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## ALLON PREDICTS RENEWED EFFORTS FOR MIDEAST NEGOTIATIONS IN EARLY 1977

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Sept. 13 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Yigal Allon predicted renewed efforts at re-establishing a Mideast negotiating momentum in the early part of 1977, once the American elections and Presidential inauguration had been completed. Speaking to reporters in Jerusalem, he said Israel had been ready to continue the diplomatic process during the current year, but events in Lebanon and the American electoral process had effectively prevented this.

Israel's own elections, scheduled for the end of 1977 need not interfere with the diplomatic process nor impinge upon Israel's readiness and willingness to negotiate, Allon insisted.

He conceded that for the few months immediately prior to the elections, Israel's leadership would naturally be enveloped in its own democratic process, but for the months prior to that, the first half of 1977, Israel would be anticipating renewed diplomatic efforts--whichever party won the Presidential election in the U.S. Allon praised the U.S. middleman role in the past and said he hoped America would resume these efforts.

Allon said he hoped the Palestine Liberation Organization's discomfiture in Lebanon would give rise to "new thinking" within the Arab world, even among those Arab states which still gave the PLO tactical support. He said a "disappointment" with the PLO was detectable throughout the Arab world.

## Upcoming General Assembly Session Assessed

Foreshadowing the upcoming UN General Assembly, Allon said that in addition to the now regular attacks from the Arabs and their fellow travelers, Israel expected this year an "automatic" vote by the Assembly majority approving the report of the "Committee of Twenty," which was set up by last year's Assembly to investigate the Palestinian problem.

The 20, only four of which have diplomatic ties with Israel, recommended a pro-PLO solution--"a national authority" in Israeli-evacuated areas, the return of refugees to their homes, and an international court of justice to investigate Israel's handling of absentee property. The report was vetoed by the U.S. at a Security Council session.

Another possible danger facing Israel at this year's Assembly would be an Arab-Third World attempt to "represent Israel as supporting apartheid." Allon stressed the hypocrisy of this, pointing out that Israel's ties with South Africa were no different than those of the majority of the world's nations--including the Black African nations. He said he favored expanding trade and other ties with Pretoria, stressing that this by no means implied any approval of apartheid, a policy which Israel in fact could not accept.

Allon admitted that Israel had acceded to Syria's demand that no reporters be present on Wednesday, when Golan Druze will be allowed to meet at a new opening in the security fence between Syria and Israel. Undoubtedly, said the Foreign Minister, Syria feared the publicity would

enhance Israel's image and had therefore insisted on no publicity. But in the long run, Allon said, Israel's very readiness to forego this tactical public relations achievement would redound to its credit in world opinion.

## Hard Line On Kaddum Issue

On the Kaddum issue, Allon said pointedly the execution of the Cabinet decision was not in his hands, but in those of Premier Yitzhak Rabin and Defense Minister Shimon Peres. He said he hoped it would be implemented, "the sooner the better." The settlers should be offered a take-it-or-leave-it alternative, and if they refused, they should then be ordered to vacate Kaddum. If they refused this--and Allon said he believed that, as law-abiding citizens they would not refuse--the government should then use the "means at its disposal" to get them out.

In a not-so-veiled swipe at Peres, Allon flayed Cabinet ministers who "undermine" the position of the Premier at this time by indicating that they intend to run against him for the party leadership and Premier. He termed such behavior "unethical--and I could use even stronger language." It was much too early, he said, for "personal politicking to begin."

Allon dodged a question whether he himself would fight for the leadership. Most observers believe he will not, but will support Rabin, and will, at any event, throw his entire weight and influence behind the anti-Peres forces within Labor in an all-out effort to prevent a Peres premiership.

## TOUGH ANTI-TERRORISM ACTION URGED

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 13 (JTA)--The nine European Economic Community foreign ministers at a meeting here over the weekend authorized its chairman, Dutch Foreign Minister Max Van Der Stoep, to urge the forthcoming United Nations General Assembly to adopt tougher measures against hijacking by terrorists. The unanimous decision was taken on a proposal by West German Foreign Minister Hans Dietrich Genscher. The nine ministers hope the General Assembly will adopt the proposal made by them in Brussels last July that terrorists will be prosecuted or extradited to a country where the crime was committed.

## SCHINDLER RAPS FORD, CARTER FOR REJECTING JACKSON-VANIK AMENDMENT IN FAVOR OF QUIET DIPLOMACY

NEW YORK, Sept. 13 (JTA)--President Ford and Democratic Presidential candidate Jimmy Carter were criticized for their rejection of the Jackson-Vanik amendment in favor of quiet diplomacy as the approach to achieve free emigration for Jews and others in East European countries.

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, who has just returned from a six-day "official" visit to Rumania, told members of the UAHC's Executive Committee here today that current hearings in Congress linking emigration to an expansion of the most favored nation status to

East European nations, including Rumania, would never be taking place without the leverage of the Jackson-Vanik amendment.

Schindler, whose organization represents 720 Reform synagogues and 1.1 million members in the U.S. and Canada, disagreed with individuals like Ford and Carter, "who voice public criticism of the amendment, opting instead for personal diplomacy, on the grounds that such action represents a denigration by equating a moral ideal to the issue of trade."

"There is nothing morally unworthy when we relate human rights to trade," he continued. "It demonstrates for all the world to see that the United States is as much concerned about the extension of human rights as it is in the extension of economic and political sway. And that among these human rights, the free movement of peoples is an ideal to which our national honor is pledged."

Last week, Schindler, as spokesman and chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations--representing 32 agencies--told the Senate Finance Subcommittee on International Trade that the Presidents Conference favored a one-year extension of the most favored nation status to Rumania on the condition that "our government representatives spend every effort" to make certain that the objective of free emigration "be in fact attained."

#### SIMON HAS MISGIVINGS ABOUT PENDING ANTI-BOYCOTT LEGISLATION BUT WILL ADVISE FORD TO SIGN NEW MEASURE

NEW YORK, Sept. 13 (JTA)--Treasury Secretary William E. Simon said that despite misgivings on his part he would advise President Ford to sign new federal reform tax legislation with Arab boycott sanctions in it. In a weekend interview with nationally syndicated newspaper columnist Victor Riesel on his "Talk of the Town" WEVD radio program, Simon underscored the need "for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East" as a means "of meeting this boycott problem."

He told Riesel: "I believe that we've made great inroads in this boycott in the past year, and now we are in the process of reversing and exacerbating the tensions by all of the demagoguery that has gone on with this debate. We are not going to make this boycott any better. As a matter of fact, we are going to make it worse by passing legislation like this."

Referring to legislation pending in Congress, Simon said that "it was extremely wrong" to use tax policy to get across anti-Arab boycott sentiment. "It is not the vehicle to use--tax policy--because it is impossible to administer something like an economic boycott. They're using punitive measures denying tax credit, denying referral of corporate taxes if one is participating in this boycott," he stated.

#### Says U.S. Lost Billions Of Dollars

Simon said that "members of the Jewish community" have complained to him about not doing business "in this Arab country or that Arab country and I've asked them if they've tried. And they say we know it is not impossible." Simon did not identify the members of the Jewish community. Nor did he identify Jewish firms he assumed were dealing with Arab nations nor "a top Jewish businessman" who Simon said received "a big contract" recently from an Arab nation. The Treasury Secretary also told Riesel

that Jewish members of a joint economic group of American and Israeli businessmen which he heads "have no trouble getting visas, for example, to Saudi Arabia."

Asked by Riesel whether Ford would veto the legislation with the anti-Arab boycott proviso in it, Simon replied that "it would be premature to judge because the language has not been drawn up. They're still working on it in Washington. It is a 1700-page document. It has some good things in and some bad things. We have to weigh the good and bad. But I believe on balance the bill is more probably good than bad."

It will be Ford's "call to make" on whether to veto the measure with anti-Arab boycott provisos, Simon said, adding, that if there is more good than bad in the reform tax measure, he "would recommend that the President sign it."

He reiterated that with the anti-Arab boycott sections in the reform measure, "tensions will be exacerbated; I know that this whole boycott issue and the threat of legislation has cost the United States unnecessarily billions of dollars of business with the Arab countries that would have come to our American businessmen, including the Jewish community businessmen," Simon said that a public confrontation on the boycott issue has flared up because this is "an election year when you have politicians instead of statesmen more interested in getting elected in the next election than they are in the next generation."

#### B'NAI B'RITH DEDICATES NEW WING TO ITS BUILDING IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13 (JTA)--Stating that Washington is the heartbeat of both the nation and B'nai B'rith, David M. Blumberg, the organization's president, dedicated an addition to the B'nai B'rith headquarters building here that will double its size.

In an outdoor ceremony during B'nai B'rith's biennial convention, Blumberg told representatives of the city, the major religious faiths and more than 1000 delegates attending the convention, that the new wing will allow the organization to provide still more service to members, the community and Jews around the world.

"But as beautiful as the building is--and it has won awards for design and architecture--its real beauty is inside, where programs for helping people are formulated and implemented," Blumberg said.

Rabbi Benjamin M. Kahn, executive vice-president, symbolically affixing a mezuzah to the door of the wing, described the building as the chief cornerstone of the organization's work--the "enrichment of Jewish life and the enrichment of the life of world Jewry."

Among the features of the \$2.5 million building are additional exhibit space for the Philip and Ethel Klutznick Museum which already attracts some 100,000 visitors annually; an international youth center, with offices for B'nai B'rith's youth organization, the Hillel Foundations and Career and Counseling Services; and a conference center that will be made available to other groups in Washington. A chapel in memory of B'nai B'rith victims of the Holocaust will have access to the street so that passers-by can enter and meditate.

#### FORD, CARTER PRAISE ISRAEL BONDS

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 13 (JTA)--President Ford, and Democratic Presidential nominee

Jimmy Carter praised American Jewry's support of Israel's economic needs through Israel Bonds. In a message from the White House to Sam Rothberg, general chairman of the Israel Bond Organization, at the closing session of the International Fall Leadership Conference here, Ford stated:

"As you meet to consider Israel's economic needs, I wish to congratulate the Jewish communities of America on the devotion and effectiveness with which they have supported Israel through the Israel Bond program and other channels. The American people and this Administration are firmly committed to the security of Israel. It is our policy to pursue peace in the Middle East—peace which recognizes Israel's right to security and independence—and to affirm its right to secure borders."

In a telegram to Michael Arnon, president of Israel Bonds, Carter said:

"I wish to extend to you my congratulations on the holding of your International Fall Leadership Conference. I strongly commend your efforts, on behalf of State of Israel Bonds. An investment in the State of Israel is an investment in peace. The strengthening of Israel's economy and defense is a major concern to all Americans. As I have stated many times in the past, my support for Israel is firm and unflinching. We must continue to supply in the full amount necessary the economic and military aid so that Israel can pursue peace from a position of strength and be protected against any unforeseeable attack. The security of Israel is not just a political issue, it is a moral imperative."

#### SCHINDLER, DULZIN BASICALLY AGREE THAT DIASPORA JEWS HAVE RIGHT TO BE CONSULTED ON ISSUES AFFECTING ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Sept. 13 (JTA)--An American Jewish leader and an Israeli leader basically agreed that diaspora Jews have the right to be consulted about issues affecting Israel. Rabbi Alexander Schindler, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, and Leon Dulzin, treasurer of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization, expressed their views to the 79th annual national convention of the Zionist Organization of America Saturday night.

Schindler called for "equality of integrity, intelligence and moral worth" as a basis for relations between Israel and American Jews. "Some American Jews get the feeling they are cows," he asserted, "to be milked, walked around a bit for exercise and then led off into a quiet pasture."

"Cows, however, have their limitations," Schindler declared. "When I am in trouble I do not want a cow. I want a man with the capacity for independent thought. Truth is the highest form of support the Jews of America can give to Israel."

Dulzin, noting that Jewish life today has become "Zionized," said that the leaders of world Jewry have the right to be consulted on the problems facing Jewry. "whether problems of physical rescue or problems of stemming the tide of assimilation." But, he said, the very fact that diaspora Jews demand to be consulted about the major issues facing Israel "is prime evidence of the centrality of Israel in their lives."

#### Greatest Zionist Mitzvot Is Aliya

Dulzin said that since the creation of Israel, the Jewish State has the central responsibility of saving Jewish lives and securing the Jewish future.

"The fact is that the centrality of Israel is now an integral part of the way in which Jews all over the world conceive of their Jewishness," he said. "The fact is that the existence of the Jewish State has radically transformed the self-awareness of Jews, regardless of their synagogue and social-political affiliations."

However, Dulzin pointed to a difference between what he called Zionists, members of organized Zionist movements and "zionists" who do not belong to the movement. "The basic difference lies in the doing of 'mitzvot,' Zionist 'mitzvot,'" he said. "This is what puts the capital 'Z' in Zionism."

Dulzin added that the greatest of Zionist "mitzvot" is aliya: "For in aliya lies the ultimate strength and vitality of the Jewish State. It is the sheer number of Jews who make aliya to Israel that Israel's security, development and future are based—for the personal benefit of those who make aliya and for the benefit of the Jewish people as a whole."

#### ARGENTINE ENVOY TO ISRAEL VISITS JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS IN BUENOS AIRES

By Asher Mibashan

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 13 (JTA)--Dr. Enrique J. Ros, Argentina's Ambassador-designate to Israel, visited leading Jewish organizations here last week to acquaint himself with the Argentine Jewish community before taking up his diplomatic post. He attended a luncheon in his honor tendered by the Argentine-Israel Chamber of Commerce and a dinner given for him by the Buenos Aires Jewish community, also attended by Jewish leaders, rabbis and intellectuals.

Thanking his hosts, the envoy said he was impressed by what he learned of the development of the Jewish community here. He brought greetings from Argentina's President, Gen. Jorge Rafael Videla, who he had visited only a few hours before. The President expressed interest in the activities of the Jewish community and said its welfare was one of his most important concerns, Ros reported.

The institutions visited by Ros included the Buenos Aires Jewish Community Council where he was received by its president, Dr. Mario Gorenstein. He was also received by Dr. Nehemias Resnizky, president of the DAIA, and Samuel Rollansky, of the Jewish Scientific Institute (YIVO). The Chamber of Commerce luncheon for the Ambassador was attended by the Israeli Ambassador to Argentina, Ram Nirgad; Argentina's Secretary of Commerce, Alberto A. Fraguio; Undersecretary of Commerce, Augustin Pazos; and Raul Desmaras Luzuriaga, head of bilateral affairs at the Argentine Foreign Ministry.

#### FORD URGED TO ACT AGAINST TERRORISM

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13 (JTA)--The Senate Foreign Relations Committee has unanimously urged President Ford to suspend air services to and from any nation aiding and abetting international political terrorism. The Committee's view was expressed in "a sense of the Senate" resolution that now goes before the full Senate for approval. It was authored by Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R,NY) and co-sponsored by a bipartisan bloc of 20 Senators. Under the U.S. anti-hijacking act of 1974, the President is authorized to negotiate for suspension of air services either to or from a nation in violation of the act. The resolution, issued last Friday, specifically recommends the President to take the action.

**ZIONISM IN ACTION****KIRYAT MORIAH: A LINK IN THE CHAIN BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE DIASPORA**

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Sept. 13 (JTA)--In Mandatory times the site was an Arab teachers' seminary. Now, overlooking the panoramic site of Jerusalem's Old City and the vast land of the Judean desert, Kiryat Moriah is a center for overseas Jewish youth.

Reuven Agmon, director general of the World Zionist Organization Youth and Hechalutz Department, speaks of Kiryat Moriah in terms of so many students, buildings, courses--and, of course, budget. But beyond the dry facts and figures, there is a lot of pride in this complex of buildings that serves as a link in the strong chain between Israel and the diaspora.

More than 10,000 Jewish youth from innumerable countries will pass through the gates of Kiryat Moriah this year with the purpose of learning more about Zionism and Judaism. Kiryat Moriah (the city of Moriah, in the name of the Temple Mount), was founded three-and-a-half years ago. The initial contribution came from Leah and Yitzhak Safer of South Africa in the memory of their two children who were killed in an auto accident.

The kiryah serves as the central educational institution of the Youth and Hechalutz Department. The center can provide services for some 1000 persons which include 317 beds for an overnight stay. Future plans call for the expansion of facilities eventually to accommodate up to 800 in dormitories. The center includes 12 fully equipped classrooms, a library, reading room, and a cafeteria. There is also a synagogue, a lounge, two dining rooms, a kitchen and an infirmary.

**Four Major Institutions**

The center includes four major institutions:

- \* The institute for training young leaders from abroad offers two courses each year, one for North American students and the other for those from Latin America, South Africa and Australia. During the first half of the year, the students have classes in Hebrew, Judaism, Zionism and leadership; and in the latter half they work on kibbutzim and moshavim.

- \* The Schlichim Training Institute has 120 students who annually receive a half year course designed to prepare to serve as WZO emissaries. Courses include information on Jewish communities, Jewish studies and language.

- \* In a short seminar, youth from abroad and from Israel receive three to four days of instruction on the principles of Zionism. Two such seminars are held every week during eight months in the year.

- \* The Johannesburg King David High School course, offered to students from that South African Jewish school who are sent here for a period of three to six months annually.

The center is operating this year on an operation budget of IL 5 million. But Agmon and the Youth and Hechalutz Department will spend another \$8 million to subsidize groups from abroad. This sum is actually marginal: the cost of travel per person for a 44-day stay in the center (including flight) for an American youngster is \$1350 to \$1400 and the Department subsidizes \$100 of this. The students who come for the center's various programs eat together and live together in the same dormitories, and thus they get to

learn features of Israeli life; social integration in Israel from personal experience.

**SENATE ADOPTS \$5.4 BILLION FOREIGN ASSISTANCE APPROPRIATION MEASURE**

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13 (JTA)--The Senate, by a vote of 52-25, adopted Friday its foreign assistance appropriation bill of \$5.4 billion that includes the same amounts of aid previously voted by the House for Israel and three neighboring states. However, the Senate appropriations to other countries is \$500 million higher than the House total and includes expenditures for a hospital ship and other special aid to Lebanon's war victims. This necessitates a Senate-House conference to reconcile the differences and another vote in both chambers before the legislation can go to President Ford for his consideration.

Under the Senate and House measures, Israel is to receive \$1 billion in military credits and \$735 million in economic supporting assistance. Egypt is to get \$700 million in economic aid; Jordan, \$75 million; and Syria, \$80 million. In addition, Jordan is earmarked for ultimate Administration decision on \$55 million in military credits, \$70 million in military assistance for purchases and \$800,000 for military training.

**Special Aid For Lebanon's War Victims**

The Senate adopted without dissent an amendment by Sen. James Abourezk (D,SD) providing for \$35 million in special aid for the Lebanese. Of this amount, \$10 million would be given to the State Department to reimburse the Defense Department for a U.S. military hospital ship to be stationed in Lebanese waters to help war victims. The USS Sanctuary was mentioned by Abourezk for this purpose.

It had been suggested earlier that possibly a Project Hope vessel would be available, but an official of that organization told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency Friday that its ship was taken out of service two years ago. Project Hope is now a land-based operation in 11 countries.

The Abourezk measure also provides \$20 million as the U.S. contribution to the United Nations which has appealed for contributions from all countries for Lebanon. An additional \$5 million would be given to the International Committee of the Red Cross for services in Lebanon.

Responding to a question from Sen. Daniel Inouye (D,Hawaii) in the Senate discussion, Abourezk said the appropriation is for "purely humanitarian relief" and that none of the funds would go to the Falangists, the Palestine Liberation Organization, the Syrian troops of the Lebanese government. The Abourezk amendment is co-sponsored by Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield (D, Mont.) and Sen. Edward Kennedy (D, Mass.).

TEL AVIV (JTA)--Muhammad Ali may come to Israel for a visit, the world heavyweight boxing champion said in a telephone conversation with a film agent who is distributing the motion picture dealing with Ali's life, "I Am the Greatest of All." Ali said he has many friends and followers in Israel and may come here after visiting Khartoum and Istanbul in a few months.