



McGOVERN, ISRAELI INFORMATION SERVICES ASSAILED BY ISRAELI PRESS; HAARETZ CRITICIZES AIR STRIKES

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Dec. 4 (JTA)--Sen. George S. McGovern and the Israeli information services came under attack in the local press today. The South Dakota Democrat was assailed for his description of the Israeli air strikes at terrorist targets in Lebanon as "savage bombing attacks by Israeli pilots flying American planes." The government information apparatus was taken to task for having failed "once again" to explain the nature of the Air Force action.

The mass circulation Maariv commented editorially on the "double standard" observed by the Western world which "keeps silent" when Moslems and Christians are slaughtered day after day in the internecine warfare in Lebanon, but rises up in arms to denounce Israel when terrorist bases are attacked.

"Apparently when Arab terrorists use Russian arms to kill Israelis, that makes no impression on McGovern," Maariv said. "When Arabs kill Christians the whole world keeps its hands folded. When Christians kill Arabs, there is no reaction. When Arabs kill Jews, it is almost natural. But when Jews attack terrorists, then the whole world rises against Israel," the Maariv editorial said.

However, Haaretz, one of the influential dailies, expressed criticism of Israel's air strikes which, it said, were carried out with excessive force and thereby increased the danger of inflating casualties among civilians. Haaretz contended that there was no need to escalate action to a point where Israel is charged with responsibility for a massacre of civilians and said that the price Israel will have to pay in terms of adverse reaction in the Western news media bears no relation to the border security achieved by the air strikes. Whoever planned the operation intended it against armed enemies, but the government which approved it failed to calculate the other aspects and repercussions, Haaretz said.

Information Services Failed

Other newspapers demanded to know why the information services failed to make it clear that all targets attacked by Israeli planes in Lebanon Tuesday were outside of the refugee camps. If any refugees were hit they were inside terrorist bases and apparently collaborating with the terrorists, but Israel did not get this across to the rest of the world, the papers said.

They noted that a school building hit by Israeli bombs had not been used as a school for more than a year but served as headquarters for the Syrian-sponsored Al Sataq terrorists. Similarly, what the Lebanese described as a farm attacked outside Tripoli was, in fact, a terrorist training base, the Israeli newspapers claimed.

U.S. ISRAEL ASSAIL DRAFT RESOLUTION CALLING FOR SANCTIONS AGAINST ISRAEL

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 4 (JTA)--Israel and the United States today blasted a draft resolution

sponsored by 18 Third World countries in the General Assembly calling for sanctions against Israel "as long as it continues to occupy Arab territories and denies the inalienable national rights of the Palestinian people." Both Israel's Ambassador to the UN, Chaim Herzog, and the Deputy U.S. Permanent Representative, Ambassador W. Tapley Bennett Jr., referred to the draft as "one-sided" and biased and harmful to the pursuit of peace through negotiations in the Middle East.

The measure, which requests the Security Council to implement all relevant resolutions of the Council and the General Assembly and to include the Palestine Liberation Organization in the process of working out a Mideast settlement, will come before the Assembly for a vote next Monday. Bennett served notice today that the U.S. will vote against it.

In the course of his remarks, the American envoy repeated the U.S. proposal for a preparatory conference of all six nations, parties to the Geneva conference, to "discuss agenda procedures, participation and other matters relevant to a resumption of the Geneva conference."

Will Not Be Binding On Israel

Herzog bitterly denounced the draft resolution and declared that if it is adopted Israel would not be bound by its terms. He branded the measure as "a one-sided, biased and discriminatory resolution which accords with the tradition of anti-Semitism and discrimination that has become the prevalent idiom in this world assembly."

He charged that the measure eliminates any mention of negotiation and sets itself against the current process of peace-making in the Middle East. He said it was "an open and flagrant violation of the Charter of the United Nations" because it ignores the Charter article which says that "the organization is based on the principle of the sovereign equality of all its members."

Herzog reiterated Israel's position that no progress can be achieved in the Middle East without negotiations and called on all delegates "whose purpose is to encourage the process of peace-making in the Middle East to reject it out of hand in the interests of peace in this world."

Further Settlement Impeded

Bennett described the resolution as a "one-sided condemnation of one of the parties to the Arab-Israeli dispute" and warned that "its departure from the accepted negotiating framework established by Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 makes further settlement between those parties more difficult."

He observed that the draft calls on the Security Council "to implement certain resolutions that deal with problems that can be solved only by negotiations." He stated that "the task before us all is to get to the serious work of negotiations among the parties in which real progress can be made. Resolutions such as the one before us can only exacerbate the situation."

The American envoy said the U.S. was ready to help further negotiations between Syria and Israel and was ready "to consult and discuss the possibility of a reconvened Geneva conference." He said "We are ready and willing to explore any

practical method to advance the cause of peace, including a preparatory conference of the original parties in the Geneva conference to discuss agenda procedures, participation and other matters relevant to a resumption of the Geneva conference."

RABIN APPEALS TO WORLD JEWRY FOR 'DECISIVE RESPONSE' TO ATTACK ON ISRAEL, JEWISH PEOPLE IN THE UN

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Dec. 4 (JTA)--Premier Yitzhak Rabin appealed to world Jewry last night for a "decisive response" to the "obscure" attack on Israel, the Jewish people and Judaism which he attributed to a Soviet-Arab conspiracy being carried out at the United Nations and throughout the world.

In an address to 170 Jewish diaspora leaders and a like number of Cabinet ministers, Knesset members and other prominent Israelis attending the opening of the world Jewish conference on solidarity with Israel and Zionism, Rabin declared, "We face an ideological battle that touches upon the very ideological status of the Jew." What has been done in the past is "no longer enough." The coming year must be "a year of unprecedented Jewish commitment," he told the assemblage.

The conference of world Jewish leaders was convened, according to its organizers, the government and the World Zionist Organization, not for rhetoric but to establish a concrete Jewish response to the attacks on Israel and Zionism and to increase Jewish identification with Israel and Zionist aspirations. In that context Rabin mentioned five main areas of priority:

Jewish education; pilgrimages to Israel, hopefully leading to aliyah; a "more aggressively vocal" response to Israel's enemies; an increased flow of economic support; and increased volunteer activities in Israel by "our finest youth" of the diaspora. (See separate story on proposals.)

Implications Of UN Resolution

Rabin said that the recent UN anti-Zionist resolution attacked the "ideological heart of Jewish existence." Zionism, he said, "is the modern name of ancient aspirations...the Messianic lifeblood of the Jewish people." The UN resolution "declares war on the unique place of the Jewish people in history." Rabin warned against underestimating the implications of the resolution. The enemies' goal, he said, was to "intimidate" the Jews into "detaching themselves from Israel...to create an ideological barrier between the Jew and his peoplehood."

Rabin said that while the present gathering was not for the purpose of fund-raising, Jewish economic strength must be mobilized "as never before." He said "it is imperative to conceive ways to intensify the flow of investment and expand the circle of Jewish economic assistance" for Israel.

JEWISH SUMMIT PROPOSALS

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Dec. 4 (JTA)--The world Jewish "summit" today outlined a series of proposals to united Jews around the world in support of Zionism and Israel. The conference called for a series of subsequent conferences of Jewish and non-Jewish intellectuals to be held in the United States, Canada, South America, Europe and England; it also urged that the next Yom Haatzmaut (Independence Day) May 5, 1976, be celebrated by world Jewry in an unprecedented display of vigor and unity.

Among other proposals made at the conference attended by Israelis and 170 Jewish leaders from abroad were a worldwide campaign for signing a declaration of identification with Zionism and Israel; a buy-Israeli products campaign among Jews abroad; making 1976 a "Pilgrimage to Israel" year with all Jewish organizations and Jewish families urged to visit Israel; sending 30,000 young volunteers to work in Israel next year, and a campaign abroad to have the Hebrew language and literature recognized in the high school curricula.

Former Foreign Minister Abba Eban urged American Jews to "give us one-third of one percent in each year," meaning 20,000 olim instead of the approximately 4000 who make aliyah annually from the U.S.

Economic Aid Considered

The committee on economic resources, chaired by United Jewish Appeal chairman Frank R. Lautenberg, considered ways of boosting currently declining investment in Israel. It proposed that within the framework of the Pilgrimage Year (1976) missions of Jewish businessmen come to Israel, meet with Israeli colleagues, and discuss together methods of encouraging Israeli exports.

A proposal made by some Israeli delegates for \$1 billion in a "special fund" to be raised in the diaspora from contributions "over and above" UJA and Israel Bond pledges, was not approved after running into heavy opposition from the fund-raising organizations. Instead, Lautenberg announced that a special committee would consider the possibility of establishing an endowment fund for the same purpose--to encourage thousands of diaspora youth to visit Israel and to make available resources for Jewish education programs.

Many Delegates Angry

The resolutions read to the conference by chairmen of subcommittees that had been meeting during the day seemed to arouse little interest. Most of the proposals had been prepared and printed in advance. This aroused the ire of many of the delegates from abroad who felt the issues had been effectively resolved before adequate debate and before they had been offered the opportunity to state their views. A delegate from Brazil asked, with some irony, "What did I come here for? You could have sent me the printed proposals to Brazil and I would have sent them back with my suggestions attached."

Many delegates could be heard saying that the conference was too hastily planned to ensure success; it was not a worldwide Jewish solidarity conference because it represented only the Jewish organizations, not the unaffiliated Jews and not the many Jewish individuals of fame and eminence in so many walks of general life. Nor was it an action conference--because its size was too bulky and unwieldy for really practical discussion.

Said one top American Jewish leader: "This is preaching to the converted. The people here are all committed, all Zionists, all Israel-lovers, all doers...."

ILLEGAL SETTLERS IN SEBASTIA SINCE SUNDAY ENCOURAGED BY PERES' VIEWS

By Gil Sedan and Yitzhak Shargil

JERUSALEM, Dec. 4 (JTA)--The illegal settlers of the Gush Emunim movement who descended on Sebastia in central Samaria Sunday have ap-

parently won at least a temporary victory for their claim that Jews have the right to settle in any part of the West Bank. They have been there five days now and have set up a tent city with a makeshift synagogue, yeshiva and medical clinic. Although army units remain on the scene, they have made no attempts to remove the squatters by force or persuasion and have allowed food and medical supplies, additional tents and fuel to reach the group.

The would-be settlers received words of encouragement if not outright support from a ranking member of the government whose policies they have defied. Defense Minister Shimon Peres told the Knesset that he knows of no principle that prevented the right of Jews to settle in the Judea and Samaria regions.

"The truth is that the controversy is not over a principle but rather a policy, not on the vision but rather on the timing, not on an area but rather on a specific place, not on volunteering but rather on law," Peres said. His remarks were enthusiastically received by the "hawks" and religious MKs who ardently support the militantly Orthodox Gush Emunim who contend that the West Bank belongs to Israel by divine right.

But Peres' remarks angered other MKs who submitted six agenda motions demanding that the government explain why it is permitting the squatters to violate state law by setting up camp in a restricted military area without official permission. While Israel does not rule out Jewish settlements in the administered areas, the law requires that each settlement project must have prior Cabinet approval.

Apparent Softening of Policy

The apparent softening of the government's policy toward the Gush Emunim was obviously dictated by recent developments at the United Nations favoring the Palestine Liberation Organization and especially the Nov. 10 resolution by the General Assembly identifying Zionism as a racist movement.

Peres said as much when he reminded the Knesset that the government's guidelines specifically mentioned continued settlement "according to Cabinet decision." A decision adopted by the Ministerial Settlements Committee Tuesday authorized four new settlements on the Golan Heights.

"This," said Peres, "is the Zionist and Israeli answer to the recent UN resolutions. It answers the need for the continuation of settlement efforts on both sides of the 'Green Line.'" The "Green Line" is the popular designation of the boundary between Israel proper and the Arab territories captured in the 1967 Six-Day War.

At the moment there are about 800 squatters at Sebastia, far fewer than the 1500 and more who trokked there on foot Sunday and Monday. Many left voluntarily because of the cold weather and continuous rain. Whether the group will be allowed to remain and establish a settlement on the site was a moot question today.

The bitter mood in Israel over the attacks on Zionism seems to preclude any attempt to remove them by force for the time being. But eventually, the question of Jewish settlement on land that may figure in future peace negotiations with the Arabs, will have to be tackled by the government. There are elements in Israel which contend that the establishment of settlements in the administered territories will not increase Israel's security but rather will create hostages in an ultimate settlement.

ACTION ON MORTON POSTPONED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4 (JTA)--A bipartisan effort to avert a confrontation between Congress and Commerce Secretary Rogers C.B. Morton over his refusal to submit documents relating to the Arab boycott was disclosed today after the House Commerce Committee postponed action to next Tuesday on whether Morton should be held in contempt for refusing to honor a Congressional subpoena.

Rep. John Heinz (R., Pa.) and Rep. Timothy Wirth (D., Colo.) wrote yesterday to the leaders of the committee to seek a solution that will provide the committee with "the information we need, preserve Congress' right to access to that information, and avoid a needless embarrassment to everyone."

The two Congressmen suggested that Morton turn over the documents filed by American companies involved in the Arab boycott to the Commerce Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations. They would then be held under safeguards that would "preclude public disclosure of the material unless the subcommittee voted to make disclosure and would limit access to the materials to members and the subcommittee staff."

SINAI AGENCY SET UP BY U.S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4 (JTA)--A U.S. inter-agency group known as the Sinai Support Mission has been authorized by President Ford to set up and maintain the early warning system between Israel and Egyptian forces in Sinai, the State Department announced today.

The director of the agency who is to be named soon will report to President Ford through his Assistant for National Security Affairs, the announcement said. Most of the work will be done under private contractors but the director will provide policy guidance, supervision and monitoring with the help of an inter-agency board made up of officials from the State and Defense Departments, the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, the Agency for International Development and the CIA.

Selection of up to 200 civilian technicians to man the installations will be done by contractors based on open competition among companies with necessary qualifications for the jobs. They are expected to be on duty in Sinai by Feb. 22. A team assigned to survey the sites for the station left for Sinai Dec. 2. * * *

JERUSALEM (JTA)--Judge Miriam Ben-Porat was this week appointed president of the Jerusalem District Court. She is the first woman to hold so high a judicial office in Israel. Judge Ben-Porat, 57, has been on the bench for close to 20 years. Her appointment was at the instance of Justice Minister Haim Zadok. She succeeds Judge Benzion Shereshevsky who was sworn in Wednesday as a Justice of the Supreme Court. * * *

NEW YORK (JTA)--The State Banking Board has approved the organization of the UBAF Arab-American Bank owned jointly by multi-national Arab interests and four American companies. The bank's board of directors will comprise 11 Arabs and 11 Americans. The State Banking Department required the bank's incorporators to sign a pledge that the bank will operate in a completely nondiscriminatory manner. The four U.S. companies, each with a 5% equity in the new bank are: Bankers Trust, N.Y., First Chicago Corp, Security Pacific Corp, and Texas Commerce Bankshares.

SPECIAL INTERVIEWNAUM ALSHANSKY FEARS USSR WILL USE ANTI-ZIONISM MEASURE TO CUT OFF ALL JEWISH EMIGRATION TO ISRAEL

By David Friedman

NEW YORK, Dec. 4 (JTA)--Naum Alshansky, a former Soviet Jew who was a lieutenant-colonel in the Red Army, fears that the Soviet Union will use the anti-Zionist resolution adopted by the United Nations General Assembly to cut off all Jewish emigration to Israel. He said the Soviets might now say that they cannot allow people to go to a "racist" country.

Alshansky, who during 26 years of service in the Soviet army received 13 medals including the Order of Red Banner, one of the Soviet Union's highest awards, said the Soviet government was behind the resolution labeling Zionism as racism, not the Arabs. He said the USSR could not introduce the resolution since it was guilty itself of racist practices toward the various minorities within its borders.

Interviewed in Yiddish at the office of the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry, Alshansky urged Jews outside the Soviet Union, who he said have done much good, to increase their demonstrations and other efforts on behalf of Soviet Jews. He said American Jewish organizations should convince the United States not to supply the USSR with wheat and other goods until all Jews are allowed to leave.

In addition, Alshansky, who immigrated to Israel from Minsk last March after a four-year struggle, said Jews should write letters to their coreligionists in the Soviet Union as a means of building up the morale of Soviet Jews. He said while many of the letters will be confiscated, those that get through will show Soviet Jews that they are not alone.

Asked about the contention of some Jewish leaders that in addition to promoting aliyah for Soviet Jews there should also be pressure to allow those Jews who wish to remain in the USSR to be permitted to nourish and retain their Jewish culture, Alshansky declared: "This is not possible.... If you want to be a Jew, you have to go to Israel."

The 58-year-old former colonel said this was also true of Jews who lived in the United States and other countries, but at least in these countries assimilation was a natural process. He said in the Soviet Union it was forced.

Anti-Zionism Cloaks Anti-Semitism

Anti-Semitism, cloaked as anti-Zionism, is promoted by the Soviet government and the Communist Party, Alshansky maintained. He said this started after World War II when the Soviet Union turned to nationalism and chauvinism to win the support of the people, many of whom had become anti-Communist as a result of seeing other countries during the war. "Whatever is wrong it is the Jew that is blamed," he said.

Alshansky charged that this anti-Jewish propaganda has resulted in at least five Jews being murdered in his city of Minsk. He said those apprehended for two murders were called crazy and the unsolved murders are being blamed on Zionists by the authorities. Alshansky said it is a miracle that young Soviet Jews have turned to Zionism with the assault on Jewish culture in the USSR. He said in Minsk, which has about 50,000 Jews, there are no Yiddish periodicals or schools and the synagogue seats only about 40 people, causing people to stand in the street during Jewish

holidays.

Jewish Identity Nurtured

However, he said the anti-Semitic policy of the government has nurtured Jewish identity. He said the Soviet Communist Party has done more to increase Zionism among Soviet Jews than has Zionist ideology.

As for himself, he said his Zionism was nurtured as a child in cheder by a rabbi who also spoke of Eretz Yisrael. He said he and his wife, Klara, and their two children, applied to emigrate in April, 1971. "I wanted to be a Jew and I couldn't be a Jew in Russia." He said he also wanted to do something for the six million Jews who died in the Holocaust, and "I can only do this in Israel."

After applying for a visa, Alshansky was stripped of his rank and denied his office's pension. He and his friends, Capt. Genadov Kipnis and Col. Efim Davidovich, were harassed and threatened with a trial which was cancelled after outcries from the West. Kipnis was allowed to emigrate. Before Alshansky and his family left this year, he and Davidovich, who is still in the USSR, were kept under constant surveillance. In March, 1974, Alshansky formally renounced his citizenship and returned his war medals to the Supreme Soviet Presidium in Minsk.

After immigrating to Israel, the Alshanskys studied Hebrew at an ulpan in Jerusalem. He is working for Metz, an Israeli appliance manufacturer, and his wife, a doctor, is working for an Israeli doctor until she learns enough Hebrew to be on her own. His son is working and his daughter is studying at Tel Aviv University.

In Israel, Complaints Are Possible

Alshansky said that life in Israel is materially harder than it was in the USSR, although actually better than he expected. He noted that the bureaucracy is worse in Israel than in the Soviet Union, but in Israel he can at least complain and demonstrate against the bureaucracy. But he stressed that he did not come to Israel for material things but because "I wanted a land, a people, a Jewish life."

He said Israel needs zealots as immigrants. He noted that in Israel one has to work and if one is willing to do that, a good life is possible. Alshansky, who is in the United States for a lecture tour until Dec. 20, said he is already homesick for Israel and can't wait to return.

DEMAND TO KNOW AHARONSON'S FATE

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 4 (JTA)--The Netherlands government has informed Iraq that it was "very indignant" over Baghdad's persistent refusal to permit its representatives to visit Alexander Aharonson and would exert extreme diplomatic pressure if necessary to secure access to the Dutch-born Jew. The Dutch authorities want to confirm that Aharonson is, in fact, alive.

A Baghdad news agency reported last month that he had been hanged on charges of having been a spy for Israel. Iraqi authorities subsequently denied that the execution had been carried out but have refused to permit visits to Aharonson by either the Dutch authorities or representatives of the International Red Cross.

Nicolaas Van Dijk, director of the Asian and African division of The Netherlands Foreign Ministry, told the Iraqi Charge d'Affaires at The Hague that the Dutch authorities want to confirm whether Aharonson was in fact hanged or whether he is still alive.