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BEGIN APPEALS PERSONALLY TO CARTER TO CORRECT MIDEAST MILITARY BALANCE IN AFTERMATH OF PLANES SALE TO ARABS

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, May 23 (JTA)--Premier Menachem Begin has appealed personally to President Carter to correct the military balance of power in the Middle East that Israel believes has shifted in its disfavor as a result of the U.S. decision to sell advanced warplanes to Egypt and Saudi Arabia. In a letter to Carter yesterday, the Premier expressed his government's dismay over the aircraft-package deal and asked for redress, apparently in the form of additional sophisticated weaponry for Israel.

His letter followed a five-hour Cabinet session Sunday devoted largely to the implications of the warplanes sales to the Arab countries as well as to Israel. The Cabinet decided to press the U.S. for long-term "compensation."

Weizman Due In Washington

Observers here expect Defense Minister Ezer Weizman to go to Washington shortly to seek acceleration of the "Matmon-C" program which calls for an American commitment to supply Israel with about \$1 billion in arms each year for the next 10 years. The precise details of what Israel will be requesting is classified information.

Some political observers expressed hope today that President Anwar Sadat's overwhelming victory in yesterday's referendum on dealing with Egypt's domestic crisis will prompt him to resume peace talks with Israel. Israeli officials are still waiting for Sadat's reply to Israel's request for "counter proposals" to the Begin peace plan on which negotiations can be based.

Meanwhile, it remained unclear if and when the Cabinet will discuss the key questions posed by the U.S. for clarification of Israel's peace plan. Those questions were put to Begin and Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan by Carter and Secretary of State Cyrus Vance earlier this month and the Americans appear to regard Israel's answers as crucial to the resumption of the Middle East peace process.

Israel was asked whether the sovereignty issue on the West Bank will be resolved after the five-year period of "self-rule" proposed by Begin and if so, how; and how Israel proposes to allow the West Bank Arabs a voice in determining their own future, inasmuch as the Begin government has flatly rejected the American idea of a "limited referendum."

The Cabinet had been expected to take up those matters at its weekly session last Sunday but instead deferred them to a future session without setting a date. The Cabinet is not expected to make any response before there is some move by Cairo, to resume peace talks.

SENTIMENT MOUNTS IN THE DMC FOR PARTY TO LEAVE GOVERNMENT COALITION

JERUSALEM, May 23 (JTA)--Three top leaders of the Democratic Movement for Change (DMC), two of them Cabinet ministers, have given new impetus to mounting sentiments within the party to quit Premier Menachem Begin's

Likud-led coalition government because of its hard line stand on peace issues.

The strongest attack yet on the government's policies was made by the DMC's deputy leader, Amnon Rubinstein, in a television interview yesterday. The former law professor who founded the "Shinui" (Change) movement after the Yom Kippur War, the original nucleus of the DMC, charged that the government's peace efforts were in fact "anti-peace."

He said the Begin government has become "progressively severe" in its positions and that the Cabinet majority composed of Likud and the National Religious Party "totally ignored the DMC as if we do not exist."

Rubinstein's views apparently are shared by Transport Minister Meir Amit and Minister of Social Betterment Yisrael Katz. Amit, regarded as one of the strongest figures in the DMC, has also expressed concern over the ineffectual voice of his party in the government. Amit is presently visiting the U.S. but Katz indicated here today that he tended to agree with Rubinstein and thought it was necessary to review the DMC's participation in the government if there are no changes of policy soon.

DMC leader Yigael Yadin, who is Deputy Premier, reacted coldly to the voices of dissent. He still maintains that the DMC can have a modifying effect on policy if it remains in the government. He chided Rubinstein for expressing his views publicly before taking them up in the party's policy-making bodies.

Although the group within the DMC that favors quitting the government is still in the minority, Rubinstein, Amit and Katz together pose a powerful challenge to Yadin's leadership.

Meanwhile, a new group called "Professors for True Peace" has emerged to champion Begin's policies. In newspaper ads today signed by about 400 academicians, they accuse the Peace Now movement of distorting the situation. They claim it is not the Begin government but Egypt that has responded inflexibly to Israel's "generous offers."

Prominent in the new group are Binyamin Uffenheimer and his wife, Rivka Shatz. He is a Biblical scholar and she is one of the foremost authorities on Hasidism. Both have long been associated with right-wing causes. But others who signed the ad are new to public politics. The group denounced the Peace Now movement for seeking support abroad which, it claims, plays into the hands of Israel's enemies.

WEIZMAN DENIES ANY CHANGE IN THE GOVERNMENT'S WEST BANK LAND POLICY

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, May 23 (JTA)--Defense Minister Ezer Weizman denied today that there has been any change in the government's land policy on the West Bank. Addressing the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee, he referred to reports in both the Israeli and local Arabic press that the government is planning to confiscate land owned by West Bank Arabs living abroad in order to enlarge Jewish settlements in the occupied territory. Some sources said certain lands were already seized.

Weizman did not elaborate on those reports except to say they were incorrect. But a Military Government officer has been appointed "to check the allegations that there has been a change in policy." The Israel Lands Administration which is

responsible for administering State-owned land, claimed the only change has been to crack down on misused or forged powers of attorney assigned to West Bank Arabs by relatives or friends who have taken up residence in foreign countries.

Hitherto, the absentee owners were recognized as the legal owners of the land provided that they were not living in Arab countries. Those who fled to Arab lands were considered to have abandoned their property and it was taken over by the State.

Members of the Knesset committee were critical of the government's land policies, mainly because they seem inconsistent and confused. Yosef Tamir, a Likud MK, demanded that the government make clear decisions on land matters, make them public and stick by them.

He charged that with respect to land, there were now three "governments"—the democratically elected one, the "right wing group which distorts the process of reason by which the government should abide," an allusion to the militant Gush Emunim, and the left wing which, he charged, is blowing up the issue out of proportion to the detriment of Israel's image abroad.

Will Look Into Gush Needs

The reports of a change in government land policy coincided with reports that the Defense Ministry is considering the large-scale expropriation of Arab land to increase the acreage of Gush Emunim settlements around Jerusalem and in Samaria. Deputy Defense Minister Mordechai Zippori visited the Gush settlements, last week and reportedly promised them to look into their needs.

Gush spokesmen say they are negotiating with the government for the establishment of an urban center to be called Shchem adjacent to Nablus, the largest Arab city on the West Bank. Gush settlers are still at Shilo, in central Samaria, despite a government order several months ago that they evacuate the site.

SEE ARABS USING DISARMAMENT PARLEY TO MOUNT ATTACKS AGAINST ISRAEL By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, May 23 (JTA)—The Arabs and their allies are likely to use the United Nations Special Assembly on Disarmament, which opened here today, to attack Israel, diplomats with the Israeli UN Mission said.

According to the Israeli diplomats, the Arabs will probably accuse Israel of supplying arms to South Africa. They also are expected to raise allegations that Israel used American-made concussion bombs in the course of its invasion into south Lebanon.

Ambassador Chaim Herzog, who is representing Israel during the five-week Special Assembly, is scheduled to address the conference on June 1. Israel, it was learned, will reiterate its previous call for a regional conference on disarmament to be attended by countries of the Mideast. Israel will also restate its willingness to sign a document declaring the Mideast a nuclear-free zone if the Arabs will agree to a regional conference to discuss the issue.

OLIM FROM ARGENTINA REPORT GROWING ANTI-SEMITISM ON PART OF AUTHORITIES By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, May 23 (JTA)—About 70 Jewish immigrants from Argentina who arrived here this morning said they sensed growing anti-Semitism on the part of the authorities in that country. They

reported that other Jews in Argentina are preparing to come to Israel because of the situation and are selling their property, even at a loss.

The new arrivals are mostly young couples with children and several single men. Those who spoke about conditions in Argentina asked to remain anonymous. They said that while Jews are not arrested as such, kidnapped or disappear, and the crack-down by the authorities seemed aimed at radicals in general, anti-Semitic nuances have emerged in the course of investigations of such groups.

They believe that anti-Semitism plays a part in the present political turmoil in Argentina and spoke of cases where the word "Judeos" (Jews) have been painted on Jewish shops and business establishments. The newcomers were sent to absorption centers in various parts of the country.

RUSSIAN DOCTOR TREATS ISRAELI SEAMAN

TEL AVIV, May 23 (JTA)—An Israeli ship's officer who fell ill aboard a tanker en route from Eilat to the Persian Gulf, was given emergency treatment by the physician of a Russian ship and then flown to a hospital in one of the Arab Emirates where doctors performed surgery that saved his life.

The incident, reported in Al Hamishmar, involved Ze'ev Leibovitz, 26, second officer aboard the tanker which carried no doctor. According to the account, Leibovitz developed pains in the lower abdomen. A medical distress call was sent out and the nearest vessel, a Russian ship, changed course and reached the tanker from which the ill man was transferred.

The ship was not equipped for surgery and her Master accordingly radioed a hospital in an Arab Emirate, explaining in his message that the patient was an Israeli. The hospital replied that it made no difference and a helicopter was sent out to pick up Leibovitz. After successful surgery he was flown to London to complete his convalescence and has since returned home.

APPARENT SUICIDE OF ARMY RECRUIT RAISES CHARGES OF BRUTALITY By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, May 23 (JTA)—The apparent suicide six months ago of a religious army recruit allegedly because of ill treatment and harassment at an armored corps training center, has raised charges of brutality against certain military personnel and an outcry from the ultra-Orthodox Poale Aguda Israel that the trainee, Pvt. Yaacov Lavie, was the target of abuse because he was religiously observant.

Until now, the case had been dealt with within the limits of the army. An undisclosed number of episodes of maltreatment of both observant and non-religious soldiers have come to light and several non-coms and officers have been disciplined for their direct participation in such acts or tolerating them. But the Poale Aguda has launched a campaign denouncing army officers in general for being anti-religious and manifesting bias against religious soldiers.

A related issue is the special arrangement long observed by the army with respect to yeshiva students such as Lavie who serve in the armed forces. As a rule, yeshiva students are exempt from active duty. But many choose to serve nonetheless and the conditions of their service, worked out with the approval of the religious authorities, allow them to spend much of their time in uniform studying Torah.

This has irked many non-observant soldiers

whose required period of service is longer than that of the yeshiva students. The Poale Aguda Israel for its part, wants the arrangement abolished and demands blanket exemption for all religious youth of military age.

Twenty yeshiva heads met in Jerusalem yesterday to discuss the Lavie case and other cases where religious soldiers were allegedly mistreated by their superiors. They came to the conclusion that while there was evidence of mistreatment, there were no grounds to claim that it stemmed from anti-religious feelings. They were borne out by Lavie's family and the families of other soldiers who said their sons had never complained of harassment because they were religious.

Nevertheless, the rabbis recommended court martial for soldiers responsible for the ill treatment of recruits. The forms of mistreatment were said to include forcing recruits to drink sea water, allowing them less than the six hours of sleep prescribed by military regulations, extra guard duty and various unpleasant tasks. The Poale Aguda has charged that religious soldiers are forced to perform duties on the Sabbath.

MORE MOVES UNDERWAY TO STOP NAZIS

CHICAGO, May 23 (JTA)--The assurance of an appeal by the Village of Skokie to the Supreme Court for a stay of a federal circuit court ruling that the village could not ban a march by a small group of Chicago Nazis and the likelihood that the village will not give the Nazis the march permit for which they have applied made prospects for the march more unlikely than ever, a spokesman for the Jewish United Fund (JUF) of Metropolitan Chicago said today.

He cited repeated statements by Frank Collin, head of the tiny National Socialist Party of America, that the Nazis would not march in Skokie, a suburb of Chicago which is the home of some 7000 survivors of the Holocaust, until all court challenges were settled.

Collin declared on a local television program last night that he and his fellow-Nazis might not march in Skokie if they were permitted to march in Chicago. He has said in other public statements that he made the plans for the march in Skokie to dramatize the alleged curbs on his group's freedom to march in Chicago. The JUF spokesman said the Chicago Nazis tried to get permission to march in Chicago a year ago but were refused.

After months of delay, the Nazi group filed a request on April 17 for a permit to march in Skokie, declaring they would wear Nazi-style uniforms with swastika armbands. In the request they specified they wanted to march on June 25. The 30-day waiting period between application and approval ended last week but the village officials have not issued the permit.

Latest Legal Development

The latest legal development in the complicated case was a ruling yesterday by the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals invalidating three ordinances passed by the village last year, after the Nazis announced plans for their march, which would have barred the march.

The federal appeals court said in its ruling that the First Amendment right to free speech protects even those whose views may be unpopular "at a particular time or place." The court called its decision to allow the Nazis to march one that "distinguishes life in this country from life under the Third Reich."

Raymond Epstein, chairman of the Public Affairs Committee of the JUF, said today in reference to the appeals court ruling that "we are deeply disappointed that federal judges were unable to see behind the Nazi ploy. While we share the court's respect and concern for the freedoms guaranteed by the First Amendment, we cannot see how the blatantly and openly stated Nazi aims qualify their demonstrations for the protection of the constitution."

The appeals court declared in its ruling it understood the feelings of Holocaust survivors but that "our task here is to decide whether the First Amendment protects the activity in which appellees wish to engage, not to render moral judgement on their views or tactics."

Will Seek To Appeal To Supreme Court

Mayor Albert Smith of Skokie said the appeals court decision "in no way changes our attitudes." He said "our legal counsel will immediately begin making plans to appeal the case to the United States Supreme Court and we will ask the Supreme Court to stay any proposed march pending a decision on our appeal."

The JUF spokesman said he had not been able to learn exactly when the Skokie attorneys plan to file their appeal but said he understood it would be done as quickly as the necessary legal papers could be prepared. The JUF spokesman said that the Supreme Court could reject the Skokie Village request for a stay; agree to a stay and a hearing on the appeal; or agree to a hearing but deny a stay.

The Nazis announced plans for the march on May 1, 1977. On May 2, the Village of Skokie passed three ordinances to bar the march. One requires applicants for march permits to post \$350,000 in public liability and property damage insurance. A second bans demonstrations by political party members wearing military-style uniforms. The third bans distribution of material that incites hatred against persons because of their race, religion or national origin. The Nazis have been represented in the court actions by the American Civil Liberties Union.

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY RESOLUTION

WASHINGTON, May 23 (JTA)--A resolution calling on the President to proclaim "Days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust" has been introduced by Sen. Jack Danforth (R.Mo.) with co-sponsorship by 70 other Senators. It proposes that the remembrance days fall annually on the weekend of April 29, or the preceding weekend, April 29, 1945 being the date when the U.S. Seventh Army liberated Dachau concentration camp, the first one built by the Nazis.

The resolution calls on the American people each year to "honor the memory of the victims of Nazi concentration camps and to reflect upon the pernicious nature of bigotry and the danger of tyranny." Danforth, who circulated it personally among most of his Senate colleagues, said "the response has been overwhelming."

He said he has been "working with leaders of various churches and synagogues to get them behind the idea. The churches and synagogues, it seems to me, are the organizations which can make these 'days of remembrance' significant periods of reflection." Danforth said he was working to see to it that a similar resolution is adopted in the House.

SPECIAL TO THE JTA HATE MONGER UNCOVERED IN UPSTATE N. Y. By Rochelle Wolk

ALBANY, N. Y., May 23 (JTA)--Acting on a lead developed by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Fredric U. Dicker, a reporter for the Albany Times-Union, last week broke two stories about Richard B. Cotten, of upstate Corinth, a self-avowed "defender of the white race" who each month produces and mails at least 2000 copies of "Conservative Viewpoint," an anti-Semitic and anti-Black "newsletter."

Although the publication bears a Dulles Airport, Washington, D. C. return address, it is postmarked in Glens Falls, a city near Corinth and about 60 miles north of Albany. The JTA has established that at least one of Cotten's pieces of literature was printed in Albany.

Before moving to Corinth last Fall, Cotten lived for two years in North Creek, another small community north of Glens Falls. When Dr. Jacques Grunblatt, the town's only permanent Jewish resident, realized that Cotten's "Conservative Viewpoint" was racist and anti-Semitic, the physician contacted the FBI, the Albany Jewish Community Council, and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Jerome Bakst, ADL research director, told the JTA that Cotten's name has been known at ADL since 1963. "He first attracted attention via his anti-Semitic broadcasts on a number of radio stations, mainly in the Far West," Bakst said. "He supplemented these broadcasts by offering transcripts under the imprimatur of Cotten's 'Reprint Service' and then later 'Richard Cotten's Conservative Viewpoint,' which is the banner he flies to this day."

Role And Background Of Cotten

Bakst explained that Cotten's themes are those common to other anti-Semites: Jews in league with Communists, Jews controlling major broadcast networks, the Holocaust as a hoax. "On his radio program, he recommended that his listeners read publications by various notorious anti-Jewish propagandists of long-standing, such as Gerald L. K. Smith, now deceased," Bakst said. "Cotten later became associated with the Washington-based Liberty Lobby, which was organized and controlled by Willis Carto and Curtiss Dall, both anti-Semites.

"He has had relationships over the years with a number of extremists and anti-Semites," Bakst continued, "but has had fallings out with some of them, such as Carto. Today he speaks in glowing terms of David Duke of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, based in Metairie, Louisiana, and has also urged support for the anti-Jewish and anti-Black National States Rights Party led by Edward Fields and J. B. Stoner, both anti-Semitic agitators and propagandists for the last three decades. Fields is the editor of the National States Rights Party's extremist periodical, 'The Thunderbolt.'"

In a 1977 issue of "Conservative Viewpoint," Bakst said; Cotten wrote the following: "In my opinion, any organization, to be worthy of your support, should state without equivocation that the Jew and our society are incompatible and that the Jew has proven completely unwilling to accept Western values."

Forced Out Of Town

According to the Times-Union article, several residents of North Creek spearheaded a cam-

paign to force Cotten out of town. "In North Creek everyone, literally, knows everyone else," the article said. "And word of something amiss, of any sort of problem which might bear on the community's well-being, becomes quickly known."

The article stated that Naomi Gardner, co-publisher of the North Creek News Enterprise, realized that Cotten's message was racism and bigotry and refused to allow him to use her newspaper's typesetting equipment. Other members in the community of 800 became involved and decided that completely ignoring Cotten would be the best way of expressing their indignation.

Last Fall, Cotten moved to Corinth in Saratoga County, and he is continuing to publish his "Conservative Viewpoint" and his "White Solidarity Movement" newsletter from there. Last week the city council of Saratoga Springs passed a resolution stating that Cotten is not welcome in their city. The resolution stated:

"Teachers of hate may have the legal right to spread their evil but all good citizens have the moral obligation and the duty to speak up on behalf of democracy. The Saratoga Springs City Council hereby goes on record saying that Richard B. Cotten, an admitted racist and anti-Jewish propagandist, is not welcome in our city or our country. People who love America know that the disease of racial bigotry and religious bigotry has no place here."

HOLOCAUST EXHIBIT AT NATIONAL ARCHIVES

WASHINGTON, May 23 (JTA)--A small but highly dramatic exhibition of Nazi papers and artifacts documenting the persecution of the Jews has been mounted here by the National Archives in its Pennsylvania Avenue lobby. All of the records to be shown in the exhibit which opened several days ago and will continue during the summer were entered as evidence in war crimes trials held at Nuremberg and elsewhere.

They span eight years, from 1938 through 1945, and provide authentic, contemporary documentation of what the Nazis termed "the final solution" -- the near extermination of the Jews in much of Europe.

Dr. James B. Rhoads, archivist of the United States, explained that the National Archives is putting on this exhibition "because of the unusual amount of interest engendered by the recent NBC-TV 'Holocaust' series, as evidenced to us by telephone calls and visits by people seeking further information. It occurred to us at the National Archives that it would be a public service to show, in a small way, that documentary proof of the persecution of the Jews does indeed exist."

As the repository of federal government documents, the Archives during the post-World War II period received both Nazi war crimes trial records as well as a vast body of captured German records. The captured documents were later returned to Germany, but exact copies have been retained by the Archives.

GENEVA (JTA)--Anti-Israeli and anti-Semitic slogans, smeared on the walls of the synagogue and the Jewish community center in Basel, read, "Kill Begin," "Reduce Israel to Ashes" and "Down With Zionism." It is the first time that this kind of incident has happened in Basel. Police are investigating.

NEW YORK (JTA)--Former POC Isif Begun of Moscow, arrested May 17 for violating an order banning him from the capital, was moved Sunday to a Moscow prison. He has been on a hunger strike since.