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KISSINGER CALLS FOR NEW IMPETUS TO PEACE MOVES IN THE MIDDLE EAST

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, May 26 (JTA)--Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger called today for "new impetus" to peace moves in the Middle East and reiterated that "all parties" must "show dedication and willingness to take risks for peace." Kissinger's remarks were contained in a speech prepared for delivery to the Central Treaty Organization (CENTO) members in London. Copies were made available to newsmen here.

"The time is approaching when new impetus must be given to the movement towards overall peace" in the Middle East, Kissinger said. "The United States remains dedicated to helping achieve a just and lasting peace in accordance with United Nations Resolutions 242 and 338. We look to all parties to show dedication and willingness to take risks for peace."

Kissinger also said that the U.S. is "actively exploring the most fruitful possibilities for renewing the negotiating process." He noted that the tragedy of Lebanon has "preoccupied the attention of many of the parties in the Middle East." He expressed hope that the election of a new President in Lebanon will "begin the necessary process of reconciliation within Lebanon and among those in the area who wish Lebanon well." Kissinger urged "outside powers to practice the utmost restraint in an already difficult situation" in that country.

French Offer Assessed

In a press conference in Luxembourg yesterday, the Secretary referred to the recent French offer of military intervention to end the fighting in Lebanon. He said the United States would consider such a move by France provided that it was approved by the countries in the area, by the Lebanese authorities and by the parties fighting in Lebanon.

Kissinger also said in Luxembourg yesterday that continuation of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) on the Golan Heights is overwhelmingly necessary if progress is to be maintained in Middle East peace negotiations. The UNDOF mandate expires May 30. A State Department spokesman said yesterday that the U.S. hoped it would be renewed without difficulties. Syria, however, was reported to be maneuvering for a UN debate on the question of Israeli settlement in the occupied territories as its price for agreeing to an extension of UNDOF.

SCRANTON AFFIRMS ISRAEL'S SURVIVAL ESSENTIAL TO AMERICA; RULES OUT RECOGNITION OF THE PLO BY THE U.S.

KIAMESHA LAKE, N.Y., May 26 (JTA)--William Scranton, the United States Ambassador to the United Nations, said today that the "survival and security of Israel is absolutely essential" to the United States. Addressing the B'nai B'rith Middle Atlantic Region's annual convention here, Scranton also said that the U.S. was determined that Israel maintain its military superiority in the Middle East. But, he added, Israel should not depend only on the United States for guarantees of its security.

Discussing possible solutions to the Israeli-Arab conflict, he said that he opposed partition of Jerusalem and that internationalization of the Holy City is "impossible." He also ruled out U.S. recognition of the Palestine Liberation Organization until the PLO ends its terrorism and agrees to United Nations Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 and recognition of Israel.

CARTER ENDORSES CALL TO INCLUDE SUPPORT OF ISRAEL IN PARTY PLATFORM

WASHINGTON, May 26 (JTA)--Jimmy Carter, front-runner in the Democratic Party primaries, has endorsed "wholeheartedly" the Zionist Organization of America's proposal in support of Israel to be incorporated in the Democratic Party's platform at its nominating convention in New York in July.

"I am proud, with you, to reaffirm my support for Israel and for its people," Carter wrote in a letter to two officials of the ZOA in Washington and New York. He expressed his hope the proposal "will be included as part of our party's national platform."

Continuing, Carter stated: "As you probably know, on many occasions I have spoken of my strong support for Israel.... A lasting peace in the Middle East must be based on the absolute assurance of Israel's survival and security. I would never yield on that point and it is very important for this country to make that point clear to the rest of the world. The survival of Israel is a significant moral principle for the people of the United States."

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency received a copy of the letter which Carter mailed to Paul Flacks, director of the ZOA's public affairs department in New York, and to Allen Lesser, director of the ZOA public affairs committee in Washington. Lesser and Bernard White of Washington, a member of the ZOA board, presented the proposal to the Democratic Party's platform committee here last week.

The ZOA's proposal stated, in part: "A Democratic Administration would work diligently to bring about direct negotiations by the parties of the conflict in the Middle East to achieve a durable and just peace, and it would oppose the imposition of a solution by outside powers." It added: "The Democratic Party rejects unequivocally attacks on Zionism as libelous and contrary to the concepts of freedom and liberty." (By Joseph Polakoff)

MYSTERY SURROUNDS IDENTITY, INTENT OF MAN KILLED IN AIRPORT EXPLOSION By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, May 26 (JTA)--Mystery surrounds the identity and intent of a 30-year-old man bearing a Dutch passport in the name of Hugo Mueller, who was killed yesterday along with an Israeli woman security officer when a valise he was carrying exploded at Ben Gurion Airport. Security officials are not certain whether the man was a terrorist who deliberately triggered the explosion in an act of suicide or a dupe used by Arab terrorists to smuggle explosives into Israel. Dutch authorities said they had no record of the man's passport, indicating it was a forgery.

The blast took the life of 21-year-old Micki

Ben Ishai of Bnai Brak who was buried today with official honors. Avi Ginat, another security officer, underwent eye surgery and treatment for severe burns. His condition was reported by hospital authorities today as grave. Security man Alias Elias suffered lesser injuries and is improving.

Three of the seven other persons injured in the explosion were still hospitalized today. Shoshana Shimon and Yaffa Tomsad are being treated for shock at Sheba Hospital. Amer Aziz, a 70-year-old tourist from Canada, is still under treatment for minor injuries sustained from flying glass.

The tragedy was underscored by the fact that Ms. Ishai, who joined the Ben Gurion Airport security force only eight months ago, was to have gone on leave today and had tickets for a European tour in her possession when she was killed. Transport Minister Gad Yaacobi expressed his personal sorrow over her death in the Knesset yesterday. He said her heroism had prevented a much greater tragedy. Ms. Ishai is survived by her parents and four sisters.

Tragedy Pieced Together

As security officials pieced together the tragedy, Ms. Ishai became suspicious of a man described by eye-witnesses as about 25 with long blonde hair wearing shabby jeans, who had just landed from an Austrian Airlines flight from Vienna.

The man picked up a red valise from a baggage conveyor belt and was glancing about nervously when approached by Ms. Ishai who asked if he had more luggage. He replied in the negative and was invited into a cubicle near the conveyor belt for a further check of his valise. According to one version of what followed, the suspect, realizing he was caught, activated explosives in the valise killing himself and the security girl.

According to another version, the man was unaware of the lethal nature of his baggage and opened it innocently, detonating about two kilograms of plastic explosives which erupted into a burst of flame and exploded.

Some credence is given the latter version by the fact that in past years Arab terrorists have duped innocent travelers into carrying booby-trapped luggage or parcels for them. Officials recall that several years ago disastrous mid-air explosions were averted when concealed time-bombs carried aboard El Al flights at European airports failed to function. The carriers, identified as girls from Holland and Peru, were found to have no knowledge of the contents of the parcels which, if detonated, would have taken their own lives.

On the other hand, information from The Hague that Dutch authorities had no record of passport No. 395048 or of a Dutch citizen named Hugo Mueller, strengthened suspicion here that the man was a terrorist, possibly of German or Austrian nationality.

Further Mystery Remains

Whatever the man's identity, a further mystery remains as to how he smuggled explosive-laden baggage out of Austria. Officials at Vienna's Schwechat Airport informed Israeli authorities that the plane on which Mueller traveled had only 10 passengers aboard and that Mueller, who checked in at the airport a half hour before take-off time, was thoroughly searched and nothing was found on his person or in his luggage.

Security sources here said the only possibility

ties are that the luggage was switched between the time Mueller left the check-in counter and the time he boarded the plane or that it was switched or tampered with while in the baggage room which was not guarded. These sources pointed out that Arabs are among the employees at the Vienna Airport.

ELECTIONS INDICATE THAT ARABS DO NOT BLINDLY ACCEPT EXTREMISTS

TEL AVIV, May 26 (JTA)--Yesterday's elections in seven Arab and Druze villages brought no changes in the local political complexion. Communist-sponsored town council lists won in two villages--Afr Maqr and Dier el Assad--where Communists already held the office of mayor. The Labor Party-supported incumbent mayor of Sakhnin village was re-elected and pro-Labor candidates also won in Kufir Kara and Beth Jan.

The Labor-backed municipal council lists won a majority in Joulis and Nahef but since none of the mayoral candidates received the required 40 percent of the votes, a run-off election will be held.

Labor Party experts on Arab affairs are claiming today that the election results show that the Arab public does not blindly follow the Communists and other extremists. They point to the results in Sakhnin where three local residents were killed in the March 30 clash with Israeli security forces.

The elections were conducted in an orderly atmosphere except for attempted arson in the town hall of Kara village. A fire was started before dawn. Police believe it was connected with the election of the Labor-backed mayor.

GOLDA: ISRAEL HAS TAKEN ALL THE RISKS IN MIDEAST PEACE SEARCH

CHICAGO, May 26 (JTA)--At a community-wide Israel Bond dinner of tribute here last night Golda Meir said that in the search for peace Israel has taken all the risks while the Arabs have risked nothing. She expressed the hope that there would be no further calls for movements of Israeli forces without concrete agreements providing Israel with defensible borders. The former Israeli Premier stressed that after five wars, Israel had an absolute right to a peace agreement based upon secure borders.

Discussing the demands of the PLO, Mrs. Meir asserted that Israel could not accept a separate Palestinian state because it would be turned into a Soviet base for the destruction of Israel.

The Israel Bond dinner, which was attended by more than 1500 community and civic leaders, also honored Henry and Irving Crown and A.N. Pritzker, prominent Chicago industrialists and Jewish communal leaders. They received the Israel Prime Minister's Medal. Those in attendance represented commitments for the purchase of Israel Bonds amounting to \$9,237,000.

Addressing an overflow Israel Bond dinner of more than 1400 persons Monday night in Philadelphia, Mrs. Meir declared that it is not only Israel but the entire Jewish people that the people of Israel are defending today. She repeatedly stressed the oneness of the Jewish people.

The event, which brought out many communal and civic leaders, including Gov. Milton J. Shapp of Pennsylvania and Mayor Frank R. Rizzo, Congressmen, and state representatives of the AFL-CIO, produced a record sale of \$3.8 million in State of Israel Bonds. More than 400 persons had to be seated in another room where they heard

Mrs. Meir by closed-circuit television.

Referring to the authors of the U.S. Declaration of Independence, Mrs. Meir wondered what the world would have been like if they hadn't dared to believe that what was important in their lives was possible. The Israeli leader emphasized that the United States was the only country that has stood by Israel and that this stand is greatly appreciated. Mrs. Meir, who addressed a meeting of the National Campaign Cabinet of the Israel Bond Organization in Washington last Friday, is also scheduled to be the guest of honor at a city-wide Israel Bond dinner in Boston June 1.

**UN COUNCIL MAJORITY STATEMENT
DEPLORES ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS; U.S.
OBJECTS TO STATEMENT AS TOO HARSH**
By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, May 26 (JTA)--The Security Council received a majority statement this afternoon deploring the establishment of settlements by Israel in occupied Arab territories as an "obstacle" to peace "which cannot pre-judge the outcome of negotiations for the establishment of peace." The statement, which expressed "grave anxiety" over the present situation in the territories and "concern about the fate of the population" there, enjoined Israel "to desist and rescind" such measures.

The majority statement was presented to the Security Council by its President, Louis de Guiringaud of France, at the final session of the body's current debate. The debate began on May 3 at the urgent request of Egypt to investigate the situation on the West Bank.

Debate was suspended for nearly three weeks while the Arab states sought to agree among themselves on a resolution condemning Israel's occupation practices. A draft resolution by Egypt, which gained agreement by the Arab states last week, was subsequently ruled out by them because of the likelihood of an American veto. Similarly, American objections eliminated the possibility of a consensus statement which would have required the unanimous endorsement of all 15 Council members.

The U.S. reportedly objected to the majority statement on grounds that it is too harsh. China and Libya reportedly objected that it was not strong enough.

Text Of Statement

The majority statement said: "The Fourth Geneva Convention Relative to Protection of Civilians in Time of War is applicable to the Arab territories occupied by Israel since 1967. The Security Council therefore calls upon the occupying Power to comply strictly with the provisions of the Convention and to desist and rescind from any measures that would violate them.

"It accordingly deplores the initiative taken by Israel in occupied Arab territories, which could alter their demographic composition or geographical nature, and particularly the establishment of settlements. Such initiatives, which cannot pre-judge the outcome of negotiations for the establishment of peace, constitute an obstacle to this peace effort.

"Lastly, the Security Council express grave anxiety over the present situation in occupied Arab territories and incidents which are still occurring there. It also express concern about the fate of the population of these territories."

Herzog Rejects Thesis

After the statement was read, Israeli Ambassa-

dor Chaim Herzog, declared: "Israel rejects the thesis that the establishment of settlements is an obstacle to peace. We reject it out of hand. The obstacle to peace is not what Israel is doing after having waited for well nigh three decades. The obstacle to peace is the Arab refusal to recognize the Jewish people's right to sovereignty in its ancient homeland."

The road to peace, he said, "lies only via the negotiating table and as long as the member states of the United Nations do not make this crystal clear to the Arab states, we shall continue to listen to this useless rhetoric at this table, month after month, while the tragedy in the Middle East continues."

Herzog noted that Israel must take security precautions because the "Arab states maintain that a state of war exists with Israel." Nevertheless, he added, when Israel takes steps to ensure its security, they are deplored. "Why?" he asked. "As long as our neighbors maintain that a state of war exists, are we not entitled to take reasonable steps to protect our population?"

DULZIN OPTIMISTIC ABOUT SPANISH JEWS

JERUSALEM, May 26 (JTA)--The United Israel Fund campaign in Spain is expected to raise approximately 50 percent more funds this year than it did last year. World Zionist Organization Treasurer Leon Dulzin reported on his return from a visit to Spain. He said the 11,000 Jews of Spain will have contributed some \$600,000 to the Fund. Dulzin said he found a "warm and 'Zionist' community, with growing interest in Israel. Thousands of Jews participated in Independence Day events, he said.

Dulzin noted that most of the Spanish community enjoys a relatively good standard of living. The Jewish youth has recently set up a communal youth organization, which is quite popular. The Jewish community in Madrid is currently raising funds for a new Jewish school for some 500 students.

AWARD TO ARGENTINE JEWISH POET

BUENOS AIRES, May 26 (JTA)--The Argentine Jewish poet, Jose Isaacson, has been awarded Argentina's highest literary prize, the 1975 Great Prize of Honor given by the Argentine Writers Society. The prize, which is given for a writer's overall work, will be presented June 11. The 54-year-old Isaacson, a mathematics professor at the Technological Institute, has published several books of poetry. His latest book is called "Kafka, the Project of Impossibility."

Isaacson has been editor of "Comentario" for the past several years, a Spanish version of "Commentary," and is on the literary staff of the newspaper, "La Nacion." In 1973 he received the National Award for the Science of Language and in 1969 the Buenos Aires Municipal Award for first prize in essay.

NEW YORK (JTA)--Upon their return from an emergency fact-finding mission, the 20 members of the United Jewish Appeal's Cash Mission unanimously pledged to meet "the cash needs of the people of Israel now," by achieving a national cash goal of \$100 million. Following an intensive nine-day study of the social and economic problems of the people of Israel, the UJA Cash Mission returned to their home communities prepared to accelerate their local fund-raising efforts for cash as well as completing their overall campaigns as part of an historic national closing date on June 6.

LEADING U.S. ARTISTS DEPLORE CHOICE OF BAGHDAD AS SITE OF INTERNATIONAL ART CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, May 26 (JTA)--Forty-four leading American painters and sculptors have joined in a public statement deploring the choice of Baghdad, Iraq, as the site of the current Eighth World Congress of the International Association of Art. The Congress, which began on May 17, ends tomorrow. Among the American artists who have signed the statement are Willem de Kooning, Robert Motherwell, Robert Gwathmey, Chaim Gross, Robert Indiana, Raphaël Soyer, Avitzl Oz, Doris Zaslavsky, and Jack Levine.

Their protest was released today by the American Jewish Congress, which circulated the statement among leading figures in the American art world. The statement said that "by meeting in Baghdad the IAA has in effect closed its eyes to Iraq's long history of brutal racist atrocities, of execution without trial and of victimization of its ethnic and religious minorities."

According to the protest, "the IAA has de facto barred the participation of Israeli artists and indeed of all Jewish artists, none of whom can be safe or secure in a country which has endorsed and applauded terrorist activities aimed at Israel and the Jewish people." There are an estimated 500 Jews in Iraq, all that remain of a population of some 200,000 that emigrated from Baghdad and other cities following the establishment of Israel in 1948. On Jan. 27, 1969, eight Jews and Christians were hanged in a public square in Baghdad as spies for Israel.

The artists' protest linked the choice of Baghdad as the site for the Congress with the fact that the secretariat of the International Association of Art is honored at the headquarters of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in Paris. The IAA enjoys consultative status with the UNESCO General Conference and derives some of its funds from that source.

Cynicism Of Confab Noted

The artists' statement declared: "The essential cynicism of meeting in a brutal and autocratic state for the purpose of examining the constructive role of the artist in society and against racism appears to be altogether lost upon the leadership of the IAA." The theme of the Congress is "The Artist Today--A Constructive Participant in Society" and features a special exhibition on "Artists Against Racism." Asserting that it was "not surprising that the IAA has become degraded and politicized," the statement declared:

"We can only deplore the current meeting as a deliberate effort to divide the world fellowship of artists. We are not attending this meeting of the IAA nor can we condone the decision of those who are. We view the Eighth World Congress as representing the crass subordination of artistic principle to political expediency. We can imagine no other circumstances in which the IAA would accept as a suitable site for its International Congress a place in which many of its members because of their religious or ethnic connection would be either excluded or subjected to possible humiliation or physical hazard."

The statement concluded: "We call upon artists and upon men of conscience everywhere to repudiate the present meeting and the motives behind it. As artists we are dedicated to the principles of freedom, dignity and decency for all. The meeting in Iraq makes a mockery of these ideals."

The International Association of Art, founded in 1954, is composed of national art organizations in 65 countries. Its president is William A. Smith of Pineville, Pa., the first American to serve in that capacity. Because of illness, Smith is not attending the Congress in Baghdad.

DUTCH JEW, EXECUTED IN IRAQ, BURIED IN CEMETERY NEAR AMSTERDAM

AMSTERDAM, May 26 (JTA)--The remains of Alexander Aronson were buried last Friday at the cemetery of the Amsterdam Ashkenazic community near Muiderberg. The Dutch Jew was executed in Iraq last December as an alleged spy for Israel. Iraqi authorities had refused to release his body, notwithstanding an appeal from his mother who visited Baghdad for that purpose last month. But after an unexpected change of mind, the remains were flown to Holland last week.

Neither the Dutch Foreign Ministry nor KLM Airways was prepared to explain how the transfer came about. It was not announced here until after the funeral which was attended only by relatives and close friends of Aronson's family. The burial was preceded by a brief service at the home of Aronson's father attended by two officials representing The Netherlands government. It was learned that an autopsy performed at the family's request determined that Aronson died by hanging between 4-7 months ago.

Aronson, a male nurse who travelled widely ministering to the sick and injured in undeveloped countries, was arrested by Iraqi soldiers near a Kurdish village last March 24. He was tried by a military tribunal and sentenced to death as an Israeli agent although he had not been in Israel since the early 1950s.

Iraqi authorities denied an Iraqi news agency report in December that Aronson had been executed. But they refused requests by the Dutch government to allow a representative to visit the prisoner. Last March 15, the Iraqi Embassy at The Hague informed Aronson's mother by telephone that her son had been executed.

AMERICAN OLIM IN ISRAEL RAP AWARD GIVEN TO KISSINGER

JERUSALEM, May 26 (JTA)--A group of American Orthodox olim calling itself the Inter-marriage Crisis Conference hit out here this week at a recent award given by Baltimore Congregation Chizuk Amuno to Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger. "A Jewish group that honors Henry Kissinger, or any intermarried Jew should re-examine its basic reason for existence," the Conference stated in a press release.

The group is headed by Rabbi Noah Weinberg, formerly of New York, who runs a yeshiva for "Baalei Teshuva" in Jerusalem's Old City. It includes Orthodox educators and professional people living in Jerusalem who immigrated from the U.S. Inter-marriage, the group believes, is "the greatest threat to the survival of the Jewish people in our day."

The Baltimore congregation's award to Kissinger was an example of "the destructive confusion in certain sectors of the American Jewish community," the group said. Kissinger spoke before 1500 persons on May 19 at Chizuk Amuno where he received the Conservative Congregation's Distinguished Leadership Award.

REMINDER: There will be no Daily News Bulletin dated May 31 due to Memorial Day, a postal holiday.