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BEGIN, DAYAN REPORTEDLY DIFFER ON RESPONSE TO U.S. QUESTIONS

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, May 31 (JTA)--Premier Menachem Begin disagrees with Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan over the nature of Israel's replies to American questions about its peace plan. But the two men are expected to meet shortly in an attempt to resolve their differences before the Cabinet takes up the matter at its next session this Sunday, Maariv reported today.

The questions posed by the U.S. relate to Israel's intentions on the West Bank after the five-year period of "self-rule" proposed in Begin's peace plan and to the issue of political self-expression for the Palestinians. Begin is said to favor a generalized, non-committal reply whereas Dayan wants a specific statement. Dayan also is reported to favor a shift in Israel's position toward a greater measure of linkage between the West Bank and Jordan. Begin objects on grounds that it would provoke unrest on the West Bank. The Cabinet debate was postponed last Sunday because the Premier was confined to bed with fever. He is still not fully recovered and is staying home on doctor's orders.

Meanwhile, a new issue has arisen over an implied threat by President Anwar Sadat of Egypt to end his peace initiative next October unless there is some softening of Israel's negotiating position. Sadat said at a Cairo news conference yesterday that he might not agree to continue the presence of the United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF) in Sinai after October. He contends that the UNEF mandate, established under the second Sinai interim agreement of September, 1975, expires in October. There has been no official Israeli response to Sadat's remarks but circles here were quick to point out that there was no time limit put on the Sinai II agreement.

There was a secret paper at the time in which Sadat undertook to review the UNEF mandate "at least" twice. On that basis he can claim he is not obligated to renew it beyond October. But even without UNEF, the agreement itself remains in force until replaced by another agreement, the Israeli circles said. This means that the American-manned electronic surveillance and early warning devices would be kept in Sinai even in the absence of UNEF. Sadat's remarks were seen here as a ploy aimed at greater U.S. pressure on Israel for concessions and a preparation for a way out of the peace initiative for Sadat.

FRENCH UNHAPPY SAUDIS WON'T BUY MIRAGES

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, May 31 (JTA)--King Khaled of Saudi Arabia ended his three-day state visit to France today. While the two countries professed an identity of views on political matters relating to the Middle East and Africa and promised each other increased economic cooperation, French officials were clearly disappointed by their failure to persuade the Saudis to buy advanced Mirage warplanes, France's most important arms export item.

Khaled and his party, which included the

Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal, conferred with President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing and other ministers and with French bankers and industrialists. They told the French that their country's defense requirements had been satisfied by the U.S. decision to sell Saudi Arabia 60 F-15 jets.

Prince Saud told reporters that there was no discussion of the possible purchase of Mirage 2000 and 4000 fighter-bombers, either for Saudi Arabia or for transfer to a third country such as Egypt. This prompted one French official to remark bitterly, "The Saudis are hooked more than ever before to the United States." Nevertheless, officials here hope the talks will be resumed on "a more concrete" basis next month when France is visited by Khaled's brother, Prince Fahd, who is regarded as the real power in Riyadh.

With respect to the Middle East, French spokesmen said the Saudis pressed for a more active role by Western Europe in finding a solution for the Arab-Israeli conflict. They blamed Israel for the current negotiations impasse which, they said, "exposed Israel's refusal to negotiate a peaceful solution."

RADIO, TV BLACKOUT

JERUSALEM, May 31 (JTA)--Radio and television broadcasts were suspended for 24 hours today, except for hourly newscasts, as employees of the Broadcast Authority staged a protest strike over wages. It was the second broadcast blackout in less than two months and the issue was the same--the government's refusal to go along with a wage agreement reached earlier between the newspaper publishers and the journalists' union.

The Broadcast Authority is a public agency controlled by the State and its employees are civil servants. The privately employed journalists won a temporary 25 percent wage increase, spread over three months, pending conclusion of a final wage agreement. But the government has refused to grant the same increase to the broadcast journalists for fear that it would create a precedent for similar wage demands by other government employees.

Prof. Reuven Yaron, chairman of the Broadcast Authority, charged today that the government's position prejudiced the Authority's freedom of action with its own employees. Yitzhak Livni, Director General of the Broadcast Authority, added that the government's refusal to grant broadcast journalists the same treatment as print journalists would endanger the independence of the Broadcast Authority. (By David Landau)

CANADA-ISRAEL COMMITTEE BLASTS GOVERNMENT FOR INACTION AGAINST BOYCOTT

By Michael Solomon

MONTREAL, May 31 (JTA)--The Canada-Israel Committee denounced, in a statement made public today in the House of Commons, the Canadian government's "frequently reiterated commitment to combatting boycott-related discrimination" as "a cheap charade."

The government of Canada presented its semi-annual report on the implementation of its policy regarding international economic boycotts yesterday. "In the three years since Prime Minister Pierre-Élliott Trudeau stated that the boycott is

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But the committee's report, "Against the Arab Boycott," states that the government's national guidelines implementing the policy on last 1st year, they indicated a total abandonment of the reporting mechanism established by the policy statement and clearly suggested that the denial of government support or facilities to firms guilty of boycott compliance would not be rigorously applied.

Charge Policy Being Undermined

The Canada-Israel Committee's statement stated that "the first semi-annual report on the implementation of the anti-boycott policy" confirmed not only that the policy statement is not being implemented but also that it is being actively undermined.

"Against this background the government's response to the Arab boycott cannot be viewed in a favorable light," the committee said. "It has chosen to ignore recommendations from the Jewish community, Canadian Labor Congress, the Canadian Association of Statutory Human Rights agencies and other bodies. It has ignored the American experience which shows that such legislation protects companies from the effects of international economic boycotts without ensuing loss of business. It has also chosen to ignore infringements of our sovereignty by Arab countries to the extra-territorial applications of Arab laws and regulations within Canada."

In its statement, the Canada-Israel Committee appealed to the government "to re-think its policy, summon up its courage and restore its damaged credibility through the introduction of comprehensive anti-boycott legislation."

The Canada-Israel Committee is the umbrella organization for the Canadian Zionist Federation, the Canadian Jewish Congress and District 22 of the Jewish Community Council.

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The device operates in a similar manner and is being used officially as a communications system. It has other potential uses which are being explored. It is said to be capable of working and deciphering radar signals, such as those used by the military, from the thousands of other radar pulses that fill the air.

GOVERNMENT SECURITY ATTACKED

TEL AVIV, May 31 (JTA)—A number of representatives of three major organizations of this government met at Beth Sokolow here this week to coordinate measures that will ensure the free flow of political information from the government. The subject has become a matter of concern since the Likud government took office a year ago because it has made greater use than its predecessors of the law that requires the Cabinet to meet in the guise of a ministerial security committee, the deliberations of which are classified and may be withheld from the media.

A deputation of editors raised the matter with Premier Menachem Begin last February. He acknowledged the problem and promised to limit Cabinet security meetings as much as possible. But the journalists assembled here charged that the promise was not kept. They represented the Committee of Daily Newspaper Editors, the National Journalists Association and the Press Council.

Dr. Yehoshua Rottenstreich, president of the Press Council, raised the possibility of a media campaign against government secrecy. Further meetings are planned.

NEW YORK (JTA)—The National Conference on Soviet Jewry has learned that Issi Begun has been confined to a prison for psychiatric testing.

JEWS GET SKOKIE PERMIT FOR COUNTER-DEMONSTRATION

CHICAGO, May 31 (JTA)--The Skokie Village Council issued last night a permit to the Public Affairs Committee (PAC) of the Jewish United Fund of Chicago, to stage a counter-demonstration in Skokie on June 25 to the proposed march by the tiny National Socialist Party of Chicago that day in the Chicago suburb which is the home of 7000 Holocaust survivors.

The Council issued a march permit to the Nazis last week but announced at the same time that it was planning an immediate appeal for a stay against the march from the United States Supreme Court.

Sol Goldstein, chairman of the PAC committee on individual liberty, who also is seeking a Supreme Court ruling on his petition for a ban on the march on behalf of the survivors, indicated to the Skokie Council that he expected 50,000 to participate in the counter-event.

Legal Action Will Continue

Raymond C. Epstein, chairman of PAC, which is coordinating the Jewish community's response to the Nazis, said legal means were still being pursued to prevent the Nazi march via court appeals and the state legislature. Frank Collin, head of the Nazi group, has said repeatedly he and his Nazis will not march until all court actions are settled.

Goldstein said detailed planning will go forward for the counter-demonstration and that the PAC will comply with all legal requirements of the village, with emphasis on holding a peaceful response. He said the Jewish community's response will begin with a rally at a central location in Skokie, followed by a march planned to avoid any direct confrontation with the Nazis. He said that some 100 leaders of the counter-demonstration will stand across the street from the Nazis in a silent vigil.

FAREWELL LUNCHEON FOR HERZOG

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, May 31 (JTA)--A farewell reception and luncheon for Israel's outgoing Ambassador to the United Nations, Chaim Herzog, was given by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith at its headquarters here today. Major figures of the U.S. media were among the guests.

Herzog, who will return to Israel in July after serving as UN envoy for three years, said that despite the difficulties Israel has encountered in the world organization, the last three years have been "fascinating and very interesting." He said it was sad to see the UN being "perverted" by the Arab states and their allies in their fight against Israel. Herzog will address the special session of the General Assembly on disarmament tomorrow.

RUSSIAN SEA CAPTAIN MAKES ALIYA

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, May 31 (JTA)--A 61-year-old Russian Jewish ship captain arrived here seven years after he first applied for an exit visa and was summarily dismissed from the Soviet merchant marine. Captain Misha Edelman of Riga, unfolded his saga for reporters at Ben Gurion Airport Monday night where he was greeted by his wife Feiga, who was allowed to come to Israel four years ago and his daughter who came here in 1972.

Edelman, who began his sea-faring career in 1934 as a cadet at a maritime school in Italy run by

the militant Zionist youth group, Betar, spoke bitterly of the "dropouts"--Soviet Jews who leave the USSR with Israeli visas but opt to settle in other countries. He accused them of using Zionists in order to change one "golah" (exile) for another.

Edelman went to sea in 1937 as a deckhand in the Betar training ship Theodor Herzl. He was sailing under the Lithuanian flag when World War II broke out. He was captured by the Germans and spent the next six years as a prisoner of war.

After liberation by the American army he returned to Riga to find his family and that, according to Edelman was his biggest mistake. "It cost me 33 years of my life," he said. Nevertheless, he did well in the Russian merchant marine, rising to the command of a large freighter, the Smolensk. He said he was tempted many times to jump ship at foreign ports and make his way to Israel but feared reprisals against his family. Edelman said that after being relieved of his command for requesting a visa, he was arrested by the Soviet authorities for speaking at a memorial rally for Nazi victims.

BRITISH ALIYA INCREASES

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, May 31 (JTA)--More British Jews are settling in Israel and the trend may continue, according to figures and other data published here. Last year, 693 people from Britain took up temporary residents permits in Israel, compared with 355 the year before. This was in addition to Britons already in Israel who took up full citizenship last year, bringing the overall 1977 total to more than 1000.

According to Hanan Hanieli, director of the Jewish Agency's aliya department in London, there has also been a 36 percent increase in the number of British olim in the first four months of 1978--218 compared with 160 in the same period last year. Hanieli presented the figures at a recent press conference at the Israel Embassy attended by two Israelis of British origin who have spent several weeks talking to potential immigrants in different parts of the country.

Lionel Berger, a Glasgow dentist who has lived in Israel for eight years, and Peter Fisher, a London technician who immigrated four years ago, reported that they had found a "strong aliya atmosphere," especially in smaller provincial communities, which was reflected in the latest statistics.

BOOK DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM PLANNED

PHILADELPHIA, May 31 (JTA)--The Jewish Publication Society, at its recent 90th annual meeting here, announced the establishment of a national book distribution program. The program, called the JPS Community Trust, has been designed to make books of Jewish interest available to a variety of communal institutions such as hospitals, new community centers, homes for the aged, apartment houses for the elderly, Hillel organizations, college Jewish study programs, university libraries, camps and Israeli institutions.

Prof. A. Leon Levin, outgoing president of JPS, said in announcing the creation of the Trust that it would help the JPS fulfill its chartered goals: "It is our responsibility to provide significant, worthwhile and informative books of Jewish content in the English language so that Jewish religion, history, literature and culture will be read," he said.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES LABOR LOOKS FOR WAY BACK

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, May 31 (JTA)--A little more than a year after Likud was voted into power, relegating Labor to the opposition ranks for the first time since Israel was established, leaders of the various components of the Labor Alignment and worker-oriented groups assembled at Kibbutz Gavat Haviv last weekend to discuss the long road back.

Speakers at the symposium included Shimon Peres, chairman of the Labor Alignment; Yigal Allon, leader of Labor's former Ahdut Avoda faction; Yaacov Hazan of Mapam; Haim Barlev, who managed Labor's unsuccessful election campaign last year, and even Meir Payil, leader of the small, left-wing Sheli faction which is not a member of the Labor Alignment.

The consensus was that the first step must be to restore voter confidence in Labor. Peres, who served as Defense Minister and, just prior to the elections, as acting Premier in the last government, called for more vigorous efforts to unify the Alignment. He said it would be sheer lunacy to dismember the Alignment, an allusion to some break-away elements in Mapam.

Peres said there must be closer ties between the Labor leadership and the rank-and-file. Party efforts should be directed towards youth, including religious youth in the development towns, toward workers committees and those sections of the public who have lost faith in Likud, he said.

Peace Now Group Is Option

Peres mentioned the growing Peace Now movement which has been urging the government to modify its peace terms. He said he met with leaders of the movement last week and they made a favorable impression. "We don't forbid our members to take part in the Peace Now movement, nor do we demand this of them," he said. Aharon Yadin, the former Minister of Education, said the Peace Now movement was a positive force and Labor should not stay aloof from it.

Allon, the former Foreign Minister, spoke of the mistakes of the Likud-led government. But, he said, he hoped that Labor would not return to power simply because of Likud's blunders but because of the crystallization of its own ideological and political identity.

Barlev, a former Chief of Staff and former Minister of Trade and Industry, said he was convinced that time favored the Labor Alignment. He said there was a diminution of personal rivalries within the party.

Barlev was recently elected by Labor to serve as an administrator of its organizational activities, a post equivalent to secretary general, but without the title, leaving political and ideological problems to Peres. He will be responsible for organizing the Labor Party's convention to be held within 18 months. He said his main task was to open the party to the many disillusioned voters, to the members who have stayed away from party activities since the last elections and to all those non-partisan elements who are natural supporters of the Labor ideology.

Payil, for his part, suggested the creation of two workers' parties, one adhering to a more radical ideology embracing Sheli and Mapam and the other, a moderate social democratic faction based on the existing Labor Party.

WZO PLANS WORLD CONFERENCE ON PROVIDING JEWISH EDUCATION

NEW YORK, May 31 (JTA)--The World Zionist Organization will sponsor an international conference on Jewish education next fall to seek solutions to the current crisis in Jewish education, it was announced here by Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson, chairperson of the WZO's American Section. Mrs. Jacobson chaired a special meeting here last week of 150 leading Jewish educators which was addressed by WZO chairman Leon Dulzin and Israel's Minister of Education, Zevulun Hammer.

The main project to be explored at the fall meeting will be the establishment of a World Council of Jewish Education that would comprise a partnership between diaspora Jewry, the Israeli government, the Jewish Agency and the WZO. The project originated in a resolution adopted unanimously by the 29th World Zionist Congress held in Jerusalem last February, and was subsequently endorsed by the joint Israel government-Jewish Agency-WZO Coordinating Committee with the full support of Premier Menachem Begin.

Dulzin observed at last week's meeting that "we have the full support of the government of Israel in the cause of Jewish education" for the first time. He said he sensed "great relief on the part of those present that serious efforts will be made to alleviate the danger facing the Jewish people as a result of ignorance of Jewish culture and the increased intermarriage that goes with it." According to Dulzin, only 20 percent of Jewish school-age children in the U.S. receive some kind of Jewish education and in some other countries it is as low as 2-3 percent.

Mrs. Jacobson pointed out that education has always been a leading obligation and responsibility of the World Zionist movement which has devoted a great deal of manpower and resources to that goal. She stated that a number of attempts had been made in the past to achieve the kind of overall planning and counsel service now being contemplated but they were never fully realized. This time, with the enthusiastic support of Israel's Education Minister and the WZO, there is hope for success, she said.

The educators heard Hammer analyze the commitments of diaspora Jews to traditional Jewish concepts and values and offer his ministry's full support in the formation of the proposed council. Moshe Krone, chairman of the WZO's Torah Education and Culture Department, spoke of the problems involved in creating a World Council of Jewish Education and emphasized the importance of developing a proper approach to Jewish educational problems today.

SETTLERS FOR MOSHAV SOUGHT

NEW YORK, May 31 (JTA)--A major campaign has been launched throughout the United States and Canada to attract 120 young North American families to a new settlement in Israel. Called Moshav Egan, the settlement will be developed in the Arava Valley, east of the Arava highway leading to Eilat, about 65 miles southeast of Beersheba and is planned for settlement exclusively by North Americans. The maximum age of the head of household of these families is 35.

According to Mordechai Friedman, group aliya director of the Israel Aliya Center, applications are now being accepted. He said immigration will begin March, 1979 and moshav activities will start in the late summer, 1979.