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## FORD, KISSINGER REAFFIRM U.S. COMMITMENT TO ISRAEL IN WAKE OF BROWN'S STATEMENT ABOUT ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Oct. 20 (JTA)--President Ford and Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger both re-affirmed yesterday that they considered America's strong commitment to Israel to be in the best interests of this country. Their assertions came in the wake of the storm raised by the remark of Gen. George S. Brown, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, that Israel was a military "burden" to the United States.

A White House statement, which did not refer directly to Brown, said: "The President believes the relationship between the United States and Israel is based on strong mutual political, economic and military ties. A strong and secure Israel is strategically important to the global strategy of the United States."

Kissinger, departing from his prepared text in an address to the 50th anniversary dinner of the Synagogue Council of America here, took direct issue with the Joint Chiefs chairman. "In our joint efforts, we consider Israel not as a burden but as a strong asset, not as a liability, but as a staunch bastion of democracy," Kissinger told the predominantly Jewish audience. (See related Kissinger story P.2.)

## Goldwater Agrees With Brown

In Chicago, meanwhile, Sen. Barry Goldwater (R, Ariz.), deviated from the position taken by most of his Senate colleagues by making a strong statement in support of Brown. Goldwater, who has in the past supported Israel on most issues told the annual fall meeting of the Inland Daily Press Association that he shared Brown's view that Israel was a military burden.

"I agree with him. We can't continue to give any country equipment from our inventory and not deplete our own war machine," Goldwater said. The conservative Republican added, "Israel has gotten everything she ever wanted, in some categories more than she can use." He said it was "all right" with him "if we give Israel \$2 billion" (in equipment) but "then let's buy \$2 billion for ourselves. Unless we regain our military superiority, the only choice can be nuclear war or surrender." Goldwater told his audience that that was, in effect, what Brown was trying to say.

## FORD: ISRAEL NOT A MILITARY BURDEN

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20 (JTA)--President Ford said at a news conference today that "Israel is not a military burden to the United States because of actions of the Ford Administration." He made that statement in response to a question related to the remark by the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. George S. Brown, that Israel was a military "burden" on the U.S.

Ford, saying he welcomed the question, declared that "the U.S. is dedicated to the security and survival of Israel" which he described as "a democratic state in an area where democracy does not flourish." He observed that "You have to look at the broad picture" in discussing the question of weapons for Israel. He said that during the Yom Kippur War the U.S. came "immedi-

ately" to Israel's assistance and drew down from its military stocks in Europe. "We have made it (the depletion) up but it was a burden to the U.S.," Ford said.

He added that "from 1974 to the present"--the tenure of his Presidency--the Ford Administration either granted or sold \$2.5 billion in military equipment to Israel. "The net result is that Israel is stronger than before the Yom Kippur War and so today Israel is not a military burden to the U.S. because of actions of the Ford Administration."

The President referred to Israel as a strong ally and said the U.S. has "many firm and fine ties with the people and the government of Israel."

## SECURITY COUNCIL TO MEET ON UNEF EXTENSION WHICH EXPIRES SUNDAY

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 20 (JTA)--The Security Council is scheduled to meet Friday to grant a one-year extension to the UN Emergency Force (UNEF) in Sinai. The present mandate expires Sunday. The extension of the mandate of the 4174-man force is expected to pass smoothly. Israel and Egypt, sources here indicated, have already given their approval to the extension. Council members will start consultations on the matter tomorrow.

Secretary General Kurt Waldheim yesterday had recommended another one-year extension of UNEF. In a report to the Security Council, covering the 12-month period since the mandate was last extended by the Council, he noted that the presence of UNEF was a major factor in maintaining the cease-fire established after the Yom Kippur War and reaffirmed by the Israeli-Egyptian interim Sinai pact in September 1975.

## BEHIND THE HEADLINES

### FRENCH SOCIALISTS WOOLING JEWISH VOTE By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Oct. 20 (JTA)--A top level Socialist delegation led by opposition leader Francois Mitterrand is due to visit Israel beginning Oct. 26 and confer with Premier Yitzhak Rabin, Defense Minister Shimon Peres and other top aides.

Political observers in France believe Mitterrand has decided to visit Israel at this particular time in order to try and woo the Jewish electorate in France before the forthcoming municipal elections. Paradoxically, foreign affairs and communal interests traditionally play a far more important role in local elections than in the Presidential race.

Jews still form large electoral blocks in certain quarters of Paris as well as in such cities as Marseilles, Nice and Strasbourg. The Socialist Party, which, according to certain pollsters could carry a majority of seats, is apparently trying to strengthen its backing in these areas. Many Jews, while opposed to the ruling Giscard-Gaullist forces, are nonetheless reluctant to vote for the Socialists because of the alliance with the Communist Party.

### Jews Play Important Role

Besides their numerical importance--there

are about 500,000 Jews in France today--the Jews also play an important indirect role. Many Jews work with the information media and others are associated with such branches as advertisement, show business, the medical corps and the legal professions whose members play an important role in shaping public opinion.

While the Jewish community, which represents only about one percent of the total population, cannot hope to play an equivalent role to that played by American Judaism in the current Presidential race, it will nonetheless seriously influence the outcome of the struggle for the control of France's city halls.

The Socialists made a strong play for the Jewish vote at the last Presidential elections in May 1974 but the vote split at the time equally between the left and the center coalition led by Valéry Giscard d'Estaing. The Socialists now hope to win a majority of the Jewish vote in the municipal elections which could foreshadow a similar development in the legislative due to be held in 1978. The municipal elections are scheduled for next February.

#### KISSINGER: NEXT LOGICAL MIDEAST STEP IS A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH

NEW YORK, Oct. 20 (JTA)--Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger said here last night that the step-by-step diplomacy he has pursued in the Middle East has "brought us to a point where comprehensive approaches are the logical next step.... The decision before us now is not whether but how the next phase of negotiations should be launched" toward a peace settlement in that region.

Addressing the 50th anniversary dinner of the Synagogue Council of America, the umbrella organization of Reform, Conservative and Orthodox Jewry, Kissinger hailed Israel's interim agreements with Syria and Egypt achieved last year. "Deep suspicions remain but the first important steps have been taken. The beginnings of mutual trust--never before in evidence--are emerging. Some Arab states for the first time are openly speaking of peace and ending a generation of conflict," Kissinger said.

He added that "the capacity of outside countries to exacerbate tensions has been reduced." But he did not name any of the countries, Arab or non-Arab to which he alluded.

Kissinger said, however, that "Peace progress and justice will not be securely won for America or Israel unless they are embedded in a peaceful, progressive and just international order." He warned that while American foreign policy must have moral purpose "we must learn to distinguish morality from moralizing."

#### Defends Quiet Diplomacy On Soviet Jewry

Referring to the issue of Soviet Jewry, Kissinger said that "moral ends are often not enough in themselves. The means used also have a moral quality and moral consequences." In that context he sharply assailed by implication the Jackson-Vanik and Stevenson amendments to the 1975 Trade Reform Act which made U.S. economic benefits to the Soviet Union contingent on liberalization of its emigration policies.

Kissinger credited the "quiet diplomacy" of the U.S. in the early 1970s with the "quantum leap" in emigration from the USSR from 400 in 1968 to 35,000 in 1973. He claimed that "hundreds of hardship cases were dealt with in quiet personal discussions by the President and his senior

officials." However, he said, "When even greater advances were sought by confrontation and legislation, the result was tragic. Today Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union has dropped to approximately 10,000 a year."

As Kissinger began his speech, a group in the rear of the hall began shouting "Israel must live, Kissinger must go. No Israeli retreats. No arms to Arab murderers." The group, identified as members of Save Our Israel, was forcibly removed by guards and security officials but not before they had overturned several tables.

#### BEATINGS OF SOVIET JEWS DENOUNCED

NEW YORK, Oct. 20 (JTA)--The National Conference on Soviet Jewry and the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry today angrily denounced the beatings of 12 Jewish activists by Soviet police, agents after a sit-in at an administrative building of the Supreme Soviet to protest the denial of exit visas. The beatings took place in a wood 35 miles from Moscow. One of the activists, 30-year-old sports coach Zachar-Tesker, suffered a broken nose.

The NCSJ has sent telegrams to President Ford and to Democratic Presidential candidate Jimmy Carter urging them to make note of "this cruel and senseless act" during their third televised debate this Friday.

According to reports from Moscow, a dozen Jews, led by veteran "refusenik" Vladimir Slepak, were herded into a police bus after the sit-in and taken to the woods. There they were chased by the police agents and beaten to the accompaniment of such epithets as "dirty kike." Tesker was quoted by the NCSJ as saying "They were beating us very professionally." In addition to Tesker and Slepak those assaulted included other long term "refuseniks" Arkady Polishchuk and Leonid Shabashov.

"This brutal and senseless action reportedly by members of the Soviet secret police...on unarmed Jews...shows the depths to which the Soviet authorities have dropped to suppress Jewish activists in the USSR whose only wish is to emigrate," NCSJ chairman Eugene Gold said. He added that the beatings were "obviously permitted by Soviet authorities." The SSSJ said that the beatings have shown the Kremlin's "contempt at the White House weakness on the Soviet Jewry issue" by its continuing defense of "quiet diplomacy."

Meanwhile, according to reports from Moscow today, Interior Minister Nikolai Shcholokov promised to meet tomorrow with the victims of the assault. The group submitted a statement protesting their treatment and demanding an explanation of why they have been denied visas.

#### RICHARDSON: WOULD CONSIDER FEDERAL SANCTIONS AGAINST U.S. FIRMS THAT COMPLY WITH THE ARAB BOYCOTT

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20 (JTA)--Secretary of Commerce Elliot Richardson testified to a Congressional subcommittee today that he does not now regard public disclosure of American companies complying with the Arab boycott against Israel as being "counter-productive" and that he would "consider" federal government sanctions against American firms that comply with it.

Richardson testified before the House Government Operations Subcommittee on Commerce, Consumer and Monetary Affairs at a hearing called by its chairman, Rep. Benjamin Rosenthal

(D.N.Y): Rosenthal pointed out that, in scheduling the hearing, the Commerce Department's program "has already been criticized by businessmen who feel they have improperly been placed on the boycott list for only narrow, technical compliance with the boycott."

The Department yesterday revealed the names of 38 companies which reported 59 boycott-requests since Oct. 7 when President Ford's directive took effect. A number of firms that were identified yesterday by the Commerce Department as having been approached by Arabs denied today that they had complied with boycott requests.

Richardson disclosed that he had, in a memorandum to Ford last spring, recommended administration approval of the Stevenson-Williams Senate bill requiring public disclosure but that it was rejected. He also said that he had orally urged a compromise on legislation on the basis of the Senate's extension of the Export Administration Act which died Sept. 30.

#### Would Allow Examination Of Information

Under Rosenthal's questioning, Richardson agreed to allow authorities of five states which now have anti-boycott laws to examine information supplied by American companies that continue to be considered confidential by the Commerce Department. This information includes kinds of goods and services provided by the exporter and their dollar value.

Richardson made this statement after Rosenthal read telegrams supporting disclosure from the Attorneys General of Illinois and Colorado. Richardson also said that he would advise other departments of government to adhere to the President's directive regarding the boycott. Richardson noted, in his testimony, that some employees in the State Department and the Agency for International Development have not observed these directives.

President Ford's "abrupt" change of Administration opposition to disclosure resulted from "evolutionary" developments, Richardson testified. He pointed to the activity in Congress and the views of American Jewish organizations opposing the boycott.

Ford, in his press conference today, said that his Administration has been the only Administration since the Arab boycott went into effect in 1952 to have taken action against it. He named Presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson and Nixon as having opposed the boycott, but he said they did not take action against it.

#### FORD, CARTER URGED TO REPUDIATE RELIGIOUS BIAS IN ELECTION CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, Oct. 20 (JTA)--Leaders of four major faith groups today called upon President Ford and Democratic Presidential candidate Jimmy Carter to "repudiate appeals to religious bigotry" in the current election campaign, as evident in "vote-Christian" drives in a number of Congressional districts by right-wing extremists in both Republican and Democratic parties.

The four--Rev. Paul Moore Jr., Bishop, the Diocese of New York of the Protestant Episcopal Church; Father Joseph O'Hare, editor-in-chief of America, a Jesuit publication; Dr. Arnold L. Olson, retiring president of the Evangelical Free Church of America; and Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, national director, Interreligious Affairs Department, American Jewish Committee--joined at a news conference at the offices of the

AJ Committee and issued a joint statement pointing out that religious bigotry had remained "gratifyingly absent" from the Presidential race. They added that such appeals had "become alarmingly evident in a number of Congressional contests."

The statement concluded with a call to both Ford and Carter and to national, state and local committees of the Democratic and Republican Parties, to reject forcefully any campaign appeals based on the religion a candidate may profess.

The religious leaders referred in their statement to election drives, reportedly in at least 30 Congressional districts, to elect "God-centered citizens" who will work to "rebuild" America as a "Christian republic."

#### Cite Case Histories

Among the details provided both in their statement and in an accompanying appendix of case histories were these:

"In the Republican Senatorial primary in Arizona, anti-Semitic calls and threats were levelled at Sam Steiger, a Jewish candidate, while his opponent, John B. Conlan, was quoted as telling Evangelical audiences: 'A vote for Conlan is a vote for Christianity. We need to elect a Christian Congress.'"

"In a five-sided Democratic Congressional primary in the Fifth District of Texas, candidates were questioned in detail about their religious beliefs, and their replies were publicly 'rated' and these ratings were distributed to church members.

"A 'White People's Committee to Restore God's Law,' at an outdoor rally in Hot Springs, Arkansas, on Sept. 5, 1976, distributed literature proclaiming 'The Anti-Christ Must Go' and 'Only Righteous Christian Men in Public Office.'"

Among the organizations listed in another appendix were: The Christian Freedom Foundation of Washington, D.C.; Third Century Publishers, Arlington, Virginia; The Christian Embassy, Washington, D.C.; The Campus Crusade for Christ, headed by Bill Bright, businessman; The Intercessors for America, allied with the Christian Freedom Foundation and Third Century Publisher through interlocking directorates.

#### Reveals 'Christian Yellow Pages'

At the meeting, the AJ Committee also distributed a copy of the front page of the "Miami, Dade Christian Yellow Pages" which identifies itself as "A telephone directory of born-again Christian business and professional persons--January, 1976 to January, 1977." This is contained within a large cross which takes up the entire page. The next page shows a list of offices in Miami, San Francisco, Dallas, and Modesto, California and is identified as Volume 1-No. 1.

On the same page is a statement titled "The CYP Concept" which announces, in part: "Those whose advertisements appear in the CYP directory have declared orally and in writing that this is their position in Christ--and are standing up and being counted as Christians in our community. One of the primary purposes of the CYP directory is to strengthen the Christian community in which it is being published by pointing out some of the many businesses owned by Christians--therefore offering the entire community the opportunity to do business with Christian business people."

# SCRANTON, HERZOG WARN OF ARAB ATTEMPTS TO REVIVE THE ZIONISM-IS-RACISM RESOLUTION AT THE UN

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, Oct. 20 (JTA)--United States Ambassador to the United Nations William Scranton and Israeli UN Ambassador Chaim Herzog both warned yesterday that the calmness of this year's General Assembly could be shattered by the Arabs in the next few weeks when they will try to revive the Zionism-is-racism resolution and when the General Assembly will consider the report of the 20-member Committee on Palestinian Rights.

Addressing a meeting of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations and representatives of the media at the Jewish Agency's headquarters here, Scranton said that if the Arabs try to link Zionism to apartheid or to revive the Zionism-is-racism resolution in any other way or form, the United States is "determined" to fight against it because "it's wrong, absolutely wrong and we will not allow it...."

## U.S. Will Oppose Palestinian Report

Scranton also said that the United States will "strongly oppose" the report of the Committee on Palestinian Rights, which recommends Israeli withdrawal from all Arab territories and the establishment of a Palestinian state under the aegis of the PLO, and recalled that the U.S. has already vetoed it at the Security Council.

The American envoy disclosed that he was told by Arab delegates that they want a "major debate" on the Mideast at this year's Assembly and that the debate is likely to be contentious. But Scranton expressed satisfaction that the General Assembly has been so far less acrimonious than in previous years. He said that one of the reasons for this is the role played by Herzog, who, he said, is "one of the real leaders" at the UN.

Scranton was also optimistic about the West German proposal for an international convention against the taking of hostages, noting that there is a "considerable support" for it and that he hopes it will be adopted by the UN.

## Report Omits Jewish Refugees

Herzog, addressing the gathering after Scranton, said he does not agree that the West German proposal has a good chance this year, disclosing that "certain Arab countries, led by Algeria, are planning to sabotage the West German initiative to bar the taking of hostages."

Reiterating Israel's contention that the report of the Committee on Palestinian Rights "is a prescription for the destruction of Israel," Herzog charged that the PLO "participated in the work of the committee and was actively involved in the drafting of the report."

While the report dealt with Arab refugees, Herzog said, it did not mention at all Jewish refugees from Arab countries. He contended that "an exchange of population has taken place in the Mideast" with Israel absorbing 600,000 of the 800,000 Jewish refugees from Arab lands against the 500,000 Arab refugees who should be settled in Arab lands.

Charging that some countries are "over-represented in the (UN) Secretariat because of their automatic majority in the General Assembly," Herzog disclosed that the Arab countries staff the UN Secretariat five times more than

their quota. He also pointed out that Arab members of the Office of Petroleum Exporting Countries pay 0.9 percent of the UN budget while the U.S. pays 25 percent. Israel and oil rich Saudi Arabia pay the same amount of the UN budget, 0.24 percent.

## NCC FAILS TO ACT AGAINST TRIFA

NEW YORK, Oct. 20 (JTA)--"No major results" were reported from a meeting here yesterday of the heads of 11 of the 31 denominations affiliated with the National Council of Churches on the issue of dismissing Archbishop Valerian Trifa of the Rumanian Orthodox Episcopate in the U.S. who is accused of having participated in the murders of Jews and others while a commander in the Rumanian fascist Iron Guard in 1941.

Jewish groups have demanded that the ecumenical body oust Trifa from its board. Trifa is under investigation by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service on charges of having lied about his Iron Guard connections when he applied for U.S. citizenship after World War II. If the charges are confirmed he faces revocation of his citizenship and possible deportation.

The NCC so far has refrained from taking action against Trifa on grounds that it might prejudice his right of due process. The Rumanian Orthodox Episcopate fully supports the Archbishop and the NCC is said to rely on the confidence placed in him by his religious constituency that numbers about one million Americans with ethnic roots in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

The Trifa issue engaged the NCC's attention after 30 members of Concerned Jewish Youth disrupted a meeting of its governing board Oct. 8 to demand removal of the Archbishop as a "murderer." Last Thursday the protest group occupied the NCC's offices but left after receiving assurances that the matter would be brought up at the meeting of denominational heads.

Representatives of the Orthodox Church in America promised that the case would be reviewed at its Holy Synod next week. Steps were also reported to arrange a meeting between Orthodox Church heads and Jewish leaders.

## TWO GROUPS JOIN AZF

GROSSINGER, N.Y., Oct. 20 (JTA)--Two national organizations--one devoted to allya and aiding their own children who went on allya to Israel, the other, with various service programs and projects in Israel--have joined the American Zionist Federation today as affiliated organizations, it was announced here at the fourth biennial convention of AZF.

The organizations are the Association of American Israelis and the Women's League for Israel. In making the announcement, Mrs. Faye Schenk, president of the AZF, and Mrs. Nathan Tennenbaum, vice-president of the AZF and chairman of its organization and structure committee, termed the event "a step forward" especially in the wake of the UN anti-Zionist resolution. The two groups are now "part of the Zionist community," they added.

The Association, founded two years ago, is a group of parents whose adult children have settled in Israel and have become Israelis, or at least intend to do so. The Women's League has built and maintains girls homes in Israel and has contributed a number of projects, including a scholarship endowment fund and dormitories to the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.