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ISRAEL NOT KEEN ABOUT LEBANESE PROPOSAL ON ROLE OF UN TROOPS

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, March 2 (JTA)--Reaction in Jerusalem has been basically negative to the proposal, now being energetically promoted by the Beirut government, for the stationing of United Nations forces in southern Lebanon. But, since the proposal so far is shrouded in mystery, no official comments have been made here. Government spokesmen merely say that Israel has been told nothing authoritatively about the Lebanese idea from any third party--and must therefore reserve all formal comment.

Informally, though, the firm line here is that the tension and fighting between Moslems and Christians in southern Lebanon is essentially an internal Lebanese situation which would be best solved by the establishment--or reestablishment--of an effective Lebanese fighting force under the Beirut government's control and direction. UN forces were not required on the border area, well placed sources here argued, since there was no conflict or territorial dispute between the two states involved.

Observers here were speculating on President Elias Sarkis' possible intentions in mooted the proposal. His Foreign Minister has been canvassing it in meetings with the Big Four power ambassadors in Beirut. One theory is that the French might be behind the move. French Foreign Minister Louis de Guiringaud recently visited Beirut and Damascus. Under this theory, France would supply the bulk of a projected UN force and in that way play its long-desired active role in the Mideast areas of its former influence.

Another, less desirable possibility, is that the Beirut government wants a UN presence to absorb it from responsibility for future renewed terrorist incursions from southern Lebanon into Israel. Another possible calculation among Lebanese leaders appears to be that the UN, moreover, would impede Israeli reprisal actions.

U.S. BELIEVED TO BE THWARTING ISRAEL'S ARMS INDEPENDENCE EFFORT

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, March 2 (JTA)--Sources here believe that the U.S. State and Defense Departments are deliberately trying to prevent Israel from achieving independence in the production of sophisticated weapons systems, particularly combat aircraft. They cited an article in Aviation Week earlier this week which quoted Pentagon circles as saying the reason Israel wants a license to produce F-16 fighter planes or their components is to accumulate American know-how.

According to the sources, this is a ridiculous charge. They said that Israel has bid to purchase 250 F-16s, an aircraft not yet in production, on condition that Israel Aircraft Industries is licensed to produce parts of the plane on an increasing scale so that the last 50 units would be almost entirely built in Israel. The reason is that Israel would save as much as 20-30 percent of the \$3 billion purchase price if the F-16 infrastructure and spare parts could be produced at home.

The sources said the question of know-how is a false issue because the U.S. has offered Israel co-production rights on much more sophisticated systems if Israel agreed to purchase additional quantities of the McDonnell Douglas F-15 fighter bomber. Israel has ordered 25 of the planes, three of which were delivered last year. But the Israel Air Force prefers to wait for the F-16s which are an advanced model.

ONTARIO PREMIER TELLS ARABS HE WON'T BEND ON OPPOSING BOYCOTT

By Ben Kayfetz

TORONTO, March 2 (JTA)--William Davis, premier of Ontario, told an Arab delegation representing three organizations that he will not change his opposition to the Arab boycott of Israel. He made this statement to the delegation in response to a joint brief submitted to him by the Canadian Arab Federation, the Arab-Palestine Association of Toronto and the Arab-Community Center of Toronto. The brief termed Davis' view "unfair and even immoral."

The Arab brief said the Canadian government had no need to adopt a policy on the Middle East, particularly one that was harmful to their cause. "It seems to us that in a multicultural, pluralistic society such as we enjoy...the least the parties and legislators can do is to maintain a strict and hygienic neutrality," the brief said.

Davis announced last month after returning from a trip to Israel that the province of Ontario would refuse to give government business or financial support to companies which comply with the boycott. In an address to the United Jewish Appeal dinner held in his honor, Davis declared: "The position of the government of Ontario on the question of discriminatory boycotts is clear; it is a commitment which reflects our belief in a world devoid of economic blackmail and manipulation; it is a commitment of which I am proud."

After meeting with the Arab delegation last week, the Premier told reporters that the boycott has had "secondary and tertiary effects on citizens of this province." The brief presented by the six-member delegation said that the Jewish population in the province is about 125,000 while there are only 30,000 Arabs and "we cannot match our Jewish fellow citizens in numbers, wealth, influence and performance."

The brief also attacked the province's Attorney General Roy McMurtry who "has seen fit to become a card-carrying Zionist" and "encourages racism and hatred for us Arabs." Davis said the statements about McMurtry were "totally wrong." He added that the Attorney General "has done more and said more for the rights of all ethnic and religious minorities and his views on racism have been publicly stated."

ADMINISTRATION URGED TO HALT SALE OF MISSILES TO SAUDI ARABIA

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, March 2 (JTA)--The Carter Administration was asked today by Rep. Benjamin S. Rosenthal (D.N.Y.) to deny export licenses for the sale to Saudi Arabia of an additional 580

improved Hawk missiles and 1650 Maverick missiles. In a letter to Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, made public by the Congressman's office, Rosenthal pointed out "the potential result" of Saudi Arabia's two on-going programs in weaponry "will significantly alter the balance of power in the Persian Gulf and the Middle East."

In addition, Rosenthal wrote, Saudi Defense Minister Amir Abdul Aziz has denied that the U.S. and others supplying weapons to his country have determined the war materiel should not leave Saudi Arabia without the supplier's approval.

Rosenthal referred to an interview in the Lebanese weekly *Al Hawadat* on Dec. 2 in which the Defense Minister is quoted as saying that the suppliers "did not impose such conditions and we did not accept such conditions." Rosenthal wrote "This statement raises serious questions about the Saudis' intention to abide by anti-transfer clauses in U.S. contracts."

Basis For Objection

Rosenthal's letter said that the first program, begun in 1974 and to be completed next year, calls for upgrading Saudi Arabia's 600 basic Hawk missiles to improved Hawk missiles. "These missiles alone give Saudi Arabia an exceptionally formidable Hawk anti-aircraft missile system that is more than sufficient to meet its legitimate defense needs," the Congressman said. He said he understands the Saudi desire to upgrade this force and does not intend to raise objections to it.

However, he said he is objecting to the second program calling for 580 additional improved Hawk missiles under a \$1.14 billion order the Raytheon Co. announced it had received last June 1. The announcement, Rosenthal observed, came one day before the House approved the Arms Export Control Act and "indicates it was rushed to conclusion to avoid Congressional scrutiny." He said that "at the very least," this transaction should be required to come under Congressional review.

"I am fully aware of the Saudi role in the search for peace in the Middle East," Rosenthal wrote Vance. "I am committed to continuing the friendly relations between our two countries, as well as to improving the U.S. position throughout the Arab world." However, Rosenthal noted, cancelling these sales "would be consistent with President Carter's efforts to restrain the Persian Gulf and Middle East arms race, and, in view of recent cancellation of the sale of CBU-72 bombs (concussion bombs) to Israel, it could not be viewed by the Saudis as a one-sided action."

PROBE LAUNCHED INTO BACKGROUND OF NEW TERRORIST ORGANIZATION

TEL-AVIV, March 2 (JTA)--Israeli security services are investigating the background of an organization called "The Arab Revolutionary Movement" which claimed responsibility for placing an explosive charge in a bus travelling from Beersheba to Jerusalem via Hebron. The bomb was discovered by an alert passenger who notified the driver and it was removed safely by a police sapper.

Leaflets attached to the parcel that contained the bomb said it was planted by the Arab Revolutionary Movement. Such an organization was not known of until now. The bomb was discovered yesterday morning near Hebron. A bus passenger gave police a description of an Arab

who boarded the bus near Hebron and left it a short while later, leaving the parcel behind.

WHITE HOUSE, SOLON MUM ON REPORT OF EFFORT TO TRANSFER OFFICIALS VIEWED AS ANTI-ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, March 2 (JTA)--The White House declined to comment today on a report that Sen. Richard Stone (D., Fla.) has asked National Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski to transfer several government officials the Senator thinks are hostile to Israel. According to the report, published in the *Washington Post*, Stone made that request at a meeting with Brzezinski during the early weeks of the Carter Administration.

A White House spokesman said that Brzezinski "found his meeting with Stone interesting and found the Senator's views helpful" but that he had no intention of becoming involved in the personnel matters of government departments. Stone himself refused to comment on the subject of his talk with Brzezinski. "I think it would be very wrong to discuss any aspect of my conversation with Brzezinski," he told reporters.

According to the *Post* report, the Senator gave Brzezinski what one source called a "hit list" of personnel who should be shifted. Most of them, the *Post* said, work at the Pentagon and analyze Israel's weapons requests. Stone, who is a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and chairman of its subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, reportedly contended that these analysts hold what he considers mistaken attitudes toward Israel's weapons needs.

BEIGIN WARNS RABIN NOT TO MAKE COMMITMENTS WHILE VISITING THE U.S. By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, March 2 (JTA)--Likud leader Menachem Begin warned Premier Yitzhak Rabin yesterday not to make any political commitments when he goes to Washington to meet President Carter next week. He also criticized the Carter Administration for inviting Rabin at this time, implying that the invitation was an attempt to bolster the Prime Minister's political stock before the May 17 elections.

Begin, addressing the newly formed Likud Council here, said Rabin had no authority to commit Israel to anything because he headed a minority caretaker regime. He accused the Rabin government of "lighththeadedness" on the Palestinian issue and said Rabin's favorable reaction to Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's proposed linkage between the Palestinians and Jordan was "dangerous."

According to Begin, who heads the militant Herut wing of Likud, "If a Palestinian state is established, Soviet generals will sit in Bethlehem and an airlift will operate from Odessa to the new state." He also claimed that a Palestinian state on the West Bank would be a corridor through which the Iraqi army could move four divisions against Israel in 40 hours.

Begin questioned why Carter invited Rabin to Washington now when the Arab leaders would be going there only in the first half of June. "That the Premier is visiting Washington about three months before the Arab leaders is not pure chance. Everybody knows that between March and June there is May 17" (election day), Begin said. (Actually, Carter will meet with

Arab leaders in April and May, according to information from Washington.)

The Likud Council approved the party's proposed foreign affairs and security platform plank in principle and agreed to refer proposed amendments to the central committee. The plank reiterates Likud policies but in somewhat more moderate language than in previous policy statements. Instead of saying "The Land of Israel will never be divided," it says "Judea and Samaria will never be yielded to foreign rule" and "between the Mediterranean and River Jordan there will be Israel sovereignty only."

FISHER SAYS THERE IS BIG NEW EFFORT TO BRING JEWS FROM USSR TO THE U.S.

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, March 2 (JTA)--Max Fisher, chairman of the Jewish Agency Board of Governors, disclosed here today that a major new effort is underway to test the willingness of the Soviet Union to allow Russian Jews to reunite with their families in the United States. He said that he had personally approached the State Department to adopt a more liberal policy on entry permits for Soviet Jews.

Fisher described the new efforts at a press conference. He said that "thousands" of affidavits have been sent to the USSR recently by Russian Jews living in the U.S., attesting to close family relationships with particular Jews residing in the Soviet Union. He said the letters were forwarded by HIAS following a decision by a committee comprised of the leaders of all major American Jewish organizations. He stressed that the decision was taken with the knowledge and approval of the Israeli government.

According to Fisher, fewer than 10,000 Soviet Jews a year managed to obtain visas for family reunions in the U.S. in the past. But now, with as many as 20,000 Soviet Jewish emigres living in the U.S., including "noshrim" (dropouts) and some who spent time in Israel, the pressure for family reunions has become more intense, Fisher said.

Seek To Reduce Misuse Of Israeli Visas

Fisher's remarks appeared to nonplus some Israeli government officials. They acknowledged that the government had been privy to the decision-making process by the American Jewish leadership but were vague as to at what precise stage Israel was brought into the picture. One top official said that Israel's consistent position has been that the Jewish Agency should help Soviet Jews bound for Israel and other Jewish organizations should assist those going elsewhere, provided the latter were not misusing an Israeli visa.

"We are only interested in cutting down the misuse of Israeli visas so as not to give the Soviet authorities a pretext to claim that the whole aliya movement is a sham because so many ostensible olim head elsewhere," another official explained.

Some non-government circles claimed that if the HIAS effort succeeds and a much larger number of Russian Jews are able to get visas for emigration to the U.S., it could conceivably afford the Soviets the pretext to claim that the emigration movement as a whole was to the capitalist countries of the West rather than a return to the "national homeland."

These circles noted that when the dropout problem first arose, Israel feared that the large number of emigres who opted to go to the U.S.

would jeopardize the departure of those whose destination was Israel. They said the Soviet authorities would be unable to "justify" the departure of Jews to other disgruntled ethnic minorities in the USSR if it was seen that most of the Jews went to countries other than Israel.

But now Israel's emphasis apparently has shifted to visa misuse which was, originally, only an ancillary consideration. Jerusalem is now insisting that Jewish organizations abroad desist from aiding Soviet Jews who deliberately abused their Israeli visas in order to discourage others from similar abuse.

HERZOG RAPS JEWS, ISRAELIS WHO SOW ILLUSION ABOUT CHANGE IN PLO

CHICAGO, March 2 (JTA)--Chaim Herzog, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, sharply criticized today "certain Jewish and Israeli individuals who would have us believe that there has in fact been a change of attitude on the part of the PLO." Addressing a luncheon gathering of the United Jewish Appeal at the Palmer House Hotel here, the Israeli envoy warned that this phenomenon "harbors within itself the seeds of potential discord and destruction."

Noting that the PLO is still committed to the Palestine Covenant which calls for the destruction of the Jewish State, Herzog stated: "Here we have, believe it or not, the incredible prospect of certain Jews here and in Israel in effect advocating the elimination of three million Jews and bound by the doctrine of destruction and annihilation enunciated in the Palestine Covenant."

Herzog said that he does not doubt the sincerity of those who seek to establish contacts with the PLO, but, he stressed, "it is high time that they realize that, insofar as the PLO meets with them, it does so in furtherance of a political propaganda offensive, and they are nothing more than an integral part of that offensive, wittingly or unwittingly."

Addressing himself to the state of affairs at the United Nations, Herzog condemned the silence of the world organization in the face of "a massacre of Christians" in Uganda. Recalling how almost the entire General Assembly "rose in acclamation" to greet the "racist murderer" Idi Amin and how the Security Council was called upon to condemn Israel for the Entebbe rescue operation last July, Herzog declared:

"Now when tens of thousands of Africans are being slaughtered because of their religion, what does the Security Council do? Nothing, just as it did nothing when 50,000 Lebanese were being slaughtered, 100,000 wounded and one million turned into refugees. Just as it did nothing when 500,000 Black Christians were being murdered by a racist regime in Sudan. Just as it does nothing when an entire nation, the Kurdish nation, is being extinguished by Iraqi forces."

NEW YORK (JTA)--The first United Jewish Appeal National Shabbat--underscoring the interrelationship between synagogues and the American Jewish community's UJA/Federation campaigns--will take place March 19; UJA general chairman Frank R. Lautenberg announced, Orthodox, Conservative and Reform congregations will participate in the Shabbat, sponsored by the UJA Rabbinical Advisory Council.

JEWISH FEMINIST MOVEMENT ASSESSED

NEW YORK, March 2 (JTA)--The Jewish feminist movement, which has already forced dramatic changes in the Jewish communal structure, must be "confronted and accommodated" if American Jewry is to survive.

This view is expressed by Anne Lapidus Lerner, instructor on modern Hebrew literature at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, in a booklet titled "Who Has Not Made Me A Man," published by the American Jewish Committee and introduced today at a news conference at its headquarters. The 40-page booklet offers a comprehensive survey of where the American Jewish women's movement is going in the synagogue, communal organizations, on campuses and in the counter-culture.

Although both female rabbis and cantors are now being ordained by Reform seminaries, Mrs. Lerner declares, "the question of their acceptance by congregations must be faced." No religious problem is involved but one of male acceptance of women in this role, she points out. Similarly, the long period of time that it has taken for the Reform movement to ordain women was due not to religious impediments but to male attitudes, she declares.

Reform Movement Most Flexible

Reviewing the changes that the Jewish feminist movement has already effected in Jewish life, Mrs. Lerner suggests that of the various denominations, the Reform Movement has been most flexible in admitting feminine participation into various aspects of ritual. She recalls that as long ago as 1845, a rabbinical conference, meeting in Frankfurt, Germany, declared that "woman has the same obligations as man to participate from youth up in the instruction of Judaism and in the public services, and that the custom not to include women in the number of individuals necessary for the conduction of a public service (a minyan) is only a custom and has no religious basis."

Orthodox, Conservative Scene

The progress that has been made in the Reform Movement in the acceptance of women in religious roles stands in sharp contrast to Orthodox Judaism, where "little has changed," Mrs. Lerner points out. Although there have been some voices raised in Orthodoxy to change the status quo, the degree of acceptance of change has been limited. Nonetheless, "Orthodox Jewish feminists...will not indefinitely be satisfied to remain in a passive role in segregated sections of synagogues."

The situation in Conservative Judaism as it relates to women's roles is decidedly more complex, the booklet states. "Given its dual commitment, to tradition and to change, the (Conservative) movement comprehends a great diversity of opinion about the place of women in its religious life. Many congregations, as well as the national institutions of Conservative Judaism, are debating and arguing the issue."

Mrs. Lerner points out that Conservative Judaism has granted substantial rights to women from its earliest years. This trend has been markedly increased in the past five years, she continues. "The Women's League for Conservative Judaism, the United Synagogue of America...the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards (CJLS) of the Rabbinical Assembly, and the Jewish Theological Seminary all moved in varying

degrees toward a recognition of the merits of the feminist demand for increased women's rights."

The most dramatic instance of such change, Mrs. Lerner explains, was the 9-4 decision of the CJLS in September, 1973 stating that women could be counted equally with men in the minyan. This followed a previous decision that women could be called to the Torah for aliyot. These decisions were not binding on rabbis or congregations, and there is a wide diversity now among Conservative groups as to their acceptance in practice, the author states.

Communal Structure Changes

The booklet also surveys the changes that have taken place in the Jewish communal structure to accommodate feminist demands for recognition. Included among such changes, the author points out, is the establishment by the AJCommittee of a National Committee on the Role of Women and the establishment by B'nai B'rith of co-ed units.

Summarizing the reactions of organized American Jewry to the feminist movement, Mrs. Lerner declares that many perceived it as "threatening, overly strident and destructive. While many men and women have come to accept the movement's assumptions, a significant proportion of Jews have reservations about one or another part of its program, and a small minority remains in total opposition."

NCSJ LAUNCHES DRIVE TO PROTEST AGAINST SOVIET BAN ON MATZOH

NEW YORK, March 2 (JTA)--The National Conference on Soviet Jewry announced that it is undertaking a nation-wide action to protest against the Soviet Union's ban on importing matzoh for use during the upcoming Passover holiday. The announcement was made yesterday at an NCSJ board of governors meeting. The board members, expressing great alarm about the ban, approved nation-wide action by the NCSJ's 39 member agencies and recommended that appeals be made across the country to churches, synagogues, community organizations and youth groups.

The member agencies of the NCSJ and hundreds of local affiliated community groups throughout the United States coordinated by the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council have been instructed to alert officials, religious leaders and human rights organizations about the newly imposed ban. The NCSJ leadership labeled the action a direct violation of the 1975 Helsinki Final Act and a threat to Jewish life in the USSR.

RACKMAN NAMED BAR ILAN PRESIDENT

TEL AVIV, March 2 (JTA)--Dr. Emanuel Rackman of New York was elected today by the board of trustees of the Bar Ilan University as the university's president. It was announced by the university's Chancellor, Dr. Joseph H. Lookstein, following a special session of the board.

Rackman is the spiritual leader of the Fifth Avenue Synagogue, member of the board of governors of the Jewish Agency, former president of the Rabbinical Council of America, former provost of Yeshiva University and past president of the Association of Jewish Chaplains of the Armed Forces of the U.S. The post of president was vacant for the last 10 years.