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## RABIN, VANCE AGREE GENEVA CONFAB SHOULD BE RECONVENED THIS YEAR; BOTH INDICATE OPPOSITION TO PLO

JERUSALEM, Feb. 16 (JTA)--Premier Yitzhak Rabin and Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance agreed today that the Geneva conference should be reconvened during the latter half of 1977. They indicated that Israel and the U.S. were of one mind in opposing the participation of the Palestine Liberation Organization in peace negotiations. Vance also conveyed to the Premier and Mrs. Rabin an invitation from President Carter to meet with him in Washington early next month.

Rabin and Vance met for three hours here this morning. The Israeli leader said afterwards that there were no major issues on which the U.S. and Israel differed. Vance described the meeting as "thorough, helpful and useful." He said "We have discussed the military situation and a number of related problems as well as economic problems and other subjects of common interest between our two countries. I think that I now have a much clearer understanding of the position of Israel with respect to a number of issues relating to the search for peace."

Israeli sources said Vance informed Rabin at their meeting that Carter would delay his decision on whether to sell concussion bombs to Israel until after the Secretary of State returns from his Mideast tour. According to the sources, Vance explained that any decision at this time could have adverse effects on his mission which includes visits to five Arab countries after leaving Israel tonight.

On the issue of PLO participation in the Geneva conference, Rabin told reporters after the meeting that there was no change in Israel's refusal to have any contacts with the PLO, which it regards as a terrorist organization with the stated aim of destroying Israel. Asked about the U.S. attitude toward a PLO presence at Geneva, Vance replied, "The answer is, no." However, Vance had said before his departure from Washington that he intended to explore reports that the PLO has modified its policies.

### Oil Exploration Matter Discussed

Another matter taken up at the meeting was Israeli oil exploration in the Gulf of Suez. According to sources here, Vance asked Israel to permit Amoco, a division of the Standard Oil Co., to carry out drilling in the gulf on the basis of an Egyptian lease and said Israel did not have a legal right to carry out exploration there.

It was reported today that a floating oil rig owned by Amoco entered Israeli controlled waters in the Gulf of Suez several days ago but left without incident after an Israeli patrol boat signaled that the rig was in Israeli waters. Last September, Israeli gun boats were involved in an incident with American oil rigs in the gulf.

Today's working session with Vance, held at the Prime Minister's residence, was attended by Simcha Dinitz, Israeli Ambassador to the U.S. and Philip Habib of the State Department. Later, Vance and his aides met with the Israeli ministerial negotiating team consisting of Rabin, Defense Minister Shimon Peres, Foreign Minis-

ter Yigal Allon and Chief of Staff Gen. Mordechai Gur. Between meetings, Vance visited the Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum guided by Gideon Hausner, a member of the Cabinet.

## FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER CANCELS PLANS TO MEET WITH PLO CHIEF

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Feb. 16 (JTA)--French Foreign Minister Louis de Guiringaud, currently visiting the Middle East, has cancelled plans to meet in Beirut with PLO chief Yasir Arafat. A government spokesman said the decision was taken as a sign of French "displeasure" over the visit to France, under false identity, of Palestinian terrorist Abu Daoud last month.

But observers here view the snub to Arafat as the most important of several recent moves to improve France's relations with Israel. Those relations were strained almost to the breaking point last month when a French court freed Daoud before either Israel or West Germany could file formal extradition requests.

Sources said the decision not to meet with Arafat marked a definite break with France's past policy that always welcomed contacts with the PLO. Former Foreign Minister Jean Sauvagnargues met with Arafat only last year, on a Middle East trip.

Two other signs that France is anxious to thaw its relations with Israel were the reconfirmation of an invitation to Premier Yitzhak Rabin to pay an official visit to Paris and the speed with which French and Israeli experts are moving to re-examine the Franco-Israeli extradition agreement.

### Rabin Invitation Reconfirmed

The French invitation was extended to Rabin several months ago, but the crisis over Daoud intervened. This week, the government reconfirmed the invitation, stressing that it will be an "official visit" with all the protocol and pageantry such a visit implies. A tentative date has been set for the end of September or early October. The invitation will apply to Rabin or to his successor.

Sources here stressed that this is the first time an incumbent Israeli Premier has been invited officially to France. Former Premiers David Ben Gurion and Levi Eshkol came to Paris on "private visits" although they met with President Charles de Gaulle and were extended the courtesies due their rank.

At the same time, de Guiringaud's projected visit to Israel has been re-scheduled for March 30. It was to have taken place this month but was postponed because of the Daoud affair. The French diplomat is in Beirut today on a "fact-finding" mission to the Mideast. He will also visit Damascus, Amman and Cairo.

Meanwhile, the Foreign Ministry has set Friday, Feb. 18 for the first meeting on the extradition accord. The purpose is to review the pact and clarify it in order to avoid a repetition of the Abu Daoud episode. Meir Rosen, legal advisor to the Israeli Foreign Ministry, is due here tomorrow to advise the Israeli delegation in the talks.

## SALE OF NAZI MEMORABILIA IS A BOOMING BUSINESS

NEW YORK, Feb. 16 (JTA)--The shooting rampage by Nazi-enthusiast Frederick W. Cowan in New Rochelle Monday has focussed attention on a booming business--the sale of Nazi memorabilia. Cowan, a moving-van company employee who shot five persons to death before taking his own life, had a large collection of Nazi helmets, badges, medals, swastika arm bands and daggers in addition to an arsenal of deadly weapons in his attic. He also had photographs of Hitler, Himmler and other Nazis and a collection of racist literature and recordings.

But dealers in the multi-million dollar Nazi artifacts market insist that the vast majority of their customers are not "Nazi kooks." They say that the purchasers of these items range from pre-adolescent boys to military historians and other scholars of the Nazi era. Many are legitimate collectors. Nazi items are regularly advertised in gun and sporting magazines. One of the biggest outlets is Unique Imports of Alexandria, Va., run by Roderick Jones, a retired Air Force man. He assured reporters this week that Cowan was not on his world-wide mailing list of some 55,000 names.

Many of the items sold by Unique and by scores of other dealers around the country, were brought here by World War II GIs. Others are "authentic" replicas of Nazi items and weapons. According to reports, there is also a large business in Nazi porno books--paper backs offering explicit descriptions of rape and other sexual assaults on concentration camp inmates, most of them Jewish. One publisher dedicates his books "to the memory" of concentration camp victims.

Meanwhile, police are tracing a possible link between Cowan and the militant, racist National States Rights Party. He reportedly carried a membership card in that organization and received its publication, "Thunderbolt." After the carnage in New Rochelle, neighbors of Cowan told reporters that the killer was forever ranting against Jews and Blacks and threatening to "liquidate" them. His bloodbath was apparently triggered by a desire to kill his boss, Norman Bing, who is Jewish. Bing, who had suspended Cowan for rudeness to a customer, was not one of the victims.

## INDIANA TOWN RALLIES ON BEHALF OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE SOVIET UNION

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind., Feb. 16 (JTA)--Spear-headed by Purdue University B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation student leaders, this college town became one of the first in the nation this week to rally as a community on behalf of human rights in the Soviet Union. A committee on human rights, aimed at educating the public on the plight of minorities in the USSR and prodding Soviet authorities to adhere to the Helsinki Accords, was formed by residents of the Greater Lafayette area.

The committee, described as an off-shoot of the Hillel Foundation's Soviet Jewry Committee, was inaugurated by a four-day human rights program in which the mayors of Lafayette and West Lafayette participated and clergymen of all faiths devoted sermons to the cause of minorities in the Soviet Union.

Two petitions were presented to Rep. Floyd Fithin (D, Ind.) who, with Indiana's Democratic Senator Birch Bayh, will submit them to the Soviet Ambassador in Washington, Anatoly F.

Dobrynin with the request that they be conveyed to Soviet Communist Party Secretary Leonid I. Brezhnev.

The petitions contained more than 3500 signatures. One asks that Prof. Naum Salansky, an imprisoned Soviet Jewish activist, be released and allowed to join his dying mother in Israel. The other demands the re-unification of Mrs. Irina Astakhova-McClellan with her husband, Prof. Woodford McClellan, who teaches history at the University of Virginia.

## U.S. DROPS CHARGES AGAINST PERL'S SON BUT HE IS DETAINED BY ITALIANS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (JTA)--The government dropped charges today against Solomon Perl, who was arrested in Perugia, Italy yesterday and held for extradition. Perl, 22, a student at the University of Perugia, was charged with having fired shots into the residences of Soviet Embassy officials in Hyattsville, Md. last May 13. He also reportedly was charged with theft of a gun and transportation of a weapon across state lines.

Perl is the son of Dr. William Perl, former head of the Jewish Defense League in the Washington area. The elder Perl last week received a two-year suspended sentence for conspiring to shoot at Soviet officials. Jeffrey White, assistant U.S. Attorney in Baltimore, requested today that the charges against Solomon Perl be dismissed.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned that proceedings were dropped because evidence at the trial of Dr. Perl nullified the charges against his son. The young man, a student of veterinary medicine, remained in custody of Italian authorities today pending completion of discharge papers.

## ABRAHAM DICKENSTEIN DEAD AT 76

NEW YORK, Feb. 16 (JTA)--Abraham Dickenstein, founder and past president of Ampal-American Israel Corporation, died today at his home in Tel Aviv at the age of 76. Born in Wisniewa, Poland, Dickenstein emigrated to Palestine in 1921 where he worked initially as a pioneering laborer in the draining of swamps and paving of roads. In 1925 he founded and managed the Audit Union of Credit Cooperatives and Consumers' Cooperatives associated with the Histadrut. At the same time he joined the staff of Bank Hapoalim of which in later years he became one of its six managing directors.

In 1936, Dickenstein came to the United States on a capital raising mission for the bank and late in 1941, together with a small group of American Jewish businessmen, founded Ampal-American Israel Corporation with an initial capital of \$99,000 for the purpose of mobilizing finance and investment capital for the fledgling Jewish economy. Until his retirement in April, 1972, the corporation developed into a financial instrument channeling tens of millions of dollars annually to economic enterprises in Israel. Dickenstein was also a past president of Israel Development Corporation which he helped to establish as well as a past chairman of the board of the Israel American Industrial Development Bank, Ltd.

## U.S. SERVES NOTICE ON ILO

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (JTA)--The Carter Administration served notice on the International

Labor Organization today that it intends to sever relationship with it next November unless by that time the United Nations body desists in its politicization practices.

In an unusual action, the State Department volunteered a statement reiterating the aspects of the letter sent by the Ford Administration to the ILO Nov. 1975 giving the required two-year notice of withdrawal because of the trends within the ILO. The letter said that the American government and its employer and union representatives in the ILO found the organization is turning away from its basic purposes that include commitment to free trade unions and an open political process.

While the Palestine Liberation Organization was not specified in the letter, U.S. officials at the time indicated that the ILO step that precipitated American withdrawal notice was its granting the terrorist organization observer status.

The PLO officials said then and reiterated it to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today, has no trade unions or employers and therefore is not eligible to participate. When a PLO speaker arose in the annual conference in June, 1975, the American labor and employer representatives left the room. Five months later, the U.S. gave formal notice of intention to withdraw.

In announcing that the new Administration is maintaining its predecessor's position, State Department spokesman Frederick Z. Brown said that the views in the letter are "no less valid today" and "will guide our actions and decisions in the critical months ahead." Brown said his announcement was to make the present U.S. government's "position clear."

#### LITERARY PRIZE WINNERS NAMED

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 16 (JTA)--The cultural committee of the Central Jewish Committee here has announced the first six winners of its new annual literary prize named after its late president, Fernando Jeno. Poet Jacob Glantz of Mexico and Samuel Rollansky of Argentina, received the Jeno Award for Yiddish literature; Michael Levin of Mexico and Shmaly Golan of Jerusalem, for Hebrew books; and Hessel Klepfish of Panama and Jose Rabinovitch of Argentina for works in Spanish.

Glantz will receive an honorary degree and a medal for his long literary and cultural activities in the Mexican Jewish community. Rollansky received \$2000 for his three volumes about Yiddish literature. Levin, who won the award for his Hebrew stories for children and Golan for his short Hebrew novels, each received \$500. Klepfish, who has done studies in Spanish on Judaism, and Rabinovitch, for his Spanish poetry, will also receive \$500 each. The awards, which were established by Jeno's widow and children, will be presented March 29.

#### UJA REGIONAL LEADERS TOLD SMALL COMMUNITIES CAN BE POWERFUL FORCE

NEW YORK, Feb. 16 (JTA)--The small community potential in carrying out the United Jewish Appeal campaign effort was stressed by several speakers last weekend at a UJA regional conference in Springfield, Ill.

Irving Bernstein, UJA executive vice-chairman, declared: "There is a rich resource in this country. Thousands upon thousands of Jewish families living in communities such as yours. Like the border towns of Israel, small cities in America are outposts of Jewish survival. United

small communities represent vast campaign and human power and can be a vital force for raising funds and for responding to critical needs."

The 200 campaign leaders at the two-day campaign planning conference representing 14 small and intermediate-size Jewish communities in Illinois were told also by Len Lieberman, the 29-year-old president of the Springfield UJA-Federation, "The challenge for small communities is to broaden the base of Jewish activities. We must share responsibility by actively involving young people in planning and campaigning."

Commenting on the nature of a UJA-Federation campaign in a community of 1100 Jews, James E. Myers, of Springfield, stated: "Our main problem is that we are 'quietists and pietists'--but not militants. In small towns, we do well, people are willing to give--but not to get involved." Leonard H. Sherman of Chicago, UJA regional chairman, emphasized, "We must make maximum use in 1977 of the powerful campaign force residing in our smaller communities."

#### Organize Every Single Jew

Bernstein, noting that the strain and sacrifices of the people of Israel are greater than they have ever been, said: "Total support from America's heartland is a critical element in the UJA lifeline to Jews the world over. We must organize until every single Jew in America is with us."

Ehud Avriel, Consul General of Israel for the Midwest, stressed the importance of solidarity with the people of Israel. "Though there has never been a more aggressive coalition of anti-Semitism in the world, Jews as a people are hopeful in 1977," he declared. "In our search for peace we draw strength from you--no other people can truly say, 'We are one.'"

Regional conferences have been held across the United States in the past month, with meetings in Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey; Palm Springs, California; Houston, Texas; and Tarpon Springs, Florida. Among the topics discussed were major UJA spring campaign events, including the national Shabbat on March 19, the national walk-a-thon on May 15 and a national closing date on June 1.

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GENEVA (JTA)--A group of four Israeli journalists left Wednesday for Moscow for a 10-day visit of Russia where they will participate in a congress on "international cultural exchanges." Journalists from 30 countries are participating in this congress. The Israeli journalists are: Haim Tal of Itim, Gil Keisari of Maariv, Sarah Manobla of Kol Israel and photographer Werner Braun. They received their visas at the Soviet Consulate in Geneva. This is one of the few cases since the Six-Day War that Israelis have been granted visas to the USSR.

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TEL AVIV (JTA)--Israeli army circles have denied reports in the American press that Israel has deployed and stationed units on the Tiran and Sanafir Islands opposite Sharm el-Sheikh, the outlet of the Gulf of Elat into the Red Sea, Israel, however, is maintaining regular patrols at the islands which are populated by special sea birds and under the supervision of the Natural Reservations Authority.

**SPECIAL TO JTA****GENSCHER: PROSPECTS FOR MIDEAST PEACE HAVE NEVER BEEN BRIGHTER**

By Jon Fedler

BONN, Feb. 16 (JTA)--Mideast peace prospects have "never been brighter," Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher said on his return from a five-day Mideast fact-finding trip. Genscher said the states he had visited--Jordan, Syria and Egypt--have "considerable expectations of West Germany and Europe." This was understandable since the Arab countries saw Europe as a neighboring region with whom good economic and political ties had traditionally existed.

Genscher cautioned that a European participation in the next Geneva conference would "serve little purpose." Merely adding to the number of conference participants would "not increase the chances of it succeeding." But "there is a positive thrust in the Mideast at present and we should do everything possible to support it," he added.

Before returning last Saturday to Bonn, Genscher met separately with UN Secretary Kurt Waldheim who was also concluding a Mideast tour, and with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat. Neither Bonn nor Cairo gave details of the talks, but Sadat reportedly called 1977 "the year of peace." There was speculation earlier that Genscher might meet with PLO chief Yasser Arafat, who arrived in Cairo for a visit on Friday, but no such meeting took place.

**Israel Under Sharp Attack**

Earlier last week, President Hafez Assad of Syria, at a joint press conference with Genscher, sharply attacked Israel, saying there were "no positive signs for a deviation by Israel from its expansionist mentality." He accused Israel of "daily provocations," of not recognizing Palestinian rights, of the continuing occupation of Arab territories and referred to the (Israeli) "legend of secure borders."

In this context he attacked the Israeli desire that Syrian troops in Lebanon keep away from the Lebanese-Israeli border, asking, "what has Israel to do with the south Lebanon?" Assad said there were favorable conditions for a Mideast peace, but these existed "only on the Arabs' side." Asked whether 1977 would be the year of peace for the region, he said, "I don't believe so." Progress might be made toward peace, but no one could prophesy the exact date. He said Germany and Europe could play an important role in bringing about peace, but declined to go into details.

Genscher reiterated Bonn's belief that peace required recognition of Israel's right to exist as well as the ending of the occupation of Arab territories and the recognition of the rights of the Palestinians. He said he had "found understanding" for these views during his talks with Assad and "did not encounter any contradictions." It was important that Bonn be able to "talk with the same openness to our Arab and our Israeli friends," Genscher observed.

In separate talks conducted by officials of Germany's Economic Ministry, it was agreed that Bonn and Damascus would shortly sign an investment promotion agreement. A Bonn government spokesman said individual projects were not discussed, but chances were "favorable" for German participation in Syria's 10 million ton a year oil production, for participa-

tion by Germany's Siemens Corporation in the extension of the Syrian telephone network and for introduction of Germany's "Pal" color television in Syria.

In Egypt, Genscher disclosed, Volkswagen is negotiating with a local company for the erection of an auto assembly plant. Genscher will be visiting Israel in mid-March.

**TEACHER FINDS WAY TO EXPLAIN HOLOCAUST TO YOUNG CHILDREN**

By David Friedman

NEW YORK, Feb. 16 (JTA)--Irving Frank, a junior high school social studies teacher in the Flushing section of Queens, has found it difficult to teach children about the Holocaust. He said the 13-year-olds he teaches are upset when they are shown the actual photographs of the Nazi atrocities, leave the room if they can or even laugh at the pictures. Frank, 38, said he himself finds it difficult to view actual presentations on the Holocaust, such as the recent film, "The 81st Blow."

But now Frank feels he has found a way--through the presentation of art depicting the events of the Holocaust and in particular the work of an Israeli artist, Shimon Balitski. Frank has prepared a 20-minute filmstrip and cassette narration called "The Holocaust and the Resistance" using Balitski's work to describe the Holocaust.

The idea came when Frank, his wife Rachel and their three sons spent a sabbatical year in Israel last year. Frank said he was taken to Balitski's studio by a mutual friend and was moved by the pictures painted by Balitski, a Holocaust survivor from Poland. He said he immediately saw the possibility of using Balitski's work to describe the Holocaust.

The film is based on Balitski's narration translated by Frank. It begins with Balitski speaking in Yiddish and then switches to the translation spoken by Irving Kaplan, of Israel Educational Television.

Balitski's works are moving and haunting scenes of Nazi atrocities and Jewish courage. Frank said the emphasis is on resistance, not just physical, but also spiritual. Frank said the children who have seen the film have responded especially to the pictures of children being executed. He said they noticed that in the painting showing children about to be machine-gunned the gun looked like a camera and were told the SS did this so that the children would think that they were about to be photographed rather than executed.

Frank said that schools and Jewish organizations have expressed interest in his film. He said it should be shown not only in Jewish schools but also in public schools. He said it would be particularly appropriate to show the film on Yom Hashoah, the day of remembrance for the Holocaust. He is renting the film through Shimbol Studies in Flushing.

THE HAGUE (JTA)--Netherlands Labor Premier Johan den Uyl will attend the Israel Labor-Party convention Feb. 23 at the latter's invitation. He will be accompanied by the Dutch Labor Party's international secretary Harry van den Bergh, and the chairman of the Labor Party, Mrs. Ina van den Heuvel.

JERUSALEM (JTA)--A group of 14 Washington religious leaders attended Tuesday the dedication ceremony of the Martin Luther King Forest in the Galle.