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SOUTH LEBANON SITUATION STILL OF MAJOR CONCERN TO ISRAEL By Yitzhak Shargil and Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Feb. 3 (JTA)--A security panel of senior Cabinet ministers and top military brass concluded this afternoon that no change was called for in Israel's position on the situation in southern Lebanon inasmuch as Israel has received no reply to its demand that Syria pull its forces out of that region. The demand was conveyed to Damascus through American diplomatic channels several days ago and a response was expected from the United States.

Sources here stressed that there was no ultimatum to Damascus but that some response had been anticipated by today. For that reason, apparently, Premier Yitzhak Rabin called this afternoon's meeting which was attended by Foreign Minister Yigal Allon, Defense Minister Shimon Peres, Chief of Staff Gen. Mordechai Gur and Gen. Shlomo Gazit, chief of military intelligence.

The sources warned that Israel cannot wait indefinitely for a reply. They said, however, that today's meeting had been arranged at the beginning of the week, indicating that there was no feeling of urgency at this time.

The U.S. appears to be still studying developments in southern Lebanon in light of a joint communique issued in Damascus yesterday by President Elias Sarkis of Lebanon and President Hafez Assad of Syria. It affirmed their interest in keeping the peace in southern Lebanon and stressed that the predominantly Syrian inter-Arab peace force there was under the orders of President Sarkis. Initially, Israeli circles expressed cautious optimism that this was a possible prelude to a Syrian pull-back without creating the impression that Syria was bowing to Israeli pressure.

On the other hand, by placing full responsibility on Sarkis, the situation was given a purely Lebanese character, the sources noted. Therefore, Israel's demand for a Syrian withdrawal could be construed as interference in Lebanon's internal affairs. The sources described the situation as "still serious" and warned that "time is running out."

Disturbed By Reports

Israel is disturbed by reports that the Syrians are pitching tents and digging tank positions around Nabatiyeh, about 10 miles from the Israeli border and that they are once again aiding Moslem and terrorist units against Christian forces. Lebanese arriving at the open fence today reported these developments.

Israeli military circles rejected as ridiculous Syria's claim that its presence in southern Lebanon is to disarm the Moslems and terrorists. According to the circles, the Syrians are facilitating the transfer of equipment by terrorists, including heavy mortars and light artillery, to the Nabatiyeh region.

One terrorist stronghold, an ancient Crusaders-rebuild known as Beaufort Castle which commands the bend of the Litani River, has been supplied with heavy armaments. Terrorists have been attacking Christian units from there for the past few days.

There was a lull in the recent fighting in southern Lebanon today. According to reports from the region, this is due to the destruction of a Moslem ammunitions dump by a Christian mortar barrage forcing the Moslems to cease fire. Meanwhile, Lebanese workers have returned in full force to their jobs in northern Israel. At Hanita a special Hebrew ulpan was opened for Lebanese girls who have jobs in Israel and want to learn the language. Fifteen of them are attending classes twice a week.

CJC DELEGATION MEETS WITH LEVESQUE TO BRIEF HIM ON JEWISH CONCERNS

MONTREAL, Feb. 3 (JTA)--A 10-member delegation of the Canadian Jewish Congress met here yesterday with Quebec Premier Rene Levesque to brief him on the concerns of the Jewish community of the province. The delegates pointed out that while the Jewish community is not monolithic, Quebec Jews are traditionally federalist in outlook. Levesque and his Parti Quebecois favor splitting French-speaking Quebec from the rest of English-speaking Canada.

However, the CJC stressed that it is fully determined to participate in Quebec affairs regardless which party is in office. The delegation pointed out that the Jewish community is similar to that of the French Canadians since it wants to maintain its own cultural identity.

The delegation stressed that the Jewish community does not want to be a minority within the English-speaking community in Quebec but a minority within the majority. It stressed that the Jewish community is determined to maintain its own identity and culture and its own schools as well as its attachment for Israel and concern for the plight of Jews in such countries as the Soviet Union, Syria and other Arab countries.

The delegation asked Levesque for legislation guaranteeing human rights, particularly, on languages; for the continued provincial government support of Jewish day schools, attended by 40 percent of Jewish children in the province; and for social welfare and housing for the elderly programs. Levesque was receptive and indicated understanding of the specific points raised by the delegation which was led by Leon Teitelbaum, chairman of the CJC's Montreal chapter, and Alan Rose, national executive director of the CJC.

NAZI PUBLISHING FIRM REAPPEARS UNDER DIFFERENT NAME IN ARGENTINA By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, Feb. 3 (JTA)--A Nazi publisher of scurrilous anti-Jewish material has reappeared under another name after being closed down by the Argentine government. According to the Institute of Jewish Affairs (IJA), the publishers, "Editorial Milicia," who specialized in Spanish translations of old Nazi literature, was closed down last September but it has surfaced again under the name "Ediciones Odal."

All the titles that were supposed to be illegal, such as Hitler's "Mein Kampf" and the "Protocols of the Elders of Zion," continue to be conspicuously displayed in bookshops and kiosks throughout the country, as if nothing had happened, the IJA reported.

The firm's latest production is a collection of

speeches by Julius Streicher, the most vociferous Jew biter of Nazi Germany. It has been published to mark the 30th anniversary of the execution of Streicher and other Nazis condemned by the Nuremberg tribunal. However, the IJA reports that Latin American Jewish leaders are not hopeful of effective government action against the anti-Semitic right.

NJCRC PLenary DELEGATES TOLD OF GUIDELINE ON ISSUE OF DROP-OUTS

NEW YORK, Feb. 3 (JTA)--A statement intended to guide the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council in responding to the issue of Soviet Jewish immigration and nostrim (drop-outs) was read to delegates at a closed session of the NJCRAC plenary meeting in Miami Beach last week.

The statement, prepared by NJCRAC chairman Theodore R. Mann and read by executive vice-chairman Albert D. Chernin, noted that the problem "has been under careful examination by an ad hoc Inter-Organizational Committee" that includes the presidents and executives of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, HIAS, Joint Distribution Committee, National Conference on Soviet Jewry, United Israel Appeal, United Jewish Appeal and NJCRAC. The statement added that serving "as a technical advisory committee" to the Inter-Organizational group, has been the Committee of Ten which comprises the executive directors of the American organizations and includes Israeli members from the Jewish Agency, the Prime Minister's Office and the Foreign Ministry.

The statement referred to a NJCRAC meeting held on Dec. 20, 1976 at which Mann and Chernin sought guidance on the issue from NJCRAC member agencies. According to the statement, the participants in the Dec. 20 meeting, who included NJCRAC officers, "carefully examined the problems and alternative options" and concluded that "one thing is clear: there is agreement by leaders in Israel and the United States that Jews desiring to leave the Soviet Union genuinely should have freedom of choice as to where they wish to go."

Consensus Is To Maintain Status Quo

The statement said: "The consensus, which was virtually unanimous among NJCRAC national agencies, was that any decision to modify existing procedures should be postponed. The feeling was that such action would be premature in light of anticipated discussions between the United States government and the Soviet Union and our hope that the plight of Soviet Jews will figure prominently in those negotiations."

"The group recommended to the NJCRAC chairman and executive vice-chairman, as members of these committees, that they encourage the Inter-Organizational Committee and its Committee of Ten to defer action on any of the proposals now before them."

"It was recognized that the effect of this position is to maintain the status quo at the present time, and thus it was also recommended that in the event that there is a move within the Committees to reach a decision, the NJCRAC chairman and executive vice-chairman should oppose at this time any fundamental modifications of existing procedures in regard to the problem of nostrim."

CLARIFICATION ON DROP-OUT ISSUE

JERUSALEM, Feb. 3 (JTA)--Uzi Narkis,

director general of the Jewish Agency's immigration department, issued a written report this week to the World Zionist Organization Executive dealing with immigration to Israel in 1976 and the issue of Soviet Jewish drop-outs. The official translation of his statement on the drop-outs, reported in the Jan. 26 issue of the Bulletin, was that the Committee of Ten "has not yet reached its conclusion because of sharp disagreement among its members."

This morning, Narkis' office here stated that after rereading the translated statement of the drop-outs they came to the conclusion that there was a misunderstanding and that the phrase "sharp disagreements" should be deleted from the report by Narkis and retain only the reference to the fact that conclusions have not yet been reached by the Committee.

In addition, the Jan. 26 issue of the Bulletin also reported as part of the story on Narkis that the Committee concentrated mainly on the Jewish Agency's demand that HIAS and the Joint Distribution Committee stop providing assistance to drop-outs. Attention was called here to the fact that the Agency at no stage officially demanded that HIAS and JDC stop aiding the drop-outs.

JWV ACTION ON FRANCE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3 (JTA)--The national commander of the Jewish War Veterans, Dr. Robert Shor of Los Angeles, today urged its membership to "carefully consider decisions" on the purchase of French goods and services.

His action was the result of a referendum of the JWV's national policy committee that stemmed from the French government's release of the Palestinian terrorist Abu Daoud, a JWV aide said. "All echelons are urged seriously to consider revising any travel plans to France or any of her territories and to give careful consideration before purchasing French goods and services," the aide said.

Shor stated: "If the French government cannot see their cooperation and active participation is necessary in order to bring international terrorists to justice, then we, as Americans must make an impact via French goods and services."

DESPITE APOLOGY TO NADER, DIXON STILL RAPPED BY JEWISH GROUPS

NEW YORK, Feb. 3 (JTA)--Despite the apology offered by Federal Trade Commissioner Paul Rand Dixon to consumer advocate Ralph Nader for calling him a "dirty Arab," Jewish organizations said today that they were holding to their views that Dixon still owes all Americans an apology and that there is no place in the government structure for people who use racial slurs.

Benjamin R. Epstein, national director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, in a telegram to Dixon, said that as a human rights agency, "we feel strongly about name-calling or stereotype slurs made against anyone anywhere. We believe it is incumbent upon you to make a public apology not only to Mr. Nader but to all Americans."

Bertram H. Gold, executive vice-president of the American Jewish Committee, in a letter to Calvin J. Collier, Federal Trade Commission chairman, expressed the hope that the incident would lead to the general realization that "such bigotry and vulgarity are quickly rejected by Americans of all races and creeds."

Richard Cohen, spokesman for the American Jewish Congress, said his organization is gratified that Dixon apologized for the racial slur. "Racial, religious and ethnic slurs should have no place in the vocabulary of government policy makers," he said, "for indeed, of any Americans. We are just as opposed to the phrase 'dirty Arab' as we are to 'dirty Jew.'"

Nader, who received Dixon's letter of apology, said he considered it only a half apology since Dixon did not apologize for the "more conventional obscenities" Dixon hurled at him. Dixon had also referred to Nader as a "son-of-a-bitch."

ATTORNEY OFFERS TO LEAD U.S. LAWYERS TO OBSERVE ZAVUROV TRIAL

NEW YORK, Feb. 3 (JTA)--In a phone conversation with the Soviet Union's Procurator General's office in Moscow, Martin Garbus, New York civil liberties attorney and representative of Soviet dissident Andrei Sakharov in recent discussions with the State Department, today offered to lead a group of American lawyers to observe the upcoming appeal of Soviet Jew, Amner Zavurov, scheduled for Feb. 10 in the Uzbek city of Karshi.

Garbus, who recently returned from the USSR, told a press conference of the National Lawyers Committee for Soviet Jewry (NLC) that the Zavurov case is a typical "Catch-22 situation."

"Zavurov was sentenced on Jan. 13 to three years in prison for being without an internal passport, being without a job and for disorderly conduct," Garbus explained. "Obviously, as he had been given permission to emigrate in October, 1975, his internal passport had been taken away by Soviet authorities. Through bureaucratic mismanagement, the Soviets never issued a new visa and tried to force Zavurov to accept his internal documents. The Soviet authorities are guilty of unwarranted harassment as well as abuse of Soviet law."

Garbus said among those prepared to join him are Mario Merola, Bronx District Attorney; David Sindell of Cleveland; and Burton Levinson and Bradley Marcus of Beverly Hills, Cal. Levinson and Marcus were permitted by Soviet officials to observe the trial of Victor Polesky in Moscow, in March, 1974.

Alvin K. Hellerstein, NLC chairman, pointed out that the current situation for Soviet Jews is severe. "A trial against Soviet Jewish activist Naum Salansky of Vilnius, for allegedly having in his possession materials which 'defame the character' of the USSR, is being prepared by local Lithuanian officials."

BREIRA REJECTS CONTENTION IT IS TRYING TO DIVIDE JEWISH COMMUNITY

NEW YORK, Feb. 3 (JTA)--Robert Loeb, executive director of Breira, today rejected charges made this week by the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington that his group is seeking to divide American Jewish support of Israel. He affirmed that Breira seeks only "intensive discussion and debate regarding specific policy options on how to accomplish our common goal of gaining Arab recognition of Israel."

This approach, he noted, reflects "the deepest commitment and concern for Israel and encourages much broader participation in pro-Israel activities among various individuals and groups who constitute Israel's supporters" in seeking to secure support for Israel's legitimate right to a sovereign national existence within

secure borders and the necessity of American aid."

He also stated that the JCC's claim that Breira would be "utilizing its forthcoming conference to spark a major political initiative on behalf of the PLO's cause" is "patently false and slanderous."

Referring to the position taken by the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NJCRAC) opposing direct or indirect contact between American Jews and PLO representatives or others advocating negotiations with the PLO, Loeb said this would mean a boycott by American Jews of Israeli "doves" like Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Matti Peled, and "hawks" like Gens. Arik Sharon, Moshe Dayan and Yehoshafat Harkabi who is now an advisor to Premier Yitzhak Rabin "who have each called for direct contacts between Israel and the PLO. Neither hawks nor doves, including Breira, recommend negotiations with the PLO except to press for full recognition of Israel's legitimate rights and to provide a realistic test of as yet inconclusive indications of Arab moderations."

(The statements by the JCC and NJCRAC were in the Feb. 2 issue of the Bulletin.)

NAZI VICTIMS HIT BUTZ'S BOOK

NEW YORK, Feb. 3 (JTA)--The American Federation of Jewish Fighters, Camp Inmates and Nazi Victims today called on Robert H. Strotz, president of Northwestern University to "speak out and have the tenure of Mr. Butz reviewed."

In condemning the book by Arthur R. Butz, a Northwestern University professor, that says the Nazi slaying of Jews is a myth, the Federation said the university "has an obligation in the name of academic freedom not to keep silent over such despicable conduct of a member of its faculty."

Solomon Zynstein, Federation president, in his letter to Strotz, said that the university could not "become a privileged sanctuary of distortion of historic facts. Why should tenure protect him in this case and what has his case to do with academic freedom? I am dismayed and ashamed that you interpret tenure to mean immunity for any kind of intellectual and moral obscenity. By so doing, are you not distorting the notion of academic freedom?" Zynstein is a survivor of the concentration camps.

NEW YORK (JTA)--Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, Chaim Herzog, met for one hour Thursday with the Soviet Ambassador, Oleg Troyanovsky, the Israel Mission to the UN announced. The meeting took place on the eve of Herzog's departure to participate in the talks UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim will hold with Israeli officials in Jerusalem next week. The Soviet Ambassador clarified Soviet policy on the issues that Waldheim will investigate during his tour of Middle Eastern countries, the Mission said.

NEW YORK (JTA)--The World Council of Synagogues Thursday selected Arthur G. Levine, president of the United Synagogue of America, and Rabbi Simon Greenberg, vice-chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, to represent the World Organization of Conservative Judaism at the World Zionist Organization Executive. Greenberg will sit on the Executive in Jerusalem, while Levine will attend the Executive in N.Y.

ISRAEL REFUSES TO PARTICIPATE IN QUAKER CONFAB ON MIDEAST

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 3 (JTA)--The government of Israel, acting through its Consul General here, Asher Naim, has declined to participate in the upcoming conference on the Middle East sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC), it was reported today in the Jewish Exponent by staff writer David Gross.

The weekend session, entitled "The New Imperative for Israeli-Palestinian Peace: A Learning and Organizing Conference on the U.S. and the Middle East," is slated Feb. 11-14 in Chevy Chase, Md., a Washington suburb. Featured speakers will be Gen. Matti Peled of the Israel Council for Israeli-Palestinian Peace, and Sabri Jiryis, of the Palestine National Council of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Naim, in citing his reasons for declining the invitation, stated emphatically that Israel believes the sole purpose of the conference is to provide the PLO a U.S. platform from which to speak. He also described the conference as "one-sided," adding that "all the cards are stacked against Israel." The invitation to participate in the conference was contained in a letter from Gail Pressberg, coordinator of Middle East Peace Education Programs for AFSC, to the local consulate. It stated:

"We are conducting this conference in the spirit of bringing a wide range of points of view to the audience. In this spirit, we are committed to having respondents to both Mr. Peled and Mr. Jiryis who can provide a point of view which is consistent with that of the Israeli government. As I mentioned over the telephone, either an official Israeli governmental spokesperson or an Israeli citizen living in this country, whom you recommend, would meet our needs."

Reasons For Refusing

Naim, after checking with the Israel Consulate in New York and the Israel Embassy in Washington, telephoned Louis W. Schneider, executive secretary of the AFSC. He declined the invitation on behalf of the Israeli government and explained his reasons to Schneider.

Naim theorized that he, rather than the Israeli Embassy, was contacted by the AFSC because AFSC's headquarters are in Philadelphia. Moreover, Naim said, he had met several times previously with various AFSC officials in his capacity as consul.

Asked to comment on Israel's refusal to participate, Ms. Pressberg told the Exponent, "We are absolutely committed to having respondents from the Jewish community to both Peled and Jiryis. While it is true that we have been refused by the Consulate and by a number of individuals we contacted, we will continue trying."

"We fully expect any respondent to represent himself and not any organization to which he might belong," Ms. Pressberg added. She also pointed out that Jiryis had been invited as an individual, not as a representative of the PLO. Naim noted, however, that Jiryis had been expelled from the U.S. last year for entry with a fraudulent passport. His purpose, the Consul maintained, is to open a Washington office for the PLO.

REUNION FOR HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS

By David Friedman

NEW YORK, Feb. 3 (JTA)--Among the Holocaust survivors in Austria after World War II were hundreds of Jewish children who came out of

the Mauthausen and Ebensee concentration camps or who had been hidden in Christian homes. Many of them were over 18 years old but had gone into the camps at the age of 12 and had thus not had any high school education.

The American Joint Distribution Committee and the Austrian Education Ministry cooperated in the 1945-46 period to provide both material help and education for these youngsters, according to Dr. Leon Zelman, who was president of the Union of Jewish Students in Austria at the time.

Zelman, who is a travel agent and editor of a newspaper in Vienna, the "Jewish Echo," told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in an interview here that a school was created to provide these youngsters with an education and enable them to graduate high school. Most of the youngsters had lost their parents and they were housed in either the school's building or with Christian families in Vienna. The program also provided psychological help, food, clothing, recreation and a camp for holidays.

Some 1000 Jewish young people went through the school and some 700 of them later graduated from universities, Zelman said. He said that some 300-400 live in the United States, some 200 in Israel and about 60 in Austria, most of them holding high positions as physicians, engineers and in other professions.

Now, some 30 years later, Zelman said, a reunion of these students is planned in Vienna Aug. 20-27. The reunion will be held as part of the Congress of Jewish University Men and Former Members of the Union of Jewish Students of America, headed by Zelman.

The Congress will open with a ceremony at the Vienna City Temple which is celebrating its 150th anniversary this year. Zelman said that one purpose of the Congress will be to create an International Academic Association which will not only provide material help to young Jews but remind them of the past which the graduates of the Vienna program lived through.

GRANT TO BE USED IN ISRAEL TO AID STUDENTS, SICK, BLIND AND NEEDY

NEW YORK, Feb. 3 (JTA)--Sidney Musher, president of P.E.F. Israel Endowment Funds, Inc., announced the receipt of \$93,000 from the Jakob, Louise and Kurt Schwartz Trust upon the recommendation of the trustees, Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York, and Mr. William Miller. He said \$33,000 of the grant will be used for 145 secondary school scholarships primarily for students of Oriental extraction in Israel and giving preference to the vocational schools. The balance of \$60,000 will be used for a sheltered workshop and other purposes for the blind in Israel.

Dr. Kurt Schwarz died in January, 1974 and directed that the proceeds from this Charitable Trust be used for the relief of the Jewish sick, blind and needy in Israel. Schwarz included the names of his parents in the title of the trust in order to honor them.

JERUSALEM (JTA)--A new bill which was passed on first reading in the Knesset last week will increase the number of eligible voters in the May 17 elections. The bill would open the registration lists which were closed last Aug. 11 and allow anyone who will be 18 by election day to vote. It also will permit anyone who became an Israeli citizen by last Dec. 31 to be eligible to vote.