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## U.S. PUTS LID ON ALL BUT MINIMAL DISCUSSION OF THE MIDEAST

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, March 14 (JTA)--The Carter Administration appeared today to have put a lid on all but minimal U.S. discussion of the Middle East in view of developments over the weekend. Egyptian President Anwar Sadat flatly rejected President Carter's espousal of minor adjustments in Israel's 1967 borders, Israeli Premier Yitzhak Rabin said on ABC-TV "Issues and Answers" that Israel will not return to the lines that existed before the Six-Day War, and the Palestine Liberation Organization reaffirmed that it refuses to alter its destroy-Israel covenant.

Administration sources indicated today that no official reaction will emerge on the Mideast and none is likely, with one exception, until at least Carter meets with Sadat at the White House April 4-5. A State Department spokesman synthesized the Administration's public reaction to the weekend developments by commenting that the U.S. position is "unchanged."

### Low Key On Substantive Issues

It was indicated that the Carter-Sadat meeting will be played in low key if the Administration can help it, although Sadat himself will be highly honored. The low key on substantive remarks will continue, it was indicated, until after Carter also meets with the leaders of Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Saudi Arabia before the end of May.

The one exception is Egypt's call for a Security Council session to discuss UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim's visit to the Mideast last month. However, Secretary of State Cyrus Vance has told Congress that both he and Waldheim oppose negotiating a Mideast settlement in the Security Council. It is therefore presumed by U.S. sources that the U.S. would go along with Sadat's request if necessary to help his political position but it would give little assistance towards a serious discussion of settlement initiatives. (See P. 3 for related story from UN.)

Sadat's purpose for a Security Council meeting is seen as merely another opportunity to project the Arab position with the hope of further influencing Americans, particularly in the direction of accepting a PLO role in a Geneva conference.

Rabin, in his television interview which was taped in New York last Friday, was asked whether Israel would "under any circumstances, at any time" return to its pre-1967 borders. The Premier replied: "By no means, no. The answer is, without qualification, Israel will not return to the lines that existed before the 1967 war." He pointed out that "the basic issue at the present" is not details of boundaries but whether the Arab nations are "ready to make peace with us." The issue of peace, he stressed, is the first issue.

## CABINET EXPRESSES 'POSITIVE ASSESSMENT' OF RABIN'S U.S. VISIT

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, March 14 (JTA)--The Cabinet met briefly this morning to hear Premier Yitzhak Rabin's report on his visit to Washington. An official communique released later said that the

"Ministers expressed their positive assessment of the results of the visit." The communique referred to Rabin's remarks in various media interviews prior to his return to Israel in which he gave his impressions of his talks with President Carter and others in Washington.

It is believed that the Premier repeated to the Cabinet essentially what he had told the interviewers. In reply to questions from the media he had stressed Carter's press conference statements that coincided with Israel's views--mainly the President's conception of a final peace based on mutual recognition and open borders and his recognition that Israel needs "defense lines" beyond its legal boundaries.

Rabin conceded that he was not happy with Carter's suggestion that Israel would have to return to its 1967 borders with only "minor adjustments" in order to achieve a full peace. The Premier is understood to have emphasized to the Cabinet that the U.S. is standing firm with Israel on the latter's rejection of PLO participation in peace talks. He was reported to have told the Americans that Israel would refuse to deal with the PLO even if it changed its dogma as expressed in the "Palestine National Covenant" which calls for the dismemberment of Israel.

Two dovish ministers, Moshe Kol of the Independent Liberal Party and Victor Shemtov of Mapam, reportedly urged an Israeli initiative with respect to PLO participation in the peace process lest it be embarrassed by a sudden shift toward moderation by the PLO.

Kol and Shemtov believe that Israel should declare its readiness to negotiate with any Palestinian group that recognizes its sovereignty and desists from terrorist acts--including, by implication, the PLO if it abandons its "Covenant." The issue seems academic, however. The Palestine National Council, currently meeting in Cairo, shows no signs of altering the "Covenant" in any substantive way.

## 'JEWISH VOTE' FAILS TO MATERIALIZE IN PARIS MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, March 14 (JTA)--Contrary to many predictions, no "Jewish vote" materialized in yesterday's municipal elections here in which several Jewish candidates were defeated in heavily Jewish districts while other Jews were elected or placed favorably for the run-offs to be held March 20. The results are being studied carefully because the Jewish vote was expected to be a factor since the Abu Daoud affair in January.

But the consensus today is that Paris Jews voted according to their personal preference rather than as a bloc. There were Jewish candidates on all three major party lists--the pro-Giscard faction, the pro-Chirac Gaullists and the Socialist-Communist opposition.

Despite the high feelings over a district court's release of Palestinian terrorist Abu Daoud whose extradition was sought by Israel and West Germany for the 1972 Munich massacre, supporters of President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing did not fare badly in districts heavily pop-

ulated by Jews.

The Chirac-Gaullist list headed by Mrs. Nicole Chouraqui, who is Jewish, was decisively defeated in the old Jewish district by pro-Giscard candidate Jacques Dominati, a non-Jew who is secretary general of the Independent Republican Party. Another Jew, lawyer Paul Garcon, lost to the pro-Chirac forces in his home district.

#### **DISTRIBUTION OF NAZI EMBLEMS BEING PROBED BY FRANKFURT STATE OFFICIAL** By Jon Fedler

BONN, March 14 (JTA)--The Frankfurt State Prosecutor is weighing action against a German mail order house which ordered 16 cartons of imitation "Waffen SS" daggers with Nazi emblems. The company's action could constitute an offense against laws forbidding the distribution of Nazi emblems, though exemptions are permitted "where it serves the interests of art, science or history."

The cartons, originating in Madrid, were uncovered by accident when customs men were conducting random checks on air freight packages. Some daggers were wrapped in simple cardboard, but others were in smart "gift packages."

The blades of the 14-inch daggers contained the inscriptions "In Herzlicher Kameradschaft Himmler." (In Devoted Comradeship With Himmler) or "Meine Ehre Heisst Treue" (My Honor is Called Loyalty). The black leather handles bear the emblem of the Waffen SS and also a Swastika and the "Reichsadler" (Reich Eagle). A spokesman for the mail order-house says the fake daggers were intended "for collectors."

#### **ADL SURVEY ON MISSIONARY GROUPS SHOWS THEIR EFFORTS HAVE FAILED**

NEW YORK, March 14 (JTA)--A two-month survey by the B'nai B'rith's Anti-Defamation League of evangelical efforts and religious cults seeking converts among American Jewish youth found that they have failed "dismally" in their mission, it was disclosed here today.

Nat Kameny, chairman of the ADL's national program committee which is concerned with religious and educational matters in the U.S. and abroad, said the findings show that "while conversion attempts among Jewish youth are obviously a matter of considerable concern, Christian evangelicals constitute no real threat to Jewish survival."

The findings were disclosed by Theodore H. Freedman, director of the ADL's program division at a program committee meeting at which prominent members of the Christian clergy were present. He said that "To assess the pervasiveness and impact of the 'evangelicals' the Program Division undertook an exploratory survey to try to get an understanding as to what in fact was happening in communities across the country" and "developed a questionnaire, enlisted the cooperation of our regional office staff and directed our inquiry to the professional religious practitioner in the community, the rabbi."

#### **Efforts Have Been Blown Up**

Freedman said that the press has blown up missionary efforts among young Jews out of proportion and cited a series of headlines in newspapers in the New York area and other cities. He said that some of those reports suggested a major problem facing the Jewish community. But others "state that evangelical efforts are annoying at best but are not of any consequence and do

not represent a threat to the Jewish community."

Freedman noted, "If in fact, the reality is that evangelicals are annoying, irritating, even offensive, but not a clear and present danger, then perhaps ADL's responsibility is to place the matter in perspective for the Jewish community rather than to be a party to increasing the anxiety level of the Jewish community."

He said that approximately 400 questionnaires were mailed out in January to rabbis in various communities and to date, 188 responses have been received. The data received so far, he said, showed that "the evangelicals have failed."

Freedman observed that "Horror stories of kidnappings into and away from the cults such as the Children of God and the Rev. Moon's Unification Church make the headlines... more than they either inform young people or their parents as to the nature of these movements. Personal testimonies from some few who have left Judaism are perceived by some people to be the harbinger of things to come.... I have more confidence in our institutions than that and those who point to the 'evangelicals and cults' as a Jewish disaster are just plain wrong. They do a disservice to the Jewish community."

#### **GRAVE CONCERN EXPRESSED OVER SOVIET CAMPAIGN AGAINST JEWS** By Tamar Levy

GENEVA, March 14 (JTA)--The Presidium and Steering Committee of the Brussels World Conference on Soviet Jewry opened its semi-annual meeting here today with expressions of "grave concern" over the intensified Soviet campaign against Jewish emigration activists and dissidents which, it was claimed, exceeds in virulence anything experienced by Soviet Jews since the end of the Stalin era.

Delegates attending the meeting cited anti-Semitic articles in the Soviet press and anti-Semitic television programs and films currently being shown in the Soviet Union. Yosef Almog, chairman of the World Zionist Organization and Jewish Agency Executives, who is also Presidium chairman, said one of the most alarming developments in the USSR was the allegation that Jewish scientists Alexander Lerner, Vladimir Slepak and Anatoly Sharanovsky who have been campaigning openly for years to obtain exit visas, belonged to a spy ring in the service of the American Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

A communique released to the press today claimed that "The upsurge of official anti-Semitism and the attacks on the scientists are intended to subdue and crush the Jewish revival in the Soviet Union which expresses itself in the return to Jewish religion, language and culture as well as a longing for the homeland, Israel." The communique said that harassment was the lot of Jews who apply for exit visas or seek to study Hebrew.

It said the recent ban on the importation of matzoh for Passover and the arrest of Ioel Begun of Moscow, a mathematician, on charges of "parasitism" were "a cause of grave concern not only for his fate but for the fate of hundreds of others who, like Dr. Begun, have been refused an exit permit to Israel and in consequence of their application, were dismissed from their work."

The communiqué added, "It is indeed gravely disturbing that this recent outburst of anti-Semitism has taken place after the signing of the Helsinki Final Act in 1975 to which the Soviet Union adhered." It urged the Soviet government "to call off this campaign, to allow applicants for an exit permit to leave the Soviet Union, to free all prisoners of conscience and to stop the harassment of those who study the Hebrew language and promote Jewish culture."

#### EGYPT PRESSING FOR UN DEBATE

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, March 14 (JTA)--Egypt's Ambassador to the United Nations, Ahmed Esmat Ebdel Meguid, emerging from a meeting today with Secretary General Kurt Waldheim, said that the Security Council will probably meet this week to discuss Waldheim's report on his recent Middle East mission. But the envoy said that the exact timing of the meeting will be decided after discussions with members of the African group who are awaiting a Security Council debate on the situation in South Africa, scheduled to begin March 21.

The timing of Egypt's request for a Council debate on Waldheim's report has surprised diplomats and observers here. They noted that Egypt's request came at the time when the Carter Administration is conducting a series of meetings with key Mideast leaders and in a week when Carter is to visit the UN. Carter is scheduled to address the UN General Assembly Thursday night.

Tuvia Saar, spokesman for Israel's UN Mission, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that Israel will take part in the Council debate when it convenes. U.S. Ambassador Andrew Young, this month's president of the Security Council, will conduct informal consultations tomorrow with Council members on Egypt's request.

#### DINITZ ATTACKS SADAT

NEW YORK, March 14 (JTA)--Simcha Dinitz, Israel's Ambassador to the United States, lashed out yesterday at the statement made several days earlier by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat at the meeting of the Palestine National Council in Cairo that the Arabs would not "cede a single inch" of pre-1967 territory to Israel. Speaking to 800 delegates at the mid-winter conference of the National Committee for Labor Israel, Dinitz stated that "these doctrines prevent peace which can be based only on a doctrine of security." He said that Israel would never allow Arab guns to return to the 1967 borders.

"While Israel is ready to compromise on territory, it will not compromise on security," Dinitz emphasized. "The PLO will never sit with us in Geneva, because we will never negotiate with terrorists bent on our destruction. The Palestine question can and will be solved in the context of negotiations with Jordan. The Palestinians and Jordanians are one people." Mayor Abraham Beame, sharing the luncheon platform with Dinitz, conveyed the greetings of the City of New York to Histadrut.

Col. Amizur Kfir, of the Israel Consulate, presented the "Medal of the Negro" to Joseph Konowe, a veteran supporter of Histadrut, secretary-treasurer of Local 210 of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

#### ELECTION FEVER HEIGHTENS

By Yitzhak Shargil and Gil Sedan

TEL AVIV, March 14 (JTA)--Some 37,000

members of Prof. Yigal Yadin's new Democratic Movement for Change (DESH) will cast ballots tomorrow to select the movement's list of Knesset candidates in the May 17 elections. It will be the first time in Israel's history that a political faction holds what amounts to a primary and DESH is making the most of that fact.

In newspaper advertisements it noted that for the first time the rank-and-file will select its representatives to parliament without the interference of party bosses and pre-selected nominating committees. Booklets containing the names, biographical data and photographs of the 154 DESH candidates for the Knesset and the 300 candidates for the movement's National Council, were distributed to members to help them make their choices.

DESH is a coalition of several disparate political groups. These include Shinui (Change) headed by Prof. Amnon Rubinstein which is the last of the once numerous post-Yom Kippur War protest movements; a core group of 77 original supporters of Yadin; former MK Shmuel Tamir of the Free Center; a group of Labor Party defectors headed by industrialist Meir Amit; the Zionist Panthers, representing Oriental Jews; many Arabs and Druze; and several thousand individuals who have joined the movement on a non-party basis.

#### Two Labor Veterans Bow Out

Meanwhile, two veteran Labor MKs announced that they would not stand for re-election to the Knesset. Itzhak Ben Aharon, a former Cabinet minister and former Histadrut Secretary General, who served in parliament for 20 years, said he could not adjust to present conditions in which, he claimed, ideology has been subordinated to personal ambition. Israel Kargman, chairman of the Knesset Finance Committee, said he decided not to run because 20 years in the Knesset was "enough."

Gideon Hausner, who was selected to head the Independent Liberal Party list after ILP leader Moshe Kol announced he would not stand for re-election, has assumed chairmanship of the party's propaganda and information division. Gen. Ezer Weizman, head of Likud's election campaign committee, has invited Gen. Ariel Sharon, head of the new Shlomzion movement, to return to the Likud fold "where he belongs." Zevulun Hammer and Yehuda Ben Meir, two of the militant members of the National Religious Party's "young guard," have been assured of safe places on the NRP's election list. Hammer is expected to get second place after former Interior Minister Yosef Burg and Ben Meir will place fifth.

JERUSALEM (JTA)--The Knesset's Interior Committee has recommended that the government postpone plans to construct a nuclear power plant at Nitzanim on the Mediterranean coast south of Ashdod. The decision followed an intensive campaign waged against the project by residents of the area and environmentalists. The National Power Co. which had hoped to start preparatory work shortly, will have to await the results of further studies.

TEL AVIV (JTA)--An explosive charge was thrown Sunday night at an Israeli border police patrol in the main street of Nablus but it failed to go off. The area was cordoned off and 12 suspects were detained.

# **SPECIAL INTERVIEW GETTING IT TOGETHER**

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, March 14 (JTA)--In an effort to bring American Jewish youth and young Israelis closer together, the Dor Hemshech (young leadership) division of the World Zionist Organization in the United States and Canada has been engaged in the development of new forms of contacts between the two groups that have proved to be highly successful and popular.

Foremost in these efforts is "The Dialogue Session"--a new endeavor that started as an experiment in the beginning of 1975 and has become "the calling card" of Dor Hemshech. In an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Judi Widetzky, the Israeli General Director of Dor Hemshech in the U.S. and Canada, spoke enthusiastically about the responses and reverberations the dialogue session created wherever it was presented.

She described the session as an "exercise in group dynamics insofar as a small number of Americans sit down with several Israelis for an open and friendly discussion on a topic which has been selected in advance. As a rule, the program starts with a short introduction designed to stimulate the entire group and then the large group divides into small workshops composed of two to three Israelis and about 10 Americans--and then the real dialogue begins."

The personal "confrontation" between young Israelis and young American Jews on "provocative" issues--such as the meaning of Israeli-diaspora relationship, "Do I, as a Jew, have to go on aliya and does the American Jewish youngster have obligation to the future of the Jewish State?"--is a stimulating factor and often makes the discussion lively or even heated, Widetzky said. She said that the session also contributes to breaking the stereotypes Israelis and Americans have on each other.

## **Growing Awareness On Both Sides**

"During the session a vital and substantive relationship between the Americans and Israelis develops which often continues after the meeting," Widetzky said. "This experience enables the American to conceptualize his previously abstract relationship to Israel, thereby enabling him to identify with a living actual Israel. The Israelis, in turn, learn about complex and broad educational activities in the American Jewish community and that young Jewish adults destined to be future community leaders are making serious efforts to deepen their knowledge of many subjects--Judaism, Israel, Jewish education and the like."

The growing demands by Jewish communities throughout the U.S. to have dialogue sessions made it necessary to establish an active network of Israelis here--students, officials and others--to take part in the operation. The Dor Hemshech, which was established five years ago, has been publicizing and demonstrating the dialogue session project to national Jewish organizations which deal with leadership development in order to ensure joint programming and thereby maximizing the number of dialogue activities.

Among these organizations are the B'nai B'rith Young Leadership, United Jewish Appeal Young Leadership, leadership development groups of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds and the young leadership in the Zionist organizations, Widetzky said.

"Our long-term goal," she stated, "is to establish a deep and meaningful relationship between the future leadership of Israel and the future leadership of the American Jewish community. This relationship becomes a vital factor for Zionist education in the community. The ongoing exchange between members of the same generation in the two countries leads to the 'Zionization' of both and to strengthening the links of the survival chain of the Jewish people."

## **YOUNG REPUBLICANS URGING ITS CLUBS TO ADOPT SOVIET JEWISH FAMILIES**

PHOENIX, Ariz., March 14 (JTA)--The Arizona Young Republican League (AYRL) is urging Young Republican clubs throughout the country to each adopt a Jewish family in the Soviet Union. The AYRL at its convention here last month said it will make this proposal at the Young Republican National Federation Convention in Memphis in June.

The AYRL also adopted resolutions calling for "unyielding and unwavering" support as well as economic and military aid for Israel, condemnation of Soviet violations of the Helsinki agreement and opposition to the Arab boycott of Israel.

The decision to adopt Soviet families came after the Valley Young Republicans here described its efforts to help the family of Alexander Roisman of Novosibirsk obtain emigration visas. Members of the AYRL sent postcards to Roisman and Soviet Ambassador Anatoly F. Dobrynin in Washington in support of the Roismans.

## **FAYVELLE MERMEY DEAD AT 61**

NEW YORK, March 14 (JTA)--Funeral services were held today for Mrs. Fayville Mermey, the first woman to serve as president of a synagogue in the New York City area. She died Saturday at her home in Larchmont, N.Y., at the age of 61. Mrs. Mermey was president of the Larchmont Temple from 1960 to 1962 and again from 1972 to 1974. At the time of her death, she was director of the dues collecting agency of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. A graduate of the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, she worked as a feature writer and columnist for the *Maronneck Daily Times* from 1964 to 1970. Her husband Maurice Mermey, died in 1974.

JERUSALEM (JTA)--Everlides D. Michaelides, director of the Cyprus Afforestation Department, and Otto Freiherr von Grothuss, German afforestation advisor to the Cypriot government, are currently in Israel, visiting the development and afforestation projects of the Jewish National Fund. A group of Cypriots will shortly visit Israel to learn Israeli afforestation methods, Michaelides said.

BUCHAREST (JTA)--A special service for the victims of the recent earthquake was held here Sunday at the city's main synagogue, the Choral Synagogue. The service was conducted by Rumania's Chief Rabbi Moses Rosen who said that 80 Jewish dead have already been identified and more victims are probably still buried under the rubble. The American and Israeli ambassadors attended the ceremony. Rosen said messages and help have been received from Jewish communities the world over and thanked those who aided the quake-stricken country.