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CABINET TO DISCUSS U.S. PROPOSALS FOR ENDING MIDEAST TALKS DEADLOCK

By Gil Sedon

JERUSALEM, May 9 (JTA)—The Cabinet will meet within 10 days to discuss certain specific American proposals for ending the current diplomatic deadlock in the Middle East, official sources indicated today. Premier Menachem Begin returned today from his visit to the U.S. with a clear obligation to respond within a short time to some basic questions posed by the Carter Administration.

While Israeli sources are careful not to refer to them as an American peace plan, they relate to fundamental issues of Israeli policy. The Americans want to know what Israel's intentions are for the future of the West Bank and Gaza Strip if Begin's self-rule offer is accepted. Begin's plan calls for a "review" of the situation in those territories after five years but is vague about what will follow the review. The U.S. wants a concrete definition of Israel's plans for a permanent solution.

The Cabinet will also have to clarify Israel's position on Palestinian self-determination and the future of Jewish settlements in the occupied territories. Israel's response will depend, at least in part, on whether Egypt agrees to speak for the inhabitants of the territories, thereby shutting out PLO supporters.

This matter is believed to be under discussion between Egypt and the U.S. Press reports here say the U.S. has agreed to a continued Israeli military presence in the occupied territories, provided that Israeli forces restrict themselves to army camps and do not act "to maintain public order" as was proposed in Begin's peace plan. Another report said the U.S. proposed dividing Jerusalem into Jewish and Arab neighborhoods.

Begin, on his arrival this morning, said that his talks in Washington were held in a relaxed atmosphere but no conclusions were reached. He said the proposals raised would be discussed by the Cabinet after Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan returns from his current visit to Britain and the Scandinavian countries. Replying to a question, Begin said that he had not expressed exaggerated optimism over his talks in Washington.

DAYAN: ISRAEL READY TO DISCUSS 'IMMIGRATION' OF PALESTINIANS FROM LEBANON IF PEACE TALKS RESUME

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, May 9 (JTA)—Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan said on a BBC television interview last night that if Israeli-Egyptian peace talks are resumed, Israel would be ready to discuss the "immigration" of Palestinians from refugee camps in Lebanon to the West Bank. He said the "free movement" of West Bank Arabs into Israel was another topic he hoped would be discussed in Middle East peace negotiations.

Dayan did not elaborate but observers here believed he was suggesting a possible way to meet Arab demands that Israel recognize the "legitimate rights" of Palestinians, including refugees, to return to their country of origin. The Foreign

Minister said additional topics on the negotiating agenda should be the future of the West Bank, the role of Israeli forces there and the status of Jewish settlements.

According to Dayan, it is not the presence of Israeli settlements that has stalled negotiations but the absence of Jordan from the negotiating table. "Let (King) Hussein come to negotiate his claim, he is welcome," Dayan said. Asked whether he regarded the West Bank as liberated, disputed or occupied territory, he replied, "For me it is my homeland but I do not want to drive the Arabs from there." He said that even if peace talks fail to materialize, he personally would favor abolition of the military government on the West Bank "to get closer to normality."

Dayan's interview was taped shortly after his meeting with Prime Minister James Callaghan yesterday afternoon. Asked to characterize that meeting, he said, "I cannot say we agreed but it was a very friendly talk."

The British leaders with whom Dayan has met since his arrival here Sunday are believed to have encouraged his view that Israel and Egypt should concentrate on concrete issues of a settlement rather than the semantics of a joint declaration of principles. Dayan suggested such an approach in his talks with Secretary of State Cyrus Vance in Washington two weeks ago and claimed the Americans agreed.

SECURITY PRECAUTIONS FOR FESTIVITIES

JERUSALEM, May 9 (JTA)—Four Arab youths aged 17-20 were arrested today for possession of explosives which the police believe was intended for sabotage during Israel's Independence Day celebrations. They were apprehended near their homes, just north of Jerusalem. One was caught in the act of stuffing matchheads into pipes to produce pipe bombs.

None of the suspects has a police record and the authorities believe they were acting on the orders of someone else. The police are investigating a possible link between the youths and recent arson to cars on French Hill and at the Hebrew University's Mt. Scopus campus. Special emphasis is being given to security precautions in the capital on Independence Day where some 70 of the 300 scheduled national events will be held. About 10,000 security personnel will be on duty. Police leave has been cancelled and the armed forces have been put in a state of readiness.

A small homemade bomb caused slight damage to an empty bus near Masada on the Dead Sea yesterday. Police said no one was injured. Meanwhile, police have found the Katyusha rocket launcher used to lob shells into a Jerusalem neighborhood on Saturday. There were no clues to the identity of the perpetrators.

VANCE SAYS 'NO CONCLUSIONS HAVE BEEN REACHED' ON PLANE'S SALE COMPROMISE

By Helen Silver

WASHINGTON, May 9 (JTA)—The Carter Administration and Congress continued today to attempt to work out a compromise on the Administration's proposed \$4.8 billion Middle East plane sale amidst reports that President Carter has agreed to increase the number of F-15s being sold to Israel.

But Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, when questioned about a compromise during his testimony before the House International Relations Committee,

would only say that talks are continuing between the Administration and Congress but "no conclusions have been reached." When the House committee asked Vance specifically about more planes for Israel, he said it had been suggested by members of Congress and "that's all I can say."

However, there were reports today that the Administration would agree to provide Israel with an additional 20 F-15s. These along with the 15 originally proposed by Carter in the present package and the 25 F-15s Israel already has, would give Israel 60 F-15s, the same number as Saudi Arabia is to receive. Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, who supported the sale to Israel, Egypt and Saudi Arabia in testimony yesterday before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said that Israel should get the same number of F-15s as the Arabs.

Vance appeared before the House committee today along with Defense Secretary Harold Brown and Paul C. Warnke, director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, the same group of Administration top guns who testified before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee last week. Their testimony today was basically a repeat of the earlier performance.

Vance reiterated his belief that the sales would maintain the balance of power in the Middle East and "will support the Middle East peace process. At this delicate moment, we need the maximum cooperation, confidence and trust of Israel, Egypt and Saudi Arabia." He cautioned that failure to proceed with the sale will seriously undercut the American role in the peace process and raise grave doubts about U.S. readiness to work with moderate governments in the region.

Brown said that "in my judgment there is no significant military risk to Israel from the sale to Saudi Arabia." He noted that the Saudis know they have "military limitations" in relation to Israel which would not be overcome by the sale. "For example, Israel is already receiving F-15s," while the Saudis won't get their planes until 1981-84, Brown said.

Hopeful Of Accommodation

Prior to the House hearing today, Vance discussed the plane sales with members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee at a breakfast meeting. "I think definite progress has been made and I am hopeful that further progress will lead to an accommodation," Sen. Frank Church (D. Idaho) told reporters after the meeting. Senate Majority Leader Robert Byrd (D. W. Va.) said he was optimistic although no decisions had been reached.

Sen. Jacob Javits (R. NY) also said "I believe we are on the road which could lead to a settlement." When asked if the proposed compromise involved more F-15s for Israel, Sen. Clifford Case (R. N.J.) said, "I can only leave it to your own judgement that if that is not one of the elements, then I do not know what we are talking about. But that is only one of many factors in the equation." Committee chairman John Sparkman (D. Ala.) interjected, "that is a good way to say yes."

COURT BATTLE LOOMS OVER BULLFIGHT

TEL AVIV, May 9 (JTA)—The Supreme Court has been asked by two organizations and a Justice Ministry official to issue an injunction which would ban a bullfight scheduled in the Bloomfield Stadium in Jaffa later this month as part of Israel's 30th anniversary celebrations.

Aharon Berman, a local impresario who conceived the idea for what he calls a "Spanish fiesta," said no bulls will be killed during the event which has received approval from the Interior Ministry. Berman is bringing toreadors and matadors from Spain and also a circus and performing dwarfs.

The request for the injunction, submitted by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA), the Federation of SPCAs, and Yosef Leon, a Justice Ministry official in charge of affairs related to cruelty to animals, dismissed as irrelevant Berman's claim that no bulls will be killed.

The plaintiffs stated that while the bull is a basically quiet animal "he could lose his balance if the violent aspects of his character are aggravated intentionally. This loss of balance in an atmosphere of an excited and action-thirsty crowd will lead to 'accidents' in which the bull will be killed or wounded. Even were the bull not wounded or killed it (the fiesta) would be tormenting for the sake of plain sadistic enjoyment."

Foreign To Jewish Spirit

Shula Braudo, chairman of Israel WIZO, wrote to the Ministry of Tourism and to the two chief rabbis to urge cancellation of the bullfight. She stated that these games are "foreign to the Jewish spirit and contrary to the principles that sanctify life."

Joan Comay, SPCA president, termed the bullfight "immoral and alien to the Jewish spirit and runs counter to the education of our children in human values." Even if no bull is killed, she added, "it would still be a spectacle associated with a gross act of cruelty and should have no place in Israeli life."

Previous attempts to hold bullfights in Israel have been thwarted. In 1955 Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog personally campaigned against the visit of a Spanish troupe of bullfighters who were to perform in Ramat Gan. In 1973 Interior Minister Yosef Burg refused permission for a bullfight exhibition as part of Israel's 25th anniversary celebrations.

ARAB PAPER QUESTIONS ROLE OF PLO

JERUSALEM, May 9 (JTA)—The East Jerusalem newspaper El Kuds has called on West Bank and Gaza Strip residents to take an active part in deciding the future of those territories. Observers noted that this was the first time an Arab newspaper published in Israel has questioned the exclusive right of the PLO to settle the fate of Arabs residing in the occupied territories.

The paper, in its Sunday edition, urged the residents of the territories to voice their opinions concerning their own future. This is in line with President Carter's Aswan formula endorsing "the right of the Palestinian people to participate in the determination of their future" after his meeting with President Anwar Sadat in Aswan last Jan. 4. It was rejected by the PLO because it was addressed to Palestinians in general, implying that the PLO was not their sole legitimate representative. Israel also expressed reservations over that formula.

JERUSALEM (JTA)—Nearly nine million tourists have visited Israel since the establishment of the State, the Central Bureau for Statistics reported Monday. Of these, close to seven million came since the Six-Day War, of which approximately 3.4 million came since 1975. This compares to only 325,000 visits which took place between 1948-1958.

WEICKER RIPS ADMINISTRATION, BRZEZINSKI FOR MAKING JEWS SCAPEGOATS

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, May 9 (JTA)--President Carter and his National Security Advisor, Zbigniew Brzezinski, were bitterly attacked for their Middle East policies and, in turn, were personally defended in an unexpected confrontation of national political figures at the 19th annual policy conference of the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) at the Washington-Hilton Hotel last night.

The attack was launched by Sen. Lowell Weicker (R. Conn.) who, in effect, accused the Administration and Brzezinski in particular of using Jews as scapegoats. "We know from history," he said, "that time and time again, when national leaders run into difficulties, they found it convenient to blame their problems on the Jews and we know the results. If there is a meaningful distinction between those historical proclivities and the signals which Brzezinski is sending, I don't know what they are."

Weicker's remarks were interrupted 26 times by applause from the 1000 AIPAC members and guests. It was especially thunderous when he declared: "If I were President and I had a national security advisor who singled out American Jews as an impediment to my policies, I would have his resignation before sundown and his reputation for breakfast."

Lipshutz Boomed For His Defense

A round of boos greeted White House Counsel Robert Lipshutz who, on the dais but not scheduled to speak, took the podium to respond to Weicker. He declared his "deep sorrow" over the Senator's remarks, some of which, he said "go beyond the bounds of criticism" and "impugn the character of the President of the United States and other officials of this Administration, including my own. The Senator is dead wrong and he knows it and you know it," Lipshutz said. He added that "America will never abandon Israel, never," a remark that drew applause.

Sen. Daniel P. Moynihan (D. NY) also defended the integrity of Carter and Brzezinski and the intentions of the Administration in the Middle East. It was Weicker's contention that Brzezinski believes "that world order politics" should "replace balance of power politics" and that this "requires that the U.S. disengage from its historic alliance with Israel."

According to Weicker, "the Carter Administration, from its inception, has deliberately pursued a policy of confrontation with the government of Israel" that began before Premier Menachem Begin took office. He charged that Administration policy included a "blatant effort to divide both the American people and even the people of Israel on the matter of the government of Israel" while "our relationships with the Arab states carry the unmistakable odor of appeasement and the arms package is only the latest evidence of it."

Moynihan Defends Administration

Responding to Weicker, Moynihan prefaced the prepared speech he was scheduled to deliver with a defense of the Administration's integrity. "The great difficulties" between Israel and the U.S., he said "is not the sincerity of Carter or (Secretary of State Cyrus) Vance or Brzezinski nor the weakness of their desire" to achieve a Middle East settlement. "They are men of transparent hon-

or," Moynihan said, recalling Carter's pledge to begin on the White House lawn last week that America's friendship for Israel "will never waver."

Moynihan also referred to Leonard Fein's comments in Moment magazine, of which he is editor, that Brzezinski holds U.S.-Israeli ties to be "deeply binding moral ties." In his prepared speech, Moynihan was generally critical of the Administration policies.

Morris Amitay, executive director of AIPAC who presided, summed up the exchange by remarking that "we are certainly engaging in a spirit of give and take... We hear from both parties, as always and we shall continue to do so."

Another speaker of the evening was Israel's recently retired Chief of Staff, Gen. Mordechai Gur, who accused Egypt of precipitating and perpetuating the present Middle East negotiations impasse and warned that the Carter Administration's aircraft sales package to Israel, Egypt and Saudi Arabia would create "a shift in the balance of power in the Middle East."

In addition to the AIPAC delegates, the audience last night included a dozen Senators, about 30 members of the House of Representatives and the national chairman of the Republican and Democratic parties, William Brock and John White.

Israel Is A Force For Peace

Addressing today's session of the AIPAC conference, Israel's Ambassador to the U.S., Simcha Diniz, said his country has been seeking peace for 30 years: "Only a people like Israel that craves peace can win wars as we have done," he said. "If Israel were not the strongest power in the Middle East, there would not be any peace process at all."

He said that Israel would have been able to match the "dramatic turnaround" of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat if it had been Israel that waged war against Egypt for 30 years, Israel that threatened to throw the Egyptians into the sea, Israel that blockaded Egypt and organized boycotts against it. Then, he said, Premier Menachem Begin could have gone to Cairo and offered peace to Egypt.

MEMORIAL DAY BEGINS

JERUSALEM, May 9 (JTA)--Memorial Day for the fallen of Israel's was begun this evening with sirens blaring and flags lowered to half-mast. President Ephraim Katzir assembled with other guests to light the memorial candle at the Western Wall. Others present at the traditional ceremony included Israel's Chief of Staff Raphael Eitan, bereaved families and invited guests. "Katzir and Eitan spoke, and a bereaved father recited Kaddish.

All centers of entertainment shut down, as other ceremonies took place simultaneously in other parts of the country. At Haifa's Memorial Park, Defense Minister Ezer Weizman noted that while Israel's wars have taken their toll among its youth, peace depends on strength, deterrence and an ability of all times to keep that peace in mind.

Tomorrow, the entire day will be devoted to memorial services for the armed forces throughout the country. Memorial day will end tomorrow night on Mt. Herzl where the grandchildren of the soldiers who fought in the War for Independence will light the 12 torches symbolizing Israel's 12 tribes.

Meanwhile, preparations were going on throughout Israel for Independence Day Thursday, especially in Jerusalem where the major program will be held. Highlight of the program will be a dress parade at the Hebrew University stadium honoring the soldiers who fought in 1948.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

MONTREAL (JTA)--The Canadian government is studying grounds to deny admission to Canada to the Rumanian Nazi war criminal Archbishop Valerian Trifa, currently a resident of the United States. Bud Cullen, the Minister of Employment and Immigration, has informed the Canadian Jewish Congress that his "officials are attempting to obtain documentary evidence which would conclusively establish that Archbishop Trifa is an individual whose admission to Canada is prohibited under the Immigration Act and Regulations."

JERUSALEM (JTA)--Deputy Premier Yigael Yadin will head a special ministerial committee to study the security services' response to the March 11 terrorist assault on the Tel Aviv-Haifa highway. The Cabinet set up the committee, the third so far, to study the tragic event, "because the ministers were dissatisfied with the findings of the earlier committees established by the army and the police. It will review the reports of the previous committees and will examine the areas of responsibility for internal security covered by the army, the border police, the regular police and the intelligence services. It is expected to recommend more efficient measures to coordinate the activities of the various bodies."

PARIS (JTA)--Shimon Peres, leader of Israel's opposition Labor Alignment, conferred for more than two hours Monday with French Socialist Party Secretary General Francois Mitterand and former Premier Pierre Mendes-France at the latter's home. Peres, in Paris for Israel's 30th anniversary celebrations, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that his meetings were "friendly and cordial and that he and Mitterand were in near agreement on most Middle East issues."

AMSTERDAM (JTA)--The Netherlands Palestine Committee chose the occasion of Israel's 30th anniversary to publish a large advertisement in the daily De Volkskrant demanding, among other things, an independent Palestinian state, Israel's evacuation of all occupied Arab territories and recognition of the PLO by the Dutch government. The ad carried about 1000 signatures, mostly individuals but some of them organizations or groups such as the South Moluccan extremist "Pattimura" movement.

JERUSALEM (JTA)--The Committee for Aid to Guatemalan Earthquake Victims has dedicated a memorial grove in the Jewish National Fund's Guatemalan Independence Forest near Nazareth. Committee chairman Max Alon presented the Guatemalan Ambassador with a JNF Forest Certificate. The envoy expressed his country's warm appreciation for the assistance rendered by Israel after the disaster. He said it compared with aid received from much wealthier countries.

NEW YORK (JTA)--WOR-TV, Channel 9, announced that its program "Straight Talk" will present "Art from the Concentration Camps" at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 11. A spokesman for WOR-TV said the subject was selected as a result of "the public's renewed interest in the shocking and awesome events of the Holocaust." The program will focus on drawings and paintings of Jewish artists imprisoned in Nazi concentration camps which can also be seen at the Jewish Museum in New York. "Straight Talk" is a public affairs pro-

gram produced by Stanley Friedman, directed by John Wolf and hosted by Mary Helen McPhillips and Phyllis Haynes.

PHILADELPHIA (JTA)--A group of Middle-Eastern investors, including Arab and Iranian partners, have offered to buy for \$50 million three big Manhattan hotels--the Barclay, the Biltmore and the Roosevelt--owned by the bankrupt Penn Central Transportation Co. The bid was made at a hearing last Thursday in U.S. District Court here which is directing the reorganization of Penn Central under bankruptcy laws. Gerald Parsky, managing partner of the Washington offices of Los Angeles-based Gibson, Dunn and Crutcher, made the offer for Halad International, which is based in The Netherlands; Biltmore Hotel Associates and Realty Hotels, which operates the three hotels.

JERUSALEM (JTA)--A \$1000 check was presented to the Jewish National Fund by the Trinity Television Network of Santa Ana, California, an American evangelical group that brings large numbers of Christian pilgrims to Israel each year. It invariably makes a donation to the JNF. The presentation was made to Rabbi Nathan Ginsburgsky, head of the American Desk of the JNF, at a dawn gospel service on the Mount of Olives which was telecast via satellite to the U.S.

NEW YORK (JTA)--The House Post Office and Civil Service Subcommittee on Postal Services has begun hearings here on the issue of Soviet interception of U.S. mail. It is the first in a series of hearings to be held at the request of Rep. Benjamin Gilman (R.N.Y.), who has introduced legislation urging President Carter to express the disapproval of the American people of the Soviet's failure to abide by international postal regulations.

JERUSALEM (JTA)--The Ministerial Wages and Economic Committee decided Sunday to grant all State employes a 75 percent advance on their salaries if they agree not to go on strike for the next six months. The decision was prompted by advances already given the employes of government-owned banks which established a precedent for thousands of other State employes. Many are expected to oppose the no strike demand. But the teachers' union has expressed satisfaction with the offer and, in fact, reversed a strike decision taken several days earlier.

MEXICO CITY (JTA)--Mexico's leading dailies, including Excelsior, Novedades and Diario de la Tarde, issued best wishes and congratulations to Israel on its 30th anniversary. These statements were published in Der Weg-El Camino in a special edition dedicated to the Jewish State edited by Chaim Lazdelski who is also the Jewish Telegraphic Agency's chief Mexico City correspondent.

NEW YORK (JTA)--The Israeli War Veterans Amputee Volleyball Team, currently touring the United States, has won its first three exhibition games in Washington, Baltimore and Philadelphia, the United States Committee Sports for Israel announced. The team is the champion of the International Handicapped Volleyball League. Last Saturday the team was feted at the United States Military Academy at West Point. New York Mayor Edward Koch was host at the reception for the team at City Hall Monday.