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GUSH EMUNIM SQUATTERS OFFERED ALTERNATIVE SITES

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, June 21 (JTA)--The Gush Emunim squatters at Kadum in Samaria were today offered alternative sites within the government-approved areas. The settlers, who have been asked by the government to vacate Kadum where they have been encamped illegally since last November, promised to have an answer by the weekend.

The sites were proposed by Yehiel Admont, head of the World Zionist Organization's settlement department, who was acting for the government. Minister-Without-Portfolio Israel Galili, who is chairman of the ministerial settlement committee, told the Cabinet yesterday that the Gush Emunim settlers will be asked to accept one of the sites and vacate Kadum.

The sites offered are Kochav Hashahar, which is presently a Nahal outpost, northeast of Ramallah on the eastern edge of the Samaritan hills or a choice of places on the western edge of Samaria, close to the pre-1967 line.

Government policy has been to approve settlements in the sparsely populated areas of Samaria. But the Gush Emunim has insisted on a site in central Samaria near the heavily-populated Arab centers.

PERES SAYS ISRAEL'S CHIEF PROBLEM IS NOT ECONOMIC

TEL AVIV, June 21 (JTA)--Defense Minister Shimon Peres said today that Israel's chief problem is defense, not the economy. If it was only the economy he would not have opposed the cut in the Defense Ministry's budget voted by the Cabinet yesterday, Peres told an audience of students in Beersheba. Defense is Israel's first priority and the IL 500 million cut is therefore not easy to accept, he said.

Peres praised the quality of Israeli youth. He said 50 percent of those conscripted into the armed forces were potential officer material.

Peres could not say what the repercussions of the Lebanese conflict might be for Israel. On one hand, its outcome could create a better atmosphere for talks between Israel and its neighbors--Egypt, Syria and Jordan; on the other hand, Peres said, the dissension and frustrations experienced by the Arab states in Lebanon could increase their truculence producing a deteriorated situation that could lead to a new Middle East war.

KISSINGER SUPPORTS FRENCH IN DEALING WITH LEBANESE CRISIS

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, June 21 (JTA)--Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger said today that he approved the dispatch of French troops to Lebanon as a peace-keeping force "if all factions want this" and also favored holding a round-table conference in Paris to resolve the Lebanese conflict. Kissinger stated his views after an hour-long meeting with President Valery Giscard d'Estaing at the Elysee Palace this morning. The French offer, earlier this month, to send troops to Lebanon, was rejected by all parties there.

Kissinger and Giscard discussed the Lebanese crisis at length, official sources here said. They said the Secretary was generally non-committal and stressed that it was up to the Lebanese themselves to settle their problems. Kissinger will go to Bonn Wednesday for talks with West German leaders and with Prime Minister John Vorster of South Africa who is visiting there. American sources here said they knew of no plans for Kissinger to meet with Israeli Foreign Minister Yigal Allon who is due in West Germany this week.

(In Jerusalem yesterday, Allon told the Cabinet that there was no truth to reports that he will meet Kissinger or South African Premier John Vorster during his visit to West Germany. The rumors of a Vorster meeting were apparently spread by the Arabs, Allon said. The Foreign Minister is going to West Germany as the head of the Israeli delegation to the Joint Israel-West German Trade and Technology Committee which will hold its first session this week. He also intends to see Chancellor Helmut Schmidt.)

STAPLE PRICES TO GO UP

JERUSALEM, June 21 (JTA)--Flour, rice, frozen meat, hard cheeses, fancy breads--these are among the staple commodities whose prices will go up eight percent July 1, with the introduction of the value added tax (VAT). Nine others of the 14 subsidized staple products--including bread, milk and milk products (soft cheeses, yogurts, etc.), eggs, sugar, frozen chicken, public transportation and cooking oil--will remain the same through increased government subsidies.

This was decided yesterday jointly by the government and the Histadrut. The decision was a compromise. The government had originally sought to raise the prices of more products, while the Histadrut had initially demanded that all 14 of the subsidized staples remain stable. Other basic items that will go up by the eight percent include gasoline, heating oil, cooking gas, electricity and water. (By David Landau)

ANTI-BOYCOTT BILL STALLED IN MASS. SENATE AFTER OPPOSITION FROM RAYTHEON, OTHER COMPANY

BOSTON, June 21 (JTA)--A bill to outlaw the Arab boycott in Massachusetts remained stalled in the State Senate where serious opposition developed last week after the measure passed the State House of Representatives. Sen. Jack Backman (D, Brookline-Newton), one of the sponsors of the legislation, temporarily postponed action to provide additional time to clarify its language.

Backman said he agreed to the postponement "at the request of the Jewish Community Council of Metropolitan Boston" to allow its attorneys "additional time to work out some technical amendments to the bill which will eliminate any possible legal questions that have been raised by certain international corporations."

The corporations most vigorously opposed to the anti-boycott bill are the Raytheon Corp. and the Perini Construction Co. Their representatives said at a meeting last week at the office of Senate President Kevin Harrington that while the firms do not favor the Arab boycott, they felt the

bill, as written, could be injurious to their business and was an unconstitutional state usurpation of federal power that could be harmful to U.S. trade abroad. Lobbying by Raytheon is believed to have turned many Senators against the pending legislation, seriously jeopardizing its chances of adoption in its present form.

Need To Prevent Discrimination

Proponents of the bill who attended the meeting pointed to the need to prevent Arab countries from imposing their religious, racial and sex discriminatory practices upon American businesses. Albert Schlossberg, JCC president, who headed a delegation of the organization, and Matthew Brown a member of the delegation, stressed that anti-boycott legislation is imperative at this time when the nation is celebrating its bicentennial. Discrimination against Americans, white or Black, Jew or non-Jew, should not be tolerated and should not be traded away for fear of Arab retaliation, they said.

Martin Annis, president of American Science and Engineering, a firm that deals with Arab countries, also supported the bill. He said that anti-boycott legislation would not prevent American businessmen from obtaining Arab contracts and that the legislation was needed for healthy business relations.

Backman declared that he was "committed to passage of this bill to make certain that discrimination against Massachusetts business and individuals by the Arab boycott will cease. This form of boycott against Massachusetts people is economic blackmail which neither the Commonwealth nor the federal government should tolerate. Backman said he was confident the bill would be approved by the Legislature once it was re-drafted.

Reports Companies 'Fearful'

He said he was shocked to "have been told directly by some of our multi-national corporations doing business in Massachusetts that they are fearful of the Arab boycott." The Raytheon Corp. is one of the 200 companies recently named by the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League as aiding the Arab economic boycott of Israel. Last March, according to a report in the Boston Globe, Raytheon was charged with violation of state and federal laws in connection with a technical school in Saudi Arabia. Raytheon recently concluded its largest cash commercial sale with Saudi Arabia for \$1.1 billion which is believed to include at least six "Hawk" anti-aircraft missile batteries.

Schlossberg and Brown pointed out that "the Hawk missiles which Saudi Arabia has ordered from Raytheon can only be purchased from Raytheon and the Arabs will continue to trade with them as they have with other American or European countries whose products they need."

In another boycott development, Rep. H. John Heinz (R., Pa.) charged before the House International Relations Committee last week that Aramco (Arabian-American Oil Co.) had deliberately backed out of a contract with the Delaware Port Authority because of anti-boycott measures currently pending in the Pennsylvania State Legislature. The Delaware Port Authority has jurisdiction over the port of Philadelphia. New York and Maryland have passed anti-boycott measures.

HOUSE ADOPTS BOYCOTT MEASURE

By Helen Silver

WASHINGTON, June 21 (JTA)--The House

adopted an amendment to the foreign aid authorization bill last Friday which prohibits the State Department from advertising or negotiating contracts with foreign countries or firms that would discriminate against Americans on the basis of religion, race, sex or national origin. The amendment, introduced by Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman (D., N.Y.), was passed by a voice vote.

Holtzman told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency she was pleased that her amendment was adopted because "It is intolerable for the State Department to negotiate or advertise contracts for foreign countries" that would be discriminatory. The amendment goes to the Senate for action and will then be submitted to a Senate-House conference committee.

ANTI-BOYCOTT MOVE IN PARIS

PARIS, June 21 (JTA)--A group of French economists, businessmen and lawyers announced today the establishment of a National Movement for the Freedom of Trade to combat trade restrictions imposed on religious, racial or political grounds. The movement, aimed at the Arab boycott of Israel, will hold its first public meeting here tomorrow night.

Its founders include the French political philosopher Raymond Aron; former Premier Maurice Bourges Maunoury; former Foreign Minister Maurice Deure; Paul Jacob; former president of the Bar Association Maurice Rolland; and the former President of the French Supreme Court, Pierre Uri.

The group hopes to help French deputies with legislation that would prevent French banks and companies from complying with boycotts stemming from illegal grounds. The organizing committee says it has documents and other factual proof that a number of banks, including the government controlled Credit Lyonnais have been helping the Arab boycott in France.

HAROLD DINERMAN DEAD AT 47

NEW YORK, June 21 (JTA)--Funeral services were held today for Harold Dinerman, director of Community Services of the National Jewish Welfare Board, who died yesterday at the age of 47 after a long illness. Burial was at Maplewood, New Jersey.

Mr. Dinerman joined the staff of the JWB in 1965 as associate director of the Support and Development Services after having served as assistant executive director of the YM-YWHA of Essex County, N.J. He became director of the SDS in 1966 and director of Community Services in 1968. He was responsible for the supervision of the JWB's community consultants and of community programs for Jewish military families, hospitalized veterans and other personnel.

Mr. Dinerman was educated at City College, New York and Columbia University where he received a Master of Science degree in social work in 1953. He was subsequently employed by the Council on Student Travel as recreation director aboard student ships to Europe. He also served with the Jewish Community Center of Englewood, N.J., Mt. Vernon, N.Y., and other agencies.

JERUSALEM (JTA)--The Defense Ministry will spend IL 902 million this year on the rehabilitation of soldiers, Defense Minister Shimon Peres said at the dedication of a new rehabilitation center here Sunday. He said that rehabilitation was the only part in the defense budget which was not going to be trimmed this year.

52 CONGRESSMEN URGE KISSINGER TO DENOUNCE SOVIET TAX

By Helen Silver

WASHINGTON, June 21 (JTA)--Fifty-two Congressmen urged Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger today to publicly denounce the new Soviet tax on parcels sent to Jews and others in the Soviet Union and to make formal protests against the levy to Communist Party Secretary General Leonid I. Brezhnev and to the Soviet Ambassador to the U.S., Anatoly F. Dobrynin.

Rep. Joshua Eilberg (D, Pa.) made public the contents of a letter to Kissinger initiated by him and signed by himself and 51 of his House colleagues. The letter points out that most Soviet citizens will no longer be able to receive packages from abroad because the Soviet authorities have increased the duty by 100-1000 percent depending on the items enclosed. The letter observed that while the tax "does not violate any international agreements, certainly it does do violence to the spirit of the Helsinki Final Act, which attempts to bring about freer international communication between people and nations as well as developing closer personal and economic ties."

The letter states that "It is clear that this policy is aimed at the more than 1000 Jewish families in the Soviet Union who have applied for permission to emigrate and now need these parcels to support themselves. In most cases the adults in these families have been fired from their jobs because of their applications and now depend on packages from the West for basic necessities and goods which can be sold." The letter added that "This new policy will also severely cripple the efforts of many other Soviet dissidents who depend on foreign support and all other citizens, including Ukrainians, Belorussians and those persons in the Baltic states who have relatives in Western countries and who have been the recipients of parcels for decades."

The Congressman said "We are disturbed that our government has done nothing to try to convince the Soviets to rescind this policy, or, at the very least, made a public protest to show that the people of the United States are totally opposed to such repressive tactics."

GALILEE PLAN APPROVED

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, June 21 (JTA)--Some 700 families will settle in the Lower Galilee within the next three years, under a new development plan adopted today by the Jewish Agency Executive.

Prof. Raanan Weitz, head of the Agency's settlement department explained that the doubling of the Jewish population in the Lower Galilee, mainly between Nazareth and the Sea of Galilee, was vital to keep a Jewish presence in that part of the country. The project approved includes plans for a complete infrastructure for a modern agricultural system in the area.

The settlement department will implement the plan at an expected cost of IL 60 million. At present, there are some 3500 Jews in the area--and 18,000 Arabs.

U.S. WITHDRAWS FROM TEL AVIV TRADE FAIR

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, June 21 (JTA)--The last-minute cancellation of the American pavilion at the International Fair on Modern Living which opens tomorrow at the Tel Aviv fair grounds has raised some eyebrows here. It will be the first time the

United States has not participated in an international exposition in Israel. Notice of the cancellation was received only last week and the reasons given were technical. But Elisha Almagor, director general of the fair grounds, said this explanation did not seem reasonable.

It was learned, meanwhile, that the U.S. had intended to have a pavilion centered around the bicentennial celebrations. But there is a similar exhibition at the U.S. Cultural Center here and since the material for the pavilion did not arrive when expected, it was decided to cancel the fair grounds exhibition. There will be over 1000 exhibitors representing 23 countries, including Great Britain and West Germany. The fair will feature consumer goods designed for modern living.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS PLANS TO STREAMLINE SHLICHIM'S WORK

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, June 21 (JTA)--A Jewish Agency committee has offered a series of recommendations to streamline the work of overseas emissaries--shlichim. The committee suggested that the various departments which send shlichim overseas should adopt identical criteria in selecting them and that one institute should do the selecting for all departments.

One institute should also prepare the shlichim for their missions, leaving each department the option of training the potential emissaries for its specific duty. At the same time the committee recommended that a single emissary should represent the interests of several departments whenever possible. The purpose is to avoid too many shlichim in one area and a shortage in another. In each area in which there are a number of shlichim, one person should be appointed leader to assure coordination among the others, the committee said. Each emissary should understand that he is sent by the World Zionist Organization as a body, and not by one department only.

Yosef Almog, chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, suggested that preference in the selection of candidates should be given to those who are sent to their countries of origin, whose story of absorption could encourage others to immigrate. Moshe Rivlin, director general of the Jewish Agency, distributed the committee's recommendations among the various offices and department heads.

SHEMTOV ENDS VISIT TO PARIS

PARIS, June 21 (JTA)--Israeli Minister of Health Victor Shemtov said here today that French public opinion held a mistaken belief that the Middle East conflict stems from Israel's refusal "to recognize the Palestinians." On the contrary, Shemtov said, the Arab-Israeli conflict arises from a refusal of the Palestinians to recognize Israel and the right of Jews to a nation of their own.

The Mapam minister spoke to reporters at the end of a three-day official visit to France as the guest of the French government. He stressed that his party, which is a member of the governing Labor Alignment, "has often stated in the past, including in writing, that it favors the creation of a Palestinian-Jordan state to which it will return part of the West Bank." Shemtov, who conferred during his visit with French Premier Jacques Chirac, said that Franco-Israeli relations have improved. He told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he did not meet with French Socialist leader Francois Mitterand during his trip because Mitterand was absent from Paris.

ZIONISM IN ACTION**YOUNG JEWS SPEND YEAR IN ISRAEL,
'SHNAT LIMUD,' STUDYING TORAH**

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, June 21 (JTA)--"Shnat Limud" (a year of Jewish study in Israel) is today a concept that has taken root in wide circles of diaspora Jewry and is accepted virtually as a commonplace. But it was not always so, recalls Dr. Haim Hamiel, director of the Jewish Agency's department for Torah education in the diaspora. In fact, he says with unconcealed pride, "we virtually invented the idea."

Up until a few years ago, the challenge put to Zionist young people was "Shnat Sherut"--a year (or sometimes a shorter period) of work in Israel usually in a kibbutz.

The concept of "Shnat Limud" developed slowly. There had always been the odd few dozen youngsters from the U.S. and Europe who preferred to spend part of their yeshiva training in Israeli yeshivot. But in most cases, the courses they sought were purely Talmud, without any Israel-oriented history, geography or philosophy studies. Indeed, many of the "traditional type" Israeli yeshivot still have an ambivalent attitude towards Zionism and the Jewish State and would look askance at an overseas student seeking "Israel content" in his courses here.

But this was never the entire picture. The more nationalist-inclined yeshivot, especially Kerem BeYavneh near Ashdod and Merkaz Harav Kook in Jerusalem always wove a Zionist-infused ideology into their curricula--and always tried to offer courses for overseas students, and for Israelis from non-yeshiva backgrounds.

Special Programs For Diaspora Youth

Dr. Hamiel's department has built on these foundations in its efforts to encourage young people from abroad to spend some time studying "Torat Yisrael in Eretz Yisrael." The department recognizes and assists 16 yeshivot and girls' seminars that have developed "special programs"--in addition to regular Talmud and Torah studies--designed for foreign students who come here for "Shnat Limud." At the beginning of this year, Hamiel reports, some 550 young men and 350 girls were enrolled at these various institutions.

They include such well known places of learning as Kerem BeYavneh, Yeshivat Sha'alavim and Kol Torah, and some newer and less known institutions, such as the Neve Yerushalayim girls' seminary in Jerusalem, which cater specifically for "ba'alei teshuva"--young people with little religious background. The Yod-Gimmel program is the department's latest and rapidly growing plan in the field of "Shnat Limud."

"Visiting New York some years ago," Hamiel explains, "I learned from local educators that high school students in America often graduate in December or January--and spend the following six to nine months working casually (or doing nothing much) until their college courses begin in the fall. It immediately occurred to me that these months could be far better spent here in Israel--if our local institutions could be persuaded to make arrangements to take in these youngsters, en route between school and college...."

Impressive Results

The results are already impressive, and the future looks bright. At the present time, there are

131 youngsters from the U.S. taking the "Yod-Gimmel" courses at four institutions, "and we could have many, many more if we had the room for them," Hamiel says. The more academically-inclined are offered a rich learning program at Bar Ilan University, or at the Machon Gold and Kfar Pinnes teachers' training colleges, while those with an active or outdoor bent can combine learning with work at one of the religious kibbutzim.

Hamiel sees this program burgeoning into a major aspect of his department's work in Israel. Most of the department's efforts are, of course, concentrated on Jewish education abroad. Over the years the department has initiated the establishment of, or helped in the running of, scores of Jewish schools all over the world. Most recently Hamiel has put the emphasis on "Yeshivot tichoniot"--yeshiva high schools on the Israeli (or American) model.

"We've recently sent a man out to Mexico to launch one there," Hamiel reports. Other such yeshivot already exist in Brazil and Argentina.

Hamiel says the department's other ongoing projects in Israel are also developing rapidly and successfully, limited only by budgetary considerations. "If it were not for politics," he remarks sadly, "our budget--to meet our potential needs--would forge far ahead of that of the Education Department...." (The two departments, Education and Torah Education, receive equal budgets; this year of some IL 18 million. The Education Department is traditionally run by the Labor Party, while Torah Education has always been a Mizrahi concern.)

Machon Gold, the department's teacher training college in Jerusalem, is bursting at the seams, as is the Beit Midrash Letorah, also for aspiring Jewish teachers, where the syllabus is more Talmud-oriented. The courses offered there are recognized as "credit-worthy" by some American universities.

Graduates are expected to teach day school or Hebrew school when they return home--but the ultimate hope, of course, is that they will return to live in Israel and many of them do. "We see them as sojourners, and missionaries, when they go back to their home countries," says Hamiel.

MONEY URGED FOR LEBANESE REFUGEES

JERUSALEM, June 21 (JTA)--West Bank leaders who want to aid refugees from the Lebanese war have been told by Red Cross officials to send cash rather than foodstuffs and medical supplies. The officials attended a special refugee relief meeting convened in Hebron by Mayor Fahd Kawassmeh. They said the Red Cross organization lacked the facilities to move truckloads of supplies to Lebanon across the Rosh Hanikra checkpoint on the Israeli-Lebanese border. The Hebron notables set up a committee to consider the matter further.

NEW YORK (JTA)--An historic occasion will take place on board the U.S.S. Nimitz, nuclear aircraft carrier, when the first Jewish Chapel on a U.S. Navy ship will be dedicated on June 27 at Norfolk, Va. It was announced by Rabbi Judah Cahn, president of the New York Board of Rabbis. The Board is in charge of arrangements for the event. A kosher luncheon will be served the invited guests on board ship. The Brooklyn Jewish Center will present a Torah Scroll and an Ark to be placed permanently in the chapel.