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RABIN REPEATS CABINET ATTACK ON SAUNDERS' POSITION REGARDING THE PLO.

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Nov. 20 (JTA)--Premier Yitzhak Rabin reiterated his Cabinet's attack on the so-called "Saunders Papers" last night, only a day after unidentified top level government sources played down the matter and chided the press and public for over-reacting. Rabin, addressing students in Acre during a tour of Western Galilee, said the government rejected the document and was preparing a memorandum of protest to the U.S. government.

The document was the transcript of testimony given by Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Middle Eastern Affairs Harold Saunders to a House International Affairs subcommittee last week which Israeli circles interpreted as a possible softening of the U.S. position on dealing with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger and other State Department officials vigorously denied any change in U.S. policy toward the PLO. Kissinger told a subcommittee of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee yesterday that if there ever was a change it would come only after "the fullest consultation with Israel."

Top level government sources were quoted here Tuesday as agreeing that Saunders' statements represented no real change in U.S. policy toward the PLO and indicated that both Israel and the U.S. preferred not to dwell on the Palestine issue at this time. The inconsistency between that view and the Cabinet's angry outburst against the Saunders testimony, repeated publicly by Rabin last night, has caused puzzlement among observers here.

Becoming Major Political Issue

Rabin told the Acre students that the Saunders testimony did not indicate a change of U.S. views on the PLO and added that "One should not be apprehensive regarding the document because in the present political situation, the key is in our hands." The Premier did not elaborate on that remark. But it seemed clear that Rabin's remarks, and probably the Cabinet's reaction stemmed from domestic political considerations.

The Palestinian controversy is turning into a major political issue in Israel, particularly since the General Assembly's overwhelming adoption of pro-PLO resolutions this month. The Rabin government is apparently trying to steer a careful course between firm rejection of any dealings with the PLO and recognition that a Palestinian problem does indeed exist and eventually will have to be solved.

Israel believes the solution can be found only in the framework of peace negotiations with Jordan and firmly rejects the idea of a Palestinian state between Jordan and Israel. Recent moves by Israeli authorities to offer Arabs on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip a large measure of administrative autonomy is viewed as the first step toward self-rule in those territories short of proclaiming a Palestinian state.

The matter was discussed at a closed forum in the Knesset this week. Rabin is known to have re-

jected a proposal by Likud MKs to launch a worldwide propaganda drive to negate a separate Palestinian entity. He argued that to disregard the Palestinian problem would be "suicidal" in terms of propaganda. Rabin's position represents a significant divergence from that of former Premier Golda Meir who insisted repeatedly during her tenure that a Palestinian people simply did not exist. Mrs. Meir was sharply criticized abroad and by some circles in Israel for those views.

BUTZ PRAISES ISRAEL'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE

TEL AVIV, Nov. 20 (JTA)--Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz ended a two-day visit to Israel yesterday with expressions of praise and admiration for Israel's accomplishments in the field of agriculture. He quoted--by heart--a verse from the Bible to illustrate his understanding that Israel's achievements were the result of sacrifice and sweat. One outcome of Butz's brief visit here was a "gentlemen's agreement" for the U.S. to supply Israel with quantities of grain--mostly wheat--soya beans and edible fats over the next few years.

Asked by reporters if the U.S. would consider an embargo of grain shipments to the Arab countries if the latter threatened the West with a new oil embargo, Butz replied that Arab imports of grains from the U.S. were not large enough to make a difference. As he boarded his special plane for Greece, his next stop on his current tour, the American Cabinet member noted that Israel has one of the most advanced agricultural establishments in the world. He expressed particular admiration for the automatic irrigation system that conserves water, observing that Israel enjoys the highest crop yield per cubic meter of water in the world.

Butz spent his two days here as the guest of Agriculture Minister Aharon Uzzan on the latter's farm at Gilat in the Negev. They visited moshavim in the Lachish region that grow flowers for export.

Afterwards, Butz quoted a passage from Chapt. 6 of the Book of Amos: "Woe to them that are at ease in Zion...that lie upon beds of ivory...and eat the lambs out of the flock and the calves out of the midst of the stall." He added, "What I saw this day was not accomplished by men who were at ease in Zion. It was accomplished by people who had a vision of production and sacrifice."

Speaking on a political level, Butz decried the politization of international organizations such as the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) where the Palestine Liberation Organization has been given observer status without voting rights. The Secretary said that while the PLO may qualify for such status, it was wrong to introduce politics into such apolitical bodies. The UN General Assembly is the place for international politics, he said.

BIBLICAL SHERD. REMOVED FROM ISRAEL, FOUND IN N.Y. AND RETURNED TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Nov. 20 (JTA)--Robert M. Morgenthau, District Attorney for New York County, announced today the recovery of a priceless antiquity from ancient Biblical times. The object is a sherd

--a fragment of a clay tablet--bearing a cuneiform inscription of unique archaeological significance. Morganthau today returned this antiquity, dating from between 1500 and 2000 BCE, to Amos Ganor, acting Israel Consul General in New York.

The sherd was originally found at the site of the archaeological excavation of the ancient city of Hazor which is about 10 miles north of the Sea of Galilee. It was removed from Israel in violation of that country's antiquities law, which requires the finder of any antiquity to notify the government of the discovery and afford it an opportunity to acquire the object.

The Israeli government filed a complaint with the District Attorney through Dr. Avraham Biran, former director of the Israel Department of Antiquities, after efforts to negotiate a return of the sherd failed. No arrests were made nor was the identity of the person who took the sherd revealed.

Background Of Sherd

The sherd records a case of litigation, conducted in the presence of the king, concerning real estate in Hazor. It is of great historic value because it confirms that the excavation, begun in 1955 near the Sea of Galilee is the site of the ancient city of Hazor, according to Prof. Yigal Yadin, who headed a four-year archaeological expedition at Hazor. Ancient Hazor was mentioned in the Egyptian Execration texts of the 18th century BCE, the annals of the Pharaoh Thutmose III, Amen-hotp and Seti I and in several chapters of the Bible.

The investigation that led to the recovery of the sherd was conducted by Assistant District Attorney Michael A. Guadagno. The DA's squad headed by Deputy Inspector Richard Condon, assisted in the investigation.

FARM WORKERS UNION BOARD DENOUNCES UN ASSEMBLY'S ANTI-ZIONIST MEASURE

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 20 (JTA)--The United Nations General Assembly resolution equating Zionism with racism was denounced by the executive board of the United Farm Workers of America, AFL-CIO, as an "affront to the Jewish people who have been history's primary victims of racism," the Board of Rabbis of Southern California reported yesterday.

Cesar Chavez, president of the union, disclosed the union's stand in a Nov. 17 letter from the union's headquarters at La Paz, Calif. to Rabbi Sidney J. Jacobs, chairman of the social action committee of the rabbinical board.

The union's executive board said that the farm workers "are proud to stand with our Jewish brothers and sisters in America in affirming Israel's right to live in peace with her neighbors." The board described the farm workers as "an embattled minority who have suffered the humiliation and degradation of racial and economic discrimination in this country," and "know first hand the ravages brought by intolerance and prejudice."

The board added that the Assembly resolution would "encourage the latent anti-Semitism that has been a blot on world history and which continues to stain the conscience of mankind." The UFW statement affirmed the union's view that "a national home for the Jewish people is a natural and legitimate aspiration of one of history's most oppressed minorities."

UJA ANNOUNCES JEWISH UNITY WEEK

events at the United Nations, the United Jewish Appeal has designated the week of Dec. 8 as a period for American Jewry to demonstrate their unity and strength on behalf of the world Jewish community, Frank R. Lautenberg, UJA general chairman, announced today. The week-long affirmation of Jewish solidarity and determination will culminate with the 1976 UJA National Conference Dec. 10-13, at the New York Hilton. The theme of the Conference is "Proclaim Liberty," the verse from Leviticus which is inscribed on the Liberty Bell.

"In a world unconcerned with decency and common respect for humanity," Lautenberg said, "for us to demonstrate our solidarity with the people of Israel is to bear witness to the eternity of the Jewish people. The UJA National Conference publicly inaugurates the 1976 fund-raising campaign of the American Jewish community. For us, it is the renewal of a very special process: to share in the responsibility for the destiny of our people."

Guest speakers to appear at the UJA Conference include Israeli Defense Minister Shimon Peres; Simcha Dintz, Israeli Ambassador to the U.S.; Chaim Herzog, Israeli Ambassador to the UN; and Leon Dulzin, acting chairman and treasurer of the Jewish Agency. Highlights of the event will feature the Annual Louis A. Pincus Memorial Lecture to be delivered by Prof. Moshe Davis of the Hebrew University; a celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the UJA; and the presentation of the first annual UJA David Ben Gurion Award to Elie Wiesel.

N.Y. FEDERATION-UJA OFFICES OPEN DESPITE STRIKE; ACTIVITIES PROCEED

NEW YORK, Nov. 20 (JTA)--Despite the two-week strike of unionized fund-raisers at the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies and the refusal of 400 union members at the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York to cross picket lines set up at both agencies, both offices are open and functioning with executives and lay leaders, Ernest W. Michel, executive vice-president and campaign director for the joint Federation-UJA drive, said today.

A bargaining session between negotiators for the Federation and striking members of the Federation, held through early Tuesday morning, failed to produce a settlement of the walkout. The New York UJA office is not being struck. A year ago, the two agencies set up a joint fund-raising campaign in which 70 Federation fund-raising workers transferred to the New York UJA offices for the joint fund-raising. The employees are represented by District Council 1707, Community and Social Agency Employees local of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

Michel said the opening dinner of the joint campaign would be held next Tuesday night as scheduled and that all functions of the offices were proceeding, though with difficulty. A campaign spokesman said that since the labor dispute started, functions have been held in the Long Island communities, Queens, Riverdale, Staten Island and Westchester, and that the Brooklyn division campaign opened yesterday. He said Vice-President Nelson A. Rockefeller and Mrs. Bess Myerson, former New York City Consumer Affairs Department director, were scheduled to speak at the major opening dinner next Tuesday.

MOYNIHAN ASSAILED BY BRITISH ENVOY

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20 (JTA)--The public attack by Britain's Ambassador to the United Nations against his counterpart, U.S. Ambassador Daniel P. Moynihan, is believed here to have been encouraged, if not inspired, by Moynihan's enemies in the State Department. Ambassador Ivor Richard's speech before directors of the UN Association of the United States and its wide distribution by British press officer Stephen Day would never have taken place, informed sources said, had not Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger himself given a nod in that direction.

Kissinger has expressed irritation publicly at Moynihan in a recent news conference when he said that he would have criticized Ugandan President Idi Amin but not in the terms Moynihan had used when he referred to Amin as a "racist murderer." In addition, sniping at Moynihan has ensued from quarters close to Kissinger's thinking. Today's Washington Post, describing Richard's speech, was on the front page under the headline, "Moynihan Raises A Storm."

British officials in New York, spread the word that the UN Association directors gave Richard a standing ovation after his attack. While he did not name Moynihan, it was clear to those present that he was directing his remarks at the U.S. envoy. Richard likened Moynihan to a Suvannarola preaching revenge, cowboy Wyatt Earp thirsting for shootouts, and King Lear threatening "terrors of the earth."

State Department Mum On Attack

When Moynihan stood up in the UN against the racism and anti-Semitism of Amin, President Ford declared he said what needed to be said. Moynihan's flashing authority against those who equated Zionism with racism has evoked a tremendous outpouring of support for him from Americans across the country.

Richard said that "there is nothing whatsoever to be gained by ideological disputations of the most intense sort which one is probably going to lose anyway." He also said that Europeans feel as strongly as Americans about the anti-Zionist resolution but "we have managed to avoid reacting to the vote in purely ideological and emotional terms."

At the State Department, spokesman Robert Funseth said that he had seen a press account of the Richard remarks and said "I have nothing to say about them." He added that Kissinger "has full confidence in Ambassador Moynihan who is a close friend." Funseth said he was not aware of any U.S. action toward Richard and indicated the Department has little interest in his remarks by saying he was not aware that a text of Richard's remarks would be sought.

HOUSE RESOLUTION ASKS FORD TO WITHHOLD NEW AID TO NATIONS THAT VOTED FOR THE ANTI-ZIONIST MEASURE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20 (JTA)--The House International Relations Committee unanimously voted today a resolution calling on President Ford not to make any new U.S. aid commitments to any nation that voted for the United Nations resolution equating Zionism with racism, "or for similar measures" pending full-scale review by the Congress of U.S. military and economic assistance to those nations.

The committee's resolution, introduced by Rep. Donald Fraser (D, Minn.), also asked Ford to iden-

tify those UN programs which no longer may be compatible with U.S. principles and interests and submit them to Congress within 90 days. Under the foreign aid bill now before Congress, the Administration has asked funds for Bahrain, Brazil, Cyprus, Egypt, Indonesia, Jordan, Malta, Portugal, Syria and Turkey, all of which voted for the anti-Zionist resolution.

1050 MEETINGS IN U.S. AND CANADA FOR ISRAEL BONDS IN NEXT SIX WEEKS

NEW YORK, Nov. 20 (JTA)--A record number of 1050 Israel Bond sales meetings will be held throughout the U.S. and Canada during the closing six weeks of the year. It was announced by Michael Arnon, president of the Israel Bond Organization, at an extraordinary meeting yesterday of the National Campaign Cabinet and Community Chairmen in New York.

The occasion, which was marked as National Israel Bond Cash Day, was addressed by Ambassador Chaim Herzog, Sam Rothberg, general chairman of Israel Bonds; Michael Arnon, president; and Sidney Cooperman, National Cash Chairman, who discussed Israel's needs and the progress of the Israel Bond campaign.

Urging the fullest measure of activity in the sale of Israel Bonds, Rothberg observed that American Jewry's response to Israel's economic needs was being watched by members of Congress now considering large-scale military assistance to Israel. More than 120 members of the National Campaign Cabinet of the Israel Bond Organization and Community Chairmen participated in an all-day telephone session at special cash headquarters provided by Jack D. Weller, national treasurer.

The national cash effort, which began on Nov. 2, will conclude Dec. 21 at an international dinner of tribute in New York to Rothberg to be addressed by Golda Meir. The occasion, celebrating Rothberg's 30 years of service to Israel and the Jewish people, will also mark the 25th anniversary of Israel Bonds. Mrs. Meir and Rothberg were among the prime movers in the founding of the Bond campaign 25 years ago.

SCOTTISH TRADE UNIONS CONGRESS TAKES A PRO-ARAB LINE

GLASGOW, Nov. 20 (JTA)--The conference of the Scottish Trade Unions Congress has taken a pro-Arab line on the Middle East. The conference adopted a left-wing motion reading: "This conference reaffirms that the situation in the Middle East is a threat to world peace. It is imperative that Israeli forces must withdraw from the territories occupied in the 1967 war in order to provide a satisfactory solution to the conflict."

The conference further held that "the State of Israel be accorded the right to exist, and that Palestinian rights be recognized." It also demanded that the British Labor government "take a firm stand and exercise all its power and influence for the implementation of this policy."

TEL AVIV (JTA)--A border police patrol came under bazooka and small arms fire Thursday in the vicinity of Zar'it near the Lebanese border. The patrol returned the fire. There were no Israeli casualties. Several terrorists were seen entering a car and speeding off when the Israeli unit opened fire. It was not known if the terrorists sustained casualties. ***

REMINDER: There will be no Bulletin dated Nov. 27 due to Thanksgiving, a postal holiday.

