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A LEADING ISRAELI 'HAWK' URGES ISRAEL TO NEGOTIATE WITH ANY PALESTINIAN GROUP, INCLUDING THE PLO By Gil Sedar

JERUSALEM, Dec. 22 (JTA)--One of the leading "hawks" of Israel's academic community has urged Israel to negotiate with any Palestinian group, including the PLO, that renounces terrorism and accepts the existence of Israel.

Prof. Yehoshafat Harkabi, an authority on international relations and Middle Eastern affairs, expressed that view in a telephone radio interview from the United States where he is presently on sabbatical leave. He also questioned the official Israeli view that the establishment of a Palestinian state on the West Bank would pose a mortal peril to Israel and advance Soviet penetration into the Middle East.

Harkabi, a former chief of army intelligence and, until recently, an advisor to Defense Minister Shimon Peres, has always supported a tough line in Israel's foreign policy dealings with the Arabs. He is now apparently adopting the position of two of the leading Labor Party "doves" in the Knesset, former Communications Minister Aharon Yariv and Yitzhak Navon, chairman of the Knesset's foreign affairs and security committee.

Notes Tactical Advantage

In his interview, broadcast over the weekend, Harkabi maintained that it would be to Israel's tactical advantage to offer to negotiate with the PLO. He said such an offer would face the PLO with the choice of abandoning its "covenant" for the dismemberment of Israel or lose the image of "moderation" it has managed to cultivate at international forums. "The time has come for us to be more sophisticated in our tactics," Harkabi said.

He also contended that it was a mistake for Israel to consistently reject the idea of a Palestinian state between Israel and Jordan. According to Harkabi, such a state would eventually become part of Jordan because that is where the lines of communications would have to run. The main problem of a Palestinian state would be its own viability, he said.

Harkabi's remarks were bitterly attacked by Likud in the column published by that faction in Haaretz today. Noting that similar views were recently raised in the Knesset by Prof. Shlomo Avineri, Likud described Harkabi's interview as the "second lecture within one week on the necessity to tear from the Jewish people's sovereignty parts of its homeland, an act which would inflict unforeseeable dangers."

In the past several weeks a number of influential "doves" in the Labor Party and the Labor Alignment have urged the government to change its attitude toward the issue of talking to any Palestinians who renounce terrorism and accept the sovereignty of Israel. These include Abba Eban, Yisroel Shmuntov, Avraham Ofer, Yitzhak Ben Aharon. Others outside the government include Arie Eliav, Res. Gen. Matti Peled and David Shaham.

CABINET ADOPTS AUSTERITY BUDGET

JERUSALEM, Dec. 22 (JTA)--The controversial IL 84.2 billion austerity budget was approved by the Cabinet early this morning subject to further negotiations on the distribution of funds among the various ministries. The defense budget remains a matter of dispute. The Treasury has allotted IL 25.25 billion to the Defense Ministry, by far the largest single budget item. The Ministry is insisting on an additional IL 4 billion.

The Cabinet agreed today that a three-man committee consisting of Premier Yitzhak Rabin, Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz and Defense Minister Shimon Peres would determine the size of the defense budget and submit it to the Cabinet for approval next Sunday. A sharp drop in the stock market brought reassurances from the Cabinet today that it did not plan any new measures affecting stock transactions beyond those adopted last week. One of those measures was a 1.6 percent tax on the sale of government bonds linked to the cost of living index.

RABBI'S VISIT TO USSR TERMED SOURCE OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO JEWISH ACTIVISTS

LONDON, Dec. 22 (JTA)--Chief Rabbi Immanuel Jakobovits' current visit to the Soviet Union has been a source of encouragement and inspiration to Jewish activists there according to reports reaching here today from Jewish sources in the USSR. Dr. Jakobovits, the first chief rabbi of a Western Jewish community to visit the Soviet Union in his official capacity, participated in the scientific seminar conducted by dismissed Jewish scientists in the Moscow flat of Prof. Mark Azbel. Accompanied by Moshe Davis, director of the Chief Rabbi's Office in London, he attended Sabbath services at the Moscow synagogue.

Jewish sources reported that the Soviet authorities have gone out of their way to make Dr. Jakobovits' visit as comfortable as possible. They set up a kosher kitchen for him at the "Moscow Yeshiva." The Chief Rabbi was invited to Russia by Mikhail Tandetnik, head of the Moscow Jewish congregation. He is due back in London Wednesday.

At the scientific seminar, Dr. Jakobovits lectured on the medical ethics of the Talmud. Speaking to 40 Jewish scientists, all of whom were fired from senior positions in the Soviet scientific hierarchy after applying for visas to emigrate to Israel, the British Chief Rabbi said, "Your struggle to emigrate to Israel has injected life into Western Jewish communities." He told them also that "Many of our students have come to identify with Jewish life due to your example."

AUSTRALIA'S NEW PRIME MINISTER SAYS HIS GOVERNMENT WILL SUPPORT ISRAEL By Sam Lipski

MELBOURNE, Dec. 22 (JTA)--Australia's newly elected Prime Minister, Malcolm Fraser, has declared that his government will strongly support Israel in the Middle East conflict. "We would want to make more plain our commitment to the survival of Israel," he said in his first major foreign policy statement over the weekend. Fraser rejected the claims of the defeated Labor government led by Gough Whitlam that it had conducted "an

even-handed" policy on the Middle East. He described it as a pro-Russian policy.

Fraser spoke on a Radio Australia interview in which he attacked the Whitlam government for having neglected Australia's traditional friends over the past three years. The Fraser government would try to strengthen relations with Australia's traditional friends which have "a clear philosophical commitment in common with Australia," he added.

The first signs of a shift in policy came last Friday when Australia joined Israel, the United States, Canada and eight West European nations in a walk-out protest at a UNECOSOC conference in Paris. The walk-out followed the conference's adoption of a resolution "noting" the UN General Assembly's recent equation of Zionism with racism.

Jewish Community Encouraged

Fraser's strong declaration of support for Israel, which follows similar commitments made during the recent election campaign here, has encouraged Jewish communal leaders. But they are waiting to see how the Fraser government will react when it will have to make decisions on more specific issues, such as allowing PLO representatives to come to Australia.

Another aspect which is being closely watched is the degree to which the Fraser government's pro-Israel and anti-PLO position could weaken if the United States modifies its own stand against the PLO. As the new government in Canberra is anxious to follow a Washington line in the United Nations and move away from the Whitlam government's identification with the Third World, much will depend on the lead given by the U.S.

While the Dec. 13 landslide win for Fraser's Liberal-National Party coalition is expected to produce a more sympathetic understanding of Israel's position by the new government, Israel lost some of its friends in the Parliament.

Tro-Israel Spokesmen Swept Out

The anti-Labor swing--the Fraser government will have a minimum 55-seat majority in the 127-seat Parliament--swept two outstanding pro-Israel spokesmen from federal politics. The Minister for Environment in the Whitlam government, Joe Berinson, lost his seat as did the Minister for Housing, Joe Riordan.

Berinson, a leading member of Perth's Jewish community, was a brilliant and articulate pro-Israel advocate, who often found himself in conflict with his own Prime Minister. Riordan, who is not Jewish, but represented a heavily Jewish electorate, was a moving force behind the Parliamentary Labor Friends of Israel.

On the other hand, Australia's most outspoken supporter of the PLO and an extreme left-winger, Bill Hartley, failed in an attempt to win a place in the Senate on the Labor ticket for the State of Victoria. A widespread campaign against Hartley was mounted within the Jewish community by both Labor and non-Labor supporters. The Board of Deputies took the unprecedented step of calling on all Jewish voters, regardless of party, to reject Hartley.

In the new Parliament, which will commence its session next February, there will be four Jewish parliamentarians. For the Labor Party, Dr. Moss Cass, the former Minister for the Media, retained his seat in Melbourne as did Barry Cohen in New South Wales. For the Liberal Party, Senator Peter Baume retained his seat in New South

Wales while his cousin, Michael Baume, won a seat for the first time in the House of Representatives.

FORD RAPS ISRAEL ON LEAKS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (JTA)--President Ford today rebuked Israel for what he described as "leakage" of information concerning diplomatic exchanges between the United States and Israel. The rebuke followed a report today in the Israeli newspaper Maariv that Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger had sent a message to Israeli Foreign Minister Yigal Alon in which he criticized Israel's decision to establish four new settlements on the Golan Heights.

Ford's statement was released by the State Department. It said: "The President has authorized the State Department to state, we strongly deplore this constant leakage of most confidential information. The Department has conveyed a message from the President to the Israeli government conveying these views."

According to Maariv, Kissinger's message arrived less than three weeks ago. The newspaper said that American Ambassador Malcolm Toon tried to deliver the message to Israeli Premier Yitzhak Rabin who refused to accept it. Maariv said Rabin told Toon that the Syrians could not dictate to Israel if and when additional settlements should be set up.

Last June the U.S. government lodged a similar protest against leaks from the Israeli government after the New York Times published maps of the Sinai peninsula showing the final troop positions that had been agreed between Israel and Egypt as part of the second interim agreement.

Meanwhile, State Department spokesman Robert Funseth also said today he did not know whether Israel had consulted the United States on Alon's secret trip to Europe over the weekend. The Israeli Foreign Ministry has admitted that Alon went to two European capitals but would not say which ones or what was the purpose of the trip. Ford recently asked the Israeli government to consult with the U.S. before taking actions such as its Dec. 2 bombings of terrorist strongholds in Lebanon and Israel's announcement that it will boycott the Jan. 12 UN Security Council debate on the Mideast because the PLO has been invited to participate.

GOLDA; EVEN-HANDEDNESS IS ONE-SIDED

Israel Bonds Organization Marks 25th Anniversary, Honors Sam Rothberg
By David Friedman

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (JTA)--Former Israeli Premier Golda Meir declared last night that while friends of Israel, in a show of "even-handedness," urge both Israel and the Arabs to take risks for a Middle East peace in reality it is only Israel that would be risking her security and sovereignty by pullbacks in the Sinai and the Golan Heights.

Mrs. Meir said those who ask for movement should be asked "movement for what? If it is for peace, then the answer is yes. If it is that we go back to where we were attacked without any attempt for peace, then the answer is no."

She made these remarks to an overflow audience of more than 1700 Jewish leaders from the United States, Canada and Mexico who attended a dinner last night at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel honoring Sam Rothberg, General Chairman of the Israel Bond Organization. Mrs. Meir, former Supreme Court Justice Arthur J. Goldberg, who presided at the dinner, and Louis H. Boyar, honorary chairman of the National Campaign Cabinet of

Israel Bonds, presented Rothberg with the 'First Founder's Award of the Israel Bond Organization.

The citation praised Rothberg for "three decades of incomparable leadership, devotion and labor in behalf of the Jewish people" and for "his contribution to the era of Jewish rebirth and reconstruction as a principal founder of the Israel Bond program and as a leader in every other major phase of Israel's social, economic and cultural development." The dinner also marked the 25th anniversary of Israel Bonds. Mrs. Meir, Rothberg and the late David Ben Gurion participated in a conference in Jerusalem in September, 1950 at which the decision to float the first Israel Bond issue was taken. Rothberg was the first national chairman.

Jews Are Not Isolated

Rothberg said last night that he became involved in Jewish affairs after seeing children in Displaced Persons camps in Europe in the winter of 1946. He said he then promised that "this will not happen to my children."

Noting that the Arabs have now declared war on the entire Jewish people, not just Israel, Rothberg called for strengthening Israel's economy through contributions to the United Jewish Appeal and the purchase of Israel Bonds. "Israel can only depend on Jews and it is up to us to make Israel's economy strong," he said.

A similar message was presented by Frank R. Lautenberg, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, who said that "U.S. foreign assistance will not replace Jewish giving." He called for "more than generosity," saying "obligation and sacrifice" were needed. Among others who participated in the program were Michael Aron, president and chief executive officer of the Israel Bond Organization, and Julian B. Venezky, national chairman for regions.

Both Mrs. Meir and Rothberg noted that they had also participated in Israel Bond dinners in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Miami and the crowds in those three cities along with last night's overflow audience, proved that Jews are not isolated.

Mrs. Meir met with President Ford at the White House on Friday for 40 minutes. The meeting was her second during the Ford presidency. The White House said they discussed the Middle East generally and bilateral relations specifically. Participants included Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger, Gen. Brent Scowcroft, the President's Assistant for Security Affairs, and Israeli Ambassador Simcha Dinitz.

ISRAEL URGING U.S. TO VETO INVITE TO PLO AT UN MIDEAST DEBATE IN JAN.

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Dec. 22 (JTA)--Israel is urging the U.S. to attempt to veto the proposed invitation to the Palestine Liberation Organization to participate in the Jan. 12 Security Council Mideast debate. Legal and diplomatic experts here believe this can be done. The first such urging was transmitted to Washington today in talks here with visiting Assistant Secretary of State Alfred Atherton. Atherton met for more than two hours with Foreign Minister Yigal Alon and later called on Premier Yitzhak Rabin. He is due to return home tomorrow, ending a Mideast swing that took him to Syria, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and Egypt.

Israeli officials are understood to have contended in the talks with Atherton that a tough U.S. stand--tougher than that adopted at the Security

Council session in November--could still thwart the Syrian-Soviet effort to have the PLO attend the Council debate and thus shift the focus of Mideast diplomacy from Geneva to the Council.

Israel argues that under the UN Charter, the issue of whether a matter is procedural or substantive (only substantive issues are subject to veto powers) is itself substantive. This being the case, the U.S. could press for a debate on this issue--a veto of any Council resolution to invite the PLO, the Israelis say.

So far, officials here point out, there has been no Council decision to invite the PLO. There was only the statement of then-Council President Jacob Malik of the Soviet Union, in November saying that the majority of members understood the PLO would be invited. But on January 1, five of the Council's ten non-permanent members will be rotated and the majority of November will not technically be the same majority.

Hence, the Israelis argue, the then-President's statement no longer applies.

Atherton's reaction is understood not to have been positive. He argued that Israel ought to attend the session and give no undertaking that the U.S. would veto the PLO invitation. Both sides acknowledged that the talks with Atherton were mainly preliminary and informative in nature. Alon will be going to Washington early in January for authoritative talks with the Administration on coordinating tactics for the Council debate.

BAYH URGES A STRONG ISRAEL

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (JTA)--Sen. Birch Bayh (D, Ind.) declared last night that the United States "must maintain the military strength of Israel and assist in her economic development," because "a strong Israel is still the best deterrent to aggression and the best hope for a lasting peace agreement."

Addressing a dinner of Hapoel Hamizrachi Women's Organization at the Hilton Hotel, Bayh, a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency, warned, however, that the Ford Administration "has failed to recognize the emerging arms imbalance in the Middle East, an imbalance that threatens to grow more unequal in the next five years."

He charged that the Ford Administration counts only the weapons in the hands of the confrontation states. Bayh said that "the Arab countries beyond Egypt and Syria are not disinterested bystanders in the arena of conflict." He said that the U.S. by shipping arms to any Arab country, contributes to the disparity of forces between Israel and its enemies.

Bayh also assailed the Arab boycott practices against Israel and Jews in the United States, criticizing the U.S. government for its refusal to disclose the efforts of the Arabs "to blackmail American companies into compliance with their Arab blacklist." He added "It is the internal affairs of the United States that are being compromised by this official intolerance, and this practice of meekly submitting to Arab dictates on the rights of our citizens must be halted."

JERUSALEM (JTA)--An East Jerusalem journalist has published an Arabic telephone book listing numbers in East Jerusalem and the West Bank. It is the first of its kind in the area. Israeli telephone books printed by the government are in Hebrew and English.

**SEVERAL HUNDRED CARDS BEARING NAZI
INSCRIPTIONS SENT TO JEWISH GROUPS,
INDIVIDUALS IN N.Y. METROPOLITAN AREA**
By Ben Gallo

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (JTA)--Several hundred cards bearing reproductions of the black and red Nazi flag and the slogans "Hitler Was Right" and "We Are Back" with no indication of the identity of the sender were received by Jewish individuals and institutions in several New York State counties, an official of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith reported.

The swastika-adorned missives were mailed during the week of Dec. 3 from Farmingdale, N.Y. according to Mel Cooperman, director of the ADL Long Island regional office in East Meadow, N.Y. He told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the apparent area of the mailings was metropolitan New York, and the counties of Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester and Rockland.

Cooperman said the items were in the form of three by five-inch index cards and apparently were mailed at random to Jews and institutions in the area. He said the lack of a zip code on the addresses suggested that the sender had gone through telephone books looking for Jewish names for his mailing list.

Cooperman said the cards carried the Fairfax Va. address of the National Socialist White Peoples Party, a minuscule neo-Nazi group, which offers the cards in its publication. He also disclosed that a similar mailing took place a year ago, on that occasion exclusively to kosher butchers.

Cooperman said he had discussed the mailings with the Farmingdale postmaster, who said the absence of markings or return addresses on the first-class mailings made it impossible to take any action and that, in any case, the missives contained no threats and hence did not violate postal regulations.

The ADL official said there were some tiny neo-Nazi groups on Long Island, including Farmingdale, as well as a small group of the National Renaissance Party which he said "surfaced" occasionally with gatherings of three or four members. At the beginning of World War II the Nazi Band was active in several areas on Long Island, including the Farmingdale and Riverhead areas.

Rabbi Mark Goldman of Temple Sinai in Lawrence, N.Y., one of the recipients, said the envelope had been addressed to the synagogue and not to any individual connected with it. He said he had contacted the ADL office to look into the mailing, adding that if the ADL conclusion was that the mailing was not a threat, he was satisfied with that conclusion.

**DINITZ, HERZOG SAY PLO PRESENCE AT
UN MIDEAST DEBATE IS DESIGNED TO
DESTROY CHANCE FOR NEGOTIATED PEACE**

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (JTA)--Israel's envoys to the United States and the United Nations charged here that the presence of the Palestine Liberation Organization at next month's Security Council debate on the Middle East was designed to destroy the chances of a negotiated peace in the Middle East in favor of an imposed settlement. "Israel will not be a party to this futile exercise," declared Simcha Dinitz, Israel's Ambassador to Washington. "The American assertion of itself in the council of the United Nations has, I fear, perhaps come too late," said Chaim Herzog, Israel's Ambassador to the UN. The two Israeli diplomats spoke in accepting

Stephen Wise Awards "for distinguished service to Israel" presented by the American Jewish Congress at a dinner here Saturday night. Other Stephen Wise Awards were presented to El Al Israel Airlines and to Martin and Lillian Steinberg of Brooklyn, leaders of the American Jewish Congress.

Dinitz said the Nov. 30 Security Council resolution inviting the PLO to take part in Middle East peace discussions next Jan. 12 was "a prescription for stalemate, not for progress." He added that it serves the interests of the Soviet Union, Syria and the PLO. "Yet it would be folly to believe that the resolution was aimed solely at Israel. Its primary aim was to undermine the basis for a negotiated peace and substitute for it a prescription for an imposed solution," Dinitz declared. "Since the target is to undermine the efforts for peace of which the U.S. is the chief architect, then I have reason to believe that a common ground can be found between the U.S. and Israel in forestalling such a development."

Herzog warned that recent UN votes reflected "a determined, avowed effort to destroy the Geneva conference, to destroy the process of negotiation and to replace it by a process of dictation in which the Security Council will attempt to impose a Soviet-Arab solution on Israel."

The UN, Herzog continued, "has now become the main opposition to the process of negotiation towards peace in the Middle East and has become potentially the war mongering center of the world. There is little that the free world can hope for from the UN." He praised the "strong and unequivocal stand" taken by the American Ambassador to the UN, Daniel P. Moynihan, on the resolution on Zionism and other issues.

THREE JOURNALISTS THREATENED

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (JTA)--News reaching here from Argentina reported that the Buenos Aires daily "La Opinion" said that unknown individuals forcibly entered the home of journalist Enrique Raab some time last week. Because Raab had received a threat against his life in late November, neither he nor his family were living in the apartment at the time.

The threat, sent anonymously to Raab and two other journalists who write for "La Opinion," Ernesto Ekaizer and Heriberto Kahn, said "Jew-Ruslan-Communist. You are dead. AAA, [Israel or death]" AAA is the notorious right-wing death squad responsible for hundreds of executions in Argentina during the past year.

In speaking to the press, Raab noted that the attack on his apartment came after he published an interview with the federal judge who is investigating administrative irregularities pertaining to the President's handling of financial matters.

APPROVE ISRAEL'S TRADE AGREEMENT

PARIS, Dec. 22 (JTA)--The Council of Europe, Europe's Parliament, has approved Israel's recently concluded trade agreement with the European Economic Community and called for the early conclusion of a financial agreement. The Council, which only has advisory powers, met last Thursday in Strasbourg where Israel was represented by a special Knesset delegation led by former Foreign Minister Abba Eban. The Council adopted a resolution stressing that the agreement passed with Israel is part of an overall policy of closer European links with the Mediterranean basin countries.