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RABIN CONCERNED U.S. MAY MAKE CONCESSIONS TO TERROR GROUPS

JERUSALEM, May 6 (JTA)--Premier Yitzhak Rabin expressed concern Tuesday night that the United States may change its attitude toward the Palestinian issue next year and make concessions to Arab terrorist organizations.

Opening Israel's Independence Day celebrations, Rabin said in a television interview that "today there are no differences of opinion between Israel and the U.S. as regards the basic approach of how to promote the political process towards a Middle East peace."

But, he added, "I cannot guarantee that the U.S. government will continue to think so forever. It is not to be ruled out that in 1977 we shall see tendencies to concessions to the terrorist organizations, and namely, erosion in the U.S. position on the Palestinian issue."

Observers here noted that Rabin's statement might have been in the way of alerting Israel to possible changes in the views of America after the Presidential elections where a new Administration might take a tougher attitude toward ending the Israeli-Arab conflict in order to shift priorities to either domestic issues or to developing new relationships in other parts of the world.

Another implied concern in Rabin's statement may be, observers added, a fear that the U.S. may interpret the recent victories by militants and pro-PLO sympathizers in the West Bank elections as an endorsement of the PLO leadership.

SPECULATION THAT LAST MINUTE COMPROMISE ON FOREIGN AID POSSIBLE By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, May 6 (JTA)--Continued absence of final action by President Ford on the foreign military aid authorization bill for the current fiscal year has given rise to speculation that a compromise is being attempted between the White House and its Congressional backers, but no tangible sign to this effect was visible today.

The White House, which reiterated that the President's intention is to veto the bill because he contends it inhibits his powers in foreign affairs, pointedly observed he has until midnight, Tuesday, May 11 to act.

Senatorial sources favoring a tie between U.S. aid and observance of human rights and anti-terrorism and would put limits on U.S. sales of arms said the authorization and the appropriation bills to carry out the aid program stand on their own merits. These sources said that if Ford vetoes the bill with those provisions, they will seek to incorporate them in the 1977 fiscal year legislation now before both Houses of Congress.

Senators Clifford Case (R.N.J.), Jacob K. Javits (R.N.Y.) and Hubert H. Humphrey (D.Minn.), who had asked to see the President before he acts on the authorization bill, have not yet received a response to their request. The White House has indicated no meeting will be held since the President is familiar with their views. Senate sources indicated that the additional aid for Israel in the transitional quarter between the current and new fiscal years is merited on the basis of new studies on Israel's defense needs.

The President received the authorization bill April 30. He has 10 days in which to act on it, Sundays not counted. If he fails to act at the end of 10 days, the bill automatically becomes law. The 1976 appropriations measure is still pending in Congress.

CURFEW LIFTED ON NABLUS; FOUR ARABS WOUNDED ON THE WEST BANK

TEL AVIV, May 6 (JTA)--The curfew imposed on the "Casbah" quarter of Nablus six days ago after May Day riots was lifted this morning on the orders of Defense Minister Shimon Peres. He also authorized the reopening of one of three high schools whose students had precipitated the riots. The security measures were eased following a meeting between Peres and the Mayor and town councilmen of Nablus who promised to see that order is maintained in that West Bank town. The curfew in Tulkarem was also lifted.

Israeli troops shot and slightly wounded four Arabs on the West Bank yesterday. According to a military spokesman, one Arab was shot in the leg during an anti-Israel demonstration and another Arab man and a young girl were shot in Nablus when they ran after being stopped for alleged violation of the curfew. A fourth Arab was shot in Tulkarem when he tried to escape after being ordered to halt.

Meanwhile, Israeli authorities are investigating injuries sustained by two Arab youths in Nablus yesterday. Security sources believe they may have been wounded while violating the curfew or while handling explosives.

There were no incidents in Israel itself to mar Independence Day yesterday. But disturbances erupted in Jenin where a curfew was imposed after youngsters threw stones and burning bottles of oil at Israeli forces. Police intervention prevented demonstrations in Ramallah. The end of Independence Day was marked by mammoth traffic jams as Israelis who had spent the day at the seashore or countryside headed for home.

RABBI SCORES GUSH EMUNIM By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, May 6 (JTA)--Britain's Chief Rabbi, Immanuel Jakobovits, has described the campaign of the Gush Emunim group in Israel for Jewish settlement throughout Biblical Israel as contrary to the highest Jewish tradition and a threat to the Jewish people's attachment to its religion.

Addressing school children on Israel's Independence Day, Jakobovits said: "While I respect the sincerity and high idealism of those dedicated to assert the right of Jews to settle throughout the historic land of Israel, moved by the spirit of chalutzit--so rare in our time--I am bound to question the wisdom and authenticity of this particular campaign."

He said he was concerned "that by associating the Jewish religion with political militancy under the present circumstances, we set contrary to every precedent in similar circumstances in our history. It may greatly weaken the attachment of our people to Judaism and will diminish the respect among the nations for our religious teachings." Above all, Jakobovits declared, "I

am deeply troubled that the campaign is provocative and harmful to that reconciliation and understanding which ultimately must be the foundation of an enduring peace."*

CONTROVERSY ERUPTS OVER ASSIGNMENT OF OIL PROSPECTING RIGHTS IN SINAI TO AN AMERICAN FIRM IN WHICH PROMINENT U.S. JEW IS KEY FIGURE

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, May 6 (JTA)--An angry controversy has erupted over the government's assignment of oil prospecting rights in an area of southern Sinai to an American company in which a very prominent, but unidentified, American Jew with a long record of activity in behalf of Israel is a key figure. The contract was signed on the eve of Independence Day and does not require approval by the Knesset because the government has the authority to make such deals. The Knesset finance committee intends to hold hearings on the issue nevertheless and many MKs and persons associated with Israel's oil industry are questioning the propriety of awarding a potentially lucrative contract to a foreign company when Israel possesses the manpower and resources to undertake the prospecting alone.

Dr. Michael Kisch, head of the government-owned Sinai oil prospecting company who had forcefully opposed the deal has been sent on a six-month involuntary leave of absence, in effect suspended temporarily from his job.

Tight Secrecy Imposed

Tight secrecy has surrounded the project. The government has refused to identify the American company, the prominent American Jew or the exact area of Sinai where the drilling will take place. But government sources defend the contract on grounds that it was essential to bring in an experienced foreign company to handle the drilling and supply the necessary equipment and trained manpower. The sources also noted that the area where the oil search will be carried out may eventually have to be evacuated by Israel, in which case the presence of a foreign concessionaire would protect Israel's interests.

Reasons For Opposition

It was learned here that under the contract the American company will bear 50 percent of the drilling costs and will receive 25 percent of the net income from any oil that is found. The Israeli government will get 75 percent.

According to Dr. Kisch and others opposed to the agreement, the area of Sinai has already been surveyed by geologists and is very promising. They say that oil can be expected to be found very quickly and the American company, which assumes little risk, will be able to cover its investment in a short time and reap large profits.

They allege that the prominent American Jew, and another Jewish personality, not as well known as the first, were in fact being rewarded for their past activities on behalf of Israel and will enrich themselves handsomely. According to circles close to Dr. Kisch, income from the new oil field will amount to some \$46 million by March 1978.

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ISRAELIS WIN BIBLE QUIZ PRIZES

JERUSALEM, May 6 (JTA)--President Ephraim Katzir presented the coveted Israel Prize to nine persons here last night in recognition of their outstanding achievements and contributions in various

fields of endeavor. At the same time, Israeli youths captured all three prizes out of a field of 28 contestants from all over the world participating in the annual Bible quiz.

The Israel Prize awards and Bible Quiz are both major events of Independence Day. The quiz finals were held at the Jerusalem Theater. Interior Minister Yosef Burg headed the panel of judges. The top prize went to Yair Shapiro who earned the highest possible score of 70 by answering all questions correctly. Second prize went to Shimon Lapid with 69 1/2 points. The third prize was won by Avraham Tannenbaum with 69 points. Education Minister Aharon Yadin presented the awards.

The Israel Prize winners were: Yaacov Maimon, for immigrant absorption work; Mordechai Kirshenbaum, for an outstanding television production; Rivka Guber for immigrant absorption; Prof. Yosef Rom, for technology and applied engineering; Prof. Gabriel Bear for Arabic linguistics and Oriental studies; Gen. Ezra Hani in the same field; Simha Holzberg, for special contributions to society and the State; Dr. Ezra Korine, for the same; and Rabbi Eliezer Yehuda Waldinberg for Torah literature.

A controversy developed last month when it was announced that Kirshenbaum had been nominated for the Israel Prize in the field of television. A number of Likud and National Religious Party MKs objected because they disliked Kirshenbaum's satirical-TV program "Nikui Rosh" (Brain Washing), a big hit on Israeli television which stepped on many toes. But Education Minister Yadin refused to reverse the Israel Prize committee's decision. "Nikui Rosh" went off the air several weeks ago when its scheduled run ended.

CZF DISSOCIATES ITSELF FROM CANADIAN PANEL OF INQUIRY

JERUSALEM, May 6 (JTA)--The Canadian Zionist Federation has dissociated itself from the Zionist Organization of Canada's three-man committee that held hearings in Jerusalem last week on the problems of Canadian olim in Israel.

Yosef Almogi, chairman of the World Zionist Organization and Jewish Agency Executives made public today a cable from Philip G. Givens, president of the Canadian Zionist Federation, in which he stressed that the CZF had not authorized the inquiry and expressed regret that the ZOC had acted without prior consultation with the Federation or the Jewish Agency.

Almogi said Givens' message confirmed the fact that the ZOC was not representative of the CZF and thereby supported the grounds on which the Jewish Agency had refused an invitation to participate in the inquiry or send observers to it.

The ZOC panel, headed by Gerald N.F. Charness of Montreal, heard testimony from some Canadians who complained about bureaucratic red tape but were generally positive about life in Israel and said they had no intention to return to Canada. Charness had said at the outset that the inquiry was held because many Canadian olim had complained that Canadian Jewry was not showing sufficient interest in their problems.

Givens' cable to Almogi stated that the CZF "did not authorize nor endorse the establishment of the commission of inquiry with respect to Canadian olim by the Zionist Organization of Canada."

SPECIAL REPORT**CARTER AIDES DENOUNCE CHARGES
LEVELLED AGAINST HIM BY FORMER
SPEECH WRITER ON JEWISH ISSUE**

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, May 6 (JTA) -- Two of former Gov. Jimmy Carter's closest aides have vigorously denounced accusations levelled against him by former speech writer, Robert Shrum, about the Jewish vote in the Georgian's primary campaign for the Democratic Presidential nomination.

Carter's chief media spokesman, Jody Powell, said that Carter "has expressed concern at the lack of support from Jewish voters" but "in a completely different context" from that stated by Shrum. Carter's national issues coordinator, Stuart Eizenstat, a leader of Atlanta's Jewish community, described the accusation as a "total fabrication."

Powell and Eizenstat made their statements from Carter campaign headquarters in Atlanta in separate telephone conversations with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency's Washington bureau which initiated the calls. The JTA asked the headquarters for its views after the charges by ex-speech writer Shrum appeared in interviews published in the Washington Post and the Washington Star.

In accusing Carter of "a degree of manipulation and deception," Shrum quoted the candidate as saying: "We have to be cautious. We don't want to offend anybody.... I don't want any more statements on the Middle East or Lebanon, (Sen. Henry M.) Jackson has all the Jews anyway. It doesn't matter how far I go, I won't get over four percent of the Jewish vote anyway, so forget it. We get the Christians."

Shrum said he did not believe Carter intended that remark as anti-Semitic but rather as a concept of political pragmatism. According to the Post, Shrum, a former speech writer for Sen. George McGovern (D,SD), Sen. Edmund S. Muskie (D,Me.) and former New York Mayor John V. Lindsay, joined Carter's speech writing team only two weeks before he quit following Carter's victory in the Pennsylvania primary.

A Totally Ridiculous Charge

Eizenstat responded tersely to Shrum's comments about Carter's remarks. "I was present at many of the meetings involving the discussions referred to by Mr. Shrum and they (his comments) are total fabrications," Eizenstat said. Powell observed that Shrum's "statement that Carter did not need Jewish votes is totally ridiculous and contradictory to the concern Carter has felt and expressed himself about it."

Noting that Carter commented on the Jewish vote at a staff meeting on issues in Atlanta at which Eizenstat was chairman, Powell pointed out that had Carter spoken as Shrum had said he did, Eizenstat "would have walked out of it."

Powell observed that Shrum's assertions "appear to combine several different comments" of which "only a part is valid." He added that Carter, in Shrum's presence and on several other occasions, expressed concern at the lack of support from Jewish voters but his concern "was more of dismay and bewilderment." Powell said that "Of course, the idea he would not continue to make statements on the Middle East is completely ludicrous. He has made repeated statements on the Middle East and he will continue to do so."

Support For Israel On Record

The Carter aide recalled that the Governor's "statement of support for Israel" was part of Carter's announcement speech 18 months ago at the National Press Club here, which the JTA reported at the time. Powell added that Carter has "continued to voice that support all over the country. That's an indication that, although dismayed and discouraged in that he has not received much of the Jewish vote, he has done it not only in New York, Massachusetts and Florida but also in states where Jewish voters are not considered a large segment of the electorate."

Powell and Eizenstat are described as among the eight members of Carter's "official family" behind the "Carter phenomena" that seeks to make him the Democratic Presidential nominee and put him in the White House. Two others among the eight are active in Atlanta's Jewish community -- Robert J. Lipshutz, the campaign treasurer and Gerald Rafshoon, the advertising director. Recent press reports describe the three as men Carter trusts, whose advice he respects and who would almost certainly have the ear of the White House if Carter becomes President.

Eizenstat, who was also the issues coordinator for Carter's successful gubernatorial campaign in 1970, has been a director of the Atlanta Jewish Community Center for six years and is vice-president of Atlanta's Bureau of Jewish Education. Recently he received the Young Leadership Award from the American Association for Jewish Education for his contribution to Jewish education. Lipshutz is a past president of the Temple in Atlanta, one of the oldest Jewish congregations in the southeast and a recent recipient of B'nai B'rith's Humanitarian Award.

**RUMSFELD DENIES EROSION OF U.S.
COMMITMENT TO ISRAEL'S SURVIVAL**

NEW YORK, May 6 (JTA) -- Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld denied yesterday that the Ford Administration has changed its Middle-East policy or that it has lessened its commitment to the security and survival of Israel.

"The President's goal in the Middle East is one of peace and stability," Rumsfeld said in reply to a question at the annual luncheon of the American Newspaper Publishers Association. "That has been our policy, that remains our policy and I guess it will into the future. President Ford has been attempting to see to the extent to which improved relationships with countries like Egypt can help the goal of peace in the Middle East and the security and survival of Israel."

Earlier this week at the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee meeting in Washington, both Rumsfeld's predecessor as Defense Secretary, James Schlesinger, and Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D, Minn.) charged that the Administration's support for Israel was eroding.

SAN FRANCISCO (JTA) -- The Bay Area Council on Soviet Jewry has planted four trees in Israel in memory of Col. Yefim Davidovich who died in Minsk on April 24 of a heart attack. The four trees planted represent his wife, Maria, his daughter, Sonya, his grandson Alexander and Davidovich himself. The Council's chairwoman, Selma Light, has called upon all Jewish and non-Jewish organizations across the country to plant trees in Israel in Davidovich's memory.

PRESIDENTS CONFERENCE RAPES EGYPT FOR CALLING DEBATE IN THE UN

NEW YORK, May 6 (JTA)--The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations said yesterday that Egypt's attack against Israel in the United Nations was "a profoundly disturbing setback to the hopes for peace in the Middle East."

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, chairman of the Presidents Conference, declared that "Egypt's purpose" in demanding the Security Council meeting "is political, not humanitarian. President (Anwar) Sadat apparently feels under pressure to try to outdo Syria in being anti-Israel. If he were truly concerned about the welfare of his fellow Arabs, he would long ago have called for a Security Council meeting to put an end to the slaughter in Lebanon."

Schindler added that Egypt's move was "particularly disturbing" because it "is contrary to the spirit" of the interim agreement signed last September between Egypt and Israel which included a cease-fire in the propaganda war. Ahmed Meguid, the Ambassador of Egypt urged the Council to adopt a resolution condemning "Israel's brutal and illegal actions" in the administered territories and calling for "immediate and effective" steps to stop what he said were violations of international law.

Meanwhile, the Security Council debate which began Tuesday has been recessed till Monday for lack of any speakers. In addition, it is believed that the Arab delegations are preparing a resolution condemning Israel for its practices in the occupied territories and need time to consult with their governments. No date has been set for a new meeting.

METROPOLITAN BOSTON JCC URGES SUPPORT FOR REBUILDING OF CITY IN GUATEMALA DEVASTATED IN FEB.

BOSTON, May 6 (JTA)--The Jewish Community Council of Metropolitan Boston has issued an appeal to greater Boston area residents to join the Jewish people of Guatemala in a project to rebuild the city of Sanarate which was devastated by earthquakes last February. Albert Schlossberg, Council president, who issued the appeal, said the 200 Jewish families of Saharate have already begun collecting funds in the "Bricks of Guatemala" program which they hope will be supported by all the Jewish people in the world.

Guatemala, traditionally a friend of Israel, suffered one of its worst natural disasters in the February earthquakes. A poor country to start with, Guatemala experienced tremendous material and economic losses. Twenty-three thousand people lost their lives, hundreds of thousands were wounded and nearly one and a half million people, out of a population of five million, were left homeless.

According to Enrique Engel, president of the "Bricks for Guatemala" program, the situation is desperate now, but will become much worse this month when the six-month tropical rainy season ends. Sanarate will be rebuilt in the name of all Jewish people. The project, which consists of building a minimum of 800 homes, would be a most important one for Jewish communal groups and synagogues to participate in. Schlossberg stated.

PROTEST NAZIS IN U.S.

NEW YORK, May 6 (JTA)--Forty young Jews marked Israel's Independence Day yesterday by

demonstrating for two hours in front of the Immigration and Naturalization Service's New York Office demanding the deportation from the U.S. of Nazis who murdered Jews and other innocent civilians during World War II. Yesterday was also the 31st anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi death camps by allied troops.

Ten of the demonstrators handcuffed themselves together in a sit-down demonstration in front of the INS building as three others met inside with INS officials. The demonstrators, members of Concerned Jewish Youth, Betar, Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry and Survivors of the Riga Ghetto, charged that the INS "has deliberately stalled the investigation of about 100 Nazi criminals although there is enough evidence to deport many of them."

The protesters carried signs, including "Maikovskis Murdered 15,000--Deport Nazi Criminals." This referred to former SS captain Boleslav Maikovskis who now lives in Mineola, Long Island. Cantor Lazar Wax, a survivor of Auschwitz, chanted El Mole Rachamim, the Jewish memorial prayer, as six memorial candles were lit. Rabbi Avraham Weiss of the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale read off a list of Nazi death camps. After each one, the demonstrators chanted "Zachor"--Remember.

Police, who at first had maintained that no responsible INS official was available for discussion, finally permitted Weiss, Wax and Wayne Perlmuter of the CJY into the building to speak with INS deputy director Henry Wagner and investigators Frank Zutty and John Weiss. Most of the discussion focussed on Maikovskis. The INS officials maintained that there was not enough evidence to deport him.

UJA CASH MISSION PLEDGES TO ATTAIN \$100 MILLION CASH GOAL BY JUNE

JERUSALEM, May 6 (JTA)--Following participation in a somber tribute to victims of the Holocaust, members of the United Jewish Appeal Spring Cash Mission vowed to return to their home communities and work with renewed vigor to meet a national cash goal of \$100 million by June.

Standing in the shadow of Israel's memorial to the martyrs and heroes of the Holocaust at Yad Vashem, UJA national cash chairman Gerald Colburn said, "We pledge to help build a strong homeland so that Jews will never again have to suffer such an unconscionable ignominy." Stanley Berenzweig of North Jersey, Leo Lichter of Milwaukee and Shep Waldman of Philadelphia, representing the Cash Mission, laid a wreath at the Yad Vashem Memorial.

The UJA Cash Mission was in Israel on an eight-day fact-finding trip for the purpose of gathering information on the needs of the people of Israel. Jewish Agency officials briefed the group. Participants will apply what they've learned to accelerating the current fund-raising campaign, leading up to the national closing date on June 6.

NEW YORK (JTA)--They still like Nixon in Fujairah, one of the eight tiny Persian Gulf states comprising the United Arab Emirates. Fujairah has just issued a gold piece that features a likeness of Nixon and his name. The coin, intended as a collectors' item, has a face value of about \$5.75 but sells for \$58 on the coin market.