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## Madrid Meeting Marred

### THE REIGN IN SPAIN CANCELS WELCOME TO OPENING OF WJC EXECUTIVE MEETING

By Edwin Eytan

MADRID, Dec. 5 (JTA)--The Spanish government abruptly cancelled the official welcome it was to have extended to the opening of the World Jewish Congress European Executive meeting here last night without explanation. As a result of the unexpected move, official sources expressed doubt today that King Juan Carlos I would receive the delegation of WJC leaders to whom an audience was to have been granted at the Royal Palace Tuesday morning.

These developments seriously marred the first international Jewish gathering ever to be held in Spain, an event that Jewish leaders had hailed as the beginning of an historic reconciliation between Spain and the Jewish people. The meeting is being attended by 13 delegations from Western European countries, Rumania and Yugoslavia and, for the first time, observers representing the Jewish communities of East Germany, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary.

The last minute snub is attributed to heavy pressure from the Arab states. Deputy Minister of Justice, Rafael Mendizabal was to have greeted the Jewish delegations on behalf of the Spanish government. Two hours before the opening of the meeting, he telephoned Philip Huevas, president of the Madrid Jewish community, to say he would not be able to attend because he was "otherwise engaged." Mendizabal gave no other explanation and expressed no regrets.

Lord Fisher of Camden, chairman of the European Executive of the WJC and president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, voiced "deep regrets" in his address to the opening session last night. He stressed that "countries, as we can testify, can have friendly relations with both the Arabs and the Jews." He expressed hope that the "new Spain" now emerging will establish diplomatic relations with Israel and will "not cast its vote at the UN or at UNESCO against the vital interests of the Jewish people."

## Arab, Right-Wing Pressure Seen

Spanish officials said privately today that Mendizabal's attendance at the WJC meeting was cancelled because of the widespread advance publicity surrounding the event and the political implications attributed to it by the press and other sources. However, the decision was taken by Foreign Minister Marcellino Oreaga after a meeting yesterday with Arab envoys who protested plans for an official welcome.

The Arabs claimed that such an act "could be the start of Spain's recognition of Israel." The Arab diplomats told newsmen later that they had called on Oreaga to express "their surprise and disgust." Some Spanish circles associated with the right-wing Falange also reportedly asked the government to revoke the decision to send a representative to the WJC meeting.

The government's sudden coolness toward the gathering was evident from the lack of police intervention when some 50 Arab demonstrators assembled outside the hotel where the meeting was

being held to chant anti-Israel slogans. Plain-clothesmen were on hand but waited 30 minutes before asking the demonstrators to disperse.

Apart from Lord Fisher's expression of regret, WJC leaders refused to comment on the government's action, apparently in hope of salvaging the audience with the King. But observers here said that after cancelling a greeting by a relatively junior minister, the government could be expected to shelve the audience. Juan Carlos I met a number of American Jewish leaders in Washington last June while on an official visit to the U.S. Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the WJC, told a press conference here Friday that the 500-year rift between Spain and the Jews was about to be healed.

He also paid tribute to the late Gen. Francisco Franco who, despite Nazi pressure, refused to apply the Nuremberg laws to Spain and helped save thousands of Jewish refugees during World War II. Goldmann stressed that although the WJC takes no sides in any country's political affairs, Jews traditionally have supported democratic regimes. He intimated that Jews felt more comfortable with the new Spanish regime in which they saw signs of emerging democratic institutions.

The WJC delegates attended Sabbath services at the Madrid Synagogue Friday night. Three rabbis, two from Eastern Europe and the third from Spain, conducted the services.

## ANTI-NAZI FIGHTER BEATEN AND EVICTED FROM NEO-NAZI RALLY

By Jon Fedler

BONN, Dec. 5 (JTA)--French anti-Nazi fighter Serge Klarsfeld was beaten up and he and his wife Beate were evicted from a neo-Nazi rally in Munich Saturday night. The rally, organized by the "Deutsche Volksunion" (DVU) and attended by an estimated 1000 people, was held in the Burgerbraukeller where Hitler and his followers planned an abortive putsch against the Bavarian State government in 1923.

Guest of honor was the controversial wartime German flying ace and Germany's most decorated war hero Hans-Ulrich Roedel, a Nazi sympathizer whose presence at a recent army ceremony led to the dismissal of two top German Air Force officers. Klarsfeld stepped onto the podium at the start of the meeting and asked Roedel if he as a Jew and victim of Nazism would be allowed to give his views.

He was pushed off the platform, assaulted and, together with his wife, thrown out. Klarsfeld had a bleeding head wound as a result of the attack. Unconfirmed reports said police made no attempt to investigate or make any arrests.

The rally was held to call for an amnesty for Nazi war criminals still in prison. The focal point of the event was the unveiling of a bust of former SS officer Jochen Peiper who died earlier this year in France when his house was strafed.

The DVU recently tried unsuccessfully to arrange ceremonies in Cologne, Dachau and Mannheim to unveil the bust which carried the inscription "Our heroes live in our hearts." The work was seized by Mannheim police on Nov. 7 but

released last week on the orders of a Mannheim court. Books and records with speeches by Goebbels, Goering and Hitler were on sale at the rally. Outside, three Jewish students dressed in concentration camp clothes carried banners reading "We will never forget Auschwitz."

**LEADERS OF MAJOR U.S. JEWISH GROUPS  
AND MEXICO'S JEWISH COMMUNITY AT  
INAUGURATION OF MEXICAN PRESIDENT**

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 5 (JTA)--Leaders of six major U.S. Jewish organizations were among the 1300 foreign guests invited by President Jose Lopez Portillo to attend his inauguration last week. The groups represented were the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, American Jewish Congress, American Jewish Committee, National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, B'nai B'rith and the National Council of Jewish Women.

Twenty-five leaders of Mexico's Jewish community were also invited guests at the impressive ceremony held in the National Auditorium. This was the first time that representatives of Mexico's Jewish community had been invited to a Presidential inauguration. Enrique Elias, president of the community's representative body, Comité Central Israelita, said that leaders of Mexico's Jewish community are optimistic about President Lopez Portillo's plan of government as expressed in his inaugural address. "We see a bright future for our community," Elias said.

Seymour Graubard, honorary chairman of the ADL, who last December led the delegation that met with President Luis Echeverria, said that Mexico's recent voting pattern in the United Nations was also cause for optimism.

"At the UN and at the UNESCO conference in Nairobi, Mexico's votes on issues crucial to Israel indicate that there has in fact been a favorable change in Mexico's policy toward Israel," he said. "We anticipate that this policy will be strengthened by President Lopez Portillo." Graubard also cited the arrival in Mexico each Tuesday of an El Al airliner as further evidence of good relations between Mexico and Israel.

**PERES CONFIDENT ISRAEL WILL BE  
SUPPORTED BY CARTER ADMINISTRATION**  
By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, Dec. 5 (JTA)--On the eve of his departure for the United States, Israeli Defense Minister Shimon Peres said last night he was confident that the new American Administration would be a strong supporter of Israel and would firmly resist Arab pressures and the threats of a new oil boycott.

But since Israel did not want to be a burden to the United States it did not support Egypt's suggestion that only the U.S., together with the Soviet Union, should have to guarantee a Middle East settlement, Peres said. "We don't want the United States to be like a nurse trying to control two quarrelling children. We hope to live with the Arabs peacefully, with direct and immediate relations," he stated.

Peres, who was addressing Britain's Joint Israel Appeal at the Savoy Hotel, said that Israel sought real peace "not just a public relations game or a competition in catching the headlines."

**Dilemma Of Two 'Peace Offers'**

Israel was in the dilemma of facing two "peace offers," Peres observed. Yasir Arafat is promoting "a peace with Israel which was really a peace

without Israel," while Egyptian President Anwar Sadat favors "a peace with Israel" which is not really peace," Peres said. But Israel prefers "peace with peace, where people can meet freely and exchange views, shedding their hatreds and dropping their taboos," he declared.

There are also different diplomatic options: a renewed Geneva or Helsinki-type conference or the step-by-step approach of partial settlements. Whatever path is taken, Peres noted, Israel would have to "walk on two legs" -- military strength and diplomacy. "She would not be charmed by easy offers, and "we would be fools to lose our strength on the road to peace."

Israel, Peres said, has to learn from the mistakes of the Yom Kippur War. She must organize her manpower with great care. Morale in the defense forces was now high, he claimed, because of the feeling that the burden was shared fairly throughout the nation. However, it was a very heavy one.

**KISSINGER, DINITZ DISCUSS ISRAEL'S  
REQUEST FOR ECONOMIC, MILITARY AID**  
By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (JTA)--Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger and Israel's Ambassador to the United States, Simcha Dinitz, held an unannounced meeting yesterday at the State Department at which one of the topics discussed was Israel's request for \$2.3 billion in military and economic aid for the fiscal year 1978, starting next Oct. 1, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned.

A report that the Ford Administration's Office of Management and Budget had rejected Israel's request was not true, the JTA was told. The OMB is still studying the request and, in any case, it will have to be reviewed by Bert Lance, who was announced Friday by President-elect Jimmy Carter as his choice for the OMB post. The Israeli request is for \$1.5 billion in military aid and \$800 million in economic aid.

The Carter Administration is expected to submit its foreign aid program to the Congress in March or April. The \$2.3 billion is about the average in aid to Israel from the United States during the past two fiscal years, which took into consideration Israel's loss of the Abu Rodeis oilfields to Egypt in the second interim Sinai accord. **Mideast Situation Reviewed**

Kissinger and Dinitz also discussed the Lebanese situation and the general Middle East situation. Dinitz was reported to have thanked Kissinger for U.S. support of Israel in two developments at the United Nations.

One was support for the Security Council resolution extending, with no conditions, the UN Disengagement Observer Force mandate on the Golan Heights for another six months. The other was U.S. opposition in the General Assembly to an Arab-sponsored resolution criticizing Israel for its policies in the administered areas.

Israel was reported to view the U.S. opposition to the Assembly resolution as a reversal of the U.S. position in the Security Council on a "consensus" resolution which had virtually the same language as the Assembly resolution. The JTA was informed that the U.S. did not wish, in the Security Council action, to oppose a "consensus" stand but that, on a formal vote against Israel, as in the Assembly resolution, the U.S. did not wish to oppose Israel.

In a related development, the State Department

said Friday that a report that the U.S. would sell Israel 300 F-16 planes was "speculative" and that it would not even say that it was a "ball-park" figure. The Department reported that Washington is studying the quantity and time of delivery of F-16s which Israel has asked the U.S. to provide, but there was no mention of how many planes were involved.

Department spokesman Robert Funseth said the U.S. had agreed in principle a year ago to supply planes such as the F-16s to replace Israel's "existing inventory." The U.S. decision on this matter, it is understood, probably will be left by the Ford Administration to the incoming Carter foreign affairs establishment. It ultimately will have to go to Congress for approval as will President Ford's pledge in October to supply Israel with sophisticated military equipment.

#### Israel Confident Of Getting F-16s

(In Jerusalem, Premier Yitzhak Rabin told the Cabinet today that there is no doubt that Israel will get the F-16 planes from the U.S. The only questions still undecided are how many planes will be purchased and how they will be financed. He said of the \$2.3 billion in economic aid requested by Israel from the U.S. for fiscal 1977-78, \$1.5 billion was for military items. The exact amount Israel will be getting is still not known, Rabin added.)

#### U.S. JEWS SHOULD DO WELL ON THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC SCALE DURING NEXT QUARTER CENTURY, EXPERT PREDICTS

DALLAS, Dec. 5 (JTA)--A leading manpower expert predicted here today that American Jews should be able to maintain their above average position on the social-economic scale during the final quarter of the 20th century. But he also saw certain factors that could mitigate against this.

The forecast was made by Dr. Eli Ginzberg, Barton Hepburn Professor of Economics at Columbia University's Graduate School of Business, at the closing luncheon session of the American Jewish Committee's National Executive Council meeting. The NEC, the Committee's top policy-making body, opened here last Friday. Ginzberg, who is chairman of the National Commission for Manpower Policy, said that the prospects for a stable economy were good and that Jews would benefit from the continuing decline of religious discrimination.

"The only major threat that most Jews in the United States face is a soft American economy that is unable to provide jobs and earning opportunities for a sizable proportion of the population," Ginzberg said.

He also listed several psychological factors that might have negative effects on the prosperity of American Jews. Among these, he said, was the "current and prospective oversupply of college-trained persons" which would "slow the progress of many young Jews now entering the labor force"; and the "rapid growth of the South and Southwest with their relatively sparse Jewish populations and the retardation of the rate of growth in the North where most Jews are concentrated." Ginzberg specifically mentioned the Orthodox Jewish community as one "whose practices inhibit their occupational advance because many shun secular colleges and are disinclined to have their women work."

At an earlier session, Yehuda Rosenman, director of the AJ Committee's Communal Affairs

Department, presented a report containing the findings and recommendations of a three-year study by the AJ Committee's Colloquium on Jewish Education and Jewish Identity.

It called for a major overhauling of the system of Jewish education in the U.S. aimed at instilling a greater sense of Jewish identity among Jewish youth. Rosenman stressed the importance of continuing Jewish education at the junior and senior high school levels because the teen years were a crucial period in the development of identity patterns.

"Unless a student attends school for a number of hours above the usual time spent by the great majority of elementary school students, whether in yeshivot, congregational or Sunday schools, there is no independent effect on Jewish identity from school attendance," he said. The Colloquium also recommended increased Jewish educational opportunities for college students.

In that connection, Rosenman noted that "while there were only three chairs of Jewish studies in the United States a few decades ago, the number of colleges and universities offering instruction in this area now number more than 300."

#### JDL MEMBERS TO BE SENTENCED DEC. 15

NEW YORK, Dec. 5 (JTA)--The five members of the Jewish Defense League who entered guilty pleas to an 11-count federal indictment have had their sentencing dates consolidated and will all be sentenced Dec. 15, according to the U.S. Attorney's office for the Southern District. The five defendants are Thomas MacIntosh, 36, of Woodbury, N.J.; Steven Ehrlich, 21, San Francisco; and Russel Kelner, 35, Jeffrey Weingarten, 21, and Steven Rombom, 18, all of Brooklyn.

The counts to which the five pleaded guilty included conspiracy to transport explosives illegally in interstate commerce; and transportation of a .30-caliber rifle into New York. The federal indictment stemmed from shootings and pipe-bombings against targets in the Bronx and Manhattan. Ehrlich had originally been scheduled for sentencing by federal Judge Lloyd MacMahon on Nov. 29; Kelner and Weingarten on Dec. 7, and Rombom and MacIntosh on Dec. 15.

A hearing on a complaint that Kelner violated a one-year suspended sentence in an earlier incident, scheduled for last Thursday was postponed until Dec. 15, when it will be considered during the sentencing of the five JDL defendants, a JDL spokesman said. Kelner, former JDL operations officer, received the sentence in 1975 for making a televised threat to assassinate Yasser Arafat, head of the Palestine Liberation Organization, when Arafat visited New York to address the United Nations General Assembly.

RIO DE JANEIRO (JTA)--In the elections of Aldermen and Mayors in 3968 Brazilian municipalities, David Roizen was the only Jew to win an Alderman's position. He received more than 38,000 votes to become an Alderman in Sao Paulo on the opposition list. Two other Jewish candidates in Sao Paulo lost. In Rio de Janeiro, all five candidates, on the government and opposition lists, were defeated.

JERUSALEM (JTA)--Three young local Arabs were killed Saturday and several were injured in an explosion which an army spokesman said occurred while the three were preparing an explosive charge in the Hebron market place.

## VANCE WILL NOT BE FRONT-LINE NEGOTIATOR IN ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (JTA)--Cyrus Roberts Vance, the New York corporate lawyer designated by President-elect Jimmy Carter to be the forthcoming Secretary of State will not be the front line negotiator in the Arab-Israeli conflict or other international situations in the style of Henry A. Kissinger.

When necessary, Vance has emphasized, he will be a "personal negotiator" but his method when he takes charge at the State Department after inauguration day on Jan. 20 will be to "delegate" negotiations to "competent negotiators" before "I get involved."

Responding to questions last Friday at the news conference in Plains, Georgia, at which Carter announced his designation, Vance said he saw "some encouraging signs at this point" in the statements emanating from the Middle East.

He said that he would give attention to them "at a very early point," but he asked to "beg off" from making substantive comment at this time about that question "about the substance" of whether the Palestine Liberation Organization should participate in a Geneva conference. It would be "inappropriate" for him to do so, Vance said, before he meets with Kissinger. He also stressed in responding to a question that the "underlying principle" of his foreign policy "must be deep concern for human rights."

Following upon Vance's responses, Carter noted that "most parties" in the Middle East have expressed themselves "privately and publicly" and in the "next several months" it would be appropriate for Vance to spend a great deal of time with Kissinger to "get advice and counsel" from him "and others" about the Mideast situation.

Carter said he has talked with Kissinger about "unpublished aspects" of the Mideast and that he would call on Kissinger for his "assessment" of unofficial or private talks but that he has no plans for that now.

### A. Competent Administrator

Vance is generally described here as a competent administrator with a thorough understanding of the workings of the U.S. foreign affairs establishment from his service as counsel for the Senate Armed Services and Space and Aeronautical Committees in the late years of the Eisenhower Administration, as Secretary of the Army and Undersecretary of Defense for President Johnson and as a special envoy in the Cyprus, Korean and Vietnam situations after that.

While his association with problems of the Arab-Israeli conflict is limited, and those interviewed about him confessed they had little knowledge of that aspect of his thinking, Vance has had contact with the situation. He was Undersecretary of Defense at the time of the Six-Day War and he has met with Israeli Premier Yitzhak Rabin.

Late last May, during the Presidential primary campaign, he said on WNBC-TV that the U.S. should go to war if that were necessary to preserve the State of Israel. Previously, he joined with many others in sponsoring a statement by the United Nations Association that the U.S. should not deliver Parahing missiles to Israel; should seek agreement with the Soviet Union not to send arms to the Middle East; and that the U.S. should unilaterally enter a moratorium on shipments should the U.S. fail to get that agreement.

Vance, who is 59 years old, is a prominent Episcopalian and a product of Kent School and Yale. He holds five honorary doctorates of law, including one conferred upon him by Brandeis University in 1971. Politically he is described as a New York conservative Democrat, not a southern conservative Democrat.

"He will not be Mr. Foreign Policy" and "not a super Secretary of State," observers said. "Any change in policy will take time," a State Department specialist said. "In his thoughtful, non-dramatic way, he will appear colorless," because "he is the very opposite of Kissinger in style, although their foreign policy ideas may be similar." A veteran Congressional source said that Vance's methods indicate that the Congress will have a stronger role than in the past in the formulation of foreign policy.

### SCHINDLER LAUDS VANCE'S APPOINTMENT

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 5 (JTA)--Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, lauded the appointment by President-elect Carter of Cyrus Vance as the prospective Secretary of State in his new Administration. Schindler, who is also chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, issued a statement here saying:

"We are very much pleased by this appointment. Mr. Vance has a most honorable record of governmental service. He is a man of good judgment, a superb negotiator. He is sensitive to human needs and a champion of human rights--precisely the kind of man who should be responsible for the conduct of our foreign policy in perilous times like these. On those issues of more particular concern to American Jews, he has always expressed most forcefully his conviction that the United States must assure the security and the survival of Israel. This reassures us." Schindler made this statement at a press conference during a meeting of the UAHC Board of Trustees, the first to be held on the West Coast.

TEL AVIV (JTA)--All Zionist parties represented in the World Zionist Organization will be consulted about the date of the next World Zionist Congress. This was the decision adopted by the Jewish Agency Board of Governors which met in London last week. Yosef Almogi, WZO Executive chairman, who returned Friday from the meeting, said that while there was a consensus that the Zionist Congress should be convened in the summer of 1977, the Board's decision could not assure that and all Zionist parties involved will be consulted about the date.

RIO DE JANEIRO (JTA)--Adolfo Bloch, president of the Bloch Publishing Co. here, was last week awarded the title of Jewish Community Man, 1976, by the Hillel Lodge of B'nai B'rith in Sao Paulo. The award ceremony was attended by more than 800 persons, including the representatives of the Governor of Sao Paulo State and of the Sao Paulo mayor. Also attending was Mrs. Sarah Kubitschek, widow of the late President Kubitschek. Bloch has been directing a strong campaign, particularly in "Manchete," a large illustrated weekly he owns, against the vote at the UN General Assembly in November 1975 equating Jewish and Arab claims, and Jewish settlements of Israel.