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ISRAEL CONCERNED OVER SYRIAN RENEWAL OF LINKS WITH LEFTISTS, TERRORISTS IN LEBANESE WAR

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Oct. 27 (JTA)--Israeli circles are viewing with growing concern signs that Syria has once more switched its position in the Lebanese civil war and is allowing Moslem leftists and terrorists to infiltrate its lines into Christian-held portions of southern Lebanon close to the Israel border. Syrian units were reported here to have engaged in a violent clash with Christian Phalangists who they had supported until recently. Three Christians were wounded.

Even more ominous, according to the sources, was the capture of the Christian township of Bint-el-Djabel, only three miles from Israel's border, by leftists aided by terrorists who were permitted to pass through the Syrian lines. The terrorists are said to be holding the town of 10,000 with a significant force. Several skirmishes have occurred between the leftist-terrorists and Christians in southern Lebanon.

Although the Christians are well armed and organized in the south where they have formed the South Lebanese Army, the terrorists are apparently able to seize and hold key villages in the region which could serve as bases for renewed incursions against Israel.

Meaning Of Shift Assessed

The Syrians, who originally backed the PLO in Lebanon but later changed sides to help the Christians, reportedly shifted back to the terrorist side as a result of the Arab mini-summit conference at Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Damascus apparently has come under pressure from the other Arab states to focus on Israel as the real enemy and put an end to the growing cooperation between Israel and the Christians in southern Lebanon.

This shift means that the tacit understanding between Israel and Syria that both countries would exercise restraint in the Lebanese conflict may have ended. The incident between the Syrians and Phalangists is considered to be of special significance.

Terrorists Better Trained, Armed

Israeli circles point out that the terrorists are now better armed and better trained as a result of 18 months of fighting in Lebanon. Premier Yitzhak Rabin and Defense Minister Shimon Peres have repeatedly warned that Israel would not tolerate the return of terrorist forces into southern Lebanon and the resumption of terrorist attacks on Israeli border villages.

Talk of the so-called "red line" on the Litani River, the boundary beyond which Israel would not let the terrorists pass, has been revived in recent days after having been forgotten for months. Some terrorist units are already well south of that line. But the "red line" was never specifically defined as to its location or by any physical features. For the time being, Israel is taking no action but is keeping a close watch on events in southern Lebanon.

RABIN RULES OUT MEETING WITH LEBANESE CHRISTIAN REPRESENTATIVES

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Oct. 27 (JTA)--Premier Yitzhak Rabin has ruled out a meeting with the representatives of Christian villages in southern Lebanon because Israel's policy is not to intervene in the internal affairs of its neighbors. Speaking during a debate yesterday in the Knesset, Rabin confirmed reports that the Lebanese had sought a meeting with him and that he had refused.

He said, however, that Israel was keeping a close watch on political and military developments in Lebanon and would continue to extend humanitarian aid to any Lebanese who requested it, whether Christian or Moslem.

Sources here reported yesterday that an Israeli Maronite Christian had made it known that Lebanese villagers in the border region wanted to meet with Rabin to discuss current problems. They said that Rabin declined and would not delegate one of his aides to meet with the villagers.

Bitter Knesset Polemics

Most of Rabin's Knesset speech was devoted to countering a Likud no-confidence motion. The Knesset eventually struck the motion from the agenda but the polemics were bitter and were viewed as the opening shots in the campaign for next year's elections.

Likud MK Simha Ehrlich attacked the Rabin government for procrastination and an inability to make decisions. "It is impossible to count all the decisions that have not been implemented," Ehrlich said.

He listed among the government's "failures" the appointment of Asher Yadin to be Governor of the Bank of Israel which had to be rescinded after Yadin's arrest last week on bribery charges; the personal rivalries between Rabin and Defense Minister Shimon Peres; and Foreign Minister Yigal Allon's recent article in Foreign Affairs Quarterly outlining the territorial basis for a peace settlement with the Arabs. Ehrlich also accused the government of adopting an inflated economic program to "bribe" the voters in next year's elections.

Rabin said he did not under-estimate Likud's ability to fill the role of opposition party because Likud would be filling that role for a long time "even if it sees castles in the air." To which Meir Payil, of the leftist Moked faction, replied: "With your kind of castles Likud may get there yet."

FORD, CARTER PARTISANS ACCUSE EACH OTHER OF USING PICTURES OF ISRAELI LEADERS IN ADVERTISING CAMPAIGNS

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27 (JTA)--Accusations and counter-accusations of solicitation of Israel's support to influence the voting Nov. 2 are being traded by partisans of both President Ford and Democratic Presidential candidate Jimmy Carter.

The accusations reflect the degree of intensity with which both camps are pursuing Jewish

voters who are regarded as crucial in some states with major bearing on the election's outcome.

Carter people have pointed out that Ford is being shown in a photo with Israeli Premier Yitzhak Rabin in advertisements in the Jewish news media. The photo is captioned "As Good A Friend As Israel's Had"—which appears to be attributed to Rabin.

The advertisements on Ford's behalf also quote from statements by Rabin to the Rabbinical Council of America, lauding the President's record in Congress and saying "The consensus on Ford's character" is that of "an honest man who has always spoken frankly and who is unlikely to yield to political and diplomatic convenience."

The President has often referred in his campaigning to Rabin's statement that U.S.-Israeli relations have been at their highest levels during the past two years--Ford's incumbency at the White House.

Rabin Expresses Dismay

The advertisement has been reported in Israel and drawn a statement from Rabin that he is not taking sides in the U.S. election and has not authorized the publication of the photo. Rabin was accused in the 1972 election, when he was Israel's ambassador in Washington, of supporting President Nixon for re-election. Rabin was reported in Jerusalem to have expressed dismay by the advertisements and that he had no prior knowledge of the ads.

The Ford people in turn have pointed out that Carter is shown with Israeli Ambassador Simcha Dinitz in advertisements in Jewish-American papers and the caption reads "Jimmy Carter Received the Coveted Eleanor Roosevelt-Israel Humanities Award in 1973" from Dinitz.

Carter also was photographed with former Israeli General Ariel Sharon, a hero of the Yom Kippur War. They met briefly in Washington last month. Sharon said he asked to meet Carter and the meeting was speedily arranged.

Questioned about the Carter camp charges, Ford partisans have made retorts such as these: "What is there to complain about? What's the big tismmes? They have pictures, too. If they had one of Carter and Rabin together, the Carter publicity people would use it, too. There is no endorsement by Rabin of Ford or Dinitz for Carter, as there should not be. They appear in advertisements. So what?"

Carter partisans have implied that showing Ford and Rabin in political advertisements are inimical to the spirit of non-solicitation of foreign support and accuse the President's people of crossing the line in that respect.

KLM COUNCIL REJECTS ATTACK ON ANNE FRANK HOUSE EXHIBITION BY ITS REPRESENTATIVE IN CHILE

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 27 (JTA)--The Council of the Dutch Aviation Company, KLM, has issued a protest against the action of the KLM representative in Chile for criticizing an exhibition at the Anne Frank House here which denounces the Chilean regime for being fascist. Chilean tourists who visited the House complained about the exhibition and KLM, which sponsors a tour to the site was asked to issue a statement.

The KLM representative in Chile wrote that the Anne Frank House is currently used as "a political instrument against the present Chilean government and is offensive to the Chileans, including the Chilean Jews who live in a country

where no restrictions or problems exist in the fields of race and religion." He advised the KLM to eliminate the House from its list of tourist attractions in Holland.

The KLM Council, which comprises representatives of all KLM personnel, is demanding that the KLM Directorate publicly disassociate itself from the statement of its Chilean representative.

SCRANTON DENOUNCES BEATING OF SOVIET JEWS AS 'UNASHAMED BARBARISM'

NEW YORK, Oct. 27 (JTA)--William Scranton, the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, termed the beatings of a group of Soviet Jews last week and the arrest of 25 activists as the latest "instance of unashamed barbarism in the Soviet Union." He declared, "At all times, working through the Helsinki accords, we must pressure the movement of that totalitarian system towards standards for human rights."

The envoy was guest speaker at the Appeal of Conscience Foundation's award dinner at the Pierre Hotel honoring W. Averell Harriman, former U.S. Ambassador to the Soviet Union, and Tatsuoto Goto, president of Mitsui (U.S.), as "Men of Conscience." The Foundation is an interreligious organization headed by Rabbi Arthur Schneier, spiritual leader of the Park East Synagogue. Some 500 Protestant, Catholic, Jewish and Greek Orthodox religious and communal leaders attended the dinner.

* Taking note of criticisms of American policy, particularly as they relate to those countries where freedoms are being suppressed, Scranton said: "What part of our ideology justifies cooperation with such a regime? Simply put, it is this. Today, in a world dominated by tensions between nuclear superpowers, events on any continent can jar the delicate web of global balance. The probable alternative to peace is not just war but mutual annihilation. One of our primary foreign policy goals is therefore to maintain that peace, to reduce suspicion and rivalry."

Rabbis Protest Arrests

In a development related to the Soviet Jewry developments, 30 New York area rabbis chained themselves to the fence at the UN today in protest against the arrest of the Jewish activists. Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, spokesman for the Ad Hoc Committee of Concerned Rabbis for Soviet Jewry, read a statement which said, in part:

"We, rabbis of the New York metropolitan area, have chained ourselves to the fence of the United Nations. We have taken this action to call upon the UN to act on behalf of the Soviet Jews now imprisoned for protesting the denial of their most elemental rights....

"We cannot be indifferent to their struggle.... We call upon the UN, the leaders of this nation, our fellow clergy, and all who care about human rights to speak out in support of Soviet Jews' fight for freedom." Lookstein is spiritual leader of Congregation Kehillath Jeshurun and vice-chairman of the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry.

GOLDMANN SAYS VENEZUELA CAN PLAY IMPORTANT PEACE ROLE IN THE MIDEAST

NEW YORK, Oct. 27 (JTA)--Commenting today on his visit last week to Caracas, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, praised the friendly relations existing between the Jewish community of Venezuela and the government of that country. He expressed the

view that the government of Venezuela which, he said, maintains excellent relations with both Israel and the Arab countries, could play an important and constructive role in bringing about a peace settlement in the Middle East.

Goldmann was received by the President of Venezuela, Carlos Andres Perez. He met also with Dr. Gonzalo Barrios, President of the Venezuelan Congress, and Dr. Rafael Caldera, the former President of Venezuela. The discussions on each occasion covered a broad range of Jewish interests.

On these visits, Dr. Goldmann was accompanied by Dr. Gonzalo Banaim Pinto, president of the Confederation of Jewish Associations of Venezuela; Walter Czenstochowski, president of the Zionist Federation of Venezuela; and Marc Turkow, secretary general of the Latin American Jewish Congress. During his stay in Caracas, Goldmann addressed a banquet in his honor by the Confederation of Jewish Associations and a public meeting organized by the Zionist Federation.

Sol Kanev, of Winnipeg, treasurer of the World Jewish Congress, joined Goldmann for part of his stay in Caracas. Kanev was on his way back to Canada from visits to Buenos Aires and Santiago.

RICHARDSON DEFENDS FORD ADMINISTRATION ON BOYCOTT ACTIONS By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, Oct. 27 (JTA)--Secretary of Commerce Elliot L. Richardson last night defended the Ford Administration's record in dealing with the Arab boycott and promised that Ford will continue in his efforts against the "immoral" boycott.

Addressing the Annual National Dinner of the American-Israel Chamber of Commerce at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, Richardson, who presented the U.S. President's "E" Award to the organization for excellence in expanding U.S. exports, said that the Ford Administration is the first and only Administration to take action against the Arab boycott by ordering the disclosures of the names of American companies which comply with Arab boycott demands.

Earlier in the evening, at a meeting sponsored by the Young Jewish Leadership of New York in the apartment of Irwin Ackerman, a young Jewish businessman, Richardson said that the Ford Administration does not support legislation "prohibiting any form of compliance" with the Arab boycott because such action will be "challenging Arab machismo" and therefore prejudicing U.S. ability to help reach a solution of the Israel-Arab conflict.

Commerce Is A Vital Aspect

In his address to the more than 800 guests at last night's dinner, Richardson pointed out the increasing economic ties between Israel and the United States. He noted that Israel's commerce is a vital aspect of its struggle for survival, adding that Israel's economic strength must be assured in order to enable her to continue as a free democratic state.

Simcha Dinitz, Israel's Ambassador to the United States, who also addressed the audience, said that Israel imports about \$3 billion a year from the United States and that this amounts to creating 160,000 jobs in America. "This is surely not an economic burden to the U.S.," Dinitz said. He added that Israel's exports to the U.S. amount to \$300 million annually. Sam Rothberg, general

chairman of the Israel Bond Organization, was named Man of the Year by the AICC. He was presented with the award by Max Ratner, president of the AICC.

YADLIN'S SECRETS FLUSHED OUT By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Oct. 27 (JTA)--Asher Yadin may have flushed away his career when he disposed of certain documents in the toilet of his Tel Aviv home. The papers were retrieved by a plumber called last week to clear a blocked drain pipe. Yadin, who had been nominated for the office of Governor of the Bank of Israel, was detained by police the next day for questioning and was subsequently arraigned on charges of accepting bribes and other illegal activities. The Cabinet rescinded his appointment Sunday.

The plumber said he found a "huge" quantity of documents more or less intact in the pipe and kept them because they contained names he had seen in newspaper accounts of the Yadin investigation. The plumber claimed that his workshop was broken into during the night and that the papers were delivered to the police who dried them out and studied them for evidence in the Yadin case.

Israelis noted that the Yadin affair was becoming more like Watergate every day. It not only has an "Ehrlichman"--Chave Ehrlichman, Yadin's rejected lover who allegedly exposed him for revenge--but a "plumber" as well.

WILLIAM KAUFMAN DEAD AT 80

NEW YORK, Oct. 27 (JTA)--Funeral services were held today in Great Neck for William Kaufman, a leading New York realtor, builder and philanthropist who died in Manhasset, L.I. yesterday at the age of 80. Mr. Kaufman, who founded and headed the William Kaufman Organization, began his career in 1924 and is credited with a leading role in changing the New York City skyline.

In addition to the skyscrapers built by his firm in lower and mid-town Manhattan, Mr. Kaufman built the United Jewish Appeal Building at 220 West 58th St. and did the major renovation work on the building at 515 Park Ave. which became the headquarters of the American Section of the Jewish Agency in the 1950s.

He was president of the advisory council of the New York Board of Rabbis, a founder of the Albert Einstein Medical College of Yeshiva University and honorary chairman of the real estate divisions of the UJA and the Israel Bond Organization. His other philanthropic activities included the establishment of the William and Esther Kaufman Vocational Training Center at the Vocation School for the Retarded in Hempstead, L.I.

JNF FOREST FOR ANTI-NAZI FIGHTER

JERUSALEM, Oct. 27 (JTA)--The Jewish National Fund dedicated a 2000-tree forest in memory of Fritz Kuiper, a member of the Dutch anti-Nazi underground, who helped save the lives of many Jews. The dedication ceremony of the forest--located in Ben Shemen, near Lod--was attended by R.J. Mulder, of the Dutch Embassy, Dutch friends and representatives of the Dutch Immigrants Association. Kuiper was active during World War II in actions to save Dutch Jewry, an action in which many of his relatives took part. Two of his nephews were executed by the Nazis. He published a periodical "All of Israel," and a popular book "Israel and the Gentiles," after the end of World War II.

AZF, UZR IN BITTER DISPUTE OVER ELECTION ISSUE TO ZIONIST CONGRESS

NEW YORK, Oct. 27 (JTA)--The American Zionist Federation and the United Zionist-Revisionists are embroiled in a bitter dispute over the decision last July by the Zionist General Council not to hold elections for delegates to the 29th World Zionist Congress opening in Jerusalem next January.

The AZF adopted a strong resolution of censure against the UZR for taking its case to the New York State civil courts before exhausting internal Zionist legal machinery. The UZR, in a statement issued today, blasted the AZF for allegedly trying to deny 750,000 American Zionists their democratic rights.

AZF Condemns UZR Court Move

The AZF's resolution, adopted by the umbrella organization of the American Zionist movement at its convention at Grossingers last week by a vote of 122-13, "deplored, condemned and censured" the UZR "for their breach of Zionist morality and organizational discipline and their subversion of Zionist principles."

The resolution said that "in bypassing the internal procedures, the UZR have delivered a pernicious blow to the Zionist movement and provided aid and comfort to those who are all too ready to gloat over any weakening of our movement." It called on all constituent organizations of the AZF to "close ranks" against the UZR unless the court proceedings, commenced by its president, Prof. Howard L. Adelson, are promptly withdrawn.

UZR Claims AZF Blocks Democracy

Adelson responded today in a statement saying, "We have tried repeatedly to negotiate our differences with major parties of the AZF. Our demands for democracy and our attempt to have a delegation from the United States at the World Zionist Congress which accurately reflects the political views of American Jews, have met the crudest attempts at suppression."

Adelson contended that the major Zionist groups comprising the AZF had no desire "to allow the Zionist masses to be heard and to maintain the democratic Zionist tradition.... The resolution of the AZF is simply further confirmation of the attempt to suppress dissension." Abraham Silverstein, UZR treasurer, said in a separate statement that "It is our firm intention to see this matter through to a successful conclusion."

Last week the Zionist Executive in Jerusalem expressed displeasure with the UZR's resort to a U.S. court in the dispute and urged it to refrain from trying to solve an internal controversy through an external legal system. The Zionist Executive took up the issue after receiving a cable from Mrs. Faye Schenk, president of the AZF, protesting the UZR's action.

NCLI SETS \$10M GOAL FOR 1977

NEW YORK, Oct. 27 (JTA)--The 53rd annual convention of the National Committee for Labor Israel concluded Sunday by setting its 1977 goals to raise \$5 million in cash through the Israel Histadrut Campaign and another \$5 million in deferred gifts through its Israel Histadrut Foundation. The funds will be used for the immediate and long-range health, educational and social welfare programs of Histadrut in Israel.

Israel Kesser, Histadrut treasurer, who came

here from Israel for the convention, told the 2000 delegates that Histadrut "is engaged in a three-pronged drive to combat the worst effects of our present economic headaches." The first aim, he said, "is to avoid, at all costs, a condition of unemployment which would lead to serious social consequences in Israel. Fortunately, we have had full employment in recent years, but unless we create new jobs, that will change."

The second aim, Kesser said, is to combat inflation "which rides high at an annual rate of 30 percent. This undermines the living standard of the workers and creates labor unrest." The third aim "is that of equal sacrifice," he stated. "The burden of high taxation must be shared equally. Linked with this is the placing of a lid on the extravagant standard of living by all social groups, wage-earners and self-employed alike."

Labor Leader Scores Brown

Sol. C. Chaikin, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, criticized Gen. George S. Brown, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, for stating that Israel was a "burden" to the United States. "There is nothing wrong in being a burden nor is there anything wrong in our assuming responsibility for helping our friends," he said. "What about the situation during World War II when we depleted our own arsenals in order to rush materiel to the Russians reeling before the Nazi war machine? What about Britain and France? It is the kind of burden that our powerful country has to assume if we are concerned with human freedom."

Yaacov Cohen, the American representative of Histadrut and an Arab affairs expert, told the convention that the "good relations" established recently by the "good fence" policy on the Israel-Lebanon border demonstrate "that Israel is actually encircled by hostile states and hostile Arab leaders, but not by hostile people. The Arab people keenly want peace with Israel even though their political leaders try to steer away from it."

In a similar vein, Mordechai Shalev, Israel's Ambassador to Canada, said that the "good fence" has become a byword for good relations between Israel and the Arab people. The fence, he noted, leads into an area of Lebanon--Fatahland--from which terrorists penetrated into Israel. As a result of the fence, Fatahland will no longer serve as a staging area against the Jewish State, he said.

Shalev also reported that Israel has authorized the U.S. to approach Egypt, Syria and Jordan to sound them out on permanent peace agreements. "Israel is ready to meet the Arabs at any time to negotiate peace and is not dragging its feet," he said.

Submitting the annual report of the Israel Histadrut campaign, the fund-raising arm of the NCLI, Bernard B. Jacobson, executive vice-president, noted that \$4 million had been raised during the fiscal year ending Sept. 30. A major beneficiary is the Histadrut Scholarship Fund, which grants 3000 scholarships annually to needy students in academic and vocational high schools.

Dr. Judah J. Shapiro, veteran Labor Zionist leader and Jewish educator, was re-elected to a third term as president of the NCLI which embraces the Labor Zionist Alliance, Pioneer Women, Workmen's Circle, and large segments of the American trade union movement. The convention saluted the newly merged Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union at a luncheon Saturday.