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POSSIBLE ARAB MOVES AT NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE UNDER SCRUTINY BY ISRAEL

By Uzi Benziman

JERUSALEM, Aug. 10 (JTA)--Israeli officials and diplomats are focusing their sights on the conference of non-aligned countries which is scheduled to open in Colombo Aug. 16 to see what sort of moves the Arabs will take there in their continuing efforts to win support for their drive to oust Israel from the United Nations. The general feeling among political circles here is that the Arab bloc will fall in this bid.

At the same time, political circles pointed out that Egypt will most likely present itself as the radical spokesman for the Arab world and mount a militant attack against Israel in support of her ouster from the UN. Should this happen, Israeli circles note it will constitute a violation of the spirit of the second interim Sinai accord in which Egypt agreed to refrain from engaging in hostile propaganda against Israel.

The Arab bloc is also expected to demand action on the recommendation of the UN Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People ("Committee of 20") calling for the creation of a Palestinian state under the rule of the Palestine Liberation Organization and Israeli withdrawal from all Arab territories by June 1977. This recommendation was presented to the Security Council for adoption in June but the U.S. vetoed it.

As a result, political circles here expect that the Arab bloc will seek support for this recommendation at the non-aligned conference in order to put some pressure on the General Assembly when it convenes next month. The "Question of Palestine" is one of the top issues to be discussed at the Assembly.

PORTUGUESE PREMIER THANKS RABIN

JERUSALEM, Aug. 10 (JTA)--Premier Mario Soares of Portugal yesterday expressed hope for lasting and friendly relations between his country and Israel. In a cable to Premier Yitzhak Rabin, Soares said: "I thank you for your message of congratulations on my assuming the office of Prime Minister of Portugal. I look forward to the continuation of the friendly ties which already exist between our two states."

Soares told the Portuguese Parliament last week that diplomatic relations between Portugal and Israel may soon be established. Israel has had a Consul General in Lisbon for years but Portugal never had an envoy in Israel. Meanwhile, Davar, the Histadrut newspaper, reported today that the Portuguese Minister of Agriculture is expected to visit Israel within a few weeks. During his visit, Portugal and Israel are expected to sign an agreement on agricultural cooperation.

MRS. BLOCH'S SON SAYS HE KNOWS WHO KILLED HIS MOTHER

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, Aug. 10 (JTA)--A son of Mrs. Dora Bloch said yesterday that he knew the names of four members of the Ugandan secret police who had murdered his mother and would be willing to testify to a commission of inquiry in Uganda if

President Idi Amin set one up. He did not believe, however, that the killers had been acting on orders from Amin.

Bertram Bloch said that the family had received this information in the past three weeks. The Israeli engineer was addressing journalists at the end of his stay in Britain during which he has been investigating his mother's death in the wake of the Israeli rescue action at Entebbe Airport.

He also thought that no more witnesses of the murder were still alive in Uganda. However, he appealed to other witnesses, who had since left the country, to come forward to confirm what he had already been told.

Mrs. Bloch, who held dual British and Israeli citizenship, was a passenger on the Air France plane hijacked by pro-Palestinian terrorists to Uganda. Some of the passengers were freed by the terrorists and more than 100 were rescued by Israeli commandos on July 3. Mrs. Bloch was reportedly taken to a hospital in Kampala before the rescue operation. On July 13 a newspaper in Nairobi, Kenya, reported that the partly burned body of Mrs. Bloch was found in a forest 11 miles from Kampala, Uganda's capital.

Bloch's press conference was held at the House of Commons under the auspices of Labor MP Greville Janner, who has formed a group of MPs to keep a watch on the case. Bloch thanked Janner, his colleagues and the British government for their concern at the affair. Bloch is returning to Israel tomorrow.

ISRAELI DISABLED ATHLETES WIN 32 GOLD MEDALS AT OLYMPICS IN TORONTO

By Ben Kayfetz

TORONTO, Aug. 10 (JTA)--Israeli athletes at the Olympics for the disabled being held here have won 32 gold medals, eight silver and five bronze. Israel is in second place in the wheelchair events, with the U.S. in first place, and is fifth in the all-round competitions. The Israelis have two gold medals in the pentathlon competition, one for amputees and one for those confined to wheelchairs. One gold medal was won in the fencing division, another gold medal for amputee volleyball and a third gold medal for women's basketball.

In the men's final, the Israeli wheelchair basketball team will play against the American team. Israel has also won 15 gold medals in the swimming events, setting 10 world records. Uri Bergman of Kibbutz Givat Brenner won the 100-meter freestyle men's swimming contest, setting a world record. The Egyptian contestant who came in second shook hands with Bergman after the contest was over. The Olympics here end tomorrow.

ANTI-ARAB BOYCOTT LEGISLATION ACTION DUE IN CONGRESS AFTER IT RETURNS FROM ITS 10-DAY RECESS

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10 (JTA)--Both houses of Congress will move on anti-Arab boycott legislation immediately after they return from the 10-day recess that begins tomorrow for the Republican national convention next week. The Congressional actions will center on the extension

of the Export Administration Act of 1969 that expires in September unless it is renewed by both houses.

In the Senate, tough new provisions have been added to it by Sens. Adlai Stevenson (D.Ill.) and J. Harrison Williams (D.N.J.), which are expected to be adopted without amendment despite Administration opposition to them.

In the House, the International Relations Committee has seven bills and the Judiciary Committee has another proposal aimed against the boycott. To facilitate consideration and approval, New York Democrats Benjamin Rosenthal and Jonathan Bingham are drafting a single amendment to the act that would encompass all the measures proposed.

Substance Of Pending Measures

The substance, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was informed, would be to outlaw all compliance by Americans with the Arab boycott demands, especially those concerned with information on personnel of American companies and trade with Israel. The bill will be taken up by the House committees the day after Congress reconvenes.

The Harrison-Stevenson proposals are in two titles of the act. Parts of one title outlaw application of a tertiary boycott, thus prohibiting any American firm that would refuse to do business with a second American firm because it is on the Arab blacklist. This compliance, according to its sponsors, incurs unwarranted intrusion in domestic commerce in the United States.

This title also provides stiffer provisions to enforce disclosure by American companies on demands brought to them by Arab boycott elements. If adopted, the new law would fine a company up to \$10,000 instead of the maximum of \$1000 at present for failure to disclose to the U.S. government Arab demands made upon them.

The other title concerns means to expose buying into American companies by petrodollars. This title does not prohibit foreigners from purchasing securities but it does require disclosing who is actually buying the securities. The sponsors of this title have indicated that Arab oil money can now buy control of key industries or other properties without the American government knowing it.

This title would demand disclosure of the beneficiary owner of securities as well as the recorded owner. At present, ownership could be simply identified on the record as a law firm or another American company while the real owners remain secret and unknown.

Series Of Anti-Terrorism Resolutions

In addition, a series of anti-terrorism resolutions will be taken up by the House shortly after it reconvenes Aug. 23. A total of 107 House members have co-sponsored the resolutions introduced by Reps. Matthew Rinaldo (R.N.J.), James Kemp (R.N.Y.), John Ashbrook (R.Ohio), Lester Wolff (D.N.Y.), Edward Koch (D.N.Y.) and Benjamin Gilman (R.N.Y.).

The resolutions broadly divide into two elements. One set emphasizes strong approval by the United States of Israel's rescue of the hostages held by Arab terrorists at Uganda's Entebbe Airport while urging U.S. leadership to combat international political terrorism. The other calls specifically on the President to take action to bring about international measures to fight terrorism, including sanctions against countries granting sanctuary to terrorists.

RABBI URGES THAT ISRAEL SEND RELIGIOUS-ORIENTED EMISSARIES ABROAD

By Jil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Aug. 10 (JTA)--Rabbi Walter S. Wurzburger, president of the Rabbinical Council of America, charged yesterday that Israel does not select the most suitable individuals to send abroad to promote aliya.

In an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency following the Council's five-day conference here, Wurzburger said Israel should make sure that the people sent overseas to encourage aliya should be more sensitive to religion. "After all," said Wurzburger, "the main potential for aliya among American Jewry is that of religious Jews."

Similarly, Wurzburger urged a larger role for religion in a wider spectrum of life in Israel itself, to make it not only a State for the Jews, but in essence a "Jewish State."

Intensive Program Outlined

Wurzburger told the JTA that his organization would embark on an intensive program intended to strengthen the ties between Israel and the diaspora with stress on the spiritual character of these ties.

This would be done, he said, by urging each congregation in the U.S. to grant leaves of absence for a sabbatical year for its rabbis to allow them to acquaint themselves with the State of Israel and as a means of reducing the gap between the religious and secular society in Israel and by urging American rabbis to set aside at least one Sabbath a year for a thorough discussion of aliya and the ties with Israel and for various Hebrew schools to gear their programs to stimulate aliya as one of the goals of Jewish education.

CORRECTION

The story on Page 1 of Tuesday's Bulletin describing youngsters participating in activities offered in Israel by the Jewish Agency's youth and hechalutz department was incorrect. It should have read the World Zionist Organization's youth and hechalutz department. In the same story it was noted that the Jewish Agency provides a \$100 subsidy to each youth traveling to Israel. Again, it should have been the WZO.

RUSSIANS GIVE SON OF FORMER DEFECTOR OKAY TO EMIGRATE TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Aug. 10 (JTA)--The Long Island Committee for Soviet Jewry reported today that George Sokiriansky has been given permission by Soviet authorities to emigrate to Israel. Sokiriansky, who applied for permission to emigrate in 1973, was refused then and several times since. An electrical engineer by profession, he has been working as a movie projectionist after being fired from his job.

His 86-year-old father, Abraham Sokiriansky, defected from the Soviet Union in 1946 and is now residing in Israel. George was told that he would never be allowed to emigrate because of his father's defection.

George was born in Poland and placed in a Soviet camp for re-education at the age of seven because his father had deserted from the Red Army. He was jailed during 1968-71 for speaking to foreign tourists. As part of the Soviet campaign of harassment, George was detained in October, 1974 and sentenced to 10 days in jail. No charges were made against him at the time. The

LICSA also reported that his wife, who is not Jewish, and their 15-year-old daughter, Elena, have also been granted permission to emigrate.

ISRAEL DENIES SINKING CYPRIOT SHIP

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Aug. 10 (JTA)--Israel today denied any knowledge about the sinking of a Cypriot ship carrying arms outside of the southern Lebanese port of Tyre yesterday. "We know nothing about it," an army spokesman said.

Palestinian forces in Lebanon charged yesterday that Israeli frogmen caused the explosion of the ship, "Athens," outside the entrance of the port at Tyre causing the port to be blocked. However, another source in Lebanon said the ship was sunk by a torpedo. A report from Cyprus said that the Athens was sunk by the same elements responsible for the sinking of another arms ship near Sidon last week.

Palestinians and Moslem leftists reacting to the reports from Israel that its navy patrols have been intensified near Sidon and Tyre are blaming Israel for the sinking of the ships. But the Syrians and Lebanese Christians have also been conducting a siege of these ports to prevent the Palestinian and Lebanese Moslem forces from receiving arms.

However, arms have been getting through and the Christians recently claimed that a Libyan ship unloaded a number of dismantled Mirage fighters which were reassembled on improvised airstrips built in Moslem-held territory in south Lebanon. The sinking of the ships at Tyre and Sidon will no doubt undermine the supply route for the Palestinian-Moslem forces.

Tobacco Trading Temporarily Suspended

Meanwhile, the tobacco trade along Israel's border with Lebanon has been temporarily suspended. While there is a rumor that Libya has offered to buy the tobacco from the south Lebanese growers at a higher price than the Israelis pay, the suspension is actually due to the lack of a final decision on the price that Israel's Dubek Cigarette Co. will pay for the tobacco.

Otherwise, the "good fence" along the Israeli-Lebanon border is busy with south Lebanese villagers seeking medical treatment and the meetings of families from Lebanese and Israeli Arab communities.

YOUNG ISRAELI MUSICIANS DELIGHT THOUSANDS OF TOURISTS, WORKERS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10 (JTA)--Forty-six teenage musicians from Israel delighted several thousand tourists and office workers on their lunch hour today with a potpourri of patriotic marches and classical and whimsical orchestral pieces.

The band from Kiryat Ono, a Tel Aviv suburb, played for more than an hour on the Ellipse while the appreciative tourists--who gave prolonged applause after each song--waited for admittance to the White House. National Park officials described the orchestra as one of the most outstanding groups to play there this summer.

The youngsters, who during their five-week tour of America won the highest award in an international youth band competition in North Dakota, were welcomed to Washington by David Lissy, associate director of the White House Domestic Council.

Greeted in Hebrew

Lissy greeted the group in Hebrew and told

them he had visited Israel when he was a teenager and "would never forget it." In turn, he said, he hoped they would forever remember their stay in the United States and that it helped to strengthen the ties between the U.S. and Israel. Lissy presented the band with a special Presidential citation for its participation in the U.S. Bicentennial celebration.

The band was also welcomed by David M. Blumberg, president of B'nai B'rith which sponsored the youngsters' tour; Aaron Goldman, chairman of the Washington Jewish Community's Bicentennial Committee, who gave band director Aharon Alkalay a Bicentennial proof set of American silver coins; Mrs. Betty Shapiro, co-chairman of B'nai B'rith Women's Bicentennial Committee, and Yuri Bar-Ner, Israel's cultural attache here.

The youngsters, who go to New York tomorrow for a five-day stay before returning home on Aug. 15, were accompanied here by Avigdor Warsha, the Mayor of Kiryat Ono.

Before arriving here, the band received a rousing reception in Canada when they gave a concert at Camp Massad, a summer camp near Winnipeg, of Jewish and Hebrew melodies, marching music and semi-sacred selections. The band was sponsored by the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council, Canadian Zionist Federation and the YMHA. The Community Center co-sponsored their visit.

DENOUNCES CHRISTIAN HOSTING

JERUSALEM, Aug. 10 (JTA)--Welfare Minister Zevulun Hammer of the National Religious Party has denounced the sending of 10 Israeli high school students to spend six months with non-Jewish families in the United States. In a letter to Education Minister Aharon Yadin, Hammer warned of the "grave danger and temptation caused by sending Jewish youths to live with non-Jewish families."

Hammer demanded that the program be cancelled. But Dr. Dan Ronnen, advisor to Yadin, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the Ministry of Education had no intention of doing so. The 10 youngsters were sent to the U.S. as part of a program organized by the American Field Service in which youths from all over the world spend six months with American families and go to American schools. The Israelis were selected by the education system from schools throughout the country, after receiving their parents' approval.

But Hammer felt this was not merely a matter of educational considerations, but also of national ones. He wrote he had learned that one of the students will even be a guest of a priest. "This," he wrote, "seems strange and serious. At a time when we are obliged to deepen Jewish consciousness, what is the logic and reason for an action that might cause the opposite result?" Hammer also warned against the negative consequences the program might have on American Jewry which is "fighting assimilation."

NEW YORK (JTA)--The birth of the worldwide Jewish theater 100 years ago will be celebrated in Rumania with a series of performances of the great classics of Yiddish drama, the Rumanian National Tourist Office here announced. The Jewish State Theater of Bucharest will observe the centennial from Aug. 10-19 with successive performances from plays by Sholom Aleichem, Ansky, Lessing and Bercovici.

ZIONISM IN ACTION**YOUTH ALIYA FOCUSES ON ISRAELIS**

By Uzi Benziman

JERUSALEM, Aug. 10 (JTA)--Some 12,000 of the 15,000 "wards" of youth aliya are Israelis nowadays. Since 1972, the number of young immigrants coming to Israel without their parents and attending youth aliya schools has dramatically decreased. As a result, while in the past the "veteran" Israeli children accounted for one-third of all the youth aliya pupils, they are now four-fifths.

Shraga Adiel, director-general of the youth aliya department of the Jewish Agency, believes that the main reason for the Jewish parents' reluctance to send their children to Israel is their fear of army service. The decrease in the number of young immigrants caused the 28th World Zionist Congress held in 1972 to resolve that youth aliya's network of schools be assigned to absorb an initial 4600 disadvantaged Israeli youth. The move was taken, too, as part of the increasing involvement of the organization in Israel's domestic problems.

The issue of youth aliya was first taken up at the 18th Zionist Congress held in 1933 in Prague. The specific issue of expanding the youth aliya program to include Israeli youngsters was taken up at the 28th Congress.

Adiel explained to this reporter the criteria--social and educational--by which Israeli disadvantaged children are admitted by youth aliya. Under the social criterion, children of families living in conditions of distress (officially defined as three or more to a room) are eligible. Under the educational criterion, children are accepted if they have already dropped out of regular school and receive no formal education, if they are incessant truants, or if for some other reason they cannot benefit from regular school classes.

Most of the Israeli children taken in by youth aliya since 1972 (about 10,000) are at the department's chain-of youth villages and boarding institutions, living and learning together with immigrant pupils. Another 3000 Israeli youngsters have been absorbed in youth day centers.

Special Rehabilitation Efforts

Adiel emphasized the special efforts made by youth aliya to broaden the opportunities of these Israeli youngsters to rehabilitate themselves. Supplementary classes have been established in order to eradicate illiteracy and/or to impart reading skills at even the lowest level.

Learning aids have been introduced to develop thinking and reasoning processes through non-verbal exercises. Programs of artistic enrichment have been also established. Another program aims at strengthening the attachment of the pupils to their homeland by increasing their knowledge of, and interest in, Israel's geography, history, landscape, antiquities and the story of its achievements of independence.

Youth aliya has also established its own units of social workers, psychologists, educational supervisors, teachers, and counsellors to aid the Israeli program. Interim findings of a follow-up survey on youth aliya's efforts to absorb Israeli children from disadvantaged families indicate that only about 30 percent drop out during the first two years of their studies.

These relatively successful results have encouraged youth aliya to plan new programs aiming to absorb a further 10,000 youngsters from dis-

trous areas during the next five years.

**ADL TO GOP PLATFORM COMMITTEE:
REJECT REVERSE DISCRIMINATION,
OUTLAW U.S. ROLE IN BOYCOTT**

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 10 (JTA)--The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith testified today before the Republican Party Platform Committee on "two pressing issues--reverse discrimination and the Arab boycott."

Describing both as impediments to "equality of opportunity," the ADL urged the committee to include planks which would reject racial quotas and preferential treatment in hiring and college admittance practices and outlaw American participation in the Arabs' economic boycott of Israel.

In a statement before the committee's hearing here, Seymour Reich, a member of ADL's national commission and civil rights committee, declared that "all racial discrimination is abhorrent whether it be directed against Blacks or whites." He said "the only standard of evaluation that guarantees equality of treatment for all is a system of competitive selection" based on merit.

Discussing the Arab boycott, Reich said that thousands of American firms and individuals are being victimized by restrictions dictated by foreign governments "in violation of American policy as stated in the Export Administration Act.

"We do not oppose trade between the U.S. and the Arab world," he said, "but only want to make certain that such trade is free trade." The way to do that, he told the platform committee, is through "effective legislation and government enforcement action" to insure that American policy opposing boycotts against friendly countries is "fully and vigorously implemented."

The ADL leader called upon the committee to give platform support to legislation outlawing, with sanctions, "all forms of American business compliance with Arab boycott requests directed against Israel or against Jews" and to "legitimate" affirmative action programs to end discrimination in employment and college admittance.

**MOVIE FIRM OFFERS ISRAELI \$200,000
FOR PROFESSIONAL ADVICE ON ENTEBBE**

JERUSALEM, Aug. 10 (JTA)--A film production company has offered an Israeli Reserves General \$200,000 for professional counseling in the production of a motion picture on the Entebbe operation, Premier Yitzhak Rabin revealed in the weekly Cabinet session Sunday. Rabin did not specify whether the general accepted the offer.

Haim Barlev, Commerce and Industry Minister, told the Cabinet the ministry received 12 applications for government aid on the production of an Entebbe motion picture. While the government will condition any aid upon approval of the script, the producers say they will accept such conditions only if they are given exclusive rights to the film. Rabin approved support for such a film. "He said "Exodus" was a good movie for Israel despite its shortcomings.

TEL AVIV (JTA)--The two-week old strike against the new value added tax continued Tuesday in the Samaria district but appeared to be on the wane in the Judea district. Most shops are open in Judea and extremist elements who forced the shops to close last week have become inactive.