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STATE DEPARTMENT PROBE TO DETERMINE WHO LEAKED SECRET DEPARTMENT PAPERS

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, March 9 (JTA)--The State Department has launched a probe to determine who leaked the Department secret papers purporting to show that Presidents Nixon and Ford pledged to Arab leaders that the U.S. would push Israel back to its pre-1947 borders and a transcript of Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's intimate conversations with Israelis.

Robert Funseth, Department spokesman, volunteered that "insofar as any State Department officials provided Edward Sheehan with information-based directly on memoranda of conversation this was unauthorized and a serious error of judgement and disciplinary action will be taken." (See related story from London in next column.)

Funseth acknowledged that Sheehan, a former U.S. foreign service officer who served in Cairo and Beirut, who wrote a 2100-word article for Foreign Policy magazine on Kissinger's diplomacy, met with Kissinger perhaps once or twice for about 30 minutes and spoke with others in the Department, but he would not name them. He said he would look into precisely how many times and for how long Kissinger actually met with Sheehan.

Reporters sought to determine why Kissinger was outraged at leaks in Congress of secret papers and charged the results represented "McCarthyism," but when material reaches the public which is "self-serving" insofar as Kissinger is concerned the Department won't discuss the subject in detail.

Gross Violation Cited

Funseth replied that "We won't take disciplinary action until we believe it is merited." He said that insofar as Sheehan was briefed on classified information "this is a gross violation." He said "the Secretary was aware of it and certainly not opposed" to providing Sheehan with information on a background basis, a factor that Funseth noted is frequently done.

Asked who will determine disciplinary action if the Secretary is involved, Funseth said "his superior--the President of the United States." But Funseth indicated Kissinger was not implicated in revealing secret materials.

Funseth said, "We respect the confidentiality of diplomatic conversations and that remains our firm policy." When he was asked whether the probe extended to the National Security Council, the Central Intelligence Agencies and Embassies in Washington, Funseth said "My understanding is we are concerned with what happened in this building."

It was recalled that twice in the past year Ford took the extraordinary action of directing the State Department publicly to rebuke Israel for the reported leakage in the Israeli media of U.S.-Israeli discussions. In the Sheehan article more than a score of extracts of transcribed materials involving Arabs and Israelis were published in which Kissinger's diplomatic skills are demonstrated.

TANKER REACHES ISRAEL VIA CANAL

JERUSALEM, March 9 (JTA)--An official spokesman confirmed here today that an oil tanker had reached Israel via the Suez Canal, the first to do so since the Jewish State was established. The confirmation followed a news report that a tanker carrying 20,000 tons of crude oil from Iran to Israel had passed through the canal en route to Haifa.

Under the terms of the Israel-Egypt interim agreement signed last September, Egypt undertook that "non-military cargoes" to or from Israel "shall be permitted" through the Suez Canal. It was specifically understood at the time that this was to include oil.

In the Knesset yesterday, Defense Minister Shimon Peres noted that Egypt was not complying with another provision of the agreement (in the protocol attached to it) by refusing to allow UNEF boats to patrol the Gulf of Suez. He said UNEF Commander Ensio Sillanvuo was attempting to straighten the matter out with the Egyptians.

VATICAN DENIES CHANGE ON JERUSALEM

ROME, March 9 (JTA)--A statement last week in Israel by a Vatican official that the Holy See has changed its views on the political status of Jerusalem was denied today by the Vatican. Father Pierre de Contenson, secretary of the Vatican's Commission for Judaism, said in a radio interview in Jerusalem that the Vatican no longer insists on international status for Jerusalem.

Father de Contenson, who was a member of a Papal delegation that participated last week in the first interfaith dialogue with Jews ever held in Jerusalem, said the Pope now only desires international guarantees for preserving the status of the holy sites in that city. A Vatican press spokesman said today that Father de Contenson was not competent to discuss political matters and added that there has been absolutely no change in the Holy See's policies.

EBAN: NO REASON TO BE HORRIFIED BY DISCLOSURES IN SHEEHAN'S ARTICLE

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, March 9 (JTA)--The former Foreign Minister of Israel, Abba Eban, said here today that the United States had vetoed proposals for Israel's full withdrawal to its pre-June, 1967 borders though it had never supported major changes in those borders.

Eban made that assertion to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in the course of comments about the article in "Foreign Policy" magazine by Harvard Fellow Edward R. F. Sheehan who claimed that Presidents Nixon and Ford in 1974-75 had "secretly assured" Arab leaders that the U.S. favored an Israeli withdrawal to its 1967 lines.

Eban said he saw no reason to be horrified by the disclosures of U.S. policy made by Sheehan in an article favorably describing Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's diplomatic moves in the Middle East. (See JTA Daily News Bulletin of March 8 for full report on Sheehan's article.) He said the main novelty of Sheehan's article was Kissinger's reported private comments about Middle East personalities--some of them unflattering.

ing. Such conversations tended to occur in meditation missions of the kind conducted by Kissinger, Eban told the JTA.

The former Foreign Minister who is a member of the Knesset, is visiting here for a series of Jewish communal engagements and meetings with British leaders. He met with Prime Minister Harold Wilson for 45 minutes this morning at No. 10 Downing Street. The private meeting at Wilson's invitation, is believed to have covered Middle East affairs in general. Eban is scheduled to meet other members of the Labor government tomorrow and will be the luncheon guest of Israeli Ambassador Gideon Rafael.

He will go to Vienna from London to represent Israel's Labor Party at the Congress of Austria's governing Social Democratic Party. Tunisian and Egyptian Socialists have been invited to attend the party conference by Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky as have been Swedish Premier Olof Palme and former West German Chancellor Willy Brandt.

Israel Should Meet With Any Arab Factor

In his comments to the JTA, Eban said he could not understand why some Israelis objected to the formula proposed by Aharon Yariv whereby Israel would be ready to meet with any Arab factor, including Palestinians. Such a policy would throw the responsibility for the present impasse on the Arab extremists and make Israel's position firmer, Eban said.

He denied that such contacts would imply Israeli acceptance of a third state between Israel and Jordan. He insisted that such a state would not solve the Palestinian problem. Asked to define that problem, Eban referred to the million non-Israeli Arabs under Israeli rule who lack political status but have a defined national consciousness.

He said the Palestinian problem, though primarily an Arab one, is also partly an Israeli problem and Israel could not "unload it" in a peace settlement. He said Jordan would have to be involved in such a settlement but that afterwards its inhabitants might want "something more modern," such as a Palestine republic.

Eban ruled out negotiating with the Palestine Liberation Organization as long as its program called for the elimination of Israel. He suggested that far from becoming more flexible, the PLO has grown more radical recently thanks to countries such as France and Sweden which opened their doors to it unconditionally. "The PLO is actually an obstacle to solving the Palestine problem," Eban said.

END-OF-WAR EFFORT DEBATE CONTINUES

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, March 9 (JTA)--The Labor Alignment continued its vigorous debate last night over the government's assent to explore the possibility of ending the state of war with the Arabon-belligerence--as a goal of Middle East diplomacy at the present time. The debate, expected to continue for two weeks, has arrayed "doves" against "hawks," the former supporting the government's move and the latter sharply critical of it.

Justice Minister Haim Zadok strongly defended end-of-war diplomacy which, if successful, he said, would be tantamount to "passive peace," a worthwhile basis upon which to go on to build an "active peace" replete with human, diplomatic and economic ties. Zadok, regarded as a leading

Cabinet "dove," chided other Labor "doves" such as Yitzhak Navon and Aharon Yariv, for their criticism of the end-of-war policy on grounds that it compromised Israel's search for a full, formal peace. They must surely know, Zadok said, that Israel's demands for full peace on Israel's territorial terms is doomed to deadlock.

Informed sources said that Zadok's defense of the search for non-belligerence last night may have hinted at the contents of Attorney General Aharon Barak's report on the legal definition of end-of-war which has been submitted to Premier Yitzhak Rabin and will be discussed by the Cabinet this Sunday.

Barak, like his predecessor, Meir Shamgar, who studied the subject in 1974, is believed to have concluded that an end-of-war pact would produce a state of peace, albeit a "passive" peace bereft of positive political content. Barak, the sources said, holds to the legal view that there is no intermediate stage in international law. Once the state of war is ended, a state of peace ensues.

Says U.S. Initiative Justified

In his remarks last night, Zadok implied that the U.S. was justified in proposing an end-of-war initiative because neither Israel nor the Arabs was ready at this time to pay the price which full peace would entail.

The end-of-war policy was attacked, however, by Police Minister Shlomo Hillel and Mordechai Ben Porat, the latter a member of Labor's Rafi wing. Hillel, a "hawk" recalled that the U.S. and Israel had agreed, in the Sinai accord package concluded with Egypt last September, that the next diplomatic moves between Israel and Egypt should be directed toward a full peace settlement.

The interim agreement was supposed to provide at least a three-year interlude, Hillel said, but now, a mere five months after it was signed, the U.S. is pressing ahead for further "progress" involving further Israeli withdrawals. The government's position was supported by the veteran Mapam leader, Yaacov Hazan.

EDITH LEHMAN DEAD AT 86

NEW YORK, March 9 (JTA)--Funeral services will be held here tomorrow for Mrs. Edith Alt-schul Lehman, a leading philanthropist who died yesterday at the age of 86. Mrs. Lehman was the widow of the late Herbert H. Lehman who served as Governor of New York and later as United States Senator. Mrs. Lehman, who was born in San Francisco and educated at private schools, married Mr. Lehman in 1910.

She joined her husband in various philanthropic activities including the work of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, the United Jewish Appeal and the cause of a Jewish homeland in Palestine. Following Mr. Lehman's death in 1963, she contributed \$100,000 to the UJA in his memory and made substantial gifts to other institutions, Jewish and non-Jewish. At the time of her death, Mrs. Lehman was an honorary trustee of the Mount Sinai Medical Center with which she had been associated since 1921.

ISRAELI-ARAB FEMINISTS SHARE PLATFORM AT INTERNATIONAL PARLEY

BRUSSELS, March 9 (JTA)--Israeli and Arab feminists shared the platform at the five-day International Tribunal on Crimes Against Women, the first gathering of its kind, which closed here yesterday. The Tribunal, attended by about 1000 women from 28 countries, adopted among its res-

olutions, one introduced by Marcia Freedman, a member of the Independent Socialist faction in the Israeli Knesset, which called on Israeli and Arab women to recognize jointly that "our oppression is by men and not by opposing nationalities."

Ms. Freedman said her motion was backed by the few Arab women attending the conference. One of them, who refused to give her name, took the platform yesterday to speak "of the oppressive and barbaric treatment suffered by Arab women." The speaker said she had been asked by the organizers of the Tribunal to represent Egyptian and Saudi Arabian women who had been prevented by the authorities in those countries from coming to Brussels for the conference.

She said that from the day they were born, Arab girls were regarded as inferior to men. "The birth of a female child is not welcomed in Arabic custom," she said. She noted that Arab women could not choose their husbands and had no rights to divorce, property or basic medical care. Ms. Freedman attacked what she termed male domination in Israel.

ADMINISTRATION UNDER FIRE FOR PLAN TO SELL MILITARY ARMS TO EGYPT

NEW YORK, March 9 (JTA)--The Ford Administration's plan to sell six giant transport planes to Egypt came under fire today from the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, the American Jewish Committee and Rep. Bella Abzug (D.-L.N.Y.).

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, chairman of the Presidents Conference, sent a telegram to President Ford conveying "the grave concern of the member organizations...which is shared by many other segments of American society, concerning the initiation and signalled extension of U.S. military sales to Egypt." Rabbi Schindler's telegram, released to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, "respectfully and urgently" requested "a response which will clarify the Administration's position and intentions in this realm."

It said that the Presidents Conference understood and "therefore accepted and even supported" the "general thrust of American foreign policy which seeks to draw Egypt into the orbit of U.S. influence" by granting economic aid to Egypt.

"However," the telegram stated, "we are most strenuously opposed to military assistance for Egypt which, when seen in the context of arms aid and sales supplied to a host of Arab countries by many nations, including America, will seriously impair that tenuous balance of power to which our government has always been pledged."

Will Endanger Mideast Peace

Elmer L. Winter, president of the AJ Committee, urged Ford to cancel military sales to Egypt because they would "exacerbate and endanger the fragile prospects for peace" in the Middle East. In a telegram to the President, Winter called on him instead to "step up economic and diplomatic support for all nations in the area willing to cooperate with American peace efforts" and to "intensify American diplomatic explorations on the highest level with the Soviet Union and our Western allies to seek concerted measures to curb the wasteful and potentially destructive arms race in the Middle East."

Congresswoman Abzug warned that the U.S. military sales to Egypt can only "escalate the

arms race in the Middle East and jeopardize Israel." Addressing the Joint Sisterhoods of 32 Westchester and Rockland (NY) synagogues at Temple Israel in White Plains, she declared: "We have to ask why Egypt needs more arms if it just signed an agreement not to attack Israel for four years. Certainly there is no threat from Israel toward Egypt." She said that "a majority of members of Congress stand firm for support to Israel."

Meanwhile, White House press secretary Ron Nessen said today that Max M. Fisher of Detroit was tentatively scheduled to meet with Ford this afternoon. Asked if it had anything to do with Administration plans to sell military equipment to Egypt, Nessen said he did not know. He said the meeting was private and that he assumed it would have something to do with raising funds for the President's election campaign. He noted that Fisher was an "old friend" of the President.

ARAB CLAIMS ABOUT TREATMENT OF JEWS IN ISLAMIC LANDS REFUTED BY SCHOLAR By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, March 9 (JTA)--A British scholar refuted a frequent Arab claim that Jews were always well treated in Islamic lands. Dr. Tudor Parfitt, a lecturer at London University, stated that, on the contrary, Jews in Moslem countries were forced to wear the yellow Star of David as a badge of shame long before it was introduced in Western Christian countries.

Dr. Parfitt, who spoke yesterday at a day-long symposium at Westminster Abbey organized by the "Rainbow Group," an interfaith body, traced the growth of the Jewish population in Jerusalem during the 19th century. He said the Ottoman government was unable to exercise its obligations to its subjects in the first half of the century and the term "Yahud"--Arabic for Jew--was the lowest form of abuse and killings of Jew and looting their property were common.

Dr. Parfitt also said that while Jews had lived in Jerusalem almost without interruption for 2000 years, he rejected the view that Israel had an exclusively legitimate right to the city.

Martin Gilbert, a Fellow of Merton College, Oxford and a biographer of Sir Winston Churchill, whose latest volume in the Churchill biography covers the beginning of the Palestine Mandate after World War I when Churchill was Colonial Secretary, quoted papers showing that in August, 1919, Prime Minister Lloyd George personally overturned a Cabinet move to transfer the Mandate to the United States. The 100 participants in the symposium included Jewish and Christian lay and religious leaders. * * *

TORONTO (JTA)--Saudi Arabia plans to open an Embassy and send a full-time ambassador in Ottawa within a few months, Canada's External Affairs Minister Allan Rock told the House of Commons. He said it was "an extremely welcome development and indicates the interest that Saudi Arabia is taking in Canada." Canada already has established an Embassy in Saudi Arabia. MacEachen said also that Canada has not yet made a decision on whether to appoint a resident ambassador in Amman, Jordan. * * *

WALTHAM, Mass. (JTA)--"Two Hundred Years of American Synagogue Architecture," a bicentennial exhibit tracing the development of American architecture as seen in the evolution of American synagogues, will be shown at Brandeis University's Rose Art Museum March 30 - May 2.

ZOA VISITS CAPITOL TO SEEK SUPPORT AGAINST SALE OF C-130S TO EGYPT

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, March 9 (JTA)--Members of the national executive committee of the Zionist Organization of America visited the Capitol yesterday seeking support against the Ford Administration's move to open a U.S. military supply relationship with Egypt that would begin with a sale of six C-130 military transport planes. Congress has a veto power against military sales totaling more than \$25 million.

The ZOA's effort to block the sale, which is widely considered as the opening of a broad program of American arms deliveries to Egypt, followed a weekend meeting of the committee at the Dupont Plaza Hotel where a high U.S. Defense Department official said the American position in the Middle East would be "intolerable" without Israel.

Dr. Joseph P. Sternstein, president of the ZOA, called on the Senate Foreign Relations and the House International Relations Committees to summon Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger "immediately" to "determine under oath the true facts about reports of secret agreements with the Arab countries."

Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield (D, Mont.) suggested last week that the Senate committee inquire into Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's statements that the U.S. had promised that Israel would not attack Syria and that the Palestinians would participate in a Middle East settlement. Kissinger later said the Congress had received all "relevant" agreements related to the Sinai accord between Israel and Egypt. This left open the possibility of U.S. commitments that could be defined as not particularly relevant to the Sinai but commitments nonetheless.

Mideast Without Israel Would Be Intolerable

Edward C. Aldridge Jr., Acting Defense Department Assistant Secretary for Program Analyses and Valuations, told the ZOA last night that "whatever influence we have in the Middle East is due to our strength." Later, responding to a question, Aldridge said:

"If Israel were not there the situation in the Middle East would be intolerable. There would be a great chance of war. Israel provides the necessary stability in the Middle East and that is what we are hoping for, to avoid a confrontation (between the U.S. and the Soviet Union) in the Middle East."

Jacques Torczyner, a past president of the ZOA and a member of the World Zionist Organization Executive, urged support by American Jews of the small Jewish communities in Europe that he said were threatened with extinction. He suggested young European Jews be invited to the U.S. to meet the American people. "We respect the centrality of Israel," Torczyner said, "but we must not forget the constructive power of the Jewish community in the United States."

He added that the Europeans "look to us for guidance" and for educational and informational materials. "It cannot all come from Israel," he said. "It must come from here."

FLIGHT OF SOVIET JEWS

NEW YORK, March 9 (JTA)--The Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry charged today that "the screws are now on again" after the combined pressures of the second World Conference on Soviet Jewry and the 25th Communist Party Con-

gress led to the release of several scores of Jews.

The SSSJ reported that Zachar Tesker of Moscow was placed under house arrest after he sought to demonstrate with his wife and child against repeated refusals for exit to Israel. Economist Ida Nudel reported an attempt by police to beat her up and Ilya Shostekovsky of Leningrad was dismissed from work for seeking a visa and was then warned he might be tried as a "parasite." Maria Neifach of Riga, who is pregnant, was given permission to join her husband Alexander in Israel, but at the same time her in-laws, Emanuel and Tamara Neifach who are in their 70s, were refused visas.

According to the SSSJ, anti-Jewish articles attacking Israel and exit applicants by name have appeared in Derbent's local press and the Jewish cemetery there has been vandalized. Nevertheless, applications to Israel continue; POC Anatoly Malkin has been transferred to very hard labor and has lost more than 20 pounds.

Gessia Penson of Riga, who journeyed to Moscow three times to demand freedom for herself and her imprisoned artist son Boris, was permitted to visit him after he was brought to Riga from the labor camp. She was subsequently given a visa and is now in Israel, the SSSJ said.

BOMB BLAST AT AEROFLOT

NEW YORK, March 9 (JTA)--The Jewish Defense League today denied responsibility for last night's bomb explosion at an office building in mid-Manhattan housing the Soviet Aeroflot and Czechoslovakian airlines, but said it "applauded the action. We believe that Jewish militants wanted to tell the Soviet Union that they will not have their detente with the United States until 16-year-old Marina Tiemkin and all Soviet Jews are allowed to emigrate."

The bomb, which went off shortly before midnight, shattered hundreds of windows in the area and left the streets covered with glass. Police said there were no injuries. They described the device as powerful and said that if it had exploded during the day, hundreds could have been killed or injured.

On Feb. 27, four shots were fired into the Soviet Union's residential compound in the Riverdale section of New York. At that time, a caller to the news media said the shooting was done on behalf of Tiemkin and claimed to be from the Jewish Armed Resistance.

The JDL, at that time, also disclaimed responsibility but applauded the action. The Soviet Mission to the UN demanded that the U.S. government identify and apprehend the culprits and take action to halt harassment of Soviet officials and their families. Marina's father, Dr. Alexander Tiemkin, was allowed to leave the Soviet Union and is currently a professor of physics at Tel Aviv University. He has issued numerous appeals for his daughter to be allowed to be reunited with him.

(In Washington, the State Department today expressed regrets to the Soviet and Czechoslovak Embassies here and to their UN Missions in NY.)

NEW YORK (JTA)--Four national leaders of Women's American ORT will inspect ORT's vocational education and training operations in Latin America during March and April. The delegation, headed by Ruth Eisenberg, president of Women's American ORT, will visit ORT schools in Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Peru, Venezuela and Mexico.