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ZIONIST CONGRESS COURT OVERTURNS DECISION BY ZIONIST GENERAL COUNCIL NOT TO HOLD ELECTIONS FOR CONGRESS By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Nov. 1 (JTA)--The Zionist Congress Court yesterday overturned last July's decision by the Zionist General Council not to hold elections for delegates to the 29th World Zionist Congress scheduled to open here Jan. 17. The Congress Court, headed by Supreme Court Justice Moshe Landau, sharply admonished the General Council and its chairman, Labor MK Yitzhak Navon, for by-passing the democratic process.

The World Zionist Organization Executive was expected to decide by tomorrow whether to postpone the Congress in view of the court's decision. Yosef Almogi, WZO Executive chairman, said the court order would be obeyed. WZO leaders believe the Congress cannot possibly be convened before January, 1978 if elections must be held in all 30 countries represented.

The Congress Court disagreed. It said it was not at all impossible to hold elections in the countries where they have not been held in time for the Jan. 17 opening. But, the court added, "Even if the Congress is postponed, that is the price that must be paid so that the constitution of the WZO will not be made a fraud."

Last July, the Zionist General Council decided by a vote of 47-12 with 16 abstentions that if 90 percent of each country's Zionist elections committee approved a single slate of delegates, elections need not take place in that country. The stated reason for the change was the cost of holding elections. The mailing and processing of ballots was estimated at \$1.25 million.

Must Remain A Democratic Movement

There was strong opposition to the General Council's decision at the time, mainly from the younger leadership of the WZO. The General Zionists abstained and it was finally agreed to waive elections only for the 29th Congress. The matter was taken to the Congress Court by the WZO's counsel who said he had not been allowed to appear before the General Council to present legal objections to its decision. In its ruling yesterday, the Congress Court criticized Navon for refusing to hear the attorney's legal objections.

The ruling, which was unanimous, stated that "The Zionist Movement has been a democratic movement since its beginning and its organizational tools--the WZO and its institutions--were created according to its constitution and democratic principles."

Thus, the court warned, "A movement that ceases to move and closes itself in from whoever wants to take part in setting its directions loses its dynamism. The WZO must not become a federation of professional Zionists." The court added that "At these times, when Zionism is attacked on all sides by the enemies of the Jewish people, it is especially important that the movement retains its image as a movement that honors democratic principles."

Seven of the 30 countries to be represented at the next Zionist Congress decided to hold elec-

tions while 11, including the United States, opted to waive them. The other countries were to have decided this month.

FIVE TERRORIST CELLS UNCOVERED

TEL AVIV, Nov. 1 (JTA)--Five terrorist cells consisting of about 40 Arabs who incited riots and participated in disturbances on the West Bank have been uncovered in the Samaria district, security sources disclosed today. The cells were located in Djalazon village north of Ramallah and Denabba village, near Tulkarem.

Two were connected with George Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, one with El Fatah, another with the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine headed by Naif Hawatmeh and the fifth with an Iraqi-sponsored terrorist group.

According to security sources the members provoked riots during the recent troubles on the West Bank and set fire to a bus and a truck that carried Arab workers to Israel. Some were found in possession of explosives. An investigation of their activities is continuing, the sources said.

CHILE'S LEADING PRELATE ON WEEK'S PILGRIMAGE TO ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Nov. 1 (JTA)--Raul Cardinal Silva Henríquez of Santiago, Chile's leading prelate, arrived yesterday for a week's visit as a guest of the Foreign Ministry. The Cardinal told newsmen that his visit was a pilgrimage devoted to seeing the Christian holy places for the first time. He will visit Jerusalem, Bethlehem and the Galilee and will be received Wednesday by President Ephraim Katzir.

The Cardinal is known for his liberal views regarding civil liberties in his country. Last October, on Independence Day, he openly demanded that the military junta restore basic human rights, and appealed for mercy for political prisoners in Chile.

HERZOG ACCUSES ARABS OF DOUBLE-TALK, DUPPLICITY ON THE ISSUE OF APARTHEID By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 1 (JTA)--Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, Chaim Herzog, responded sharply today to repeated attacks by Arab delegates on Israel for its relations with the government of South Africa. Taking the floor during the General Assembly's continuing debate on apartheid, Herzog accused the Arabs of a "most disgusting exhibition of double-talk, two-faced duplicity and unashamed hypocrisy."

The Israeli envoy declared that the Arab countries that accuse Israel of collaborating with apartheid and racism, themselves have connections with the South African government. He said the Arabs' injection "of irrelevances into the debate" was responsible for its failure to achieve a consensus on the apartheid issue. "Driven by their own rivalries, hatred and illogical and immature approaches, they (the Arabs) have ignored the interests of the African world in order to advance their goal for the destruction of a member state (Israel)," he said.

Herzog declared that Israel's attitude against

apartheid remained unchanged. He said that Israel did not hide its relationship with South Africa and that the relationship was based on the belief that the process of dialogue is the only method to resolve conflicts. But Herzog said, Israel's relations with South Africa are singled out although many countries, including the Arabs, have such relations with the Pretoria government and South African officials visit those countries.

"Let us not be selective because this is dishonest and my delegation is determined not to allow this dishonesty to continue without the record being set straight," Herzog declared. He said that singling out Israel was part of "the political witch-hunt against Israel." He pointed out that despite the fact that the majority of countries at the UN trade with South Africa, it is Israel that is accorded special treatment at the UN and in its reports on apartheid.

Assails Egypt And Iraq

Herzog responded to last week's "vicious attack" on Israel by Egypt which, he said, was in violation of the second Sinai interim accord signed last year by Egypt, Israel and the U.S. He cited fresh reports to the effect that Egypt has been sending teachers to South Africa until two months ago. He also attacked Iraq who, he said, supplied oil to South Africa.

"The Iraqi government which supplies oil to South Africa has had the affrontery to initiate moves against Israel because of our commercial relations with South Africa," Herzog said. He charged Iraq with brutal repression of its Kurdish minority, Jews and other minorities within its borders. He noted that Saudi Arabia and Kuwait also deal with South Africa.

The more vehement the Arab attack on Israel on the issue of South Africa, "the more vulnerable they are on the subject," Herzog said. The apartheid debate, which will conclude Wednesday, has been distinguished by the low key references by the African states to Israel, according to observers here. The Arabs, on the other hand, raised the issue of Zionism and Israeli trade with South Africa during the course of the debate. It was learned that they tried to inject a reference to Zionism in a resolution against apartheid to be introduced in the General Assembly.

TWO MORE ARRESTED IN YADLIN SCANDAL By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Nov. 1 (JTA)--Two more persons were arrested yesterday in the Yadlin scandal. Sara Hary, sister of Asher Yadlin, the former chairman of the Histadrut sick fund, Kupat Holim, was taken into custody last night after police questioned her in connection with bribes allegedly received by her brother. Police also detained a prominent Israeli architect, Abba Elchanani, on suspicion that he bribed Yadlin to obtain lucrative contracts from Kupat Holim.

Yadlin was remanded to jail for 15 days last week on charges of accepting bribes, illegal currency transactions and other offenses while head of the sick fund. The Cabinet rescinded his appointment as Governor of the Bank of Israel, a post he would have assumed today. His sister is now believed to have been implicated in receiving and offering bribes.

Elchanani, who has designed major health centers in Israel and abroad, allegedly paid sums to Yadlin for contracts to build sick fund clinics. In one instance, he is alleged to have thrown an ex-

penensive party for Yadlin before obtaining a contract for a large planning project. His arrest stunned Israelis because he is currently building two mental institutions and a new hospital for the Health Ministry.

Police, meanwhile, were preparing to ask the courts for an additional 15 days' custody of Yadlin and his accountant, Meir Kimche who was also arrested last week.

SEVERE LABOR CRISIS LOOMS

TEL AVIV, Nov. 1 (JTA)--A wildcat strike by merchant mariners was settled today but a far more serious labor crisis loomed as 2500 salaried physicians employed at government, municipal and private hospitals and by the Histadrut sick fund handed in mass resignations effective Dec. 1. The physicians took the action after they were censured at yesterday's Cabinet meeting for resorting to a rule-book work slowdown this past month in support of demands for additional pay and easing of their work load.

The Cabinet decided to set up a ministerial committee, headed by Premier Yitzhak Rabin, to deal specifically with the doctors. A ministerial committee already exists to handle labor troubles and wage policy. The physicians saw the establishment of yet another deliberative body as a stalling tactic intended to postpone a decision. "Our presentation of resignation notices is a move of despair," a spokesman for the doctors said. The work slowdown will continue.

Finance Ministry officials said the physicians' demands for stand-by pay and extra shifts could result in total collapse of an already shaky wage policy. They said that even if the demands are justifiable, yielding to them would only bring similar demands from other sections of the labor force. As of this morning, the government's policy was to accept some of the resignations but to reject others and order the doctors to stay on the job.

Doctors Stage Demonstration

In Tel Aviv, hundreds of physicians demonstrated today outside the office of Prof. Chaim Doron, acting chairman of Kupat Holim, the Histadrut sick fund to whom their resignation notices were presented. Doctors employed by the government handed in their notices to Prof. A. Mentchel, director general of the Health Ministry.

They were particularly incensed by remarks by Health Minister Victor Shemtov last week who cited one physician for allegedly refusing to admit an ailing woman to a government hospital because of the slowdown. The woman was sent to another hospital where she died.

Resignation notices from municipal hospital employees piled up today on the desk of Mayor Shlomo Lehat. Mayor Y. Tzeisel, of Haifa, faced a similar deluge from doctors at the Rothschild Hospital there. In Jerusalem, physicians of Hadassah and Shaare Zedek Hospitals gave notice to the hospitals' director generals.

Zim Ships Resume Operations

Theseamen's union, meanwhile, agreed to call off a strike by deckhands that idled 17 ships of the Zim Lines at Israeli ports over the weekend, and one Zim freighter at Bremen, West Germany. The latter vessel, the Gallia, was the focus of the strike after her Master dismissed the bosun (deck-crew foreman) for disciplinary reasons. Two officials of the union flew to Bremen to examine the situation. The Gallia will remain there

pending a final resolution of the dispute.

The other Zim ships, freed from the strike, resumed normal operations today, easing the congestion at Haifa port where the idle vessels had kept incoming ships from utilizing berths and anchorages. (By Yitzhak Shargil)

FORD SAYS U.S. IS CONCERNED ABOUT ISSUE OF SOVIET JEWRY

NEW YORK, Nov. 1 (JTA)--The National Conference on Soviet Jewry released today a telegram it received from President Ford declaring that he has continually sought to impress upon the Soviet Union American support for the right of Soviet Jews to emigrate and to have freedom of speech.

Ford said that when Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger met with Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin last week he directed the Secretary "to underscore our concern in this specific instance and to stress the importance that we as a people attach to the need for respect of human rights."

In his telegram which was addressed to Eugene Gold, chairman of the NCSJ, Ford said, "I greatly appreciate your recent inquiries and I fully share the concern you have expressed for the Soviet Jews petitioning for their right to emigrate. Together with all Americans, I attach the highest importance to the right of people everywhere to exercise fundamental rights, including the rights of freedom of speech and freedom of emigration."

Result Of Responsible Diplomacy

After noting his direction to Kissinger, Ford said that "As President, since the day I took office, I have impressed upon governments everywhere, including the Soviet government, the importance we attach to these issues. The results of this responsible diplomacy have been decidedly positive.

"We will continue at all levels to impress upon the Soviet government--and other governments as well--the importance the American people attach to humanitarian rights. We shall do so vigorously and responsibly, as befits an issue of such importance."

Ford's telegram was in response to a request from the NCSJ for comments from Ford and his Democratic opponent Jimmy Carter after 12 Jewish activists were beaten by Soviet police following a sit-in at the Supreme Soviet in Moscow. Ford made no direct mention in his telegram of the beatings. However, Carter in his response on Oct. 21 said he was outraged at the beatings and sent a telegram to the American Embassy in Moscow for delivery to Vladimir Slepak, a veteran "refusenik" who was one of those beaten.

Gold, commenting on Ford's telegram said, "I am pleased with President Ford's response to our appeal concerning the recent incidents in the Soviet Union. As evidenced by Governor Carter's previous intervention, support for Soviet Jewry is clearly a non-partisan issue."

Actions In U.S., Canada

Meanwhile, Gov. Hugh Carey of New York sent Dobrynin a telegram expressing the concern of New Yorkers "at the odious ways in which the Soviet Union has chosen to respond to the rightful demands of its citizens." He called on the USSR to allow Jews to emigrate.

In a related development, Stuart Wurtman, president of the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews, said that demonstrations protesting the arrest and

beatings of Jews in Moscow were held by UCSJ groups in Miami, Boston, Philadelphia, Detroit, San Francisco, Washington, Alabama, Long Island (NY), Chicago and Cleveland.

In Montreal, some 3000 Jewish school children and adults demonstrated today against the treatment of Soviet Jews. The demonstration began in Dominion Square in the center of the city and then marched for a half-hour to the Soviet Consulate. A telephone call was placed to Mark Azbel, one of the leading Moscow dissidents, and he could hear the demonstration outside the Consulate, including the sounding of the shofar and the recitation of Psalms. The demonstration was sponsored by the Montreal Committee for Soviet Jewry and the Montreal Group of 35.

ISRAEL RAPS EGYPT AS SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE BEGINS

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 1 (JTA)--Israel charged today that the Security Council debate on the situation in the administered territories, convened at the request of Egypt, was "part of the opening salvo in the annual Arab-inspired preoccupation of the United Nations with Israel."

A statement issued by the Israel UN Mission prior to the opening of the debate this afternoon, stated that Egypt's request had nothing to do with the situation in the administered territories but "is simply the result of yet another shift in inter-Arab rivalry."

The statement asserted that the Egyptian initiative was taken against the background of repeated Arab efforts "to inflame Moslem religious feelings, specifically at a time coinciding with international conferences, such as the General Assembly."

The statement referred to the Hebron incidents in September, claiming that the disturbances there resulted from provocations by the Arab states and certain Moslem religious leaders. It noted that the Tomb of the Patriarchs, the scene of desecrations on Yom Kippur, was reopened to worshippers of all faiths several days before Egypt's request for a debate and that life in Hebron has returned to normal. Israel charged Egypt with a renewed attempt to incite religious feelings in that area.

Jordan and Egypt were on today's speakers' list. The Palestine Liberation Organization is participating in the debate. Israel is also participating but was not scheduled to speak today.

LEVINGER INDICTED BY MILITARY COURT

JERUSALEM, Nov. 1 (JTA)--Rabbi Moshe Levinger, leader of Kiryat Arba, was indicted by a Hebron military court on charges of disobeying orders forbidding him to enter Hebron, resisting arrest and insulting an army officer. He was the third Kiryat Arba militant indicted last week. A Beersheba district court also issued indictments against Prof. Ben-Zion Tager and another man not immediately identified. They are accused of forcing a Hebron religious court judge at gunpoint to remove a roadblock last March.

Levinger, who is also the leader of the Gush Emunim illegal settlement movement, was accused of violating court orders issued on Sept. 25 and 26 forbidding his entry into Hebron on grounds that his provocative attitude could result in clashes between Jews and Arabs in that town.

ZIONISM IN ACTION**URI GORDON; REBEL WITH A CAUSE**

By Tuvia Mendelson

JERUSALEM, Nov. 1 (JTA)--For many prominent Zionist leaders the name Uri Gordon can only mean one thing--trouble. When asked, Gordon himself agrees that he is "not so popular," and frankly, one gets the impression that Gordon actually likes this unique status of being "not so popular."

The head of the World Zionist Organization's Young Leadership Division and a Labor Party activist, Gordon sees himself--and sometimes proves it--as a rebel against what one might call the Zionist "establishment." However, one must not forget that Gordon himself is very much a part of this "establishment" and thus he regards himself as a "fighter" within the WZO.

Gordon is always intense in his criticism against Zionist leaders. In speeches, articles and interviews, Gordon repeatedly calls for a total reorganization of the Zionist movement, is always demanding new attitudes and seeking different means to achieve the basic Zionist goals. Perhaps this is why the Zionist movement in the mid-seventies, in Israel and abroad, cannot ignore Gordon--and he is by no means ignored.

Zionist Missions Not Operating

Gordon believes that presently the Zionist movement is not carrying out its missions. "For many a youth abroad," he says, "the WZO today means practically nothing." He believes that very little is being done in order to reach thousands of young Jewish students in the U.S. and elsewhere. The Zionist movement consists, he argues, of "commanders without armies."

Gordon cannot accept the paradox which in his opinion stems from activities for aliyah on the one hand and fund-raising campaigns on the other hand. He suggests a new "structure" for the WZO. The WZO, he says, should be divided into two different bodies. One, the Zionist Organization, would consist only of members who pledge to come on aliyah within a certain period, which would be decided.

The other part would be more "general," and would include anybody who calls himself a Zionist, regardless of his plans to perhaps carry out aliyah some day. Gordon speaks of this idea with the same intensity with which he criticizes Zionist leaders, and with a zest which almost convinces one that the plan is practical. Needless to say the Zionist leadership does not regard Gordon's ideas as even remotely realistic.

An Imaginative Plan

Nevertheless, criticism and rejection of his ideas do not discourage Gordon; and as far as visions are concerned, there is always room for yet another dream. Gordon likes to recall that 75 years ago, when Theodor Herzl envisioned the future state of Israel, he also wrote about a canal which would link the Dead Sea with the Mediterranean. According to Herzl, because of the tremendous altitude difference between the Mediterranean and the Dead Sea, the canal would create waterfalls which could be exploited for electric energy.

"The nature of such a plan," says Gordon, "is that it feeds your imagination on the one hand and creates many, many doubts on the other." He notes that in March 1974, a committee of experts was appointed to examine various aspects of

building a hydro-electric plant in the area of the Dead Sea. "The committee's major conclusion," says Gordon, "is that the project might be economically feasible, and it also suggested that preliminary planning be started."

How does the Young Leadership of WZO fit in with this project? Gordon believes that "when and if" such a project is decided upon, it should become a "national enterprise," bearing in mind that it would actually be the realization of a Zionist vision.

"Such a project," he says, "could fire the enthusiasm of hundreds and thousands of youth throughout the world, and the Young Leadership Division truly believes that a massive volunteer movement could then be established, combined with a moral and financial support of the Jewish people." Youth would then become real pioneers, according to Gordon, faced with the challenge of actually participating in building this canal.

Urges Elections For Zionist Congress

Like other Zionist leaders, Gordon is well aware of the upcoming 29th Zionist Congress. He criticizes the fact that most Zionist federations are not holding elections for the Congress. In Gordon's opinion, elections should have taken place in Israel itself for the Zionist Congress, for the movement and its leadership need "new blood" and it is vital for the organization to revive its democratic character.

Gordon admits that within the WZO he also has some "personal" aspirations, and, though it seems unlikely that Gordon will be elected to the Zionist Executive, his efforts will continue, and perhaps an associate-membership in the Executive could be achieved.

In any event, Gordon firmly believes that the WZO's Young Leadership should be represented in the Zionist Executive. It is "essential and highly important" that the younger generation within the Zionist Organization be more involved and more effective in the process of policy and decision making in the organization, he declares.

KAHANE DENOUNCES THE RZA FOR BARRING HIM FROM MEMBERSHIP

NEW YORK, Nov. 1 (JTA)--Rabbi Meir Kahane, founder of the Jewish Defense League, today denounced the Religious Zionists of America for refusing to accept his membership in the organization. He said he would seek a Din Torah ruling and if the RZA refused to accept a favorable judgement he would go to court. Rabbi Louis Bernstein, president of the RZA, refused to comment today on Kahane's charge.

Kahane, who last month joined the National Religious Party in Israel, which is linked to the RZA, said that the "establishment leaders have fraudulently told the Jewish people that they oppose me because of violence." He charged that now that he is willing to work through the "establishment," the RZA leadership has barred him because they "are afraid of my intention of speaking the truth about the tragic drop in membership, funds, activities and above all--idealism and the RZA destiny."

The JDL leader has scheduled a meeting on Nov. 7 at the Diplomat Hotel in Manhattan to explain to RZA members his reasons for wanting to join the organization.

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JERUSALEM (JTA)--Arnon Gafni, former Finance Ministry director general, was sworn in Sunday as Governor of the Bank of Israel.