



RABIN-CARTER TALKS TO BE REVIEW OF MIDEAST, U.S.-ISRAEL RELATIONS

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, March 3 (JTA)--The talks between Premier Yitzhak Rabin and President Carter that will begin in Washington Monday morning will be "a comprehensive and fundamental" review of Middle East problems and U.S.-Israeli relations. They are not expected to touch on "operational details," officials close to Rabin told reporters at a briefing here today.

The "operative" discussions to decide how to reconvene the Geneva peace conference will start only after all of the Middle East leaders have met with Carter over the next several weeks, aides to the Premier indicated. No hard and binding decisions on the Palestinian aspect of the procedural problem are likely to be taken until after Israel's general elections May 17, they said.

Rabin intends to use his visit to Washington to establish a close personal relationship with Carter. He will also meet with Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, Defense Secretary Harold Brown, Secretary of the Treasury W. Michael Blumenthal and Congressional leaders of both parties. In addition, there will be a meeting between Rabin and Zbigniew Brzezinski, chairman of the National Security Council.

Problem Of Palestinian Issue

All parties have acknowledged publicly that the question of Palestinian representation at the Geneva conference is the greatest single obstacle to its resumption. Vance would like the conference to get underway in the fall. But the Carter Administration is not likely to press Israel for a decision on this issue until after the May 17 elections.

On his visit here two weeks ago, Vance asked Israeli leaders if the only solution acceptable to them was Palestinian representation as part of the Jordanian delegation. He was told that it was, but so far no Arab statesman has publicly agreed to that solution. When Vance asked Israeli leaders if they would consider a single unified Arab delegation embracing all of the confrontation states and the PLO, the reaction was negative. Israeli sources noted afterwards that Vance carefully refrained from disclosing his own views. He simply asked the question and wrote down the response in a notebook, they said.

Opposes Postponement Of Visit

Meanwhile, Foreign Minister Yigal Allon replied in the Knesset yesterday to a Likud motion demanding that Rabin postpone his visit to Washington because of the upcoming elections. Likud has accused the Carter Administration of inviting Rabin at this time in order to bolster the political fortunes of the Labor Alignment. But Allon said Carter would not have postponed the visits of Arab leaders if Rabin had declined to go to Washington at this time.

He said Likud should have been pleased that Rabin was the first Middle East leader invited to meet the new American President and that Secretary Vance made Jerusalem his first stop on his six-nation Mideast tour last month. Allon

also reminded the opposition that under law the care-taker regime has the same powers and responsibilities as a regular administration. For Rabin not to go to Washington now would have harmed Israel's interests, the Foreign Minister said.

Inevitably, observers here will be comparing the reception Rabin gets in Washington with that accorded the Arab leaders who will follow him in April and May. There have been some press reports indicating that Israelis are disappointed that Carter has scheduled a "working dinner" with Rabin rather than a full-fledged State banquet in his honor.

SENATE VOTES 91-0 TO APPROVE RESOLUTION CONDEMNING USSR FOR VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS

WASHINGTON, March 3 (JTA)--The Senate voted 91-0 yesterday to approve a resolution strongly condemning the Soviet Union for violations of human rights. The measure, introduced by Sen. Frank Church (D, Idaho) and co-sponsored by 38 other Senators, criticized the harassment of Jews and others seeking to emigrate from the USSR which, it said, "profoundly offends the conscience of a free people."

The resolution accused the Soviet Union of sanctioning religious and ethnic discrimination in violation of the human rights provisions of the Helsinki Agreements and stressed "The sustained interest of the American people...regarding adherence to the Helsinki declaration, including their pledge to facilitate freer movement of people, expedite the reunification of families and uphold the general freedom to leave one's country."

Meanwhile, a U.S. Embassy spokesman in Moscow said last night that an official protest would be lodged with the Soviet authorities over the seizure by police of Jewish dissidents who attempted to enter the Embassy for appointments with American officials.

On Monday, Prof. Benjamin Fein, organizer of the aborted symposium on Soviet Jewish culture, and a companion, Iosif Begun, were arrested outside the Embassy despite the fact that they were escorted by the American Third Secretary, Larry Napper. Fein and another activist, Vladimir Prestin, returned to the Embassy yesterday and were arrested a second time and driven to a police station.

B'NAI B'RITH TO STUDY INVOLVEMENT OF HILLEL DIRECTORS IN BREIRA

By David Friedman

NEW YORK, March 3 (JTA)--David Blumberg, president of B'nai B'rith, is presently selecting a "blue ribbon" committee to recommend a policy for the organization in the wake of charges that some of its Hillel directors are promoting anti-Israel, pro-Arab propaganda by their membership in Breira.

At the same time, Blumberg has rejected a recommendation by B'nai B'rith's Anti-Defamation League that the parent organization disavow any employee who takes a position in public in opposition to B'nai B'rith's policy on Israel, a B'nai B'rith spokesman in Washington told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today.

In a memorandum to B'nai B'rith's board of governors, Blumberg noted that the controversy over Breira has "focussed particularly on publicized references to the affiliation of B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation staff members with the Breira movement. This has regrettably led to undocumented charges and what may--or may not--be rash, hasty conclusions. I believe that an open objective airing of the issue would be useful."

Blumberg stressed that the purpose of the committee will be to recommend to the board of governors a "policy which protects both the integrity of the institution (B'nai B'rith) and that of its staff members."

No Evidence Of Wrong-Doing

The B'nai B'rith spokesman stressed to the JTA that so far there is no evidence of wrongdoing by any Hillel directors. He noted that retired Israeli Maj. Gen. Matti Peled, who supports negotiations with the Palestine Liberation Organization, has spoken on college campuses under Hillel auspices. But, he added, so have spokesmen for Likud, the Jewish Defense League and for every other position taken by Jews. In most cases the speakers are selected by the students rather than the Hillel director, the spokesman noted.

Blumberg said the panel would be made up of "men and women of unchallenged integrity and fair-mindedness whose commitment to the highest principles of B'nai B'rith and concern for the security and prosperity of Israel are without question."

The ADL recommendation for dismissal resulted from a meeting Jan. 12, in which the ADL's national administrative staff met with Burton Joseph, ADL's new national chairman; Maxwell Greenberg, chairman of the national executive committee; and Dore Schary, honorary national chairman. In a memorandum issued Jan. 14, the ADL said it discussed the meetings by B'nai B'rith employees with PLO representatives and the membership of Hillel staff members in Breira. The ADL memorandum said:

The ADL Recommendation

"We would recommend that B'nai B'rith International take such steps as necessary to ensure that in matters of fundamental principle and policy of B'nai B'rith, members of the professional staff shall, in their public pronouncements and activities, refrain from promoting views contrary to those of B'nai B'rith 'Fundamental principle and policy' as used herein, should include positions dealing with the safeguarding of the safety and security of the State of Israel, and opposition to those forces, including the Palestine Liberation Organization, which are dedicated to the destruction of the Jewish State."

"Refusal to abide by the policy herein enunciated should be grounds for dismissal from the employ of B'nai B'rith and any of its agencies. The ADL has operated on this principle for many years."

The B'nai B'rith spokesman said Blumberg rejected the ADL recommendation and did not present it to the board of governors. He noted that Blumberg is personally opposed to American Jews meeting with PLO representatives and had introduced a resolution to that effect which was adopted by the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

The panel is the result of concern by many B'nai B'rith members about the criticism lodged against B'nai B'rith over the membership in Breira by Hillel directors, the spokesman noted. He said others have called in expressing fear that the organization, the largest Jewish group in the world, might engage in a "witchhunt," something the spokesman vigorously denied would happen. Blumberg's memorandum said the panel would "seek out contrasting viewpoints and strive for prudent judgments and evaluations based on reality and good sense."

RABIN URGED TO ASK U.S. TO REVERSE OPPOSITION TO Kfir SALE BY ISRAEL By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, March 3 (JTA)--Transport Minister Gad Yaacobi urged Premier Yitzhak Rabin last night to try to get the United States to reverse its opposition to the sale of 24 Israel-made Kfir jet fighters to Ecuador when he visits Washington next week. Addressing the 19th annual Aviation and Aeronautics Convention here, Yaacobi said the sale, the value of which has been put at between \$150-\$200 million, could be a turning point for Israel's aircraft industry.

He said he hoped the Premier would spare no effort to impress the Americans with this fact. The U.S. has refused to issue a re-export license for the General Electric engines that power the Kfir, thereby vetoing the sale. The U.S. State Department says the decision was based on American policy not to introduce sophisticated weaponry to Latin America.

Yaacobi stressed the importance of military exports to Israel's economy. He said that Israel Aircraft Industries, which makes the Kfir and also manufactures the Gabriel and Shafrir missiles, the Araba transport planes, radar and other advanced electronics systems, has increased its export sales 12-fold in the last five years. He said sales rose from \$6 million in 1971 to \$73 million last year.

Dr. Zeev Bonen, of the Military Means Development Authority, told the 800 engineers and scientists from Israel and abroad who are attending the convention that Israel needed to develop aeronautical systems based on an economic infra-structure that will allow Israel to export its products in that line.

How Kfir Differs

IAI engineers pointed out how the Kfir differs from the French Mirage-3 and Mirage-5, the prototypes from which it was developed. The differences, they said, are mainly in the Kfir's aerodynamic structure embodied in its nose and wing edges.

There are even greater differences internally, they said, because the powerful American engines and new electric and avionic systems required larger spaces. The interior of the Kfir was adapted to accommodate these systems. It posed the most complicated engineering problems but these were solved by IAI engineers to make the Kfir completely an Israeli product despite its foreign antecedents, they said.

VANCE URGES APPROVAL OF \$1 B IN MILITARY SECURITY AID FOR ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, March 3 (JTA)--Secretary of State Cyrus Vance yesterday asked the House

International Relations Committee's subcommittee on foreign aid to approve \$1 billion in military security assistance for Israel, half of which is to be forgiven and \$26.5 million to Jordan, of which \$75 million is a credit and the remainder in grants.

His program does not yet include details of economic supporting assistance which are to be given to Congress about March 15. It is known, however, that Israel is to receive \$785 million out of the new budget of \$1.742 billion. Most of the remainder is expected to be provided to Egypt with smaller amounts for Jordan and Lebanon. "Most of this money directly supports our Middle East peace efforts," Vance told the subcommittee.

Vance also approved a \$30 million grant for the Israel-U.S. Binational Industrial Research and Development Fund. Israel will also contribute \$30 million to this fund. The money will be deposited in a bank in Israel and the interest derived from it will be used to operate the fund.

SPECIAL INTERVIEW

DULZIN APPEALS TO FUND-RAISERS

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, March 3 (JTA)--Jewish Agency Treasurer Leon Dulzin appealed urgently today to United Jewish Appeal and United Israel Appeal fund-raisers for redoubled efforts so that the Agency can meet its minimal budget commitments this year.

In a special interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Dulzin noted that, on his recommendation, the Agency's Board of Governors which met here this week agreed to a budget of \$457 million, down from an originally proposed budget of \$502 million this year.

He said the new figure was in keeping with realistic estimates of income but it still represented a \$70 million deficit on the basis of estimated needs. Dulzin said he was appealing to fund-raisers abroad to try to close that gap or, at least, narrow it. He said the \$457 million budget represented a sizeable increase over the sum actually spent by the Jewish Agency last year which was \$420 million. The smaller expenditure was attributed to a drop in immigration.

Dulzin said that the 1976 campaign brought in less than had been hoped for but slightly more than the 1975 campaign, which was to the fund-raisers' credit. "But this year we are asking for even more. We know their sense of involvement and responsibility and we believe they can rise to the occasion," he said.

Budget Items Outlined

Dulzin said the only cut in expenditures relative to last year was in the Agency's contributions to Israeli universities and other institutions of higher learning which will be down by \$20 million. He hoped the universities would not suffer because the government has agreed to make up the deficit.

He noted that in other areas in which the Agency shares responsibility with the government--health, welfare and some aspects of school and pre-school education--would require and receive more cash than last year from the Agency's treasury. He said the proposed new budget allows for 20,000 immigrants this year, the same as last year, but if more come, the budget has enough "give" to take care of them.

Other budget items include: 10 new settlements to be established during the new fiscal

year; 2000 more youngsters from deprived backgrounds to be enrolled in Youth Aliya schools, raising the total of Youth Aliya pupils to 18,000; scholarships for over 60,000 high school students and assistance for some 28,000 children to attend day nurseries.

Also, cash assistance for more than 40,000 elderly people who live alone and support for nine old-aged homes; cash assistance for 5500 large families; assistance for 10,000 slum-dwellers to move to better homes. Dulzin said that the Jewish Agency's assistance directly benefitted more than 600,000 Israelis.

YAFFE NAMED TO JEWISH AGENCY

JERUSALEM, March 3 (JTA)--Max Fisher, chairman of the Board of Governors of the Jewish Agency, has announced the appointment of Aviad Yaffe to the post of director general of the Jewish Agency. In making the announcement at the close of the Board of Governors' meeting here, Fisher praised Yaffe's accomplishments as an administrator.

Yaffe, a Labor Alignment MK, was a top aide to the late Premier Levi Eshkol, a former Consul of Israel in New York, and director of Foreign Ministry information services. Fisher said his appointment to the Jewish Agency's top administrative post was in keeping with his insistence that jobs must be allocated strictly on merit. He said that Yaffe would desist immediately from all political activity, making him the "first apolitical director general of the Agency." Fisher called this a healthy precedent that would apply to future appointment to the top echelons of the Agency.

Yaffe succeeds Moshe Rivlin who has been named chairman of the Jewish National Fund. The Board of Governors gave a dinner in Rivlin's honor Tuesday night.

WHITE HOUSE STATEMENT ON STONE

WASHINGTON, March 3 (JTA)--The White House yesterday quoted National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski as saying that Sen. Richard Stone (D, Fla.), "has not requested anyone transferred or fired" because the Senator thinks they are hostile to Israel. Presidential news secretary Jody Powell quoted Brzezinski after the Jewish Telegraphic Agency asked whether the White House's silence was not putting Stone under a cloud.

Stone earlier said he would not discuss the conversation he had with Brzezinski. The White House had also declined comment following a report in the Washington Post that Stone had supplied a "hit list" of officials he wanted removed. Powell said a "hit list" would constitute a presumption that people would be fired. He noted that he has denied this. Powell said the conversation between Stone and Brzezinski covered all aspects of foreign policy, including the Middle East.

CORRECTION: The Bulletin story in Thursday's issue on Chaim Herzog's speech in Chicago inadvertently omitted a line in one quoted remark by the Ambassador. It should have stated, correctly: "Here we have, believe it or not, the the incredible prospect of certain Jews here and in Israel in effect advocating coexistence and dialogue with an organization (the PLO) which is committed to the elimination of three million Jews and bound by the doctrine of destruction and annihilation enunciated in the Palestine Covenant."

SPECIAL TO THE JTA NEW CHANCE FOR EILAT By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, March 3 (JTA)--Since its founding 28 years ago this week, Eilat, Israel's southernmost town, has experienced rise and decline in two areas of development--as a seaport and as an industrial center. It is now well into its third phase--as an international tourist resort and it is there that Eilat's future seems to lie.

On March 1, 1949, a makeshift flag was hoisted on a pole between two mud huts on a strip of empty beach known as Umm Rashrash. The beach is washed by the waters of the Gulf of Eilat, formerly called the Gulf of Aqaba, which is the easternmost of the two "rabbit-ear" branches of the Red Sea divided by the Sinai Peninsula. The State of Israel was less than a year old at the time and the new township was to be its ocean gateway to Africa and the Far East.

The day of the founding happened to be the anniversary of the defense of Tel Hai by Joseph Trumpeldor and his followers. But the new settlers had no flag with them so they improvised one from a white bedsheet on which they inscribed blue stripes and a Star of David in ink taken from the pens of all the soldiers present.

The famous "Ink Flag" which has been preserved along with the mud huts, was raised again Tuesday as it has been on this date every year since 1949. But the flag mast is now dwarfed by a skyline of modern hotels fronting the sea and a town of 15,000 whose permanent population is swollen by thousands of tourists from other parts of Israel and abroad.

Enjoying Tourist Boom

Mayor Gad Katz, who officially dedicated an art institute and Eilat's second high school Tuesday, predicted a great rise in tourism. He called on Jordan to open its borders so that both Eilat and the neighboring Jordanian town of Aqaba, could benefit from a two-way flow of tourists.

Eilat, which enjoys a subtropical climate and sunshine virtually every day of the year, was always a tourist attraction. But the emphasis on tourism has increased since hopes for further growth of its seaport had to be abandoned.

The harbor is still busy, but not to the extent that it was in the 1950s and 1960s. Many Asian and African countries broke diplomatic and trade relations with Israel after the Yom Kippur War which led to a decline in cargoes discharged at the port. The most severe blow, however, was the reopening of the Suez Canal two years ago and the permission granted by Egypt to allow Israel-bound cargoes (though not Israel-flag ships) to use the waterway.

Until then, Eilat had been the southern terminus of the "land-bridge" over which cargoes from the east were transported by truck for distribution elsewhere in Israel or to Haifa or Ashdod for transshipment abroad. It is still the terminus of the Eilat-Ashkelon oil pipeline through which oil from the Persian Gulf is sent to tankers on the Mediterranean. But its development as a major harbor is not foreseen.

When the port began to decline, Eilat placed its hopes in industrial development centered around the Timna copper mines in the Negev to the north. But when world copper prices plunged last year, the mines were shut down and many of the diggers and engineers departed.

On the day this week when Eilat was marking

its 28th anniversary, the temperature was in the 90s, compared to 68 in Tel Aviv. The warmth has a special attraction for tourists from the Scandinavian countries and Western Europe. They occupy many of Eilat's 1877 hotel rooms. Six charter flights a week land at Eilat from Scandinavia, West Germany and England and scores of tourists who land at Ben Gurion Airport near Tel Aviv come to Eilat each week.

The Attractions in Eilat

What they find, among other things, is a flourishing skin-diving center. In fact, an international diving symposium on human and animal behavior in water was held in Eilat last week, attended by some 200 participants headed by Joe McInnes of Canada who holds the title "Diver of the Year."

The Moriah Hotel chain maintains an underwater observatory where tourists can view hundreds of species of tropical fish and other marine life in its natural settings. In addition to beaches and night clubs, Eilat offers camel rides and tours of the nearby desert canyons. Eilat has been designated the official tourist capital of the Negev. The Government Tourist Office has shifted its Negev headquarters from Beersheba to Eilat in recognition of that position.

MICROFILM OF RARE TALMUD MANUSCRIPT 'REDISCOVERED' AT HEBREW U.

JERUSALEM, March 3 (JTA)--A microfilm of a rare Talmud manuscript, in the possession of a monastery in Spain, has recently been "rediscovered" by Prof. Eliezer Shimshon Rosenthal, Professor of Talmud at the Hebrew University. The manuscript is the entire Tractate of Nezikin ("Damages") of the Palestinian Talmud ("Yerushalmi"), comprising the sub-tractates of Bava Kama, Bava Metzia and Bava Batra.

The text may prove to be of great importance to the scholarly world because it is the only complete one of the Yerushalmi's Tractate Nezikin besides that included in the so-called Leyden manuscript of the complete Yerushalmi.

A microfilm of this manuscript has been in the collection of the institute of microfilmed Hebrew manuscripts of the Jewish national and university library for many years. Rosenthal accidentally came across the text while browsing through the university's file of microfilms of old manuscripts while investigating a certain passage of the Babylonian Talmud.

4 RECEIVE KAPLUN PRIZES

JERUSALEM, March 3 (JTA)--The Hebrew University presented the 1976-77 Kaplun Prizes to four post doctoral researchers--Dr. Hillel Fradkin (philosophy), Dr. Stanley Kon (physics), Dr. Naomi Lukner (chemistry), and Dr. Stanley Messer (psychology).

The Kaplun Prizes, of \$5000 each, are given to scholars who have made exceptional contributions in science, the humanities and social science; and to individuals who worked to promote peace or the welfare of Israel and the Jewish people.

The prize was established by the late American industrialist, Morris J. Kaplun, who together with his wife Betty, provided the prize as a contribution to the advancement of science in Israel.