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## PLO DUE TO OPEN OFFICE IN LONDON...

LONDON, April 4 (JTA)--The Palestine Liberation Organization is expected to open an office here in the next four or five weeks, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned. At present, the PLO representative, Said Hammami, is based in the Arab League's information office. An Arab League spokeswoman confirmed that there are plans to open separate PLO offices. "It will all be clear in the next four or five weeks," she added.

The Foreign Office told the JTA that it had received no request from the PLO to open an office but that the PLO needed none. "Any organization is free to set up an office in Britain provided its subsequent activities do not conflict with the law." Hammami had worked from the Arab League office from 1971 and had no diplomatic immunity or other status.

## ...AND ONE IN VIENNA

VIENNA, April 4 (JTA)--The Austrian government will start negotiations with the Palestine Liberation Organization this week on possibilities of opening a PLO office in Vienna. Austrian Foreign Minister Erich Bielka-Karlreut said PLO "foreign minister" Faroud Khadumi is expected in Vienna early this week to have talks with Austrian officials on a PLO office in Vienna.

"Such a step would not mean that the Austrian government recognized the PLO diplomatically," Bielka-Karlreut said. "This is not the recognition of a government-in-exile." However, he added, "the PLO can no longer be ignored in international politics. It is the only Palestinian organization with which talks can be held on the Middle East situation." Bielka-Karlreut said he was prepared to meet with Khadumi personally.

Israeli diplomatic sources expressed surprise and concern by this step. "This is the first time a West European foreign minister plans to receive Khadumi," a diplomat said.

## CABINET POSTPONES FULL-SCALE DEBATE ON LAST WEEK'S VIOLENCE

JERUSALEM, April 4 (JTA)--The Cabinet discussed last Tuesday's violence in Arab towns and villages in Israel today but postponed a full-scale debate on the overall problem for another session in the near future, an official communique announced. (See related story P. 3.)

The ministers were briefed by Shmuel Toledano, the government's advisor on Arab affairs and by national police chief Shaul Rosolio. Officials described today's session as a "hearing" rather than an in-depth discussion. According to informed sources, the unanimous view of the Cabinet is that Israeli security forces were forced to fire in self-defense because their lives were endangered by the demonstrators. Six Arabs were killed and 31 Arab civilians and 38 soldiers and policemen were injured in the disturbances.

The reported consensus of the Cabinet was that law and order must be maintained by firm measures if necessary. But there was also general agreement that the government should do more to ensure that Israel's Arab population enjoys full equality and is more fully integrated into

the life of the nation, especially with respect to jobs in the civil service and government controlled companies. A working paper is being prepared on the overall problem and is expected to serve as a guideline for the upcoming debate.

## SADAT SAYS FRANCE HAS AGREED TO HELP EGYPT BUILD ITS ARMS INDUSTRY

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, April 4 (JTA)--Egyptian President Anwar Sadat said here today that France has agreed to help Egypt build its arms industry and that new such agreements will be concluded.

He made this statement, thanking France for its help, after having met with President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing last night for extended talks and dinner at the Elysee Palace. The two Presidents are due to hold another meeting tomorrow before Sadat leaves for Rome where he will meet the Pope and the Italian President.

Sadat arrived in Paris yesterday afternoon to try and finalize arrangements for French military supplies and help in building an Egyptian arms industry after his final break with Moscow, his difficulties in obtaining six C-130 transport planes in the U.S. and West Germany's flat refusal to sell him any military equipment.

Sadat told French diplomatic correspondents here today that "arms agreements with France have already been signed," and that France "has agreed to help Egypt build its arms industry." He said that talks on these subjects have been going on for some time.

Diplomatic sources here say that the agreements already concluded cover the following items: delivery of 46 Mirage F-1s which will constitute a first-phase Egyptian air force reconversion to Western equipment; This order could be followed by a second one covering 36 additional planes; and the delivery of 120 Alpha jet training and ground supporting jets jointly manufactured by France and West Germany but which will be delivered by France under its own responsibility.

Also the supply of an undisclosed number of ground-to-air "Crotal" and "Roland" missiles, ground-to-ground "Milan" and sea-to-sea "Excoget" missiles; and automotive 155 mm. guns, believed to number 50, with their electronic equipment. It is not yet known what form France's participation will take in the creation of an Egyptian-arms industry. It is believed the technical details will be discussed tomorrow when Sadat will meet Giscard d'Estaing for a second talk and will also confer with French Premier Jacques Chirac.

## KISSINGER URGES ISRAEL NOT TO BE SUSPICIOUS OF THE U.S.

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, April 4 (JTA)--Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger stressing the "qualities, responsibilities and hopes which tie America to Israel," pledged today that "the survival and security of Israel are unequivocal and permanent moral commitments of the United States." The Secretary also urged Israel not to be suspicious of the U.S., as both countries strive for a Middle East peace.

"The risks and obstacles are many," Kissinger told some 500 delegates to the biennial convention of the American Jewish Congress at the L'Enfant Plaza Hotel. "Steps must be carefully thought out and realistic. But we must move together with courage and with a vision of how reality can be shaped by a vision of peace and we must not paralyze ourselves by a suspiciousness that deprives our relationship of dignity and our cooperation of significance."

Kissinger pledged that "The United States will help keep Israel strong--to ensure that peace is seen clearly to be the only feasible course, we will never abandon Israel -- either by failing to provide crucial assistance or by mis-conceived or separate negotiations or by irresolution when challenged to meet our own responsibility to maintain the global balance of power."

Kissinger's address, which the State Department described as "not a major speech," was his first before a Jewish organization since joining the Republican Administration in Jan. 1969. It came less than 48 hours before the primary elections in New York and Wisconsin and appears to be the forerunner of other addresses before Jewish groups this election year. He is also scheduled to speak to an audience expected to total 2000 at a Baltimore Conservative congregation on May 9, nine days before the Maryland primary.

In his prepared remarks at the luncheon concluding the four-day AJCongress meeting, Kissinger stressed that "Israel is a loyal friend and a fellow democracy, whose very existence represents the commitment of all free people. The moral strength of the people of Israel, which has so often meant the margin of victory in war, gives us confidence that Israel will also win peace; no people has earned it more."

#### Road Ahead Is Difficult

Kissinger cautioned that the road ahead for Israel will be difficult and urged that the actions toward the peace process must be "realistic" and "we must move together." Israel "obviously faces profound problems--not the least of which is that in any negotiation with her neighbors she will be asked to yield the physical buffers of territory in exchange for intangible pledges," Kissinger said.

"Indeed, Israel's gains will be intangible even as she achieves her own stated objectives of a formal peace treaty and diplomatic recognition by her neighbors. So the process of peace inevitably presents her with many anguishing decisions--and the pain is shared by all of us who are friends of Israel and who are dedicated to further progress towards peace. Throughout this process we owe Israel our compassion and support."

Kissinger, who received a standing ovation when he entered the banquet hall, was presented with a scroll addressed to him as "scholar, historian and diplomat and U.S. Secretary of State," which urged that "mercy and truth may meet together and righteousness and peace embrace." It was presented by him by Dr. Henry Rosovsky, chairman of the AJCongress commission on international affairs. In addition, Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, AJCongress president, presented Kissinger with a copy of the Jerusalem Bible.

Earlier, Roy Wilkins, executive director of the NAACP, was presented with the AJCongress civil rights award for his contributions to racial justice.

The convention adopted a resolution charging

the Ford Administration with "breach of faith" for its "turnabout" on what it said was a promise to Israel in exchange for "vital concessions by Israel to Egypt and Syria." The resolution called on Congress to appropriate the full funding of foreign aid as authorized for Israel, including "the transitional funding needed by Israel to cover the three-month period prior to the start of the new fiscal year."

The AJCongress also voiced "grave concern" over the shift in U.S. policy in ending its arms embargo to Egypt but said that it supports "the allocation of funds for economic aid to Egypt" since "we recognize that the people of Egypt continue to suffer the pain of poverty and deprivation." Criticizing the Administration's policy on the Arab boycott, the AJCongress charged the Administration "with acquiescence in continued compliance with the boycott by American business."

#### SHOOTING INTO SOVIET MISSION DENOUNCED BY U.S., JEWISH LEADERS

NEW YORK, April 4 (JTA)--The United States and Jewish spokesmen have condemned the firing of shots into the Soviet Mission to the United Nations last Friday as an outrage and a cowardly and criminal act. The latest incident, the third this year against a Soviet facility, was denounced by President Ford, Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger, Ambassador William Scranton, the National Conference on Soviet Jewry and the American Jewish Congress. A group called the Jewish Armed Resistance claimed responsibility for the shootings. No one was injured in the attack.

Ford said he was "deeply disturbed" by the shooting and declared: "I have instructed the Department of Justice to do everything it can in cooperation with the New York authorities to bring to justice those who committed these vicious acts."

Scranton, the U.S. Ambassador to the UN, branded the incident as an "absolute outrage" and apologized for the shooting at a meeting in New York Friday with Soviet Deputy UN representative Mikhail Kharlamov. A press statement by the U.S. Mission to the UN noted that Scranton had been assured by federal officials in Washington earlier last week that the U.S. government would take energetic action to combat what was termed an "obviously organized campaign."

#### Calls For Apprehension Of Culprits

Stanley Lowell, chairman of the NCSJ, expressed shock and dismay at what he termed "terrorist acts." Referring to the JAR, he said: "These misguided individuals who continue such actions must bear the responsibility for Soviet retaliation in its own borders. Many Soviet Jews presently waiting for their exit visas have expressed their personal dismay over these violent tactics."

The AJCongress, at its biennial convention in Washington, adopted a resolution calling on the FBI and the police to give "highest priority to tracking down all those responsible" for shooting into the Soviet Mission. The resolution adopted unanimously by the 500 delegates, added: "Those responsible for this cowardly act must be apprehended, brought to speedy trial and if convicted, sentenced to the longest prison term the law permits."

#### JDL Applauds Incident

The Jewish Defense League, however, issued a statement saying it "applauded" the incident. Dov Fisch, associate director of the JDL, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that it had become

"apparent" to the Soviets that "Soviet bomb threats against American consulates and embassies in Russia will not bring an end to the attacks on Soviet personnel and installations in New York. The way to stop these attacks is by freeing Soviet Jewry."

The Soviet Union, in Moscow and in New York through its Mission, demanded "investigation, detention and punishment for the guilty party and action to be taken by the American side to prevent and avert similar terrorist actions in the future and to guarantee the security of the USSR Mission and its personnel." The USSR also protested on Feb. 28 when shots were fired at the home of members of the Soviet Mission; on March 3 over a Jewish demonstration outside its Mission; and on March 12 after a bomb explosion damaged the New York offices of Aeroflot.

#### JACKSON, UDALL FOCUS ON THE MIDEAST

WASHINGTON, April 4 (JTA)--Two aspirants for the Democratic Presidential nomination, Sen. Henry M. Jackson of Washington and Rep. Morris Udall of Arizona, addressed themselves to two immediate issues in the Middle East on national television today.

Jackson, appearing on the CBS program "Face the Nation," warned of dire consequences for the Middle East and the entire world if Syria intervenes unilaterally in the current Lebanese civil strife. Udall, on NBC's "Meet-The Press," expressed firm opposition to U.S. arms supplies to Egypt.

According to Jackson, "efforts should be made in the strongest way possible to prevent Syria from making that (intervention) move because if Syria does make that move...Israel would move. The Russians would play a strong role because of their heavy commitment to Syria, the United States would be involved, and so on." Describing Lebanon as "the most dangerous area in the Middle East right now," Jackson said Syrian intervention there "can lead right on down the road to a confrontation such as we had in '73" including another Arab oil boycott.

Udall said he was opposed to the Ford Administration's plans to sell Egypt six C-130 transport planes, opening the way for the possible sale of other military hardware to that country. "I would say to (Egyptian President Anwar) Sadat, look, you don't need tanks you need tractors, you don't need guns and rockets, you need X-ray equipment and hospital equipment," Udall said.

He observed that Egypt "isn't threatened by anybody. It is Israel which is threatened by a half dozen countries surrounding it....We ought to tamp down this arms race in the Middle East and not feed it and build it up," he said.

#### LAST WEEK'S RIOTS CONTINUE TO BE DEEP SOURCE OF CONCERN

By David Landau and Yitzhak Shargil

JERUSALEM, April 4 (JTA)--The violent events of "Black Tuesday" -- March 30 -- when riots erupted in a score of Arab towns and villages in Israel, continued to be the source of deepest concern today in government circles and among the broader public. Israelis are pondering the significance of the Arab general strike which was, in itself, generally ineffective but sparked bloody disturbances particularly among young Arabs.

They are trying to pin-point the immediate and long-range causes, to find ways to avoid a repetition and to determine what the future holds

with respect to relations between Jews and the nation's Arab minority, nearly half a million strong. Police Minister Shlomo Hillel prepared a "working paper" containing factual details on the riots. Copies were submitted to all of his Cabinet colleagues and it served as a reference at today's Cabinet session.

Foreign Minister Yigal Allon, accompanied by his former advisor, Uri Thon, paid surprise, unofficial visits to Tamra, Saknin and Dier Hanna, three Arab villages in Galilee where some of the worst violence occurred. Speaking to the local leaders in fluent Arabic he said he came not as a government minister but as an "old friend and companion" to listen to their version of events. It was Allon who described March 30 as "Black Tuesday."

He promised that the loyal majority of Israeli Arabs would be encouraged and the hostile minority would feel the full force of the law. In that connection, Allon flatly rejected appeals by village elders for the release of young rioters arrested last Tuesday as a gesture of conciliation.

His reply was that the "hot heads" should learn their lesson. He said the events that accompanied the general strike represented the exploitation of accumulated Arab resentment by propagandists far from the Middle East who were interested in recruiting Israeli Arabs for their own purposes. His reference was obviously to the Soviet Union which, he implied, had operated through Israel's pro-Moscow Rakah Communist Party to foment Arab violence.

Demands by right-wing Knesset members to outlaw Rakah have been categorically rejected by government circles. Apart from the fact that such action would run counter to Israel's democratic ideals, it is widely felt that a visible Rakah is less of a menace than a Rakah driven underground.

Some ministers are believed to be pressing for the establishment of a permanent ministerial committee to coordinate all government activities involving Israel's Arab community. Premier Yitzhak Rabin has expressed no definite views on that proposal. But the government is paying close attention to the views being expressed by Arab leaders known for their moderation and willingness to cooperate with Israeli authorities.

#### RABIN DENIES HE TOLD FORD ISRAEL DID NOT NEED TRANSITIONAL AID

JERUSALEM, April 4 (JTA)--Premier Yitzhak Rabin firmly denied today that he had told President Ford during his recent Washington visit that Israel did not need the \$550 million transitional aid currently the subject of Congressional discussion. Rabin made the denial in a statement to the Cabinet which was subsequently published officially. It followed reports from Israeli correspondents in Washington alleging that Ford claimed to legislators that Rabin himself had indicated Israel did not need the money.

Rabin also denied reports alleging that Israel had agreed to the sale by the U.S. of six C-130 transport planes to Egypt on the understanding that Presidential opposition to the transitional aid would be dropped. There was no such deal, Rabin said, and expressed hope that Ford would eventually drop his objections to the aid.

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JERUSALEM (JTA)--The recent disturbances on the West Bank and in Israel have had no marked effect on tourism. No cancellations have been reported and hotels are expected to be booked solid for Passover.

## **MAJOR STEP LAUNCHED BY UJA TO STEP UP, SPEED UP THE 1976 CAMPAIGN**

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, April 4 (JTA)--Last Wednesday's closed circuit radio broadcast between Jerusalem and 151 American Jewish communities--the first such operation by the United Jewish Appeal--signalled a major effort to step up and speed up the 1976 campaign, UJA General Chairman Frank R. Lautenberg told reporters here today.

Premier Yitzhak Rabin, Jewish Agency Chairman Yosef Almogi, Jewish Agency Board of Governors Chairman Max Fisher, Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds President Jerold Hoffberger and Lautenberg took part in the 18-minute broadcast during which they addressed an estimated 15,000 Jewish leaders in the 151 communities.

The message was: accelerate the current campaign to meet the national UJA closing date of June 6--coinciding with the anniversary of the Six-Day War. Lautenberg said here today the response across the U.S. had been enthusiastic and gratifying.

(According to a UJA spokesman in New York, Jewish leaders in Hartford, Conn. and Hollywood, Fla. declared a total mobilization although these cities had already reached their goals. In Chicago, several leaders announced additional plus gifts. In Los Angeles, the broadcast was amplified by having a two-way live conference call with the city's UJA General Chairman Joseph Sinay who is now on a mission in Israel. In Minneapolis the broadcast was used to plan a final telethon.)

### **Improved Economic Situation Will Help**

Lautenberg reported that some communities announced a moratorium till June 6 on other non-campaign activities. Some communities, he said, began re-soliciting gifts, meaning that where local fund-raisers believe a person's financial situation has significantly improved since he made his 1976 pledge, then, although he had already pledged, they will re-solicit him, asking for an increase.

Lautenberg said economic conditions in the U.S. were improving and this "augurs well" for the UJA campaign. He said the fact that the 1976 campaign had so topped the 1975 campaign was a heartening sign of the strength of Jewish commitment because the present campaign had had to weather the effects of the recession.

The cash situation was also running better than last year, he observed, despite the liquidity problems which many givers had experienced and the effects of which were only now beginning to recede. The 1975 campaign was the best ever non-war-year campaign, Lautenberg said, and for the 1976 campaign to top this was a signal achievement.

### **'This Year in Jerusalem' Confab Set**

Looking ahead, Lautenberg anticipated a "dramatic" start to the 1977 campaign with the planned "This Year in Jerusalem" national UJA conference Oct. 24-31 to be held in Jerusalem for the first time. Three thousand leading American contributors would be involved in this "great Jewish happening," he said. Irving Bernstein, UJA executive vice-chairman, noted that this will be the largest-ever event of its kind in Israel. The conference had been announced by Lautenberg during the Jewish solidarity conference here last December.

Lautenberg said participants would be restricted to persons who had made "significant" contributions in the past and who would be prepared to make a similarly significant pledge during the visit. Some 500 participants would be in the under-40 age group. There was no specific dollar-qualification, he explained, since obviously in the smaller communities contributions were relatively smaller, and yet leaders of smaller communities would be welcome participants.

The conferees would not be spending their time in stuffy conference halls, Lautenberg and Bernstein stressed, but would be out meeting the people of Israel in a program designed to "emphasize the concept of outreach and interaction." Bernstein pointed out that other major diaspora campaigns had taken UJA's example: the French have just had their conference here, the Canadians will hold theirs just before the UJA and the British just after.

### **Confident Of U.S. Jewry's Response**

During the historic radio broadcast, Rabin called upon American Jewry to "work even harder for the great human purpose of Israel. If all of us do what we can do, there is no obstacle we cannot overcome together." In his first major presentation to the American Jewish community, Almogi said, "You have done wonders--you are our partners--but we need a greater effort. And, I'm confident that our Jews, our nation, is not a nation of disappointment. Give us your good hand and good heart and both of us will continue to strengthen Israel to be a free and democratic society."

Fisher expressed his confidence in American Jewish leadership: "From years of experience in Washington, D.C., I know that the Administration, the Congress, the State Department, every element in our Capitol concerned with American foreign policy, is very interested in knowing just how broad and deep the American Jewish support for Israel's people is. I know that American Jewry will turn the messages being heard today into a clear and forceful call to action."

Hoffberger said: "What our communities accomplish will determine for many years to come the physical and spiritual quality of lives of Jews everywhere...for the people of Israel; for the Jews of other countries who have also suffered from the budget cutbacks...for ourselves, for our own youth, our own aged, our own deprived...for the strength and future of our own communities, upon which so much depends."

### **TOON WARNS ON U.S. AID**

TEL AVIV, April 4 (JTA)--Malcolm Toon, the United States Ambassador to Israel, has warned Israelis not to expect American aid to be as high as it has been up to now. Toon's remarks were contained in an article in a publication on political and social problems published by Beit Berl, the Labor Party's ideological institute which is headed by former Foreign Minister Abba Eban. Toon stressed that the cutback in foreign aid is not aimed at Israel specifically but is part of a general reduction in American foreign aid.

TEL AVIV (JTA)--Reports that Syrian forces and units of the Syrian-backed El Saika terrorists have entered Lebanon as far as the outskirts of Beirut are being checked here. Although the reports are unconfirmed, Israel has ordered increased alertness by its northern troops.