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REPORT ISRAEL WOULD SUPPLY ARMS TO LEBANON ARMY IF IT REQUESTED THEM

TEL AVIV, Dec. 2 (JTA)--An Israeli source said today that Israel would supply arms to the Lebanese army if the Lebanese asked for weapons in order to maintain peace and security in the border region of southern Lebanon. The matter was raised in a question about Israel's insistence that Lebanese troops have the dominant role in patrolling their side of the border. The questioner noted that the Lebanese army is in a weakened state and wondered whether Israel was not expecting too much of it. Meanwhile, the northern border remains quiet. Winter rains and fog have brought military movements to a standstill.

RESOLUTION ON HOSTAGES SEEMS DOOMED BY ARAB, AFRICAN OPPOSITION

By Jon Fedler

BONN, Dec. 2 (JTA)--A West German resolution seeking international action against the holding of hostages by terrorists seems likely to fail because of opposition by African and Arab delegates to the UN General Assembly's Legal Committee. The resolution, supported by 19 other countries, mainly Western, calls for those who take hostages to be brought to trial or handed over to the country against which the action is aimed.

Libya, supported by other Afro-Arab countries, is seeking to make the measure applicable only when "innocent" hostages are involved, a change that would destroy the effectiveness of the measure. West Germany, which initiated the resolution in September, is not prepared to accept this. Observers believe Bonn would rather withdraw the resolution. A Libyan delegate said the measure must not remove the right of liberation movements to fight for their goals "with all the means at their disposal."

Libya is also seeking to refer the question of punishment for hostage-taking to a special committee envisaged in Bonn's resolution that would draft the final convention. German observers see this as an attempt to weaken the forms of action Bonn has proposed.

PROMINENT AUSTRIANS URGING STUDY OF ANTI-SEMITISM IN THE COUNTRY

VIENNA, Dec. 2 (JTA)--A group of prominent Austrians urged all political parties represented in Parliament to join in a project to investigate the historical background and the present situation of anti-Semitism in Austria.

The investigation which is supported by Austria's Chancellor, Bruno Kreisky, will be directed by scientists. The investigation intends to clarify the situation of anti-Semitism in Austria and to make it more difficult in the future to disseminate anti-Semitic views. Moreover, Kreisky also ordered that a detailed questionnaire be developed for an investigation prior to determining the size and influence of anti-Semitism in Austria.

MEETING IN MADRID, TERMED HISTORIC

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Dec. 2 (JTA)--Dr. Nahum Goldmann,

president of the World Jewish Congress, termed the audience King Juan Carlos of Spain will grant a delegation of Jewish leaders in Madrid next week an "historic occasion." He said it would mark the reconciliation between the Jewish people and Spain and was therefore "politically and historically important."

The King will receive Goldmann, Lord Fisher, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews and other WJC leaders at the Royal Palace. They will also be greeted by a member of the Spanish Cabinet, Dr. Goldmann said.

The WJC European Executive will meet in Madrid over the weekend in advance of the audience. The meeting will be attended by delegates from the West European countries and from Rumania and Yugoslavia, whose Jewish communities are affiliated with the WJC. Observers will be sent by the Jewish communities in Poland, East Germany, Hungary and Czechoslovakia.

The Soviet Jewish community was invited to send an observer. But a recent meeting of the WJC Board of Governors in Geneva decided not to press the issue until Goldmann holds exploratory talks with Jewish representatives from the USSR.

FORMER SOVIET JEW URGES THAT ALL JEWISH EMIGRANTS FROM USSR BE AIDED WHETHER OR NOT THEY GO TO ISRAEL

By David Friedman

NEW YORK, Dec. 2 (JTA)--A Soviet immigrant now living in Israel said today that all Jewish emigrants from the USSR should be helped regardless of whether they go to Israel or not. Mrs. Natasha Rubinstein, who is in the United States for a lecture tour, made her remarks in response to questions at a press conference called by the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry.

Mrs. Rubinstein, speaking for herself, said it was urgent to get Jews out of the Soviet Union before they are all assimilated and Soviet Jewry disappears. "In Russia they can't be Jews," she said. "Maybe in other countries they will be Jews again."

A former philologist at the Pushkin Memorial Museum, Mrs. Rubinstein and her husband, Boris, and their two children, immigrated to Israel in 1974 after a three-year struggle. She said that she and her husband had been assimilationists; too, until their Judaism was awakened by the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968 and the "anti-Semitic" Leningrad trial in 1970.

Robert Abrams, GNYCSJ chairman, said that the Soviet Union will test Jimmy Carter after he takes office in January to see how he responds to the Soviet Jewry issue. He said the Soviet Jewry movement in the U.S. will seek to maintain "maximum visible exposure" of the issue.

Margy-Ruth Davis, the organization's executive director, announced upcoming events, including a program of the "Women's Plea for Soviet Jewry" to be held at the Graduate Center of City University of New York to coincide with a symposium on Jewish culture being held by Jewish activists in Moscow Dec. 21-23.

DEBATE IS ABOUT TO BE RENEWED ON THE ISSUE OF BIRIM AND IKRIT

By Gil Sodan

JERUSALEM, Dec. 2 (JTA)--The long debated issue of the Arab villages of Ikrit and Birim in northern Israel is about to be revived. MK Yossi Sarid of the Labor Alignment said he would ask the Alignment's Central Committee to support the return of villagers to those sites from which they were evacuated 28 years ago. The Birim villagers are Maronite Christians and those from Ikrit are of the Greek Orthodox faith.

They were relocated after Israel's war for independence in 1948 on grounds of security and promised they could return to their homes once the situation on the northern borders stabilized. But three years later the army declared the village sites a security zone and razed all of the buildings.

The matter has long been a sore spot in Israel's relations with its Arab population, particularly as the Birim and Ikrit villagers are friendly to the Jewish State. A court order directed their return but the government decided otherwise in 1972 despite peaceful protests by Arabs and Jewish supporters.

The political climate has changed since then. For one thing, Israel has opened its borders to Maronite Christians from southern Lebanon and their co-religionists in Israel feel they should be allowed the same freedom of movement. For another, Golda Meir, who was adamantly opposed to return is no longer in office. The Labor Alignment, no longer under Mrs. Meir's influence, may change its position on the issue and this could lead to a change in the government's position, sources here said.

CONCLAVE OF JEWISH JOURNALISTS DUE IN JERUSALEM JANUARY 11-15

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Dec. 2 (JTA)--A World Conference of Jewish Journalists will be held in Jerusalem Jan. 11-15, 1977, it was announced today. It is expected to be attended by 80-100 Jewish journalists from all parts of the world who write in a variety of languages in the general and Jewish media.

Working sessions of the conference will explore the role of Jewish journalists in the Jewish and general press and their influence on contemporary Jewish life. Prominent Israelis will address various sessions of the gathering.

These include President Ephraim Katzir; Premier Yitzhak Rabin; Defense Minister Shimon Peres; Tourism Minister Moshe Kol; Yosef Almagor, chairman of the World Zionist Organization and Jewish Agency Executives; Leon Dylzin, WZO and Jewish Agency treasurer; and Avraham Shenker, head of the WZO and Jewish Agency organization and information department. A special symposium on Jewish journalism will be held at Katzir's residence. Various tours of Israel are included in the program.

NETWORK OF PLO TERRORISTS IN WEST GERMANY IS UNCOVERED

By Jon Fedler

BONN, Dec. 2 (JTA)--Details of activities of a network of German PLO sympathizers have come to light following the arrest last month in Hamburg of Udo Albrecht, 36, a right-wing extremist who is also a PLO "General." According to unconfirmed reports, Albrecht met a representative of PLO chief Yasir Arafat in Zurich a day before

his arrest and received \$1.2 million for PLO arms purchases. When arrested he had 80,000 Swiss Francs on him and a bank withdrawal receipt for a further 14,000 Francs.

Albrecht allegedly masterminded a recent bank robbery and gave \$10,000 in stolen currency to the PLO. He is also said to have recruited 520 Germans, including 60 women, for PLO training for attacks on Israel. Albrecht is being held in solitary confinement in a prison near Bonn on charges of illegal possession of weapons and membership in a criminal organization.

At the time of his arrest he was carrying a machinegun, several pistols, a hand grenade, several PLO identity cards, forged passports and cover names and telephone numbers for use in Beirut, Tripoli and Cairo. Details of Albrecht's activities are said to have been supplied by three of his agents who were arrested in Yugoslavia en route from Beirut to Germany to secure the release of German terrorists held in prisons.

Albrecht was born in East Germany. In 1967 he joined the "Freikorps (Volunteer Corps) Adolf Hitler" which together with an affiliated group, the "Freikorps Arabien," seeks the destruction of Israel.

RESPONSE TO PLO MEETING

NEW YORK, Dec. 2 (JTA)--Marjorie Meriln Cohen, executive director of the National Council of Jewish Women, stated today that the presence of Olya Margolin, a staff member of NCJW, at the meeting in Washington with representatives of the Palestine Liberation Organization "in no way represented Council's policy" and "we dissociate ourselves completely from her action." Ms. Margolin was one of five Jews present at that meeting. (Full story was in Dec. 1 Bulletin.)

MAX SCHNEIDER DEAD AT 90

NEW YORK, Dec. 2 (JTA)--Max J. Schneider, former vice-president of Chemical Bank, a former director of Tishman Realty and Construction Co., a founder of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith in New York, and a director of the Giants baseball team until he retired this year, died at his home in Manhattan. He was 90 years old. Funeral services will be tomorrow. Schneider, who was brought to the United States from Vienna when he was two years old, was a vice-president of the Chemical Bank from 1951 until his retirement in 1961.

He was a founder and first chairman of the Hebrew Hospital for the Chronic Sick in The Bronx, and a former member of the board of directors of St. Vincent's Hospital in Manhattan. Schneider was a life member of the national commission of the Anti-Defamation League and a member of its national Civil Rights and Middle Eastern Affairs Committees.

NEW YORK (JTA)--A national labor-industry event reflecting a broad-based cooperative effort in behalf of Israel produced more than \$6 million in Israel Bonds for Israel's economic development this week. The largest Israel Bond dinner of its kind to be held this year honored Patrick E. Gorman, a national leader of the Meat Cutters Union for over 50 years, on his 84th birthday and was attended by more than 1500 leaders and representatives of the American food industry and labor unions. The Israel Prime Minister's Medal was presented to Gorman by Israeli Ambassador Simcha Dinitz.

RABIN EXPRESSES CONFIDENCE THAT THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION WILL HONOR AMERICAN COMMITMENTS TO ISRAEL

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Dec. 2 (JTA)--Premier Yitzhak Rabin expressed confidence tonight that the new Administration in Washington will honor American commitments to Israel. He also predicted that 1977 will be a year of movement toward a political solution of the Middle East conflict. Rabin, addressing the opening of a Labor Party Bureau political discussion, stressed Israel's good relations with the U.S. and said the two countries have an understanding on political developments.

It is the American tradition that a new President keeps the promises of his predecessors, Rabin said; and these include the outgoing Administration's promises of arms for Israel. He said the day was near when Israeli Air Force pilots will be flying American F-15 jets and that the F-16 interceptors have been promised to Israel in the 1980s. Only journalists question such a development, Rabin said.

Speaking of recent developments, he said Israel was witnessing the beginning of a process by the Arabs which combines both political and military pressure but is aimed at a political settlement. He said that while Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's so-called peace offensive has been nothing but words up to now, 1977 will witness an Arab effort, headed by Egypt, with Syria's support, to achieve progress in the political sphere.

CARTER SAYS HIS ADMINISTRATION WILL NOT CONSIDER ISRAEL'S SURVIVAL AND SECURITY AS NEGOTIABLE

DALLAS, Dec. 2 (JTA)--President-elect Jimmy Carter, in his first post-election commitment on Middle East policy, told the American Jewish Committee today that "the issue of the very security and survival of the State of Israel" will not be considered "negotiable" by his Administration. In a letter to Elmer L. Winter, president of the AJ Committee, released here at the opening of the annual meeting of its top policy-making National Executive Council, Carter said:

"I can assure you that genuine peace and reconciliation in the Middle East will be among the very highest and earliest priorities of my Administration. I can also assure all countries involved that I will support every reasonable opportunity to produce a fair and responsible settlement for all elements involved in that tragic and dangerous conflict.

"I welcome reports of accommodations and compromises. But I repeat to you what I have said over and over again: there will be no change in my basic commitment that the issue of the very security and survival of the State of Israel is not negotiable. The sooner and the better this is understood, the sooner progress can be made toward a lasting and genuine peace."

ISRAEL CHARGES UN MIDEAST DEBATE IS AN EGO TRIP FOR ARAB POLITICOS

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 2 (JTA)--Israel said today that the Mideast debate, which opened here this afternoon, is another "fruitless barren" discussion that will serve no other purpose than "satisfying the whims of the few Arab politicians who want to score politically regardless of the effects the debate may have in the Mideast."

Addressing the General Assembly, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, Chaim Herzog, said that the present debate is not going to bring peace any closer and charged that "in order to hear the Arab delegates and their friends" the United Nations is going to spend time and vast quantities of money. The Israeli envoy claimed that the "luxury of attacking" Israel in this year's General Assembly is costing approximately \$30 million.

"The Assembly is again bowing to a dictate of the Arab representatives and bringing up a subject for debate which only last week (during the Palestinian debate) we discussed and in relation to which in the two weeks remaining in this Assembly we shall have to discuss at least five further resolutions--if not more," Herzog said.

Warns Of Erosion Of Security Council

Herzog further accused the General Assembly of an attempt "to erode the authority of the Security Council." Noting that Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 "form the basis in the view of the government of Israel for negotiations toward a just and lasting peace" in the Mideast, the Israeli envoy called on the Arabs to say clearly if they accept or do not accept "the basis set up in these two resolutions."

Recalling the recent declaration by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat that he is ready for reconvening the Geneva conference and statements by Israel declaring its readiness "to reconvene the Geneva conference as originally constituted," Herzog asked: "If that is the case why should the debating take place here at an enormous cost and with no practical results? Why should the states--parties to the conflict--not be debating one with the other?"

Concluding his statement with an appeal to the Arabs to enter the process of direct negotiations with Israel, Herzog quoted at length from Premier Yitzhak Rabin's call last week in Geneva for an Arab-Israeli conference modeled after the Conference on European Security and Cooperation at Helsinki last year. "The government of Israel made its position clear," Herzog declared after reading Rabin's statement. "For our part, the Geneva conference of December 1973 can be reconvened tomorrow."

EL AL SETS WORLD RECORD

NEW YORK, Dec. 2 (JTA)--El Al achieved the trans-Atlantic flight time world record with yesterday's New York to London flight in 5 hours and 14 minutes, it was reported today by Amos Turin, senior vice-president of El Al in New York. The previous record, he said, was 5 hours and 25 minutes. El Al flight 016, a Boeing 747, was piloted by Captain Leslie Easterman.

JERUSALEM (JTA)--Israel's maintenance of the freedom of speech and thought despite wars and tension can serve as a lesson to countries in South America, Peruvian author Mario Vargas Llosa said upon receiving a Hebrew University honorary fellowship here last week. Llosa is currently a visiting lecturer at the university, as guest of the Institute of Cultural Relations between Israel, Latin America, Spain and Portugal. Llosa said that he had traveled widely in the world, but no experience had been so rich and rewarding as his stay in Israel. He added, intellectuals have an important task to perform as a bridge between South America and Israel.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES**SAD FATE OF AN OLD SYNAGOGUE**

By Maurice Samuelson

MANCHESTER, Dec. 2 (JTA)--Manchester Jewry, the second biggest Jewish community in the United Kingdom, is in the process of losing its most famous monument and appears helpless to prevent it. It is the Great Synagogue on Cheetham Hill Road, known to generations as "The English Shul" and often described as Manchester Jewry's cathedral. Among famous names associated with it are the English branch of the Rothschild family which settled in this city before moving to London.

Although prayers have not been said there for some years, it is only recently that its ruinous condition became fully apparent. One of its two cupolas has been neatly sliced off--probably by metal thieves--and sections of the roof have collapsed. A basement window has been removed and tramps and vandals have easy access.

Opened in 1858, the Great Synagogue was listed by the Manchester Corporation as worthy of being preserved, but whether through ineffectiveness or through lack of resources, the management of the congregation which now worships in a newer building several miles away has been unable to save it. An estate agent has tried to sell it, but so far without success.

But Manchester Jews are far from indifferent to its plight. Individually they express grief, shame, anger and helplessness. The old building still stands proudly on Cheetham Hill Road, the historic cradle of Manchester Jewry at the turn of the century. Two lesser synagogues, on each side of it, have been sold as a warehouse and a lampshade factory, but at least they are intact. Not so the Great Synagogue, seen daily by hundreds of Manchester Jews as they drive to work through the old district into the city.

No Money For Maintenance

Rev. Leslie Brodie, the minister in the congregation's new building, is among those who profess sorrow at the old synagogue's state. He partly blames Manchester's communal Jewish leadership, who hardly ever used it for ceremonial occasions, such as Warsaw Ghetto or Israel Independence Days, when it was still available.

He admits, however, that there is no communal purse for maintenance purposes, adding that in Manchester each synagogue is an independent body instead of part of a powerful grouping, as in London. Paradoxically, one of the people most eager to do something about the building is a non-Jew. Bill Williams, author of a history of Manchester Jewry, believes the building is now almost a write-off, but wants to save some of its interior features.

They include the bima and pulpit, made of beautiful Spanish mahogany, stained glass windows and pictures. Williams, the head of the local history department at a Manchester college, has offered to remove these items and to store them. But although he wrote to the synagogue management several months ago, he is still awaiting a reply. When this was reported by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency to Rev. Brodie, he promised that he would deal with it quickly. Meanwhile, the building falls into further disrepair and the interior is in danger of being flooded or vandalized.

Williams, who has already saved the synagogue's archives and deposited them in Manchester's Central Library, hopes that if he can rescue

the synagogue's woodwork and other features, they will one day form the centerpiece of a local Jewish museum. As yet, though, no museum exists and with the final collapse of the Great Synagogue, the historic Cheetham Hill area will be left without a single monument to a once vibrant community.

STUDY CHARGES THAT REV. MOON IS HOSTILE TO JEWS, JUDAISM

DALLAS, Dec. 2 (JTA)--In a study conducted by the American Jewish Committee, the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, the Korean-born leader of the Unification Church, is accused of "unrelieved hostility to Jews and Judaism," and his teachings are described as a "breeding-ground for fostering anti-Semitism." Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, national director of the AJCommittee's interreligious affairs department, made the study public at an opening session today of the annual meeting of the Committee's national executive council, its top policy-making body, which runs through Sunday at the Fairmont Hotel here. The study was conducted by Rabbi A. James Rudin, assistant director of the AJCommittee's interreligious affairs department.

The study charges that Moon's book, "Divine Principle," first published in Korean nearly 20 years ago and expanded in a 1974 English-language edition, is "replete with hostile and vicious anti-Jewish stereotypes."

Moon, it says, employs the most hostile elements in the Christian tradition to describe the crucifixion of Jesus. Welcome changes on this subject, the study states, have taken place within the Christian community in the past 15 years, but Moon continues to foster hatred of the Jewish people.

The study contrasts Moon's doctrines with those of Protestants, Catholics, Evangelicals... and other Christians who are meeting with Jews "in love and mutual respect." Moon, it declares, "perpetuates only hateful, destructive and divisive teachings about Judaism and the Jewish people." Nowhere, the study says, does Moon attribute any validity to Jews or Judaism, either ancient or modern. They are seen only as a people devoid of any genuine faith and spiritual qualities.

According to the AJCommittee study, "Rev. Moon's 'Divine Principle' is a feculent breeding ground for fostering anti-Semitism. Because of Moon's unrelieved hostility towards Jews and Judaism, a demonic picture emerges from the pages of his major work. One can only speculate on what negative and anti-Jewish impact 'Divine Principle' may have upon a follower of Rev. Moon."

SAKHAROV APPEALS FOR MOSCOW MEET

NEW YORK, Dec. 2 (JTA)--Nobel Peace Prize laureate and Soviet dissident Andrei Sakharov today sent an appeal to the National Conference on Soviet Jewry urging international support for a symposium on Jewish culture scheduled to take place in Moscow Dec. 21. "The authorities of the Soviet Union are trying to prevent the holding of the Moscow symposium," he wrote. "It is important not only for Jewish culture but for all the national cultures of our country." Sakharov stressed. He added that "such a national cultural undertaking may become an important precedent after the absence for decades of free development of a national culture." On Nov. 23 Soviet authorities searched the homes of the symposium's organizers in Moscow and took copies of papers prepared for the symposium.