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DAYAN: ISRAEL WILL CONTINUE TO OPPOSE U.S. PACKAGE PLANE DEAL By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, April 25 (JTA)—Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan who left for talks in Washington today, declared prior to his departure that Israel will continue to oppose the Carter Administration's proposed aircraff package deal linking the sale of advanced warplanes to Israel with similar sales to Egypt and Saudi Arabia. "Should the American Administration decide to punish us and not supply us with the planes, we shall have to absorb the punishment and continue to oppose the package deal," Dayan told reporters at Ben Gurion Airport.

He added, "I feel it is our right to express our opinion that the sale of these warplanes to Saudi Arabia and Egypt will endanger, Israel and think the United States has adopted a wrong attitude." Dayan's emphasis on that point indicated that he intends to make the aircraft sales a major issue in his talks with Secretary of State Cyrus Vance beginning in Washington tomorrow.

In Israel's view, the U.S. is committed to provide, Israel with the F-15 and F-16 jet flighter planes under an agreement reached in 1975 and 18 decision to link them to sales to Egypt and Saudi Arabia represents a change of American policy. (See separate story from Washington.)

Will Seek To Improve Relations

Dayan indicated, however, that he will seek to improve relations with the U.S. that have become severely, strained of late. "I go to Washington to do my utmost to reach a plan for a peace settlement and to find out the points of disagreement so that we can reach an understanding with the U.S., with Egypt and to find a formula for agreement on Judgee and Samaria (West Bank) and the Gaza Strip," Dayansaid.

But the Foreign Minister said it would be a mistake to assume that the main reason for his talks in Washington was the interpretation of Security Council Resolution 242 or a joint declaration of principles acceptable to the U.S. and Egypt on the basis of which peace negotiations can be resumed. "These definitions are only the frame for a peace plan," he said. "The main subject is not documents but what would actually happen after signing the agreement with Egypt. The question thus is what Egypt proposes as a basis for a settlement, not a basis for a document."

Dayan said that Ambassador Alfred L. Atherton, President Carter's special envoy to the Middle East, who will participate in the Dayan-Vance talks, may have more information on that subject. Atherton has returned to Washington after meetings over the weekend with President Anwar Sodat of Egypt and Egyptian Foreign Minister Mohammed Kaamel.

Dayan was accompanied on his trip by thre legal experts—Attorney General Aharon Barak, Meir Rosenne, Jegalradvisor to the foreign Ministry, and his personal aide, Eli Rubinstein, who is also a lawyer. Dan Patir, Premier Menachem Begin's press officer, left with Dayan to oversee preparations for Begin's visit to the U.S. next week.

CARTER ADMINISTRATION TALKS WITH DAYAN, BEGIN ARE EXPECTED TO FOCUS ON PLANE PACKAGE DEAL AND ISRAEL'S SETTLEMENT POLICY ON THE WEST BANK BY David Friedman

MASHINGION, April 25 (JTA)—Two major disputes with the Carter Administration will face Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan and Premier Menachem Begin when They are the U.S. ire over Israel's settlement policy in the West Bank and Israel's anger over being included with Egypt and Saudi Arabia in an aircraft sales package.

In fact, Dayan, who arrived in New York this evening on a stopover to Washington, is scheduled to have his first meeting with Secretary of State Cyrus Vance tomorrow, on the same day that the Administration is scheduled to officially send its Middle East arms package to Congress for approval.

The Israeli Foreign Minister is expected to strongly protest the deal in his scheduled hour-long meeting with Vance tomorrow and at the working lunch that follows. Dayan is scheduled to have a breakfast meeting with Senators on Thursday before meeting Vance again later in the day, after which he is scheduled to return to New York.

Vance, In turn, is expected to bring up Begin's statement at Kiryat Arba in Hebron yesterday in which the Premier told the 350 Jewish families living there that they will be joined in the coming years by hundreds of Jewish families.

Plan Gala Reception For Begin

Begin will be in Washington Monday as a guest of honor at a reception given by President Carter to celebrate Israel's 30th anniversary: From 600 to 1000 American Jewish leaders are being invited to the reception, which is seen here as an attempt by the Carter Administration to patch up its dispute with Israel in an effort to get the stalled Mideast negotiotions moving again. There will no doubt be a private meeting between Begin and Carter at some point during the reception.

Scheduled to be discussed at the Vance-Dayan meetings is whatever message Ambassador-at-Large Alfred Atherton brought back from Cairo where he met with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat. Atherton

reportedly had a letter from Sadat to Carter.

But the focus of attention tomorrow will be on.

the arms deal. White House Press Secretary Jody Powell said yesterday the Administration believes "Mo?" We have the support on the Hill to defeat any portion of the proposed sale." The House and Senate have 30 days in which they can block the \$4.8 billion sale of jets to Israel, Soudi Arabia and Egypt

Solons Urge Delay In Plane Package

However, the leaders of the House and Senate today urged the Administration to delay indefinitely the arms package, unless it wanted to face almost certain defeat. "We are making another appeal to the White House to delay sending the bill, House Speaker Thomas O'Neill (D. Mass.) said after a meeting with Senate Majority-Leader Robert Byrd (D. W.Va.). "I don't know whether he (Carter) will listen to us, "O'Neill said. "It would be foolhardy to send up the package if you do not have the votes."

Byrd urged a delay yesterday saying it would

"thus avoid some bloodshed on the floor." Powell at his White House briefing said the Administration would consider a delay if an agreement could be reached that would "preserve the basic thrust of the arms deal but avoid a time-consuming and devisive fight on the Hill.

Powell stressed that Carter would not accept an agreement that eliminated any of the two Arab countries from the package deal or change the num ber or types of planes to be sold. "If any portion of this plan is blocked, no planes will be sold." However, many Senators have argued that they do not have to consider the sale to the three coun-

tries as a package.

Sen. Frank Church (D. Idaho), the second ranking Demograt on the Foreign Relations Committee, urged the Administration to resubmit the sales separately. "In my view, the condition of linking these sales together violates the intent and spirit of the Congressional review procedure," Church said in a letter to Vance. "The attempt to package them would set a precedent that would thwart the purpose, strictly confine and thus limit the objective of the legislative review process.

The feeling on Capitol Hill is that despite Carter's warning that he will withdraw the entire program if the package is split, it is this linkage that has hurt its chances in Congress. Many in the Senate support Israel's claim that its right to receive the arms was guaranteed in the 1975 Sinai

agreement.

Another call for a postponement came from Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D. Wash.), who said the entire arms package should be delayed six months to provide time to peace negotiations in the Mideast to succeed. Appearing on CBS-TV's "Face the Nation" last Sunday, Jackson said "I believe that would set the time and lay the groundwork for a real intensive effort (by Israel) to reach an accord with Egypt."

Busy Schedule For Begin

Dayan is scheduled to return to Israel before Begin leaves for the United States Sunday to participate in American celebrations of Israel's independence. After going to Washington May L. Begin will appear in "Salute to Israel" rallies in Los Angeles, May 2, Chicago May 2 and New York May 4, where he will also address the Economic Club. He will/meet with Jewish leaders and address meetings of the Israel Bond Organization. Begin is scheduled to be the guest of honor at the annual Salute to Israel Parade in New York May 7

Meanwhile, eight top Jewish leaders who met last week with Begin and the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee to discuss measures to improve Israel's image in the United States, met yesterday with Vice President Walter Mondale. Several of the participants said the meeting was of the record and all had agreed not to comment on the session.

SPECIAL TO THE JTA DULZIN VOWS TO USE ALL MEANS TO END-PHENOMENON OF DROPOUTS By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, April 25 (JTA) -- Leon Dulzin, chairman of the World Zionist Organization Executive vowed to use all ways and means to end the phenomenon of dropouts--Soviet Jews who leave the USSR with Israeli visas but opt to settle in other countries after reaching Vienna: "In a statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Dul zin said he would discuss the problem with American Jewish leaders when he visits the U.S. shortly "to find a solution out of a joint concern for the Jewish people. Dulzin said "the rate of Jews arriving in

Vienna with Israeli visas who do not go to Israel has reached 50.7 percent compared to 37.2 per cent in 1975 and less than five percent in 1973. These data must ring an alarm bell," he said, "since I see in them a danger for the Jewish awakening in the USSR and the aliya movement from the USSR to Israel.

Dulzin claimed that "this subject has been frozen in the last couple of years, but it seems to me that all the elements dealing with the subject must re-examine the various options to limit the dropout phenomenon."

He rejected "the argument that the present sit uation is a must and cannot be changed." He insisted "that the subject is of the utmost importance for the entire Jewish people and therefore it deserves a thorough and responsible discussion with the joined responsibility of Jewish leadership in Israel and the diaspora and all other bodies deal4 ing with the subject." He charged that "rumors, distortions and even libel have been spread recently against those who regard the dropout phenomenon seriously" but did not elaborate.

300 RELIGIOUS PROFESSORS ADD THEIR NAMES TO THE PEACE NOW MOVEMENT By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, April 25 (JTA) -- A group of 300 religiously observant university professors have added their names to the growing list of supporters of the Peace Now movement which is urging the government to adopt a more flexible policy in the interests of peace. The professors signed a letter to Premier Menachem Begin calling for "bold moves" for peace and an end to such obstacles as continued settlement activity in the occupiedterritories "at this hour."

Most of the signatories belong to Oz Veshalom (Valor and Peace), a movement of Orthodox academicians and intellectuals formed two years ago to counter the militant Orthodox Gush Émunim. Dr. Mordechai Brauer, a lecturer on Jewish history at Bar Ilan University, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that his group shares the views of the 300 reserve officers who founded the Peace Now movement but had doubts about the use of military rank to advance a political cause.

The letter to Begin states that peace is of greater value than asserting the "historic rights" to Eretz Israel" and should be given priority. The professors said they did not object to settlements. in principle but stressed that they were wrong "at this hour."

Their letter followed a similar one yesterday signed by 350 other university professors and came only a few days after Begin received a delegation of the Peace Now movement. He told them that his policies represented the will of the electorate.

Premier's Office Appears Unimpressed

So far, the Premier's office appears, outwardly, unimpressed by the burgeoning peace movement. They claim that a pro-Begin rally in the Tel Aviv municipal square last week which drew 40,000-50,000 people was much larger than a Peace Now rally in the same square a week earlier attended by an estimated 25-30,000 people. Shlomo Nakdimon; Begin's press advisor, showed the JTA two heavy files today filled with letters from Begin supporters.

Nevertheless, spokesmen for Peace Now claim that their drive to soften government policies is

gaining momentum. Public pressure does appear to be increasing as Begin prepares to visit the U.S. next week. A Peace Now chain, letter, is planned for tomorrow. Hundreds of supporters will pass a peace petition hand-to-hand along a 10-mile stretch of the Jerusalem highway.

The Premier is also coming under pressure from groups who think his peace offer to Egypt was too generous. He was visited foday by a delegation from Yamit, the Israeli seaside town in northerin Sinai. They urged him to retract his offer to return all of Sinai to Egyptian sovereignty. He told them that if his offer is rejected, he would recommend changes in his original plan. But according to Yossi Maas of Moshav Sadot near Yamit, Begin promised them nothing.

SPECIAL TO THE JTA BEHIND THE PRISONERS EXCHANGE DEAL By William Sophire

NEW YORK, April 25 (JTA)—Rabbi Ronald Greenwald, of Monsey, New York, believes imprisoned Soviet Jewish activist Anotoly Shcharansky may eventually be released as part of an international prisoner exchange deal similar to the one in which he helped free a young Israeli pilot, Miron Marcus, from a jail in Mozambique.

While the Shcharansky case has burgeoned into a world-wide Free Shcharansky Movement, Marcus, 24, languished in a prison cell for 19, months, his plight virtually unknown to the outside world, Greenwald told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in a telephone interview today. The 43-year-old New York-born rabbi, who is a manpower training specialist and vice-president of the Collegiate. Institute, a New York business school, related the part he played in reuniting Mareus with his family last Sunday.

Greenwald was visiting his father in Israel in February when he was approached by Samuel Flatto Sharon, who comprises a one-man Knesset faction. He had met Flatto previously in the U.S.. This time, Flatto asked him to meet with Marcus family members who were going to the U.S. to seek help. They needed someone with access to the State Department and Flatto asked. Greenwald if he could find such a person, the rabbitsaid.

Greenwald decided that the ideal contact was Rep. Benjamin Gilman, a ranking Republican member of the House International Affairs Committee whose constituency includes Rockland County, where Greenwald lives. Gilman, who is Jewish, is "respected" in the State Department, Greenwald told the JTA "and he is not interested in publicity for himself..." They decided that "a low profile approach" was necessary inasmuch as the "U.S. had no official interest in Marcus, a foreign national.

Declines To Disclose Details

Greenwald would not disclose details of the "unofficial" negotiations that followed which resulted in the exchange of an American student, Alan Van Norman, who was being held in East Germany on smuggling charges, for Robert G. Thompson, a convicted spy serving a term at the Federal Penitentiary in Lewisburg, Pa. Greenwald would not say how Marcus came into the deal. He said he knew the facts but it would be "injudicious" to reveal them. Gilman was quoted elsewhere as saying that the East Germans pressured the Communist regime in Mozambique to free the Israeli.

According to Greenwald, only four persons were involved in the negotiations apart from unamed U.S. officials. These were Flatto, Gilmon, the East German lawyer Wolfgang Yogel and him-

self. He said he served as a clearing house for communications between all parties which were conducted in code. Vogel has been involved in previous negotiations of this type.

Marcus, who lives in Capetown, South Africa his wife, Marilyn, was arrested in Mazambique in September, 1976 when the light plane he was flying from Rhodesia to South Africa was forced down. Greenwald said it was not certain whether the plane was forced to land by bad weather or was shot down. The co-pilot, Marcus' brother-in-law, was killed and Marcus was wounded by Mozambique soldiers who fired at them.

According to Greenwald, Marcus managed to reach the U.S. Embassy in Maputo, the capital of Mozambique, but was turned over to the Mozambique authorities who accused him of spying, and sentenced him to prison. Greenwald himted that the Embassy's refusal to grant Marcus asylum was used in a subtle way to involve the Americans in the case.

Greenwald flew to South Africa last week and, was present when Marcus crossed the border from Mozambique into Swaziland where his wife was waiting for him. "He approached the border in company of eight people. He was the only white person so we were able to recognize him. He was emaciated, his wounds were not completely healed. He said-he didn't know what doy it was, what month or what year. When I told him, this is the second day of Pesach, his face lit up," Greenwald told the JTA.

CARTER ADAMANT ABOUT PLANE SALE By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, April 25 (JTA) -- President Carter said today he would agree to a delay of two to three days but no more in submitting to Congress his proposed package of jet planes for Israel, Egypt and Saudi Arabia. But he again stressed that if Congress rejects the sale of planes to any of the street countries he will withdraw the entire package.

Carter, answering questions of a press conference, said he had not been asked by any Congressmen for a delay except for one Senator, who he did not name. He noted that Congress would have to deal with the proposal for each country separately, but 18 they are not all approved he will withdraw the proposals.

The President said that all three proposed sales are based on commitments made by the U.S. government to the three countries. The commitments for the sales to Israel and Saudi Arabia were made by the previous Administration in September 1975, he noted. Carter said it was his "deep belief" that the U.S. should plan for the lang range security of Israel and he believed that helping maderate. Arab governments was in the interests of Israel.

On the question of the planes to Saudi Arabia, which is the most controversial aspect of the package, Carter said. "We will not sell the planes to: Saudi Arabia if we thought they would use them against Israel.." He said "I am completely convinced" that Saudi Arabia wants the planes only for defensive reasons. He said the planes would not be stationed at Tabuk, the new Saudi airfield that is within range of Israel.

Carter also said he was still "optimistic" about chances for an Egyptian-Israeli agreement, noting that "remarkable progress has been made" in the past year. He stressed that "I am firmly convinced that both Egypt and Israel want peace." He said while there will continue to be ups and downs, "progress toward peace is steady."

EUROPEAN NEWS BRIEFS

AMSTERDAM (JTA)—The Washington correspondent of a major Dutch newspaper has accused
the "pro-Israel lobby" in the United States of exploiting the television film, "Holocaust." Eric
Boogerman, writing in the daily "NRC Handelsblad," said "the Jewish lobby in the U.S. attempts
to exploit the emotions aroused in America by show
ing a TV film on the murder of European Jews in
order to delay the planned sale by the Carter Administration of advanced jet planes to Saudi Arabia. The pro-Israel lobby has inundated Congress
with copies of the novel "Holocaust" by Gerald
Green. The Jewish lobby alleges that there is a
connection between the Nazi murders and Israel's
security."

LONDON (JTA).—The most ambitious Zionist demonstration ever staged in Europe will take:
John Independence Day. Some 60,000 people are
expected to take part in a 12-hour program to be
staged at the Earls Court Exhibition Center. It
will contain variety shows, displays and exhibitions, reflecting many aspects of Israel's history,
economy and cultural life.

Moshe Dayan, Israel's Foreign Minister, will open the spectacle at a ceremony involving more than 8000 youngsters from all over Britain. Hanna Meron, Esther Ofarim, Mike Burstein and several other Israeli and British show-business personalities will take part. The event is being held under the aegis of the Solidarity-With-Israel Conference. The principal organizer is Harry Arvay, author of several thriller books featuring the Israeli secret service.

AMSTERDAM (JTA)—The Warsaw Ghetro uprising was commemorated here. Sunday at the site of the "Hollandse Schowburg," an unused theater that the Germans had used between 1942-44 as an assembly point for Jews rounded up for deportation. The gathering was organized by The Netherlands Auschwitz Committee. It was addressed by the Polish-Jewish journalist, Herman Bleich.

BUCHAREST (JTA)--The Rumanian Jewish community celebrated Passover seders throughout the country. More than 8000 needy Jews received matzoh parcels and special financial assistance and some additional 3000 people registered for the communal seders here sponsored by the Federation of Jewish Communities. Collective seders were also held in 20 major provincial cities.

Rumanian Chief Rabbi Moses Rosen conducted a special seder here for 800 Jewish intellectuals, writersy scientists and university, professors. Rosen thanked the American Joint Distribution Committee for its. "wonderful help" and said that as a result of this assistance "not a single Jew was left in Rumania without the necessities to celebrate a straditional seder night."

AMSTERDAM (JTA)—A special parliamentary committee that will investigate alleged compliance with Arab boycott demands by leading Dutch firms was installed officially on Tuesday. It consists of 22 members representing all parliamentary factions with more than one representative in the 150-member lower house. The Communists are not represented on the panel.

BRUSSELS (JTA)—Belgian Jewry celebrated the 35th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising. A solemn religious service was held at Brussels' main synagogue and the participants then marched to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier where wreaths were laid.

AMSTERDAM (JTA) -- The Netherlands Polestine Committee has announced that it will continue to supply the pro-Palestinian film "Kafr Kassem" to any group requesting it, notwithstanding protests from local Jewish organizations and congregations. The film was screened for the Amsterdam press recently and has, in fact, been shown in Halland for the past, 18 months.

The Palestine Committee expressed surprise that the Jewish groups are only now protesting and attributed it to the forthcoming celebrations of Israel's 30th anniversary. The Joint Committee of Jewish Congregations has circulated a Jetter, to high school principals throughout Holland urging them not to show the film to their students on grounds that it foments hatred and offers no solution to the Middle East problem.

GENEVA (JTA)--The Swiss Foreign Ministry has confirmed the arrest in Cairo by Egyptian authorities of two Swiss nationals, Doris and Gianni Bachetto, who are accused of having contacts with the Palestine Liberation Organization. The couple, from the Italian-Speaking Canton of Tessin, were studying Arabic at the Goethe Institute in Cairo when they were taken into custody. Earlier, the Egyptians arrested Sergo Mantovoni, a Swiss journalist from Tessin, who was charged with spying for the PLO. Mantovani was also a student of Arabic at the Goethe Institute.

AMSTERDAM (JTA)—Authorities here have blocked repeated attempts by Joop Glimmerveen, an extreme rightwing politician, with alleged fies to racist groups, to seek office in the upcoming municipal elections. His first attempt to run on the Netherlands Peoples Union ticket was frustrated by the Amsterdam District Court which declared the party illegal because it incites to racial discrimination.

Glimmerveen formed his own list but this was banned by the Central Electoral Office on grounds that it was the outlawed Peoples Union in disguise. Finally, Glimmerveen sought a place on the ballots in Amsterdam, Rotterdam and The Hague under a number rather than a named list. That too was rejected by the electoral authorities in each of the cities. Last year, Glimmerveen ran for parliament on the Peoples Union list. He polled one-third of one percent of the votes?

PARIS (JTA)—Several French political personalities attended ceremonies marking the 35th anniversary of the Warsaw 'Chetto uprising. 'A marchwas organized in the center of Paris to the Memoral of the Unknown Jewish Martyr. The Mayor of Paris, former Premier Jacques Chirac, along with several members of the National Assembly, led the march.

BUDAPEST (JIA) - Dr. Zoltan Papp, a Dutch railway employe who allegedly organized the deportation trains for Jews from western Hungary to Germany during World War II, is under investigation by Dutch authorities and may stand trial, according to information received here from The Hague. Papp was a captain in the Hungarian secret police in 1944.