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ROSEN URGES WORLD JEWRY NOT TO AID SOVIET JEWISH DROPOUTS: MEETING WITH MOSCOW JEWISH LEADERS STILL ON

By Edwin Eytan

MADRID, Dec. 7 (JTA)--Chief Rabbi Moses Rosen of Rumania has urged world Jewry to stop extending financial help to Jews who leave the Soviet Union with Israeli visas but go to countries other than Israel. Rosen stated his position on the "dropout" issue at the closing session of the World Jewish Congress European Executive meeting here yesterday. He also appealed to the WJC to implement the recent decision of its governing board in Geneva to authorize "exploratory talks" with the official Jewish community in Moscow.

Rosen decried the dropouts who, he claimed, were endangering the future of Jewish emigration from the USSR. He said it has taken world Jewry long enough to convince the Soviet authorities that Jewish emigration "is not a political scheme to take Jews out of the Socialist camp into the Western world but a deep desire by Jews to live in a Jewish State." The dropouts belie this claim," he said.

On the issue of Moscow Jews, Rosen appeared to differ with observers attending the WJC Executive meeting from East Germany, Poland, Czechoslovakia, and Hungary. They had appealed to the other participants not to take any action that might jeopardize future collaboration between the East European Jewish community and the WJC.

Rosen said the WJC should not abandon 3 1/2 million Jews in the USSR without exploring all possibilities for a dialogue with them. He urged that WJC president Dr. Nahum Goldmann proceed with his efforts to make contact with the Moscow Jewish leaders as authorized at Geneva.

WJC sources said today that Goldmann has invited Moscow Jewish community leaders to meet with him in Paris. They said no reply has been received yet but indications are that the meeting will take place. The WJC plans to follow this preliminary exploratory meeting with the dispatch of a small fact-finding mission to the Soviet Union to attempt to meet with representatives of the Jewish community in Moscow, Leningrad, Kiev and Odessa. The sources said that the WJC Executive would study the results of this mission to determine whether there is a chance to establish fruitful contacts with Soviet Jewish representatives.

Madrid Meeting Milestone Despite Snub

Goldmann, who left Madrid yesterday, said in Paris today that cancellation of the audience with King Juan Carlos I was not likely to slow down progress toward the establishment of diplomatic relations between Spain and Israel. "Relations could begin at any time after the Spanish elections and referendum next year," Goldmann said.

He had expected to head a delegation of WJC leaders to the Royal Palace in Madrid this morning to be received by the King. But the WJC Executive announced last night that it had withdrawn its request for the audience after it became apparent that the Spanish government would cancel it as a result of Arab pressure.

Goldmann explained today that "Libyan Prem-

ier Abdel Salam Jelloud was visiting Spain and the Arab embassies put pressure on the Spanish government to get the audience with the King cancelled." But, Goldmann added, despite this setback, the WJC Executive meeting in Madrid represented an historic "milestone" inasmuch as it was the first international Jewish gathering to be held in Spain since the inquisition and expulsion of Jews in 1492. (See related story from Israel.)

NAVON: SPAIN DID NOT FORESEE MAGNITUDE OF ARAB PRESSURE

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Dec. 7 (JTA)--Knesseter Yitzhak Navon, chairman of the Zionist General Council, viewed Spain's "cold shoulder" to the World Jewish Congress as a Spanish failure to foresee the magnitude of Arab protests to any friendly Spanish gestures to the WJC.

Navon, who has recently returned from Spain, said today in a radio interview that the WJC convention did not come as a surprise to Spain and it had indeed intended in the first stages to send the Deputy Justice Minister to the convention and have the King hold a reception in honor of the Jewish delegates.

Thus, Navon suggested, rather than blame WJC leaders for failure to foresee the Spanish attitude, one should blame Spain for giving in to Arab pressure. Spain had an interest in having the convention take place in Madrid, perhaps in order to strengthen Spain's new, liberal image, Navon said.

Navon added, however, that perhaps it was not correct to "test" Spain's intentions at this early stage. "Perhaps there was too much of a playboy of the pending events with the King and the Deputy Justice Minister, perhaps we should have kept a low profile," he observed. Navon explained the Spanish attitude in the context of a negotiated \$2 billion loan from Saudi Arabia and Kuwait to Spain, "and perhaps a political act of some sort at the United Nations."

He added that he did not believe the affair would have any special effects on future relations between Israel and Spain. "What happened now reflects much more the present than the future, it reflects the struggle of Spain between the old and the new traditions," Navon said.

ISRAEL'S DRAFT RESOLUTION AT UN DEFENDED BY ALLON, RAPPEL BY TEKOAH

By Tuvia Mendelson and Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Dec. 7 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Yigal Allon today vigorously defended the draft resolution Israel introduced to the UN General Assembly yesterday calling for resumption of the Geneva conference "without delay" with the participation of Israel, Egypt, Jordan, Syria and the two co-chairmen, the U.S. and the USSR.

But he confirmed what other sources said here earlier that Israel would withdraw the resolution if amendments distorting its intent were brought to a vote. Such resolutions were introduced yesterday by India, Sri Lanka and Yugoslavia and similar ones may be submitted by other countries.

Allon made his statement on a radio interview as controversy mounted here over the strategic

value of Israel's surprise initiative. Its condemnation by the Likud opposition was expected. But the sharpest criticism was expressed by Israel's former Ambassador to the UN, Yosef Tekoah, now president of Ben Gurion University in Beersheba.

Tekoah contended that by initiating the proposal, Israel abandoned a basic principle--that the General Assembly, which has consistently adopted anti-Israel resolutions in recent years, was not an acceptable international forum for such a move. But now Israel has given it a "kosher" certificate, he said.

Issue Is Diplomatic, Not Theological

Allon responded that the matter was not theological--merely diplomatic. "We don't boycott the UN," he said. "It is a fact that we are still in. There is no rule that says that by rejecting anti-Israel resolutions in the General Assembly we boycott the organization and once we initiate a proposal we abolish the boycott. Nobody has developed a strategy that means Israel should not originate suggestions."

He added that "Each situation should be considered per se." The great achievement of the Israeli draft resolution was that vis-a-vis the Arab peace offensive which is not ineffective, we clarified Israel's suggestion to go to Geneva."

Israel's Move Seen As Successful

Allon said he was convinced that the Israeli move was successful. He said that UN Ambassador Chaim Herzog had reported to him by telephone last night that after the resolution was submitted "many came to praise the Israeli move, including the Ambassador of the U.S." Allon said he did not think the matter had justified coordination with the U.S. at the ministerial level. He said that Herzog showed the text of the draft to U.S. Ambassador William Scranton who "praised the initiative and, I believe, reported to Washington."

Reacting to news reports from Washington, Allon said he did not know if Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger was disappointed by Israel's move. "If Kissinger is angry, then I am sorry.... but I don't change my mind," Allon said. He said he was confident that if the resolution had been allowed to remain intact, without pro-Arab amendments, the U.S. would have voted for it.

Resolution Has No Justification

Tekoah, a severe critic of the UN, said on a radio interview today that he deeply regretted Israel's action. He said that Israel has always argued that the General Assembly was not morally capable of making decisions on the Middle East conflict and now "we gave a 'kosher' certificate to the General Assembly." He termed the initiative "a drastic change in the basic policy of the State of Israel toward the UN" and insisted that there was no justification for Israel to have enhanced the General Assembly's prestige by introducing its resolution.

Tekoah added that it should have been clear from the start that Israel would have to withdraw the proposal. Asked if he did not think the resolution was justified as a response to the peace offensive of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, Tekoah said the state should not sacrifice its basic policies for the sake of propaganda.

Initiative Originated With Allon

It was learned here that the Israeli initiative

originated with Allon as a response to the Arab peace offensive. Allon realized the complications involved in reaching a decision when the General Assembly sums up its Middle East debate later this week and decided that Israel would issue a "simple and clear" call for resumption of the Geneva peace talks in their original form, sources said.

Accordingly, he conferred by telephone with Herzog and afterwards drafted the proposal which was presented to Premier Yitzhak Rabin. Friendly countries were informed of the impending move and asked to support it. The resolution, believed to be the first ever initiated by Israel in the General Assembly, calls for the resumption of the Geneva conference without preconditions and with the participation of the original invitees. It makes no mention of the PLO.

The amendments offered by pro-Arab states call for PLO participation in accordance with General Assembly Resolution 337 adopted last Nov. 10. Israel called for resumption of the Geneva conference on the basis of Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338. The amendments, it was said here, would serve only Arab interests and would not encourage resumption of the Geneva conference.

SOLDIER KILLED IN ACCIDENT

TEL AVIV, Dec. 7 (JTA)--One Israeli soldier was killed today and 28 others injured, six of them seriously, when a hand grenade exploded during a training exercise at an army camp in the Sinai. The dead soldier was identified as Sgt. Gadi Assiag, 20, who was instructing a group of men when the accident occurred.

The army has set up a special investigating committee to determine how a live hand grenade was in with a pile of dummy grenades. According to regulations, only dummy grenades are to be used for training soldiers. The live hand grenade exploded as Assiag pulled the safety pin. The wounded were flown by helicopter to the Beersheba Hospital.

SOVIET IMMIGRANTS ARRIVE IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Dec. 7 (JTA)--A group of 70 Soviet Jewish immigrants arrived here yesterday from Vienna. They said that while the Soviet authorities are issuing exit permits, many immigrants are stranded at border railway stations after being told that there are no seats available for them on the trains.

Meanwhile, Yuri Vudka, of Raizan, near Moscow, arrived in Israel today after spending seven years in Soviet jails and hard labor camps. He was met by his friend, Anna Barovitz, whom he had not seen since his sentence was handed down in July, 1969, and his brother, Valery, who came to Israel after serving a three-year sentence. Yuri was also met by members of Sdeh Eliyahu Kibbutz which had adopted him while he was in prison.

EXPORT-IMPORT BANK WILL NOT AID U.S. FIRMS COMPLYING WITH BOYCOTT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (JTA)--The U.S. Export-Import Bank has pledged to refuse assistance to American companies complying with the Arab boycott of Israel and the Overseas Private Investment Corp. also a federal agency, may follow suit. Rep. Benjamin Rosenthal (D,NY) said today.

Rosenthal is chairman of the House Subcommittee on Commerce, Consumer and Monetary

Affairs, which has been studying federal enforcement of American policies against the boycott. He is also a leader in the House of Representatives for legislation that would outlaw any compliance with the boycott by Americans.

Rosenthal wrote the Export-Import Bank last month after the Department of Commerce revealed the names of companies complying with the boycott, an aide to the Congressman said. The Bank replied that it will scrutinize every export transaction concerning which the bank is asked to supply financial support. Where there is any evidence of compliance with the boycott, the bank will refuse to act with respect to that transaction, the aide said. Rosenthal will meet on Dec. 15 with OPIC, which insures and guarantees U.S. investments abroad, to seek a similar pledge.

RABIN URGES WITHHOLDING JUDGEMENT ON VANCE'S POSSIBLE MIDEAST POLICY

By Tuvia Mendelson

JERUSALEM, Dec. 7 (JTA)--Premier Yitzhak Rabin urged Israeli personalities and news media today to withhold any pre-judgement of U.S. Secretary of State-designate Cyrus Vance with respect to his possible position on the Middle East. "I would advise everybody to be careful not to judge a person by things which we are not even sure he said," Rabin told a meeting of the Labor Party's Jerusalem district council.

He referred specifically to a report in Yediot Achronot claiming that Vance has stated that the U.S. would have to exert "heavy pressure" on Israel to obtain concessions for a peace settlement. "I know Cyrus Vance and I would not like the impression to be gained that Israel or its communications media has already passed judgement on him," Rabin said. He added that when Vance takes office "we will meet him and hear his points of view."

Rabin stressed Israel's ties with the U.S. He said America supports Israel but that doesn't mean that "states or leaders in other states should not have divergent opinions, at some points with Israel." He said the test would be the support Israel gets on crucial issues. Rabin also referred to the Arab "peace offensive." He said it was high time Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and other Arab leaders learned to make a distinction between true peace and the "end of the state of war."

He said that if the Arab leaders are not ready for true peace now, "we are willing to make another interim agreement to abolish the state of war." He said this was where the government differed from the Likud opposition. "We do not say if not true peace then nothing," He said, however, that the Arabs were "trying to blur the distinction."

A true peace "is not merely a statement that war has ended" but must result in changes in the area "so that people in Damascus or Cairo realize and feel that there is a change," Rabin said. He repeated that Israel was ready to agree to territorial concessions in return for a true peace but would not withdraw to its 1967 borders.

ZOA RAPS ARAB PEACE OFFENSIVE

HOUSTON, Texas, Dec. 7 (JTA)--Dr. Joseph P. Sternstein, president of the Zionist Organization of America, termed recent statements by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, Syrian and Palestine Liberation Organization leaders as a "spurious peace offensive" and castigated the State Department and "some self-appointed Jew-

ish spokesmen" for accepting and supporting the peace ploy.

Speaking here at a meeting, Sternstein termed the Arab peace offensive a serious challenge to Israel's security. "Sadat seeks to impress the world public opinion with the belief that the Arabs now want peace with Israel and he seems to have succeeded in making them believe that it is now up to Israel to grasp the Arab hand and pacify the Middle East," the ZOA leader said.

Sternstein said the American people must be cautioned "against any illusion of a true movement towards peace in the Middle East. There are no signs that the Arabs have given up their aim of destroying Israel." The peace offensive is only a stunt to force Israel to her knees by the pressure of world opinion, especially the U.S.

In this connection, Sternstein was sharply critical of the Jews who met last month in Washington and New York with PLO representatives. "Regrettably, some self-appointed Jewish spokesmen have apparently succumbed to the Pied Piper peace tunes from Cairo and El Fatah," he observed. Although the creation of a Palestinian state on the West Bank and in Gaza, which Cairo and the PLO are demanding, constitutes a dagger at the heart of Israel, "there are some Jewish organizations that approve it," Sternstein said. The discussions with the PLO representatives only lend credibility to the PLO's "alleged moderation."

KOOR HELPS BUILD JETTY IN IRAN

TEL AVIV, Dec. 7 (JTA)--Koor, the Histadrut-owned industrial enterprise, has completed, together with another Israeli and an Iranian firm, construction of a jetty in the Iranian Persian Gulf port of Bandar-Shahpur, which will lower the waiting time for Israeli ships unloading Israeli products in Iran.

Imports have increased so much in Iran that the harbors are congested, causing delays of up to three months for ships to be unloaded. The new jetty will enable a ship carrying 80 containers to be unloaded within 48 hours, which means the waiting time will have a minimum effect on cost and Israeli goods will be better able to compete on the Iranian market.

Koor and its subsidiaries are operating extensively in Iran. Meir Amit, Koor's director general, visited Iran recently to inspect the construction of a plant for fertilizers and anti-pest material as well as a central office for marketing Israeli prefabricated industrial and home buildings and industrial chemicals.

Another subsidiary of Koor is in Iran to help plan, advise and manage agricultural projects. Among the projects this company has completed this year are the setting up of irrigation networks, sugar beet plantations, cattle farms and an institute for marketing milk products.

NEW YORK (JTA)--The National Conference on Soviet Jewry has learned that Teilla Levinzon, wife of Soviet Jewish POC Sender Levinzon, has received an exit permit to emigrate to Israel and with the approval of her husband is expected to leave the USSR for Israel shortly. Though her husband still has more than four years of his sentence to serve, the couple felt that it would be better for the wife to leave for Israel with their two children. In March, 1975, Levinzon was arrested on charges of "dealing on the black market in manufactured goods." He was sentenced to six years at hard labor on May 29, 1975.

NEW DEMOCRATIC MAJORITY LEADER IN THE HOUSE HAS A FAVORABLE RECORD ON ISRAEL AND SOVIET JEWRY ISSUES

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (JTA)--Texas Congressman James C. Wright Jr., the new Democratic Majority Leader in the House of Representatives, has "a very favorable record" on legislative issues affecting Israel and Soviet Jewry, competent observers said today.

Wright, who scored a surprising one vote victory over California Rep. Philip Burton for the post yesterday, is a close friend of the new House Speaker, Thomas P. O'Neill of Massachusetts, and they are therefore seen as a team working in harmony on legislative programs.

"You have every right to be upbeat on the Democrats' choice of Wright," one especially well placed observer told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. He pointed out that in the past two years Wright approved foreign aid acts, except for the initial authorization measure for fiscal year 1976 that President Ford vetoed. Later he supported the revised measure that removed policy provisions Ford disliked.

He also backed O'Neill's resolution for Phantom Jets for Israel in the Yom Kippur War and the condemnation of the Maalot massacre by PLO terrorists. He opposed a motion by Rep. David Obie (D.Wis.) to cut Israel's appropriations by \$200 million last year. In 1967, Wright visited the Middle East and came back favorably impressed with Israel's accomplishments.

Voting Record Noted

In 1972 he co-sponsored a bill to assist the resettlement of Soviet Jews in Israel. He also voted for the Jackson-Vanik provision in the Trade Bill and for the Case-Fenwick Bill to monitor the Helsinki agreement with its human rights provisions that affect Soviet emigration.

The Americans for Democratic Action, however, pointed out to the JTA that on 18 civil rights issues and kindred liberal legislation which they tabulated during the last Congress, Wright opposed the ADA position on 12 of them.

Among issues in which he joined the ADA was O'Neill's motion to raise Social Security benefits. He also favored loans to New York City. He opposed the ADA on matters involving school busing, eligibility for food stamps, and use of family planning funds in abortion cases.

The Committee on Political Education (COPE) of the AFL-CIO told the JTA that he voted "right" on 19 of 22 issues. His cumulative record in Congress on issues of concern to it, COPE said, was "right" 121 times and "wrong" 46 times. Wright, who is 53 years old, entered Congress in 1955.

PERES TO ADDRESS N.Y. NATIONAL LEADERSHIP DINNER INTENSIFYING THE 1977 UJA-FEDERATION CAMPAIGNS

NEW YORK, Dec. 7 (JTA)--The 1977 fund-raising campaigns of the organized Jewish communities in Greater New York and around the country will enter a new, intensified phase Thursday at the New York Hilton Hotel when Israel Defense Minister Shimon Peres addresses the 1977 Leadership Dinner sponsored by the United Jewish Appeal and New York's UJA-Federation Joint Campaign.

Joining UJA general chairman Frank Lautenberg in announcing the key campaign meeting, Robert H. Arnow, general chairman of the New

York Joint Campaign, said today the combined leadership effort "underscores the growing understanding in the American Jewish community of the urgency of meeting the totality of Jewish need: in Israel, elsewhere overseas and in our own home communities."

New York's leadership, Arnow said, "came away from 'This Year in Jerusalem,' the UJA National Conference in October, with a deepened sense of the universality of Jewish need. Our encounters with the people of Israel revealed the human dimension of the daily struggle for dignified and productive lives under difficult conditions. We saw striking parallels between the problems confronting them and those faced by Jews in need of health, education and welfare services here in metropolitan New York."

National reaction to the 1977 effort to meet the totality of Jewish need has paralleled New York's response, Lautenberg said. "With more than 300 campaign meetings scheduled throughout the country during the next two months, the campaign has taken on an intensity usually reserved for wartime crises. This indicates that the American Jewish community well understands that its role in strengthening the people of Israel is an ongoing one."

Two other major leadership events will be held at the New York Hilton during the week of the leadership dinner. The American Joint Distribution Committee will hold its annual meeting tomorrow and the United Israel Appeal will hold its annual trustee meeting Friday at which Melvin Dubinsky, UJA Board chairman, and Max Fisher, chairman of the Board of Governors of the Jewish Agency, will speak. Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson will chair a discussion on "Russian Emigration-Responsibilities of the UJA in Israel and in the U.S."

JACOBSON SAYS CONGRESS DELAY HAMPERING ZIONIST ACTIVITIES

NEW YORK, Dec. 7 (JTA)--In a statement issued upon her return from the London meeting of the World Zionist Organization Executive, Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson, chairman of the Executive of the WZO's American Section, speaking for herself, expressed her conviction today that "until the Zionist movement relinquishes the party system in the diaspora, there can be no real strengthening of the Zionist movement."

All the discussions that took place in London over the date of the Zionist Congress, she said, "were based purely on individual party interests and not on what was best for the movement." It seems strange, Mrs. Jacobson added, "that precisely those who had halted the decision of the Congress tribunal mandating elections' deliberately overlooked the fact that the Congress tribunal specifically stated that its decision was not a brief for delaying the Congress and there was no reason why the Congress should not take place in July."

"Unfortunately," she concluded, "the Zionist world will now be caught up in the pre- and post-election activities in Israel, and it will be very difficult to maintain the full range of Zionist activities."

JERUSALEM (JTA)--The government medal corporation will issue a medal to commemorate the Entebbe rescue operation. The medal--gold, silver and bronze--will depict the army emblem and air force wings with the Hebrew and English inscription, "The Jonathan Operation," and its date. It will be sold Jan. 1-March 1, 1977.