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## U.S. DISCUSSING WITH ISRAEL CONGRESS QUESTION OF SADAT'S DECISION TO END MILITARY RELATIONSHIP WITH USSR By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, March 11 (JTA)--State Department spokesman Robert Funseth said that the Administration is discussing with Congress and the Israeli government the "whole general question...of what it should do in the situation" where President Anwar Sadat of Egypt has decided "not to be dependent on the Soviet Union for military equipment."

Funseth made the statement in connection with the Ford Administration's intended sale of six Hercules C-130 transport planes to Egypt. He said that President Ford has not yet sent Congress the required letter of determination formally advising it of the proposed sale and that he didn't believe the President "decided yet to send" it. (See related story P.3.)

Funseth said the C-130s were the only "specific" military equipment currently being contemplated for sale to Egypt. He said, however, that the Administration talked to Congress and the Israelis about the "general categories of kinds of military equipment that might be considered" for shipment to Egypt in a "future military relationship." The State Department spokesman could not confirm recent press reports that categories of equipment under consideration for Egypt included radar, patrol boats, transport helicopters and communications equipment.

### Ford's Mideast Visit Fades

Meanwhile, the likelihood that Ford would visit the Middle East in April faded. Asked if the President planned a trip to that region before the end of 1976, White House Press Secretary Ron Nessen said no such trip was being planned at this moment. He said a trip to the Middle East by the President would "depend on diplomatic need" and such a determination will not be made before "at least a month." It was reported at the time of Israeli Premier Yitzhak Rabin's visit to Washington in January that Ford was considering a trip to the Middle East, most probably in April.

## RUMANIA TO STOP USING ISRAELI OIL PIPELINE FOR TRANSPORTATION PURPOSES By David Landau

JERUSALEM, March 11 (JTA)--Rumania will cease using the Eilat-Ashkelon oil pipeline to transport crude oil from the Persian Gulf en route to Rumania. Pipeline officials today confirmed a report to this effect from Egypt. They said Rumania was a large customer of the pipeline but withdrawal of its business would not be a knock-out blow.

The officials conceded that the pipeline was not currently making a profit but said it was due to the general recession in the oil transport industry which was hitting at the tanker trade too. Some consternation was expressed when the original report came from Egypt citing Arab boycott officials there who said Rumania's move was taken "to consolidate relations with Arab states." Some Israeli officials spoke sorrowfully of Rumania "kowtowing to the boycott."

Informed sources told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that this was not, strictly speaking, the case. Rumania simply decided to buy oil from an Arab state cheaper than the oil it had been buying until now from Iran. The Arab state, however, insisted that its oil should not be shipped through the Israeli pipeline but through the Suez Canal, the sources said.

Commerce Minister Haim Barlev raised the issue in talks Thursday with the visiting Rumanian Foreign Trade Minister Nicolae Nicolae, who said he did not know details of the decision but could assure his hosts that Rumania was not surrendering to the Arab boycott. The proof of this, Nicolae said, was his own visit to Israel to sign a new trade agreement. The Rumanian Minister heads a nine-man delegation of trade, agriculture and industries officials.

### ADL CHARGES OVER 200 U.S.

## FIRMS, 25-BANKS WAGING ECONOMIC WAR AGAINST ISRAEL JOINTLY WITH THE ARABS

NEW YORK, March 11 (JTA)--The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith today charged that "more than 200 U.S. corporations and 25 major commercial banks, many in alliance with Arab American Chambers of Commerce, are waging economic war against Israel in collaboration with the Arabs."

Describing the group as a "Who's Who of American banking and industry," the ADL said "they are in flagrant disregard of U.S. anti-boycott policy, with the banks also flouting Federal Reserve Board warnings against participation in the boycott."

At a news conference at ADL's national headquarters here, Seymour Graubard, ADL national chairman, said that "reliance on voluntary compliance with current U.S. policy has failed and therefore new, strong legislation which bans American participation in the Arab boycott is essential."

Without such legislation, he said, the banks cited act as agents of the Arabs by demanding proof of boycott compliance from American exporters; the corporations cited either submit evidence of boycott compliance or are an integral part of Arab American Chambers of Commerce which regularly validate boycott documents for the Arabs.

### Banks And Firms Cited

Among the banks named by the ADL as processing boycott-tainted letters of credit are six of the nation's largest financial institutions--Bankers Trust, Chase Manhattan, Chemical Bank, First National City and Morgan Guaranty Trust Company, all of New York, and the Bank of America, San Francisco.

Other banks cited included First National Bank and Continental Bank, both of Chicago; First National Bank of Minneapolis; First National Bank of St. Paul, Minn.; Central National Bank and National City Bank, both of Cleveland, and Philadelphia National Bank, Provident National Bank, and the Continental Bank, all of Philadelphia.

Among firms cited for submitting to Arab restrictions are: Aramco, Bausch & Lomb, Flint-Kote, General Mills, Ingersoll-Rand, Pillsbury and Rubatex. Some 200 corporations named by the ADL as participants in the Arab American Chambers

include such major oil companies as American Independent, Amoco International, Aramco, Continental, Exxon, Gulf and Occidental, and such other companies as Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith, Inc., Uncle Ben's Rice, and Bechtel Corp. (Bechtel was sued by the Justice Department on Jan. 16, 1976 for anti-trust violations regarding boycott.)

The ADL charges were based on the findings of a national field investigation conducted under the direction of Benjamin R. Epstein, the League's national director, and Arnold Forster, general counsel.

#### Specific Nature Of Objection

Graubard made clear that ADL is not objecting to the bonafide promotion of trade activities of Arab American Chambers of Commerce.

"These," he said, "are helpful to the American economy. What we do seriously question is the propriety of Arab American Chambers serving as Arab boycott agents on American soil and of American corporations and their executives, through their affiliation with the Chambers, serving as tools of the Arabs in enforcing the boycott in violation of American policy."

He said that Arab boycott operations in the U.S. persist despite Presidential admonitions, Justice Department anti-trust litigation, Commerce and State Department refusal to distribute Arab business offers containing boycott provisions, and the U.S. Export Administration Act which declares that boycott against nations friendly to the U.S. is in violation of national policy.

The ADL investigative team listed top officials of the Arab American Chambers of Commerce as: Ansbert G. Skina, of Ansey International, president of U.S. Arab Chamber of Commerce, New York; C.H. Capps, of Bechtel Corp., president, U.S. Arab Chamber of Commerce, San Francisco; and Robert R. Herring of Houston Natural Gas Co., president of American Arab Chamber of Commerce, Houston.

#### Aramco Seen As Most Active

Epstein and Forster said that Aramco, which has branched out from oil to multi-billion dollar construction of gas and electric facilities in Saudi Arabia, "is perhaps the most active corporation collaborating with the Arabs in carrying out the boycott." Aramco and its subcontractors, they continued, "not only comply with anti-Israel Arab boycott regulations which restrain free trade and place many U.S. firms at a commercial disadvantage, but issue to applicants for jobs in Saudi Arabia instructions that discriminate against American Jews."

Two Aramco subcontractors were named as distributors of what the Arabs describe as a list of "contraband products." They are Holmes and Narver, Inc., of Anaheim, Calif., and Fuller-Shuwayer Co., a construction firm set up jointly by the George A. Fuller Co. of New York, a division of Northrop, and the Abdullah Shuwayer Co. of Saudi Arabia.

#### Three-Pronged Approach Outlined

Lawrence Peirez, chairman of the ADL's civil rights committee, suggested corrective, enforcement and legislative measures. He said the Department of Commerce should require Arab American Chambers of Commerce to report every boycott transaction certified by them and comply fully with all other relevant provisions of the Export Administration Act.

He also called on the Justice Department to investigate the activities of Aramco, Holmes & Narver, Fuller-Shuwayer, the cited banks and the Arab American Chambers of Commerce for possible violation of U.S. anti-trust laws and for the various state human rights commissions to examine the practices of Aramco, Holmes & Narver and Fuller-Shuwayer for possible violation of state anti-discrimination statutes.

On the legislative level, Peirez said the Stevenson-Williams Bill represented one step toward needed legislation: The bill would bar American companies from refusing to do business with other American companies that are on the Arab boycott list.

#### NRP THREATENS RABIN WITH COALITION CRISIS IF GOVERNMENT MOVES TO OUST GROUP OF SETTLERS FROM SAMARIA AREA

By Tuvia Mendelson

JERUSALEM, March 11 (JTA)--The National Religious Party is threatening Premier Yitzhak Rabin with a coalition crisis if the government moves to evacuate a group of Gush Emunim settlers from Kadum in the Samaria region of the West Bank. Interior Minister Yosef Burg of the NRP warned Rabin yesterday that if their evacuation is ordered "it means bringing closer" a day of reckoning, meaning that early elections would have to be held.

Burg expressed "amazement" that while Foreign Minister Yigal Allon was on an official visit abroad, his close associates were spreading "news" that the Minister has decided to demand the evacuation of the Gush Emunim when he returns. The Interior Minister implied that this would lead to the immediate resignations of Welfare Minister Zeyulun Hammer, an NRP militant and that he, Burg, and Religious Affairs Minister Yitzhak Raphael, would have to do likewise.

NRP threats to bring down the coalition have occurred in every government in which the religious faction has participated but rarely materialized. This time, however, the Gush Emunim are supported by Defense Minister Shimon Peres, leader of the Labor Party's Rafi wing, who could create a serious rift within the Labor Alignment on the issue of Jewish settlement on the West Bank.

#### Sees No Logic For Ban

Replying to questions by students at Bar Ilan University yesterday, Peres said he hoped a majority of the government would support the right of the Gush Emunim group to remain where they are. "I am for it," he said. "I can find no logic whatever in the State permitting settlement in Judea but banning it in Samaria. We have the right to settle in both areas so long as we don't deprive the Arabs," Peres said.

The group at Kadum is part of a much larger illegal settlement attempt by the Gush Emunim in the Sebastia region of Samaria last November. The majority of them left peacefully when the government agreed to permit a token number of families to remain at the Kadum army camp under military protection.

Subsequently they were permitted to set up a makeshift settlement outside the military camp on land controlled by the army. The government made the compromise in order to avoid the spectacle of Israeli soldiers forcibly removing Jewish settlers. The agreement was bitterly criticized at the time by Cabinet "doves." The government bars any settlement without official authorization and it has in the past used force to remove illegal squatters.

from West Bank sites.

The Cabinet has been expected for some time to debate Jewish settlement in Judea and Samaria but so far it has postponed discussion of the volatile issue. It is expected to come up, however, after Allon returns from abroad. Informed sources say that a general settlement project would be approved and the Gush Emunim group would be offered alternative sites if they quit Kadum.

#### ADMINISTRATION PONDERING COMPROMISE SUGGESTION ON SALE OF C-130S TO EGYPT

WASHINGTON, March 11 (JTA)--Whether the United States government will arrange to provide six huge transport aircraft to Egypt as a commercial transaction or insist on treating the project as a military transfer and thereby enter into a confrontation with Congress was pondered within the Administration today. The ultimate decision was seen as necessarily coming from President Ford himself and cannot long be delayed.

Three key Senators have proposed to Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger that the Administration fulfill its pledge to Egypt by having the Cairo government buy the C-130 planes from the Lockheed Corporation and thereby avoid asking Congress for authorization of the transfer.

Under present law, transfer of equipment to a foreign power designated as military and costing over \$25 million is subject to Congressional veto. A commercial sale of military equipment is not yet within Congressional authority. Legislation to that effect is pending.

The compromise originated with Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R,NY) and was suggested to Kissinger by him and by Sens. Hubert H. Humphrey (D, Minn.) and Clifford Case (R,NJ). The "opportunity" to the Administration, Capitol sources told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, would wipe out what they called the "symbolism" of the United States entering into a military supply relationship with Egypt which Israel fears and is strenuously opposing.

"The Administration must decide if it wants to give some sugar to (Egyptian President Anwar) Sadat or have a confrontation with Congress," a Capitol source told JTA. The three Senators are members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. In addition, Humphrey heads the subcommittee on foreign aid which has authorized about a billion dollars in aid to Egypt for the current fiscal year.

Such influential House leaders as Rep. Philip Burton (D, Calif.), head of the House Democratic Caucus, have cautioned the State Department that it will lose the project in the House if it tries to force through a start of a military supply program for Egypt.

#### PRESIDENTS CONFERENCE HAS ASKED FOR MEETING WITH FORD ON PLANES SALES

By David Friedman

NEW YORK (JTA)--The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations has asked for a meeting with President Ford to personally present its opposition to the sale of six C-130 transport planes to Egypt. Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, chairman of the Presidents Conference, in disclosing the request at a press conference today said the meeting will probably be held at the White House within the next 10 days.

Schindler said the member organizations in the Presidents Conference have already been in touch with members of Congress, church and

labor leaders, Black spokesmen, veterans organizations and others to mobilize opposition to the sale. He said all of the candidates for the Presidency have been asked to state their views. The proposed sale of the C-130s to Egypt is not the issue, Schindler stressed. He said the issue is that this would establish the principle of the U.S. selling arms to Egypt.

Schindler said the Presidents Conference will not compromise on this issue. Asked about the proposal by Sens. Jacob K. Javits (R,NY), Clifford P. Case (R,NJ) and Hubert H. Humphrey (D, Minn.) to sell the six transports to Egypt on a civilian rather than a military basis, Schindler said he could speak only for himself but said he considered the proposal subterfuge and would rather meet the issue head on.

Schindler said the Presidents Conference takes exception to reports in the Israeli and American press after the Conference sent a telegram to President Ford this week that they were following Israel's example in opposing the sale of the C-130s. He said the Presidents Conference sent a letter to Ford on Feb. 12 opposing the sale several weeks before it became a public issue and before Israel made its protests.

Prior to today's press conference, Schindler's first as chairman, the Presidents Conference met with Israeli Ambassador Simcha Dinitz who repeated Israel's strong opposition to the sale.

#### Wants To Make Conference More Effective

Schindler, who only recently became chairman, said he wants to make the Presidents Conference more effective. He said he would like to limit meetings such as the one coming up with the President to six-to-ten people so it could be less "ceremonial" and more an exchange of views.

He said he would like to have leaders of organizations not included in the Presidents Conference such as the United Jewish Appeal and the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds to be part of a committee to meet monthly and discuss issues. He said he hoped the group would be "more deliberative than reactive" although it would react as issues come up. He also said he hopes to add one staff member to deal with national activities in the New York area.

Schindler said he also plans to go to Israel March 27 and has asked, unlike previous official visits of the Presidents Conference, to meet with a wider audience than Israeli government leaders. He said he asked for meetings with the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee, which includes members of all major parties; kibbutz secretaries, members of the Manufacturers' Association, the Histadrut, army officers and newspaper editors. "I want to hear from a wider Israel," he said. \* \* \*

NEW YORK (JTA)--Reacting to this week's bombing at the Aeroflot and Czechoslovak Airlines office in Manhattan, Stanley H. Lowell, chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry remarked, "had the bomb injured or killed an innocent individual, the cause of Soviet Jewry would have been irreparably harmed." Lowell rejected the use of "violence for the sake of violence" as a tool to advance the cause of human rights. He continued, "Those who continue these tactics, and their supporters accomplish nothing. Terrorist acts can only hurt the cause of Soviet Jews petitioning for their right to free emigration, as well as cultural and religious rights in the Soviet Union."

### RABIN LAUDS UJA'S 'THIS YEAR IN JERUSALEM' PARLEY OCT. 24-31

NEW YORK, March 11 (JTA)--Israel's Premier Yitzhak Rabin today extended a warm welcome to American Jews who are planning to join the solidarity pilgrimage to Israel as participants of the United Jewish Appeal's "This Year in Jerusalem" National Conference Oct. 24-31.

"The people of Israel draw strength from many sources," Rabin said, "not least from the support of the great American Jewish community. The UJA's 'This Year in Jerusalem' program is a unique expression not only in words, but in action, that the concerns of Israel's people are the concerns of all Jewish people. We will welcome the solidarity pilgrimage of more than 2000 American Jews to Jerusalem during the UJA's National Conference in October with a sense of great spirit and unity."

Frank R. Lautenberg, UJA general chairman, said, "'This Year in Jerusalem' is more than a UJA slogan for 1976. Through our presence, our deeds, our commitments, we will be telling the people of Israel that our life is bound up with theirs, and that we are with them now and forever. The language of recent events is clear: he who threatens Israel, threatens every Jew."

Efforts to mobilize the American Jewish community for the Jerusalem conference are being mounted in all regions of the country and through every division of the UJA. Different program options are available, combining the conference week program with UJA mini-missions which are designed to maximize community participation and enable individuals to experience the heights of Jewish creativity in Israel and abroad.

Highlights of the conference week will include a welcoming ceremony by citizens of Tel Aviv; a bicentennial celebration at Jerusalem's Liberty Bell Park; seminars at Israel's institutions of higher learning; a visit with the people of Israel in 100 towns and villages; concerts starring Israel's greatest artists; and meetings with leaders in government, business, society and the Jewish Agency.

### Two Groups On Way To Israel

Meanwhile, two groups of American Jewish communal leaders representing the UJA National Women's Division and Young Leadership Cabinet, departed for Israel this week to study the critical economic and social problems confronting Israel today. "These two missions are going to Israel at a time of mounting hardship and growing isolation...to demonstrate American Jewish unity and help provide hope, spirit and togetherness for the people of Israel," Lautenberg stated.

The Women's Division mission will be led by Mrs. Harriet Zimmerman, National Women's Division Chairman from Atlanta. The Young Leadership group will be led by Stanley Frankel of Detroit, Young Leadership Cabinet Midwest Regional Vice-Chairman, and his wife, Judy.

### ADL WARNS AGAINST EX-NAZI WHO MAY BE NEXT ROTARY INTERNATIONAL HEAD

NEW YORK, March 11 (JTA)--The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith revealed today that unless another candidate is nominated by April 16, the next president of Rotary International will be a former Nazi stormtrooper.

According to Lawrence Peirez, chairman of the ADL's civil rights committee, Austrian industrialist Wolfgang Wick had withdrawn his name for nomination "for personal reasons" following

world-wide protests, including the ADL, because of his Nazi background. The Rotary nominating committee, however, renominated Wick at a special meeting Feb. 16.

Peirez said that Wick joined the Nazi Party in Austria in 1933, was a key figure for Nazi industry in Austria during World War II, and had served in Hitler's notorious SS. The ADL, which confirmed its information on Wick with Simon Wiesenthal, head of the Jewish Documentation Center for Nazi War Crimes in Vienna, discussed the matter with the Secretary General of Rotary International in Evanston, Ill.

### No Provisions For Investigating People

"We were told," Peirez said, "that the organization has no provisions for investigating people, but was aware of the allegations against Wick through protests from Dutch Rotarians."

The Secretary General explained the Rotary procedure--notice of the nomination is sent to the more than 16,000 clubs around the world with each having an opportunity to present its own nominee. If no other candidate is put forward, Wick will be declared president. But if there are other candidates for the post, an election will be held at the Rotary convention coming up this summer in New Orleans.

"We certainly hope there will be other candidates," Peirez said, adding: "It is difficult to understand the nomination of such a person, but it would be even more difficult to understand if Wolfgang Wick does indeed become president of this highly respected organization."

### HIAS CELEBRATES BICENTENNIAL

NEW YORK, March 11 (JTA)--The 92nd HIAS annual meeting took on special significance this week, as more than 1000 visitors crowded into the New York Hilton's Trignon Ballroom, for a special observance in honor of America's Bicentennial. The audience included hundreds of recently resettled Soviet Jewish immigrants.

At a special HIAS board dinner, following the meeting, the 1976 Liberty Award was presented to Philip M. Klutznick, honorary international president of the B'nai B'rith and a former U.S. representative to the UN. Klutznick, who recently served on the President's Advisory Committee on Vietnamese Refugees, was honored for "long service in defense of those human rights which have brought generations of immigrants to America in search of freedom."

In his remarks following the award presentation, Klutznick cited his White House Committee experience with the Vietnamese program in which HIAS was a participating agency: "HIAS represents to government experts, and the community at large, the highest level of professional performance in refugee resettlement work. I was filled with pride when appraisals of those standards set by your agency were so glowingly praised."

Carl Glick was re-elected HIAS president. Harold Friedman and Ben Touster, associate chairmen of the Board. Newly elected HIAS officers were Sidney Leiwant, vice-president, and Michael H. Steinhart, associate treasurer.

The meeting, which was addressed by many prominent public figures, also featured a musical tribute to America and the role of immigrants in building this nation. Entering its 93rd year of rescue and resettlement service, HIAS has aided over four million Jewish refugees and migrants since its earlier predecessor was founded in 1884. Last year, HIAS resettled 7783 Jewish refugees.