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ISRAELI OFFICIALS SAY CAIRO PROGRAM PROVES THAT NO DIALOGUE IS POSSIBLE WITH THE PLO

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, March 21 (JTA)--Israeli officials regard the 15-point program adopted yesterday in Cairo by the Palestine National Council as confirmation that the policy of no contacts whatsoever with the PLO is the only possible one. "Even when the so-called moderates win support for their line, the terror organizations remain dominant and no dialogue can be held with them--the only meeting with them is on the battlefield," Premier Yitzhak Rabin declared on a radio interview last night.

Foreign Minister Yigal Allon reacted similarly today. He said it was mistaken to make a distinction between "moderates" and "extremists" in the PLO because the only difference is between "extremists" and "super-extremists." The "extremists" commanded the majority at the Cairo meeting he said, adding that "if these are the resolutions adopted by the extremists, imagine what they would have been had the super-extremists won."

According to Allon, the Cairo program gives Israel additional reason to insist on a solution of the Palestinian problem in the context of a peace settlement with Jordan. Speaking at yesterday's Cabinet meeting, the Foreign Minister said that PLO chief Yasir Arafat and his deputy, Farouk Kaddoumi, left no doubt in their speeches in Cairo that the destruction of Israel remains the ultimate goal of the PLO.

The only difference between their statements and earlier ones by PLO leaders, Allon and other Israeli officials noted, was that in Cairo this time the PLO did not explicitly call for the destruction of Israel. But there was no change in the Palestinian Covenant demand for a "secular democratic state" in all of Palestine, which amounts to the same thing.

Victory For Arafat

Political analysts here said the Cairo program contains elements of a compromise between the Arafat camp and the opposition "rejection front" headed by George Habash of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. But it was a victory for Arafat who believes in projecting the appearance of moderation for public relations reasons without changing the basic aims of the PLO, they said.

The moderate image will give the PLO a certain degree of maneuverability when the time for Middle East negotiations arrives and, in any case, it will enable President Anwar Sadat of Egypt to claim, when he visits the U.S. next month, that the PLO has undergone a process of moderation.

The Cairo program does not reject Palestinian participation in negotiations but rejects negotiations within the framework of Security Council Resolution 242. It states that the Palestinians will negotiate under terms of the UN General Assembly Resolution 3236 of 1974 which supports their right to a sovereign state and return to their former homes in what is now Israel. It also calls

for continued military and political warfare against Israel even after a Palestinian state is established on the West Bank.

STATE DEP'T SAYS CAIRO PROGRAM DOES NOT CONTRIBUTE TO MIDEAST PROGRESS

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, March 21 (JTA)--The State Department said today that the positions taken by the Palestine National Council meeting in Cairo "do not contribute to a resolution of the problems" in the Middle East.

A written statement read to reporters by Department spokesman Frederick Z. Brown, said: "We have said before that one of the difficulties in resolving the Middle East problem is that the PLO has not accepted Israel's existence and the Security Council's resolutions on which the Geneva conference negotiations are based. The decisions of the Palestine National Congress in Cairo have not altered the situation and therefore do not contribute to a resolution of the problem."

Brown refused to characterize the PLO decisions that reaffirm its demands for the elimination of Israel. But he said the U.S. will continue its efforts for an agreement and noted that President Carter will be meeting with key Arab leaders over the next two months "to do what we can to solve the problems of the Middle East." He declined to comment on other aspects of the Cairo decisions, including one to organize all Palestinians, wherever they may be, into a single military organization under PLO leadership.

HERZOG: CAIRO PROGRAM IS FORMULA FOR DESTROYING ISRAEL IN STAGES

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, March 21 (JTA)--Chaim Herzog, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, last night called the 15-point program adopted by the Palestine National Council in Cairo "a formula" for nothing less than the destruction of Israel in stages. He stressed that "in pursuance of our historic role, we will fight it with all the means at our disposal."

Addressing the 75th anniversary banquet of Mizrahi-Hapoel Hamizrachi at the Waldorf-Astoria, Herzog said that despite the unequivocal statement by the Palestine Liberation Organization body, he expected leading newspapers and even Jewish and Israeli spokesmen to label the Palestine National Council's statement as moderate and suggest "in fact, the PLO doesn't mean what it says."

The Israeli envoy noted that the PLO has again rejected UN Security Council Resolution 242 as a basis for peace while evoking General Assembly Resolution 3236. "This resolution, which was opposed not only by Israel, but by the United States and rejected by many of the free countries in the world, is in fact a formula for the destruction of the State of Israel. If there was still any doubt as to the attitude of the PLO they voted to escalate the military, political and economic struggle against Israel and against any form of peace with Israel."

Mayor Abraham Beame, who shared this plat-

form with Herzog, told the gathering: "We were all deeply wounded when terrorists held an entire Jewish service organization hostage in Washington and used national television to utter unspeakable slurs against the Jewish people. Such an atrocity confirms our knowledge that we must continue our vigilant defense of Israel. Thankfully, we learned long ago never again to accept the role of scapegoat or victim."

Jerusalem Is Not Negotiable

Rabbi Arthur Schneier, spiritual leader of the Park East Synagogue and chairman of the anniversary celebration, warned that "At the time when Israel's retreat to the pre-1967 borders is increasingly mentioned by Washington officialdom, we should be in the forefront of energizing American Jewry and the American people to the sanctity of Jerusalem. On the eve of the 10th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem let the voice go forth that the fate of Jerusalem is not negotiable. It will always remain the united city and the indivisible capital of the State of Israel."

PRO-ARAB GROUP PARTLY DISAVOWS

UN ANTI-ZIONIST RESOLUTION

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, March 21 (JTA)--The leading pro-Arab organization in Britain has dissociated itself in part from the United Nations General Assembly resolution equating Zionism with racism.

The Council for Arab-British Understanding (CABU), in its latest annual report, conceded that Zionism in Europe and Russia "may indeed have had the character of a national liberation movement, its aim being to free Jews in the diaspora from Western and Christian persecution and to promote a Jewish national renaissance."

However, in Palestine, Zionism had a different character, "that of a colonizing, settler movement which aimed at dispossessing and supplanting or subjecting the native population," the report said. It added that the November, 1975 UN resolution obscured this distinction. "To be effective, criticism of Zionism must be specific, not generalized. It should specifically exclude those manifestations of Zionism which are benign or at least innocuous and should concentrate on those which unquestionably are imperialistic and reprehensible."

The CABU admitted that in Britain the Arabs got the worst of the argument unleashed by the UN's anti-Zionist resolution. It complained that most of the British press and news media "reverted to that unthinking defense of Israel which was so prevalent before 1967....Once again there was hysterical denunciation of the Arabs and of anyone who ventured to suggest that they might have some right on their side."

JORDAN TO CONSIDER ISRAEL'S SECURITY, ISRAELI JOURNALIST TOLD

JERUSALEM, March 21 (JTA)--An Israeli Arab journalist who visited Jordan recently reported that he was told by a senior official in Amman that the Arabs would modify their attitude toward Israel if Israel were more considerate of the Palestinian problem. Talkik Khuri, a correspondent for Yediot Achronot, said he was told that the Arabs would take Israel's security problems into consideration.

So far, Israel has been concerned only with its security and the Arabs have dealt only with the Palestinian problem, the source said, but the

time has come for both to be more realistic. Khuri said he was told. He said he got a warm welcome from King Hussein and other Jordanian officials. Three other Israeli Arab journalists are still in Jordan. Israeli Arabs were admitted to Jordan for the first time recently when delegations came to express condolences to King Hussein over the death of Queen Alia in a helicopter crash.

RAPHAEL FAILS IN PARTY ELECTION

JERUSALEM, March 21 (JTA)--Yitzhak Raphael, the former Minister of Religious Affairs, failed to win a place in the National Religious Party's election list in yesterday's balloting by the NRP's 201-member General Council. He conceded that this might mean the end of his political career. Dr. Yosef Burg, former Minister of Interior, heads the list, followed by former Welfare Minister Zevulun Hammer and MK Aaron Abu Hatira.

Raphael's defeat was especially bitter for him because two of his former proteges made the list. One of them, Pinhas Schoenmann, the only Knesset incumbent of the Raphael faction, placed 11th which means he may not be re-elected unless the NRP does better in the May 17 elections than it did in the last Knesset elections. The NRP has 10 seats in the present Knesset.

Disappointment With DESH Knesset List

Meanwhile, representatives of the Oriental community and new development towns who had cast their lot with Prof. Yigal Yadin's Democratic Movement for Change (DESH) were bitterly disappointed with the results of the movement's balloting last week to select its Knesset list for the May 17 elections.

Some 24,700 DESH members participated in what was billed as the first primary in Israel's history--77 percent of those eligible to vote. But candidates of the disaffected so-called "second world" in Israeli society placed in the bottom half of the 30-member list and some, such as the Zionist Panthers, got no representation at all.

Predictably, the academicians, industrialists, and candidates with the most political experience headed the list. Yadin won first place, followed by Prof. Amnon Rubinstein, leader of the Shinui (Change) movement, Meir Amit, former head of Histadrut's giant Koor Industries, who recently quit the Labor Party and veteran politician Shmuel Tamir, former leader of the Free Center Party.

A 'Purely Ashkenazic Movement'

The Druze candidates associated with Tamir also did fairly well, with the support of their large families. Former Likud MK Dr. Binyamin Halevy placed in the first half of the list, apparently because of his reputation as a former Justice of the Supreme Court. Shmuel Toledano, former advisor on Arab affairs to Premier Yitzhak Rabin, benefitted from the votes of many of the 4000 Arab members of DESH.

But candidates of Odded, a group of Oriental Jews who are seeking to bridge the social gap, did poorly. Black Panther leader Shalom Cohen said after the results were known that DESH is a "purely Ashkenazic movement."

The voters also selected a 300-member National Council. Yadin pointed out later that 20 percent of the Council came from new develop-

ment towns. He did not rule out the possibility of "amending" the election results to advance Oriental candidates but said it was up to the National Council to decide. He acknowledged that one of DESH's main concerns was to cure Israel's social inequities. Nevertheless, the results of the DESH "primaries" indicated that the movement would take a somewhat more conservative approach in the election campaign.

BREZHNEV OUTLINES VIEWS ON A MIDEAST PEACE SETTLEMENT

WASHINGTON, March 21 (JTA)--Soviet Communist Party Secretary General Leonid Brezhnev outlined views on a Middle East peace settlement today which seemed to take into consideration both Israeli and Arab interests. His remarks, a week before U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance is due in Moscow, also indicated a desire by the Kremlin to reassert its influence in the Middle East peace-making process which has been dominated by the United States since former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's shuttle diplomacy began two years ago.

According to reports reaching here from Moscow, Brezhnev said in a speech to the Soviet Trade Union Congress that a final peace settlement should outlaw the acquisition of territory by war and ensure the rights of all Middle East states to independence and security. He said that appropriate borders between Israel and its neighbors, when "finally established" should be "inviolable." He proposed an Israeli withdrawal in stages from the occupied Arab territories "in the course of say, several months" and a guarantee to the Palestinians of the right to establish their own state.

While these elements have been contained in previous statements of Soviet policy on the Middle East, Brezhnev also proposed today that the final peace package should include provisions for the free passage of ships of all nations, including Israel, through the Straits of Tiran and Gulf of Aqaba and a study by the Soviet Union, the United States and other countries supplying weapons to the Middle East of ways to end the arms race in that region.

In Apparent Agreement With Carter

Brezhnev seemed to be in agreement with recent remarks by President Carter when he said that "In general, the problem of the international arms trade seems to merit an exchange of views. Another new proposal that appeared to correspond broadly with Carter's thinking, was the establishment of demilitarized zones on both sides of the final Middle East borders, provided that all parties consented."

In his March 9 Washington press conference, Carter included demilitarized zones as one of several possibilities aimed at ensuring Israel's security beyond its legal borders. Brezhnev said that United Nations forces or observers could be stationed in those zones for a clearly defined period after a settlement was reached.

He also reiterated his proposal of a year ago that the Soviet Union, the U.S., Britain and France serve as guarantors of a Middle East peace settlement or, if the parties preferred, the UN Security Council could be cast in that role. Brezhnev said the state of war between Israel and the Arab countries would end with the completion of Israeli withdrawals and all sides would undertake "to respect each other's sovereignty, territorial integrity, inviolability and political independence."

They would also pledge to resolve disputes by peaceful means, he said.

Although the Soviet Union has called repeatedly for reconvening the Geneva conference, Brezhnev said today that the conference was not an end in itself but the means to move toward a settlement that will be "fruitful and just." The State Department had no immediate comment on Brezhnev's views but said it was studying them. Meanwhile, the White House confirmed today that the Arab-Israeli conflict will be on the agenda at the meetings in Moscow between the Kremlin leadership and Vance.

2 BODIES RETURNED BY VIETNAM TO U.S. TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED

WASHINGTON, March 21 (JTA)--Two of the 12 bodies of Americans released last week to the United States by the government of Vietnam have been tentatively identified as being those of Laurence H. Goldberg of Cloquet, Minn. and Stephen W. Diamond of Roslyn Heights, N.Y.

Pentagon officials noted that the remains have been identified by Vietnamese authorities. A Pentagon official said that the bodies will be shipped probably to Travis Air Force Base in Oakland, Calif., where disposition will be determined by the next of kin. Pending identification by U.S. authorities, the Pentagon would not comment on the religious identity of the men who lost their lives during the Vietnam war.

Goldberg was an Air Force captain and was piloting an F-4 plane when he was shot down over North Vietnam Aug. 8, 1966. Diamond, an Air Force lieutenant, was shot down July 19, 1966 while piloting an F-105 aircraft over North Vietnam. Both officers received automatic promotions during the past 10 years while listed as missing in action. Goldberg was promoted to a full Air Force colonel and Diamond to a major.

PARIS (JTA)--An Elysee Palace senior official received two Jewish leaders who asked for President Valery Giscard d'Estaing's intervention on behalf of Anatoly Sharansky, the imprisoned Soviet Jewish activist. Jean Pierre-Bloch, president of the International League Against Anti-Semitism and Racism (LICRA) and head of the French B'nai B'rith, and Salomon Friederich, president of the French Union of Jews from Eastern Europe, drew the Elysee Secretary General Jean Francois-Poncet's attention to the plight of Sharansky.

BUDAPEST (JTA)--The Budapest Jewish community Monday unanimously elected Imre Heber, 61, as its new president. Heber, an industrial worker and an Orthodox Jew, pledged in his inaugural speech to draw closer to the rabbinate and the various synagogues. Representatives of the various Christian churches and the State Secretariat for Religious Affairs attended Heber's inauguration.

GENEVA (JTA)--The Zionist Federation of Switzerland at its annual meeting in Zurich Sunday elected Max Besserman president. The meeting issued a declaration condemning the anti-Semitic campaign in the Soviet Union. It called on the USSR to free Anatoly Sharansky and Isidore Begun and demanded that the Soviets adhere to the Helsinki accord. The Swiss Committee for Russian Jews wired Soviet Communist Party Secretary Leonid Brezhnev asking that Sharansky and Begun be released.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES**MAJOR EXPANSION FOR WORLD'S****LEADING JEWISH, HEBREW CENTER**

By Maurice Samuelson

OXFORD, March 21 (JTA)--The world's leading center of Hebrew and Jewish studies outside Israel is planning a major expansion of its facilities and academic manpower. Dr. David Patterson, principal of the Oxford Center for Post-Graduate Hebrew Studies, says that he is trying to raise \$3 million to give the Center as firm a financial base as the older colleges of Oxford University.

Housed in a handsome 17th Century building, the Center has been used by 75 leading Hebrew and Jewish scholars since it was opened 4 1/2 years ago. According to Patterson, they have been attracted by its atmosphere of academic fellowship, its proximity to Oxford's ancient libraries, and by the Center's own modern Jewish history archive acquired from a private collector in Israel.

Although the Oxford Center has been an initial success, it has done without full-time academic staff of its own. Dr. Patterson himself combines the office of principal with his full-time post as the university's lecturer in post-Biblical Hebrew.

Will Appoint 5 Full-Time Fellows

The Center now plans to appoint five full-time fellows in various aspects of higher Judaic studies. It also hopes to increase its annual junior fellowships from three to 10. Patterson, who is planning to visit the United States next month, claims that the Oxford Center will be able to do with \$3 million what the new Harvard Center of Judaic Studies is proposing to do with \$15 million.

Among the eminent scholars using the Oxford Center this year are four Israel professors--Abraham Malamat and Menachem Stern of Jerusalem, and Benjamin Hrushovski and Daniel Capri of Tel Aviv. Prof. M.N. Mansoor, of Wisconsin University, is preparing a computerized index of research material in the Center's Kressel Library. Other scholars from as far away as Helsinki and Los Angeles will come here during the summer, when a five-day International Conference on Jewish Art will be held.

Established under the aegis of Oxford University, the Center has a distinguished panel of patrons headed by Sir Isaiah Berlin, Master of Wolfson College. Other members include the Bishop of Bristol, the Chief Rabbi of Britain, and Lord Goodman, Master of University College, Oxford.

JNF, ATLANTA TO CREATE URBAN**MEMORIAL PARK AT CITY'S ENTRANCE**

NEW YORK, March 21 (JTA)--Under the joint sponsorship of the city of Atlanta, the State of Georgia and the Jewish National Fund, 1500 trees will be planted in what is to be known as the Urban Memorial Forest, which will beautify Routes I-85, I-75, and I-20 hub interchange between the stadium and the State Capitol on Memorial Drive, it was announced here today by the JNF.

The dedication will be held Wednesday at which time Georgia Governor George Busbee, Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson, Israel Consul General Nachum Astar, Meyer Pesin and Dr. Samuel I. Cohen, national president and executive vice-president, respectively, of the JNF, city and state leaders, and JNF officials will plant trees to beautify the heavily travelled approach to the

city.

For the trees to be planted in the forest, comprising varieties of maple, dogwood, sweetgum, oak, crabapple and other species, the JNF, which has already planted 130 million trees in Israel, will plant an equivalent number in the Atlanta Section of the American Bicentennial Park in Israel.

The project was conceived by Theodore Mastrolanni, director of the Bureau of Parks; Stuart Eizenstat, Counsel to the President on Domestic Affairs; and Cantor Isaac Goodfriend, JNF leader. Cooperating in this beautification project are the Atlanta Bureau of Parks and Recreation, the Georgia Department of Transportation, and the Georgia Forestry Commission.

JULES MILLER DEAD AT 76

PHILADELPHIA, March 21 (JTA)--Funeral services were held here last Friday for Jules D. Miller, retired executive business manager of the Jewish Exponent and a pioneer in the Anglo-Jewish press of the United States who died March 15 in Houston, Texas. He was 76 and resided in Philadelphia.

Widely known by his associates as "Mr. Exponent," Miller, at the time of his retirement in 1974, was a veteran of more than a half-century in the newspaper business, 47 years of which had been spent with the Exponent. A native of Pittsburgh, Pa., Miller broke into the newspaper business with the Pittsburgh Criterion, an independent English language weekly in the 1920s.

In 1928 he was hired as an advertising salesman at the Exponent by Felix N. Gerson, its founder and publisher. He became business manager in 1944, the same year the paper became part of the Federation of Jewish Agencies of Greater Philadelphia, and was named executive business manager in 1973.

Miller was a vice-president of the American Jewish Press Association and was honored by that organization at its convention in 1968. He also was honored by the Exponent and the Federation of Jewish Agencies at the time of his retirement in 1974.

POUND DEVALUED AGAIN

JERUSALEM, March 21 (JTA)--The Pound was devalued last night for the second time in 19 days and now stands at IL 9.93 to \$1. The latest devaluation, which became effective at midnight, was by 1.8 percent. During the past three months the Pound has been reduced in value by a total of 7.9 percent.

The new rate of exchange is linked to a "basket" of foreign currencies including the dollar. The Pound Sterling is now worth IL 15.98, the Deutschmark IL 3.69, the French Franc IL 1.87 and the Swiss Franc IL 3.64. There will be no change in the price of basic commodities, however, and foreign exchange balances held in banks will be taxed at the new devaluation rate. Export incentives will be raised proportionately.

NEW YORK (JTA)--To ease the shortage of trained school psychologists, the government of Israel is offering a special orientation/retraining program for qualified American school psychologists, the Israel Aliya Center reported. Housed in Ashkelon, the program, which will run for seven to eight months will include field work with an experienced Israeli professional.