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ARAB HARD LINE DRAFT IN SECURITY COUNCIL SEEN DOOMED TO DEFEAT By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, Jan. 21 (JTA)--The Security Council's Middle East debate that began 10 days ago will close this evening. Consultations will be held among member states tomorrow prior to voting on a resolution. Unless the hard line Arab draft which has been circulated yesterday and today is modified--a highly unlikely prospect according to observers here--it faces virtually certain veto by the United States. A working paper drafted by non-aligned countries, is expected to be ready tonight. There was no immediate information available as to its contents.

The Arab draft resolution calls for Israel's withdrawal from all occupied Arab territories, the establishment of a Palestinian state and recognition of the Palestine Liberation Organization as a negotiating partner in any future peace forums, including the Geneva conference. In its present form, this resolution appears doomed to veto because it would substantively alter the meaning and intent of Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338. It is expected to draw abstentions from the Western European powers.

PLO, Arab Failure Seen

Some European diplomats and, reportedly, diplomats from some Third World countries, tried in vain to persuade the Arabs to modify their draft. It is known that Egypt and Jordan favored a milder text that the U.S. might have found more difficult to veto but the extreme line of the PLO has apparently prevailed.

The PLO and their Arab allies also appear to have failed to gain the propaganda victory they sought and Israel's decision to boycott the Security Council debate, initially criticized even by some friends of Israel, seems to have been vindicated in the view of some diplomats and observers. Israel's absence, they said, helped focus attention on the one-sidedness of the debate which from the start was little more than a futile monologue of acrimonious speeches by the Arabs.

Even more significant is the fact that the Security Council's proceedings began losing their impact and importance as the civil war between Moslems and Christians in Lebanon escalated and world attention turned toward the seemingly endless blood-shedding in that country. Almost all diplomats here believe that the fate of the PLO will be decided on the battleground in Lebanon rather than in the Security Council chamber.

It is believed that the war in Lebanon prompted the Arabs here to rush to produce an extreme draft resolution even though it is certain to be vetoed. The facade of Arab unity that the draft may connote is, however, over-shadowed by the pending failure of the Arab and PLO objective to alter Resolutions 242 and 338.

THIRD PLA BRIGADE ENTERS LEBANON By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Jan. 21 (JTA)--Reports from Leb-

anon today said a third brigade of the Syrian Commanded Palestine Liberation Army has joined two others that entered Lebanon earlier this week and that elements of these have joined in the fighting. Unconfirmed reports said PLA units were using Syrian 155 mm. artillery to shell Lebanese army units. The Lebanese regulars are trying to avoid contact with the PLA and are withdrawing to the central mountain ridge that bisects the country, these reports said.

The latest incursion into Lebanon was by units of the PLA's Yarmouk brigade which is deployed on the northern slopes of Mt. Hermon and in the region of southeast Lebanon known as "Fatah-land" adjoining the Israeli border. According to reports from Lebanon, they are taking part in the fighting around Zaleh on the Beirut-Damascus road and in the southern region. A battalion of the Kadessiyeh brigade that entered Lebanon earlier is also deployed along the Beirut-Damascus road and some of its elements may have joined the fighting, the reports said.

Units of the Hittin brigade are positioned around the port city of Tripoli in northern Lebanon, the country's second largest city. All of the Palestinian units are equipped with armored cars and 155 mm. artillery, reports said.

Gur Reiterates Warning To Syria

Arab affairs experts said here today that the invasion of Lebanon by Syrian-controlled Palestinian units was intended to create a "comfortable" atmosphere for the high-level Syrian delegation that arrived in Beirut today reportedly to seek a cease-fire in the Moslem-Christian civil war.

Meanwhile, the Israeli Chief of Staff, Gen. Mordechai Gur, reiterated last night Israel's warning to Syria against direct intervention in the Lebanese conflict. Addressing a dinner of the United Israel Appeal-Keren Hayesod mission in Jerusalem, Gur said Israel was capable of checking any Syrian intervention in Lebanon.

Gur said that if Syria intervened directly in Lebanon, Israel would be forced to review its policy. He said Israel never regarded Lebanon as an enemy or confrontation country but that the Palestinians and leftist elements in Lebanon were trying to drag that country into direct conflict with Israel.

The Chief of Staff said the terrorists in Lebanon and even Syria alone posed no military danger to Israel but if Lebanon became a confrontation country and was joined by Syria and all of the other Arab countries in a new war against Israel, the situation would become dangerous. Gur said that in view of the influx of arms into the Arab states, Israel had to build up its forces to be able to deal with three different weapons technologies--Soviet, American and West European--all of which are being purchased by the oil-rich Arab countries.

CORRECTION

The Israel Bond Organization raised \$277 million in cash last year, not \$27 million as reported in Wednesday's Bulletin. Also the Prime Minister's Club for 1976 consists of persons who have each signed up for purchases of \$25,000 or more of Bonds for the year. ***

TEL AVIV (JTA)--Police are holding four Tel Aviv youths aged 19 and 20 on charges of stealing arms from military camps and selling them to Israeli Arabs. The youths, whose names were not disclosed, come from affluent homes in a high income section of northern Tel Aviv. Two of them were identified as army deserters.

CONSCRIPTION USED BY SOVIET OFFICIALS TO DETER JEWISH EMIGRATION

NEW YORK, Jan. 21 (JTA)--Preliminary findings of the Soviet Jewry Research Bureau indicate that enforced conscription is increasingly being used by the Soviet authorities to deter Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union. The Bureau is sponsored by the National Conference on Soviet Jewry.

"The more threat of military conscription," said Jerry Goodman, NCSJ executive director, "seriously affects families who want to emigrate, for fear of reprisals against their sons of draft age. In a serious abuse of individual rights, the Red Army is being used for political purposes." Many young Jewish students have been expelled from the universities and, with their student exemptions no longer valid, they are subjected to an infamous draft, Goodman noted. "Such service can delay one's emigration up to seven years," he said.

Soviet authorities consider that two years of military service as an ordinary soldier has exposed these men to "secret information." Thus, a five-year quarantine period from the date of discharge may be required before an applicant may again reapply to emigrate. According to the Bureau, Jewish applicants for emigration to Israel presently threatened with enforced conscription include: Semion Pevsner and Rafael Ospovat (Moscow), Leonid Levit (Tiraspol), Leonid Grinshpyn (Odessa), as well as applicants in Derbent and Kiev.

EBAN URGES AMERICAN JEWRY TO INTENSIFY ITS SUPPORT OF ISRAEL

DALLAS, Jan. 21 (JTA)--Former Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban called on American Jewry to intensify its support of Israel and "continue to share the burden of 27 years of common experience." Speaking last Sunday night to 500 volunteer campaign leaders of the United Jewish Appeal's Southwest Region Conference at the Fairmount Hotel, Eban declared: "The burdens are many, and we look out to you from across the lives we have saved, the culture we have created, the graves we have dug, the tears we have shed, the passions we have aroused and the inexpressible hopes we have kindled."

Eban stressed that "there has not been and never will be a Middle East without a sovereign Israel at the center of its life." He said the Arab-Israeli conflict is different from every other territorial dispute in the world since one side, the Arabs, does not recognize the sovereignty of the other, Israel. "Make no mistake," Eban said, "there is no difference between anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism. Zionism is the Jewish people's sense of origin and destination in a land linked eternally with its name."

Billy B. Goldberg, UJA's Southwest Regional chairman and executive committee member, who was chairman of the three-day conference, stated: "In light of recent events at the United Nations and in Israel, this year's Southwest Regional Conference takes on a new and urgent meaning. For us, it is the renewal of a very special process: to share in the responsibility for the destiny of our people. Therefore, the presence of every person of conscience is extremely vital. Our collective response must be an act of support...a positive expression of our concern."

U.S., BICENTENNIAL PARK DEDICATED

JERUSALEM, Jan. 21 (JTA)--The American

Bicentennial Park in the Jerusalem hills was dedicated this week near Ness Harim in the presence of the U.S. Consul in East Jerusalem, John Mallon; Andrew Schlessler, director of the U.S. Cultural Center in Jerusalem; and the chairman of the Ness Harim town council, Yitzhak Sajdoff. The Jewish National Fund organized a tour of the park for American journalists.

More than 1000 school children representing schools in the Jerusalem and Tel Aviv area participated in the dedication ceremonies by planting Tu B'Shvat saplings in the new park. The ceremony was conducted by Rabbi M.C. Weiller of the JNF head office in Jerusalem. The American Bicentennial Park, a symbol of the long-standing friendship between the U.S. and Israel, is a project of the Jewish National Fund and the Jewish community in America.

300 PARTICIPANTS IN 1976 MISSION OF KEREN HAYESOD-UNITED ISRAEL APPEAL

JERUSALEM, Jan. 21 (JTA)--The 1976 International Mission of Keren Hayesod-United Israel Appeal opened here Monday night with close to 300 participants from 17 countries on five continents. The International Mission is the main annual event of Keren Hayesod and the participants represent a wide range of UJA-Keren Hayesod appeals which operate all over the world except the U.S.

Most Mission members arrived in organized groups. The participants met for the first time and were greeted by the world chairman of UJA, Ezra Shapiro. During their six-day stay in Israel, the Mission will meet with Premier Yitzhak Rabin, Defense Minister Shimon Peres, former Premier Golda Meir, World Zionist Organization Chairman Yosef Almog, Interior Minister Yosef Burg, Jewish Agency Treasurer Leon Duizin and other leaders.

The Mission will visit the Mittle and Gidi Passes in Sinai and tour the development towns of Ofakim and Netivot in the Shkol region. They will also visit the new town of Yamit, and will be guests of the Israel Air Force at one of its bases. The Mission will end with a festive dinner Saturday night, at which it is expected that national groups will announce their 1976 campaign goals.

WILLIAM KOLODNEY DEAD AT 76

NEW YORK, Jan. 21 (JTA)--A funeral service for Dr. William Kolodney, the former educational director of the 92nd Street YM-YWHA, was held yesterday. He died Sunday at the age of 76. Dr. Kolodney retired in 1969 after 35 years as the Y's educational director, during which he made the Y a home for the arts, especially poetry reading, chamber music and modern dance. Before coming to New York, he was an education director of the YM-YWHA in Pittsburgh. Born in Minsk, Russia, he was brought to the United States as a child. He graduated from New York University and received his doctorate from Columbia University.

JERUSALEM (JTA)--A plan for 150 new agricultural settlements in the Negev region is being worked out by the Agriculture Ministry. The settlement of this area, which is expected to take 10 years, will create a green belt in the northern Negev. The area will be irrigated by a desalination system to be established in the region.

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a vote equal in weight to that of the United States? When such votes are cast in the reckless manner of the anti-Zionist resolution, it is time to sit up and take notice." Cleaver observed that "The General Assembly is no longer filled with Mahatma Gandhis pleading the case of the downtrodden, colonized masses. It is now a forum for crude, hired killers like Idi Amin Dada, the hatchet man of Uganda."

ARAB HARD LINE DRAFT IN SECURITY COUNCIL SEEN DOOMED TO DEFEAT By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, Jan. 21 (JTA)--The Security Council's Middle East debate that began 10 days ago will close this evening. Consultations will be held among member states tomorrow prior to voting on a resolution. Unless the hard line Arab draft which has been circulated yesterday and today is modified--a highly unlikely prospect according to observers here--it faces virtually certain veto by the United States. A working paper drafted by non-aligned countries, is expected to be ready tonight. There was no immediate information available as to its contents.

The Arab draft resolution calls for Israel's withdrawal from all occupied Arab territories, the establishment of a Palestinian state and recognition of the Palestine Liberation Organization as a negotiating partner in any future peace forums, including the Geneva conference. In its present form, this resolution appears doomed to veto because it would substantively alter the meaning and intent of Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338. It is expected to draw abstentions from the Western European powers.

PLO, Arab Failure Seen

Some European diplomats and, reportedly, diplomats from some Third World countries, tried in vain to persuade the Arabs to modify their draft. It is known that Egypt and Jordan favored a milder text that the U.S. might have found more difficult to veto but the extreme line of the PLO has apparently prevailed.

The PLO and their Arab allies also appear to have failed to gain the propaganda victory they sought and Israel's decision to boycott the Security Council debate, initially criticized even by some friends of Israel, seems to have been vindicated in the view of some diplomats and observers. Israel's absence, they said, helped focus attention on the one-sidedness of the debate which from the start was little more than a futile monologue of acrimonious speeches by the Arabs.

Even more significant is the fact that the Security Council's proceedings began losing their impact and importance as the civil war between Moslems and Christians in Lebanon escalated and world attention turned toward the seemingly endless blood-shedding in that country. Almost all diplomats here believe that the fate of the PLO will be decided on the battleground in Lebanon rather than in the Security Council chamber.

It is believed that the war in Lebanon prompted the Arabs here to rush to produce an extreme draft resolution even though it is certain to be vetoed. The facade of Arab unity that the draft may connote is, however, over-shadowed by the pending failure of the Arab and PLO objective to alter Resolutions 242 and 338.

THIRD PLA BRIGADE ENTERS LEBANON By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Jan. 21 (JTA)--Reports from Leb-

anon today said a third brigade of the Syrian Commanded Palestine Liberation Army has joined two others that entered Lebanon earlier this week and that elements of these have joined in the fighting. Unconfirmed reports said PLA units were using Syrian 155 mm. artillery to shell Lebanese army units. The Lebanese regulars are trying to avoid contact with the PLA and are withdrawing to the central mountain ridge that bisects the country, these reports said.

The latest incursion into Lebanon was by units of the PLA's Yarmouk brigade which is deployed on the northern slopes of Mt. Hermon and in the region of southeast Lebanon known as "Fatah-land" adjoining the Israeli border. According to reports from Lebanon, they are taking part in the fighting around Zaleh on the Beirut-Damascus road and in the southern region. A battalion of the Kadessiyeh brigade that entered Lebanon earlier is also deployed along the Beirut-Damascus road and some of its elements may have joined the fighting, the reports said.

Units of the Hittin brigade are positioned around the port city of Tripoli in northern Lebanon, the country's second largest city. All of the Palestinian units are equipped with armored cars and 155 mm. artillery, reports said.

Gur Reiterates Warning To Syria

Arab affairs experts said here today that the invasion of Lebanon by Syrian-controlled Palestinian units was intended to create a "comfortable" atmosphere for the high-level Syrian delegation that arrived in Beirut today reportedly to seek a cease-fire in the Moslem-Christian civil war.

Meanwhile, the Israeli Chief of Staff, Gen. Mordechai Gur, reiterated last night Israel's warning to Syria against direct intervention in the Lebanese conflict. Addressing a dinner of the United Israel Appeal-Keren Hayesod mission in Jerusalem, Gur said Israel was capable of checking any Syrian intervention in Lebanon.

Gur said that if Syria intervened directly in Lebanon, Israel would be forced to review its policy. He said Israel never regarded Lebanon as an enemy or confrontation country but that the Palestinians and leftist elements in Lebanon were trying to drag that country into direct conflict with Israel.

The Chief of Staff said the terrorists in Lebanon and even Syria alone posed no military danger to Israel but if Lebanon became a confrontation country and was joined by Syria and all of the other Arab countries in a new war against Israel, the situation would become dangerous. Gur said that in view of the influx of arms into the Arab states, Israel had to build up its forces to be able to deal with three different weapons technologies--Soviet, American and West European--all of which are being purchased by the oil-rich Arab countries.

CORRECTION

The Israel Bond Organization raised \$277 million in cash last year, not \$27 million as reported in Wednesday's Bulletin. Also the Prime Minister's Club for 1976 consists of persons who have each signed up for purchases of \$25,000 or more of Bonds for the year. ...

TEL AVIV (JTA)--Police are holding four Tel Aviv youths aged 19 and 20 on charges of stealing arms from military camps and selling them to Israeli Arabs. The youths, whose names were not disclosed, come from affluent homes in a high income section of northern Tel Aviv. Two of them were identified as army deserters.

CONSCRIPTION USED BY SOVIET OFFICIALS TO DETER JEWISH EMIGRATION

NEW YORK, Jan. 21 (JTA)--Preliminary findings of the Soviet Jewry Research Bureau indicate that enforced conscription is increasingly being used by the Soviet authorities to deter Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union. The Bureau is sponsored by the National Conference on Soviet Jewry.

"The more threat of military conscription," said Jerry Goodman, NCSJ executive director, "seriously affects families who want to emigrate, for fear of reprisals against their sons of draft age. In a serious abuse of individual rights, the Red Army is being used for political purposes." Many young Jewish students have been expelled from the universities and, with their student exemptions no longer valid, they are subjected to an infamous draft, Goodman noted. "Such service can delay one's emigration up to seven years," he said.

Soviet authorities consider that two years of military service as an ordinary soldier has exposed these men to "secret information." Thus, a five-year quarantine period from the date of discharge may be required before an applicant may again reapply to emigrate. According to the Bureau, Jewish applicants for emigration to Israel presently threatened with enforced conscription include: Semion Pevsner and Rafael Ospovat (Moscow), Leonid Levit (Tiraspol), Leonid Grinshpyn (Odessa), as well as applicants in Derbent and Kiev.

EBAN URGES AMERICAN JEWRY TO INTENSIFY ITS SUPPORT OF ISRAEL

DALLAS, Jan. 21 (JTA)--Former Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban called on American Jewry to intensify its support of Israel and "continue to share the burden of 27 years of common experience." Speaking last Sunday night to 500 volunteer campaign leaders of the United Jewish Appeal's Southwest Region Conference at the Fairmount Hotel, Eban declared: "The burdens are many, and we look out to you from across the lives we have saved, the culture we have created, the graves we have dug, the tears we have shed, the passions we have aroused and the inexpressible hopes we have kindled."

Eban stressed that "there has not been and never will be a Middle East without a sovereign Israel at the center of its life." He said the Arab-Israeli conflict is different from every other territorial dispute in the world since one side, the Arabs, does not recognize the sovereignty of the other, Israel. "Make no mistake," Eban said, "there is no difference between anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism. Zionism is the Jewish people's sense of origin and destination in a land linked eternally with its name."

Billy B. Goldberg, UJA's Southwest Regional chairman and executive committee member, who was chairman of the three-day conference, stated: "In light of recent events at the United Nations and in Israel, this year's Southwest Regional Conference takes on a new and urgent meaning. For us, it is the renewal of a very special process: to share in the responsibility for the destiny of our people. Therefore, the presence of every person of conscience is extremely vital. Our collective response must be an act of support...a positive expression of our concern."

U.S. BICENTENNIAL PARK DEDICATED

JERUSALEM, Jan. 21 (JTA)--The American

Bicentennial Park in the Jerusalem hills was dedicated this week near Ness Harim in the presence of the U.S. Consul in East Jerusalem, John Mallon; Andrew Schlessler, director of the U.S. Cultural Center in Jerusalem; and the chairman of the Ness Harim town council, Yitzhak Sajdoff. The Jewish National Fund organized a tour of the park for American journalists.

More than 1000 school children representing schools in the Jerusalem and Tel Aviv area participated in the dedication ceremonies by planting Tu B'Shvat saplings in the new park. The ceremony was conducted by Rabbi M.C. Weiller of the JNF head office in Jerusalem. The American Bicentennial Park, a symbol of the long-standing friendship between the U.S. and Israel, is a project of the Jewish National Fund and the Jewish community in America.

300 PARTICIPANTS IN 1976 MISSION OF KEREN HAYESOD-UNITED ISRAEL APPEAL

JERUSALEM, Jan. 21 (JTA)--The 1976 International Mission of Keren Hayesod-United Israel Appeal opened here Monday night with close to 300 participants from 17 countries on five continents. The International Mission is the main annual event of Keren Hayesod and the participants represent a wide range of UJA-Keren Hayesod appeals which operate all over the world except the U.S.

Most Mission members arrived in organized groups. The participants met for the first time and were greeted by the world chairman of UJA, Ezra Shapiro. During their six-day stay in Israel, the Mission will meet with Premier Yitzhak Rabin, Defense Minister Shimon Peres, former Premier Golda Meir, World Zionist Organization Chairman Yosef Almog, Interior Minister Yosef Burg, Jewish Agency Treasurer Leon Duizin and other leaders.

The Mission will visit the Mittle and Gidi Passes in Sinai and tour the development towns of Ofakim and Netivot in the Shkol region. They will also visit the new town of Yamit, and will be guests of the Israel Air Force at one of its bases. The Mission will end with a festive dinner Saturday night, at which it is expected that national groups will announce their 1976 campaign goals.

WILLIAM KOLODNEY DEAD AT 76

NEW YORK, Jan. 21 (JTA)--A funeral service for Dr. William Kolodney, the former educational director of the 92nd Street YM-YWHA, was held yesterday. He died Sunday at the age of 76. Dr. Kolodney retired in 1969 after 35 years as the Y's educational director, during which he made the Y a home for the arts, especially poetry reading, chamber music and modern dance. Before coming to New York, he was an education director of the YM-YWHA in Pittsburgh. Born in Minsk, Russia, he was brought to the United States as a child. He graduated from New York University and received his doctorate from Columbia University.

JERUSALEM (JTA)--A plan for 150 new agricultural settlements in the Negev region is being worked out by the Agriculture Ministry. The settlement of this area, which is expected to take 10 years, will create a green belt in the northern Negev. The area will be irrigated by a desalination system to be established in the region.

WASHINGTON (JTA)--D'niel B'tith's board of governors, at its midwinter conference here, condemned the attempted bombings of the UN library and the Iraqi UN Mission and the Polish Consulate in New York.