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## WALDHEIM TO MEET WITH ISRAELI ARAB OFFICIALS DURING ASSEMBLY TO TRY TO REVIVE MIDEAST NEGOTIATIONS By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 16 (JTA)--Secretary General Kurt Waldheim said today that he intends to meet with Arab and Israeli representatives during the General Assembly session which opens Sept. 21 in order to revive the process of negotiations in the Middle East. But the Secretary General observed that formal negotiations between the parties cannot be expected to be resumed before the end of this year. He expressed hope, however, that his talks with Israeli and Arab leaders would lead to a resumption of negotiations.

Addressing a press conference on the eve of the opening of the 31st General Assembly, Waldheim also stressed the urgency of UN action against international terrorism. He noted that the problem is not limited to any member state or any one region in the world. It is "essential that the Assembly devote time to this urgent matter," he said. Waldheim said he thought there were better chances this year that the UN would adopt anti-terrorism measures, noting that a number of member states intend to introduce the issue before the Assembly.

Responding to questions on the situation in Lebanon, Waldheim said the UN has not intervened in the conflict because its Charter provides that regional efforts should be made before the UN takes action. In that respect he noted that the Arab League is continuing its efforts to reach a settlement in Lebanon.

## BEHIND THE HEADLINES WORLD PARLEY TO OPPOSE INCREASING POLITIZATION OF UN ORGANIZATIONS By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Sept. 16 (JTA)--An international conference in opposition to the increasing politization of specialized organizations such as UNESCO, the World Health Organization and the International Labor Office will convene here next month with the participation of Nobel Prize winners, labor leaders, writers, philosophers and top stars of the entertainment world.

The one-day conference, Oct. 2, will call on the international organizations to "stick to their task" instead of dealing with political issues and adopting anti-Israel resolutions. Among those due to attend are Nobel Laureates Isidor Rabi, of the U.S.; Raymond Aron and Prof. Henri Baruk, of France; Prof. Werner Forssmann, of West Germany; Eugene Ionesco; and American theatrical celebrities Elizabeth Taylor and Sammy Davis Jr.

The conference will take place a few weeks before UNESCO's general conference which is due to open in Nairobi, Kenya Oct. 26 with the participation of 140 countries. That conference, the equivalent of the UN General Assembly, meets only once every two years. It will have to decide whether Israel, excluded de facto for the past two years from all UNESCO activities, will be permitted to join a regional group.

Israel has already asked to join the 35-state European regional group which includes two non-European countries: the United States and Canada.

UNESCO's charter on this subject is vague: It says that countries can join regional groups on the basis of "a broad consensus." The East European countries interpret this as meaning "at least 30 countries out of 35." The U.S. delegation says majority vote only is needed.

## Israel's Chances Assessed

Diplomatic sources here say Israel can count on the positive vote of only 14 countries with five more, France, Finland, Monaco, Italy and Greece, likely to vote in favor. Some of these countries, such as France and Italy link their vote in Israel's favor with demands for Israeli concessions on such delicate subjects as the archaeological diggings in Jerusalem and the organization of education in the occupied territories. The UNESCO resolution of Sept. 1974, describes Jerusalem as an occupied territory and as such forbids major changes of its architectural and historic sites.

The U.S. still owes close to \$50 million in outstanding annual dues. UNESCO sources say the U.S. delegation has made it clear that America will pay its back dues only if Israel is satisfied with the Nairobi solution. If no compromise is found, the U.S. might be denied its voting rights.

In order to preserve a favorable climate, the UNESCO Director General has decided to shelve the "racism" item from the conference's agenda. This issue will be examined by a body of experts only next year. UNESCO sources hope that thanks to this arrangement, a compromise can be found on other outstanding issues.

The organizers of the international conference, due to meet here next month, believe that neither the UNESCO Secretariate nor certain member countries would have actively sought a compromise solution without the intervention of world public opinion. The organizers, headed by a committee led by Prof. Andre Lwoff and Aron, also feel that their action can help influence a trend against politization in other organizations and prevent the victimization of Israel.

## ANTI-BOYCOTT PROVISIONS OF TAX REFORM ACT ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 (JTA)--The House today overwhelmingly adopted, without opposition, the anti-boycott provisions of the Tax Reform Act aimed at American firms complying with the Arab boycott of Israel. The only discussion related to a minor technical point dealing with the effective date of the provisions. House sources indicated that the entire bill will be sent to the Senate this afternoon for its approval.

The anti-boycott provisions were contained in the Senate-House conference report on the omnibus tax legislation which was adopted by a 383-26 vote in the House and had the approval of the leadership of both major parties. The anti-boycott provisions, authored by Sen. Abraham Ribicoff (D. Conn.) would deny federal tax benefits to American companies that comply with the boycott directed against Israel and against American firms that are Jewish-owned or adminis-

tered. These benefits include deferral of taxes and certain tax credits allowed companies engaged in foreign trade.

It was pointed out that the provisions are not as sweeping as opponents of the bill contend they are. They affect only that part of the business in which a company engages in the boycott relationship. It was noted that a corporation as a whole may not be affected if a subsidiary is engaged in boycott compliance. Only the subsidiary would be affected.

The Senate may take up the bill late today or tomorrow. Proponents expect sweeping approval of the measure and, despite White House opposition, the President is expected to sign it into law. Earlier, some Administration sources had indicated the bill might be vetoed.

#### Other Action Expected

The House is also expected to take action, possibly tomorrow, on the Export Administration Act which contains other measures to combat the Arab boycott. These include mandatory public disclosure by American corporations as to whether they are complying with the boycott demands and requires that American companies refuse to abide by demands not to trade with Israel. Another provision allows American companies to take court action for damages against other American firms found to discriminate against them because of the Arab boycott.

Opponents of the anti-boycott legislative measures are focussing now on the House Ways and Means Committee's provisions that are stiffer than those in the Senate version of the Export Administration Act. The Senate version does not include the right of private law suits or the ban against an American company's compliance with Arab demands not to trade with Israel. Those provisions have been opposed by the Exxon, Mobil and other oil companies, by organizations representing overseas contractors and by the Administration. (See related story.)

The focussing of opposition against those measures followed the Senate-House conference's adoption of the Ribicoff amendment and the Senate's adoption of anti-boycott provisions introduced by Sens. Adlai Stevenson (D.Ill.) and Harrison Williams (D.N.J.) which call for public disclosure of Arab boycott demands. At present, companies are not required to reveal boycott compliance except in confidential reports to the Secretary of Commerce.

#### OIL FIRMS, PRO-ARAB GROUPS TRYING TO DEFEAT ANTI-BOYCOTT MEASURE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 (JTA)--Major American oil companies and pro-Arab groups are intensifying efforts to defeat the anti-boycott amendment to the Export Administration Act, employing arguments that American business and American consumers would suffer more than the Arab countries if the amendment is adopted.

Rep. Joshua Eilberg (D.Pa.), a leading supporter of the amendment, circulated today a letter he received from H.C. Kauffmann, president of the Exxon Corp., warning that the amendment "could very well result in a stricter enforcement of Arab boycott practices and jeopardize our country's ability to meet its ever increasing needs for oil imports."

In an accompanying letter of his own, addressed to Eilberg, Kauffmann wrote, "As usual, in an attempt to prevent any restrictions on their operations, the major oil

companies are exaggerating the effect of the proposed measure and minimizing the problem we are trying to correct."

#### Warnings To America

Meanwhile, the Mobil Oil Co. in an advertisement in the New York Times today and the National Association of Arab Americans (NAAA), in an ad published today in the Washington Post, took almost identical lines in opposing the anti-boycott amendment.

The Mobil ad said the company believed the amendment could "make it impossible for American companies to import oil into the United States" and "make it impossible for American manufacturers to sell goods to Arab countries." The ad contended that "the United States needs Arab oil more than the Arabs need U.S. goods and know-how.... America, we fear, might be reduced to a second-rate economic power; our citizens to a second-rate standard of living...."

The NAAA ad alleged that "The bill will not hurt the Arab countries as much as it will hurt the U.S.," that "there will be an immediate impact on industry and jobs" and on America's balance of payment and that adoption of the amendment "will disrupt a delicate balance in the Middle East."

#### ALMOGI SAYS ISRAEL'S ECONOMIC NEEDS MUST HAVE TOP PRIORITY

NEW YORK, Sept. 16 (JTA)--Yosef Almogi, chairman of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization Executives, declared this afternoon that Israel's economic problems and financial needs must receive top priority, adding that "an economic crisis is no less dangerous than a political or military crisis."

Addressing a special luncheon meeting of more than 100 New York leaders of the Israel Bond Organization at the Plaza Hotel, Almogi warned that a lack of investment funds to promote Israel's recovery from the economic problems resulting from the Yom Kippur War would lead to unemployment.

"A country that depends on aliyah cannot afford unemployment," he said. "A country that must bridge an enormous gap of close to \$4 billion in its balance of payments cannot afford unemployment. For these reasons, our economic problems and our financial needs must be our chief concern and number one priority."

Almogi expressed the hope that American Jewry would extend increased support to the Israel Bond Organization, which is the major source of funds for economic development, and to the United Jewish Appeal, which provides for the reception and the absorption of immigrants and other social needs. He emphasized that "this is a time when our economic and social needs have reached an unprecedented peak."

Jack D. Weiler, secretary-treasurer of the Israel Bond Organization and national president of its Prime Minister's Club, presided at the luncheon. Other speakers were Michael Arnon, president; Stephen Shalom, general chairman of the New York campaign; and David H. Zysman, its director.

#### CONSERVATIVE MOVEMENT JOINS WZO

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, Sept. 16 (JTA)--The World Council of Jewish Organizations, the umbrella organization of the Conservative movement, yesterday joined the World Zionist Organization. In a special

ceremony at the WZO headquarters here, which was attended by top officials of the WZO and the WCS, Yosef Almogi, chairman of the WZO Executive, welcomed the Conservative movement into the Zionist movement. He described it as "an historic great act," adding: "I look forward to your early integration into the activities and institutional framework of the Zionist movement. I am sure that you will contribute greatly to strengthening the movement, not only through numbers, but by the enthusiasm and commitment you bring to it."

Yesterday's formal ceremony climaxed four years of negotiations which were begun by the late Louis A. Pincus as WZO chairman. The negotiations were completed by Almogi. The WCS represents 2.5 million Jews in 26 countries. Its major affiliates are the Rabbinical Assembly, the United Synagogue of America, the Women's League for Conservative Judaism and the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

Samuel Rothstein, WCS president, also termed the event "historic." He presented Almogi and Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson, chairman of the WZO/American Section, with the formal declaration of affiliation on behalf of the Conservative movement. The declaration, read by Rothstein at the meeting, stated in part: "From its very inception, the Conservative movement has been unwavering in its support of Zionism.... We reaffirm our identification with the goals of Zionism by accepting the invitation of the World Zionist Organization to join its ranks."

The declaration added: "We reaffirm our commitment to the principle of the legitimacy of religious pluralism for all people, within the Jewish community in Israel and elsewhere and to recognize that the WZO has historically provided a platform for all who share the Zionist ideal, although they may differ in their religious and political views."

Representation of the Conservative movement on the Zionist bodies will parallel that accorded to the Reform movement, which joined the WZO last year. There will be two Conservative representatives on the WZO Executive, five delegates to the Zionist General Council, and 15 delegates to the World Zionist Congress. The meeting, which was described by Mrs. Jacobson as "a celebration of a marriage," ended with the toast, "L'chayim."

#### UJA-FEDERATION JOINT CAMPAIGN WILL SEEK TO RAISE RECORD \$125 MILLION By David Friedman

NEW YORK, Sept. 16 (JTA)--Former Defense Minister Moshe Dayan declared last night that the greatest danger facing Israel was the large number of young Israelis who are leaving the country. Speaking at a briefing for 300 "key volunteers" for the 1977 United Jewish Appeal-Federation of Jewish Philanthropies Joint Campaign at the Federation building, Dayan said the way to alleviate this problem is "for American Jews to come to Israel."

Robert H. Arnow, campaign chairman, said the joint campaign will seek to raise \$125 million to meet humanitarian and social needs for Jews in Israel, other overseas countries and the New York metropolitan area. This marks a record fundraising goal ever undertaken by the UJA-Federation at a time of relative quiet in the Middle East. Arnow, who is also chairman of the board of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, said the volunteers present last night will seek face-to-face meetings

with 3500 major contributors in an effort to raise substantial advance pledges during the next three months.

#### Formal Launching Nov. 10

The campaign will be formally launched on Nov. 10, the anniversary of Crystal Night, when windows of synagogues and Jewish-owned stores were smashed by the Nazis in Germany and Austria in 1938. The campaign is eventually expected to involve some 12,000 volunteers in more than 400 trade, profession, community, congregational, women's, young people's and other campaign divisions.

City Comptroller Harrison J. Goldin described New York City's financial plight, noting that the 1977 budget would contain a \$350 million cut in funds for human services. He said the cut to charitable institutions will total \$33.7 million.

Goldin said the trend for government to provide increasingly more funds for social service has now been reversed and the philanthropic groups will now have to shoulder more of the burden. He urged the volunteers to make an extra effort in this year's campaign.

Others who briefed the group included Harry R. Mancher, joint campaign treasurer; Frederick P. Rose, president of the Federation; James L. Weinberg, president of the UJA of Greater New York, and Ernest W. Michel, campaign director and an executive vice-president of UJA-Federation. Mrs. Cynthia Zeger, of Manhattan, who was on the Air France plane that was hijacked to Uganda and was flown to France with the first group of released hostages, described her experiences. She said that the Jewish hostages had the memory of the Holocaust in their minds during the ordeal.

#### Israel's Strength Identified

Dayan, who answered questions from the group, said that Israel is stronger now than before the Yom Kippur War. But he said the strength comes not from having more arms but from the relaxation of tensions with Egypt, Jordan and the West Bank. He said there is more security in having the Suez Canal an open international waterway than in the pre-Yom Kippur War Barlev line.

Dayan rejected the view expressed at the briefing that Jews can only rely on other Jews. "I don't want to feel that we rely only on ourselves," he said. "I want to feel that we are members of the free world."

The former Defense Minister said that on his last visit to the United States he spoke on some 60-70 college campuses and found that young Americans, who were not Jewish, felt they had an obligation to help other free countries, including Israel. Dayan is in the United States to publicize his autobiography, "Moshe Dayan, Story of My Life," which was published recently in Hebrew and English.

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WASHINGTON (JTA)--President Ford has nominated Stephen Hess, editor-in-chief of the Republican Party's platform for the current Presidential campaign, to be a public member of the U.S. delegation to the UN. Hess, a member of the American Jewish Committee's National Advisory Board and a member of the Washington Hebrew Congregation, was principal assistant to Daniel P. Moynihan when the latter was assistant to the President for urban affairs.

# **SOME 100 JEWISH LEADERS TO MEET WITH FORD AT WHITE HOUSE SEPT. 20**

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 (JTA)--Approximately 100 Jewish leaders from all sections of the United States will meet with President Ford at the White House late Monday afternoon to discuss issues of particular interest to the Jewish community, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was informed.

The leaders will meet first in the early afternoon with Richard Cheney, the President's Chief of Staff, at a site outside the White House. Afterwards, they will attend a reception hosted by the President.

Max Fisher, the Detroit industrialist who is a leader in the campaign for Ford's election, arranged the gathering along with industrialist George Klein of New York, business executive Gordon Zacks of Columbus, Ohio, and David Lissy, associate director of the President's Domestic Council.

Lissy said that he is very encouraged by the potential support in the Jewish community for Ford and that the goal of 40 percent or more of the Jewish vote going to the President on Nov. 2 is "certainly attainable." The Jewish vote in the 1972 Presidential campaign was about one-third Republican.

While most of those coming to the White House Monday will be publicly prepared to endorse the President, they also will include community organization officials and others who do not take partisan positions, JTA was informed.

## **CEREMONY MARKS PLIGHT OF IDA NUDEL**

NEW YORK, Sept. 16 (JTA)--An unusual bridal party held a mock wedding ceremony yesterday at the Soviet Mission to the United Nations. There was a bride, bridesmaid and flower girls--all in appropriate wedding attire. But there was no bridegroom.

The ceremony, coordinated by the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry, served to dramatize the continuing plight of Ida Nudel, a Soviet Jewish woman known the world over as the "guardian angel" of the Soviet Jewry movement. Similar demonstrations are being held on her behalf throughout the world during "International Ida Nudel Week."

The bridal party held bouquets of white flowers at the Mission for the wife of Soviet Ambassador Jacob Malik, and urged her to help reunite Ida and her husband, who is now living in Israel. Bronx Borough President Robert Abrams, Conference chairman, explained that the "wedding ceremony" was designed to call public attention to the fact that only three months after Ida was married to Yuli Brind, a former "prisoner of conscience," the couple was forcibly separated.

Brind and Ida's sister Helena--her only relatives--received permission to emigrate from the USSR to Israel in the spring of 1975, but Ida was forced to remain in the USSR. She has since been the target of harassment and threats of imprisonment. Ida, 45, is an economist who was dismissed from her job at Moscow's Institute of Planning and Production when she first applied for an exit visa in 1971.

## **DANIEL LEIVICK DEAD AT 57**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 (JTA)--Memorial services will be held tomorrow at the Washington Jewish Community Center for Daniel Leivick, the

Center's director of Judaic Studies and Israel Programs since his retirement five years ago as a logistics expert at the Department of Defense. He died unexpectedly Tuesday of a heart attack at the age of 57.

Leivick, son of the famous Yiddish poet and dramatist, H. Leivick, for whom a poet's house is named in Tel Aviv, was a test pilot in World War II and continued his service in the Defense Department afterwards. When he retired as chief of the logistics division of the Air Force, he was presented with a citation which referred to him as "a distinguished humanist in the national security dialogue."

Leivick, who had devoted his spare time while at the Pentagon and later full time to Jewish and Yiddish culture, was highly regarded in the Jewish community for what Robert Weiner, the Center's executive director, said was his "unique contribution to our center and our community because of his knowledge, his dedication and his humanism."

At the World Yiddish Conference recently in Jerusalem, Leivick represented the center and the Washington Jewish community. He was a board member of the American Habonim Association, the Labor Zionist Alliance, and the Shalom Aleichem Institute, and a member of the national advisory panel of the American Jewish Committee, YIVO, the Washington JCC and the American Economic Association.

## **SAFEGUARD JEWISH COMMUNAL RIGHTS**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 (JTA)--Declaring that Jewish life must "cope with the reality" that political freedoms are becoming "a shrinking minority" throughout the world, David M. Blumberg, re-elected B'nai B'rith president, concluded the organization's biennial convention with a call for "stubborn Jewish resistance" to safeguard Jewish communal rights.

The convention, largest in B'nai B'rith's 133-year history, included, along with the large majority from the United States, delegates from Canada, Great Britain, Israel, continental Europe, Australia, South Africa and South America. Several delegations were from countries suffering economic and political instability, where anti-Jewish agitations and propaganda have been on the increase.

Blumberg warned against "any Jewish indifference" to the fact that four of every five of the world's four billion population "live in nations governed by political tyranny and oppression." The foreign policies of their regimes, he added, "have a profound impact on the rights of Jews to be Jewish wherever they live."

Final business of the six-day convention was a meeting of a newly-elected B'nai B'rith Board of Governors which named Dr. Daniel Thursz, dean of the University of Maryland's School of Social Work and Community Planning, as executive vice-president of B'nai B'rith, succeeding Rabbi Benjamin M. Kahn, who is retiring. Thursz will take over his new post on Jan. 1.

PARIS (JTA)--Iraq is on the verge of buying some 70 French Mirage F-1 planes, diplomatic sources here report. The F-1 is one of the world's fastest planes and is described as the equivalent of the MiG-25 and superior to the U.S. Phantom. Sources say the planes will be delivered over a three-year period at a basic cost of some \$8 million per plane.