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DMC SAYS-NO TO LIKUD; WILL NOT JOIN COALITION UNDER EXISTING CIRCUMSTANCES

By Uzi Benziman and Yitzhak Shargil

JERUSALEM, June 14 (JTA)--The National Council of the Democratic Movement for Change (DMC) decided overwhelmingly last night not to join a Likud-led coalition government under the present circumstances. The vote was 79-2 to break off the current negotiations with Likud. But the Council authorized the party's Secretariate and its Knesset faction to consider resuming talks when and if new conditions emerge.

Simcha Ehrlich, Likud's number two man, said after learning of the DMC's decision, that it did not close the door on negotiations. He said he would propose that talks be resumed forthwith. But Likud leader Menachem Begin indicated last night that he would present his government to the Knesset next Monday. He quoted the late Winston Churchill who said that in a democracy a majority of one is sufficient. Begin will control 63 Knesset seats, a bare majority.

Calls Likud Intransigent

The vote by the DMC National Council showed that it stood firmly behind party leader Yigael Yadin who participated in most of the coalition talks with Likud over the past two weeks and had a 90-minute meeting with Begin on Sunday. Yadin said last night that Likud was intransigent on political issues. It rejected all proposals to bridge the gap between the DMC's readiness for territorial compromises in exchange for peace and Likud's refusal to consider withdrawal from any part of the West Bank, Yadin said. He said the DMC supported Jewish settlements in Judaea and Samaria when they were justified by security requirements but it could not, under any circumstances, accept the Likud formula allowing Jewish settlements anywhere in those regions.

DMC MK Amnon Rubinstein said his party would have had absolutely no influence in a Likud-led coalition under the conditions offered by Begin. He predicted that the Likud government would not survive for long.

The slim Likud majority will be composed of 45 of its own Knesset seats, 12 of the National Religious Party (NRP), four of the Agudat Israel and one of the Poale Agudat Israel. In addition, Likud will be able to count on the seat of Moshe Dayan who defected from the Labor Party last month after Begin nominated him for the post of Foreign Minister.

Ministries Left Open

Likud apparently has hopes that the DMC may join its government at a later stage and will leave three ministries open in that event. They are the Ministry of Transport, Ministry of Energy and Ministry of Housing, none of them key Cabinet posts. Likud has yet to decide whether to fill them with temporary ministers or leave them in the hands of deputy ministers for the time being.

Meanwhile, Leon Dulzin of Likud's Liberal Party wing, announced that in view of the DMC decision he is once more a candidate for the post of Deputy Premier. Dulzin withdrew his name last week in order to leave that office open for Yadin.

Dulzin also expects to become Minister of Commerce and Industry in the new regime.

BEGIN APPOINTMENTS ANGER NRP AND MANY IN HIS OWN PARTY

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, June 14 (JTA)--Likud leader Menachem Begin has raised the hackles of his prospective coalition partner, the National Religious Party, and has elicited no small amount of grumbling within his own faction by appointing veterans of the underground fighting group, Lehi, to key government and Knesset posts. His appointments are regarded by some of his own colleagues as arbitrary and authoritarian. Begin has defended them on grounds that he was selecting the best people for appropriate jobs.

The angriest protest came from the NRP after Begin announced yesterday that he was naming former Lehi member Geulah Cohen as Deputy Minister of Education and Culture. The Education Ministry has been assigned to the NRP's Zevulun Hammer and the religious party was furious that it had not been consulted or even informed in advance of Begin's intentions. Party secretary Tzvi Bernstein said it was "inconceivable" that such a decision could be made "without prior consultation with us." He said this was a matter on which all parties to the coalition should have been consulted.

Hammer himself seemed appalled. "The appointment of Geulah Cohen was not coordinated with me. If I decide that I want a Deputy Minister, I'll choose the personality I want," he said. Hammer is believed to favor Likud MK Abraham Katz, education committee chairman in the old Knesset.

Cohen is regarded as a firebrand and was one of the most outspoken and vociferous opposition members in the last Knesset. She served Lehi as an underground radio announcer during the pre-State period, was imprisoned by the British and made a spectacular escape disguised as a Bedouin woman. Lehi, sometimes known as the Stern group, was, if anything, more extreme than the Irgun Zvai Leumi which was headed by Begin. Some of Begin's old Irgun colleagues have complained that relative newcomers like Cohen and another Lehi veteran, Itzhak Shamir, were getting key posts. Shamir was elected Speaker of the ninth Knesset yesterday with unanimous Likud support.

Rewarding Aguda

Begin's announcement last night that MK Chaim Korfu will be Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry, irritated Yigal Hurwitz of Likud's State List and the appointment was not finalized.

The only faction that seems satisfied is the ultra-Orthodox Agudat-Israel which has agreed to a parliamentary coalition with Likud while rejecting Cabinet posts. Begin disclosed last night that Likud would relinquish the chairmanships of the Knesset Finance and Welfare Committees and one of its deputy speakers' posts to the Aguda as a reward for its support. This too angered some members of Likud's Herut wing who charged that Begin was depriving his own faction of important

jobs. They are also complaining that senior Cabinet posts will be filled by Gen. Ariel Sharon and Gen. Ezer Weizman, relative newcomers to Likud ranks. Begin said that in order to achieve a Likud government, some members of his party had to subordinate their own political aspirations.

WORLD CONSERVATIVE MOVEMENT URGES BEGIN NOT TO CAPITULATE TO AGUDA RELIGIOUS DEMANDS

NEW YORK, June 14 (JTA)—The World Council of Synagogues, the international organization of Conservative Judaism, has expressed "deep concern" over the reported capitulation by Israel's Premier-designate Menachem Begin to the religious demands of the ultra-Orthodox Agudat Israel faction as the price for its agreement to participate in a Likud-led coalition government. The position of the WCS was stated in a resolution unanimously approved by its constituent bodies—the United Synagogue of America, the Rabbinical Assembly, the National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, the Women's League for Conservative Judaism and the United Synagogue of Israel.

The Conservative view was also conveyed directly to Shmuel Katz, a personal emissary of Begin, at a meeting here yesterday. Katz was non-committal on the official stance of Likud but agreed to convey the message and the concern expressed by the WCS to Begin.

Who Is A Jew Question Raised

The Conservative group specifically scored the reported acceptance by Begin of the principle that only conversions to Judaism performed by Orthodox rabbis will be recognized in Israel. It pointed out that conversions by Conservative rabbis are performed in accordance with halacha and that denial of their validity goes to the heart of the question of who is a Jew. The Conservatives warned that the Aguda position may affect not only conversions in Israel but could jeopardize conversions certified by Conservative rabbis in the U.S. and puts into question the validity of other rituals performed under Conservative auspices which deal with the status of the Jew.

The resolution denounced the use of halacha for political purposes. It said, in part, "We believe this move will alienate the vast majority of Jews, in Israel as well as in the diaspora, and we call upon Mr. Begin, who must now speak for all Israel, to resist the demands of the Agudat Israel. The new administration must recognize that Israel is the center of religious commitment for world Jewry and as such, it must not be allowed to speak only for a narrow minority.... We hope for an administration that will give recognition to the principle of pluralistic religious expressions which emerge out of the historic Jewish experience. We are sure that the Agudat Israel and its philosophy is not representative of many, even in the Orthodox community. Moreover, we are certain that the Orthodox community will ultimately benefit by the sanction of religious pluralism in Israel."

CIVILIAN FLIGHT CONTROLLERS RETURN TO WORK

TEL AVIV, June 14 (JTA)—Civilian flight controllers were back on the job at Ben Gurion Airport and other airports in Israel beginning at midnight last night, conceding, in effect, that their tactics of strikes and work slowdowns to win a labor dispute were a failure. For the past three weeks, the control towers all over Israel were manned by military personnel.

The government called the army in to prevent air traffic chaos when the civilian flight controllers resorted to rule-book practices that caused serious delays and angered thousands of air passengers. The move was successful and the flight controllers lost whatever public support they may have had. Chastened by the experience, each employee has signed a no strike pledge, the violation of which would be cause for immediate dismissal. They will press their demands within the Histadrut trade union framework.

BEGIN URGES COMMUNIST STATES TO LET THEIR JEWISH ATHLETES COMPETE IN MACCABIAH GAMES By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, June 14 (JTA)—Premier-designate Menachem Begin has called on the East European Communist bloc countries to allow their Jewish athletes to come to Israel to participate in the 10th Maccabiah Games which open here next month. His appeal was contained in a letter to Israel Peled, Mayor of Ramat Gan, who is chairman of the International Maccabiah Games Committee. Peled read the letter to foreign newsmen at a press conference today.

Begin said that if the East European governments accepted his proposal they would prove that despite ideological and other basic differences with Israel "there is still something which can unite humanity and this is the noble spirit of sport." Begin also said in his letter to Peled, "We look forward to the 10th Maccabiah in the hope that it will induce an expression of nationalism in our people." He called on Jews all over the world "to assist the organizers of the enterprise and to take part in it in order to deepen and strengthen the true sporting spirit of our Jewish youth."

Peled stressed that the 10th Maccabiah will be the largest ever held. He said that some 2800 Jewish athletes from 34 countries would participate. The U.S. will send the largest contingent, consisting of 406 athletes and Israel will be second with 400 participants. There will be 162 from Brazil, 142 from South Africa, 125 from Australia, 118 from Italy, 110 from the United Kingdom, 102 from Mexico and 100 from France.

TORONTO (JTA)—Four Jewish candidates were elected to Ontario's provincial legislature last week, two fewer than in the last legislature. The difference was accounted for by the retirement of Philip Givens and Vernon Singer, veteran Liberal Party parliamentarians and the defeat of Marvin Shore who stood for re-election. David Rotenberg, 47, was elected to his first term on the Progressive Conservative Party ticket. Three other Jewish MPs, all re-elected to their seats are Larry Grossman, 33, Progressive Conservative; Stephen Lewis, 39, New Democratic Party and Dr. Stuart Smith, 37, Liberal Party. Smith is expected to be opposition leader in the new legislature.

TEL AVIV (JTA)—An unannounced and public call-up of the Israeli reserve forces will occur here soon in an effort to train the reserve forces and to study the system itself, an army spokesman disclosed Tuesday. The call-up, which will use code names that represent certain units, will be made on radio and television. The exercise will involve several thousand soldiers as well as reserve transportation units. As soon as a soldier hears the name of his unit, he must report to the specific assembly point.

U.S. SENATORS SPEAK OUT FOR RIGHTS OF SOVIET JEWS AT NCSJ CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON, June 14 (JTA)--Broad bipartisan support in the struggle of Soviet Jews to emigrate or live as Jews in the USSR was expressed by members of Congress today, one day before the 35 signatories to the Helsinki agreement were scheduled to meet in Belgrade. Sens. Henry Jackson (D.Wash.), Charles Mathias (R.Md.) and Charles Percy (R.Ill.) were among the members of Congress who voiced their support before some 2500 persons attending the National Conference on Soviet Jewry's leadership conference here.

"The Jackson-Vanik Amendment tying trade concessions to freer emigration from the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe is no longer an island in the sea of indifference on human rights," Jackson declared. "I am proud that the Congress took the lead in enshrining as part of our public law this most fundamental human right. President Carter is committed to the implementation of the Jackson-Vanik Amendment and together we will prevail."

Jackson said that by imprisoning dissidents the Soviet Union was testing Carter's commitment to human rights. He said the defenders of human rights such as Alexander Ginzburg, Yuri Orlov and Anatoly Sharansky "have been exercising their internationally affirmed rights to freedom of expression, informing the government signatories to the Helsinki agreement, as well as the public at large of cases of flagrant violations of the human rights articles," Jackson said. "The Soviet authorities hear this criticism and comment, and they hope they have it silenced...."

Sees Confrontation At Belgrade Meeting

Mathias noted that "we cannot impose our values on other people; but we can focus the spotlight of public scrutiny on those who assault basic human rights. We hear that the USSR is tightening its hold on its people.... Let no one say 50 years from now that, at the critical moment, the conscience of the world was silent."

Percy said that the Soviets give the U.S. little choice but a confrontation at Belgrade tomorrow "when, on the eve of the conference, they take additional repressive measures against those Soviet citizens who speak freely, communicate with the West, or apply to emigrate."

At a discussion during the two-day assembly yesterday, Patt Derien, the State Department's coordinator on human rights and humanitarian affairs, declared that "The commitment of the United States towards a human rights policy is a serious one. This message has been delivered time and time again through Presidential statements, a major address by the Secretary of State and through continuous representations at diplomatic levels and institutional actions."

'No Termination Date' On Human Rights

Sen. Paul Sarbanes (D.Md.) declared that "Conditions which Soviet Jews have faced over the years dramatize the need for a renewed commitment to human rights and specifically to the right of the Jewish community in the Soviet Union to function freely as a viable religious and national group." Hedrick Smith, Washington Bureau Chief of the New York Times and former chief of its Moscow bureau, told a panel discussion last night that "Carter's principles are good. They draw respect from other countries, but he has not shown a clear strategy."

Brooklyn District Attorney Eugene Gold, who was re-elected chairman of the NCSJ, told the panel last night that "We have been able to put the

plight of Soviet Jews on the world agenda through raising our voices. We cannot be silent." He said there "will be no termination date" on the human rights provisions of the Helsinki agreement. In an earlier address, Gold pledged he would "continue the struggle for which the NCSJ was founded, to help all Soviet Jews who wish to emigrate leave the Soviet Union and to help Soviet Jews live in the Soviet Union as Jews, with all rights, privileges, and freedoms accorded all other groups in the USSR." He said that during the past year "the Soviets have increasingly singled out Jewish activists and have put them under increased pressure to cease their activities, which are entirely legal under both Soviet and international law. We must strengthen our support as they continue their struggle."

Situation Deteriorates

In another review of the year, Jerry Goodman, the NCSJ's executive director noted that the "situation these past few months deteriorated as Soviet Jewish activist Anatoly Sharansky is threatened with the charge of treason and both Amner Zavurov and Dr. Iosif Begun have recently been sentenced to prison terms." At an awards luncheon today, Rep. Dante Fascell (D.Fla.), chairman of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe; former NCSJ chairman Stanley Lowell, now chairman of the NCSJ Helsinki Monitoring Committee and Lazar Libarsky, a former Soviet Jewish Prisoner of Conscience representing all POCs, accepted awards for their activities in behalf of Soviet Jewry.

UAHC HAILS CARTER'S REFUTATION OF SHARANSKY-CIA LINK

NEW YORK, June 14 (JTA)--The Union of American Hebrew Congregations commended President Carter today for his public rebuttal of the Soviet charge that Anatoly Sharansky, a leading Soviet Jewish activist, is a CIA spy. The UAHC called upon its 740 Reform synagogues and 1.25 million members to launch a massive protest campaign. The UAHC's board of trustees asked President Carter to persist in his condemnation of Soviet actions which are "the latest, and perhaps the most disturbing manifestation of a campaign being waged by the Soviet government against Jewish activists and others who demand a greater measure of freedom within the USSR."

HOUSE COMMITTEE APPROVES FUNDS FOR MIDEAST COUNTRIES

By Joseph Palakoff

WASHINGTON, June 14 (JTA)--The House Appropriations Committee slashed assistance programs for Ethiopia and six Latin American countries but approved the previously allocated funding for the Middle East countries in its foreign aid legislation for the fiscal year 1978 starting October 1.

Of the \$2.7 billion in Middle East security assistance, the committee appropriated \$785 million for Israel and an additional \$1 billion in military sales credit. Egypt was allocated \$750 million; Jordan \$93 million; and Syria \$90 million in economic assistance. Jordan additionally was given \$125 million in military assistance.

The House is expected to consider the committee's bill Monday or Tuesday. The Senate has not yet begun deliberations on its appropriations measure. Under the two-step legislative process in the Congress on money bills, the House and Senate must pass authorization and appropriations measures.

EBAN CRITICAL OF OPEN DIPLOMACY AS PRACTICED BY U.S.

JERUSALEM, June 14 (JTA)--Former Foreign Minister Abba Eban was obliquely critical of President Carter yesterday when he questioned the efficacy of open diplomacy as practiced by the United States with respect to the Middle East conflict.

Addressing an international conference here on the role of the media in political conflicts, Eban said "The magic of open diplomacy has been over-sold. When diplomacy is open, it is less congenial to compromise. If it is dramatic and histrionic, it is less likely to provoke reason. If the Arabs can get their main demands through open diplomacy, it is hard to see what Israel would have to offer at a peace conference."

He said that excessive zeal in delineating the conditions of a possible settlement in advance could disrupt the balance of incentives that is the key to all successful negotiations. He warned that the Arabs may now believe that the U.S. has the will and capacity to coerce Israel into policies that most Israelis would regard as incompatible to the national interest.

AVINERI CONGRATULATES DUTCH ON RESCUE OF HOSTAGES

JERUSALEM, June 14 (JTA)--The director general of the Foreign Ministry, Shlomo Avineri, extended congratulations to The Netherlands Ambassador Christian Arriens for the successful rescue of Dutch hostages held by South Moluccan terrorists in Holland last week. He stressed that Israel approved the bold action by Dutch forces without taking a stand on the national aspirations of the South Moluccans.

Avineri said that Israel's "bitter experience" was that a government that is concerned for the lives of its citizens takes risks to save them. He was referring to Israel's rescue of 100 hijack hostages at Entebbe Airport in Uganda last July 4. He expressed Israel's regrets for the lives lost as a result of the rescue operation in Holland.

NINTH KNESSET SPLITS ON PARTY LINES

JERUSALEM, June 14 (JTA)--The ninth Knesset was sworn in yesterday and split sharply along party lines in its first vote. The balloting was for the new Speaker to replace veteran MK Israel Yeshayahu who has retired from parliament.

The victor, Itzhak Shamir of Likud, got the 61 votes of his party and the religious factions. The Labor Alignment candidate, Shlomo Hillel, received the Alignment's 32 votes and Benjamin Halévy, nominated by the Democratic Movement for Change, got its 15 votes plus one from Gideon Hausner, the MK of the Independent Liberal Party.

The Communist Party backed its candidate, Meir Wilner, with its four votes. Dr. Zerach Warhaftig, dean of the Knesset, presided at the inaugural session. After the voting he called on Shamir to take over. President Ephraim Katzir who attended the opening, greeted the new Knesset and wished it well.

MEXICAN JEWRY CONCERNED BY PLO PROPAGANDA DRIVE

MEXICO CITY, June 14 (JTA)--A growing Arab propaganda drive against Israel and the Jewish people in general is a matter of increasing concern to the local Jewish community. The subject was on the agenda of a special meeting of the executive board of the Central Jewish Committee here today at which recent examples of Arab propaganda were cited.

Marwan Tahboub, the local representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization, was interviewed at length in Revista de Rivistas, a weekly produced by the Excelsior publishing house. He accused Israel of committing atrocities against civilians, including women and children, in the occupied territories and appealed to "progressive Jews of Mexico" to "join all men of good will to stop Israeli aggression."

Tahboub was also interviewed in the daily Heraldo de Mexico where he was quoted as saying that only the establishment of a "democratic secular Palestinian state" could bring a just peace to the Middle East. He admitted that the PLO received Russian support "to restrain Israeli aggression and to reach a just and lasting peace."

The daily-Excelsior published a statement by Dib Seman and Mohammed Mustafa Bulhosen of the "Arab League of Mexico," declaring that Israel has shown "its true face to the world" by electing "terrorist Menachem Begin" as its Prime Minister.

ARSON SUSPECTED IN SYNAGOGUE FIRE; RABBI RESCUED SCROLLS

SEATTLE, Wash., June 14 (JTA)--Local police suspect that arsonists were responsible for a pre-dawn fire that destroyed Temple B'nai Torah on Mercer Island, a community near Seattle, last Thursday. Rabbi Abraham Singer, spiritual leader of the Jewish community, estimated the damage at \$95,000.

He said that bottles of ceremonial wine and sterling silver crowns and bells that decorated the temple's three Torah scrolls were stolen. The Torahs themselves were undamaged. Rabbi Singer rescued the scrolls from the blazing building after firemen allowed him to enter wearing a hard-hat and fire-retardant jacket. He said one of the scrolls, a gift to the synagogue in 1973, had been previously rescued from a fire in Europe a generation ago. Local authorities said the temple was apparently broken into by burglars who started a fire to cover up their theft. Empty wine and whiskey bottles were found at the scene.

FOUR CHARGED WITH COINS DEAL FRAUD

JERUSALEM, June 14 (JTA)--Two government officials, a coin dealer and a bank manager have been charged with fraud and forgery in connection with a transaction for the purchase of coins and commemorative medals a year ago. The accused are Yitzhak Avni, director of the Israel Government Coins and Medals Corp., his deputy Yisrael Zedka, Yosef Amir, director of Kidum, a private firm dealing in coins and Menachem Margoshes, manager of a Tel Aviv branch of the Mizrahi Bank.

The charges concern an IL 2.7 million order for coins from Amir received by the Coins and Medals Corp. on June 28, 1976, three days before the corporation raised its prices by 20 percent. Amir was charged the old price even though he failed to furnish the required bank guarantee before the higher prices went into effect on July 1. He also avoided paying the added value tax that went into effect on that date.

The board of directors of the Coins and Medals Corp. asked for an investigation of possible forgery by Avni and Amir to make it appear that the bank guarantee was submitted before July 1.

JERUSALEM (JTA)--A plan to redesign the area in front of the Western Wall has been accepted by a special committee and recommended to the chairman of the Ministerial Committee on Jerusalem.