



## YUGOSLAVS IN UNESCO WANT THE GROUP TO ACCEPT ANTI-ZIONIST RESOLUTION AS BASIS FOR UPCOMING DECLARATION

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Dec. 17 (JTA)--The Arab and Communist blocs have called on UNESCO to indirectly brand Israel as "racist." The Yugoslav delegation, acting on behalf of the 77-state group of non-aligned nations, submitted an amendment yesterday asking UNESCO to include a reference to the General Assembly's resolution equating Zionism with racism when drafting its own declaration on the fight "against war propaganda, racism and apartheid."

Discussion on the Yugoslav amendment was postponed at Italy's request. The Italian delegate, speaking on behalf of the nine-member European Economic Community countries, asked for a 24-hour postponement to enable delegations to receive instructions from their various governments.

Diplomatic sources here said, however, that all the nine EEC delegations have already been instructed to vote against the Yugoslav resolution and the postponement was asked to enable their delegations to try and win over a number of African and Latin American delegations.

The UNESCO conference now meeting here is drawing up a draft declaration for the general conference meeting next October in Nairobi. Yesterday's debate was marked by a violent attack on Israel and on world news media by the PLO delegate, Ibrahim Sule. The Palestinian said that world press organs have convinced the world that the Jews were entitled to Palestine while Jewish propaganda has taught "Jews and Israelis racial hatred towards all the Arabs in the region."

## PRODUCTIVITY OF BLUE COLLAR WORKERS IN ISRAEL LAGS BEHIND THOSE IN THE U.S. AND EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Dec. 17 (JTA)--Knesset members were visibly shaken today by reports that Israeli workers produce only half of what American workers produce and from one-third to two-thirds the production of workers in France, Holland, Sweden or Switzerland. Labor Minister Moshe Baran conceded that the productivity of Israeli workers has hardly increased in recent years and prospects for the coming fiscal year indicated a mere one percent rise in productivity.

The MKs reacted to these figures according to party line. Likud spokesman Avraham Katz blasted Histadrut for "paying too much attention" to trivial clauses in labor contracts and "no attention at all to the basic issue of an honest day's work for honest pay." But Mrs. Shoshana Arbell Almoshino, a Labor MK who chairs the Knesset Labor Committee, blamed low productivity on the low estate in which blue collar workers are held in Israeli society.

"What could motivate a man to take a tough job in a factory when he sees his friends earning more by working in the services in air conditioned offices with short hours in the summer?" she asked. She said that the dissatisfaction of factory

workers with their wages and working conditions resulted in massive absenteeism which cost Israel four million workdays last year alone.

The left-wing Moked demanded that workers participate in management; Yehuda Shaarit, of the Independent Liberal Party, observed that if Israel could achieve the productivity rates of the Western European countries it could wipe out its \$3.6 billion balance of payments deficit. Each percentage point of increased productivity equals \$120 million earned for the national economy, he said.

The government, which is debating an IL 84.2 billion austerity budget for the next fiscal year, has announced the intention to transfer 100,000 workers from services to productive industries over the next four years.

## YAAD GROUP DISINTEGRATES

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Dec. 17 (JTA)--The Yaad Knesset faction, formed seven months ago as a coalition of four left-of-center splinter groups, disintegrated today as the result of the latest in a series of internal crises that have plagued it from the start. The coup de grace was delivered by Yaad chairman Shulamit Aloni who declared the articles of coalition null and void as a result of a dispute over the government's policy on dealing with the Palestinian issue.

Ms. Aloni, a former Cabinet Minister who joined by former Labor Party Secretary General Arye Eliav early this year to form Yaad which held four seats in the Knesset. Other components were Lashino, a group of liberal academicians and Le Shiloov, made up of former Labor Party intellectuals. From the outset, ideological and personal differences prevented Yaad from functioning effectively as an opposition force in parliament.

Recently Eliav, joined by Res. Gen. Matti Peled and David Shaham, affiliated with the left-wing Committee for an Israeli-Palestinian Peace which believes that Israel should negotiate with the Palestine Liberation Organization. They did so without consulting the Yaad executive and Ms. Aloni, who believes that position to be too extreme, claimed Yaad was being compromised and dragged too far to the left.

A meeting of the Yaad Secretariat last week failed to settle the differences and Aloni sent a formal letter to the faction's executive committee today dissolving the group. Each member will retain his or her Knesset seat. Aloni, who founded the Civil Rights Party after she quit the Labor Party during the administration of Premier Golda Meir, is expected to form a new faction along with her associate, Boaz Moav. Eliav, an independent MK since he quit the Labor Party earlier this year, will form a new faction of his own along with former Civil Rights Party MK Marsha Friedman.

## SUIT CHARGES KISSINGER, 3 OTHER OFFICIALS WITH VIOLATING RIGHTS OF U.S. JEWS REGARDING WORK IN SAUDIA

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (JTA)--Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger and three other members of President Ford's Cabinet were named today as defendants in a suit filed in Federal District Court here by the American Jewish Congress charging

would be "an extremely difficult situation for Israel." He stressed that the \$1.5 billion in military assistance for Israel that is currently before Congress "won't give Israel better than a 3-1 ratio" in the balance of power in the Mideast.

Peres said it was "extremely difficult for us to maintain this ratio" and that in some fields the imbalance was 5-1 and in the case of missiles "hundreds to one" in favor of the Arabs. He suggested a de-escalation of the arms race in the Middle East, noting that the Arab countries were getting \$20 billion in armaments from the Soviet Union, the U.S. and Europe.

Peres said his visit to Washington was "successful and very friendly." He said his talk with Rumsfeld gave him an opportunity to explain Israel's position on prospects for the future and its need for military equipment. He added that he was appreciative of the U.S. response to Israel's requests and "we are still negotiating."

Asked how long Israel would require assistance from the U.S. in the range of the \$1.5 billion in military credits under consideration, and how strong Israel feels it must be to be in a good negotiating position, Peres replied, "My personal view is that only a self-assured Israel will be the best partner to conduct negotiations." He stressed that Israel is not asking for military supplies out of existing U.S. stocks and noted that the cost of military hardware has forced Israel to scale down its requests.

In that connection, Peres said that Israel wanted 50 F-15 fighter planes but "when we saw the price we became more modest" and are asking for 25. He would not say how many F-15 planes Israel has requested, referring to an aircraft that will not be available until 1981-82. He noted that the Arab countries now have 140 MIG-23s, one of the top Soviet fighter planes.

#### RABBI SAYS 'GOOD-WILL RHETORIC' AND 'LIVING ROOM DIALOGUE' BETWEEN JEWS AND CHRISTIANS IS NOT SUFFICIENT By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (JTA)—A leading dignitary of the Roman Catholic Church conceded here yesterday that "it took nearly 2000 years for the Catholic church to grasp fully the truth of the words of its Founder" and open a dialogue with the Jewish faith. The speaker, Magr. Charles Moeller, said the delay was "due in part to stupidity."

Moeller, who is chairman of the Vatican Liaison Committee for Catholic-Jewish Relations and secretary of the Vatican's Secretariate for Promoting Christian Unity, spoke in response to Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, president of the Synagogue Council of America. He and Rabbi Lookstein were among 150 persons, mostly Catholic clergy, who attended the National Conference of Catholic Bishops' convocation here at the Catholic University, celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council's Declaration on Catholic-Jewish relations.

Rabbi Lookstein, in an address to the convocation, asked "Why did it take 2000 years and why did it take a Holocaust that took six million lives to break the centuries old silence between church and synagogue?" He asserted that "good-will rhetoric" and "living room dialogue" are not enough. "The key words from now on are action and implementation. If they fail they will only fill the pool of frustration."

#### Prudence, Patience Required

Magr. Moeller declared that dialogue between

Christians and Jews required "much prudence and patience." He observed that "the permanence of the church and the Jewish people" means that "God is teaching us something eternal.... We need a conversion of our hearts and our minds to understand the reality that exists between us all."

Archbishop Joseph J. Bernardin of Cincinnati, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, emphasized the Ecumenical Council's Declaration on the Relationship of the Church to Non-Christian Religions (Nostra Aetate) and the statement on Catholic-Jewish relations which the Bishops Conference adopted here last month. That statement noted that "there still exists areas of disagreement and misunderstanding which create tensions" in the Catholic and Jewish communities and expressed "hope that if difficulties can be resolved in some degree in amicable discussion."

Rabbi Lookstein praised the Bishops' statement. He urged Christians to "strive to understand" the tie between Israel and Jewry, "declaring that "My own people, the people of Israel, are standing virtually alone, charged with fresh slanders and vicious new libel." He was referring to the series of declarations condemning Zionism and Israel recently adopted by the United Nations General Assembly. "Hostility is not a parochial matter. If the Arab hates the Jew it will not be long before it spreads to others," Rabbi Lookstein said.

#### ATHERTON DELAYS ISRAELI VISIT

JERUSALEM, Dec. 17 (JTA)—U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, Alfred Atherton has postponed his visit to Israel for a week, officials announced yesterday. Atherton was due here Monday night on the first leg of a Middle East junket that includes visits to Syria, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and Egypt. His departure for the region from London was delayed by fog Monday night and he subsequently revised his itinerary making Jerusalem his last instead of his first stop. The change was called purely technical.

Israeli circles described Atherton's trip as a "pulse feeling" exercise in advance of the Security Council's Middle East debate scheduled to open Jan. 12. They said Washington wants an up-to-date reading of the mood in the various Mideast capitals before the debate begins and that Atherton was expected to urge the Arabs—particularly Syria—to moderate their demands at the Council debate and to shift the peace-making effort back to the Geneva conference or some other forum at which the parties will be represented.

#### HUMAN FACTOR RESPONSIBLE FOR CRASH

TEL AVIV, Dec. 17 (JTA)—An air force committee of inquiry found that a navigational error was responsible for the crash of an Israel Air Force Hercules transport plane into a fog-shrouded mountainside in Sinai Nov. 25 in which 20 soldiers and air crewmen were killed. The verdict of human error was contained in a report the committee submitted to the Chief of Staff and the Air Force commander today. The report, which has not been made public, ruled out any technical malfunction of the giant plane which was on a routine flight when it crashed.

NEW YORK (JTA)—Dr. Erma Chernisk, a Leningrad activist, has been given permission to leave the Soviet Union, it was reported Wednesday by the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry. The 46-year-old electronics engineer has been trying to get an exit visa since 1972.

them with violating the constitutional rights of American Jews who are excluded from participating in government-supported programs in Saudi Arabia because of their religion.

Charging that the federal government was a "silent partner" in Saudi Arabia's "religious bigotry against Jews," the AJCongress asked for an injunction barring Kissinger, Treasury Secretary William E. Simon, Secretary of Commerce Elliot Richardson and Interior Secretary Thomas S. Kleppe from implementing a 1974 U.S.-Saudi Arabia agreement calling for cooperation between the two countries in the fields of economics, technology and industry.

"We are asserting that no agency of government may cooperate with or participate in any program from which American citizens are barred or set apart because of their religion," Leo Pfeffer, special counsel of the American Jewish Congress, said at a news conference in the National Press Club following the filing of the suit. He added:

"In seeking to establish the principle that the constitutional rights of American citizens may not be waived by the government in its dealings with foreign states, this suit raises important constitutional issues with long-range implications in the field of international law. If other nations wish to benefit from American scientific know-how and other forms of U.S. assistance, they must accept the fact that the U.S. Constitution prohibits discrimination on grounds of religion."

#### Two Jewish Job Applicants Affected

The suit is a class action brought by the AJCongress, four of its officials and two private persons--Louis Kaplan of the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Wis., and Martha Watkins of West Chester, Pa., a professor of English. According to the complaint, Prof. Kaplan was deterred because he is Jewish--employment in a program sponsored by the Midwest Universities Consortium for International Activities to help improve the library facilities of the University of Riyadh in Saudi Arabia.

Prof. Watkins charged that because he was Jewish "and therefore subject to the discriminatory and restrictive policy of the government of Saudi Arabia," he was deterred from filling out an application requiring him to list his and his parents' religion for a job teaching English to military personnel in Saudi Arabia that had been advertised by the Bendix-Synco Corp. of Maryland.

The AJCongress suit noted that Kissinger and other U.S. officials have prevailed on Saudi Arabia to waive the "undesirable persons" exclusionary policy in respect to some American Jews and to admit them on a special basis. On other occasions, however, the complaint alleges, "efforts to obtain such a waiver or exemption have proved unsuccessful."

"Even when such waivers are granted," Pfeffer said, "this kind of 'separate-but-equal' treatment is equivalent to the former Southern practice of requiring Blacks to sit in the back of the bus. It is both morally and legally untenable."

In addition to the four Cabinet members, the suit also lists as defendants Gerald L. Pinsky, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, and Daniel Parker, Administrator of the Agency for International Development.

#### COMMITTEE ON PALESTINIAN RIGHTS

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 17 (JTA)--The United

Nations General Assembly announced today the makeup of a 20-member committee "On the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People" and Israeli Ambassador Chaim Herzog immediately told the Assembly session that Israel would neither cooperate with nor recognize the committee.

Only three countries on the committee--Turkey, Rumania and Malta--have diplomatic relations with Israel. The other 17 countries represent the Communist and Third World countries which have consistently voted for anti-Israel resolutions during the current Assembly session, though none of the Arab states were included. The 17 countries include Cyprus, Cuba, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Pakistan, East Germany, Yugoslavia and the Ukraine.

The committee was named under Assembly Resolution 3376 on the Palestine question adopted in November. The resolution requested that the committee consider and recommend to the General Assembly a program of implementation of "the rights of the Palestinians" relative to previous UN resolutions. One of them, Resolution 3238, adopted last year, calls for the return of the Palestinians to their "homeland."

Resolution 3376 also called on the new committee to submit its recommendations to Secretary General Kurt Waldheim no later than June 1, 1976, and also requested that Waldheim submit the report to the Security Council.

Herzog said the committee stemmed from a resolution "which is entirely one-sided, biased and partial and is a resolution which, by its very nature, is irreconcilable with the process of negotiation toward peace in the Middle East. Accordingly, we reject this committee out of hand and will have none of it."

Herzog, in his final appearance at the current Assembly session which ends today, charged that implementation of the resolution "will destroy the present negotiating process prevailing in the Middle East," and also would annul the existing agreements already reached in the Middle East. (By Yitzhak Rabi.)

#### PERES: U.S. DELIVERING 'BETTER PART' BUT NOT 100% OF MILITARY AID THAT WAS PROMISED TO ISRAEL

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (JTA)--Israeli Defense Minister Shimon Peres said here yesterday that Israel is "not receiving 100 percent of" the military "aid promised" by the U.S. although the "better part" of the supplies are being delivered. He made that remark at a press conference with military and diplomatic correspondents following a three-hour meeting with Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld at the Pentagon.

Asked whether he thought the delay in some arms deliveries was due to bureaucratic red tape, or to a U.S. policy decision, Peres replied, "I will mention the fact but not select the reasons."

The Israeli defense chief spoke at length of the Arab superiority to his country in terms of military equipment and observed that U.S. arms supplies to Israel is "in a very measured way just to protect itself (Israel) against the arms coming from Russia" to the neighboring Arab countries.

#### Arms Ratio Favors Arabs

Peres said that Israel is considered "very strong" if the ratio of Arab to Israeli arms is 2.8-1 but in fact "even when it would be 2-1" it

## NATIONAL ALIYA COUNCIL CONFAB PAVES WAY FOR DEEPER COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

NEW YORK, Dec. 17 (JTA)--The first meeting of the National Aliya Council last Sunday paved the way for deeper involvement on the part of the American Jewish community towards aliya. The all-day conference, which was attended by leaders of major Jewish organizations and regional aliya councils throughout the country discussed a program for promoting and increasing aliya.

The functions and activities of the National Aliya Council, which traces its roots to last March's inaugural planning conference, were explored and defined during the course of the meeting. Speakers, informal discussions and working sessions emphasized that the NAC's goals are to create a favorable climate for aliya, and encourage and promote aliya in the Jewish community; strengthen and lend a hand to Israel Aliya Center representatives; ease the way for American Jews settling in Israel; and develop and create new programs to carry out these aims.

Other objectives were the improving of services to olim in the Israel Aliya Center offices; reaching out to the Jewish student community on college campuses; and concentrating and encouraging group aliya.

### Practical Answers Needed

Charlotte Jacobson, chairman of the World Zionist Organization-American Section and chairman of the NAC, emphasized throughout the conference that the responsibility for helping Americans settle in Israel rests with the U.S. Jewish community. One important element which emerged from the conference was the realization that Americans needed assistance on a practical level. "It is not only important to promote and instill aliya in the American Jewish community," Mrs. Jacobson said, "we must add to the idealism by finding answers to practical problems."

Shimon Peres, Israel's Defense Minister, declared that "there is nothing more important for Israel and the Jewish people than aliya." He compared the problems of American aliya with those of other national groups throughout the history of Jewish settlement. He said that each group faced similar problems but overcame them and contributed tremendously to Israeli society.

A significant outcome of the conference was the establishment of five committees which would begin to set upon the central issues raised during the day.

### Activities Of Committees Outlined

For the purpose of promotion and encouragement of aliya within the Jewish community three committees were established; the Community Relations Committee would establish close ties between the Israel Aliya Center and Jewish organizations; the Youth Committee would create a special task force to enable Israel-aliya representatives to reach out to a wider group of organized and unorganized youth on the college campus; and the Education Committee would introduce aliya into the school syllabus and encourage education programs among school-aged children.

Regarding the subject of employment, one of the five committees formed during the working session, which was attended by 80 delegates, was the Committee for Enhancement of Business and Industry. This committee, comprised of Jewish leaders and businessmen in the U.S., is planning to work out ways to create new businesses and in-

dustry in Israel which would enable American immigrants to obtain jobs, while at the same time strengthen the Israeli economy.

Members of the NAC expressed the need to learn first-hand about the day-to-day problems Americans encounter in Israel, so that they can offer concrete suggestions on ways to improve them. To this end, a Missions Committee was formed where NAC members would visit Israel and get to meet with American olim, take tours to absorption centers, housing developments, settlement sites as well as learn more about the process of immigration and absorption.

The five committees which were formed have all planned to hold individual meetings within the next two weeks to begin implementing the ideas which were discussed during the conference. Regional councils have already been established in Detroit, Miami, Philadelphia, Cleveland and Toronto.

## ALI COMES ACROSS WITH \$50,000 FOR NEW YORK GERIATRIC CENTER

NEW YORK, Dec. 17 (JTA)--An official of Self-Help Community Services confirmed today receipt of a check for \$50,000 from heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali to avert closing of a geriatric center serving mainly handicapped Jews in the Washington Heights section of Manhattan and said a second \$50,000 contribution would be made within "a few weeks."

Larry Matloff, executive director of Self-Help, said the check came from Muhammad Ali Enterprises, the Chicago agency which handles the fighter's affairs. The Hillside Aged Program center had been scheduled to shut down on Dec. 31 because funds from Self-Help, the sponsoring agency, had run out. Self-Help is a non-sectarian agency originally chartered to aid victims of Nazi persecution.

Ali's interest in the geriatric center developed from seeing a television report that it would have to be closed because Self-Help had been unable to raise the estimated \$100,000 needed for another year of operation. Ali visited the center on Dec. 2 and spent more than an hour there, talking to the elderly users.

At that visit, Ali promised a gift large enough to assure continuation of the geriatric center for a year. Matloff said today that it was his understanding that Ali had promised a minimal gift of \$100,000, with the possibility of an additional \$50,000 if a need for those funds could be shown.

JERUSALEM (JTA)--Key members of the Mapai wing of the Labor Party are quietly working for the return of former Foreign Minister Abba Eban to the Cabinet, informed sources said here Wednesday. Shlomo Nakdimon, the political correspondent of Yedioth Achronot, said the key Laborites want Eban back in government to strengthen the "dove-ish" wing of the Cabinet. According to Nakdimon they would like to see Eban as a Deputy Premier in charge of information policy.

JERUSALEM (JTA)--Steve Dodge, a volatile Ashdod port earned as much as IL 3000, about \$400 one recent Saturday because of a complex system of calculating overtime that permits a longshoreman to submit a bill for 300 hours' work during a 24-hour day, according to a Knesset Labor Committee report on Ashdod.