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## QUEBEC JEWS UNEASY ABOUT POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES OF ELECTION VICTORY OF THE SEPARATIST PARTI QUEBECOIS By Michael Solomon

MONTREAL, Nov. 16 (JTA)--Yesterday's provincial election that swept the separatist Parti Quebecois into power has stirred restiveness among Quebec's 120,000 Jews. They are concerned most by the possible economic consequences and are also troubled by what some fear may be an official hardening of attitudes toward freedoms and the protection of minorities.

Quebec Jews--all but 5000 of whom live in Montreal--do not by any means regard the election results as a prelude to personal abuse. But they clearly felt more comfortable under the government of former Premier Robert Bourassa's Liberal Party. They voted overwhelmingly for the Liberals yesterday despite their disappointment with that party's sponsorship of Bill 22--which would require non-English speaking children in the province to attend French language schools.

At a pre-election rally, Victor Goldbloom, Minister for Environmental Affairs and the only Jew in Bourassa's Cabinet, appealed to several hundred Jews gathered at the Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue for their support of the Liberal Party. Goldbloom himself was easily re-elected to the Quebec National Assembly (Parliament) as was another Jewish member, Harry Blank. But they will now sit in opposition.

### Basis For Concern

The Parti Quebecois, headed by Premier Rene Levesque, has as its stated aim the separation of Quebec from the rest of Canada which is Anglo-Saxon. It has pledged a referendum on that issue in two years. Jews fear that should Quebec ever become a separate republic it would follow the pattern of radical nationalism and intolerance common to many newly emergent states.

While separation is still regarded as a remote possibility, the installation of a provincial government dedicated to it already has had a depressant effect on the economic outlook of Jews who are mainly middle class merchants and small businessmen. That class has been the first to suffer in other areas of the world where radical changes in government have taken place. Many Quebec Jews are thinking of moving to other parts of Canada.

Saul Hayes, former executive vice-president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, sent a telegram of congratulations to Premier-elect Levesque on behalf of the CJC. He stressed the fact that the CJC is a non-political organization representing the interests of Canadian Jews who are by tradition good citizens no matter what regime is in power. He expressed the hope that the new Premier will meet with CJC representatives in the near future.

### USSR RELEASES 2 JEWISH ACTIVISTS WHO WERE FACING PRISON TERMS

NEW YORK, Nov. 16 (JTA)--Soviet authorities have unexpectedly released two Jewish activists who were facing prison terms of up to five years

for their part in demonstrations by Moscow Jews last month to demand to know why they have been denied exit visas. Boris Chernobitsky and Dr. Iosif Ahs, who were to stand trial shortly on charges of "malicious hooliganism," were told by Soviet authorities that they were being freed because it was their first offense and because both are family men.

The National Conference on Soviet Jewry called the move "unprecedented" and reported today that it was "greeted with amazement by other Jewish activists who said they could not remember a previous incident where criminal charges did not ultimately result in conviction and imprisonment."

According to the NCSJ, veteran activist Vladimir Slepak attributed the Soviet action to pressure from the United States. NCSJ chairman Eugene Gold said the release was welcomed and added, "We are glad the Soviet authorities dropped the unwarranted charges against the two Soviet Jews whose only wish is to emigrate to Israel."

The Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry expressed a "sense of vindication once again of the efficacy of pressure." However, an SSSJ spokesman said, "We must not let this victory make us forget that we're merely back to square one." The spokesman noted that of the 52 Jews who demonstrated for visas, only one has received permission to emigrate. "The Soviets are making a play to obtain the good graces of the incoming Carter Administration," the SSSJ said.

### PALESTINE RADIO REPORTS THREE U.S. SENATORS MET WITH PLO REP IN CAIRO By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16 (JTA)--The "Voice of Palestine Radio" said yesterday that a representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization, Basel Akl, met in Cairo with three visiting U.S. Senators Sunday in order to further the PLO's "political and diplomatic" activity. The Senators were identified in reports from Cairo as Robert Griffin (R, Mich.), the possible new Senate Minority Leader; John Glenn (D, Ohio) and Paul Laxalt (R, Nev.). The meeting took place at the Cairo Hilton Hotel.

One report said it lasted two hours but another said one hour. Akl was described as the London representative of the PLO. The "Voice of Palestine" quoted him as saying that the meeting "is part of the political and diplomatic move which has been undertaken by the PLO" and that it covered "Palestinian demands as approved by the United Nations."

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency was told by four Senate sources and two at the State Department that they had no independent information on the reported meeting from the Senators themselves or from the U.S. Embassy in Cairo. According to the reports, Akl took a tougher position than Egyptian President Anwar Sadat who met on Saturday with a dozen Senators visiting the Middle East. Akl was reported to have said that the PLO would not abandon its terrorist tactics against Israel as a precondition for a conference in which Israel would participate.

Sadat reportedly met privately Sunday with

Sen. James Abourezk (D,SD) who spoke last week at an anti-Zionist conference in Baghdad. Abourezk is on a Middle East trip as chairman of the Senate Judiciary subcommittee on refugees.

#### ARMED FORCES PRACTICE MOBILIZATION DESCRIBED AS REMARKABLY SUCCESSFUL

TEL AVIV, Nov. 16 (JTA)--An 18-hour practice mobilization by Israel's armed forces ended this morning. It was described by military circles as remarkably successful. No details were disclosed. The purpose of the exercise was to determine how long it would take to call up the reserves, equip them and send them off to battle in case of an emergency. Several thousand reserve soldiers were involved.

The call up order, issued by Gen. Yekutiel Adam, Chief of Operations at General Headquarters, was broadcast at noon yesterday by radio and television and repeated hourly throughout the day. Aircraft dropped leaflets containing the orders over Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Haifa, Beersheba and other large population centers.

Reservists were ordered to report to their units, designated by code names. The owners of private vehicles recruited for national service were instructed to bring them to pre-arranged areas for registration. Israel took the precaution of informing the neighboring Arab states in advance that the mobilization was only a practice exercise.

#### WJC TO ORGANIZE WORLD PARLEY TO HONOR THE SEPHARDIC HERITAGE

By Edwin Eytan

GENEVA, Nov. 16 (JTA)--The World Jewish Congress decided today to organize a world conference on Ladino "to celebrate and honor the Sephardic heritage" of the Jewish people. This decision was taken this morning by the WJC Governing Board which is currently meeting here with the participation of 56 delegates from 24 countries.

The cultural commission of the Board approved a plan for the publication of a uniform series of Jewish classics in English, Hebrew, French and Spanish. The Cultural Department of the WJC will appoint a small committee of scholars to select and prepare for the works due for publication. The Governing Board is also due to approve a project providing for the establishment of a permanent research commission which will be responsible for the work of the Institute of Jewish Affairs.

The provisional commission on research also suggested a study on "new forms of anti-Semitism," particularly those originating from Soviet, Arab, Third World and New Left sources, often in the guise of anti-Zionism.

Part of the discussion last night centered on the continued existence of the Conference of Jewish Organizations (COJO), which many delegates felt was no longer necessary in view of the British Board of Deputies' decision to join the WJC and the negotiations currently in progress with the B'nai B'rith International Committee.

The Governing Board is chaired by Philip M. Klutznick of Chicago. Attending the meeting is WJC President Nahum Goldmann. Israeli Minister of Interior Yosef Burg and Jewish Agency Executive chairman Yosef Almog are due to join the delegates. The Board's meeting will conclude tomorrow night with a commemorative session marking its 40th anniversary.

#### BEIGIN CALLS FOR 'INTERIM' PERIOD BEFORE AID ENDS TO SOVIET DROPOUTS

By David Friedman

NEW YORK, Nov. 16 (JTA)--Menachem Beigin, the leader of the Likud opposition in Israel, suggested last night that there should be an "interim" period of about a year before any aid is cut off to Soviet Jews who leave the USSR for Israel but go to some other country. He said this would prevent creating real human hardships.

Beigin told an overflow crowd of some 2000 people at Congregation B'nai Jeshurun in Manhattan that during this transition period efforts should be made to convince the potential dropouts that they owe it to themselves and their fellow Jews to go to Israel. His remarks came in response to a question from Rabbi William Berkowitz at the Congregation's "Dialogue '76" lecture series.

The Likud leader said that the reasons for the dropout increase include fear of security following the 1973 Yom Kippur War--a fear which he said has lessened since the Entebbe operation; Israel's economic and social problems and the possibility that Soviet authorities are providing exit visas to those Jews most likely to go to some country other than Israel.

Beigin urged American Jews to continue their demonstrations and actions in support of the right of emigration for Soviet Jews. He added that there should be increased aliyah from the West as well as from the Soviet Union.

The issue of how Soviet Jewish emigration, especially the dropouts, should be handled is now being studied by a committee of eight Americans and Israelis. The Interorganizational Committee on Soviet Jewish Emigration, which is dealing with this issue, is headed by Max Fisher of Detroit.

#### SHARON LEAVES LIKUD

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Nov. 16 (JTA)--Gen. Ariel Sharon announced today that he was severing connections with Likud, the non-Labor opposition party he helped create three years ago. The Yom Kippur War hero told a press conference here that he planned to found a new party to offer an alternative to Israel's present leadership in next year's elections. He did not disclose who would be on the new party's election list but promised to publish its platform within a month.

Sharon, a controversial figure because of his outspoken criticism of the conduct of the Yom Kippur War, said he was disappointed with Likud. He called it a great idea that never came to pass and claimed that it offered no real alternative to the present regime. Sharon said he has been urging Likud to come up with firm programs and to introduce new faces among its candidates standing for election--but all in vain.

Informed sources said that the rift developed between Sharon and Likud because the party insisted that the veteran Herut leader, Menachem Beigin, continue to head its list. Sharon thought that Beigin should stand for election like every other candidate and not be automatically propagated to the leadership position. Some said Sharon wanted to head the list but he denied this and said he wanted only a democratic Likud.

Labor Party circles said today that Sharon would eventually rejoin Likud because his defection today has in fact strengthened his bargaining position with that faction. They said that a separate party headed by Sharon would take votes from Likud and from the hawkish faction of the

National Religious Party. But they did not believe that a new Sharon party would receive more than 2-3 seats in the Knesset.

While Sharon refused to disclose the position his party would take on major issues, he said its platform would be based on certain axioms he considered vital to Israel's security. He said he could not conceive withdrawal from the Judea and Samaria regions but he would not dismiss out of hand any formal proposals or definitions that could lead to a peace settlement.

At least one Labor Party figure is expected to appear on a Sharon party list should it materialize. He is Yaacov Halfon, of Beersheba, a member of the Labor Party Central Committee and an unofficial advisor to Premier Yitzhak Rabin. Halfon and Rabin have had some serious differences of late and Halfon is expected to resign from the Labor Party.

#### BEHIND THE HEADLINES

##### CARTER, JERUSALEM AND PROPAGANDA

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16 (JTA)--President-elect Jimmy Carter's reiteration that he is "not committed" to moving the American Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem was seen here today as being significant in the context in which it was made and in its timing.

Carter was asked the question at a news conference yesterday in Plains, Georgia, and his reply essentially was the same he had made during the election campaign--that he does not agree with the Democratic Party's platform advocating the move but that he has reserved his decision until after he becomes President.

Why the question was raised again at his news conference on a subject on which he himself said has been recorded several times was puzzling to some here. He was not asked about Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's latest statements about the U.S. being "obligated" to provide him with weapons and his "peace" promise for Israel while he was simultaneously spearheading the anti-Israel "consensus" statement in the UN Security Council with which the Ford Administration agreed, to the anger and disappointment of pro-Israelis.

Thus, the question on Jerusalem may have been designed to elicit the expected Carter response which, taken together with the "consensus" action is seen as attempts by Americans to encourage the Arab nations that both Carter and the outgoing Ford Administration are not as pro-Israeli as their campaign statements made them out to be.

#### Part Of A Pressure Pattern

The question thrust at Carter is seen as part of a pattern by commentators and others advocating that Carter move quickly towards pressuring Israel to make concessions on the lines of the Fulbright or the Rogers plans--both anathema to Israel--in an attempt to obfuscate Carter's expressed pro-Israel views with the hope of establishing a climate that will alter his position by the time he begins his Presidential purview of the Middle East.

During Carter's press conference yesterday a reporter asked him: "On page 56 of the Democratic platform there is a statement, 'The U.S. Embassy should be moved from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. How long after you become President would you fulfill this contract...?'"

Carter responded: "I have never said that I

would fulfill that contract. When the Democratic convention was over, on several occasions I used that as one example of a part of the Democratic platform with which I did not agree. And I have said many times--several times, not many--in public that I would reserve that decision until after I become President. But I understand that it is in the Democratic platform; but there are several instances in the platform of commitments that I don't share. I may or may not want to move the Embassy to Jerusalem, but I'm not committed to do that at this point."

#### HIGH COURT TO HEAR ANOTHER CASE ON ISSUE OF SABBATH OBSERVER

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16 (JTA)--The U.S. Supreme Court announced yesterday that it will hear another case on the issue of how far an employer must go to accommodate the religious observances of an employee. The case involves Larry Hardison who was fired by Trans-World Airlines in 1969 for refusing to work on Saturdays. Hardison belongs to the World Wide Church of God, a Christian sect that observes the Sabbath from sundown Friday to sundown Saturday in the manner of Orthodox Jews.

On Nov. 2, the Supreme Court split 4-4 in an almost identical case involving a member of the same church who had sued the Parker Seal Co. of Berea, Ky. The split decision had the effect of affirming a lower court decision in favor of the complainant but was inconclusive as a legal precedent. Nevertheless, it was hailed by the National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs (COLPA) which had filed a brief with the Supreme Court on behalf of the Orthodox Jewish community.

But the question remains how the country's highest court interprets the language of a 1972 amendment to the 1964 Civil Rights Act that requires employers to make "reasonable accommodation" to the religious practices of workers as long as their business is not subjected to undue hardship.

In the Hardison case, a U.S. district court ruled that TWA had complied with the law in attempts to resolve Hardison's problem. The U.S. Court of Appeals disagreed and suggested that a company as large as TWA could have resolved the conflict in a manner satisfactory to the complainant. The Supreme Court is expected to render a decision before it recesses next summer.

JERUSALEM (JTA)--Kibbutz Yahel in the Arava district, the first Reform kibbutz in Israel, will receive its first settlers this week. The Jewish National Fund has completed extensive work on the land infrastructure including the preparation of 5125 acres for agriculture. It has also diverted a nearby river to protect the settlement and its fields from winter floods. The JNF also plans to plant five acres of groves to protect cultivated lands from the encroachment of sand and dust.

BUENOS AIRES (JTA)--The first Latin American Colloquium on Cultural Pluralism to be held here Nov. 22-24 was organized by the Latin American Jewish Congress and coordinated by the writer, Dr. Marcos Aguinis. Participants will include anthropologists, philosophers, historians and sociologists from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay. The sessions will be held in the conference hall of the San Martin Municipal Theater.

**BEHIND THE HEADLINES****THE CASE OF JOSEPH CHURBA**

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16 (JTA)--The chief civilian intelligence specialist on Middle East affairs for the U.S. Air Force who "as a matter of conscience" had publicly criticized Gen. George S. Brown's views on Israel is out of a job and Brown is not about to help him get it back.

Joseph Churba, a former university professor who has been with the Air Force for more than eight years, resigned Nov. 11, the day after Maj. Gen. George Keegan, Air Force intelligence chief to whom he was a special assistant, stripped him of access to intelligence information following his criticism of the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

"It seems a double-standard applies to my case," Churba told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. "General Brown was forgiven three times for outrageous comments (about Israel and American Jews) but he himself does not exhibit the reciprocal generosity when a lower officer such as myself reacts as a matter of conscience. It seems the authority on banking and newspapers insists on his pound of flesh and now he has it."

**Claims Brown Not Involved**

The JTA asked Brown's media assistant, Navy Capt. Sid Wright, whether Brown had been involved in any way in the Churba case and whether he would forgive Churba for his criticism. Wright later said he "posed the questions" to Brown and had two remarks: Brown had "no involvement whatsoever" and he had "no other comments on any aspect" of the case.

Earlier, Maj. Mike Burch of the Pentagon's public affairs office told the JTA that "no one asked for his resignation" and that a paper Churba had written last summer that saw U.S. elements tilting towards the Arabs against Israel could be released by Churba provided it disclaimed connection with official policy.

Burch read a Pentagon statement that said when Churba accepted the job on Keegan's staff about four years ago he was advised that the intelligence information to which he would have access would "require some limitations on his prior freedom to write and speak publicly" and that "his demonstrated unwillingness to accept those limitations would preclude his continued access to sensitive information."

**Points In Churba's Article**

Churba said his article was unclassified, that is, free of official secrecy, and carried the disclaimer. Brown was not mentioned in it, he said. According to Churba, his paper argued that there is a strategic rationale for close ties between Israel and the United States. It is not necessarily a question of the U.S. choosing between Israel and the Arabs but that the U.S. could have a relationship on its own terms with both Israel and the Arab states, he noted. Another point, Churba said, was that "from the viewpoint of strategic interests, Israel is an asset and not a liability as is commonly argued by Arab-oriented circles in the U.S., including the government."

Brown was disclosed last month as having declared in an interview that Israel is a military burden to the U.S. Later, however, under pressure from President Ford, he told a news conference that his comments did not indicate disagreement with U.S. policy of aiding Israel. Churba later told the New York Times--on Oct. 19--that

Brown's view about Israel was "dangerously irresponsible" and that it encouraged the Arabs and Russians to believe U.S. backing for Israel had diminished.

That published comment apparently started Pentagon action to strip him of his special clearance. Churba indicated to the JTA that the deprivation was the means to end his usefulness to the Air Force.

**Pentagon Anti-Israel Tilt Seen**

"My reaction (about Brown) came after his statement on Israel being a strategic liability," Churba told the JTA. "I saw General Brown's statement in the context of a Pentagon tilt against Israel. I characterized General Brown's statement as being dangerously irresponsible and an indicator of the growing tilt towards the Arabs." Churba did not blame Keegan. He called him a "courageous man," with whom he had fought "many battles together." Churba said "Keegan was under pressure from Brown and his other superiors. I understand his dilemma in choosing between his superiors and me."

In a speech last night in New York before the Religious Zionists of America, Churba reiterated a warning that current Pentagon thinking was a threat to both America's national security and Israel's existence. "My concern is to tell people that there are growing views expressed within the Defense Department which show a shift of sympathy away from Israel," he stated.

Born in New York City, Churba, who is Jewish, majored in Middle Eastern studies at Brooklyn College and Columbia University. He later taught at Adelphi University, the University of Winnipeg and the Air University which is the Air Force's senior education establishment at Montgomery, Alabama, where he spent more than four years before going to the Pentagon.

**DEPORTATION HEARING POSTPONED**

NEW YORK, Nov. 16 (JTA)--A deportation hearing for Bronius Kaminskas, charged with complicity in the murder of 660 Jewish adults and children in Lithuania in 1941, was postponed yesterday until January. Kaminskas, a 73-year-old janitor in Hartford, Conn., appeared before an Immigration and Naturalization Service judge in Waterbury on charges that he falsified his Nazi past when he immigrated to the United States in 1941.

Similar charges were made against two Latvian immigrants, Boleslavs Maikovskis, 72, of Mineola, Long Island, and Karlis Detlavs, 65, of Baltimore when they appeared in INS courts in New York and Baltimore yesterday. Their hearings were also postponed until January or February.

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RIO DE JANEIRO (JTA)--The representative of the Arab League in Brazil has accused the Brazilian Jewish community of defending "the position of Zionism more than the interests of Brazil." In an attack timed to commemorate the first anniversary of the United Nations General Assembly resolution linking Zionism with racism, Mohamad Nouri al-Jisri, the League's representative, also charged that Moshe Erell, the new Israeli Ambassador to Brazil, was interfering in Brazilian internal affairs by saying that Brazil made an "error" in voting for the resolution.

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There will be no Daily News Bulletin dated Nov. 25 due to Thanksgiving, a postal holiday.