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JAVITS SUGGESTS FORD VISIT THE MIDEAST AS AN INDICATION THAT AREA HAS NO APPETITE FOR WAR

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, April 26 (JTA)--Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R.N.Y.) suggested today that President Ford visit the Middle East because his presence "would symbolize that the area has no appetite for war" and that "a relatively new" and "more normal situation" prevails there "notwithstanding the tragedy in Lebanon."

Javits, the second-ranking Republican member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, just completed a 10-day fact-finding mission for the Committee in the Middle East and will submit oral and written reports of his meetings with the leaders of Egypt, Syria, Jordan and Israel and with Arab leaders on the West Bank.

Peace Possible in 10-15 Years

Javits told a press conference at the Capitol that it would take 10-15 years "of living together" in a state of renunciation of war and non-belligerence before peace could be "phased in" between the countries of the Middle East. He said that the differences between the U.S. and Israel over foreign aid funding for the transitional quarter between fiscal 1976 and fiscal 1977 should not be "a disturbing cloud" between the two countries.

Javits said military aid to Israel is not provided on the basis of competition with its neighbors but to meet its needs. He made that comment with reference to reports that China is prepared to provide Egypt with spare parts for its Soviet military equipment. Javits said that funding for Israel for the two fiscal years plus the transitional quarter would meet its requirements considering that country's present cash outflow.

Opposes West Bank Settlements

Javits said that the West Bank "in the wrong hands" would "be a dagger at the heart of Israel." But he firmly opposed new Israeli settlements there. "New settlements cannot be permitted no matter what ultimately may be their disposition," he declared, adding that "the fact of settlement won't make any difference in our ultimate position" and that they "certainly cannot be given an advantage to Israel."

He said the Arab disorders in response to the recent march by Israeli nationalists through the West Bank was "not good for Israel." Javits said that while "we won't say cut off aid for Israel, we certainly can express our views as to the results" of aid.

Asked by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency whether any Arab leader he had met told him his government would recognize Israel as a sovereign Jewish State under certain conditions, Javits replied that he did not get "such a commitment from any Arab leader." But, he added, "Every Arab leader offered support of UN Resolutions 242 and 338 that accept Israel." He said, however, that there is "no hope" for a Geneva conference and that it is "not right to admit the PLO" into the political process.

Contribution To Peace Outlined

Javits contended that it is "not possible under

existing conditions" to establish psychological conditions for peace" in the Middle East. He said "the most important contribution to peace" there at present was the rebuilding of cities such as he witnessed along the Suez Canal. He said he hoped "that could also be done in Kuneitra" on the Golan Heights. "Progress, country-by-country" to "better living conditions on the ground" would give both sides "mutual hostages for peace," Javits said.

His proposal that Ford visit the Middle East was made in connection with reports from Israel that the President and Syrian President Hafez Assad may meet soon. "I hope they will and it is desirable that they do," Javits said. But he did not think their meeting should be occasioned by the expiration May 31 of the United Nations mandate to keep a buffer force on the Golan Heights. He said he was confident that the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) would be renewed for six months, although he would prefer a one-year extension "to fortify the appetite for peace." (See related story P. 4.)

Javits Mum On Whether He Met Arafat

Javits said he made no effort to meet with PLO chief Yasir Arafat and refused to answer a reporter's question on whether Arafat had asked to meet with him. Noting that some of his Senate colleagues had met with Arafat, Javits said it was in the "highest interest" of the U.S. that he not answer the question.

The Arafat matter arose when he was asked why he, a Jew, visited the Arab countries. Javits replied that the ambassadors of "various Arab countries" had asked him "to go to their countries and hear their points of view" from their leaders. "I'm glad I went," Javits said.

BEIGIN WARNS KNESSET MAJORITY WILL OPOSE MOVE TO EVICT GUSH SETTLERS

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, April 26 (JTA)--Herut leader Menachem Beigin warned the government last night that any resolution it adopted to evict the Gush Emunim squatters from Kadum in Samaria would be opposed by a majority in the Knesset. Addressing the Herut central committee here, Beigin said he had a list of 62 MKs opposed to evacuation of the Gush.

He said that if the Cabinet decided on eviction, the Knesset would be called into special session and the 62 MKs would be called on to back up their position. Although Beigin did not say so, he was apparently threatening the government with a no-confidence vote.

Likud, with 39 Knesset seats, the National Religious Party with 10 and the Orthodox Aguda bloc with five, the parties likely to support the Gush, muster a total of 54 votes. Beigin apparently believes that eight members of the Labor Party would defect from government ranks to give the pro-Gush group a Knesset majority.

Allon Favors Planned Settlement

Meanwhile, Foreign Minister Yigal Allon said on a television interview yesterday that he favored planned, selective settlements in the administered territories but not settlements that are contrary

to the government's decrees. If it is determined that the Kadum group does not fall within the sphere of planned settlements, they will be offered an alternative site within the framework of the security settlement program which includes the administered areas, he said.

Allon denied reports that he postponed his trip to the U.S. because of the Kadum issue. He said he put off his visit because he wants to be on hand for important discussions of the settlement plan, Mapam-Labor Party alignment relations and the Labor Party's internal problems.

1000 Demand Unqualified Settlements

In a related development, some 1000 members of kibbutzim and moshavim and various political parties met over the weekend at Moshav Ein Vered under the slogan "Settlers for Settlements." They called for renewed settlement momentum throughout the country, including the West Bank, and expressed absolute opposition to the eviction of the Gush Emunim squatters from Kadum in Samaria.

Among those attending were hundreds of members from Ichud Hakvutzot VeHakibbutzim, the Mapai kibbutz movement, and from Hakibbutz Hameuchad, the Achdut Avoda movement. However, the secretariates of both movements disassociated themselves from the meeting and rejected the proceedings.

Speakers included Res. Gen. Ariel Sharon, the Yom Kippur War hero and former Likud leader; Meir Zorea, head of the Israeli Lands Administration, who lost two sons in Israel's wars; and Dan Laner of Neot Mordechai. Zorea called for settlement in all territory controlled by Israel. Laner said that just as Kantara in Sinai and Kuneitra on the Golan Heights were conquered by Israeli arms, so were Haifa and Acre. He said the word "occupation" must not be feared.

THE KGB IS HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH OF DAVIDOVICH

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, April 26 (JTA)--"There are many ways to kill people. The KGB uses all of them. Everybody should know that Col. Yefim Davidovich was killed by the KGB," Prof. Alexander Luntz, the noted Soviet Jewish mathematician, who recently emigrated to Israel, said today at a memorial service on behalf of the Soviet Jewish war hero who died Saturday from a heart attack at his home in Minsk. Davidovich, a close friend of Luntz, was one of the most prominent Jews denied permission to emigrate to Israel despite repeated pleas with the Soviet authorities.

The memorial service, held in front of the Soviet Mission to the United Nations, was sponsored by the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry and attended by more than 30 people, among them Kings County District Attorney Eugene Gold, who is also the GNYCSJ chairman, Rabbi Joel Balsam of the Jewish Welfare Board, and Rabbi Arthur Schneier of the Park East Synagogue who recited the Kaddish.

Standing in front of an empty wooden coffin, covered with the flag of Israel and a photo of Davidovich, Gold accused the Soviets of "murder by degrees" in the death of Davidovich and demanded that his body be sent to Israel for a dignified burial.

Gold charged that after applying for an exit visa several years ago, Davidovich became a target of "unspeakable harassment, such was the Soviets' determination to prevent him from emi-

grating. The harassment took the form of long periods of interrogation by the KGB and physical abuse, even though Davidovich had long been in ill health."

Signs carried by those attending the memorial service read: "Davidovich--victim of KGB terror," "Let Davidovich be buried in Israel" and "Their fight is our fight, free the prisoners of conscience." A large contingent of police was present at the memorial site, but no incidents occurred. The service was concluded by placing wreaths outside the Park Avenue Synagogue, opposite the Soviet Mission.

Ask For Burial In Israel

In other reactions to the death of Davidovich, the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry sent a cable to the Soviet ovir chief Vladimir Obidin asking that the Jewish activist be buried in Israel. "Let his wish to reunite with the Jewish people so cruelly denied in life at least be granted in death," the SSSJ wrote.

The SSSJ said that the continued harassment of Davidovich by Soviet authorities led to his death. "Yefim Davidovich, a martyr to Soviet anti-Jewish tyranny will not be forgotten," the SSSJ declared. "His memory will inspire countless Jews to seek freedom for which he so unceasingly fought."

Stanley H. Lowell, chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, also urged Soviet authorities to allow Davidovich to be buried in Israel. He said his death "was a direct result of continual bureaucratic harassment and persecution by the Soviet authorities. Because of his desire to emigrate to Israel, and his constant protests against Soviet anti-Semitism, Davidovich was forced to recuperate in his own home after suffering his fifth heart attack March 9th."

AUSTRALIA REJECTS ENTRY APPLICATION FOR PLO-AFFILIATED STUDENT LEADER

By Sam Lipski

MELBOURNE, April 26 (JTA)--The Australian government has rejected an application for entry by Eddie Zananiri, a leading member of the General Union of Palestinian Students which is affiliated to the PLO. Zananiri, 29, is a GUPS vice-president and president of its international relations bureau. The Minister for Immigration, Michael Mackellar, rejected the application for "security reasons" on the recommendation of the Crime Intelligence Bureau of the Australian police.

Under the Labor government led by Gough Whitlam, Zananiri was admitted to Australia last May when he came on a lecture tour of student campuses. His visit led to a series of clashes between Jewish students and PLO supporters and in the ensuing violence some students were hospitalized with serious injuries.

Zananiri had given as a reason for his application his desire to marry a Melbourne woman, Gail Cotton, secretary to Bill Hartley who is an extreme left-wing member of the Labor Party's national executive and a leading spokesman for the PLO in Australia.

Although government officials are not expressing doubts on the relationship between the Melbourne student and the PLO, they were concerned that his presence in Australia would enable the PLO to have a permanent representative based here and that his activities, particularly at the universities, would again arouse community divisions.

The Zananiri application is the first test case of the attitude towards the PLO by the government of Fraser whose Liberal-National Party coalition ousted the Labor Party from government in a landslide victory last December. While in opposition, Fraser had opposed Whitlam's willingness to allow PLO officials to enter Australia.

Jewish students and community leaders have been further encouraged by the news of Zananiri's rejection which they see as evidence of the Fraser government's efforts to express a more pro-Israel policy than its predecessors in Canberra.

CANADIAN ZIONIST GROUP SETS UP INQUIRY PANEL INTO DIFFICULTIES FACED BY CANADIAN IMMIGRANTS By Tuvia Mendelson

JERUSALEM, April 26 (JTA)--A three-man commission appointed by the Zionist Organization of Canada began a public inquiry here today into the difficulties experienced by Canadian olim in Israel. The commission, the first of its kind ever established by a Jewish organization overseas, expects to hear more than 40 witnesses, all Canadian immigrants, who will describe their absorption problems, panel chairman Gerald N.F. Charness of Montreal, said at a press conference this morning.

He disclosed that Jewish Agency leaders were invited to send representatives "with special status" to sit in at the hearings but declined. He said that Uzi Narkiss, director general of the Agency's aliya department, responded to the invitation by saying that Jewish Agency participation in the hearings was an "unrealistic approach and is not possible."

Narkiss said in his reply that he spoke for Yosef Almogi, acting chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, to whom the invitation was addressed. Almogi is abroad and Narkiss was unavailable for comment today. The Absorption Ministry announced, however, that it would send a representative to the hearings. Official observers have been designated by Jewish organizations throughout the free world.

In addition to Charness, a former Deputy Mayor of Montreal who served for 10 years as a member of the Montreal City Council, the commission members are Max Goody, a Toronto businessman who was chairman of the ZOC's 41st annual convention held in Jerusalem last year; and Dr. Eli Adler, of Edmonton, Alberta, national vice-president of the ZOC. Gabriel Glazer, who immigrated from Canada 12 years ago, is serving as the commission's legal advisor.

Reasons For Holding Hearings

Charness explained at the press conference that the ZOC decided to hold the hearings last year after "dozens of Canadians who came as olim to Israel, came to the (ZOC) convention and pleaded that we do something for them." He said these olim felt that Canadian Jewry "threw them into the ocean" after they had emigrated and had nothing to do with them once they were in Israel.

Another reason for the hearings and one of the main subjects of its inquiry, Charness said, was a statistical report showing that 40 percent of Canadian immigrants returned to Canada within five years of their arrival in Israel.

The aims of the inquiry are fact-finding and to find out "what we Canadians can do for our olim here," Charness said. He noted that the problem

of olim who decide to return to Canada can no longer be handled individually. "It is time for the Israeli public to be aware of the magnitude of the problem," Charness said.

He added that Israelis may not be aware of the particular needs of immigrants from North America. There is a feeling that Israelis "simply do not have the facts" upon which to base the programs for aliya from North America, he noted. Israelis do not seem to understand why people from prosperous Western countries decide to come and live in Israel at this particular time, lowering their living standards and confronting numerous new problems, the commission chairman said.

Quotes Almogi's Statement

Charness quoted recent public statements by Almogi to the effect that local Israeli communities should be far more involved and active on the subject of aliya. He claimed that Narkiss declined to send Jewish Agency representatives to the hearings because the panel was set up "without involving or consulting" the aliya department.

But, according to Charness, the ZOC had notified the Jewish Agency immediately after deciding to establish the commission. He said that he wrote to Almogi on April 14 that the ZOC was "well aware of your recent public statements" and "cannot believe that you would choose to ignore the very first attempt, since your remarks by a diaspora community" that wants to investigate the problem.

Some Israeli reporters engaged in hostile questioning of Charness. One of them asked if it was not "chutzpah" for the ZOC, whose leaders did not immigrate to Israel, to hold hearings on absorption problems. Charness replied, "A movie critic is not necessarily a movie-maker."

SIAMESE TWINS' FUTURE IN DOUBT

JERUSALEM, April 26 (JTA)--The health of the Siamese twins born at Hadassah Hospital Saturday night began to fade this afternoon. At the same time, a panel of eminent doctors reached the conclusion that the twins cannot be separated because they share vital parts of the same heart.

The doctors, who included top surgeons and pediatricians from around the country especially called in, also reached the sad conclusion that neither of the twins can be saved by surgery at the expense of the other's life. This is also because the twins share a heart and liver. They are joined at the breast and stomach.

A Hadassah Hospital spokesman said if the twins lived a week, the experts would be called in again for another examination to determine if their physical situation had changed sufficiently to attempt an operation designed to save at least one of them. But the spokesman admitted that it was considered unlikely that they would survive.

UNITED NATIONS (JTA)--Israeli sources here expect an attack on Zionism this week at the current session of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) on the part of extremist Arab countries--like Algeria, Syria and Iraq--which are already on the list of speakers for this week. Chaim Herzog, Israel's UN Ambassador, will also address ECOSOC this week, possibly on Wednesday, and is expected to answer charges against Zionism and Israel if they are brought up by the Arabs.

ZIONIST ACTION AND DEVELOPMENT UNIQUE STUDENT SEMINAR HELD

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, April 26 (JTA)--The apathy and disinterest which is said to prevail among Jewish students around the world in their attitudes toward Zionism and Judaism was nowhere in evidence among several hundred of them who assembled in Jerusalem recently for a four-day seminar on Israel and Zionism.

Student apathy and disinterest were, indeed, one of the themes of the seminar. Participants debated how to arouse their friends on campuses how to infuse them with something of the same spirit of Jewish patriotism that fires their own interest and commitment. At the same time, the seminar was a unique opportunity for these young student activists to replenish their own spiritual batteries. For many, it was also their first opportunity to see Israel.

The seminar was organized jointly by a number of Zionist and student bodies, chief among them the Youth and Halutz Department of the World Zionist Organization and the Zionist Council of Israel, a WZO-affiliated body which conducts programs in Zionism at schools and universities all over Israel.

Overwhelming Success Reported

Zionist Council Chairman Arye Zimouki, who is a "Yediot Achronot" political reporter and one of Israel's best-known journalists, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the seminar organizers themselves had been overwhelmed by the success of their venture. "Right up to the last moment," he revealed, "there were those among us who urged its cancellation. Frankly we feared the Israeli participants we had invited would simply fail to show up."

Zimouki and the other organizers, among them Mordechai Bar-On, the Youth and Halutz Department head, and Uri Gordon, chairman of the "young guard" section of the WZO, had arranged for 150 young people to attend from overseas, and a similar number from Israel. Of the overseas participants, 95 came especially for the seminar; the others were already in Israel working with volunteer programs.

More than double the expected number of Israelis came and stayed throughout the seminar, which was held at the Youth and Halutz Department center in Jerusalem's southern suburbs. The Israelis included young army officers, yeshiva students, nearly 100 student leaders from all the country's universities, 20 young kibbutzniks, 20 young leaders from development towns, young Histadrut officials and members of the Reform synagogue movement in Israel.

In the overseas contingent, World Union of Jewish Students leaders were prominent, but there were also Jewish youngsters who had not hitherto taken leadership roles in the international Jewish students affairs. The preference, Zimouki said, was for people who had not visited Israel before.

High Intellectual, Political Content

The program left almost no time for leisure, or for informal discussions among the students themselves and Zimouki admitted later that this had perhaps been unfortunate. On the other hand, the four-day schedule was crammed with intellectual and political interest, featuring speakers of the highest caliber.

Among government leaders who addressed the seminar was Premier Yitzhak Rabin. Other speak-

ers included Yosef Almogi, WZO chairman Leon Dulzin, WZO treasurer, university professors, noted authors, intellectuals and rabbis, including Meir Kahane, Bar-On, Zimouki and other activists concentrated on practical proposals to intensify Zionist efforts on overseas university campuses.

The atmosphere at the student seminar was graphically illustrated one morning, when Mapam veteran leader Yacov Hazan and Herut veteran leader Menachem Begin were scheduled to debate politics and ideology. Because of a major traffic snarl in Tel Aviv, Hazan, who was due to appear first, was more than an hour late. No one left the auditorium, however. The students waited patiently for the speaker's arrival, meanwhile engaging in their own orderly and intellectually stimulating debate on Israeli politics and peace maps.

When Hazan finally appeared, he was heard with rapt attention. Begin followed him to the rostrum and the discussion which their two presentations engendered went on until well past lunch time. It was only at 2:30 p.m., five hours after the morning's program had begun, that Zimouki was able to prevail upon the students to break off for lunch.

Four-Point Plan Drafted

Despite the intense interest and disparate feelings in regard to Israeli political problems, the seminar participants were all able to support a closing resolution, formulated in the spirit of the 1968 "Jerusalem Program," the ideological platform of the World Zionist Movement which stresses the "centrality" of Israel in Jewish life.

On a practical level, the seminar resolved to set up a 12-member follow-up committee of six Israelis and six diaspora members. Its task will be to plan: methods of fighting anti-Zionism on campuses; projects for joint Israeli-diaspora settlement groups in Israel; projects for joint Israeli-diaspora volunteer schemes in Israel; projects for joint Israeli-diaspora student communes in depressed suburbs of Israeli cities.

It is with such practical schemes, Zimouki said, that the student activists hope to encourage Jewish youngsters around the world to intensify and express their commitment to Israel.

POSSIBLE FORD, ASSAD MEETING

WASHINGTON, April 26 (JTA)--The White House said today that an "open possibility" exists that President Ford may meet in the near future with Syrian President Hafez Assad but not in the Middle East. Deputy news secretary John Carlson, when asked whether a meeting was being considered, replied: "The President has always expressed an interest in meeting with representatives of the parties to the Arab-Israeli conflict, but there are no specific plans at this time."

Carlson made the comment after being asked about a report from Israeli sources that Assad is willing to meet with Ford before the end of May when the mandate for the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force on the Golan Heights is due to expire.

BONN (JTA)--Israeli firms will participate in 36 fairs all over the world this year, 10 of them in West Germany. It was announced here. Israel will be represented by 36 firms at the Hanover industrial fair. Among the items Israel will display will be the Westwind executive jet, the Arava multi-purpose civilian transport and the Gabriel surface-to-surface missile.