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## ISRAEL ASSURED BY U.S. THAT ONE-SIDED MIDEAST RESOLUTION WILL NOT BE GIVEN TO NATO MEETING By David Landau

JERUSALEM, May 30 (JTA)--Israel was assured by the U.S. today that it does not plan to present a detailed Middle East peace plan, regarded by Israel as one-sided and unfair, at the meeting of the NATO Foreign Ministers Council in Washington this week. That information was conveyed to the Director General of the Foreign Ministry, Ephraim Evron, by the American Charge D'Affaires, Richard Viets, at a meeting here this morning. Ambassador Samuel Lewis is vacationing.

The assurances relieved official circles here but apparently did not ease the anger and bitterness aroused by reports that Washington originally planned to press the 15 NATO member nations to endorse a peace plan opposed by Israel. Viets reportedly confirmed that a much tougher and more detailed draft had been under consideration at lower levels of the Administration but was overruled by the top policy-makers in Washington.

He said the current plan was for the NATO Foreign Ministers to issue a bland, general statement calling on all parties to the Middle East conflict to negotiate a settlement but containing no references to Palestinian rights, territorial matters and other issues in dispute between Israel and the U.S.

Israeli sources said today that the draft outlined by the Embassy official was satisfactory. But officials here are still fuming over three aspects of the affair. They are incensed by the fact that the U.S. contemplated the presentation of a detailed peace plan at a time when it is still waiting for Israel's replies to questions about its own peace plan; by the drafting of such a document without officially informing Israel; and by the American efforts to play down or even deny the existence of the draft after Israeli diplomats in Europe were apparently told of its existence by friendly sources there.

### See Further Cooling In Relations

Government circles here view the episode, as signifying a further cooling in U.S.-Israel relations that may foreshadow intensified American pressure on Israel to soften its negotiating position. The U.S. has said that if the Middle East parties are unable to agree on a settlement, it would produce its own peace plan.

The reports over the weekend that the U.S. had already drafted a tough plan for endorsement by NATO, created serious apprehension here. Israeli diplomats in the NATO capitals were instructed, accordingly, to make urgent representations against the emergence of such a document at the Foreign Ministers Council meeting. The original American document reportedly incorporated President Carter's "Aswan formula" on self-determination for the Palestinian people coupled with a clear statement on territorial withdrawals by Israel on all fronts in compliance with Security Council Resolution 242.

The "Aswan formula," enunciated by Carter

and endorsed by President Anwar Sadat of Egypt at their Aswan meeting last Jan. 4, referred to the Palestinian problem "in all its aspects" and to the "legitimate rights" of the Palestinians. These, according to the Israeli interpretation, are "code words" that imply major territorial concessions by Israel and the right of self-determination for the Palestinians, culminating in the creation of a Palestinian state.

The formula does not specifically call for self-determination but only for the right of the Palestinians "to participate in the determination of their own future." Nevertheless, Israel found it unacceptable. Application of the withdrawal principle on all fronts conflicts with Premier Menachem Begin's controversial claim that Resolution 242 does not apply to the West Bank.

### U.S. Denies Change In Policy

(The State Department's chief spokesman, Hodding Carter, said in reply to questions today that a paragraph on the Middle East will be included in what was described as a "communique of purpose" to be issued at the end of the NATO Foreign Ministers Council meeting later this week. According to Carter, the drafting of the communique has not been completed yet. Other Administration officials described the reports from Israel about the impending NATO statement as inaccurate. "Quite obviously, the United States does not intend to change its 11-year-old position on Israeli withdrawal in Resolution 242," the officials said. They added, however, that the U.S. has never interpreted 242 as calling for complete withdrawal by Israel from all occupied Arab territories but believes there should be some Israeli withdrawal on all fronts.)

### BEGIN STILL RECUPERATING

JERUSALEM, May 30 (JTA)--The health of Premier Menachem Begin has reportedly improved considerably. But his doctor, Prof. Meir Gottesmann, ordered him to stay at home and rest for several days. Begin reportedly does not have a high fever any more. He even held several meetings at home. He also attended the inauguration ceremony of President Yitzhak Navon last night.

### REPORTS OF AFGHAN CRACKDOWN ON JEWS

JERUSALEM, May 30 (JTA)--Reports reaching Afghan Jews here indicate a crackdown by the new pro-Communist regime on the 30-odd Jewish families living in the country. Israel Radio reported this today, citing a letter recently received by Rabbi Moshe Naamat, an Afghan immigrant to Israel, from Jews living there. The letter spoke of "a tough winter," which was interpreted as referring to restrictions imposed by the new authorities.

Apparently those Jews who wish to do so are no longer free to leave for Israel, the radio said. Afghan olim here have asked the Jewish Agency aliyah chief Uzi Narkiss to try and help, and he has pledged to seek discreet contacts with the Afghan authorities.

### JEWS ATTEND KHALED FETE

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, May 30 (JTA)--Several prominent Jews and some of Israel's best friends in France attended a gala banquet last night for King Khaled of Saudi

Arabia who arrived here yesterday on a two-day state visit. The affair honoring the desert monarch was given by President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing in the historic Hall of Mirrors in the palace at Versailles. The select list of 150 invited guests included Livier Stirm, the junior Minister in-charge of overseas territories, businessman-publisher Jimmy Goldsmith and banker Alec Gersweiler, all of them Jewish.

In addition, there were Alain Poher, president of the Senate, often described as the most ardent friend Israel has in French political circles and a score of lesser officials known for their pro-Israel views. According to official sources, the guest list was shown to the Saudis as a matter of protocol and they raised no objections.

The banquet was followed by a reception attended by more than 1000 people prominent in the arts, business and politics which seemed aimed at emphasizing the high regard France has for its relations with Saudi Arabia.

#### Will Not Buy Mirages

But in the official talks that preceded last night's gala, the Saudi ministers of defense and foreign affairs who are accompanying Khaled disappointed their French hosts by making it clear that they had no intention of buying the advanced Mirage 2000 fighter planes that France is eager to sell. The ministers reportedly explained that the U.S. agreement to supply Saudi Arabia with 60 F-15 jets left them "adequately protected" and that in any event, their agreement with the Pentagon precludes the purchase of more warplanes outside of the U.S.

The Saudis stressed, however, that they want to "keep all options open" and intend to go "full speed ahead" with the implementation of their 1975 agreement with France for the development of the Organization of Arab Industry. Under that agreement, France will supply the technical expertise for the construction of industrial plants in Saudi Arabia and Egypt.

The Cairo-based works will soon start producing the French Alpha jet plane for use in combat training and infantry support missions. The factories to be built in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, will turn out a large variety of missiles and electronic equipment.

French and Saudi spokesmen said there was an identity of views between the two countries in the political field. However, they said, Saudi Arabia felt that Western Europe should do more to promote a Middle East settlement.

Khaled is due to return to Riyadh tomorrow. His arrival at Orly Airport yesterday was greeted by President Giscard, Premier Raymond Barre and practically the entire French government.

#### KLUTZNICK, AT SOUTH AFRICAN PARLEY, SAYS JEWS SHARE WORLD'S PROBLEMS

JOHANNESBURG, May 30 (JTA)—Calls for positive action for peace, the abolition of race barriers and the defense of freedom of thought key-noted the plenary session of the Diamond Jubilee Congress of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies which closed here last night. The theme of the Congress was "The Jew in the World Today," a subject discussed by Philip M. Klutznick of Chicago, president of the World Jewish Congress.

He made it clear that Jews shared fully in the problems of the world and were not isolated from them by reason of being Jewish. He urged the present generation to take the lead toward ending the arms race and achieving peace. National

leaders do not provide the answer. The ordinary people must forget their limitations and act in such a way as to achieve immortality, he said.

Dr. Arthur Suzman, chairman of the Board of Deputy's public relations committee, deplored divisions in South Africa along the lines of color, culture and language. He said the state could make use of legislation and education to remove the divisions between groups. He praised legislation already adopted, such as the Second General Law Amendment Act of 1974 that made it an offense to cause, encourage or foment hostility between population groups.

He also referred to the Publications Act of 1974 which bans any material that could offend the religious convictions of any population group or bring it into ridicule or contempt. As far as enlightenment is concerned, Suzman said, the first aim must be to restore individual moral responsibility which has been debased by group action. Children in particular should be taught to recognize group prejudice and its insidious processes, he said.

#### Identification With Country Urged

State President Dr. Nico Diederich, who addressed a banquet marking the 75th anniversary of the Jewish Board of Deputies, observed, "We are not a perfect nation, but show me a nation that should cast the first stone. I believe in these days of danger there is an underlying unity among us, more than in the past. We, as South Africans, both Black and white, recognize that there are differences between us, but God willing, there is unity between us," he said.

David Mann, president of the Jewish Board of Deputies, said that Jews in South Africa must identify themselves with the country. He urged Jewish businessmen to support the Urban Foundations recommendations for better facilities in the townships, especially in housing, education and job opportunities. "There is a great deal of good will between population-groups in this country and we must ensure that there is peace, security and progress for all inhabitants of South Africa," he said.

Dr. Piet Cillie, of Stellenbosch University, former editor of Die Burger, warned of the threats of Soviet imperialism and other forces to South Africa and the world.

#### DULZIN WARNS OF 70 PERCENT RATE OF SOVIET DROPOUTS

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, May 30 (JTA)—World Zionist Organization chairman Leon Dulzin warned today of a possible 70 percent and more rate of Soviet dropouts at Vienna. He said that would endanger the entire struggle for aliya inside the Soviet Union. Just back from New York, he told newsmen here that he had urged HIAS and the Joint Distribution Committee to desist from their activities at the Vienna transit station. He felt the Jewish Agency should be the only organ operating there.

Dulzin, who is also Jewish Agency acting chairman, disclosed that dropout rates over the past two months had topped 60 percent. If they went up to 70 or 80 percent, which was unfortunately possible, he said, this could be a death blow for the aliya struggle.

"The activists inside Russia are fighting for aliya to Israel, not for emigration to the U.S. and Canada," he said. If "they see there are no fruits for their labors, they will feel there is nothing to fight for."

**NAVON DOESN'T WANT MORE POWER**

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, May 30 (JTA)--President Yitzhak Navon said today, the morning after his inauguration, that he is not interested in having the presidential powers expanded. He referred to proposals by some of his friends, including former Foreign Minister Yigal Allon, to amend the law to make the presidency more than the largely ceremonial office it now is.

"I do not want more authority than I have," Navon told an Israel Radio reporter in his first interview as President. "I did not take office on condition that I get more powers. I work on the assumption that the existing powers should suffice to carry out what I have in mind."

Navon said he asked Allon to wait at least a year before he raises the issue of an expanded presidency. The President's signature is required on all laws passed by the Knesset but is only a formality. Asked if he would refuse to sign a bill of which he did not approve, Navon replied, "If I ever face such a situation I will invite you to interview me."

Navon and his wife Ofira spent hours shaking hands after the inaugural festivities. About 1500 guests were invited to the reception in the Knesset building but an estimated 3000 well wishers showed up, more than the security guards could cope with. The long lines waiting to greet President and Mrs. Navon and outgoing President Ephraim Katzir and his wife were patient and orderly.

The stars of the show were Navon's two children, Nira, 5, and Erez, 4, who kept asking their father, "Daddy, are you President yet?" When the Navons move into the Presidential residence after renovations are completed, they will be the first family with young children to occupy the house.

**CONGRESSMAN SAYS CHINA SHOWS HOSTILITY TO ISRAEL, JEWS**

By Reena Sigman Friedman

NEW YORK, May 30 (JTA)--Rep. William Lehman (D-Fla.), who recently returned from a White House-sponsored mission to the People's Republic of China, said that he encountered considerable hostility toward Jews and Israel on the part of Chinese leaders.

In a newsletter sent out to his constituents, Lehman reported that a Mr. Hao, President of the Chinese Institute of Foreign Affairs, condemned "Israeli aggression." The Chinese spokesman maintained that his country would reassess its diplomatic position on Israel only after peaceful relations were established between Israel and Egypt.

At an important meeting between members of the American delegation and Chinese officials, Lehman pointed out that true normalization of relations between China and the United States must be based upon mutual respect for the special friendships which each nation holds with other countries. In light of the long-standing relationship between the United States and Israel, the Florida Congressman observed that China might wish to reconsider its anti-Israel policy. Keng Piao, a Vice Premier working in the foreign affairs area, responded to Lehman's remarks with a curt "You are a Jew! So you have a special concern about Israel." He quickly changed the subject.

Lehman said that although Israel was the first nation in the Middle East to recognize the Peking government in 1950, contacts between the two countries were severed after Chinese Premier Chou En-lai met with Egyptian President Gamel

Abdul Nasser at the 1955 Bandung Conference of non-aligned nations. Subsequently, Mao Tse-tung denounced Israel as a "base of imperialism," and China became the first country outside the Arab world to recognize the Palestine Liberation Organization and to offer it material and political support. In reporting the March 11 Arab terrorist attack on a civilian bus near Tel Aviv, headlines in the Chinese press read "Arab Freedom Fighters Destroy Two Israel Military Vehicles."

Lehman concludes that, since he encountered no further anti-Semitism during his stay in China, the Chinese leadership should not be regarded as "racist." Rather, he called the nation's leaders "pragmatic" in their pursuit of a diplomatic policy designed to gain the support of Third World countries.

**ACCUSED NAZI LOSES CITIZENSHIP**

CHICAGO, May 30 (JTA)--A federal judge here ruled today that Frank Walus, 55, a German-born Chicago resident, was guilty of having concealed his participation in Nazi war crimes when he applied for American citizenship which he obtained in 1970. That was 11 years after he migrated to this country from Poland as a Polish national.

The ruling by Judge Julius Hoffman, senior U.S. district judge in Chicago, stripped Walus of his citizenship. His attorney said he would appeal the ruling. A spokesman for the Immigration and Naturalization Service, which initiated the proceedings against Walus, said the INS would begin deportation proceedings against Walus if all appeals failed.

The civil hearing was based on an affidavit, submitted by the regional INS office here, that Walus committed crimes against civilians in Poland in 1939-43, including the murders of some two dozen Jews, including young children, and with being "particularly active" in the merciless beating and mistreatment of Jews in the Polish cities of Czestochowa and Kielce.

Among the 11 witnesses who implicated Walus in the acts charged in the affidavit were several from Israel. Defense witnesses included some Germans. Walus denied committing any of the acts charged against him.

The next legal step, observers here said, is a trial to determine if he is to be deported, assuming Judge Hoffman's ruling is not overturned on appeal. When the civil complaint was filed here against Walus last year, a Justice Department spokesman in Washington said that if Walus was deported, Poland would be the most likely country to be asked to receive him.

Information leading to the complaint was provided by Simon Wiesenthal, the noted Nazi hunter, according to U.S. prosecutor Sam Skinner.

**MENTEN TRIAL MAY TAKE 2 YEARS**

AMSTERDAM, May 30 (JTA)--The new trial of convicted Nazi war criminal Pieter Menten, ordered by The Netherlands Supreme Court yesterday, may last two years, according to informed sources. The three judges who will comprise the special tribunal at The Hague have been selected but the trial is not expected to begin until after the summer recess because of the vast amount of material with which the judges will have to familiarize themselves. Menten, 78, remains in the prison hospital at Scheveningen. His lawyer said today that he might request a provisional release. So far few Dutch newspapers have commented on the Supreme Court's decision.

## SKOKIE APPROVES MARCH PERMIT, BUT SEEKS COURT STAY ON NAZI MARCH

CHICAGO, May 30 (JTA)--The Skokie Village Council approved Friday the permit sought by Chicago's tiny National Socialist Party to stage a march June 25 in suburban Skokie, home of 7000 Holocaust survivors. But the Council also announced it would file a request before the United States Supreme Court for a stay on the march, the Jewish United Fund of Chicago reported today.

A JUF spokesman said that attorneys for the Skokie Village Council were still working on legal papers for submission to the Supreme Court for an appeal from a ruling by the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago which held that the village could not ban the march. The Skokie officials plan to ask for a stay on the march pending a ruling by the Supreme Court on their appeal from the Circuit Court ruling.

The Circuit Court cleared the way for the march by declaring unconstitutional three ordinances adopted by the village on May 2, 1977, a day after the Nazis announced plans to stage a march in Skokie.

The ordinances require applicants for marches to post \$350,000 in public liability and property damage insurance. Another 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.

### Actual March Doubtful

Whether the march will take place on June 25 or any other time in the near future remained uncertain, despite approval of the permit. Frank Collin, head of the Nazi group, has said repeatedly, in media statements, that his Nazis would not march until all court challenges have been settled.

Aside from the appeal to the Supreme Court planned by Skokie Village, there are a number of other prospective court actions being planned. Sol Goldstein, chairman of the committee on individual liberty and Jewish security of the Public Affairs Committee of the JUF, filed with the Illinois Supreme Court a request for a ban on the proposed march on grounds it would cause "grave physical and emotional stress" for him and the other Skokie survivors.

The State Supreme Court has twice declined to hear Goldstein's request and he plans to take an appeal directly to the U.S. Supreme Court. He expects to file within the next week, the JUF spokesman said.

Still another probable source of litigation is legislation approved by the Illinois Senate and awaiting expected favorable action in the House. The legislation has been developed to circumvent court rulings permitting the June 25 march.

One bill forbids parades by quasi-military hate groups and distribution of defamatory hate literature in such parades. A second bill would permit local officials throughout Illinois to obtain injunctions to bar distribution of defamatory material. Assuming passage by the House and approved by Gov. James Thompson, the legislation is believed certain to face court challenges on constitutionality.

## RABBI MILLER STRESSES ISRAEL'S ONLY SECURITY IS ALIYA IN THE THOUSANDS

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., May 30 (JTA)--Rabbi Israel Miller, president of the American Zionist Federation, told 200 members of the Association of Parents of American Israelis (API) here that the future of Israel and the Jewish people will be secured only when aliya numbers in the hundreds of thousands.

Addressing the second annual convention of API, made up of parents of children who have emigrated to Israel Saturday night, Miller, himself a member of the organization, said that Israel "took a licking" in the aircraft package deal voted by the Senate two weeks ago. "I am scared that the security of Israel has been compromised by putting Saudi Arabia in a confrontation position" through the sale of F-15 jets to that country, he said.

Dr. Nahum Weissman, founder and president of API, told the closing session of the convention yesterday that "As Americans, together with fellow parents in the countries of the free world, we will assert our right to demand the protection of our children who have chosen to build their lives in Israel."

Weissman stressed the need for API members to be in touch with the parents of olim from other countries. "On an international scale, the contact between parents of Israelis of various origins will not only strengthen the world Jewish community but will also result in the strongest support base that Israel has ever had," he said. He announced that the API plans to hold its next annual convention in Israel and would include parents from Canada, Britain and France.

## CANADIANS SUE AIR FRANCE OVER HIJACKING

By Michael Solomon

MONTREAL, May 30 (JTA)--Solomon Weizman, 52, and Ninette Moreno, both of Montreal, who were among the hostages in a hijacked Air France airliner which landed at Entebbe where Israeli forces staged a dramatic rescue in July 1976, filed lawsuits last week in Quebec Superior Court, suing Air France for a total of \$616,000 in damages.

Weizman sued for \$386,000 and Miss Moreno for \$230,000, according to papers filed in the Superior Court. They charged, in their suit, that Air France was negligent in not providing security measures which would have prevented the heavily-armed terrorists from boarding the plane at Athens Airport.

The lawsuit charged that the terrorists boarded the plane "without having their luggage, hand baggage or persons searched or searched properly and without the necessary care required under the circumstances." They declared the Entebbe ordeal caused them "severe physical and psychological damage."

Weizman said his sick mother, a resident of Israel he had planned to visit, took a turn for the worse when she learned about the hijacking and died three days later while he was still held hostage at Entebbe. \* \* \*

TEL AVIV (JTA)--Issak Wahl, a professor of plant pathology at Tel Aviv University, is the first Israeli scientist to receive the \$35,000 Haifa Technion Harvey Award. Another winner is Princeton University Orientalist Prof. Bernard Lewis. The awards, named after Leo M. Harvey of Los Angeles who died in 1973, will be formally presented at a ceremony June 28.