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## Israel's First Resolution To UN Assembly: CALLS FOR RECONVENING GENEVA TALKS WITH NO DELAY OR PRIOR CONDITIONS

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 6 (JTA)--In what was termed here "a revolutionary move," Israel submitted today a draft resolution to the General Assembly calling on the countries involved "to reconvene without delay" the Geneva peace conference. The Israeli resolution, which is the first that Israel has ever submitted to the General Assembly, came during the third day of the Assembly's debate on the Middle East.

The short resolution called "on Egypt, Israel, Jordan and Syria to reconvene without delay at the Geneva peace conference on the Middle East under the co-chairmanship of the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in order to resume negotiations without prior conditions on the establishment of a just and durable peace in the Middle East as called for in Security Council Resolutions 242 of 22 November 1967 and 338 of 22 October 1973."

Chaim Herzog, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, said at a press conference this morning, that Israel expects the Arabs "to torpedo" the resolution. He added, however, that this will also serve Israel's purpose because it would make clear that the Arabs are "prevaricating, befogging and throwing some screens" in the recent declarations about their desire for peace in the Middle East. Herzog said that if the Arabs approved the resolution, Israel was ready to begin negotiations tomorrow. The vote on the Israeli resolution is expected Wednesday. The Arabs and their allies can torpedo the resolution by offering amendments which can completely change its meaning.

### Herzog Objects To Previous Resolutions

Herzog said that the resolution, which does not mention the Palestine Liberation Organization as a participant in the Geneva conference, was submitted to all UN ambassadors today with an explanation of what objections Israel has to two previous resolutions introduced by Egypt and Syria during the current debate.

He said that the Syrian resolution, which called for PLO participation in Geneva, is "hostile." The Egyptian resolution, although not referring to the PLO directly, mentioned a report by Secretary General Kurt Waldheim on his talks with the parties to the conflict and called on Waldheim to pursue these talks for a future Geneva conference. Waldheim in his report said he had met with the PLO. Herzog met this morning with Ambassadors of Latin American countries to explain the Israeli move and said that their response was "favorable." He also met with U.S. Ambassador William Scranton.

### Amendment Introduced To Include PLO

A few hours after the Israeli resolution was submitted, India, Sri Lanka and Yugoslavia introduced an amendment calling for the participation of the PLO in what they termed a "UN peace conference." The amendment said in order to negotiate a lasting peace, the conference should be based, in addition to Security Council Resolutions

242 and 338, on General Assembly Resolution 337, adopted last Nov. 10, which calls for the participation of the PLO in all Mideast peace efforts.

In a related development, the Soviet Union during today's Middle East debate called for an early resumption of the Geneva conference with the participation of the PLO. Soviet Ambassador Richard Ovinnikov suggested that the General Assembly urge Waldheim to contact the co-chairmen of the Geneva conference--the U.S. and the USSR--and ask for immediate consultations with all parties to prepare for the resumption of the conference.

Ovinnikov said that a Middle East settlement requires Israeli withdrawal from all occupied territories; restoration of Palestinian rights, including the establishment of their own state; international guarantees for the security of boundaries and the independent existence of all Mideast states, including Israel. He said the Soviet Union was ready to participate in such guarantees.

## WJC EXECUTIVE WITHDRAWS REQUEST FOR AUDIENCE WITH SPANISH KING

By Edwin Eytan

MADRID, Dec. 6 (JTA)--The European Executive of the World Jewish Congress, meeting here, announced tonight that it has withdrawn its request for an audience with King Juan Carlos I who was to have received a delegation of Jewish leaders at the Royal Palace tomorrow morning. The Spanish government was expected to cancel the audience or grant it only under difficult conditions. The WJC action, therefore, was viewed as the most dignified way out of an embarrassing situation.

The WJC announcement said it withdrew its request because the Spanish authorities preferred to consider the audience "in the context of day-to-day Spanish-Arab relations" rather than "in the historic context of re-establishing relations between the Jewish people and the new Spain" for the first time in 500 years. Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the WJC, who was to have headed the delegation to the Royal Palace, left Madrid immediately after the decision was made.

It became apparent over the weekend that the audience would not materialize because of the Spanish government's sudden coldness toward the WJC meeting. Deputy Minister of Justice Rafael Mendizabal, who was to have greeted the opening session of the meeting on behalf of the government Saturday night, telephoned two hours before to say he could not attend. He gave no explanation and expressed no regrets.

The decision to boycott the meeting was apparently made by Foreign Minister Marcellino Oreaga after a meeting with Arab envoys who strongly protested plans for an official welcome to the WJC executive. Fifty Arab demonstrators gathered outside the hotel where the meeting was taking place were allowed to shout anti-Israel slogans for 30 minutes before police asked them to disperse.

In view of that attitude by the authorities, the audience with the King was considered doomed. Leaders of the Madrid Jewish community con-

ferred all day yesterday with officials of the Foreign Ministry in an attempt to salvage it, but to no avail.

The WJC Executive meeting ended today without adopting any resolutions. It thus avoided action on resolutions on Soviet Jewry which might have prevented Jewish communities in Eastern European countries from collaborating with the WJC on future occasions.

The Madrid meeting was attended by 13 delegations from West European countries, Rumania and Yugoslavia. "Observers were sent by the Jewish communities in East Germany, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary. These observers reportedly pleaded with the other participants to "show understanding" for their special position if they wanted their collaboration to continue.

#### SELECTION OF O'NEILL AS NEW HOUSE SPEAKER BODES WELL FOR ISRAEL

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 (JTA)--The selection by the Democratic majority in the House of Representatives today of Rep. Thomas P. O'Neill of Massachusetts as the new Speaker of the House presages continued strong leadership in the lower chamber of support for Israel and Soviet Jewry.

While outgoing speaker Carl Albert of Oklahoma, who retired from Congress, is well regarded by Jewish communal leaders for his undeviating support of those causes, O'Neill is seen as among the most vigorous advocates and most outspoken backers of Israel and Soviet emigration.

As the Democratic Majority Leader in the House, O'Neill sponsored the resolution for continued shipment of Phantom jets to Israel when it was hard pressed for aircraft in the Yom Kippur War. With Rep. Sidney Yates, his veteran Illinois colleague, O'Neill sponsored the resolution that gained the support of all but one of the 435 members of the House in its condemnation of the United Nations General Assembly for its anti-Zionist resolution.

He also was the leader in the move in the House to condemn the anti-Zionist declaration when it was in the Assembly's Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee and before it went to the General Assembly.

O'Neill's leadership was shown in the resolution that warned that the U.S. would leave the UN if it suspended Israel's membership. He also led in the legislation that extended the budget act by which the Administration was enabled to provide funds for Israel to be in conformity with the budget. The funds related to the 1976 fiscal year's foreign aid allocation of \$2.2 billion for Israel.

The 64-year-old O'Neill, whose home is in Cambridge, was unopposed for Speaker. He has been in the House since 1953 and was elected to his 12th term last month.

#### VANCE'S DESIGNATION AS SECRETARY GETS MIXED REACTION IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Dec. 6 (JTA)--President-elect Jimmy Carter's designation of Cyrus Vance to be the next U.S. Secretary of State was greeted here with a mixture of satisfaction and uncertainty. The fact that Vance's past government service and diplomatic missions never involved him directly in the Middle East conflict makes him something of an unknown quantity with respect to the problems of this region.

On the other hand, nothing in his record indicates that he might oppose the basic American commitment to a strong Israel, sources here said.

They pointed out that Israeli political leaders have made a point of meeting with Vance in recent years to keep him briefed on Israel's views.

A source of satisfaction is Vance's apparent disposition to seek an overall settlement of the Middle East conflict rather than the piecemeal approach favored by outgoing Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger. In any event, more will be known of Vance's views after his meeting with Defense Minister Shimon Peres in Washington later this month.

(In Washington today, two leading Senators--Clifford Case (R,NJ) and Frank Church (D, Idaho)--warmly endorsed Vance for Secretary of State. Church, who is in line to be the next chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee when John Sparkman (D, Ala.) retires, said Vance "has the ability, the experience and the perspective to serve the country well." Case, the ranking Republican member of the Foreign Relations Committee and a former law partner of Vance, said "I am sure he will carry out the duties of this enormously responsible position with dedication and great competence.")

#### REFORM MOVEMENT STRIVING TO ASSURE EQUALITY IN PLACEMENT OF RABBIS IN PULPIT POSITIONS AND OTHER JOBS

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 6 (JTA)--In anticipation that by 1979 one out of three newly ordained Reform rabbis in America will be women, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations has launched an educational campaign among its 720 congregations and 1.1 million members in the United States and Canada to assure complete equality of the sexes in the placement of rabbis in pulpit positions and other jobs.

Noting that the Reform branch of Judaism for almost 200 years has championed the equality of women's rights on all levels, including religious rights, Matthew H. Ross, chairman of the UAHC's Board of Trustees, told board members meeting here at the Century Plaza Hotel that "pockets of resistance still exist in accepting women in jobs traditionally held for centuries exclusively by men."

Ross cited current enrollment statistics from the movement's seminary, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, showing that at present 35 out of 215 rabbinic students studying on the four campuses are women, with 12 out of 45 in this year's freshman class being women and 25 percent of those applying to study for the rabbinic. In addition, the HUC-JIR's School of Sacred Music in New York City has 17 women out of 44 studying for the cantorate.

At present there are three women ordained by HUC-JIR. Rabbi Sally Priesand, serving as the assistant at the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue in NYC; Rabbi Michal Bernstein at Temple Beth Shalom, San Jose, Calif; and Rabbi Laura Geller, director of the Hillel Foundation at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles. Three women have been officially invested as cantors. The first in 1975, Barbara Herman, was just installed as the cantor of Temple Beth-El of Great Neck, N.Y.

#### Educational Force To Be Established

To meet the challenge, the UAHC's Board of Trustees, at the conclusion of its three-day meeting here, approved the creation of an educational task force "to develop effective programs sensitizing our congregations and congregants so that they can respond to the historic

development of women in the rabbinate with maturity and in keeping with the highest principles of our movement."

The trustees also cited the "ever-increasing role of women in the councils of Reform Judaism as lay and professional leaders and congregational presidents." Today there are 100 women who have been presidents of their synagogues, with 60 presently in their elected posts. Also this year, Mrs. Frances Hyman of Teaneck, N.J., was elected as the first woman president of a UAHC region, the Metropolitan Council, serving 50 congregations in New Jersey and New York's Hudson Valley.

#### RABIN HINTS HE MIGHT REJECT KEY RECOMMENDATION OF HOREV REPORT

JERUSALEM, Dec. 6 (JTA)--Premier Yitzhak Rabin hinted at yesterday's Cabinet meeting that he might not support a key recommendation of the Horev committee's report that calls for abolition of the Absorption Ministry. An initial review of the report was begun at yesterday's session and the Cabinet is expected to devote future sessions to the issue.

Sources said the government is not likely to reach a final decision for some time. But surprise was expressed in some quarters that the report was on the agenda yesterday since Rabin said last week that it was not a matter of prime urgency. The committee, headed by Amos Horev, president of the Haifa Technion, recommended a drastic overhaul of Israel's immigration and absorption machinery.

Rabin remarked that immigration was the essence of Zionism and, therefore, the government should not relinquish control of the machinery required to implement it. This was seen as a hint that he did not favor dismantling the Cabinet ministry set up several years ago for the purpose of directing the absorption process.

Absorption Minister Shlomo Rosen of Mapam, a critic of the Horev committee's recommendations, appeared to be pleased when he left the Cabinet meeting. He stressed that it was too early to predict what the Cabinet's final position would be but he reiterated his belief that immigration was a matter to be handled by the government. He denied reports that Mapam had threatened a coalition crisis if the Absorption Ministry was abolished.

#### IMMIGRATION, ABSORPTION MACHINERY COMES UNDER SHARP CRITICISM

By Tuvia Mendelson and Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Dec. 6 (JTA)--Israel's immigration and absorption machinery has come under sharp criticism from the heads of associations of immigrants from the Soviet Union, Latin America, the U.S. and Canada. They say that unless radical changes are made there was no hope for increased settlement here by Jews from abroad.

That warning was sounded by Daniel Bluz, chairman of the Soviet Immigrants Association, and Eliezer Dalman, chairman of the Association of Latin American Immigrants, in testimony before a Knesset committee last week. Yitzhak Heimowitz, president of the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel and Ernest Siegel, executive director of the AACI, complained at a press conference today that present methods employed to promote aliya from North America were ineffective.

Bluz, who had just returned from a visit to Vienna, said the aliya authorities must recognize

that Jews leaving the Soviet Union now do so "because of the negative aspects of life there rather than the positive aspects of life in Israel." He attributed the high dropout rate among Soviet Jewish emigrants to a "lack of Zionist enthusiasm" and "a certain suspicion they have toward Jewish Agency emissaries."

Dalman maintained, however, that the fault was not with the emissaries but with the people who send them. "To regain aliya momentum we must 'Zionize' this country once again," he said, adding that "it seems that the World Zionist Organization fails to understand the changes taking place in the mentality of Jews in the diaspora. The WZO has not succeeded in explaining what Jewish identity is all about," he said.

#### Almogi Comes Under Fire

Heimowitz accused WZO and Jewish Agency Executive chairman Yosef Almogi of killing a plan worked out two years ago to send North American olim who have successfully integrated into Israeli life back to their countries of origin to serve as aliya emissaries. He said it was generally agreed that the best emissaries are those who have undergone the experience of aliya and absorption in Israel.

But according to Heimowitz, Almogi ended this procedure two months ago because of the plan to set up aliya desks in the U.S. and Canada staffed by members of the local Jewish communities. "If an American who doesn't know the answers sits behind those desks they will be of no value," he said. Almogi was not immediately available for comment.

Heimowitz and Siegel also criticized the recommendations of the Horev committee for re-organizing the immigration and absorption processes. They said that the committee had detailed the total failure of the Jewish Agency and the Absorption Ministry but then went on to propose the creation of an immigration and absorption authority within the framework of the Jewish Agency.

What was needed was an autonomous authority divorced from the Jewish Agency with the powers and the budget to operate effective absorption machinery, they said. They also suggested that local immigrants associations be given funds and authority to deal with the difficult tasks of social absorption and assisting immigrants during their initial period in the country. Heimowitz said that the AACI plans to build 150 flats in Jerusalem to be rented to elderly olim.

#### ROBERT LIPTON DEAD AT 55

DURHAM, N.C., Dec. 6 (JTA)--Robert I. Lipton, a Durham attorney and a vice-president of B'nai B'rith who was active in the organization for 31 years, died here today of a heart attack. He would have been 56 on Saturday. Lipton was a member of the B'nai B'rith International Board of Governors since 1964 and two years ago was named chairman of the organization's members' insurance program.

He was also a past president of District 5, an area ranging from Maryland to Florida, and a former member of the B'nai B'rith Youth Commission. From 1952 to 1954 he was chairman of North Carolina's United Jewish Appeal. Lipton was a native of New York City but lived most of his life in North Carolina, graduating from the University of North Carolina and its law school. He joined B'nai B'rith in 1946, after receiving his law degree.

## JDC RELEASES FIRST IN-DEPTH STUDY OF OPERATIONS, PHILOSOPHY, FUTURE

NEW YORK, Dec. 6 (JTA)--The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, the "temporary" rescue and relief organization that has assisted millions of men, women and children throughout the world during its 62-year history, has completed its first formal, in-depth study of operations and philosophy, Jack D. Weller, JDC chairman, announced today.

"The JDC undertook the first major study in its history," Weller commented, "in order to update its operation to make it as compatible as possible with the needs of the last quarter of the Twentieth Century, and to help it meet its historic objectives in an effective and efficient manner."

The report, "Compassion in Action: A Continuing Task," examines and makes recommendations on almost every aspect of JDC--its governance, philosophy, purposes and programs; its administrative set-up, staff relations and personnel practices; its financial resources and its budgetary provisions. The report was prepared by a consultant team headed by Henry L. Zucker, Executive Vice-President Emeritus of the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland. The analysis was evaluated by a lay study committee under the chairmanship of Judge Nochem S. Winnet of Philadelphia.

### Six Major Recommendations

Six major policy and program recommendations are incorporated in the report reflecting the evolution of the JDC from a simple relief agency to a multi-service agency--changing as needs dictated; the JDC should now be considered a permanent agency; develop a long-term planning capability for potential emergencies, an important function not now adequately implemented and JDC's "antennas" should be up at all times to anticipate probable Jewish trouble spots; and play a major role in helping strengthen Jewish community infrastructures outside the United States.

Also, JDC programs should continue to be transferred to local community auspices as quickly as is consistent with responsible functioning; JDC's role in the development of Jewish professional and lay leadership outside the United States should be expanded, and global Jewish leaders should be associated with its work; and JDC's professional staff should be strengthened in order to carry out both its traditional and its new and expanded functions with sufficient expertise.

### Analysis Of Current Programs

Included in the study are detailed analyses of current JDC programs in Israel, Iran, Rumania, North Africa and Western Europe, and its relationships with HIAS and ORT. Among the recommendations are:

\*In Israel, priority should be given in future planning to completing the programs undertaken to develop certain service areas at a reasonable level of adequacy (i.e., care of the aged, chronic illness and handicapped children); and priority should be given to manpower programs in the human services.

\*In Iran where the Jewish community has benefited from the generally improved economy, the JDC should work with the existing Jewish communal leadership to bring about a gradual transfer of responsibility for the operation of communal programs to local sponsorship.

\*In Rumania the JDC maintains an extensive program, mainly for elderly survivors of the Holocaust, through the Federation of Jewish Communities. Since the Federation is officially recognized by the government as a religious community, it is important to strengthen the religious-cultural identity of the Federation and thereby assure the continuation of JDC's vital health and welfare programs in that country.

\*In North Africa, where there is little hope for the remaining Jewish communities, detailed consultations are needed to meet the changing needs of a dwindling population.

A number of specific recommendations dealt with the governance of the JDC at both the volunteer and professional levels, so that a broader base of understanding and support could be developed within the American Jewish community, present decision-making systems could be streamlined and simplified and younger professionals attracted into career positions with the organization. The study was released prior to the JDC's 62nd annual meeting which will be held at the New York Hilton Hotel Wednesday.

### KAHANE APPEALS TO CHRISTIANS

PLAINS, Ga., Dec. 6 (JTA)--Rabbi Meir Kahane, founder of the Jewish Defense League, appeared here yesterday outside the First Baptist Church to announce that he was forming a group called "Born-Again Christians for Israel" and to ask support from "my Christian American fellow citizens" to reject "the foolish and dangerous myth that looks at American interests in terms of oil, business profits and a desire not to get involved in foreign adventures."

The hundreds of tourists who lined up in front of the church hoping to get into the services where President-elect Jimmy Carter was conducting a men's Sunday school class, listened politely to Kahane's short address. The JDL founder had said before arriving here that he hoped to win support from Carter and Christian Americans to defend Israel's territories it now controls.

### DUTCH WAR CRIMINALS STILL AT LARGE

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 6 (JTA)--Some 20 Dutch nationals who have committed major war crimes, which will never become superannuated under the statute of limitations, are still at large without ever having been tried, a spokesman of The Netherlands Ministry of Justice has stated. The matter has become topical again in connection with the escape of the multimillionaire Peter Menten and with the trial in Roermond of Lambertus Løven, who was discovered by chance, thanks to information from the Hamburg authorities.

Another 208 Dutch nationals have been tried for major war crimes in absentia but have never been found during the past 30 years. Some 17,000 Dutch nationals served with the German SS during World War II mainly in Eastern Europe, though the majority of them may not have committed war crimes in the technical meaning of the term.

NEW YORK (JTA)--Andrei Rukhin, 30-year-old mathematician from Leningrad, has been given permission to leave the Soviet Union along with his wife, the Greater New York Commission on Soviet Jewry reported. His case received notoriety several months ago when a mysterious fire claimed the life of his brother.