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SETTLE DISPUTE OVER EGYPTIAN SURVEILLANCE POST IN SINAI

By Yitzhak Sharvit

TEL AVIV, Dec. 29 (JTA) -- A dispute over the location of an Egyptian advance warning surveillance post in Sinai was settled today at a meeting between Israeli and Egyptian officers held in the United Nations buffer zone under the chairmanship of Gen. Ennio Siliasvuo, commander of the UN peace-keeping forces in the area. The dispute, which arose over discrepancies between the Israeli and Egyptian maps, resulted in the postponement of the arrival of 200 Egyptian technicians and workers at the site to build the listening post in the Gidi Pass region.

The Egyptian convoy, due there yesterday, will arrive on Wednesday instead and commence construction of a road from the buffer zone to the surveillance position. An Israeli observation post will be set up nearby to keep tabs on what the Egyptians are doing. The dispute was the first serious snag to develop in implementing the Israeli-Egyptian Sinai accord signed by the two countries at Geneva last September.

Today's meeting, held in a UN tent at checkpoint 512 east of Balcoza, was attended by an Israeli officers' team headed by Gen. Herzl Shafir and an Egyptian team headed by Gen. Taha El Maghdoub. Maghdoub and Shafir were both members of their respective delegations at the Geneva meeting. The differences over the location of the Egyptian post were resolved when both sides agreed that the position indicated on the American map was the correct one.

ISRAEL HIT BY TORRENTIAL RAINSTORM; WOMAN FEARED DROWNED IN JORDAN RIVER

TEL AVIV, Dec. 29 (JTA) -- A 63-year-old Safad woman was feared to have drowned in the Jordan River today as a result of the torrential rainstorm that swept through Israel.

Mrs. Hannah Eisenberg, a member of the Soldiers Welfare Committee in Safad, was in a car with four other committee members, taking gifts to soldiers on the Golani Heights, when the car stalled on a low bridge over the Jordan River, north of the Sea of Galilee. The driver, Yehuda Goren, chairman of the Safad committee, and two women managed to reach high land.

But Mrs. Eisenberg and Mrs. Hannah Bram, were swept away by the currents. Mrs. Bram managed to cling to a rock until a helicopter rescued her, but Mrs. Eisenberg was not found despite a search by police, soldiers, kibbutz members and other volunteers.

Meanwhile in Tel Aviv the storm caused huge traffic jams in the middle of the city as the traffic lights were knocked out. Several roads were impassable because of the high water.

Traffic was back to normal by late afternoon. The only ones happy by the rain were farmers although citrus growers reported some damage because of high winds.

WEST BANK WORKERS LEAVING ISRAEL FOR JOBS IN ARAB COUNTRIES

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Dec. 29 (JTA) -- For the first time since the Six-Day War, Arab workers on

the West Bank are leaving the Israeli labor market in substantial numbers for jobs in Jordan and other Arab countries. The movement is attributed to the unprecedented economic boom in Jordan and the Arab oil-producing states where, for the first time in the region's economic history, salaries are as much as 10 times higher than those paid in Israel.

Israel's deteriorating economic situation and the austerity measures undertaken by the government, which affect the West Bank, are also factors in the eastward movement of skilled Arab workers. According to reports in the Arabic press, 15,000 university-trained Arabs and other skilled laborers have left the West Bank for Jordan and other countries. Israeli sources have been unable to confirm the figures because the number of Arabs crossing the Jordan River bridges in each direction remained the same as it has been in past years.

But there are several indications that the West Bank economy which has flourished under Israeli administration since 1967, is on the decline. Figures released recently by the Central Bureau of Statistics showed an 11 percent drop in the West Bank employment for the third quarter (July-September) of this year compared to the corresponding period in 1974. A total of 70,000 West Bank workers were employed in the third quarter of 1975.

The number of job openings for West Bank Arabs is expected to decline further as a result of yesterday's Cabinet decision to slash expenditures in the administered territories from IL 500 million to IL 300 million and to tighten up tax collecting procedures there. The military government announced only last week that it would seek alternative employment for West Bank Arabs who lose their jobs as a result of the recession in Israel's construction industry. Most West Bank and Gaza Strip Arabs working in Israel are employed in the construction trades.

LEAKS TO THE PRESS PROMPTS SUGGESTION THAT CABINET MINISTERS BE REQUIRED TO TAKE LIE DETECTOR TESTS

By Gil Sedan and David Landau

JERUSALEM, Dec. 29 (JTA) -- Gideon Hausner suggested yesterday that all Cabinet ministers be required to take lie detector tests to find out once and for all who has been leaking classified information on Cabinet proceedings to the press. Hausner, a Minister-Without-Portfolio of the Independent Liberal Party, is one of Israel's most prominent jurists. He prosecuted Adolf Eichmann in 1961.

Hausner made his proposal at yesterday's Cabinet meeting. He told newsmen afterwards that he was quite ready to submit to the polygraph and would even accept more stringent surveillance of Cabinet members in the interests of State security. Premier Yitzhak Rabin was unwilling to order his Cabinet colleagues placed under surveillance but urged every minister to take pains to keep Cabinet discussions absolutely confidential.

Hausner acknowledged that lie detector tests were an extreme form of surveillance

but said it was vital to trace the source of CambiLeaks. He said the leak of last week's note from President Ford to Rabin urging Israel not to establish new settlements on the Golan Heights has damaged Israel's relations with the U.S.

Media Censorship Score

Meanwhile, the influential Haaretz in its editorial today, came out strongly against the possibility of political news being made subject to censorship restrictions. This possibility has been mooted as one of the ways the government might stem the flood of leaks. Thus, for instance confidential messages between Rabin and other heads of government would be censorable -- just as are military reports.

Haaretz said the damage caused by such restrictions to the freedom of Israeli society would be infinitely greater than any benefit. The paper called for the government to put its own house in order by tightening up on ministerial and other top echelon leaks before taking action against the media.

YOSEF CALLS FOR DISSOLUTION OF CHIEF RABBINATE, CHIEF RABBINATE COUNCIL TO BE FOLLOWED BY NEW ELECTIONS

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Dec. 29 (JTA) -- Sephardic Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef is calling for the dissolution of the present Chief Rabbinate and Chief Rabbinate Council to be followed by new elections, for both bodies. He is making the proposal in radio and television interviews, apparently in response to a proposal by the director-general of the Religious Affairs Ministry to abolish the traditional dual Chief Rabbinate in Israel and elect a single Chief Rabbinate to serve both the Sephardic and Ashkenazic communities.

Yosef and his Ashkenazic counterpart, Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren, were elected in 1972 for five-year terms. The two have been feuding constantly ever since and their public quarrels have hampered the functions of the Chief-Rabbinate. The 10-member Chief Rabbinate Council has consistently supported Goren in his disputes with Yosef and the latter has boycotted Council meetings, charging that the Council was packed with Goren's men. Under law, the two Chief-Rabbis serve as co-chairmen of the Council.

Yosef is adamantly opposed to abolishing the dual Chief Rabbinate. He said it would destroy a 400-year tradition and be a grave historical error. He also accused Goren of creating discord between them. Goren, who is recovering from a heart ailment, has made no comment but sources close to him said that Yosef's remarks were "prejudicial to the honor of the Torah."

Were new elections to be held, Yosef is fairly certain to win the Sephardic nomination since he enjoys the support of virtually all Sephardic rabbis and religious lay leaders in the Sephardic community. Goren's chances are less certain, observers here say.

The former Chief Chaplain of Israel's armed forces enjoyed great popularity when he was elected Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi in 1972 but his support has eroded since then. Top sources in the Labor Party who backed Goren three years ago now say privately they would not support him again. But Goren is still strong among the younger elements of the National Religious Party.

SOVIET ACTIVISTS ARRESTED

LONDON, Dec. 29 (JTA) -- Jewish sources in the Soviet Union report on a crackdown on Jewish activists there by the authorities, with more than 100 homes raided by KGB men in Moscow alone in the past month of Jews linked to the publications, "Jews in the USSR" and "Tarbut -- The Cultural Report."

These sources report that the homes of four of those most prominently connected with these two publications were raided by the KGB shortly after the departure from the Soviet Union of the Chief Rabbi of the British Commonwealth, Immanuel Jacobovits on Dec. 24. He had been assured by top Soviet officials that efforts would be made to ensure Jewish cultural life in the USSR.

The homes raided belonged to Vladimir Prestin, Pavel Abramovitch, Ilya Eassaf and Yosip Beygun. These sources said the KGB men acted on the explicit order of Public Prosecutor Tichonov, who is in charge of the file of the Jewish cultural publications.

These Jewish sources also report that a number of activists were detained by Soviet police in Moscow, also on the day of Jacobovits' departure, after they held a quiet demonstration outside the Lenin Library in the Soviet capital. They stood in silence for 10 minutes in tribute to those sentenced to prison five years ago in the first Leningrad trial.

They issued a statement to the western press urging support against the repression of Jewish culture in the Soviet Union and against attempts to frighten the applicants for visas. The eight detainees, later released, included Prof. Mark Asbel, Prof. Alexander Lunts, Ilya Rubin and Vladimir Lazarus.

ARAB WORKER WINS \$300,000

TEL AVIV, Dec. 29 (JTA) -- A 25-year-old Arab construction worker has won IL 2.2 million (about \$300,000) in the weekly Sportoto soccer pool, the largest prize ever awarded in the lottery's 17-year history. The winner, Abu Nader, is the father of three small children, and lives in the village of Sakhnin on the Acre-Safad road.

Abu Nader, who invested just IL 12 (about \$1.50) in the pool, said that he will use the money to build a metal workshop in his village so that villagers will no longer have to travel long distances for jobs. He said he has little knowledge of soccer and just made guesses on who would win the games on Saturday. The huge sum was the accumulation of funds for the previous three weeks when there were no winners.

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- Some 100 pictures displayed these days in Artists House in Jerusalem have a somewhat frightening appearance. Although they have been drawn by different painters they have one thing in common -- all were drawn by mental patients. The paintings made their way to the exhibition hall by the patient's physician, Dr. Marcéle Ashael of the Kaplan Hospital in Rehovot and of the psychiatric department at the Hebrew University, who regards painting as one way to help his patients.

REMEMBER: There will be no Bulletin dated Jan. 1 due to New Year, a postal holiday.

DISPUTE FLARES OVER RELATIVE NEEDS OF ISRAEL, SAUDI ARABIA FOR LARGE AMOUNTS OF U.S. MILITARY HARDWARE

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 (JTA) -- The relative needs of Israel and Saudi Arabia for large scale infusions of U.S. military hardware has punctuated a dispute between two members of the House International Affairs Committee. The matter came to a head last Friday when Rep. Benjamin Rosenthal (D., NY) introduced a resolution calling for scrutiny of U.S. arms deals with Saudi Arabia.

Rep. Clement J. Zablocki (D., Wisc.) introduced a resolution immediately afterwards asking Congress to disapprove the sale of 25 F-15 fighter planes to Israel. The committee will resume consideration of the arms sales when Congress reconvenes next month after its holiday recess.

Zablocki objected to the F-15 contract, said to amount to \$600 million, noting that the proposal came at the same time that Rosenthal was opposing the sale of \$1.5 billion worth of weapons to Saudi Arabia. Rosenthal, in a letter to Zablocki, said the Wisconsin Congressman had presented a "serious misrepresentation of my views" and added, "To characterize the two deals covered by our respective resolutions as you have is grossly inaccurate. Each transaction must stand on its own."

Rosenthal pointed out in his letter that "The Saudis, with their unlimited resources and market access, are undertaking a major expansion of their own forces along with generously supplying and bank-rolling the forces of all the Arab confrontation states. At the same time, the Israelis, with most limited resources and market access, are attempting to modernize their ageing air force."

Saudi's Operation Skimmed Over

Rosenthal observed further that the House Committee "has discussed at great length Israel's defense needs while at best skimming over the questions posed by Saudi Arabia's military expansion and third party supply role or the vital question of Saudi discrimination against American citizens and businesses."

In his resolution questioning the deals with Saudi Arabia, Rosenthal noted that the current sale before Congress would bring U.S. sales to that country over an 82-day period this fall to nearly \$8.5 billion which could be "a record year" for such sales. He also cited State Department projections of "at least another billion, but if experience is any indication, that is a conservative estimate."

Rosenthal said U.S. arms sales to Saudi Arabia total approximately half of the sales to all of the oil-producing Persian Gulf states and more than a third of the \$9 billion in sales to all countries this fiscal year.

Zablocki said that in offering his resolution "I want to make it abundantly clear that I recognize and support the preservation of the State of Israel. Where I do depart and begin to take exception is the point at which we begin to equate Israel's preservation exclusively and solely in military terms," he said.

FOREST FIRES DESTROYED 284,100 TREES IN ISRAEL LAST SUMMER

JERUSALEM, Dec. 29 (JTA) -- Forest fires destroyed 284,100 trees in Israel last

summer and caused overall damage estimated at IL 6 million, the Jewish National Fund reported. The past summer was one of the worst in Israel's history with respect to forest fires, according to the JNF. A total of 511 blazes were recorded, most of them spotted by the JNF's forest rangers. Despite the loss of trees -- mainly pine and eucalyptus -- the JNF reported an increase in timber production this year from the continuing process of thinning out forests. In the seven months from April to October, 29,300 tons of timber were cut in JNF forests in central Israel. Most of it went to the local furniture and building industries.

37 SENATORS, 13 GOVERNORS JOIN JNF'S NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR BICENTENNIAL PARK IN ISRAEL; KATZIR, HONORARY PATRON

NEW YORK, Dec. 29 (JTA) -- Thirty-seven Senators and 13 Governors have become members of the National Committee for the American Bicentennial National Park in Israel, it was announced by Abram Solomon, JNF executive vice-president. He also disclosed that President Ephraim Katzir of Israel has accepted the Honorary Patronage of the Bicentennial Park. Solomon indicated that additional Senators and Governors are expected to join the distinguished roster of those who are presently members of the Committee.

The Bicentennial Park, which is the largest and newest project undertaken by the Jewish National Fund of America and which is endorsed by the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration, will reclaim a vast region in the Judean mountains southwest of Jerusalem which has been desolate since Biblical times.

Thousands of acres of land will be transformed into a green paradise of forests, roads, recreation areas, campsites and observation towers, and will bring the neighboring settlements into the daily lifeline of modern Israel. The park will reflect the American heritage by honoring American heroes of all faiths who contributed to the greatness of our nation.

The Governors who have accepted comprise: Wendell R. Anderson of Minnesota, Dolph Briscoe of Texas, Hugh L. Carey of New York, Daniel J. Evans of Washington, J. J. Exon of Nebraska, Ella Grasso of Connecticut, R. F. Kneip of South Dakota, Richard D. Lamm of Colorado, Arch A. Moore, Jr. of West Virginia, Philip Noel of Rhode Island, Thomas P. Salmon of Vermont, Bob Straub of Oregon and Dan Walker of Illinois.

The Senators who are now members include: Birch Bayh, Edward W. Brooke, Lloyd Bentsen, James L. Buckley, Clifford P. Case, Frank Church, Vance Hartke, Mark O. Hatfield, Hubert H. Humphrey, Daniel K. Inouye, Henry M. Jackson, Jacob K. Javits, Edward M. Kennedy, George S. McGovern, Edmund Muskie, Charles H. Percy, Abraham Ribicoff, Hugh Scott; Richard Stone, Robert Taft, Jr., and John V. Tunney and Harrison A. Williams.

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- Premier Yitzhak Rabin has accepted an invitation to visit Romania. No date has been set. The invitation came from Romania's Deputy Foreign Minister Cornel Paccote, currently visiting Israel. Golda Meir visited Bucharest as Premier in 1972 and recently revealed that President Nicolae Ceausescu sought (unsuccessfully) to set up a meeting there between her and an Arab leader.

**SPECIAL TO JTA
JEWISH STUDENT NETWORK MIGES ISRAEL
TO FIND SOLUTION TO PALESTINIAN
QUESTION, INCLUDING MEETING WITH PLO**

CLEVELAND, Dec. 29 (JTA) -- The North American Jewish Student Network adopted by a narrow margin a resolution at the close of its annual convention here yesterday advising Israel to "take the initiative" to find a solution to the Palestine question, including meeting with the PLO under specified conditions. The resolution, passed by a vote of 55-48 after prolonged debate among the 200 delegates from university and college campuses all over the U.S. and Canada who attended the four-day conclave at Case-Western University, stated:

"Whereas there can be no solution to the Middle East conflict without Palestinian recognition of the Jewish right to self-determination and Israel's recognition of the Palestinians' right to self determination; we advise Yael to take the initiative to find a solution to the Palestine question including meeting with the PLO when the following conditions are met:

"1. The PLO publicly announces its acceptance of the State of Israel as a legitimate political entity as presently constituted; 2. the PLO publicly indicates its rejection of all acts of violence and terrorism against civilian populations and the PLO publicly promises to refrain from any actions of this nature."

The resolution on the PLO was significant inasmuch as the Palestinian issue presently looms as the most crucial one in Middle East peace negotiations and has created sharp differences of opinion in Israel and within the Israeli government. The draft, adopted here, though hard fought at the plenary session and in prior workshop debates, generated support from both left and right wing delegates.

Express Support For Israel

The delegates attending the convention represented the full political spectrum from left to right-wing and included delegates from Zionist and non-Zionist; religious and secular student groups. There were also about 100 observers. The overall atmosphere was one of support and identification with Israel as expressed in resolutions calling for aliya and volunteers. One resolution, however, expressed serious concern over the social and economic gap between Israel's Oriental and Western Jewish communities. With regard to the American Jewish scene, the network seemed most disturbed by what it regards as a lack of democracy in American-Jewish life.

Another resolution adopted applauded the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, Daniel P. Moynihan, for his "eloquent defense of democracy in the UN and vigorous criticism of the 'Zionism is racism' resolutions" and urged him to continue to speak out against Third World and Communist "totalitarianism."

Social Gap Deplored

A resolution on the social gap in Israel stated: "Be it resolved that the sense of this body is that we believe that the unequal status of a part of the Sephardic community in Israel creates the most serious threat to Israel's survival as a unified Jewish community." The resolution called on Israel "to work for equalization of economic and cultural opportunities among rich and poor" and "to re-organize the educational

system to provide equal educational opportunities" and to "reflect the cultural diversity of all Israelis."

The resolution stated further that the Network should "provide educational programs about current social problems in Israel and encourage volunteers to work for underdeveloped communities in Israel."

The convention contended that Jewish communal life in America is "largely undemocratic" and that the Jewish lay public "is largely ill-informed and misinformed." It stated that there were "few public hearings on critical questions" and "few genuine elections to communal office." A resolution adopted stated that the "Network shall cooperate with other individuals, organizations and coalitions in attempts to create a democratically elected accountable body to represent the younger generation of American Jewry and eventually the community as a whole."

The scope of the convention's interest was reflected in the numerous workshops and panel discussions held during the four-day conclave. The subjects of these included Jewish feminism; Jewish theater; Jewish education and teaching; the Sephardic community and poverty in Israel; Zionism, the Third World and the UN; building alternative communities; problems of the older generation; kibbutz and aliya. Freddie Smith of Madison, Wisconsin, was elected chairperson of Network.

GOLDA CALLS FOR ALIYA

NEW YORK, Dec. 29 (JTA) -- Aliya is the "one answer" that the Arabs understand and it is an answer to the anti-Zionist resolution adopted recently by the United Nations, former Premier Golda Meir said last night in her address before 1500 delegates attending the 23rd national convention of the Labor Zionist Alliance at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. Mrs. Meir called for one million Jews to come to Israel this year and one million the following year.

Noting that Syria is receiving tremendous amounts of arms, Mrs. Meir said that Israel must be prepared to face any danger. But, she said, Syria will "never be able to drive us into the sea." Pointing out that the Labor Zionist Movement has attracted young people she declared: "We want a mass movement of young people."

ZEISLER DEAD AT 83

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29 (JTA) -- Funeral services were held yesterday for Edward A. Zeisler, 83, who had served as executive secretary of B'nai B'rith's Pacific Coast District until his retirement in 1960. He died last Thursday of natural causes. Mr. Zeisler joined the B'nai B'rith district staff in 1927. During World War II, he was cited for exposing members of the German-American Bund on the West Coast. Following the war, Mr. Zeisler, working through HIAS, was instrumental in helping to resettle thousands of German and East European refugees.

JERUSALEM, (JTA) -- By 1993 there will be 4.1-million Jews in Israel, the latest government annual predicts. The estimate is based on a predicted immigration of 25,000 persons yearly. The non-Jewish population will be 1.1 million, 20 percent of the entire population.