executive of the World Jewish Congress decided at its meeting last week in Jerusalem to move to New York the African and Asian Affairs desk which for the past two or three years has been located in London. This was announced by Philip M. Klutznick, chairman of the Governing Board of the WJ Congress.

The transfer, Klutznick said, follows a decision by the WJ Congress to step up its efforts to create friendship and understanding between the Jewish people and African and Asian nations many of which know little or nothing about the history and aspirations of the Jewish people. Klutznick noted that in addition to African and Asian Permanent Missions to the UN and embassies in Washington, there were also several important institutes in this country for American-African and American-Asian cooperation.

The person appointed to the desk in New York will take over an ongoing operation which has already established contacts with a substantial number of African and Asian countries, and has to its credit some significant achievements, Klutznick said.

1200 PEOPLE ATTEND WEIZMANN DINNER

NEW YORK, Oct. 15 (JTA)--More than 1200 prominent scientists, statesmen and businessmen from all parts of the country and overseas attended the 30th national Weizmann dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel Monday night to lend support to the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot. Guest of honor at the dinner, which was held under the auspices of the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute, was Irving S. Shapiro, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company.

Sir Marcus Steff of England, chairman of the board of Marks and Spencer, Ltd., who has been involved with the Weizmann Institute since its founding in Palestine in 1934, presented Shapiro with the Weizmann Medallion. Sir Marcus serves as deputy chairman of the Board of Governors and chairman of the Weizmann Institute Foundation in Great Britain. Prof. Michael Sela, president of the Weizmann Institute, told the dinner guests that the Institute has become an "indispensable reservoir for Israel's economy and defense." At the same time, he added, the Institute has not ceased its quest for "scientific excellence."