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HERZOG REBUKES MEXICO FOR ITS LETTER CONDEMNING ISRAEL'S RESCUE OF HOSTAGES AT ENTEBBE

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, July 14 (JTA)--The Mexican letter to the President of the Security Council denouncing the Israeli rescue operation at Entebbe Airport in Uganda was rebuked last night by the Israeli Ambassador to the United Nations, Chaim Herzog. Addressing the Security Council, the second time since the debate on the Israeli raid began last Friday, Herzog stated:

"It is utterly incredible and beyond the realm of comprehension that political expediency should dictate to the government of Mexico and lead it to attack a small state defending itself against a common enemy of Mexico and Israel, namely, international terror. We have always followed with understanding the very active campaign that Mexico is conducting against the terrorism which affects it. We are therefore all the more surprised that Mexico is unable to reveal a similar measure of understanding when action is taken designed to combat terror in cases where the victims are not Mexicans."

Accuses Uganda Of Blackmail

In his major focus during the address to the 15-nation-member body, Herzog accused Uganda of trying to blackmail the Security Council and charged that the assertion by Uganda, that Mrs. Dora Bloch, the 75-year-old missing hijack victim, was returned from the hospital in Kampala to Entebbe Airport on July 3 to join the other hostages, "is a damnable lie."

Continuing, Herzog declared: "Now we have the ominous news that the government of Uganda is applying the threat of blackmail to foreign nationals in Uganda in connection with the current proceedings in the Security Council. For the first time in history, a direct attempt is being made by threats of blackmail of the most ominous character to influence the proceeding in this Council." Herzog's accusation came after Britain reported to the Council that threats are being made against the British community in Uganda in connection with the Council's present debate.

Cites Additional Evidence Of Complicity

Citing evidence of Ugandan President Idi Amin's collaboration with the hijackers of the Air France plane, in addition to that which he cited at the opening Council session last Friday, Herzog said that additional terrorists were driven to Entebbe Airport in Ugandan cars to reinforce the four terrorists who had originally hijacked the plane and that one of the drivers was a Ugandan soldier. Herzog also disclosed that the leader of the hijackers, a German named Wilfried Böse, had a route mapped out from Athens to Entebbe when the hijacking occurred. This information, Herzog said, was obtained from the freed hostages.

Declaring again that Uganda's assertion concerning the fate of Mrs. Bloch is an "abominable lie," Herzog stated that Mrs. Bloch's case "only emphasizes in a most tragic manner the scope of the complicity of the Ugandans" with the terrorists.

Soviet Union Denounced

Lashing out at the Soviet Union, which attacked the Israeli rescue raid as an "aggression," Herzog asked: "Why was there no statement when the plane was hijacked? Why have they (the Soviets) not condemned the terrorist acts of the PLO on many occasions in the past? Why did they not issue a statement or an appeal when the innocent hostages were being held in Entebbe? Why didn't the distinguished representative of the Soviet Union even have one word to say about the fate of Mrs. Dora Bloch?"

Herzog said that the Soviet Union, which accuses Israel of aggression and inviolability of territorial integrity, itself has a "very considerable record in these respects in Hungary, in Czechoslovakia and in other countries in Eastern Europe."

Meanwhile, two resolutions, one sponsored by the African-Arab bloc condemning Israel for its rescue operation in Uganda and an American-British resolution condemning hijacking and all acts of terrorism, are expected to be defeated this afternoon when the Security Council meets again. The African resolution is seen as certain to be vetoed by the U.S. and possibly Britain, while the American-British resolution will be rejected because it will not get the nine minimum affirmative votes needed for adoption.

DELEGATES TO DEMOCRATS' CONVENTION APPLAUD ISRAEL'S RESCUE OPERATION

By David Friedman

NEW YORK, July 14 (JTA)--The more than 3000 delegates to the Democratic National Convention approved by loud applause early today a statement praising Israel for its rescue of hostages in Uganda and urged United Nations action against international terrorism. The statement by Minnesota Gov. Wendell R. Anderson, chairman of the platform committee, declared that the "United Nations must act on this issue directly or risk alienating the American people."

Anderson made his statement shortly after midnight and moments before the convention adopted its platform for the 1976 Presidential election campaign. He said the hijacking of the Tel Aviv-to-Paris Air France plane took place after the platform was written but he felt it could not be adopted without his making what he called a "personal" statement on the hijacking and the rescue.

Decent People Rejoice At Rescue

"Decent people everywhere were appalled" by the hijacking and the threat to the hostages, Anderson said. "And decent people everywhere rejoice at Israel's daring rescue of these hostages." Anderson noted that Americans learned of the Israeli rescue mission on July 4 and said that the Entebbe operation will go down in history as very much a landmark for independence as is Valley Forge.

The Minnesota governor said the UN was "obligated" to coordinate measures against international terrorism including action against countries that support, aid or harbor terrorists. He said if the UN does not act then the U.S. must

lead the efforts against terrorism. He also said that the U.S. must provide support to countries such as Kenya which "uphold international morality."

The loud applause from the delegates came when Anderson concluded by saying "Join me in expressing these sentiments so loud that they can hear them over at the UN." Anderson's statement was reportedly suggested by Daniel P. Moynihan, former U.S. Ambassador to the UN, and approved by the Carter forces. It was the only statement allowed last night that did not pertain to approving the positions already in the platform.

Mideast Policy Outlined

The platform itself, which was exactly as adopted by the platform committee last month, describes the "cornerstone" of American policy in the Middle East as "a firm commitment to the independence and security of the State of Israel," but mentions the plight of Soviet Jewry by implication only. The platform takes a middle-of-the-road position on all issues as part of the efforts by the expected Democratic Party Presidential nominee Jimmy Carter to bring all elements of the party together.

The section in the platform on the Middle East says that the "special relationship" between the U.S. and Israel "does not prejudice improved relations with other nations in the region. Real peace in the Middle East will permit Israel and her Arab neighbors to turn their energies to internal development, and will eliminate the threat of world conflict spreading from tensions there."

The Democratic policy statement called for a "realistic, pragmatic approach" to the Mideast conflict; continued military and economic aid to allow Israel to maintain its "deterrent strength" and "the maintenance of U.S. military forces in the Mediterranean adequate to deter military intervention by the Soviet Union."

It also calls for opposition to an imposed settlement from outside and support of American efforts to bring about "direct face-to-face" negotiations between all parties in order to achieve "normalization of relations and a full peace within secure and defensible boundaries"; urges that the United States Embassy in Israel be moved from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, and states that the free passage of shipping be permitted through the Suez Canal.

Role Of Terrorists Attacked

"We recognize that the solution to the problems of Arab and Jewish refugees must be among the factors taken into account in the course of continued progress toward peace," the platform said. "Such problems cannot be solved, however, by recognition of terrorist groups which refuse to acknowledge their adversary's right to exist, or groups which have no legitimate claim to represent the people for whom they purport to be speaking." This is an obvious reference to the Palestine Liberation Organization.

There is no mention of the occupied territories in the platform. However, Carter is on record as saying that a Mideast peace requires Israeli withdrawals, although he would not pressure Israel to give up Jerusalem or positions on the Golan Heights.

The platform also stressed that "We steadfastly oppose any move to isolate Israel in the international arena or suspend it from the United

Nations or its constituent bodies." In a section on the UN, the Democrats call for the U.S. to continue playing a strong role in the UN while making efforts to reform and reconstruct it.

"The heat of debate at the General Assembly should not obscure the value of our supporting United Nations involvement in keeping the peace and in the increasingly complex technical and social problems..." the platform said. "But we must let the world know that anti-American polemics is no substitute for sound policy and that the United Nations is weakened by harsh rhetoric from other countries or by blasphemous resolutions such as the one equating Zionism and racism."

The Mideast section of the platform also stated that "we support initiation of government enforcement action to insure that stated U.S. policy in opposition to boycotts against friendly countries--is fully and vigorously implemented."

Implied Reference To USSR

The only reference to the Soviet Union in the platform was by implication in the section on U.S.-Soviet relations which said that "We should continually remind the Soviet Union, by word and conduct, of its commitments in Helsinki to the free flow of people and ideas and of how offensive we and other, free peoples find its violations of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights." Basically the same reference was made last night by former Ambassador Patricia Harris, who introduced that section to the convention.

Church More Direct On Soviet Jewry

Sen. Frank Church of Idaho, who was a Presidential contender and is now among those considered by Carter as his running mate for Vice-President, also referred to the Soviet Jewry issue by implication although somewhat more directly than the platform. Church, in introducing the foreign policy section, said that "we should restore the American tradition of concern for human rights including the right to emigrate."

The reticence to mention the Soviet Jewry issue directly may be due to Carter's position in support of quiet diplomacy to achieve immigration rather than public pressure.

Church, in his speech, also rejected suggestions that food be used as a weapon against the Arabs. "I'm for selling the Arabs all the food they can buy, I am just against selling them so many weapons," he said to loud applause. However, Carter in a television interview earlier this week said that if the U.S. was again faced with an oil embargo, he would immediately impose a counter-embargo covering food, weapons and oil-drilling equipment.

PRESIDENTS CONFERENCE ASSAILS MEXICAN STAND ON ISRAEL'S RESCUE OPERATION

NEW YORK, July 14 (JTA)--The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations today said it "deplores" the letter sent by Mexico to the United Nations Security Council in which the Mexican government called Israel's rescue of its citizens from Uganda a "flagrant violation" of international law.

"We regard that comment as a false and misleading statement of international law and an immoral assessment of the meaning of the rescue at Entebbe, an assessment which can serve only to encourage future terrorist activities," the Presidents Conference said. It added that

the Mexican government's statement means that Mexican President Luis Echeverria "joins hands with the very terrorists he claims to oppose" and charged him with "apparently seeking to court favor with the Afro-Asian bloc whose vote he needs to win election to a sought-after UN post." The post is that of Secretary General.

The Presidents Conference noted that Echeverria told American Jewish leaders several months ago that Mexico's vote for the anti-Zionist resolution in the UN did not represent anti-Israeli sentiment by his government. "These assurances have now been violated," the Conference said.

The Presidents Conference added that it did not believe that the Mexican letter reflected the view of the Mexican people and expressed the hope that when a new President takes office in December Mexico will adopt a more enlightened policy...that is in keeping with the long and honorable position of the Mexican people in support of the principles of international law...."

MEXICO EXPLAINS ITS STAND

By Chaim Lazdelski

MEXICO CITY, July 14 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Alfonso Garcia Robles said yesterday that Mexican-Israeli relations will remain good despite differences of opinion between the two countries. He said the policy of allowing for disagreements on international matters, especially the Middle East, was established when Israeli Foreign Minister Yigal Allon paid an official visit to Mexico last March.

Robles was referring to Mexico's implicit criticism of Israel's rescue operation in Uganda, contained in a letter to the President of the UN Security Council rejecting the use of armed force to settle any conflict. He made his remarks during a meeting between President-elect Jose Lopez Portillo and a delegation of 25 Mexican-Jewish community leaders here. The group was headed by Enrique Elias, vice-president, and Sergio Nudelstejer, secretary general of the Central Jewish Committee of Mexico.

The Jewish leaders assured the next President of the continued loyalty and cooperation of Mexico's Jewish community and presented him with the gift of the complete Encyclopedia Judaica Castellana published in Spanish in Mexico. Lopez Portillo responded by praising the contributions of Mexico's Jews to the ideals and progress of the nation. He urged them to continue their activities for Mexico without forgetting their specific identity as Jews.

ISRAELI MISSILE BOATS CREW WARMLY RECEIVED IN BALTIMORE, WASHINGTON

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, July 14 (JTA)--Crew members of the visiting Israeli missile boats Yaffo and Tarshish toured Washington yesterday and today. The speedy craft, in American waters on a Bicentennial good-will mission, are tied up at Baltimore where their 110 officers and crew members were warmly received yesterday by the local Jewish community and Israeli Ambassador Simcha Dinitz. The boats participated in the international Bicentennial maritime tribute in New York harbor July 3-4 and subsequently called at Philadelphia.

On their arrival at Baltimore, Dinitz hailed "This fresh and direct contact from the State of Israel to the people of Baltimore." At a reception for the sailors later, he referred to the

Uganda rescue mission, declaring that "Jewish blood will not remain unavenged anywhere in the world because today there is the State of Israel."

Joseph Meyerhoff, former president of the Baltimore Associated Jewish Charities, commended Israel's defense forces for the "daring rescue in Uganda," and added that "It takes more than conversation and resolutions at the UN to show what it means to live in a free society."

Mayor William D. Schaefer of Baltimore presented Bicentennial plates and replicas of buttons from George Washington's uniform to Capt. Eli Rahav of the Israeli Navy who commands the two-boat flotilla. Rahav also received a plaque from Joseph L. Stanton, Administrator of the Baltimore Port Authority.

Rear Admiral Benjamin Belem, who commanded the Israeli Navy during the Yom Kippur War and is presently visiting the U.S., and Hanan Bar-On, a Minister at the Israeli Embassy in Washington, described the capabilities of the missile boats to reporters at a press conference.

Jack Pearlstone, president of the Baltimore Associated Jewish Charities and Welfare Fund noted that the boats were built in Israel to a French design, have West German engines, some British parts and, in addition to their Israel-made "Gabriel" surface-to-surface missiles, are armed with Italian guns. Each boat normally carries a crew of 45. Their complement was increased to 55 for the Bicentennial visit.

AMIN CONGRATULATES ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, July 14 (JTA)--Lt. Col. (Res.) Baruch Barlev, former head of the Israeli military training mission in Uganda, has confirmed that he had received a telephone call from Ugandan President Idi Amin last weekend in the course of which Amin congratulated Israel on its successful rescue of the hostages from Entebbe Airport July 3. Amin also vowed that he was finished with the Palestinian terrorists, and asked Barlev to relay a request to the Israeli government for military spare parts. But he refused to discuss the whereabouts of Mrs. Dora Bloch, a 75-year-old Israeli widow who is the only one of the Air France hostages not accounted for.

Barlev said Amin told him on the phone, "As a military man, not a politician, I have to tell you that your commando was very good, the operation was very good." He also said Barlev could tell Premier Yitzhak Rabin "I have broken off contact with the terrorists. I don't want anything to do with them. They have only brought me trouble."

Amin, who has been denounced by Rabin as a collaborator with the hijackers was apparently serious in his request for spare parts for Israel-made tanks, half tracks and mortars in the Ugandan army, Barlev said. "It is all part of his complex character which is subject to change without notice," the Israeli officer remarked.

JERUSALEM (JTA)--The Jewish National Fund is conducting a "palm operation" in some of the Arava and the Sharm el-Sheikh settlements. Some 100 palm trees were planted recently around the moshav of Neviot. Similar plantings took place around Di Zahav, half-way between Sharm el-Sheikh and Eilat; Hatzeva, in the Arava; and Faran, in the Sinai peninsula.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES**PORTRAIT OF MRS. BLOCH**

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, July 14 (JTA)--During her captivity at Entebbe Airport, Mrs. Dora Bloch was a tower of strength to her fellow passengers, according to an English woman who struck up an acquaintance with her before being released together with the non-Jewish passengers.

The English woman, whose name was not given, paid tribute to Mrs. Bloch in an interview yesterday from Paris with the BBC. She had recognized Mrs. Bloch from newspaper photographs as the elderly lady she had first seen walking with difficulty in the aircraft after it had been hijacked by terrorists while enroute from Athens to Paris.

She had first spoken to her on Tuesday (June 29, the day after the landing at Entebbe), in the ladies room in the air terminal. "I was rather upset and she comforted me." Always kind and calm, Mrs. Bloch used to get up every morning at six o'clock and do her washing. She would explain that her son, Ilan Hartuv, had to have a clean shirt every day. They were going to New York for another son's wedding.

To passengers who were frightened, she would say that she had seen many troubles during her lifetime, and assured them they would survive the present ordeal.

Mrs. Bloch had said that if the women were released ahead of the men, she would stay behind rather than be separated from her son. At that stage, the passenger had not realized that Mrs. Bloch was an Israeli. She had not suspected, either, that she was British. Mrs. Bloch had told her that she spoke many languages.

Tribute To Jewish, Israeli Hostages

The passenger also paid tribute to the behavior of the Jewish and Israeli passengers after they had been separated from the non-Jews. "Though in far more danger than us, they showed the most incredible dignity, and showed concern for us. We, for our part, tried to make ourselves scarce. But the Jewish passengers who had been taken to the other side continued to pray openly and to demand kosher food.

"When told we would be leaving I felt guilty. On the bus we felt as though we were abandoning them and I could not look at them."

At Entebbe, the non-Jews had been allowed to move around freely. But the Israelis were always under guard. If they moved, it was in fives, usually guarded by the woman terrorist with the gun.

RABBIS MEET WITH FORD TO MARK BICENTENNIAL TRIBUTE

WASHINGTON, July 14 (JTA)--Six rabbis representing congregations that existed in the Colonies when the United States declared its independence two centuries ago, presented President Ford with the gift of an ancient shofar and a letter reaffirming the loyalty of American Jews to the nation and their rededication to the principles of liberty and justice on which it was founded. The presentation was made Monday at ceremonies in the Oval Office of the White House. It was both a Bicentennial tribute and a personal gift to the President who marked his 69th birthday today.

The rabbis, who were warmly greeted by Ford, were: Edward L. Cohn, Kahal Kadosh-Beth Elohim, Charleston, S.C.; Dr. Louis Gernsterstein, Shearith Israel, New York City; Theo-

dore Lewis, Jeshuat Israel (Touro Synagogue) Newport, R.I.; E.N. Musleah, Mikvah Israel, Philadelphia; Sol Jacob Rubin, Mickve Israel, Savannah, Ga.; and Jack Spiro, Beth Abahab-Beth Shalome, Richmond, Va.

The letter was in the form of a hand-written scroll on parchment. It said in part: "As our forefathers tendered President Washington felicitations on the occasion of his inauguration, expressing in those documents love of America and dedication on the part of the Jewish citizens to the majestic precepts and freedoms for which it was established, we, in this generation, would affirm their sentiments. May the blessings of liberty, justice and compassion be forthcoming unto our more than two hundred million citizens, in them and their progeny after them. May Washington's promise, 'To bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance,' continue to be the bedrock of public policy."

Ford, who said he was "very, very grateful for the letter," observed that he was particularly pleased by the quotation from Gen. Washington's response to the felicitations which had come from the Touro Synagogue in Newport. "I know your dedication to freedom is great and I reaffirm what President Washington said," Ford told his visitors. The rabbis sounded the shofar which had been sounded at the first jubilee of American independence 150 years ago.

\$85,521 NATIONAL ENDOWMENT OF HUMANITIES GRANT TO SPERTUS COLLEGE

CHICAGO, July 14 (JTA)--Spertus College of Judaica, a non-denominational liberal arts college announced it has received formal notification from the National Endowment for the Humanities, an agency of the federal government, of a grant for \$85,521. This grant will enable the college to develop an inter-disciplinary curriculum in Holocaust studies, which will serve as the model curriculum for all colleges, universities and theological seminaries in the United States offering courses in Holocaust-related subjects, according to a college spokesman.

Spertus College president, Dr. David Weinstein, has appointed Prof. Byron L. Sherwin, a college faculty member, and a noted authority on Holocaust studies to be project director.

The awarding of this grant by the NEH takes cognizance of the present upsurge of interest in the Holocaust, it was noted by the college spokesman. In making this grant, notice was taken of the ongoing institutional interest of Spertus College in raising public consciousness with regard to the Holocaust.

The Maurice Spertus Museum of Judaica, a component of Spertus College, houses the Bernard and Rochelle Zell Holocaust Memorial, the only permanent museum installation in the U.S. to the memory of the six million Jews who perished during the Holocaust. Under a grant from the Wein Foundation of Chicago, Spertus College is preparing a definitive inter-disciplinary textbook on the Holocaust for use on the college level. As in the past few years the college will be offering courses and lectures on Holocaust related subjects in its upcoming academic calendar year.

JERUSALEM (JTA)--Jewish National Fund workers have joined other workers in contributing one vacation day to the Israel Defense Force as a gesture of appreciation for the Entebbe operation. Yaacov Tsur, outgoing JNF chairman, contributed IL 1000 to the IDF fund.