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## **FORD, REAGAN FORCES AT GOP CONVENTION UNITE TO DRAFT STRONGLY WORDED PRO-ISRAEL PLANK**

By Joseph Polakoff.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 16 (JTA)--The intensely rival Ford and Reagan forces at this hectic Republican National Convention which opened today, are united in their outlook on the Middle East. Together they have drafted a pro-Israel plank for their party's platform in the coming Presidential campaign that ranks among the strongest written by a major American political organization since the birth of the Jewish State 28 years ago.

No opposition, except possibly from an individual or two, is expected to this plank when the platform, drafted here after a week's labor by a committee of 108 members, is presented for adoption to the convention's 2259 delegates tomorrow night.

Representatives of President Ford's and former California Gov. Ronald Reagan's forces have indicated satisfaction to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency with the 500-word Middle East section that declared: "Our policy must remain one of decisive support for the security and integrity of Israel."

Among other elements in the platform are sections regarding Soviet Jewry, federal aid for parochial schools and the quota system in job opportunities. (See Separate story P. 3.)

### **Fundamental, Enduring Commitment**

"Our commitment to Israel is fundamental and enduring," the Middle East plank says. "We have honored and will continue to honor that commitment in every way--politically, economically and by providing the military aid that Israel requires to remain strong enough to deter any potential aggression."

Continuing, the plank states: "An equally important component of our commitment to Israel lies in continuing our efforts to secure a just and durable peace for all nations in that complex region. Peace in the Middle East now requires face-to-face direct negotiations between the states involved with the recognition of safe, secure and defensible borders for Israel."

### **Oil Embargo Scored**

Scoring the Arab oil embargo that came with the 1973 Yom Kippur War, the plank declares that "the United States would view any attempt to reimpose an embargo as an essentially hostile act." About the Arab boycott of Israel and American companies that trade with Israel or have Jews in high administrative or ownership capacities, the platform says that the Republican Party "will oppose discriminatory practices, including boycotts of any type."

The Mideast plank credits Republican administrations with having "succeeded in reestablishing communications with the Arab countries" and having made "extensive progress in our diplomatic and commercial relations with the more moderate Arab nations."

An implied warning is given to the Soviet Union in the phrasing, that because of America's fundamental interests in the Middle East, the

Republicans would "continue our efforts to maintain the balance of power in the Mediterranean region" and not permit "any attempt to disturb valued alliance relationships in the Eastern Mediterranean." It says the GOP would continue to support peace initiatives in Lebanon and provide humanitarian assistance there.

### **Plank Language Changed**

The plank makes no mention of Palestinians or refugees. A possibly subtle effort in this direction was wiped out in the discussions of the plank by the full committee last week when Sen. Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania, the Republican leader in the Senate, demanded changes of language in two places from "all parties" to "all nations" and "between the parties" to "between the states" involved. "We do not want to be interpreted as negotiating with the PLO and Yasir Arafat," Scott declared. "We do not want to negotiate with parties but with nations."

Scott, who is retiring from the Senate at the end of the year, said the word "parties" instead of nations in Middle East terminology "is highly offensive to American Jews." When Scott was questioned within the committee about his change, he declared that he wanted the word "nation so that it would be very clear we do not mean the PLO." Scott has been in favor of Israel since his first term in the House 30 years ago from a Philadelphia district that had few Jewish residents.

Scott, Rep. Millicent Fenwick of New Jersey and Richard Rosenbaum, chairman of the New York State Republican Party, were credited with being the chief movers for the language in the Middle East plank in the subcommittee led by Sen. Roman Hruska of Nebraska.

### **Entebbe Rescue Applauded**

In another section, the platform calls for a fight on terrorism; both domestic and international. "Collective action must come from all nations," the draft says in urging sanctions against countries that aid terrorists. The draft says "We applaud the daring rescue by Israel of innocent civilian hostages who were kidnapped by terrorists." While regretting the loss of lives involved, the platform continues, "the courageous manner in which the hostages were freed speaks eloquently to our abhorrence of world bandits." There is no mention in the plank about moving the American Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

### **USSR URGED TO BREAK ISRAELI BLOCKADE OF TERRORIST ARMS ROUTE TO LEBANON**

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Aug. 16 (JTA)--The Soviet Union may try to break the naval blockade which is halting supplies to Arab terrorists and Moslem leftists in Lebanon, according to reports here. If this move takes place, it may create a confrontation between the USSR and Israeli naval units which form part of this blockade of the military supply routes to the Lebanese ports of Sidon and Tyre.

The Soviet involvement, reports noted, may come in response to urgent calls from Yasir Arafat, head of the Palestine Liberation Organization, and Abu Ayad, Arafat's deputy. Ayad stated in an

address in Sidon that the PLO has asked the USSR to send food ships to Tyre to demonstrate a Soviet presence and thus deter those who interfere with the supply routes of the PLO.

Reports say that the Soviet Union has replied to Arafat's request. Although the contents of the Soviet letter have not been made public, it was learned that the USSR informed the U.S. government that the Soviet Union will not accept the existence of a naval blockade that will prevent supplies from reaching Lebanon. The reportedly strongly worded letter to the U.S. asked the American government to intervene with all those concerned.

It was noted here that all those concerned includes Israel which for several weeks has been keeping a close watch on maritime traffic to and from Lebanese ports with the aim of both apprehending Arab terrorists known for hostile activities against Israel and to prevent arms and ammunition from reaching the terrorists.

#### SADAT ASSAILS ISRAEL, SAYING SHE NEEDS A NEW LESSON TO END HER ATTITUDE OF ARROGANCE, DOMINATION

PARIS, Aug. 16 (JTA)--Israel came under heavy attack today from President Anwar Sadat of Egypt in his address to the non-aligned nations conference in Colombo, according to reports received here. In a sharply worded speech, the Egyptian leader charged that Israel has become a source of aggression aimed at the Arab and African peoples and said that Israel needed a new lesson to rid it of its arrogance and domineering attitude.

Sadat, whose speech was reportedly received with prolonged applause, said that the new lesson should convince the Israelis that the non-aligned countries would not allow Israel to ignore their collective will and resolutions, no matter what forces supported Israel. He accused Israel of becoming an ally of the racist South African regime and branded the Israeli-South African collaboration the "Tel Aviv-Pretoria axis." This alliance, Sadat said, meant to terrorize the Arabs and Africans to the point of use of nuclear arms.

Calling for collective political, military and economic action by the non-aligned bloc, Sadat said the two issues on which it could act were the Israeli occupation of Arab territories and the struggle of the African people against racist governments in Rhodesia, South Africa and Namibia. Without tangible steps by the non-aligned countries, Sadat asserted, the aggression of Israel will continue.

#### ISRAELI GROCERS STRIKE AGAINST VAT

TEL AVIV, Aug. 16 (JTA)--Israel's 7000 grocery store owners have started a seven-day strike to protest the new value added tax (VAT) which went into effect July 1. The grocers are not actually protesting the tax but all of the bookkeeping that goes along with VAT. The grocers say that they will accept the offer Defense Minister Shimon Peres made to the West Bank merchants who have been on strike against VAT since it went into effect in Judea and Samaria at the beginning of August.

Peres' offer, which the West Bank merchants turned down, would drop the requirement for bookkeeping by stores whose turnover is less than IL 500,000 a year. Most Israeli grocers are small "mom and pop" stores who do not make IL 500,000 a year. The government, meanwhile, has asked the supermarkets to increase the number of their

checkout counters during the strike. The government itself will operate special bread and dairy distribution centers.

#### ZADOK SAYS DEATH PENALTY FOR TERRORISTS WILL NOT SERVE ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16 (JTA)--Haim Zadok, Israel's Minister of Justice, yesterday reaffirmed his opposition to Israel using the death penalty against terrorists. Demands for the death penalty were raised in Israel after the hijacking of the Air France plane to Uganda, but Zadok, with the backing of the Cabinet said the government would continue its policy of not executing terrorists.

Zadok, who addressed the 62nd annual national convention of Hadassah which began last night at the Washington Hilton Hotel, told reporters that capital punishment would not serve the interests of the Jewish State. "Not only would it not deter potential terrorists but it would create martyrs, thus providing an example for others to follow."

In his address to the convention last night, Zadok stressed that Israel will not limit itself to passive preventive measures in combatting terrorism. "We shall continue to strike at the terrorists wherever they are with all the resources and all the resourcefulness at our disposal," he declared.

#### Lipchitz's Masterpiece To Be Completed

The 2500 delegates to the convention were told today that the "Tree of Life," the final masterpiece of the famed sculptor Jacques Lipchitz, who died in 1974, will be completed and placed at the Hadassah University Hospital on Mt. Scopus in Jerusalem by June, 1978. Lola Kramarsky, co-chairman of Hadassah Building and Development, said that before Lipchitz died he completed several bronze maquettes, and a plaster model about 4-1/2 feet high. The work will be completed by his assistants under his widow's supervision.

The "Tree of Life" includes depictions of Noah, the sacrifice of Isaac with an angel restraining Abraham, the three patriarchs, Moses and the burning bush and a phoenix supporting the Ten Commandments.

"Hadassah's legacy to Israel includes art and beauty, as well as healing and teaching," Mrs. Kramarsky said. "The Chagall windows in the synagogue at our Medical Center at Ein Karem are a national treasure for now and for posterity--and we are proud to add another such treasure on Mt. Scopus."

#### MILNITZKY RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE JEWISH CONFEDERATION OF BRAZIL

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 16 (JTA)--Dr. Benno Milnitzky of Sao Paulo, was re-elected president of the Jewish Confederation of Brazil at the tenth convention of Brazilian Jewish Federations held last week in Sao Paulo. But for the first time in the history of the representative body of the Brazilian Jewish community, its president was not elected by unanimous vote.

The representatives of the Jewish Federation in Rio de Janeiro voted against him. They demanded a stronger leadership to deal with the communities' problems in the present situation. The closing session of the convention was also the opening session of the convention of the Brazilian Zionist Organization. Yosef Almog, chairman of the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency Executives, participated. He is in South America touring Jewish communities.

## **GOP DRAFT PLATFORM CALLS ON-USSR TO IMPLEMENT UN, HELSINKI MEASURES**

By Joseph Polakoff

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 16 (JTA)--The Republican Party's platform drafted by a committee of 108 delegates calls on the Soviet Union to "implement" the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights and the 1975 Helsinki Agreement that "guarantee" emigration rights and the termination of "all forms of harassment" of those wishing to emigrate.

The UN and Helsinki agreements, the draft states, include the right of "emigration of Soviet Jews, Christians, Moslems and others who wish to join close relatives abroad. In this spirit, we shall expect the immediate end of all forms of harassment, including imprisonment and military service, aimed at preventing such emigration."

The draft of this section, which is expected to be ratified by the convention tomorrow night without change, makes no mention of the Jackson-Vanik provision of the U.S. Trade Reform Act of 1974 that underpins U.S. government actions toward inducing the Soviet Union to modify its emigration policy.

In dealing with equal rights and ending discrimination, the platform calls for "vigorous enforcement of laws to assure equal treatment" in job recruitment, hiring, promotion, pay, credit, mortgage access and housing. But, "the way to end" discrimination "is not by resurrecting the discredited quota system and attempting to cloak it in an aura of new respectability," the plank states.

It recommends "alternative means of assisting the victims of past discrimination," including educational opportunities. "Saying 'diversity in education has great value,' the platform recommends 'public schools and non-public schools should share in education funds on a constitutionally acceptable basis.'" It also says that private colleges and universities should be assisted.

### **Morality Plank Sought**

Meanwhile, Ronald Reagan's chief campaign strategist, John Sears III, announced at a news conference today that Reagan will ask the convention to "further strengthen" the party's platform by adopting a statement emphasizing the need for morality in the way the United States conducts its relations with other nations.

Later, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency asked Sears whether this would affect the platform as it stands, including the Middle East section. "Some of the things" in the Reagan statement on morality in foreign policy, he said, "might be applicable to the Middle East."

During the news conference, Sears carefully avoided linking Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger and secret deals he is alleged to have been making with countries, including those in the Mideast.

## **YAACOBI DEMANDS WIDER ACTION IN THE WAR AGAINST TERRORISM**

JERUSALEM, Aug. 16 (JTA)--Transportation Minister Gad Yaacobi today sent a letter to the International Civil Aviation Organization asking that the Montreal Convention of 1971, aimed at combatting terrorism in the air, be widened to include terrorist attacks outside an airplane such as the attack by two terrorists at the Istanbul airport last week.

In his letter, Yaacobi revealed that had it not been for an extra checkpoint that El Al had placed

at the Istanbul terminal "a far greater tragedy could have taken place" than the death of four passengers and injury of 24.

Yaacobi said that the two terrorists felt sure their baggage would not be searched. He said the terrorists left Libya with the knowledge of Libyan authorities and arrived in Rome where their hand luggage was not searched. He said that being passengers in transit they were also not searched when they arrived in Istanbul. But at the El Al checkpoint they found they could not get through without being searched and thus launched their attack.

The Transportation Minister told the Cabinet yesterday that he had received replies from eight foreign transportation ministers to the message he sent them on July 5 urging tighter security measures against potential hijackers. He said the reply from U.S. Transportation Secretary William Coleman Jr. was "positive."

Meanwhile in Istanbul, the two terrorists appeared before a magistrate to be formally charged with murder. The judge told them that the prosecution would ask for the death penalty when their trial starts and ordered them to be held in custody until then.

## **JNF DEVELOPMENT WORK ON THE GOLAN**

JERUSALEM, Aug. 16 (JTA)--The Jewish National Fund is this year reclaiming an area of 4100 dunams on the Golan Heights. In addition, it is carrying out drainage work and building of water storage dams at a cost of IL 2 million.

At the request of the Housing Ministry, the JNF is reclaiming some 1200 dunams on the central plateau of the Heights for construction and farming purposes for the village of Tel Zayit where the first 43 family units are now being built. Similar projects are underway throughout the plateau.

The JNF last winter, stored some 3.2 million cubic meters of water in the artificial Hital storage lake, which provides irrigation water for several Jewish settlements on the Heights. To prevent seepage losses, the lake's bottom and sides have been reinforced with hewn stones.

## **4000 AT HEBRON MASSACRE MEMORIAL**

JERUSALEM, Aug. 16 (JTA)--The memory of 67 Jews murdered in the 1929 Hebron massacre was commemorated yesterday in the old Jewish cemetery in Hebron. The ceremony was attended by 4000 people, among them Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren, and Ministers Yosef Burg and Ze'evulun Hammer. Goren called for the reconstruction of the Jewish cemetery in Hebron, "an eternal tombstone for Jewish right in Hebron," he said. Following the ceremony, the participants toured the Jewish sites in this largest Arab city in Judea.

Arab merchants declared a general strike in protest against the ceremony which coincided with the strike in Nablus protesting the value added tax. The strike took place despite a leaflet distributed by the neighboring Kiryat Arba residents calling for co-existence between the Arab and Jewish residents of Hebron.

TEL AVIV (JTA)--Israel will meet Turkey in the Davis Cup match after the Kenya tennis team withdraw from the competition. Israel received a bye to the first round proper in a draw that was held in London last month. The Israeli tennis team is now coached by British tennis star David Lloyd.

## NEW GENETIC DISEASE DISCOVERED AFFECTS PRIMARILY ASHKENAZI JEWS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16 (JTA)--The National Foundation for Jewish Genetic Diseases, Inc. and Hadassah, today announced plans for jointly coordinating their efforts to combat a new genetic disorder that, at the present time, affects primarily Ashkenazi Jews. The announcement was made by Faye L. Schenk, chairman of the Hadassah Medical Organization, at Hadassah's 62nd annual National Convention meeting at the Washington Hilton Hotel.

A team of doctors from Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem has been actively engaged for the past three years in delineating a new genetic disorder affecting Ashkenazi Jewish children. Cloudy cornea in newborn babies or young infants is the earliest clinical sign; later, toward the end of the first year of life, psychomotor retardation becomes apparent.

The disease was first detected in a seven-month-old boy in Jerusalem, and this case reported in the Journal of Pediatrics in April 1974. Since then, four more children (both boys and girls) have been diagnosed in Israel; in all of the families, a large proportion of the antecedents has originated in Eastern Europe, mainly central or southern Poland.

The true genetic nature of this disorder has only come to light during the past year. Three additional cases have recently been diagnosed in the United States, one each in New York, Chicago and Los Angeles. Two additional suspect cases are being studied in London and Los Angeles. Nine of the ten cases are proven Ashkenazi Jews; the family origin of the tenth has not yet been determined.

### Identified As Mucopolipidosis IV

The disease has been named Mucopolipidosis IV, based on the appearance of biopsy material as it appears under the electron microscope. The electron microscopic pictures show two kinds of abnormal storage bodies, one similar to mucopolysaccharide diseases such as the Hurler and Hunter syndromes, and the other resembling lipid storage bodies such as those found in Tay-Sachs disease.

Several other storage diseases show similar ultra-structural abnormalities under the electron microscope and have been grouped together under the name of Mucopolipidoses. This one has been called Type IV because it differs clinically from all the others.

In addition to cloudy corneas, there are other ocular and clinical signs. These include esotropia (squint or "crossed eyes") and, later in life, retinal degeneration. Consequently these patients have poor visual acuity, usually no more than counting fingers at two or three feet. But most of all, they are profoundly retarded. They are unable to walk except with support, do not form words, and after some years, have little or no awareness of their environment. By contrast, there are no skeletal changes, either obvious or by X-ray examination. The oldest known patient is a 23-year-old male.

Although the disorder cannot be treated, and the carriers (except for those already having had an affected child) still cannot be detected, much can be done to prevent the birth of these children. In the future, doctors say, Ashkenazi Jewish families with profoundly retarded children, and cloudy corneas, who plan to have future children

should be tested.

If they have cloudy corneas and/or retinal changes of the kind described above, a conjunctival biopsy should be performed, and the tissue examined by electron microscopy. If abnormal storage bodies are present, it is likely that this child may have Mucopolipidosis IV. Knowing this, future pregnancies can be monitored, and prospective parents counseled.

### Why Missed In The Past

Why has this disease been missed in the past? There are many reasons, Hadassah and Foundation experts say. For one, the clinical signs are much more subtle than in disorders such as Tay-Sachs disease. Another reason is that the detection had to await advances in the understanding of genetic storage diseases, and the use of conjunctival biopsies for their diagnosis. Finally, a disease caused by a mutant gene in an Ashkenazi Jewish population would appear where there is a sizeable community and a medical center able to diagnose through use of sophisticated techniques such as are available at Hadassah.

George Krohn, president of the National Foundation for Jewish Genetic Diseases, formed to combat other genetic disorders, announced that the Foundation, which concerns itself with six other diseases, Dysautonomia, Dystonia, Tay-Sachs, Gauchers, Broom's Syndrome and Niemann-Pick, will now include Mucopolipidosis IV as the seventh. Hadassah and the Foundation will work closely together in the areas of public information, referrals, and continuing research into this newest genetic disorder, the two organizations announced.

### SOVIET JEW APPEALS TO THE WEST AS HIS WIFE IS NEAR DEATH

NEW YORK, Aug. 16 (JTA)--The Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry today released an appeal it received from the parents of Odessa activist Shmuel Bronfman in which they "begged for immediate intervention on behalf of their son and daughter-in-law." Bronfman's wife, Raya, the appeal said, "is dying of leukemia." In grave condition, she was taken to the Slobodka regional hospital. The Bronfmans were recently refused a visa to Israel on the grounds that "the Soviet Union has the capability of taking care of life as well as death," the Conference reported. Shmuel Bronfman urgently called on the West to "help save the life of my wife."

### LABOR ZIONISTS IN MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

NEW YORK, Aug. 16 (JTA)--Calling on American Jews to respond to the continuing attacks on Zionism, the Labor Zionist Movement has launched a nationwide membership campaign "to support Israel and build Zionism in the United States." Dr. Judah J. Shapiro, president of the Labor Zionist Alliance, and Mrs. Charlotte Stein, president of Pioneer Women, in a joint statement, said that the membership campaign would stress its support of the American Zionist Federation and the Jerusalem Program of the World Zionist Organization. The membership drive will encompass all of the American Labor Zionist units such as Friends of Labor Israel, the Labor Zionist Alliance, Pioneer Women, Friends of Pioneer Women and the Labor Zionist youth movements, Habonim and Dror.