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HERZOG LASHES U.S. MEDIA FOR FRONT-PAGING WEST BANK INCIDENTS WHILE BURYING REPORTS ON MASS KILLINGS IN IRELAND, LEBANON ON INSIDE PAGE

NEW YORK, May 23 (JTA)--Israel UN Ambassador Chaim Herzog accused the American media of a "complete lack of balance" between the reporting of the death of a single Arab on the West Bank and multiple killings in Northern Ireland and Lebanon. He told the leaders of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations last night that the Israeli incident appears in glaring headlines on the front page while the others are buried inside the newspaper.

Herzog told the Reform Jewish leaders that such reporting "could hardly be termed objective. Indeed, can we be blamed if we question the objectivity of these reports?" From time to time, he stated, "we point to the fact that we are the subject of discrimination. But what has occurred this week seems to me to go beyond that. Two days running at the beginning of this week the killing of one Arab in the West Bank was emblazoned across the front pages and in the leading stories in the media.

"At the same time, I find on page 17 of a leading newspaper, which gave such prominence to these events, a six line story buried at the bottom of the page, reporting the death toll in the same period in Northern Ireland of 15. Perhaps most indicative of all, I find a story reporting that in the same period which involved the death of three in the West Bank, over 1200 were killed and wounded in Lebanon. Some 240 people were killed in one day. This fact lay buried somewhere in a story on the political struggle in Lebanon."

Concern Expressed Over Distortions

Continuing, Herzog stated: "What is the reason for this very distorted picture of what is going on in the world? I can but express very grave concern at the fact that when Israel endeavors to maintain law and order and one casualty is regretfully caused, it becomes a major international story, while when a nation is being destroyed, the subject is relegated to a comparatively minor place in the media because it is no longer news."

Ten children were killed on May 17th and 30 others wounded when an artillery shell, fired by Syrian controlled units, landed in a kindergarten in a Palestinian refugee camp south of Beirut, the Israel envoy said. "Was there a meeting of the Security Council on this issue? Will there be a meeting of the Security Council on this issue? You know, as well as I do, that there will be no such meeting. But just imagine what would have happened if Israel had been in any way involved?" Herzog asked.

Herzog and U.S. UN Ambassador to the Human Rights Committee, Leonard Garment, received special UAHC awards from Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, the organization's president, on behalf of the UAHC's Board of Trustees and the 715-member synagogues in the U.S. and Canada. Herzog was presented with a special UAHC art edition of the "Book of Psalms." Garment was presented with a statue of Isaiah.

COMMITTEE TO STUDY NEW APPROACHES FOR DEALING WITH ISRAELI ARABS.

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, May 23 (JTA)--The Cabinet agreed unanimously today to set up a ministerial committee headed by Premier Yitzhak Rabin to study new approaches for dealing with Israeli Arabs. The decision was seen as an indication that there was a Cabinet consensus that Arab affairs should be given top priority.

The decision followed the long awaited discussion of the problems of Israeli Arabs, the first such discussion in years. The violent clashes between Israeli Arabs and security forces on March 30 strengthened the hands of those who wanted a reassessment of the government's attitude toward Israeli Arabs.

The government decision was based on papers presented it by Tourism Minister Moshe Kol of the Independent Liberal Party, an inter-ministerial committee headed by Arab affairs advisor Shmuel Toledano, and Amos Eran, director general of the Premier's Office.

The Cabinet also agreed to set up a committee of director generals of various ministries to be headed by Toledano. This was seen as a vote of confidence for the government's Arab policies during the 10 years Toledano has been its advisor on Arab affairs.

Favorable Reaction From Arab Leaders

The Cabinet also decided to set up a public council made up of Jews and Arabs to advise the government on Arab policy. There is a general consensus among officials who deal with Arab affairs and among Israeli Arabs who are close to the government that the policy should be one of more support for "positive" Arabs and a tougher stand toward Arab groups who oppose the State of Israel. This was in effect the line adopted by the government.

Initial reaction from Arab leaders was favorable. Mahmoud Abassi, advisor to the Minister of Education, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he supported the decision. "We want to be treated as equals just as you expect Jews in the diaspora to be treated as equals," he said.

The Cabinet decision came a day before Rabin is scheduled to meet with a delegation of Arab mayors and two days before municipal elections are scheduled to be held in seven Arab and Druze villages. The Arab mayors are expected to demand an investigation of the death of seven Arabs during the March 30 demonstrations, a move which Rabin is known to oppose.

HADASSAH PRESIDENT RAPS DISSIDENT

JEWS WHO AID ENEMIES OF ISRAEL
Condemns Politicization of W.H.O.

NEW YORK, May 23 (JTA)--Rose E. Matzkin, president of Hadassah, lashed out today "at Jewish personalities who have taken it upon themselves to publicly criticize certain policies of the State of Israel at this critical juncture. Their statements are being picked up and exploited by organized dissidents within the Jewish community as well as by members of Congress and the

Administration who would like to decrease various types of aid to Israel," she said.

Mrs. Matzkin made her remarks at a press conference held before the housewarming of the new national headquarters, Hadassah House, 50 West 58 Street. She also condemned the politicization of the World Health Organization, with which Hadassah as a medical organization is affiliated, and described the improved health conditions of the population in the West Bank and Gaza, and the extensive medical assistance Hadassah and Israel have given to those Third World countries who now condemn Israel.

Mary Beame, the wife of New York City Mayor Abraham Beame, joined Mrs. Matzkin in the ceremony affixing the mezuzah to the entrance of the new building. About 300 guests--representing other organizations--attended a reception to which Uri Ben-Ari, Consul General of Israel brought greetings from the government of Israel.

Dissident Statements Exploited

In assailing the "Jewish personalities," Mrs. Matzkin declared, without identifying them, "Their statements are being picked up and exploited by organized dissidents within the Jewish community as well as by members of Congress and the Administration."

The Hadassah leader said that American Jews have numerous vital obligations--such as support of education, health, welfare and land reclamation--"which we willingly perform as our responsibility for the practical programs of Zionism which is essential for Israel's survival." However, she added, "Not amongst these is the right to dictate foreign policy or domestic stances to the government or the people of Israel. That has been and should continue to remain the sovereign duty of the State's citizenry."

Mrs. Matzkin observed that more productive ends would be reached "by a concerted effort amongst these dissidents to work toward the first step toward permanent and just peace in the Middle East; namely, the recognition by the Arab states of Israel's inalienable right to exist."

Aid Given To Developing Nations

Focussing on the move by WHO to condemn Israel for the quality of medical and public health care it provides the people of the West Bank and Gaza in contravention of a report of their own representatives who said that health conditions had improved, Mrs. Matzkin declared that since 1960 numerous medical assistance programs have been provided by Hadassah and Israel's Ministry of Health "to those Third World countries which have joined in condemning Israel."

These included: more than 100 Hadassah doctors and nurses serving in developing countries, mainly in Africa; more than 300 doctors, nurses, public health workers and technicians graduating from or taking post-graduate courses at Hadassah in the areas of occupational therapy, public health, dentistry, pharmacy, medicine and nursing; and the treatment of all, "regardless of race or religion, friend or foe," at Hadassah Hospital.

HILLEL SEES END OF UNREST ON WEST BANK AND EAST JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, May 23 (JTA)--Police Minister Shlomo Hillel said today that he believes the wave of unrest on the West Bank and East Jerusalem is over. Security forces have the situation well in hand and are prepared for any new attempts to incite to riot, Hillel said on a radio interview.

He rejected proposals that security forces simply stay out of Arab population centers and ignore strikes and school closings in order to avoid clashes. "If we adopt such a policy we shall lose control of the situation," the Police Minister said, adding that Israel was not Lebanon where law and order has broken down.

The West Bank and East Jerusalem were quiet over the week-end except for scattered incidents that were promptly dealt with by police. The Military Government lifted the week-long curfews in most towns where local officials promised to maintain public order.

The mayors of Ramallah and Nablus met with Military Government officials over the week-end. About 200 Arab youths demonstrated in Nablus yesterday, a day after the curfew was lifted in the Casba (market) area. They were dispersed by security forces. A police jeep was stoned and one Arab policeman was slightly injured.

Groups of youths attempted to organize demonstrations in Ramallah and El Bireh immediately after the curfew was lifted. They erected road blocks and burned tires but eventually dispersed. A truck owned by Abd A-Nur Janho, a former mayoral candidate in Ramallah who is being held on suspicion of murder, was set on fire yesterday. No incidents were reported in East Jerusalem.

Defense Minister Shimon Peres told an audience of army officers over the weekend that Israeli forces dealing with disturbances on the West Bank had demonstrated a high level of self-discipline in face of gross provocation.

LABOR PARTY, MAPAM TALKS ON FUTURE OF ALIGNMENT END INCONCLUSIVELY

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, May 23 (JTA)--The talks between Labor Party and Mapam leaders to seek a common basis for continuation of the Labor Alignment ended inconclusively over the weekend. As a result, the Mapam leadership has come under mounting pressure from the faction's younger elements to break off from the Alignment and stand alone in next year's national elections.

A decision is expected at Mapam's convention early next month. A group representing the younger generation adopted a resolution stating that there would be grounds for Mapam's continued cooperation with Labor only if the latter agreed to a policy of far-reaching territorial compromises in the Judeaea-Samaria regions, halted settlement there and embarked on a program of economic and social equality at home.

Another faction of Mapam, Dor HaHemshech, agreed that the party should prepare to submit a separate list to the electorate. There were differences of opinion, however, as to whether Mapam should announce the break forthwith or wait until after the Labor Party convention in December.

Veteran Mapam leaders, headed by Yaacov Hazan, are opposed to any precipitate action. They are urging continuation of the Mapam-Labor partnership if only to resist a possible onslaught and take-over of the government by the right-wing opposition.

The last in the series of Mapam-Labor talks ended Friday. Mapam was unable to elicit any promise from the Labor Party leadership to prepare proposals in line with the Mapam approach to foreign and domestic issues. The Labor Party is not ready to make declarations, Premier Yitzhak Rabin told the Mapam leaders. He observed that the Alignment agreement is broadly based

and is distinctly different from that of Likud with respect to territorial concessions in exchange for peace.

Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz, urging Mapam to remain in the Alignment, said he would be prepared to accept the Mapam view on territorial concessions for peace. But the question is where and with whom can Israel negotiate peace, Rabinowitz said.

Future Course Up To Convention.

The future course of Mapam will be decided at the party's convention. A majority is believed to favor a statement of Mapam's willingness to remain in the Alignment if a common denominator can be found acceptable to both partners. However as long as Labor is unable to give Mapam clear cut replies to the questions it has raised, preparations should be made for a separate election list. In any case, the Alignment would continue until the Labor Party convention at the end of the year.

Another proposal, favored by the older Mapam leaders, calls for "possible" preparations for a separate election list, contingent on the outcome of the Labor Party conventions. Meanwhile, Labor MK David Koren said in an article in the Labor Party bulletin, Migvan, that considering the situation confronting Israel today, the attainment of national goals is more important than preserving the Mapam-Labor Alignment.

JEWISH LEADERS ATTEND UNPRECEDENTED TOP-LEVEL PENTAGON BRIEFING ON U.S. DEFENSE ESTABLISHMENT AND ISRAELI-AMERICAN MILITARY RELATIONS

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, May 23 (JTA)--More than a dozen national and local Jewish communal leaders attended an unprecedented top-level briefing at the Pentagon Thursday on the U.S. defense establishment and Israeli-American military relations, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency has learned.

The approximately two-hour briefing, said to have originated with Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, included remarks from Rumsfeld himself; Gen. George S. Brown, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Gen. David Jones, Chief of Staff of the Air Force; Admiral James Holloway, naval operations chief; and army Secretary Martin Hoffman.

Several of those who attended said a candid discussion took place on the nation's overall strategic situation, comparisons of Soviet-American military strength and technology, and on U.S. military support for Israel. The Pentagon authorities were said to have reflected the general view that Israel cannot be militarily strong without a comparably strong U.S. defense.

Based On Ford's Reassurances

Their approach to U.S.-Israel relations appeared to be based on President Ford's reassurances to Israel of continued U.S. support in his address to the American Jewish Committee last week. The military personnel were familiar with the details of the address.

Jones was reported to have indicated that the Air Force has developed radar equipment that can from present U.S. facilities in the Mediterranean area identify planes flying anywhere in the Middle East, and that the U.S. is developing air refueling facilities that can enable aircraft to carry out supply missions over vast areas.

Brown was said to have indicated that while Israel is not regarded as a U.S. military ally, the

U.S. may use Israeli territory for American military forces in the event other Mediterranean bases are closed to Americans.

An official U.S. source acknowledged to the JTA that increased contact between the Pentagon and Jewish communal leaders was deemed important in view of the problems the U.S. defense establishment faces, and that since this obviously includes the Middle East, the Jewish leadership should be aware of them.

Appreciation To Pentagon Officials

While Jewish leaders did not previously have an exclusive meeting of this kind with Pentagon authorities, individual Jewish organizational representatives have been included in the past in general briefings. It was noted that perhaps the only previous all-Jewish gathering at the Pentagon was the one arranged by former Defense Secretary James Schlesinger after Brown's remarks about Jews and Israel in a Duke University speech 19 months ago. Brown later apologized. That issue did not arise Thursday.

Several of those attending the briefing expressed appreciation to the Pentagon officials for the opportunity to exchange views on the military circumstances. Invitations for the briefing were believed to have been made by telephone earlier in the week. One of those interviewed by JTA indicated that the purpose of the briefing may have been to obtain Jewish support for the defense establishment's needs or because this is the "season of Presidential primaries," or both. However, all those interviewed volunteered appreciation to the authorities for their invitation.

Those attending the briefing included Frank Lautenberg, Lawrence Peirce and Rose Matzkin of New York; Judge-Paul Ritzner, Leonard Goldfine and Ronald Rubin of Philadelphia; Melvin Dubinsky of St. Louis; Marvin Stone and Don Lowitz of Chicago; and Marilyn Branfman and Hyman Bookbinder of Washington.

JERUSALEM (JTA)--Israel expressed regret Sunday over a decision by the Soviet Union to boycott the Chess Olympiad which will be held in Israel in October. A Foreign Ministry spokesman said that "Israel believes that despite political differences, cultural and sports events must be held in a spirit of universality. Israel has acted so in the past and will do so in the future," he said.

TEL AVIV (JTA)--An eight-foot high bronze statue of Abraham Lincoln was unveiled at Ramat Gan Sunday evening in the presence of Premier Yitzhak Rabin and other dignitaries. The statue, sponsored by Leon Gildesgame, was donated to Israel as a gift from the American people, formalized in a special act by both Houses of Congress which was signed by President Ford. The ceremonies were attended by Rabbi Herschel Schacter, serving as a special representative of Ford, Thomas Dunnigan, the Charge d'Affaires at the U.S. Embassy and Mayor Israel Peled of Ramat Gan.

NEW YORK (JTA)--An Israeli fashion show sponsored by the Greater New York Women's Division of Israel Bonds raised \$1,150,000 in Israel Bond sales Thursday. Mrs. Uri Ben-Ari, wife of the Consul General of Israel in New York, was guest of honor at the show, which featured entertainers and prominent social figures as volunteer models.

MRS. MEIR HONORED BY AFL-CIO

**Demonstration of Solidarity With Israel
Expressed By 1700 Delegates And Guests
By Joseph Polakoff**

WASHINGTON, May 23 (JTA)--America's trade union leadership, honoring former Israeli Premier Golda Meir in an emotion-laden demonstration of solidarity with her and her country, demanded recognition by the Arab governments of Israel's sovereignty as a Jewish State as the basis for movement towards peace in the Middle East.

The occasion was the AFL-CIO's presentation here of its highest honor--the Philip Murray-William Green Award--to Mrs. Meir at a dinner Thursday night at the Shoreham Americana Hotel that drew an enthusiastic attendance of 1700 delegates and guests attending the labor federation's community services program.

"Some are saying Israel is too rigid, not flexible enough," AFL-CIO President George Meany said. "When you hear that, remember, this--when Israel's neighbors have taken an oath, virtually in blood, to bring about Israel's destruction as a sovereign state, the first requisite is a commitment of sovereignty to Israel, not by the United States, not by the Soviet Union, not in a combination of both of them but a sovereign pledge by her neighbors. Then we will have a real foundation for peace in the Middle East."

Will Be There When Chips Are Down

Declaring the United States must continue to provide Israel with whatever material requirements she needs and not be "tied down by concessions that would destroy her," Meany urged "pressure" on the Arab states to recognize Israel which "has the right to live." The veteran unionist, reiterating that the American trade union movement will continue "to go all out to preserve Israel," concluded with a direct pledge to Mrs. Meir: "I say to you, Golda, come what may, we will be there when the chips are down."

AFL-CIO Secretary Treasurer Lane Kirkland, recalling the trade movement's steadfast support for a Jewish homeland and Israel over the past 49 years, charged American corporations are abetting "a boycott and blockade," of Israel in support of "the state of war" that "is maintained solely by the Arab states." He decried pressures on Israel "to make concessions, concessions and concessions with no hope of an end to them."

Optimistic About Ultimate Peace

In her half-hour extemporaneous response, delivered in firm tones and no hesitation, Mrs. Meir expressed optimism for ultimate peace, observing that Egypt's women will not tolerate Egypt's poor health and economic conditions and continue to allow their sons to die in wars.

Challenging Israel's critics, Mrs. Meir pointed out that Israel has asked for negotiations with the Arabs "not as victors or losers but as equals" since 1967 and declared: "I will never understand why at the United Nations not a voice is raised on this simple question of asking the Arabs to sit down with the Israelis and see if they are not prepared to settle."

Noting the demands that both Israel and the Arabs must take risks for peace, Mrs. Meir asked what danger is there for Egypt when the Israelis are moving away from the Suez. She also asked why "not a voice is raised" in the United Nations on the violence in Lebanon with more-

than 20,000 dead and 50,000 wounded while Israel is being continually censured.

Remarking she had been told on her current visit here that the Israeli settlements in the occupied territories are not liked here, she pointed out that her critic admitted that the Arabs want Israel to leave the territories without negotiating.

'Return To Your Senses'

In presenting the Murray-Green award to Mrs. Meir, the first foreigner to receive it since it was established 20 years ago, Peter Bommarito, chairman of the AFL-CIO Community Services Committee, declared to Israel's enemies, "this month of May is Mental Health Month--please take heed and return to your senses." Washington's Mayor Walter Washington, presented Mrs. Meir with a silver plaque on behalf of the city as a commemorative of America's Bicentennial celebration.

DANES HONORED FOR THEIR RESCUE**OE-7000-DANISH JEWS IN 1943**

SEATTLE, Wash., May 23 (JTA)--The Danish people were honored for their rescue in 1943 of 7000 Danish Jews at ceremonies Friday here and in New York. The ceremony here was in conjunction with the visit of Queen Margrethe II of Denmark. The Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle presented the Queen with an illuminated scroll during a luncheon in her honor by the Danish Bicentennial Committee of Seattle at the Olympic Hotel.

Martin D. Ring, Federation president, presented the scroll which said: "The Jewish community of Seattle greets Her Majesty, Queen Margrethe II on the occasion of her historic visit to our city. Jewish people throughout the world will forever remember with gratitude the humanity and courage displayed by the people of Denmark in a dark period of human history."

In 1943, it stated, "when Denmark was under Nazi occupation and its small Jewish community was about to be sent to the death camps for extermination, the people of Denmark, under the noble leadership of King Christian X, saved the Jewish population by transporting them under cover of night across the waters to safety."

In New York, an organization called Tribute to the Danes, which includes many Holocaust survivors, presented a plaque to Danish Consul Kroger Meyer at the Danish Consulate. The plaque, which will be installed in the Museum of Freedom Fighters in Copenhagen, says: "To the people of Denmark, in eternal gratitude for their selfless dedication to the highest human principles, exemplified by the October, 1943 rescue of their brethren of the Jewish faith." The presentation was made by the organization's president, Dr. Leon A. Falk, a Holocaust survivor.

NEW YORK (JTA)--The "Westwind," a twin-engine executive jet manufactured by Israel Aircraft Industries, has been certified by the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and the Ministry of Transportation of Canada. It was announced here. The announcement was made jointly by IAI and the Atlantic Aviation Corp., exclusive distributor of the Westwind in North America. The turbofan jet has a cruising speed of 542 mph and a range of 2465 miles. The first of the planes sold here will be delivered this month.

There will be no Bulletin dated May 31 due to Memorial Day holiday.