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COMMERCE DEP'T. DISCLOSES 38 U.S. FIRMS PARTICIPATING IN BOYCOTT

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19 (JTA)--The Department of Commerce made public yesterday the names of 38 American firms that have acknowledged participation in the Arab boycott in reports filed with the Department since Oct. 7. There were 59 reports in all open for inspection.

The disclosures were ordered by President Ford on Oct. 7, a day after he had promised such a move during his foreign policy debate with Democratic Presidential candidate Jimmy Carter. The President, however, did not make his order retroactive to firms that had reported boycott compliance prior to Oct. 7 on the understanding that their information would remain confidential.

At the Commerce Department, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was told that there is no U.S. law which forbids American firms from complying with "economic types" of boycott but that discriminatory action such as those involving race, religion or sex of Americans in international trade is prohibited.

Although the Export Administration Act no longer is applicable, since Congress was unable to pass new legislation extending it in view of the maneuvering by Sen. John Tower (R, Tex.), the Commerce Department is operating under Ford's executive order which in turn is based on the "Trading With the Enemy" Act. Commerce officials were unable to explain how the legalities of that act will be successfully used against companies that violate any federal law.

Meanwhile, Commerce Secretary Elliot Richardson was directed today by a Congressional committee to bring documentation on the Arab boycott to a hearing tomorrow morning at the Rayburn Building. The hearing was ordered by the government operations committee headed by Rep. Jack Brooks (D, Tex.). Rep. Robert Drinan (D, Mass.) was reported by his office as coming from Massachusetts to question Richardson on the actions of the U.S. firms. Four of the 38 named yesterday are from the Boston area.

Reveal Role Of AID In Boycott

In a related development, the Cox newspaper chain reported yesterday that the White House has promised to investigate reports that the Agency for International Development (AID), a U.S. government agency, had inserted boycott related questions in a form used to solicit bids from U.S. construction firms seeking contracts from Arab countries.

According to the report, AID complied with demands from Kuwaiti officials to include in the forms it prepared, these questions: "Have you undertaken...any consultation works in or for Israel and, if so, when? Are you still undertaking such works? Do you have associations with any consulting office in Israel and do you think it is likely that you will have such an association in the future?" An AID official, J. David McVoy, reportedly acknowledged that the form was sent to architectural and engineering companies around the world.

The firms named yesterday by the Commerce Department include leading American banks,

manufacturing companies and freight forwarders, all involved in exporting to Arab countries. In all cases, boycott compliance consisted of affirmations to Arab customers that the goods shipped were not of Israeli origin, contained no Israeli materials and were carried in non-Israeli ships that did not call at Israeli ports.

None of the companies reported secondary boycott demands, such as refusing to deal with other American companies that trade with Israel, are Jewish owned or have Jews in top management positions. Some said they trade with Israel.

The Arab places of destination listed on the Commerce Department forms were Kuwait, Jordan, Iraq, Dubai, Muscat, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Qatar and Bahrain. With the exception of Jordan and Egypt, all are Persian Gulf states.

The exporting and forwarding companies and the banks that processed letters of credit containing boycott compliance provisos included: General Electric Medical Systems Co., Milwaukee, Wisc.; James B. Beam Distillers Co., Chicago; Kayser-Roth International, New York; First City National Bank of Houston; Bank of America, San Francisco; Devon Corp., Cambridge, Mass.; Citibank, Los Angeles; The Chartered Bank of London; Air Express International, Los Angeles; and the First Wisconsin National Bank, Milwaukee.

FORD CONSIDERS BROWN MATTER CLOSED, BUT CONFERENCE OF PRESIDENTS DEMANDS FORD CENSURE THE GENERAL; CARTER DEMANDS REPRIMAND OF BROWN

By William Saphire

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19 (JTA)--The White House said that President Ford considers the matter of Gen. George S. Brown's derogatory comments about Israel and other countries to be "closed" in view of Brown's statement at a press conference with Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld at the Pentagon yesterday.

However, the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations declared in a statement released after a special meeting in New York this morning that "The Jewish community does not consider the matter of Gen. Brown to be closed" and demanded that the President censure Brown and repudiate the views he expressed.

Speaking in Tampa, Fla. last night, Democratic Presidential candidate Jimmy Carter challenged President Ford to "show some leadership" by formally reprimanding the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for his statement that Israel is a military "burden" to the U.S.

The statement was contained in an interview Brown gave to Israeli writer and cartoonist Raanan Lurie which will be published shortly by King Features Syndicate. The interview was conducted last April.

Brown acknowledged yesterday the remarks attributed to him but sought to put them in proper context and emphasized that he was "wholeheartedly" committed to safeguarding the security and survival of Israel and supported U.S. policies aimed at that objective. Rumsfeld said yesterday that he had not reprimanded Brown but did not endorse the general's "inelegant phraseology."

Ford Disagrees With Choice Of Words

The statement issued by White House press secretary Ron Nessen late yesterday said: "The President has reviewed the material made public today by the Defense Department concerning Gen. Brown's interview. The President has also discussed the matter with Secretary Rumsfeld. The President made it clear to Secretary Rumsfeld that he does not agree with the general's poor choice of words in portions of the interview. Based on Gen. Brown's statement issued today and Secretary Rumsfeld's news conference, the President considers the matter closed."

The President's Conference statement, issued by its chairman, Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, said: "We strongly believe that his (Brown's) reckless and irresponsible statements represent a challenge to the fundamental precept of American foreign policy toward its allies and to the bipartisan commitment of the American people in support of the security and survival of the State of Israel."

"Gen. Brown's statement also represents a dangerous intrusion of the military into the domain of public policy which our form of government clearly assigns to civilian authority. We call on the President publicly to censure Gen. Brown and to repudiate the views he had expressed lest there be any doubt that the dangerous course of action he recommends has any sanction whatsoever within the current administration."

Carter called Brown's interview statements "a great disservice to our country and to the world... (they) insinuate that Israel is an unwarranted burden to our country when (it) is really the strength of democracy in the Middle East."

Carter's Vice-Presidential running mate, Sen. Walter Mondale (D-Minn.), recalled Brown's statement at Duke University in 1974 in which he alleged that Jews control the American media and banks. Mondale said last night that Brown "has made many comments about Jewish-Americans that I think make him unfit for (his) office."

Brown said at the press conference yesterday that U.S. assistance to Israel might deplete its own military stocks. He added, however, "That does not mean that I disagree with U.S. policy.... I did not and I do not. Israel shares with the U.S. the basic democratic values long cherished in our country. The defense of those values is crucial to the survival of a way of life on this planet which is compatible to our ideals. Because of these overriding considerations, U.S. policy toward Israel has been clear. We are fully committed to the security and survival of the State of Israel. I believe in that policy wholeheartedly."

Brown Assailed By Jewish Leaders

Brown was bitterly attacked this morning at the opening session of the American Zionist Federation's fourth biennial convention at Grossingers, N.Y. Mrs. Faye Schenk, AZF president, said "We protest the continuing biased comments" by Brown. She said his claim that Israel was a military "burden" on the U.S. "diminishes the status of Israel as an ally of the United States and gives license to the enemies of Israel to unleash their venom against the Jewish State, that bastion of democracy in the Middle East that Gen. Brown considers a burden."

Schenk also criticized Rumsfeld's characterization of Brown's words as "inelegant." "We describe it as vicious and insultingly derogatory

of the great and historic relationships between Israel and the United States," she said.

Bertram Gold, executive vice-president of the American Jewish Committee, said today: "Once again General Brown has demonstrated his remarkable lack of judgement of some of the most important issues facing our country. While no one would deny him the right to speak as he sees fit on various aspects of our foreign policy, he should be doing so as a civilian and not in the role of his country's first soldier."

Arthur J. Levine, president of the United Synagogue of America, the association of Conservative congregations, telegraphed Ford urging Brown's resignation. Levine demanded a "public reprimand of Gen. Brown's statements that are contrary to the best interests of the United States." Dr. Robert Shor, national commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, also called on Ford to express "lack of confidence" in Brown. In a telegram to the President, Shor said Brown's remarks cast "little credit on the United States" and "run counter to this country's best interests."

Walter S. Wurzbarger, president of the Rabbinical Council of America, expressed dismay "that the perceptions of the individual charged with the implementation of the national defense policy varies so radically from those of the elected Commander-in-Chief, the President of the United States." He called on Ford "to make sure that there will be no confusion regarding the basic American policy of civilian control over the military."

Buckley, Moynihan Rap Brown

Angry reactions to Brown's interview remarks also continued to pour in from many other quarters today, including the two New York Senatorial candidates, Republican James Buckley and Democrat Daniel P. Moynihan. Moynihan, addressing the 31st annual Weizmann Institute dinner in New York, said, "Those of us concerned about Israel have reason to be appalled though not surprised by the remarks about American strategic interest" attributed to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Buckley, in a statement issued by his campaign office in New York, said Brown's contention that Israel was a military "burden" on the U.S. "is not only demonstrably false but is precisely opposite the case." He said that the general's usefulness to the army and "to our national defense needs has been gravely damaged by his persistent attacks on Israel and on Americans rightfully concerned for Israel's survival." He called for Brown to resign.

YADLIN ARRESTED; JAILED FOR 15 DAYS

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Oct. 19 (JTA)--Asher Yadlin, who was designated to be the next Governor of the Bank of Israel, was remanded to jail for 15 days this afternoon, 24 hours after he was arrested for allegedly accepting bribes and engaging in other illegal activities. Two other persons allegedly associated with Yadlin were also remanded in custody and a fourth suspect who fled the country faces extradition proceedings.

These sudden developments in the Yadlin affair will force the Cabinet to select a new Governor for the Bank of Israel, a post Yadlin was to have assumed Nov. 1. At its regular meeting last Sunday, the Cabinet had decided to defer a decision on whether or not to revoke Yadlin's appointment for two weeks in the ex-

peccation that the police investigation underway for some time, would yield firmer information on which to base a decision.

Yadlin's arrest was precipitated by testimony given in court yesterday by the chief police investigator, Benjamin Ziegel. Ziegel said there was sufficient evidence to charge Yadlin with receiving bribes, making false declarations to avoid payment of property improvement taxes, violation of foreign currency regulations by transferring funds to banks abroad and other related acts. The offenses were allegedly committed while Yadlin served as chairman of Kupat Holim, the powerful Histadrut sick fund.

Ziegel testified that Yadlin is suspected of having received IL 48,000 as a bribe in connection with various land transactions by Kupat Holim. He told the court that the police had learned that efforts were made to influence or intimidate witnesses and therefore Yadlin's detention was essential to the investigation.

Others Also Arrested, Questioned

Also arrested were Mordechai Ellison, who formerly headed a department in Solel Boneh, the Histadrut construction company, and Shlomo Gory, an attorney who worked for Yadlin. Ellison, who reportedly offered to become a State witness in return for a promise of immunity, was said to have confessed to various charges.

He and Yadlin allegedly accepted kickbacks when Kupat Holim purchased for \$2.5 million, an uncompleted medical center said to be worth \$1.4 million. Ellison was not granted immunity. Gory allegedly prepared false tax declarations for Yadlin and false property registrations aimed at evading taxes.

Police said many of the suspects interrogated have refused to sign statements. One left the country two days ago and the police are expected to ask for an extradition order once his whereabouts are ascertained. The persons questioned by police are said to include at least one senior government official who is director general of a ministry.

Yadlin himself was interrogated for four days before his arrest. The 55-year-old economics expert insisted on his innocence and claimed the charges stemmed from an act of vengeance by a former woman friend, Chava Ehrlichman, who he refused to marry. Ehrlichman herself was connected with possible illegal property transfers by Kupat Holim.

Police are also questioning Meir Kimche, a sick fund accountant, who decided to testify after initially refusing to cooperate in the investigation. Kimche was questioned after police discovered that he was a silent partner in a pharmaceutical firm that had dealings with Kupat Holim.

'Witch Hunt' Atmosphere Assailed

The party which named Yadlin, a staunch Laborite and former kibbutz member, to the immensely prestigious and influential post of Governor of the Bank of Israel, is trying to adopt a neutral stance until all the evidence is in.

Premier Yitzhak Rabin told a Labor Party meeting last night that his Cabinet would not become a courthouse and the judicial system must be allowed to run its course. He refused to comment further on the Yadlin affair on grounds that it is still under investigation. But he assailed the atmosphere of "witch hunt," an obvious rebuke to Israel's news media which has been playing up the scandal for weeks.

MORE JEWS RECEPTIVE TO ZIONISM, IDENTIFYING WITH ISRAEL'S CAUSE

GROSSINGER, N.Y., Oct. 19 (JTA)--Mrs. Faye Schenk, president of the American Zionist Federation, told nearly 500 delegates attending the fourth AZF biennial convention here today, that "from our Zionist perspective, it would be correct to state that the two-year period since the last AZF convention has witnessed an intensification of the American Jew's identification with Israel's cause and plight and a new receptivity to Zionism."

Due to the infamous Zionism equals racism resolution adopted by the United Nations General Assembly of Nov. 10, 1975, "which had as its end goal the destruction of the Jewish State and the Jewish people, the Zionist cause has gained greater interest and support," she added.

Schenk said that "many who never understood what Zionism was all about had identified with the Zionist idea because they realized that Judaism and Zionism were one, and that they wanted to identify personally with the age-old aspirations of the Jewish people to live in their own homeland."

She pointed out that the "AZF had united the various Zionist groups into a strong, effective, penetrating Zionist whole, to give verve, vitality and visibility to Zionism as a great liberation movement, steeped in our Biblical and historical past and that it had brought the word and the fact of Zionism the national and international reputation it deserves."

"Therefore," she said, "I call on the World Zionist Executive to back its words with deeds, giving us the sinew and muscle we need and deserve to make our work even more effective."

MOYNIHAN RAPS U.S. PRESSURE ON ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Oct. 19 (JTA)--New York Democratic Party candidate for U.S. Senate, Daniel P. Moynihan, addressing the 31st Annual Weizmann Institute Dinner at the New York Hilton Hotel last night, told the more than 1500 guests that he rejects the view "that the U.S. should be 'even-handed' as between the democratic nations and their anti-democratic enemies. I want the U.S. to side with democracies, not to be neutral in its relations with them."

Declaring that to defend Israel is "to defend liberty and democracy," the former U.S. Ambassador to the UN charged that American foreign policy since the Yom Kippur War has placed "one-sided pressures" on Israel. He said he will fight against such a policy.

The only basis for peace in the Mideast, Moynihan said, is Security Council Resolution 242, noting that it does not call for unilateral territorial concessions on the part of Israel but "for a return of occupied territories only in exchange for recognition of Israel's existence by the Arabs and its right to exist within secure borders." He added that the borders of 1967 were not secure for Israel.

The guest of honor of last night's dinner was Edgar M. Bronfman, chairman and chief executive officer of the Seagram Company. He was presented with the Weizmann Medallion which is awarded annually for distinguished service to science, Israel and the Jewish people. Also addressing the gathering, which included Jewish leaders, leading educators and members of the scientific community, was Prof. Michael Sela, president of the Weizmann Institute in Rehovot.

38 JEWISH CANDIDATES ARE CAMPAIGNING FOR SEATS IN THE HOUSE

By Joseph Polakoff

(Part Two Of Two-Part Series)

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19 (JTA)--At least 38 Jewish candidates--11 Republicans and 27 Democrats--are campaigning in 14 states for 33 of the 435 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives to be determined in the election Nov. 2, a canvass by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency shows. Only four of the candidates are women, three Democrats and a Republican. In five races--four in New York and one in Florida--Jewish candidates are competing against each other.

Of the 21 Jewish members of the House in the 94th Congress, 19 are seeking re-election. Of these, 17 are Democrats and two are Republicans. Two others entered Senatorial races this year, and will not be returning to the House in January. They are Democrat Bella Abzug of New York, who lost in her party's primary, and Republican Sam Steiger, who won the nomination in Arizona.

The 38--equally divided between incumbents and non-incumbents--constitute a numerical record for Jews to reach election day as House candidates. This total tops the number whose names appeared on the ballots two years ago when a record high of 21 Jews won Congressional seats. A record also is being set in the Senate races where five Jewish candidates, one a woman, are campaigning for seats in as many states. This number is besides the three Jewish incumbents whose terms are not in contest this year.

More-Expected In Next Congress

Commenting on the unprecedented numbers of Jewish candidates, David Brody, the Washington representative of B'nai B'rith's Anti-Defamation League, who is a long-time observer of the national political scene, remarked: "Jewish members in the 95th Congress should exceed the number in the 94th--the previous high-water mark in Congress. The number of Jews running for House and Senate seats in the November elections--many of whom won primary fights--shows that being Jewish is no handicap in American politics and it should dispel the notion, held by some, that Jews are reluctant to run for public office."

With almost half of America's slightly less than six million Jews concentrated in New York State and most of them in Metropolitan New York City, it is not surprising that 17 of the candidates--close to half--precisely are in those areas. Of these, nine are incumbents.

Four Jews are candidates in California; three in Florida; two each in Illinois, Maryland and Michigan; and one each in Pennsylvania, Iowa, Georgia, Ohio, Colorado, Kansas, Massachusetts and North Carolina.

Incumbents Seeking Re-Election

Incumbents seeking re-election include Sidney Yates, the Illinois Democrat and dean of Jewish Congressmen, who is seeking his 14th term. Head of the Appropriations Subcommittee for the Interior, Yates is one of five Jewish subcommittee chairmen in the 94th Congress. The other chairmen are Benjamin Rosenthal (D.NY.), of the Government Operations Subcommittee on Commerce, Consumer and Monetary Affairs; Joshua Eilberg (D.Pa.), the Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship and International Law; Lester L. Wolff (D.NY.), the Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Future Foreign Policy, Research and De-

velopment, and Mrs. Abzug of the Government Operations Subcommittee on Government Information and Individual Rights.

Besides Yates, Rosenthal, Eilberg and Wolff, incumbents seeking re-election are Elizabeth Holtzman, James Scheuer, Frederick Richmond, Edward I. Koch, Richard Ottinger and Stephen Solarz, New York Democrats; Benjamin Gilman (R.NY.), Edward Mezvinsky (D.Iowa), William Lehman (D.Fla.), Henry Waxman (D.Calif.); Abner Mikva (D.Ill.), Elliot Levitas (D.Ga.), Gladys Spellman (D.Md.), Willis Gradison (R.Ohio), and John Krebe (D.Calif.).

The 19 other Jewish candidates are Democrats Theodore Weiss, Allard Lowenstein, Gerald Halpern of New York; Anthony Bellenson and Gary Familian, California; Dan Glickman, Kansas; Dr. Charles Friedman, Florida; Dorothy Becker, Michigan; Arthur Goodman Jr., North Carolina; Lanny Davis, Maryland; and Republicans Bernard Plascowe, Paul Slotkin, Albert Lemishow, Josh Dobosh and Sonia Landau of New York; Don Friedman, Colorado; Arthur Mason, Massachusetts; Lee Arnold Spiegelman, Florida; James Burdick, Michigan.

Weiss and Plascowe are rivals as are Rosenthal and Lemishow, Solarz and Dobosh, Koch and Landau, Lehman and Spiegelman.

ZIONISTS REVISIONISTS TO CHALLENGE MANDATES FOR WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS

NEW YORK, Oct. 19 (JTA)--The United Zionists-Revisionists said today they have not accepted the method of representation to the forthcoming 29th World Zionist Congress and intend to challenge it in the Zionist Court in Jerusalem. The American Zionist Federation announced last week that an agreement had been reached by the AZF constituent organizations on the election of a single slate of delegates to the congress and announced the mandates each group will receive.

Morris Giloni, UZ-R national secretary and an AZF vice-president, issued a statement, declaring: "We wish to state categorically that we never agreed to the arbitrary division of the mandate and the whole process which we consider illegal. We demanded elections." The UZ-R received three mandates and a fourth delegate was proposed and is being officially requested from the World Zionist Organization. The decision on the mandates was announced by Mrs. Faye Schenk, AZF president, after a special meeting of the AZF's Area Election Committee.

WARNER BROS. CANCELS ENTebbe FILM

JERUSALEM, Oct. 19 (JTA)--Warner Bros. pictures has abandoned plans to make a movie on the Israeli rescue of hostages at Entebbe Airport in Uganda last July 3. The Ministry of Commerce and Industry announced that it had received notice of the cancellation from Hollywood. Warner Bros. had been selected by the Israeli government from more than a dozen other studios to receive official cooperation in the project.

The change of mind was attributed to the government's refusal to provide more detailed information about the rescue which was a top secret military operation. Warners apparently lost interest also because two American television companies have produced films on the same subject to be released in January, months before the Warner version would be ready for distribution.

REMINDER: There will be no Bulletin dated Oct. 25 due to Veterans Day, a postal holiday.