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RABIN: MIDEAST PEACE CANNOT BE IMPORTED AND IMPOSED FROM OUTSIDE

NEW YORK, Feb. 2 (JTA)--Israel's Premier Yitzhak Rabin said last night that the responsibility in the peace-making process in the Mideast should be the responsibility of the parties involved in the conflict. "It will be a mistake on the part of Israel as well as the Arabs, to look up to the big powers for a solution," Rabin warned, emphasizing that "peace should not be imported and imposed from the outside."

Addressing some 500 Jewish and non-Jewish American community leaders, businessmen and clergymen at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, Rabin reiterated Israel's call for reconvening of the Geneva peace conference as a way out of the impasse towards a settlement in the Mideast. Israel, Rabin said, is ready to attend the conference without preconditions and is willing to discuss any proposal. But, Rabin said, the conference should reconvene on the same principles and procedure of the original conference two years ago.

Asked about the participation of the PLO in Geneva, as demanded by the Arabs, Rabin pointed out that in the original call for a conference it was ruled that any new participant in the talks must be approved by all the original parties to the conference. He reiterated Israel's view that the Palestinians could be represented as part of the Jordanian delegation.

No Differences Regarding PLO

Meeting earlier yesterday with some 300 Jewish leaders from all sections of the country in a briefing session sponsored by the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, Rabin told them that after his week in Washington he was "much more encouraged" by the Ford Administration and Congressional "continued readiness to support Israel" based on an understanding of Israel's needs.

He said there was "no difference" between the U.S. and Israel in terms of attitude toward the Palestine Liberation Organization and a Palestinian state. He said that as a result of his talks, he believes that the U.S. prefers that the Palestinian issue be decided in negotiations between Israel and Jordan.

Rabin said that Israel seeks a far-reaching settlement with its Arab neighbors, including an end to the state of war between Israel and the Arab states, but that Arab attacks on Egypt for reaching an interim agreement with Israel demonstrate how deep is the refusal by the Arab states to reconcile themselves to the existence of a Jewish State. This refusal to recognize Israel lies at the heart of the Middle East conflict, he said.

Israel Assured Of Arms

Rabin also expressed confidence that Israel's military needs will be met by the U.S. and that if he was asked if he was satisfied with the talks in Washington, "My answer is positive."

He said that Israel was assured in a detailed way that it would receive more arms and specific kinds of arms and assistance was agreed upon. He said that Israel didn't get all it asked but his experience has been that it takes several steps

and "we get what we want in the long run." He said another step toward Israel's military security had been achieved in the past few days.

RABIN CRITICIZED IN ISRAEL

By Tuvia Mendelson

JERUSALEM, Feb. 2 (JTA)--Premier Yitzhak Rabin was sharply criticized in leading newspapers here today for remarks made by a "senior source" in his party currently visiting the United States. The remarks were critical of Israel's weapons purchase list drawn up by the Defense Ministry and reflected poorly on Defense Minister Shimon Peres.

The latter has declined to comment publicly while the Premier is abroad. Acting Premier Yigal Allon said on a television interview last night that the incident would not be discussed before Rabin returns to Israel this Thursday.

The independent daily Haaretz said the Premier was not adverse to "stinging" his Defense Minister who is regarded by many as a potential rival. "But never before has he directed destructive criticism against the Defense Minister in public and while abroad," the paper said. Haaretz expressed concern over the harm done to Israel's image and credibility in the U.S. by the criticism of the arms shopping list.

Davar, organ of the Histadrut, said of the remarks that "both their timing and the place chosen to say them arouse, to say the least, great astonishment." The paper said the spectacle of Israel's leadership speaking with two voices is the most damaging aspect of the incident.

Israeli correspondents in the U.S., who have been covering Rabin's tour agreed that the remarks were damaging but excused the Premier on grounds that he was exhausted and tense. The correspondents charged that the officials responsible for Rabin's grueling schedule in the U.S. were inconsiderate. "He should have been given time to rest," one prominent journalist wrote today.

STATE DEPARTMENT APPEARS AMBIGUOUS ON WHAT IS BASIC ISSUE IN MIDEAST

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 (JTA)--The State Department appeared to take an ambiguous stance today between the Israeli claim that Arab refusal to recognize a sovereign Jewish State was the core of the Middle East conflict and the view expressed by some U.S. officials that the Palestinian issue was the heart of the matter. The Department also professed to have no information on several reports from the Middle East that would directly affect Israel's security.

Asked by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency to comment on Premier Yitzhak Rabin's statements here last week that Arab refusal to recognize Israel was the main source of the Arab-Israeli conflict and the recent testimony by Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs Harold Saunders that it was the Palestinian question, John Teittmar, Department spokesman, replied: "I don't think either one of these comes first." He added that the legitimate rights of the Palestinians have to be taken into account but that "the PLO must recognize Israel before any decision

can be arrived at."

Responding to another question by the JTA, Trattner said he could not confirm a dispatch from Damascus published here that between 1000-1500 North Vietnamese, North Korean and Cuban troops are presently in Syria along with some 3000 Soviet military advisors. Trattner also said he had no information that King Hussein summoned 15 West Bank leaders to an urgent meeting of the Jordanian parliament in Amman. (See separate story.)

Asked about reports that the U.S. has projected the sale of six C-130 military transport planes to Egypt, with expected delivery this spring, Trattner replied: "At the time of the Sadat (President Anwar Sadat of Egypt) visit, we said we would consult Congress before selling military equipment to Egypt. It is true that the Egyptian government would like to purchase C-130s but no U.S. government decision on a supply relationship with Egypt will be taken without thorough consultation with Congress."

It was recalled that during Sadat's visit here last October, a State Department official had told reporters that the Egyptian leader brought no weapons shopping list to Washington.

MEETING IN AMMAN ASSESSED

JERUSALEM, Feb. 2 (JTA)--Fifteen West Bank leaders, all former members of the Jordanian parliament, were summoned by King Hussein to participate in an urgent meeting of parliament in Amman this morning. All were expected to attend. The development was a surprise in view of the fact that the 15 deputies were pensioned off last year after Hussein dissolved his parliament.

It seemed to confirm recent predictions by Israeli observers that Hussein intends to try to re-establish Jordan as spokesman for the West Bank Arabs and a possible future negotiating partner with Israel. When the October 1974 Arab summit conference at Rabat decreed that the Palestine Liberation Organization was the sole representative of the Palestinian people, Jordan's political role faded. Hussein acquiesced publicly to the Rabat decision but his subsequent dissolution of parliament was viewed as a sign of his displeasure.

Observers here noted that the West Bankers were called to Amman after Jordan's Premier, Zaid Rifai, paid a surprise visit to President Hafez Assad of Syria in Damascus Saturday. Jordan recently reached a rapprochement with Syria which is the chief supporter of the PLO.

SEE HIKE IN ALIYA FROM THE WEST

JERUSALEM, Feb. 2 (JTA)--Aliya from the West will increase by 30 percent in 1976 if the estimates by various shlichim (emissaries) assigned to Western countries are correct. The forecast was made yesterday at a meeting of officials of the World Zionist Organization's aliya department which is headed by WZO Chairman Yosef Almogi.

The emissaries reported that the number of applications for aliya in Western countries and the increasing number of potential olim from the West visiting Israel indicated an immigration of about 13,000 this year compared to 10,000 in 1975.

Almogi, addressing the meeting, denounced talk of increased unemployment in Israel as irresponsible and harmful to the cause of aliya. He cited job openings and professions where, he said, workers were badly needed. Histadrut officials, however, are taking a different view. According

to the trade unionists, unemployment will increase from 35,000 to 60,000 this year because of the government's austerity economic program.

Paz Appointed To New Committee

It was announced here, meanwhile, that Eli Paz, who recently spent three years in the United States as North American representative of the Labor Ministry, has been appointed advisor to Almogi. Paz was named chairman of the committee set up by the WZO to encourage "yordim"--emigrants from Israel--to return home.

Jewish Agency spokesman Amnon Danker said that during Paz's tour of duty in the U.S. he became well acquainted with Israeli emigrants and their specific problems. Paz served as a personal assistant to Almogi when the latter was Labor Minister and was active in his campaign for election as WZO and Jewish Agency chairman.

FRENCH-UJA RAISED \$18 MILLION IN 1975 DESPITE SEVERE ECONOMIC CRISIS By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Feb. 2 (JTA)--The French United Jewish Appeal (Appel Unifié Juif) campaign managed to raise last year 82 million francs (some \$18 million) in spite of the severe economic crisis which has hit France. The French UJA director, Sam Castro told the French UJA's ninth convention that French Jewry will this year try to improve this figure in view of Israel's growing needs and the local Jewish community's responsibilities.

UJA President Michel Topiol told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the increased figure was a success. He also stressed that another source of satisfaction was the fact that 98 percent of UJA pledges have been redeemed. "Less than two percent of pledges have not been honored," said Topiol. This compares to figures of between 25-40 percent of unredeemed pledges in other countries, he noted.

The UJA funds are shared between the Jewish Agency and the Fonds Social Juif Unifié (FSJU), the central French welfare fund organizations.

U.S. Jewish Community Praised

David de Rothschild, FSJU treasurer, revealed that the French community has absorbed 18,500 refugees during the last five years. He said the FSJU also cares for 2000 old people and operates Jewish day schools attended by 3132 children. De Rothschild said that some 5-10,000 other children would have attended Jewish schools but were unable to do so because of insufficient funds. He said the current FSJU's school budget is less than two million francs while it needs between 15-20 million.

De Rothschild paid tribute to the American Jewish community, recalling the aid granted by the Joint Distribution Committee. He said, however, that the JDC is reducing its grants and will stop them altogether five years from now.

Dulzin: Diaspora Contributions Lagging

Jewish Agency Treasurer Leon Dulzin said that while Israel's needs grow, the diaspora's contribution lags behind. He said that for 1975-76 the Jewish Agency's income will reach only 80 percent of what had been foreseen. He reminded the hundreds of delegates who attended the convention of the important role these funds play in Israel's development and social services and of the huge needs which still remain to be filled for arriving Soviet Jews and Jews from the Arab countries, including Lebanon.

CUSTODY BATTLE BECOMES A NATIONAL ISSUE; AROUSES FIERCE EMOTIONS

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Feb. 2 (JTA)--The Labor Party and a majority of the Likud opposition were in agreement with leading Israeli jurists today that a Supreme Court decision ordering the return of Dov and Menahem Yondef, aged 8 and 9, to the custody of their father, Joseph Yondef, of West Berlin, must be upheld and carried out.

The youngsters were brought to Israel by their mother in 1973 during divorce proceedings in which a West German court gave their father custody. The Israeli Supreme Court ruled to uphold the decision of the German court in the case in accordance with the principles of reciprocity and comity between nations.

The decision aroused fierce emotions in Israel, further heated by the children's bitter resistance to being placed aboard planes for Germany. Anonymous threats were reportedly made against the lives of pilots and the families of pilots who would fly the Yondef children out of Israel. Threats were also made against the life of their father should he come to Israel to collect the youngsters.

An El Al pilot reportedly refused to take the brothers on his flight to Germany because of "the general atmosphere" and "personal reasons." The youngsters were put off a Lufthansa flight after they allegedly kicked and scratched flight personnel and passengers.

Charges Levelled Against Right-Wing

A group of leading jurists, headed by Prof. Daniel Friedman, Dean of the Tel Aviv University Law Faculty and Prof. Amnon Rubinstein, issued a statement today charging that developments in the Yondef case indicated that Israel was becoming a "state of anarchy rather than of law." They specifically accused Welfare Minister Ze'evulun Hammer of the National Religious Party, the extremist Orthodox Gush Emunim movement and other right-wing ultra-nationalist groups of incitement to undermine the authority of Israel's Supreme Court.

The Court has removed the children from their mother and placed them in a youth hostel in Natanya under police guard. A social welfare officer who visited them said they were in "good spirits."

Labor and Likud members of the Knesset--with the exception of some Herut members of the Likud faction--spoke in favor of the Court's decision today. But they also supported an amendment to the present laws governing the custody of minors that would make the welfare of the children the decisive factor in conflicts with a judgement by a foreign court.

The issue facing the Knesset is whether the amendment should be made retroactive--in which case it could nullify the Supreme Court's ruling--or whether it should not be made to apply to the Yondef case. The measure comes up for its first reading in the Knesset tomorrow. The second and final reading will take place later this week.

HISTADRUT DRIVE RAISES \$1.5 MILLION

NEW YORK, Feb. 2 (JTA)--Bernard B. Jacobson, executive vice-president of the National Committee for Labor Israel told the 600 delegates attending the annual mid-winter conference at the Waldorf-Astoria yesterday that the group

had raised \$1.5 million toward the 1976 goal of \$5 million. Pointing to the serious economic situation in Israel that forced curtailment of many welfare and educational programs, Jacobson stressed that Histadrut "was bent on preserving the quality of life" in Israel by aiding the low-income families, primarily the new immigrants.

Dr. Chaim R. Doron, professor of community medicine at Tel Aviv University and medical director of Kupat Holim, Israel's national insurance agency, reported that with a 1976-77 budget of IL 2.2 billion (approximately \$700 million), Kupat Holim will face a deficit of IL 680 million. He stated that this gap is due to Israel's financial situation, which has led to reduction of the government subsidies for hospital beds, and the difficulty of imposing higher dues on the workers.

"Nevertheless," Dr. Doron declared, "We are going ahead with construction of vital facilities. A new Kupat Holim hospital, costing \$20 million, will open on Mount Carmel, Haifa, in October. Kupat Holim is also building its first hospital inside Tel Aviv, and is expanding its 650-bed hospital in Beersheba to 1000 beds." Other facilities are going up in outlying development towns in Galilee and the Negev, far from the metropolitan centers.

Dr. Judah J. Shapiro, president of the National Committee for Labor Israel, warned the conference that "the global disturbance which creates pressures on Israel must not distract us from those traditional responsibilities to Israel which will help the country to advance up the ladder of social progress and justice. It is our obligation to assist Israel in fulfilling her social ideals." The conference saluted the Labor-Zionist Alliance on the occasion of its 70th anniversary, and Pioneer Women on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

LATE NEWS BULLETIN

UNITED NATIONS, Feb. 2 (JTA)--Daniel P. Moynihan, United States Ambassador to the United Nations, submitted his resignation today to President Ford. There was no immediate comment from the White House. Moynihan's resignation came less than a week after disclosure of a letter he sent to Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger accusing State Department personnel of failing to support his controversial "hard-line" against the anti-US, voting bloc at the UN. Ford and Kissinger subsequently affirmed their full confidence in Moynihan. The envoy had been an outspoken critic of Third World nations, the Soviet Union and Arab states while at the UN. He was also a resolute defender of Israel and spoke out sharply against the General Assembly resolution which equated Zionism with racism.

BOARD PROTESTS INVITATION TO PLO

LONDON, Feb. 2 (JTA)--The Board of Deputies of British Jews has made a strong protest to the Home Office (Britain's Interior Ministry) at the plans of the official IRA's political wing--Sinn Fein--to invite the Palestine Liberation Organization to attend a conference of "revolutionary organizations" to be held later this year in Ireland. Part of the meeting will be held in Dublin and part in Belfast. The Sinn Fein is not a proscribed organization like the provisional Sinn Fein in Ireland. The Board's defense committee chairman, Martin Savitt, sent the protest to Home Secretary Roy Jenkins urging that the government prevent entry into Britain of Palestinian terrorists to attend this meeting.

SENATE COMMITTEE AUTHORIZES HIKE IN U.S. FOREIGN AID, INCLUDING ISRAEL

By Joseph Polakoff

-WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 (JTA)--The Senate Foreign Relations Committee has unanimously authorized an increase in the U.S. foreign assistance program for the current fiscal year by 25 percent to take into account the "transitional quarter" between the present and next fiscal year caused by the government's bookkeeping changes.

The practical effects of the Committee's action late last Thursday is to authorize an additional \$56 million for Israel and equivalent increases for about 50 other countries on the foreign aid list. The increase is across the board for all programs including military and economic assistance. However, the Committee also engaged in some cutting of the economic sector for Israel and other countries, including Israel's Arab neighbors.

The House International Relations Committee also has a provision in the bill it is discussing for a similar increase in its authorization and for the same reason, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was informed. The vote in that body is pending conclusion of work on 21 "controversial amendments" with aid to Turkey ranked as the thorniest.

The transitional quarter became a problem for all countries receiving U.S. aid after that factor was exposed in the budget for the fiscal year 1977 that begins Oct. 1. The transitional quarter is for the period July 1 through Sept. 30 and is part of the current fiscal year that technically concludes June 30.

Dinitz Urged Kissinger For Amendment

The brunt of the appeal for an increase in the programs because of the special quarter was reported to the JTA as having been shouldered by Israel. The JTA was informed by Congressional sources that Israeli Ambassador Simcha Dinitz urged Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger last Thursday for the amendment because the failure to make any allowances for the transitional quarter was unexpected and burdensome.

Sen. Clifford Case (R,NJ) had introduced the 25 percent increase to meet the extra three-month period needs but many Senate committee members refused to accept it in view of the Administration's position. Following the meeting with Dinitz, the JTA was told, Kissinger agreed to the increase and the log jam in the committee was broken.

Under the Senate committee's provisions, Israel is to receive \$1.5 billion in military credits of which up to one-half may be converted into grants by the President; and \$725 million in economic supporting assistance which is to help Israel meet its requirements because of its defense expenditures. The Administration had asked \$740 million in supporting aid for Israel. Both the Administration and the committee were in accord on the \$1.5 billion figure for military aid.

Reductions For Arab Countries

The Administration sought \$750 million for Egypt in economic supporting assistance but the committee reduced it by \$50 million to \$700 million. Jordan was cut from \$100 million recommended to \$67 million and Syria from \$90 million to \$50 million. In the military credits, Jordan was dropped from \$100 million to \$55 million and in grant military assistance Jordan was reduced from \$100 million to \$50 million.

The Senate Foreign Relations and House International Relations Committees take the first action

in Congress on money bills related to foreign affairs and draft the authorization measures. These set the policy and the ceiling of the funds in the programs. The Senate and House Appropriations Committees then provide bills for the actual amounts they think should be allowed. Usually, appropriations measures show lower amounts than authorizations. Both Houses of Congress must pass both bills and they must be signed by the President before they become effective.

The current legislation reported by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the measure in the House International Relations Committee relates to the fiscal year and transitional quarter. The controversy between Israel and the United States since the new U.S. budget appeared two weeks ago is based on fiscal year 1977 which begins Oct. 1. In this case, the U.S. has acknowledged the \$1 billion but has not yet made public what it will recommend in economic supporting assistance.

Israel expected the same amount as this year in military aid--\$1.5 billion--and about \$800 million in supporting assistance, or the same total amount as this year. The Administration is to make the total figures public about Feb. 15 when it presents its program to Congress for all countries. The speculation at the White House is that the figure of \$1 billion will not be changed.

LEON GLASER DEAD AT 80

NEW YORK, Feb. 2 (JTA)--Leon Glaser, an author, journalist and lecturer specializing in the Middle East, Soviet Union and Jewish affairs, died Jan. 29 at the age of 80. Mr. Glaser was the author of several books including "From Moscow to Jerusalem," "The Moral Perishes," "The War in Europe," and "The World in Tears." The first two mentioned books were burned by the Nazis along with other works by Jewish authors.

"From Moscow to Jerusalem" was translated into English by Isaac Bashevis Singer and it, along with "The World in Tears," is being prepared and produced for a Broadway musical by Mr. Glaser's son, Sloma Glaser, an international impresario. Mr. Glaser was one of the organizers of the Haganah in Palestine. In 1924 he was awarded a miniature Torah by the then Chief Rabbi Abraham Kook for single-handedly holding back Arab rioters on the Tel Aviv-Jaffa border. He was also the founder and former president of the Radio City Synagogue in Manhattan.

CORRECTION

Morris Brafman was identified in the Jan. 30 issue of the Bulletin as the author of "Trade for Freedom." He is, in fact, the co-author with David Schimel.

NEW YORK (JTA)--Israel is included in a list of the 20 most ticketed diplomatic vehicles in New York City. Israel occupies the 18th and 20th place on the list with 373 tickets for 1974 accumulated by the car which carries the plate number 933-DPL and 361 tickets by the car having license plate number 657-DPL. On the top of the list is Uganda, with 1700 tickets for three cars in use by the Ugandan Mission to the UN.

NEW YORK (JTA)--Yosef Almogi, World Zionist Organization chairman, was the principal speaker Feb. 7 in Hauppauge, L.I. at the inaugural dinner-dance of the Suffolk Division in behalf of the United Jewish Appeal-Federation of Jewish Philanthropies Joint Campaign.