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## ALLON: UN ASSEMBLY APPROVAL OF ANTI-ZIONIST RESOLUTION COULD BE USED AS PRETEXT BY SOME COUNTRIES TO ALTER LAWS TO DETRIMENT OF JEWS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 28 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Yigal Allon warned that if the General Assembly endorses the resolution of its Third Committee equating Zionism with racism, certain countries could use the resolution as a pretext to alter their own laws to the detriment of their Jewish communities. Jews are already discriminated against in some countries, Allon told a meeting of the World Zionist Organization Executive here.

"The danger exists that resolutions which describe Zionism as a synonym for racism and colonialism will gradually penetrate the minds of large circles, especially among the younger generation," Allon said. He described the present campaign against the Third Committee's draft resolution as a campaign to shape the world's future attitude toward the Jewish people. He said he hoped the Foreign Ministry and the Zionist movement would cooperate in the mobilization of the Jewish people overseas.

"The cooperation with the Zionist movement is essential not only in hours of emergency. There should not be one aspect in the affairs of the Jewish people that we should not participate in," Allon said. He said that "Not enough was done to strengthen the Zionist idea and we should all close ranks for this cause."

### At The White House Dinner:

## FORD LAUDS SADAT AS FRIEND OF U.S.; SADAT SAYS ARAB WORLD EXPECTS EVEN-HANDEDNESS FROM AMERICA

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28 (JTA)--President Ford said at a White House dinner for President Anwar Sadat last night that he was honoring the Egyptian leader as a friend of the United States and because "you are committed to improving the conditions of life for all Egyptians and for the people of the entire Arab world."

Ford, in his toast to Sadat, hailed him as "the man who assumed the lead in ending a conflict that for more than a generation absorbed the lives, the energies and the substance of many people." He also declared that "no step can be an end to itself" in the Middle East. "There can be no peace until the legitimate interests of all the peoples of the Middle East are taken fairly into account into a final peace settlement."

Responding with a toast of his own, Sadat intimated that the goal of his visit to the United States was to win the support of the American people and to bring about U.S. support for participation by the Palestine Liberation Organization in the next Geneva conference. Earlier yesterday, in reply to questions at the National Press Club, Sadat condemned Zionism for bringing "hatred and violence" to the Middle East and claimed that Jews, who he alleged controlled Egypt's economy until 1952, took orders from the Zionists.

### With Friendship, From Egypt

In his toast last night, however, Sadat said he came to the U.S. "with a message of friendship

and amity from the Egyptian people to every American." He said the "past two years have witnessed a tangible improvement in our relations" and that "the events following the October, 1973 war have dissipated many misconceptions and myths that marred the healthy development of our relations for so long."

Sadat added that "we have always maintained that if the U.S. adopted an even-handed policy in the Mideast there will be no problem between us." He said "The Egyptian people--and in fact the entire Arab world--expect the U.S. to continue to demonstrate by words and deeds alike its genuine interest in reaching a final peace settlement" in the Middle East.

Ford and Sadat wound up their formal talks at the White House yesterday but arranged to hold an unusual follow-up meeting when both are in Jacksonville, Florida, Sunday. Sadat is scheduled to visit New York tomorrow where Mayor Abraham D. Beame has announced that he would not attend official welcoming ceremonies. (See separate story.)

U.S. and Egyptian officials, summing up yesterday's Ford-Sadat talks, said they covered the need for a Syrian-Israeli disengagement agreement on the Golan Heights and, in general principle, Egypt's request for U.S. military and economic assistance.

### BEAME SAYS NO TO SADAT

NEW YORK, Oct. 28 (JTA)--Mayor Abraham D. Beame informed the State Department yesterday that he would not participate in ceremonial greetings for Egyptian President Anwar Sadat due in New York tomorrow. He said it would be "an act of hypocrisy" for him to do so. (In Washington, Presidential press secretary Ron Nessen said today that President Ford deeply regretted Beame's decision not to see Sadat. See separate story P. 3.)

The city's first Jewish Mayor was reportedly under heavy pressure from the State Department to welcome the visiting Egyptian leader and present him with the ceremonial key to the city. But Beame informed the Department through Commissioner of Public Events Angier Biddle Duke that "my personal plans over the next two days do not include an official visit with President Sadat of Egypt."

In a statement released at City Hall late yesterday, Beame said: "I believe it would be an act of hypocrisy on my part to participate in any welcoming ceremony with any chief of state who has been a party to the United Nations resolution which seeks to revive a new form of racism as a substitute for the principles of understanding and peaceful negotiations upon which this world body was formed."

The Mayor was referring to the draft resolution adopted by the General Assembly's Third Committee equating Zionism with racism and colonialism. Egypt, though not one of the original sponsors of the draft, supported it.

### BOMB BLAST PROBE CONTINUES

JERUSALEM, Oct. 28 (JTA)--Jerusalem police, continuing their investigation into the blast that injured eight persons outside the Hotel Eyal in down-

town Jerusalem yesterday morning, are holding an East Jerusalem Arab woman for questioning, it was learned today.

Although the investigation is being conducted under a tight veil of secrecy, it was learned that the woman telephoned police shortly after the blast to say that her car had been stolen. It was a French-made Peugeot 504, originally believed to have been stolen from a Tel Aviv computer firm, that blew up outside of the hotel.

The hotel management said today that the 120 foreign tourists staying there did not check out and that no reservations were cancelled as a result of the blast that demolished part of the building. Several guests who were due to leave extended their stay for another week, the management said. Yosef Pincus, of Seattle, Washington, was quoted as saying, "I was so impressed by the way the people handled things after the blast that I decided to stay longer."

#### LEVICH FEARS HE AND HIS WIFE WILL NOT RECEIVE EXIT VISAS

52 MPs Condemn Treatment Of Levich

LONDON, Oct. 28 (JTA)--Fifty-two members of Parliament have signed a motion condemning the treatment of Prof. Benjamin Levich, a leading Soviet Jewish scientist who has been denied an exit visa since he first applied for one in 1972 and was stripped of all of his high ranking academic posts. The MPs called on the Soviet government to honor its commitments to human rights, including the right to emigrate, which it undertook when it signed the Helsinki accords.

In Moscow, meanwhile, Prof. Levich told Western reporters that he feared the Soviet authorities would renege on a promise they made to him in June, 1974, that he and his wife, Tanya, would be permitted to leave in 18 months. His sons, Alexander and Dr. Yevgeny Levich were issued exit visas early this year and are presently in Israel.

Levich said that as the time for his own departure approached he contacted the authorities but was given no definite date for his departure and was told that "the very question of my departure, which I had thought settled, would be considered in 1976."

The motion in Parliament was sponsored by MPs of all political persuasions and by the All-Party Parliamentary Committee for the Release of Soviet Jewry, chaired by Conservative MP Hugh Dykes. The committee's secretary, Labor MP Geoffrey Janner, tried unsuccessfully to present a copy of the motion to the leader of the Soviet delegation at the Anglo-Soviet Round-Table Conference currently being held at the Royal Institute of International Affairs. A Soviet diplomat said "The matter of Prof. Levich will be solved" but refused to convey the motion to the Russian Ambassador, Nicolai Lunkov.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS SHENKER-GILBOA DISPUTE IS NOT AN IDEOLOGICAL ONE

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Oct. 28 (JTA)--The three-man committee set up to investigate the dispute between Avraham Shenker, head of the World Zionist Organization information and organization department, and Moshe Gilboa, one of his two deputies, reported yesterday that the dispute was "not ideological, but personal." The committee, headed by Keren Heyesod chief Ezra Shapiro, recommended that "an effort be made" for Gilboa to continue working in the department "subordinate to,

and according to the instructions of Shenker."

Shenker had asked that Gilboa be shifted because relations between them had deteriorated drastically. Gilboa had contended that the dispute stemmed from the leftist trends within the department, trends which he could not accept. Shenker is a member of Mapam.

Informed observers with the WZO said an effort might be made to affect a "sulha" (peace) between the two men. But at any event, the committee had given Gilboa the broadest of hints that it did not accept his contentions and that he, as the junior man, must live with Shenker or leave.

#### No Monolithic Information

At a meeting with newsmen in Tel Aviv last week, Shenker said that while consensus guided Zionist information activity, the department functioned in a pluralistic manner because information campaigns had to be adapted to conditions in each country and there can be no monolithic information campaign.

At the same time he announced that his department was mounting a world-wide campaign to counter the anti-Zionist trends that have found expression at recent gatherings of Third World and unaligned nations at Mexico City, Lima and Kampala. Shenker mentioned the Labor Friends of Israel and the Conservative Friends of Israel in Britain who were called on to take an active part against the anti-Zionist campaign; the Zionist Information Month in France, which opened this week; and the scholars-in-residence project in North America.

#### FORMER TEL AVIV U. HEAD ACCEPTS AN AWARD FROM MEXICAN PRESIDENT

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 28 (JTA)--Dr. George Wise, former president of Tel Aviv University, accepted Mexico's highest award for a foreign citizen, the Aztec Eagle, bestowed upon him by President Luis Echeverria at ceremonies at the Presidential residence at Los Pinos several days ago. Dr. Wise was cited for his important social, cultural and intellectual connections with Mexico since 1937.

The ceremonies were attended by Mexican Foreign Minister Emilio Rabasa, who praised Wise as an important dynamic link between Mexico and Israel; by the Israeli Ambassador Hanan Aynor; and leading Mexican academicians and political figures.

Only last week, Tel Aviv University students demanded that Echeverria return the honorary doctorate awarded him by the university on his recent visit to Israel because of Mexico's support for the Arab-inspired resolution equating Zionism with racism adopted by the UN General Assembly's Third Committee. Prof. Shlomo Simonson, Rector of Tel Aviv University, cabled Echeverria at the same time expressing shock over the Mexican vote and asking for an explanation in view of Echeverria's professions of friendship for Israel.

Histadrut Secretary General Yeruham Meshel, who was attending a conference of the Free Trade Unions Confederation here at the time the award was presented to Dr. Wise, denounced the anti-Zionist resolution at a Mexico City press conference as a pretext for defaming Israel and the Jewish people.

#### SENATE CONDEMNS UN RESOLUTION

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28 (JTA)--The Senate today by a voice vote and without dissent adopted

a resolution condemning the United Nation's Third Committee actions against Zionism and urging the UN General Assembly to repudiate that action. The Senate acted swiftly on motion of Sen. Richard Stone (D, Fla.) to adopt the bipartisan resolution sponsored by Sens. Hubert H. Humphrey (D, Minn.) and William Brock (R, Tenn.). A few hours earlier, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee had approved it also by voice vote without dissent. The resolution was endorsed before the Senate vote by 40 Senators including Democratic Deputy Leader Robert Byrd (W, Va.) and Minority Leader Hugh Scott (R, Pa.).

The Senate's action follows the endorsement of an identical resolution by 415 members of the House of Representatives last week, believed to be a record for any resolution. That number is only 20 short of the House total membership of 435, and even some of those possibly would be among the signers were they not absent because of illness or hospitalization, according to the office of Rep. Sidney Yates (D, Ill.).

Among the endorsers of the Senate resolution were both Senators from Illinois and Florida where Egyptian President Anwar Sadat will visit on his current U.S. tour. They are Charles Percy (R, Ill.), Adlai Stevenson (D, Ill.); and Stone and Lawton Chiles, Democrats of Florida. Sens. Lloyd Bentsen (D, Tex.) and Jacob K. Javits (R, NY) also were among the sponsors.

#### FORD REGRETS BEAME'S DECISION TO SNUB SADAT DURING NY VISIT

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28 (JTA)--President Ford deeply regrets the decision by New York City Mayor Abraham D. Beame not to welcome President Anwar Sadat of Egypt when he arrives in New York tomorrow, White House Press Secretary Ron Nessen told reporters at a briefing at the White House today. He said he did not know whether Ford told Sadat of his regrets during their meeting at the White House this morning. Nessen noted that President and Mrs. Sadat are "guests of the President."

Nessen said, in reply to a question raised by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that Ford did not discuss with Sadat the latter's remarks before the National Press Club yesterday in which he attacked Zionism as bringing "violence and hatred" to the Middle East and spoke of Egyptian Jews as having controlled his country's economy until 1952 and taken orders from the Zionists.

#### Ask Why Zionism Was Ignored

Reporters then pressed Nessen for an explanation of why the issue of Zionism was not discussed by the two Presidents since it had figured prominently in Sadat's Press Club remarks yesterday, why Ford had words about Beame but not Zionism and whether Ford was "avoiding the subject."

Nessen replied that "the thrust of their (Ford-Sadat) meetings is primarily to continue the momentum for the permanent peace settlement in the Middle East and bilateral relations." Reporters insisted, however, in wanting to know if there was a tacit agreement not to discuss Zionism. Nessen replied that he did not know.

Asked why Zionism was ignored while the subject of the Palestinians was discussed, the press secretary evaded the question, stating only that the Ford-Sadat talks were being held in a "friendly and constructive atmosphere." At one point, Nessen was asked if the issue of Zionism had no bearing on prospects for peace in the Middle East,

to which he replied that he has not heard Ford say that.

#### Bashir Assails Zionism

When Nessen completed his briefing he turned the press room rostrum over to Tashin Bashir, Sadat's press secretary, to explain Arab views on Zionism and, in effect, defend Sadat's Press Club remarks. Bashir defined Zionism as "occupation, by force, displacement of Arab people," refusal to grant rights to the Palestinians, making them second class citizens and refusal to implement United Nations resolutions. "We are willing to settle the Middle East problem in peace in accordance with the UN resolutions," the Egyptian press attache said.

Bashir said "The philosophical and political content of Zionism is a hair-splitting issue" but did not elaborate. Asked if it would have been offensive to Sadat had Ford raised the issue of Zionism, Bashir said both Egypt and the U.S. raised it at the UN. He said "everything between friends can be discussed" but that "it would have been in ill taste."

Asked if he meant Ford would have been guilty of bad taste had he raised the issue with his guest, Bashir replied, "That was not my intention, but was a general statement. All the facts are known to both Presidents." The session was marked by loud and repeated interruptions.

#### Sadat Meets Again With Ford

Sadat himself met with reporters later in the day and repeated his attack on Zionism which he said came with "hatred, violence, war, blood" to the Middle East. "This is our assessment of Zionism," Sadat said. He said the "Palestinians are ready to accept a secular state with the Jews but not the Zionists" and accused Israel of trying to impose its peace conditions on the Arabs.

The Egyptian President said he told Ford at their meeting that he believed the United States should enter into a dialogue with the Palestinians to hasten reconvening the Geneva conference. He said he urged such a dialogue because "the United States holds most of the cards in this game."

Sadat said he was not asking the U.S. to end its special relationship with Israel, adding "I become concerned when some new, sophisticated arms go to Israel, like the Pershing missile." He disclosed that the possible sale of Pershings to Israel came up in his talks with Ford and said he told the President that it would affect the Middle East arms balance and the prospects for a peaceful solution. Sadat said he had discussed U.S. arms sales to Egypt only in a broad way and that his main concern was Egypt's economic reconstruction.

After the talks between the two Presidents, Nessen announced that Egypt and the U.S. signed an agreement whereby the U.S. will sell \$95.1 million worth of wheat and tobacco to Egypt during the fiscal year ending next Sept. 30. The agreement is under America's Food for Peace Program. During the signing of the agreement at the State Department, Sadat was the guest of Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger.

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NEW YORK (JTA)--The Labor Zionist Alliance has informed UN Missions that a vote in the General Assembly for the anti-Zionist measure "will result in Labor Zionist efforts to deter their members and men of good will everywhere not to travel to or to visit those countries which support the UN resolution."

**SPECIAL INTERVIEW****SYLVIA HASSENFELD, UJA LEADER,  
HAS BOUNDLESS ENTHUSIASM FOR ISRAEL**

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Oct. 28 (JTA)--At the end of a one-week tour in Israel, Sylvia Hassenfeld, the chairman of the Women's Division of the United Jewish Appeal, had lost her voice but not her boundless enthusiasm for Israel. Mrs. Hassenfeld, who was here last week leading a delegation of 175 women on a study mission, is no stranger to Israel. In an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency she said she no longer counts the times she has been here. "After the 30th time, you stop counting," she said, "and my 30th time was a long time ago." Within the past year alone Mrs. Hassenfeld was here in August, June, March and last October. But she still finds it exciting every time she comes to Israel.

"I feel very much at home here. But you, who live here, are not aware how much is being done, even in periods of several months. To watch something being built is really wonderful," she said. She observed that Israelis often wonder what makes a diaspora Jew contribute so much time, effort--and, of course, money--to a country so distant; to a country that, after all, has its darker sides, with strikes, political strife, and even economic scandals.

But Mrs. Hassenfeld insisted in her interview that none of the negative aspects in Israel discourage her from being a strong supporter of this country. "People are people all over the world. I think it was Golda (former Premier Golda Meir) who said that Israel was not a country of angels," she reflected. "Strangely enough, I rarely hear questions expressing doubts about Israel's right to receive financial aid from world Jewry."

Mrs. Hassenfeld received family support on this point from her daughter, Ellie Bloch, who was among the 60 or so women on the mission who were here on their first visit. She recalled a tourist guide's explanation on the way to Jerusalem: "He pointed at the mountain terraces, saying: these are the giants' steps, only there are no giants. But I think Israelis are giants; it takes giants for the vision and the will to give so much."

**A 'Wonderful Mission'**

This feeling, mother and daughter explained, was shared by most of the 175 women in the delegation. One cannot point at any specific thing that attracts these women to Israel--they all have their own thing about the country--but there is a certain feeling of admiration that is shared by all of them. This made Mrs. Hassenfeld sum up the tour as a "wonderful mission."

It was a wonderful mission money-wise; the delegates on this mission pledged over \$700,000 compared to \$420,000 last year. Mrs. Hassenfeld regarded this as an indication of the increasingly important role the women play in raising UJA funds. "Since the Yom Kippur War, men gave such large amounts of money, it was really incredible," she observed. "The men have set such high goals that it is becoming more and more difficult. Women have always given their own contributions, but since the war they realized they could give much more--which they are doing." The Women's Division is responsible for more than ten percent of all UJA funds.

When Mrs. Hassenfeld left Israel two days ago she had behind her a week in Israel and a week of tours in Poland and Rumania. "We went from destruction to revival," she said. She did not have a

date for her next visit, but at the present rate it is only a matter of months. After all, she feels at home here--and one cannot stay too long away from home.

**VANDALISM HITS JEWISH CEMETERY**

NEW YORK, Oct. 28 (JTA)--Assemblyman Charles Schumer (D, Bklyn) announced he will call a public hearing within the next week on the problem of cemetery vandalism. The 24-year-old legislator made the announcement after he visited the Washington Cemetery in the Bensonhurst section of Brooklyn, a Jewish cemetery and one of the city's oldest, and saw dozens of damaged tombstones.

"Vandals roam around here during the day and night," Schumer told a press gathering at the cemetery which was also attended by relatives of those buried there. "It seems like it's become a sport in the neighborhood." He said he became aware of the situation at the cemetery when several of his constituents asked for his help two weeks ago. Based on his visits during the past two weeks and the complaints, Schumer has called for a state-wide probe into protection of cemeteries.

Washington Cemetery officials claim that vandalism has not been a major problem. Anna Lieb, the cemetery's superintendent, told reporters that in the last six months "there has been little or nothing in regard to vandalism." Schumer, surveying the knocked-over tombstones, said he would propose legislation calling for cemetery owners to provide a fund to repair vandalism damage, notifying next-of-kin when vandalism occurs, vandalism insurance be made available to next-of-kin, and for all cemeteries to be fenced and have guards along with some electronic warning devices.

The Washington Cemetery, which dates back to 1861, covers some 100 acres. Bensonhurst is a Jewish and Italian area.

**JACOBSON; ABSORPTION STILL AT FAULT**

JERUSALEM, Oct. 28 (JTA)--Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson, chairman of the World Zionist Organization-American Section, said yesterday there had been insufficient improvement in the social absorption of American olim to Israel. Addressing the WZO Executive, she said aliya groups in the U.S. were stepping up their activities; one hundred such groups were meeting regularly to study Hebrew--and to study problems of aliya and absorption.

Aliya department head Rabbi Mordechai Kirschblum said 2546 American Jews had made aliya so far this year. Mrs. Faye Schenk president of the American Zionist Federation, said the Zionist movement itself was the most effective vehicle for encouragement of aliya. She is working with aliya department director general Uzi Narkiss on a plan for improving the efficacy of aliya shlichim to the various American communities.

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TEL AVIV (JTA)--The Kibbutz Haartzi movement announced Monday that its member kibbutzim will seek to absorb underprivileged youths from the age of 12 and above in order to help narrow the serious social gap in Israel. The movement, the roof organization of kibbutzim sponsored by Hashomer Hatzair, said it would make this absorption effort a priority activity. The socially deprived youths will come mainly from new development towns which are populated largely by immigrant families.