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ALLON SPURNS BIDS THAT ISRAEL SHOULD ACQUIRE A NUCLEAR OPTION

TEL AVIV, Sept. 9 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Yigal Allon rejected recent suggestions that Israel should acquire a nuclear option. He termed such proposals a sign of despair and reiterated last night that Israel would stand by its pledge not to be the first country to introduce nuclear weapons to the Middle East. Proposals to acquire a nuclear option have been made by several personalities, among them former Defense Minister Moshe Dayan.

Allon said there were no grounds for despair because the military balance between Israel and its neighbors remains unchanged. It could be improved, he said, if Israel made an effort to boost its economic and social infrastructure.

Allon also reiterated Israel's readiness to discuss arms reductions with all nations in the area, even before a peace settlement or a cessation of belligerency has been formally established. He recalled that he had made such a proposal at the United Nations a year ago. The current arms race can only bring destruction to our region, he warned.

Allon made his remarks during award ceremonies here of the Itzhak Sadeh Prize for anti-war literature. The recipient was Yoram Tzafrir whose book "Being Wounded," described the life of a wounded soldier at a Beersheba hospital. Tzafrir was wounded by a mine.

PLAN MONUMENT TO NAZI WAR CRIMINAL

BONN, Sept. 9 (JTA)--A monument to a Nazi war criminal near the former concentration camp at Dachau is being planned by the West German ultra-right-wing German People's Union. Gerhard Frey, head of the group, said yesterday that the GPU intends to erect the monument to former SS Col. Joachim Peiper, whose charred and bullet-ridden body was found last July in the burned-out ruins of his house in the Burgundy district in France.

Frey said the Dachau site near Munich was selected because Peiper had been convicted there of ordering the execution of 71 American POWs in Belgium during World War II. He was convicted and sentenced to death but eventually reprieved and released from prison in 1956. He was tried later for having ordered the destruction of an Italian village in 1943 and the death of 43 civilians but was acquitted for lack of evidence.

FORD REAFFIRMS SUPPORT FOR A STRONG ISRAEL, OPPOSITION TO ARAB BOYCOTT

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9 (JTA)--President Ford pledged anew today his support for a "strong Israel" in outlining his views on the Middle East "negotiating process" and promised "legislation if necessary," to oppose the Arab economic boycott.

Addressing 1500 delegates at the B'nai B'rith International Convention at the Washington Hilton Hotel, Ford also said he was working with Soviet Communist Party Secretary Leonid I. Brezhnev and key members of Congress to restore Soviet Jewish emigration to its previous levels. He also

said he was supporting "international action to stamp out terrorism wherever it occurs," and promised U.S. support for Israel against "attempts to deny Israel her full rights of membership in the United Nations."

On domestic issues, he said that he sees "no excuse whatsoever for arbitrary quotas on the basis of race, religion, national origin, employment and education." On this point, Ford said "in the name of justice for some, we must not do injustice to others. Opportunity should be open to all Americans on an equal basis."

Charging that his Presidential rival, Democratic nominee Jimmy Carter, "apparently" had "kicked off the debates" with him unofficially by his address yesterday afternoon to the same audience, the President broke up what he called his prepared "appropriately non-partisan speech" with remarks including his additional pledge on the Arab boycott, and inserted his remarks on his activity on Soviet-Jewry.

No Imposed Solutions

Challenging Carter's remarks on Israel, Ford said Israel "is one of our traditional allies and our ties have never been closer or stronger." Declaring that he intends to pursue the "negotiating process" in the Middle East, Ford said that course is "right for America, right for Israel, right for the Arabs, indeed right for all the peoples throughout this world."

Cautioning that "I do not promise you it will be easy," the President said that there will be "no imposed solutions--but agreements whose terms are hammered out between the parties, as in the Sinai agreement."

He also pledged that there would be "no one-sided concessions--but a balanced quid pro quo in exchange for what is given up. We will proceed, as we did before, in the closest constant consultation with Israel before, during and after any negotiations." Declaring that he was "proud to stand on my consistent 28-year record of support for Israel," Ford pointed out that the United States "will stand firm in its commitment to Israel's security and survival."

Denouncing Carter's criticism of U.S. arms sales abroad, Ford said "most of our arms go to key countries like Israel and Iran." He asked whether Carter wanted "the Soviet Union to have a monopoly" on the sale of weapons and wants "arms for moderate as well as radical countries." The President did not mention sales to Saudi Arabia, which have evoked controversy in the Congress.

Proud Of Anti-Boycott Record

Pointing to the Arab boycott, the President said "this involves both moral and legal questions, domestic as well as international issues. It is easy to escalate emotionally but not nearly so easy to resolve rationally."

Saying that as President he had "taken the strongest executive action in American history against foreign economic practices that discriminate against American citizens," Ford said that his campaign of administrative orders and regulations "together with careful diplomacy and the

efforts of individual United States firms, has resulted in easing of boycott practices and an effective end to open discrimination."

Interpolating the words "if necessary legislation," in his prepared remarks, Ford added that he was determined "to make further progress" against such discrimination. This interpolation apparently was in consideration of reports that since high Administration officials oppose the stiff anti-boycott legislation now before the Congress, the legislation may be subjected to a Presidential veto.

B'nai B'rith President David Blumberg presented Ford with the first award of the organization's Bicentennial Commemorative Medal and a special certificate bearing excerpts of President Washington's letter to the Touro congregation in Newport, R.I. Blumberg said, "Mr. President, you are an example of George Washington himself."

KISSINGER: NO DISAGREEMENT IN PURPOSES BETWEEN U.S. AND ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9 (JTA)--Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger, making an unscheduled speech before the B'nai B'rith International Council last night, said "there is no disagreement in our purposes and those of Israel" in "the main direction of our policy" both in goals and tactics. Kissinger had accepted an invitation five weeks ago to address the convention but he was not to return by last night from his South African diplomatic mission. However, he returned yesterday afternoon and delivered a brief speech.

The friendship of the United States and Israel "has always been a touchstone of the validity of our foreign policy in general," Kissinger said. "It is a test of whether we can be reliable allies. It is a test whether we understand that peace must be based on justice and for all these reasons, we have worked together in the closest harmony for many years on the problem of the security of Israel which is essential, and on the problem of the Middle East."

Kissinger also said, as President Ford said this morning, that "I will not pretend to you that the future will be easy." The Secretary emphasized, "I do say that the prospects for negotiating toward peace in the Middle East seems to me never to have been better. And as we negotiate, we will always keep in mind that first it must be based on Israel's strength" and second that "it must be based on our common purposes."

Replacing Kissinger as chief speaker at the session last night was the Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, Alfred Atherton. He said that the progress for Mideast peace would require "difficult decisions by Arab and Israeli leaders" and "the putting aside dreams of absolute objectives for the sake of achieving realistic compromises." He said it would also require that the U.S. "persists in its efforts to keep the peace process alive, to avoid stagnation, to help the parties find solutions which are in their best interests and ours."

ZOA LEADER URGES U.S. TO RESIST PRECIPITOUS ACTIONS AGAINST ISRAEL

By David Friedman

NEW YORK, Sept. 9 (JTA)--Rabbi Joseph P. Sternstein, president of the Zionist Organization of America, urged that the United States "resist being stampeded into precipitous actions and pressures on Israel." In an address prepared for delivery tonight at the opening of the ZOA's 79th

annual national convention at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, Sternstein also attacked international terrorism, denounced the idea of a Palestinian state and said American Jews are solidly behind Israel.

Sternstein said that the U.S. could show its independence in the Middle East by moving its Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem and by walking out when the representative of Libya presides at the Security Council this month since that country is "an internationally accused gangster, systematically and maniacally fomenting blood-thirsty terrorism." He said that since the UN has failed to act against terrorism, the U.S. should move "diplomatically and economically, against nations that shelter, give base and support to terrorism."

The ZOA leader declared that the core of the Arab-Israeli conflict is not the "Palestinian problem," but the inability of the Arab states to "reconcile themselves to the existence of Israel." He said the Palestinians have a state of their own which is Jordan.

"We must note a strong objection to a Palestinian mini-state on the West Bank of the Jordan and Syria," Sternstein said. "First, because the territory is Jewish historically, by international law and geopolitically. Second, such a mini-state will pose a grave danger to Israel's security and be a source of constant warfare."

Sternstein declared that the "American Jewish community overwhelmingly supports Israel and appreciates her position." He said while constructive criticism is welcomed within the Jewish community "the ZOA will fight any and every attempt to lie about the state of affairs and to distort the realities of events."

The ZOA leader also urged American Jews to take up "the banner of Zionism as never before; our enemies desire to make it an epithet of shame; we wear it as a Badge of Honor." He said ZOA plans to establish a National ZOA Young Leadership Fellowship at five regional centers where young families of the ages of 25 to 40 will engage in a year-round cycle of study and action. "Zionism must once again lead American Jewish life in spirit, vision and actions."

Two Ceremonies Held

Yesterday, on the eve of its convention, the ZOA held two ceremonies, one denouncing terrorism and the other paying tribute to the U.S. and American Zionists.

The denunciation of terrorism took place in front of the Isaiah Wall across from the United Nations where about 40 ZOA members led by Sternstein gathered and read Psalms and said the Kaddish in memory of the victims of terrorism in general and in particular Mrs. Dora Bloch, the Israeli hijack victim who was reportedly murdered in Uganda. Two banners at the ceremony read "Libya Guilty of World Terrorism" and "Outlaw World Terrorism."

Bronx Borough President Robert Abrams, a ZOA member, denouncing what he called the "callous indifference" to the murder of Jews and others by terrorists, called on all countries to deny landing rights and refuse to fly their planes to countries that assist terrorists.

Following the ceremony at the Isaiah Wall, about 250 ZOA members visited the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. At Liberty Island, the site of the Statue, Sternstein read "a Zionist thank you to all America on the occasion of the American Bicentennial--for America and Israel

are truly--"Partners in Democracy." Sternstein also paid tribute to the some 50,000 Americans who now live in Israel and those who plan to join them for having "reached the pinnacle of Zionist commitment."

FORD'S ROSH HASHANAH MESSAGE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9 (JTA)--President Ford said in a Rosh Hashanah message to American Jews that in the celebration of our nation's Bicentennial "it is only fitting that we express our pride in the indelible stamp of Jewish wisdom and experience on our way of life" which was "strong and vital from the moment the American continent became a promised land of hope and opportunity."

In extending greetings on behalf of Mrs. Ford and himself, the President observed that "Our early settlers closely identified with the teachings of the Prophets and dedicated themselves in this spirit to building a land that would make the vision of the Prophets a reality."

He noted that "This was the spirit that sparked our independence and sustained us through many difficult struggles on the way to becoming a nation. It is also the spirit that has sustained the Jewish people and brought about the creation of the modern State of Israel. It is the same spirit that marks the special friendship of the American and Israeli peoples and guides us in our commitment to preserve the independence and security of both our lands."

The President said that "American Jews can take satisfaction in their unsurpassed record of humanitarian concern, civic responsibility and devotion to justice. As individuals and through their organizations, they have worked tirelessly and unselfishly to live up to the faith of their fathers and the aspirations of the Founding Fathers of our country."

ALMOGI TO PRESENT 4-YEAR PLAN TO WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, Sept. 9 (JTA)--Declaring that the next World Zionist Congress to be held Jan. 17 in Jerusalem will be "a turning point for Zionists," Yosef Almogi, chairman of the Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organization Executives, outlined today a four-year plan of action that, he said, he is going to present at the Congress.

Addressing a press conference at the Jewish Agency headquarters here, Almogi said that his plan calls for a drive to increase allya with more power in the planning and implementation of programs in the hands of the Jewish communities and Zionist federations; broadening of Zionist education throughout the diaspora; and a major campaign aimed at deepening Zionist ideology and clarifying the goals of Zionism.

According to Almogi, who visited South America two weeks ago and spent some time in South Africa on his way to the United States, on the opening day of the Congress, 18 new settlements will be established "in all parts of Israel." He said, in an answer to a question by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, that some of the new settlements will be established "outside the green belt," in the administered territories, but stressed that this will be done only with the approval of the Israeli government.

Almogi, who is in this country for only a few days to meet with Zionist leaders and Jewish Agency officials, said that outstanding non-Jewish

world personalities will participate in the Congress to reiterate support of Zionism. This will be the 80th anniversary of the World Zionist Congress.

Anti-Semitism In South America

Asked about the growing anti-Semitism in South America, especially in Argentina, Almogi said that the anti-Semitism there is not shared by the authorities. "There are civilian groups who are anti-Jewish and anti-Israeli," he noted, adding that he was startled to see the amount of anti-Semitic literature in Argentina. "The face of Hitler can be seen in any kiosk and newsstand on the covers of hate magazines," Almogi said. His visit to South America also included Brazil and Uruguay.

HUNGER STRIKE FOR SOVIET, SYRIAN JEWS

NEW YORK, Sept. 9 (JTA)--Former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark and Rep. Steven Solarz (D,NY) joined Jewish students yesterday as they began a three-day hunger strike and prayer vigil for Soviet and Syrian Jews on the steps of historic Federal Hall in Manhattan, opposite the Stock Exchange. The strike will end sundown tomorrow. The action is being staged by the Jewish Athletic Club of Brooklyn (JACOB), Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry and Committee for Rescue of Syrian Jews.

Speaking to a large noon crowd, Clark, who is seeking the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate, told of his efforts to represent Soviet Jewish Prisoners of Conscience at the notorious 1970 Leningrad trials, and described his visit a year ago to the USSR where he met leading Jewish activists.

"Public pressure works," he declared. "We do have the capacity to change governments. Human rights is the concern of us all." Clark then added his name to a petition for Soviet Jewish prisoners and "refuseniks." The petition campaign, initiated by Soviet Jewish activists themselves, has a one million signature goal.

Solarz spoke of his intensive efforts to free the 4500-member Syrian Jewish community, and his trip to Syria to plead with government officials there. New York City Council President Paul O'Dwyer, who is also seeking the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate, was scheduled to visit the demonstrators today.

The groups said they deliberately chose the hunger strike and vigil site "in the heart of Wall Street to ask as many financial leaders as possible who have increasing Russian and Arab contacts to urge them to let their Jews go." The strikers will sleep on the steps of Federal Hall at night.

WASHINGTON (JTA)--Rep. Edward J. Koch (D,NY) called Wednesday on the United States to cut off military aid to Argentina unless right-wing and neo-Nazi attacks against Jews are stopped. He said that the recent spread of anti-Semitic, anti-Israel literature, attacks against Jews and Jewish installations was evidence of what he termed fascism. "It is outrageous," Koch declared, "for the United States to furnish \$49 million in military assistance this year to a government whose military is killing political refugees, arresting and killing Catholic priests and which has surrendered itself to right-wing thugs."

ISRAEL BOND ORGANIZATION REPORTS INCREASING INVOLVEMENT OF BUSINESS FIRMS, BANKS, UNIONS IN ITS PROGRAM

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 9 (JTA)--In a report to the International Fall Leadership Conference of Israel Bonds opening here tomorrow morning, Michael Arnon, president, announced that the Israel Bond Organization had produced a total of \$3.47 billion for Israel's economic development since the establishment of the organization in 1951. He noted that of this amount, \$760 million or more than 20 percent was realized from the sale of Israel Bonds to banks, pension funds, labor unions, insurance companies and communal institutions.

More than 1000 Jewish leaders from the United States and Canada are participating in the 1976 International Fall Leadership Conference, which is being held through Sunday at the Beverly Hilton Hotel. The three-day parley will launch an intensive drive for the maximum sale of Israel Bonds during the last four months of the year, which traditionally has been the Bond campaign's most productive period.

Referring to the increased involvement of the business and financial world in the Israel Bond program, Arnon said the organization was encouraged by the growing support the campaign is receiving throughout North America in spite of the intensive Arab boycott against Israel and those who do business with her.

Initiate Nationwide Program

Sam Rothberg, general chairman, asserted that the conference would initiate a nationwide program to enlist the active cooperation of key business leaders as well as heads of labor unions in a two-pronged campaign for wider response to the Israel Bond campaign in the general community. He emphasized, however, that the "central and chief responsibility for the sale of Israel Bonds rests with the Jewish community which in the final analysis is making an investment not only in the future of Israel, but in the future of the entire Jewish people."

Rothberg told the conference participants that Israel depends on Israel Bonds to furnish a major share of this year's Development Budget of \$1 billion which, he said, provides funds for the country's major economic projects, including the drilling for oil and the search for new sources of energy to help make Israel independent of foreign fuel imports now at the rate of \$600 million a year.

Arnon called on the Jewish leaders to accept additional responsibilities in the coming months to accelerate the pace of Israel Bond campaign activities in their communities. "Only a massive outpouring of funds will enable Israel to increase industrial production for export markets to decrease a serious trade deficit of close to \$4 billion which," he said, "is chiefly the result of an unprecedented defense budget of more than \$3.5 billion."

Principal speakers at the conference will be Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem, who will address a dinner session Saturday evening, and Simcha Dinits, Israel's Ambassador to the U.S., who will appear at the final conference session Sunday evening which will consist of an Ambassador's gala in tribute to the Bond Organization and its top subscribers.

Consideration of campaign plans in three key areas will occupy the delegates on the opening day. Setting the keynote in these discussions will

be Rabbi Leon Kronish, chairman of the National Rabbinic Cabinet, on the High Holiday effort in the synagogues; Mrs. Jan Pearce, chairman of the National Women's Division, on the women's campaign; and Milton Perlmuter, national chairman for Commerce and Industry, on the participation of the business community. Other leaders of the national campaign who will speak are Julian B. Venegky, chairman for Community Leadership, and Leonard Goldfine, national campaign co-chairman.

NCSJ CHAIRMAN URGES 'OPEN DIPLOMACY' IN ADDITION TO QUIET DIPLOMACY ON BEHALF OF SOVIET JEWRY

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9 (JTA)--In a major address before a special session of the B'nai B'rith convention focusing on Soviet Jewry, Eugene Gold, National Conference on Soviet Jewry chairman, criticized both Presidential candidates for advocating quiet diplomacy as a means to alleviate the struggle of Soviet Jews to emigrate to Israel, or enjoy full cultural and religious rights within the USSR.

Gold said, "Such international accords as the Helsinki Final Act, which was signed by more than thirty nations just one year ago, and the U.S. Congress's linkage of trade with the right of Soviet Jews to emigrate are examples of 'open diplomacy' at its best." He continued, "Quiet diplomacy alone never helped a Soviet Jew. Nor will it in the future."

To a packed session, Gold urged that the American Jewish community cannot expect others to work on behalf of Soviet Jewry until they prepare to work for the cause themselves. "We must demonstrate our full mobilization of resources," he finished, "in support of this historic and momentous effort."

JANNER PAYS WARM TRIBUTE TO U.S. JEWS By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, Sept. 9 (JTA)--A warm tribute to American Jewry was paid here today by Greville Janner, Labor MP, and vice-president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews.

Janner, who returned from a three-week speaking tour of the United States, told the JTA that American Jews are, almost without exception, devoted to Israel. Recognition of the strength of Jewish solidarity for Israel has brought vivid and welcome assurances from both Presidential candidates and their advisory teams, he said.

Noting that Jewish organizations do not endorse candidates, Janner added that their members would closely watch the candidates' references to Jewish issues and expected the successful contenders to honor their pledges.

In the U.S. Janner met Ivor Richard and Chaim Herzog, the British and Israeli Ambassadors to the UN. He and Mrs. Janner, together with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Worms, leaders of the British B'nai B'rith, were guests of honor at a meeting of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, addressed by Simcha Dinits, Israel's Ambassador in Washington.

NEW YORK (JTA)--"Americana From the Jewish Museum Collection," a special Bicentennial exhibit, will open at The Jewish Museum Sept. 13 and continue through Dec. 31. The exhibit presents portraits and memorabilia of many famous early American Jews.