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## WIDENING RIFT BETWEEN HAWKS, DOVES ON END-OF-WAR DIPLOMACY, TEMPLE MOUNT ISSUE AND ILLEGAL JEWISH SETTLEMENT ON WEST BANK

By Tuvia Mendelson

JERUSALEM, March 23 (JTA)--The Labor Alignment's second round of debate on "end-of-war" diplomacy in the Knesset last night produced a widened rift between "hawks" and "doves." The government's policies and party leadership were sharply criticized by former Foreign Minister Abba Eban and former Histadrut Secretary General Yitzhak Ben Aharon among others. Transport Minister Gad Yaacobi was the government's chief defender.

The most explosive issues were Jewish prayer on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem and illegal Jewish settlement on the West Bank--subjects currently being debated in the UN Security Council--which sparked the recent wave of riots and demonstrations on the West Bank and in East Jerusalem. (See P. 3 for UN debate.)

Ben Aharon contended that these disturbances were brought on by a "series" of "Jewish nationalistic and religious provocations." He said the weakness of the Labor Party and the Labor Alignment encouraged these provocations. He referred specifically to what he called the government's "surrender" to the Gush Emunim group which was allowed to establish a makeshift settlement at Kadum in the Samaria region.

Yaacobi retorted that Ben Aharon's charges were "wrong and unjust" and without "factual basis." He observed that demonstrations had occurred in the administered territories long before these issues came up and that it was simply "not true" that Jews sparked the disturbances.

Yaacobi and Ben Aharon also argued over the government's plan to requisition land in Galilee for Jewish settlement, the latter claiming that it was unwise. The plan calls for displacing a certain number of Arabs who would be offered compensatory land. Yaacobi said the program was planned "with great care and consideration." Ben Aharon said the Labor Party failed to "draw a clear line" between itself and such militant groups as the Gush Emunim and Likud.

Housing Minister Avraham Ofer, a Cabinet "dove," said the Labor Alignment should emphasize that the basic element of the Arab-Israeli conflict was the existence of two states, a Jewish State "and an Arab state to the East." He did not clarify whether he meant by the latter the Kingdom of Jordan or a Palestinian state.

### Charges By Eban

Eban, the final speaker, charged that Israel did itself great damage by conceding for the first time since 1948 that a legal state of war existed with the Arabs. It lent legitimacy to the Arab blockades, boycott and other measures which they could claim were privileges conferred by the state of war, he said.

Eban was apparently implying that by assenting to an American initiative to explore Arab attitudes toward discussing an end of the state of war, the Israeli government had acknowledged

that a state of war existed. This was something Israel's friends never countenanced, the former Foreign Minister said. But he predicted that the "end-of-war" diplomacy would founder on Arab obduracy and was therefore no more realistic than full peace proposals.

He said that the settlement at Kadum and the Temple Mount prayer issue indicated that groups of citizens were taking the law into their own hands and creating fait accomplis while "anarchy prevails." Eban said that as long as the Gush Emunim squatters were allowed to remain at Kadum, the government's authority was severely compromised. "The settlers must be shifted to a site which the government has decided must be settled and where the group can be no less pioneers," he declared.

Eban also said that Israel should encourage U.S.-Egyptian rapprochement while maintaining a balance of forces in the area. The Israeli public cannot expect to enjoy "a monopoly of ties with the U.S.," Eban said.

## ALIYA FROM USSR WILL DROP UNLESS ISRAEL'S SOCIAL STRUCTURE IS CHANGED

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, March 23 (JTA)--A group of prominent Soviet Jewish scientists who have immigrated to Israel, warned today that unless Israel's social structure is drastically changed, the number of immigrants from the USSR would continue to drop and the rate of departure from Israel may further increase.

Although the foremost impediment to emigration from the USSR continues to be the restrictions imposed by Soviet authorities, anxiety among potential olim as to what confronts them in Israel is now a real deterrent. Dr. Victor Polsky said at a press conference at Beth Sokolow here. His remarks were concurred by other Soviet scientists who have been successfully absorbed in the Israeli scientific community. They included Vitaly Ryevsky, a chemist teaching at the Haifa Technion, and Dr. Yuli Nudelman, a surgeon at Rambam Hospital.

They said that some 100,000 Soviet Jews have received notification that they are wanted in Israel. But because of Soviet restrictions and because of social conditions in Israel, many hesitate to come. The scientists noted that many of the Soviet immigrants are highly professional people, by no means refugees fleeing the danger of physical annihilation.

Many of them are appalled by the lack of patriotism, Zionist feelings and concern for the country's future manifested by the settled population in Israel. This is responsible for much of the emigration which can be halted only by a change of atmosphere, the scientists said.

## GROMYKO'S VISIT TO LONDON SPARKS ACTIONS BY SOVIET JEWRY ACTIVISTS

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, March 23 (JTA)--A non-stop demonstration by Soviet Jewry activists has been going on here since the arrival yesterday of Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko. Members of the Women's Campaign for Soviet Jewry have been pursuing Gromyko aboard a green double-decker bus plastered with slogans and names and pictures

of Jewish prisoners in the USSR, inside the bus, hired from the London transport authorities, are members of the so-called "35 Group" dressed as Soviet prisoners.

Another motorized demonstration is being carried out by members of the Betar movement aboard their "Herut-Mobile" in which they travelled to the recent Soviet Jewry conference in Brussels. Meanwhile, members of the newly-formed National Council of Soviet Jewry are mounting vigil outside the Soviet Embassy in Bayswater every afternoon and evening during Gromyko's three-day visit as guest of Foreign Secretary, James Callaghan and Prime Minister Harold Wilson.

Gromyko and Callaghan are holding a round of talks on bilateral matters, international affairs, the Middle East, South Africa, and a review of events in Europe since last year's Helsinki conference. According to informed sources, both sides reaffirmed their commitment to the Helsinki agreement.

Demonstrators were prominent this morning when Gromyko visited the Tate Art Gallery. Chained to a massive replica of Soviet Communist Party Secretary Leonid Brezhnev were members of the Women's Campaign for Soviet Jewry with placards carrying the names of Prisoners of Conscience. They also unfurled a streamer which read: "When will Helsinki reach Soviet Jewish Prisoners of Conscience?"

Although attracting considerable press and radio coverage, the campaign has so far been far less vociferous than that which accompanied a visit by Alexander Shelepin, former head of the Soviet trade unions and of the KGB. The Board of Deputies of British Jews has adopted a low key approach, to avoid offending Gromyko's hosts who are expected to raise the whole question of human rights in the USSR in the light of the Helsinki agreement.

#### SYRIAN JEWRY GROUP FILES COMPLAINT OVER CBS-TV SHOW ON SYRIAN JEWRY

NEW YORK, March 23 (JTA)--The Committee for Rescue of Syrian Jewry announced today that it has filed a complaint with the National News Council over Sunday night's follow-up broadcast on Syrian Jewry on the CBS-TV "60 Minutes" program conducted by Mike Wallace.

In a letter addressed to the Council, Rabbi Joseph Harari, executive director of the Rescue Committee, said "We deplore the new CBS broadcast in which Mike Wallace has once again failed to portray the true picture of the sufferings of the 4500 Jews forced to remain in Syria." Harari contended that Wallace's follow-up showed "more concern" with defending the original broadcast on Syrian Jewry 13 months ago which was condemned by many Jewish organizations as a distortion of the facts.

Harari wrote, "We are dismayed by Mr. Wallace's adamant refusal to retract his irresponsible statement that 'Jews are suspect in Syria as a possible fifth column' even though President (Hafez) Assad admits that Syrian Jews are loyal citizens." He charged that Wallace "has even gone further this time by stating that 'most governments, even our own, would consider these people as potentially dangerous to the national security'" and by observing that "Jews are Jews and Israel's guns are only 40 miles away."

Harari requested the Council to take appropriate action. He has also sent telegrams to President Ford and Secretary of State Henry A. Kis-

singer urging them to intervene on behalf of the endangered family of a Syrian Jewish escapee whose identity, he said, was divulged by Wallace on the program.

#### YADLIN SAYS 'MELTING POT' CONCEPT IS NOT APPROPRIATE GOAL FOR ISRAEL

By Ben Gallob

NEW YORK, March 23 (JTA)--Aharon Yadlin, Israel's Minister of Education and Culture, rejected today the concept of the "melting pot" as an appropriate goal for the integration of Israel's Jews coming from more than a hundred countries to settle in Israel.

He told a press conference here at the office of the National Council of Jewish Women that a synthesis of the many cultures brought to Israel by its millions of settlers was essential but said there was no parallel in Israel for the goal of racial integration for which the United States is striving.

"We do not have a racial problem," he said. "Our problem is fundamentally one of bringing up to modern standards of knowledge and competence the children from the Oriental countries, whose families are far behind those from the Western countries."

Yadlin came to the United States for a series of colloquia with educational experts of the Graduate School of Education of Harvard University; the Teachers' College of Columbia University; the Education Department and the Center for Policy Study of the University of Chicago; and the Graduate School of Education at the University of California at Los Angeles.

The colloquia, which starts tomorrow at Harvard University and which will end at UCLA on April 9, were organized by the NCJW, in conjunction with the NCJW Research Institute for Innovation in Education at the School of Education at the Hebrew University. A spokesman said the purpose was to bring together researchers and policy-makers from the United States and Israel to exchange findings and to explore means by which research experts and policy-makers can work closely together.

#### Problem of Culturally Deprived Pupils

Yadlin said that despite rocketing budgets for Israeli security, cuts in education budgets are being restricted to the universities, which he said were facing heavy reductions. But the investment in the culturally deprived school children had not been affected, though he admitted that continuing inflation was reducing the purchasing power of the allocated funds.

In discussing Israel's educational gains for the culturally deprived, he reported that about 40 percent of all Israeli school children could be considered in that category. Of those, he said, currently 60 percent were in kindergarten, 50 percent in primary schools, 45 percent in secondary schools and 17 percent in universities. He described the 17 percent figure as a source of dissatisfaction for his Ministry.

He was critical of the relative numbers of academicians--7000--and administrative personnel--10,000--in Israel's universities and said he would like to see the categories reversed in numbers.

The Minister was asked to what degree inadequate Jewish education, leading to a possible lack of spiritual or cultural roots, was a factor in Israel's problem of yerida--migration from Israel. He cited, among reasons for such emigration, the

continued existence of a substantial diaspora throughout Jewish history, including the present, and a lack of Zionist education. He contended that those Jews with strong Zionist convictions did not emigrate.

#### HERZOG SLAMS ARABS, SOVIET UNION FOR THEIR ATTACK ON ISRAEL

By David Friedman

UNITED NATIONS, March 23 (JTA)--Chaim Herzog, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, replying in the Security Council today to attacks on Israel's rule of the West Bank, declared that Jordan and Egypt did not do in their "occupation" of the West Bank and Gaza from 1948-67 what the Arabs and their supporters are now asking of Israel.

Speaking during the second day of the Security Council's special session on the unrest in the West Bank and Jerusalem, Herzog quoted Arab newspapers before the 1967 Six-Day War as charging both Jordan and Egypt with harsh treatment of the Palestinians under their rule. He quoted from a 1966 Saudi Arabian newspaper article which said the residents of Gaza were not allowed to leave the area and Palestinians were not permitted to work in Egypt even without pay.

Herzog also decried the repeated call for Israel to evacuate the territories. "For 9 years we have heard about the 1967 borders," he said, even from Israel's friends in the West. But he noted that even before 1967 there was no peace and while borders are part of the problem the real heart of it is the Arab refusal to recognize the legitimacy of Israel.

Herzog's remarks today came as he exercised his right of reply after eleven countries and the Palestine Liberation Organization had attacked Israel's rule of the West-Bank and East Jerusalem. In his reply, Herzog declared that "this whole cynical exercise is so distorted it is hardly worth the time we are taking."

He said the countries that denounced Israel have given a new meaning for the saying "people who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones" since they are all countries who persecute minorities, arrest people without trial, are undemocratic and oppressive. He said the various Arab countries attack each other for these things.

#### Rejects Soviet Charges

Herzog, in his reply, specifically took aim at the Soviet Union, Egypt, Syria, Jordan. He said he was "moved" by the Soviet Union's defense of freedom of religion and he said he hoped, and was sure many Moslems hoped, that this means a new policy toward religion in the USSR.

The Israeli envoy also rejected the charge by the Soviet Union and the Arab countries that Israel has "Israelized" the school curriculum in the West Bank. He said the Arab schools in East Jerusalem and the West Bank all follow the Jordanian curriculum. He added that he hoped the Soviet concern for protecting cultures also meant it will give this same freedom of expression to Jewish culture and schools in the USSR.

Egyptian Ambassador Ahmed Meguid replied to Herzog's address yesterday in which the Israeli envoy sought to show that there are differences between the Arab countries. "All Arab countries including Egypt are united...in the goal to liberate the occupied territories." Meguid also noted that Egypt was the first to support "the Palestinian people and its representative, the Palestine Liberation Organization."

Herzog noted that Meguid's remarks were apparently in disagreement with President Anwar Sadat who he said recently has been attacking the PLO. Noting that Jordan also voiced its support of the PLO, Herzog pointed out that no PLO members are allowed in Jordan.

Zehdi Labib Terzi, the PLO delegate, calling Israel a racist state, noted that an Israeli soldier had killed a child. He was referring to Afani Ali, 11, who died yesterday in Hadassah Hospital despite efforts by a team of doctors who worked around the clock to save him. He was shot last Wednesday by an Israeli reserve soldier, Bezalel Dehaan. The soldier, who also wounded two other Arab youths when the three reportedly stoned a car and tried to overturn it, has been jailed pending an investigation of the incident.

French Ambassador Jacques Lecompt said it was clear to the international community that the withdrawal of Israel from the occupied territories is essential. He said Israel has no right to make a unilateral decision on the future of Jerusalem and called upon Israel not to take any actions in the city which are "irreversible." The Soviet Union and the People's Republic of China both attacked Israel. Chinese Ambassador Huang Hua called for a condemnation of Israel by the Council.

#### FIRE DESTROYS 150 SHOPS

SAO PAULO, March 23 (JTA)--Arson is suspected by police in a fire that today destroyed 150 stores, mostly Jewish-owned, in this city's Jewish business quarter, Bom Retiro. Damage is estimated at \$1 million. The shops were located in a large commercial center and in two adjacent textile warehouses that were filled with merchandise for the winter season. Sources said most of the destroyed shops were not insured against fire and that the insurance on others would not cover the full losses.

#### WEIZMAN CRITICIZES JEWS FOR OPPOSING SALE OF C-130S TO EGYPT

LONDON, March 23 (JTA)--A former commander of the Israeli Air Force dissociated himself from Israeli criticism of the United States for agreeing to supply transport aircraft to Egypt. Gen. Ezer Weizman told a London audience last night that Jewish public opinion should stop being "so fidgety and edgy."

The rapprochement between Egypt and the United States and Egypt's corresponding rift with the Soviet Union were the best thing to come out of the interim Sinai agreement, he said. Yet "the whole Jewish world is up in arms just because the U.S. is to sell Egypt six transport planes."

Weizman, back in London after addressing packed audiences in other British cities, brushed aside complaints from some local Zionists that he should not have attacked the Israeli government while travelling abroad. He attributed the present disturbances in the West Bank to the fact that the government was headed by "four men with four different policies."

However, he said, there was nothing fundamentally wrong in Israel itself which could not be cured by confident leadership. Weizman saw little prospect of a fresh war in the foreseeable future. Israel should use the time at her disposal "for a little spring cleaning" in her economy, he stated.

JERUSALEM (JTA)--The State's appeal against Magistrate Ruth Or's ruling on Jewish prayer on the Temple Mount will be heard in the Jerusalem court next Tuesday.

**ARTISTS GROUP URGES BOYCOTT OF  
ART CONGRESS IN IRAQ UNLESS IRAQ  
GUARANTEES SAFETY OF PARTICIPANTS  
FROM ISRAEL, THOSE FRIENDLY TO ISRAEL**

NEW YORK, March 23 (JTA)--The Artists Equity Association of New York has called on the U.S. Committee of the International Association of Art/UNESCO, of which it is a member, not to participate in the Association's Congress, scheduled to be held in Baghdad this May, unless the Iraqi government gives "explicit and official" guarantees of the safety of participants from Israel and those friendly to Israel.

In a resolution adopted earlier this month, the AEA noted that since the Baghdad site was approved by the International Association three years ago, "Iraq, the designated host country has joined, in an act of aggressive war against one of the society of nations, Israel, that would under peaceful circumstances have its artists associations normally participate."

The resolution noted further that "the host country has, additionally, revealed a violent hostility, not only to the people of Israel but to all Jews and to their Zionist friends, Jewish and non-Jewish alike, by its votes in the recent United Nations Assembly and at UNESCO meetings." The resolution said that as a result of that posture, "many artists, Israelis, Jews, and all non-Jewish friends of Israel and Zion, feel themselves dangerously threatened as to their safety as well as to their freedom of movement within that country (Iraq) and as to their free and unharassed exit."

The resolution concluded by calling on the U.S. Committee of the international body "to offer its full support and participation in the planned convocation if, and as soon as, clear and explicit and official Iraq governmental assurances are given through the appropriate United Nations agencies as to its guarantees of safety of those coming from Israel and to all other of its friends and artists who feel themselves equally imperiled as to their absolute safety and security of life, property, freedom of movement and unimpeded right of departure."

A copy of the resolution was sent to Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger with a covering letter signed by Elias Newman, president emeritus of the AEA, asking "for your supportive action on this resolution and for its transmission to all member nations of the United Nations through the U.S. representative to the United Nations."

**INCREASED PENALTY SOUGHT FOR  
ARSON IN HOUSES OF WORSHIP**

NEW YORK, March 23 (JTA)--State Assemblyman Charles E. Shumer is pressing for legislation that would drastically increase the penalty for arson in houses of worship. "Right now if you burned a synagogue or a shack in a vacant lot you'd get the same penalty (up to two years in jail) and rarely do they prosecute," the Brooklyn Democrat said during a visit to the burnt-out remains of Congregation Anshe Vilna on Manhattan's Lower East Side.

The Orthodox synagogue, built 78 years ago, was destroyed by fire last Nov. 28. Shumer said it was one of 40 synagogues burned or otherwise vandalized in the area during the last two or three years.

Shumer, who wants the maximum penalty for such acts increased to 15 years imprisonment, said his proposed legislation was supported by Manhattan District Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau

and that he knew of no opponents so far, but "you can never tell in Albany."

Shumer said that arson against houses of worship was a citywide problem that involved churches as well as synagogues. But synagogues catering to the largely elderly and dwindling Jewish community on the Lower East Side appear to have been prime targets of late. The perpetrators are believed to be youth gangs from the area or outside it. The suspect in the Anshe Vilna fire lives in the Bronx.

Over the last decade, the Lower East Side, once a flourishing center of Jewish life, has been increasingly populated by Black and Hispanic minorities. The United Jewish Council of the (Lower) East Side, an umbrella organization of surviving community groups, noted that the remaining Jewish community of about 20,000 has been squeezed into a 10-block by 2-block corridor. Twenty years ago there were 40 synagogues between Houston and 14th Streets on the Lower East Side. Fifteen years ago there were 15 and now there are only two, a community spokesman said.

**REPORT THAT SAMUILOVICH HAS  
NOT BEEN GRANTED AN EXIT VISA**

NEW YORK, March 23 (JTA)--"Information that Dr. Deborah Samuilovich of Moscow had been granted an exit visa to join her family in Israel is false," Inez Weissman, president of the Long Island Committee for Soviet Jewry, stated today. According to information received by the LICJSJ in a letter from Benny Deborin in Israel, Dr. Samuilovich's son, permission to emigrate has not been granted, just a promise made to her. He stated that he was terribly upset and disappointed that his mother has not been granted an exit visa.

Commenting on the situation, Ms. Weissman stated: "I feel that information leaked out by the Russians on granting permission for Jewish activists to emigrate is an obvious attempt to confuse the issue. We are lulled into lethargy by what seems to be a rash of exit visas granted before and during the Brussels Conference and the 25th Party Congress, only to find out that Russian gifts were empty boxes. We will do everything to continue the struggle on behalf of Deborah Samuilovich."

Ms. Weissman said the LICJSJ is contacting friends of Dr. Samuilovich in the Congress to advise them that permission to emigrate has not been granted and to enlist their help.

Dr. Samuilovich applied for permission to emigrate in 1972 at which time she was fired from her position at the Institute for Atomic Energy in Moscow. In 1971 she received the second highest Soviet decoration, "The Red Labor Flag," awarded to her for her contribution to the field of science in color film research.

**TOFIC NIGRI DEAD AT 76**

RIO DE JANEIRO, March 23 (JTA)--Tofic Nigri, one of Rio's Jewish community leaders, died here at the age of 76. Born in Aleppo, Syria, and educated in Beirut, he settled in this city in the 1920s. Mr. Nigri soon became active in the Sephardic community and later in the representative Jewish bodies as vice-president of the Jewish Federation in Rio and the Jewish Confederation in Brazil.

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TEL AVIV (JTA)--A new group of young people to settle on the Golan Heights was inaugurated today at the Har Odem settlement. The group belongs to the Independent Liberals' settlement movement.