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PERES: NO JEWISH SETTLERS IN HEBRON

JERUSALEM, Aug. 24 (JTA)--There will be no mixed settlements in the Hebron area, Defense Minister Shimon Peres told five Knesseters yesterday who asked him to allow Jewish settlements in the Arab town of Hebron. Peres said it was a government decision that in the Mt. Hebron area there was room for two large urban settlements--one Arab, in Hebron, and one Jewish, in Kiryat Arba, just north of Hebron. There was no room for mixture between the two cities, he asserted.

Peres told the Knesseters, representing various parties, that the government was determined to act decisively against those "who violate public order" in Hebron, referring to the latest attempts by the Gush Emunim to resume prayers in an old building once used as a synagogue. Peres complained that the Gush Emunim action caused unnecessary tension among the Arabs.

PLO OFFICE DUE IN PRAGUE

VIENNA, Aug. 24 (JTA)--The Palestine Liberation Organization will soon open an office in Prague, Czechoslovakia, diplomats said today.

"A high-ranking PLO official is scheduled to attend the opening ceremony," the diplomats added. Arab sources said this was an indication that either PLO leader Yasir Arafat or the chief of its political department, Farouk Kaddoumi, is scheduled to come to Prague. The diplomats did not disclose the date of the opening ceremony.

YOSEF SAYS ISRAEL ACTED ACCORDING TO HALACHA IN FREEING HOSTAGES

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Aug. 24 (JTA)--Sephardic Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef said yesterday that although he had advised Premier Yitzhak Rabin that according to halacha the release of imprisoned terrorists in exchange for the hostages in Uganda was permissible, the Israeli operation which resulted in freeing the hostages by force of arms was an even better solution according to halacha.

Speaking at the opening session of the 19th convention of Torah Sh'Bal Peh (the Oral Law-Talmud) at the Rabbi Kook Institute in Jerusalem, Yosef revealed that he had sent Rabin a written opinion, based entirely on halachic grounds, two days before the Entebbe operation, in which he permitted releasing the terrorists in return for the hostages.

He said Rabin asked for his opinion following the growing pressure from relatives of the hostages demanding that Israel meet the demands of the terrorists who hijacked the Air France plane to Uganda.

Religious Affairs Minister Yitzhak Raphael urged the public to use the rabbinical courts not only for personal issues but in all civil matters in which the courts could serve as a mediator between conflicting parties.

INAUGURATION OF SYNAGOGUE IN THE HAGUE MARRED BY DISSENSION

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 24 (JTA)--The forthcoming inauguration of The Hague Liberal Synagogue in the 250-year-old building of the former Portuguese Synagogue is already marred by internal

quarrels, misunderstandings and squabbles.

The synagogue will be inaugurated Sept. 2 and on Sept. 3 there will be a formal celebration attended by Queen Juliana to mark the 250th anniversary of the building which has been restored and brought back to its former glory.

The city's Orthodox Chief Rabbi Menahem Fink announced today that he will not attend the ceremonies to protest against the fact that they will not be conducted according to the Orthodox rite. The executive of The Hague Orthodox Jewish Congregation will most probably also be absent.

A number of Dutch Sephardic Jews openly deplore the "lack of good taste" in housing a Liberal congregation in what was the spiritual home of a community which perished in the concentration camps of World War II.

The Liberal congregation acquired the building last year and started at once repairing and restoring it with the help of extensive state and municipal grants. Opponents of the restoration program say the congregation chose the building for "prestige reasons." The program has left the congregation with a debt of some 400,000 Guilders (about \$150,000) in spite of the grants received.

The new synagogue has 250 seats and cannot be expanded. Those who have already visited the building describe it as beautiful and say the reconstruction has been highly successful.

HERZOG, CITING LIBYA'S COMPLICITY IN HIJACKINGS, DENOUNCES NAMING OF LIBYAN AS SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

UNITED NATIONS, Aug. 24 (JTA)--Israel, charging that Libya was behind the hijacking of an Air France plane to Uganda, the recent terrorist attack on passengers boarding an El Al plane in Istanbul and other terrorist atrocities, yesterday denounced the fact that the Libyan representative will be the president of the Security Council in September.

"What more blatant example could there be of the systematic cynical disregard of the Charter of the United Nations than the fact that the representative of Libya, the paymaster and instigator of international terror, will preside over the Security Council during the month of September," Israeli Ambassador Chaim Herzog said in a letter to UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim.

"Exactly four years after the massacre of the Israeli athletes at the Munich Olympiad, an accomplice to that crime will assume the presidency of the Security Council," he stated.

The presidency of the Council is rotated automatically each month among its 15 members. But, Herzog noted that "Libya, a totalitarian dictatorship ruled by Colonel (Muammar) Qaddafi, whose hands are soaked in the blood of innocent victims of international and Arab terror throughout the world" is a member of the Council which is charged by the UN Charter with "the maintenance of international peace and security."

"It is the considered view of the government of Israel that the time has been reached when the United Nations must take immediate and

effective action in order to put an end to this intolerable situation," Herzog said.

Lists Libya's Actions

Herzog's letter, which he asked to be circulated as an official document of both the Council and the General Assembly, contained a list of a dozen terrorist hijackings and other attacks in which Libya was involved from Sept. 8, 1971 through March 3, 1974.

In his letter the Israeli envoy centered on Libyan responsibility for the attack in Istanbul in which four El Al passengers were killed. He said that the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, an "integral part of the so-called Palestine Liberation Organization," has claimed credit for both the Istanbul attack and the Air France hijacking to Entebbe. "The guiding force behind these foul attacks is Libya," Herzog said. "It bears responsibility together with the perpetrators for the criminal acts."

Herzog declared that the active participation by Qaddafi and Libya "in planning, supporting and cooperating with Arab terrorist movements and with international terrorist movements not only against Israel but also against other countries in North Africa, in the Middle East and throughout the world is common knowledge."

"Indeed Col. Qaddafi prided himself on this fact in his address, to the conference of non-aligned countries in Colombo on August 18, 1976. It is the official and systematic policy of the President of Libya to initiate and finance from the considerable income available from oil sales, acts of assassination, subversion, conspiracy and sabotage in countries outside Libya. These acts are carried out in blatant violation of the Charter of the United Nations and the principles of international law."

Herzog noted that even Egyptian President Anwar Sadat confirmed Libyan involvement in the Entebbe hijacking in an interview 10 days ago with the Kuwaiti newspaper, "A-Siyasseh." Herzog quoted the paper as saying that Sadat declared that the hijacking of the French plane to Entebbe was arranged at a meeting which took place between Qaddafi and George Habash the leader of the PFLP, and that Qaddafi "paid the money and smuggled the arms to Athens in Libyan diplomatic pouches, and that the Libyan Embassy later turned over the arms to the hijackers."

Hijackers In Egypt Linked To Libya

Herzog's letter came as three terrorists yesterday hijacked an Egyptian airliner with more than 100 persons aboard on an internal flight shortly after takeoff from Cairo. The plane was recaptured by Egyptian commandos who stormed the plane at the airport in Luxor where it had landed.

Egyptian Prime Minister Mamdouh Salem charged that Qaddafi was behind the hijacking and that the three hijackers had been promised \$250,000 in Egyptian money to bring the airliner to Libya. The hijackers, who were captured alive, had threatened to blow up the plane and its passengers unless five prisoners held in Egyptian prisons on two assassination attempts were released. One hijacker had a Kuwaiti passport, the second a Jordanian passport and the third a Palestinian travel document.

DINITZ OUTLINES PEACE PLAN

NEW YORK, Aug. 24 (JTA)—Simcha Dinitz, Israel's Ambassador to the United States, outlined

to the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations today what he said are Israel's "five cardinal points" necessary to achieve a Middle East settlement.

According to sources, they are: the Soviet Union should be kept out of the negotiating process since it could jeopardize the realization of a just and lasting peace; a strong Israel is a necessary precondition for free negotiations; a security margin which would protect Israel against invasion; no foreign guarantees as a substitute for a negotiated settlement; and no imposed peace.

Dinitz told the Presidents Conference that there is no progress toward a Mideast settlement at present because the Arab states are first waiting for the Lebanese crisis to end. He said Israel has offered the Arabs the option of an overall peace settlement or the American-suggested state-by-state end of belligerency agreement. He said each week he asks Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger if the Arabs have given an answer to the proposal and each week he is told, no.

In answer to a question, Dinitz scored the sale of arms to the Arab countries by the Soviet Union and the industrialized West. He said a dangerous situation was created by the "lust" for arms by the Arab military regimes and the desire by the industrialized countries for the huge cash surpluses of the Arab regimes.

EGYPT DECIDES NOT TO CALL FOR ISRAEL'S EXPULSION FROM P.E.N.

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, Aug. 24 (JTA)—In the face of widespread disapproval, Egypt has decided not to go ahead with an attempt to expel Israel from P.E.N., the international writers' movement, whose annual congress opened here today. In addition, it has sent only one of its original four-man delegation.

Earlier, the Egyptian P.E.N. center had announced that its team would be headed by Dr. Anis Mansour, a leading writer known for his anti-Jewish articles in the Cairo press, and would include Mursi Saadeddin, a director of the state information office. In reply to a complaint from the P.E.N. secretariat about Mansour's writings, the Egyptians had also announced their intention of calling for the expulsion of the Israeli P.E.N. club from the world movement.

However, the only Egyptian present is Dr. Naim Salim, a playwright, short story writer and critic, who has impressed Israelis at previous P.E.N. congresses with his tolerance and friendliness.

Egyptian Notes Change In Israel

Salim today told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he had no intention whatsoever of calling for the Israelis' removal. He was here solely as a writer, he said, and did not engage in politics. He had been asked by his embassy to represent the Egyptian P.E.N. after the other delegations failed to turn up.

Asked for his general view of Middle East developments, he said that the Egyptian people's morale had greatly improved since the Yom Kippur War. He also thought the Israelis had changed, and had become more broad-minded. The Egyptian people wanted peace and a good start would be made if Israel relinquished the territories captured in 1967, he contended.

A.B. Yaffe, one of the two Israeli delegates at the P.E.N. congress, expressed pleasure on hear-

ing of Salim's assurance to the J.T.A. However, he added that even if the Egyptians had tried to expel the Israelis, they had little chance of succeeding. "Even the East Germans to whom he had spoken were strongly opposed to such a move. The new president of P.E.N. International is Marja Vargas Yossa, one of Latin America's leading writers.

YIDDISH PRAISED FOR CONTRIBUTION TO ZIONIST MOVEMENT AND AS A TOOL IN THE FIGHT AGAINST ASSIMILATION By Yitzhak Shargil

JERUSALEM, Aug. 24 (JTA)--An overflow crowd of some 2000 persons jammed the Jerusalem Theater yesterday for the opening session of the first World Conference in Israel for Yiddish and Jewish Culture. Every type of Yiddish could be heard--Litvish, Galitzianer, American Yiddish interspersed with English words and Latin American Yiddish with a mixture of Spanish.

President Ephraim Katzir, in a message from Hadassah Hospital where he is recovering from surgery, set the tone for the four-day event by noting that the conference is living evidence of the mutual respect existing today between Hebrew and Yiddish.

He stressed that in Israel, more than anywhere else, Yiddish literature is flourishing with more Yiddish books being printed here than in any other country. One cannot conceal the contributions of Yiddish to Jewish culture, the President said, adding that it was a glorious contribution.

Katzir's message, like all the addresses at the conference, was in Yiddish. Education and Culture Minister Aharon Yadin, accompanied by Interior Minister Yosef Burg, Minister-Without-Portfolio Gideon Hausner, Absorption Minister Shlomo Rosen and Labor Minister Moshe Baram, gave the official greetings on behalf of the government.

Yiddish Taught In Secondary Schools

The government of Israel must preserve Yiddish along with the other cultures and languages brought to Israel by the various Jewish communities, Yadin said. He reported that the Ministry of Education has recognized Yiddish as a language in the secondary schools and that some students have taken their matriculation examinations in Yiddish. He said he has asked Habimah, the Israeli national theater, to include Yiddish plays in their performances in Israel and abroad.

Yosef Almog, chairman of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization Executives, declared that Yiddish was a component in the creation of the Zionist movement and must now stand side-by-side with Hebrew in fighting the increasing waves of assimilation.

Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, president of the American Jewish Congress, told the 500 delegates to the conference that there is an essential need for Jewish content in the lives of Jews. He said the Jewish people cannot permit itself the luxury of giving up any of its creations throughout the centuries. Giving up Sholom Aleichem or Tzeitna Reina (the Yiddish book that simplifies halacha for East European women) cannot be tolerated, Hertzberg said, just as Jews cannot give up Yehuda Halevi or the sacred Ari of Safad.

Various Concerns, Needs Aired

The Yiddish writers, journalists and actors who spoke today and yesterday gave vent to their feelings of years of discrimination against Yiddish. There was also a group of young writers who spoke

against what they termed the Yiddish establishment.

A number of speakers received warm receptions for their thoughtful and incisive presentations, including Mordechai Strigler of New York, the editor of "Yiddishe Kemfer" and a writer for the Jewish Daily Forward, who dealt with the social-humanist tradition in Yiddish literature. Other speakers dealt with the situation of Yiddish culture in the diaspora and current themes and concerns in Yiddish literature.

The conference got down to practical questions today and will continue tomorrow and Thursday at working sessions at the Wise Auditorium at the Hebrew University. There are five committees covering Jewish education, Jewish press, translations to and from Yiddish, the Yiddish theater and plans for strengthening Yiddish culture.

PERES SAYS SYRIA IS ON THE VERGE OF ANNEXING LEBANON

JERUSALEM, Aug. 24 (JTA)--Syria is on the verge of annexing eastern Lebanon, Defense Minister Shimon Peres today told the Third World Conference of Jewish Lawyers meeting here. Lebanon was in fact partitioned among the Moslems, the Lebanese leftists, the Christians and the Syrians, he said. The Syrians are governing eastern Lebanon and they have removed, for example, all the customs signs.

As far as southern Lebanon is concerned, there is a political vacuum which the so-called Lebanese Arab Army, a Moslem splinter army group fighting alongside the PLO against the Christians, tried to fill but the farmers are the ones in control of the situation, Peres said. Thus, Israel was continuing contacts with the Lebanese Arab Army--at its request--but was glad for the opportunity to assist the farmers, Peres said.

As far as Israel was concerned, he said, it has no intention whatsoever to cross the Lebanese border, "the only internationally recognized border with an Arab country."

Peres ruled out the possibility of a Soviet intervention in Lebanon. The Soviets have a policy of avoiding direct involvement, he said, and he did not believe they would suddenly change that policy. Besides, he added, "I don't believe the Syrians will invite the Russians."

Referring to the Egyptian rescue operation yesterday of the hostages in the hijacked plane in Luxor, Peres complimented the Egyptians--"If what was published in the press was true, and I have all reason to believe that it is true."

Premier Yitzhak Rabin told the same forum yesterday that Israel was ready to extend help to Egypt to release the hijacked plane. As it turned out, the Egyptians managed it alone.

ABRAMOVICH GETS PERMISSION TO EMIGRATE

NEW YORK, Aug. 24 (JTA)--According to reports reaching the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, Soviet Jewish activist and long-time refusenik Mark Abramovich of Kishinev has received permission to emigrate to Israel. Eugene Gold, NCJS chairman, announced today. Abramovich, a leading activist in the USSR, first applied for an exit visa in 1972 and was refused in 1973. Since then he had repeatedly been denied a visa on the grounds of previous army service, though he had been demobilized in 1971. "We welcome this move by the Soviet authorities," Gold said.

CLARK CALLS FOR DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS IN THE MIDEAST AND FOR THE CREATION OF A MIDEAST ECONOMIC COMMUNITY

NEW YORK, Aug. 24 (JTA)--Saying that United States' Middle East policy "must have one principle--that Israel shall live and thrive with its neighbors," Ramsey Clark today released a major position paper, which called for the establishment of direct negotiations between Israel and the Arab states aimed toward a political settlement.

Speaking at a press conference at the Isaiah Wall opposite the United Nations, Clark, who is seeking the Democratic Party nomination for the U.S. Senate, said "while the United States cannot and should not--dictate the terms for negotiating a settlement, our policy should encourage realistic negotiations based on fundamental principles."

At the same time he said the U.S. "must make a full and unequivocal commitment to provide Israel the arms that will deter any attack, the resources that will keep it free from want and the friendship that will sustain it through any adversity."

Cites Common Market As Example

Pointing out that "political negotiations can lessen the short term risks of war in the Middle East" but "not create solid foundations for a permanent peace," Clark, a former U.S. Attorney General, called in his position paper for the establishment of a Middle East Economic Community based on the example of the European Common Market.

"A permanent peace requires social and economic development to improve the lives of all the people in the area," he added. "Just as France and Germany, which have a longer history of conflict and rivalry than Israel and the Arab states, are profiting by their cooperation in the European Economic Community, so can the nations of the Middle East prosper through economic exchange," and tackle problems of irrigation, housing, health and education on a regional basis.

Clark, who visited Israel last year, said such an organization could help the nations of the Middle East "to speak the language of peace and development in place of the language of war and destruction." He said the money to fund a Mideast developmental authority should come from sources to include the oil-rich nations of the area, oil companies, international monetary funds, the Soviet Union and Western Europe. Clark added that as Senator he would work to have the United States contribute \$2 billion a year for 10 years.

"Realistically, the full implementation of such an authority will depend on progress toward a political settlement in the Middle East," he stated. "It is tragically wrong, however, to postpone discussions of such a project until after political negotiations."

Proposes Three Principles

In his position paper, Clark also scored what he called America's "inadequate" Middle East policy. "Uncertain signals about the objectives and intentions of U.S. policy have been sent to both friend and foe, and the result has been unease among our Israeli friends and misplaced confidence among Arab states," he said. Clark proposed three principles that should be the foundation of a U.S. Middle East policy:

Israel shall live within secure borders. "Our policy must encourage the Arab states and the Palestinians to accept the existence of the State of

Israel, and to agree that there will be outside guarantees of Israel's sovereign right to exist; once a responsible Palestinian leadership emerges that renounces the use of terror and recognizes Israel's right to exist within secure borders, it should be included in political negotiations; and Congress should amend the Export Administration Act to make it illegal for U.S. companies to accede to Arab demands for a boycott of Israeli goods, personnel and services.

JEWS IN WESTERN CANADA TO MARK CENTENNIAL OF SETTLEMENTS

TORONTO, Aug. 24 (JTA)--To commemorate the centennial of Jewish settlement in the prairies (1877-1977), the Jewish Historical Society of Western Canada is sponsoring a series of lectures on Jewish subjects and an essay competition on a subject connected with the history of the Jewish community in Western Canada.

The series is partially funded by the Samuel and Saldye Bronfman Family Foundation. Judge I. Finestine, a past president of the Jewish Historical Society of England, will present the first lecture Sept. 19 at the Planetarium Auditorium in Winnipeg on "The Struggle of Religious Minorities for Civil Rights in 19th Century England." All entries for the Centennial Essay Competition have to be in by Oct. 1.

"Journey Into Our Heritage," the travelling exhibit on the Jewish communities of Western Canada, will open in Edmonton at the Provincial Museum Thursday. The exhibit was already presented in Vancouver, Victoria and Calgary, with thousands of visitors viewing it.

Sponsored by the Jewish Historical Society of Western Canada and the Jewish communities of Western Canada, the exhibit will be in Edmonton until Oct. 24. It opens in Saskatoon Nov. 4 at the Saskatoon Gallery and Conservatory and in Regina Dec. 16 at the Museum of Natural History. It will return to Winnipeg for showing during the summer of 1977.

\$9 MILLION PLEDGED TO LAUNCH 1977 UNITED JEWISH APPEAL CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, Aug. 24 (JTA)--Fifty American Jewish community leaders from 31 cities pledged \$9 million--more than these leadership gifts represented in 1976--to launch the 1977 United Jewish Appeal campaign last evening in the home of Israel's Ambassador to the UN, Chaim Herzog.

"I don't feel you in the American Jewish community understand the alarming degree to which international anti-Semitism is increasing," Herzog said. "I feel it every day at the UN. You just can't imagine the intensity of this new anti-Semitism. It's geared not just at the people of Israel, but at the Jewish people."

Continuing, Herzog declared: "The reliance on one part of the Jewish people for the other is a message the world understands, for it says that 'we, the Jewish people,' are one--that we will stand up and fight back--that we can revitalize ourselves--and face the future strong, meaningfully and with confidence. That is the message of Entebbe, and it will echo throughout the world."

Frank R. Lautenberg, UJA general chairman, responding to Herzog, stated: "The moral standard of excellence and concern for life expressed by Israel demands a response which we must answer."