

YADIN TELLS JEWISH AGENCY ASSEMBLY SLUM REHABILITATION IS PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN ISRAEL, JEWISH PEOPLE

By Gil Sedan and David Landau

JERUSALEM, June 27 (JTA)--Deputy Premier Yigael Yadin told the Jewish Agency's 7th Assembly today that the master plan for the rehabilitation of 160 slum areas throughout Israel depended on a true partnership between Israel and the entire Jewish people. The program, which would affect the lives of some 45,000 disadvantaged families, is the main topic on the Assembly's agenda. It is a joint venture of the government and the Jewish Agency to be implemented by a planning committee, headed by Yadin.

Yadin, who is leader of the Democratic Movement for Change (DMC), explained that concept. He said the joint committee, consisting of an equal number of representatives of the Jewish Agency and of government ministries concerned with the absorption of immigrants and the welfare of the poor, was established to avoid the mistakes of the past.

He said that previously the problem was handled piecemeal by different ministries and agencies. "You cannot divide people according to ministries," he said, alluding apparently to new immigrants and that part of the established population that still lives in poverty. He said that was the reason he insisted on a coordinating role when he accepted the office of Deputy Premier. "No plan will be carried out unless ratified by the planning committee," Yadin stressed.

He noted that the project is not concerned solely with the improvement of housing but will take a comprehensive approach to the problems of the disadvantaged. It includes the development of infrastructure such as roads, fences, sewage, lighting, public parks, educational and religious institutions, centers for adult education, day care centers and community clubs offering activities for different age groups. He noted that the high percentage of slum families with many school-age children made it necessary to add classes to existing schools and to build new schools in distressed neighborhoods.

300,000 People To Be Helped

Housing Minister Gideon Patt told the Assembly delegates later in the day that the renewal program would affect the lives of some 300,000 individuals, one-tenth of Israel's population. He described the problems in slum areas which include a high crime rate, high birth rate, a high rate of unemployment and a large aged population as young families moved away to better themselves. He said the renewal program called for the complete clearing of some areas and a thorough renovation of others. He said that the local people would not always cooperate with government departments and predicted that some would resist being moved or re-housed. The government must tread carefully and try to convince these people of the benefits of the new plan.

Dr. Israel Katz, Minister of Social Betterment, stressed the overall social impact of the project. He said that along with building work, new sources of employment would have to be pro-

vided and new social services established to cater to elderly people beyond working age. The Jewish Agency has committed world Jewry to raise half of the \$1.2 billion required to carry out the project over the next 10 years without impinging on regular contributions to the United Jewish Appeal in the U.S. and Canada and the Keren Hayesod-United Israel Appeal in the rest of the world. The Jewish Agency has pledged that a special "monitoring unit will be established (within the Agency) to ensure that the monies are expended for the purposes for which they are raised."

U.S. MUM ON POSSIBLE LONDON TALKS

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, June 27 (JTA)--The State Department today sidestepped a question on why a possible meeting of the Foreign Ministers of Egypt and Israel with Secretary of State Cyrus Vance is contemplated for London and not Jerusalem.

"If and when we have a meeting I will entertain the question," State Department spokesman Hodding Carter said. Earlier, Carter appeared to agree that the contemplated London meeting would be on basic issues which the Egyptian-Israeli political committee would grapple with in the West Bank and Gaza and the Palestinian problem.

The committee session in Jerusalem was broken off by President Anwar Sadat two days after it had begun its sessions last January. Carter said consultations by the U.S. with Egypt and Israel are continuing for direct negotiations between Cairo and Jerusalem but he could not say when the direct talks would take place.

Carter also sidestepped the question whether Vance would meet separately with the Egyptian and Israeli Foreign Ministers in London. "We are interested in getting them back into direct negotiations," he said. The question of a London meeting is expected to be a prime topic when Vice President Walter Mondale visits Israel and Egypt this weekend.

IRAQ, FRANCE NEAR ARMS DEAL

PARIS, June 27 (JTA)--France and Iraq are about to conclude an important arms agreement providing for the sale of French-made missiles, helicopters and possibly combat planes. The negotiations for this massive sale of French hardware entered a final phase during French Defense Minister Yvon Bourges' recent trip to Baghdad. Bourges, who returned to Paris last night, said that he had studied the needs of the Iraqi army.

Sources in Paris say France will supply Iraq with a variety of Crotale missiles, ground-to-air, ground-to-ground and ground-to-sea. The Crotale has the reputation of being one of the world's most accurate ground-to-air rockets and has been chosen by Saudi Arabia to ensure its anti-aircraft defense umbrella. The French-made missile is especially deadly for low flying aircraft and has an exceptional accuracy level for near-approach planes. (By Edwin Eytan)

QUEBEC JEWS NOT EXPECTED TO FLEE

TORONTO, June 27 (JTA)--A prominent Canadian Jewish leader predicted today that "unless there will be a radical turning of events, the majority of Quebec Jews will remain" in Quebec. But

Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut, president of the Canadian Jewish Congress and senior scholar at the Holy Blossom Temple here, added, "Even though there may be no anti-Semitism and no negative feelings directed their way, Jews will be, with all their civil liberties intact, the out-group."

Plaut made his remarks at a session of the 89th Convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) at the Harbour Castle Hilton Hotel here, attended by 500 delegates representing some 1300 Reform rabbis from the U.S., Canada and abroad. Because of dynamic changes in the Jewish community of Canada, as well as concern with the Jewish situation in Quebec, the Reform rabbis assembled here devoted special sessions to the subject of Jewish life in Canada. Several rabbis in the panel discussion on the "situation in Quebec" agreed that there is some anxiety among Jews in that province. Of the 300,000 Jews in Canada, about 120,000 live in Toronto and 120,000 in Montreal.

Plaut stressed that he felt that "a great Jewish community will exist in Montreal unless an extreme right-wing element with strong anti-Semitic feelings takes over in Quebec." He said that "in a French Quebec, there would be a natural distinction between the non-French of all kinds and the Quebecois... It is this which gives rise to a sense of Jewish anxiety because the climate of any state with a monolithic culture and social structure would not be fully hospitable to a minority aspirations."

However, he cautioned the Reform rabbis from throughout the U.S. and Canada: "You who come here from the U.S. must not confuse this situation with that to which we Jews have, unhappily been regularly exposed over the centuries, namely, one in which anti-Semitism is encouraged by governments or given free reign. Once again, I repeat, that this is not the issue."

Plaut said "The issue is the Francization of Quebec and the natural fall-out which is its consequence." In comments prepared for delivery at another session, Plaut said that the leadership of the Canadian Jewish Congress has come to the conclusion that independence is not in itself a Jewish issue.

Not Strictly Jewish Issue

Rabbi Edward S. Treister, of Temple Rodeph Shalom of Dollard Des Ormeaux, Quebec, stressed that "the separation of the province of Quebec from Canada and any form of relationship between Quebec and Canada which may come about are not Jewish issues per se. Nor is Francization a Jewish issue. Jews are, to be sure, affected by any decision in these areas, but not specifically as Jews."

Rabbi Mark A. Golub of Temple Beth Shalom in Hampstead, Quebec, spoke of an eventual referendum on independence. "The continuing imponderables of a dark and unknown Jewish future in Quebec which awaits an eventual referendum on independence, are the subject of many a debate," he said. "The future of the Canadian confederation might well depend upon the outcome of the referendum vote, but the Jews of Quebec, as well as all other Quebecans and Canadians must continue to live out their daily lives while the Sword of Damocles remains uneasily poised over their heads," he said.

SLOMOVITZ FETED BY JEWISH JOURNALISTS

By David Landau

TEL AVIV, June 27 (JTA)--Philip Slomovitz

of Detroit, editor and publisher of the Jewish News of that city, one of the leading weekly English-Jewish newspapers in the United States, was guest of honor at a luncheon given here today by the World Union of Jewish Journalists, of which he is a founding member. Prominent members of the Union attended to pay tribute to Slomovitz and his wife who are visiting Israel.

Earlier in the week, Slomovitz was awarded a scroll by Jewish National Fund chairman Moshe Rivlin in recognition of his six decades of work for the JNF in Detroit. The occasion was the dedication of the Stollman Recreation Park honoring the Stollman family of Detroit.

Slomovitz founded the Jewish News in 1942 and has edited it ever since. He is also a vice-president of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. He told the guests at the luncheon today, "If it weren't for the JTA there would be no English-Jewish press in the U.S." Referring to the political scene, Slomovitz said that at the time of the Suez crisis in 1956 "more American Jews panicked than today." He said the panic-stricken accounted for only a minority while "the mass of the Jewish people in America will never let Israel down."

In that connection, he declared that Sen. Abraham Ribicoff (D. Conn.) was now "naïf grata" among Jews because of his support of the sale of F-15 planes to Saudi Arabia. He warned that the same might happen to Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R. NY) because he criticized Israel government policies last week.

HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY CRITICIZED

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, June 27 (JTA)--The 120-member Board of Governors of the Haifa Technion which is meeting this week, heard some sharp criticism of the government yesterday, not on political issues but for its alleged failure to make necessary decisions in the field of higher education. Evelyn de Rothschild, of England, said decisions were called for with respect to the allocation of government funds to institutions of higher learning and the establishment of duplicate faculties at Israeli universities. Israel is too small a country to permit that, he said.

Rothschild was apparently alluding to reports that a faculty in aeronautical engineering was contemplated for Tel Aviv University. The Technion, founded in the 1930s, is the only university-level institution in Israel that specializes in all branches of engineering and related sciences and technology. Rothschild said there was a danger that the very fact of duplication could erode the support and good-will built up for the Technion over the years. He criticized Education Minister Zevulun Hammer for not finding the time to attend the Board meeting.

The Board of Governors has several problems to contend with, not the least of which is the wage demands of administrative employees who held an outdoor rally on the campus while the Board was in session. Students are pressing demands of their own, including changes in the curriculum and easing examinations. In that connection, a Technion spokesman told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the school will continue to maintain its high academic standards. There has also been friction between the faculty and Technion president Amos Horev who the former accuse of not doing enough to persuade the government to agree to an increase in the salaries of academicians.

MONDALE TAKING GROUPS OF JEWS, NON-JEWS TO ISRAEL

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, June 27 (JTA)--Vice President Walter Mondale has invited more than a score of distinguished Americans, nearly all of them Jewish, and including leaders of Jewish community organizations, to join him on his visit to Israel this weekend in America's official tribute to Israel on her 30th anniversary of independence. The Vice President's office disclosed the names today of his invited guests who also include political leaders and lawyers and businessmen. Following is the list provided to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency:

Hyman Bookbinder, Washington representative of the American Jewish Committee; David Blumberg, president of B'nai B'rith; S. Harrison Dogole, Philadelphia businessman; David Fleeman, a businessman of Miami, Fla.; Charlotte Jacobson, of New York, chairman of the American Section of the World Zionist Organization; Burton Joseph, national chairman of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith; Max Kampelman, a Washington attorney; E. Robert Kinney, a Minneapolis businessman; Arthur Krim, a New York businessman; Esther Lando, of New York, president of the National Council of Jewish Women; Richard Maass, president of the American Jewish Committee; Theodore R. Mann, chairman of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council and chairman-elect of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations; Stewart Moldaw, a San Francisco businessman; Arnold Picker, a Miami businessman; the Rev. David Preus, president of the American Lutheran Church, of Minneapolis; Rabbi Bernard Raskas, of Temple of Aaron in St. Paul; Samuel Rothberg, of Peoria, Ill., president of the Development Corporation for Israel; Howard Samuels, a businessman of New York; Ed Sanders, Los Angeles attorney; Rabbi Alexander Schindler, outgoing chairman of the President's Conference; Jerry Shestack, Philadelphia attorney; Walter Shorenstein, a San Francisco businessman; Bernice Tannenbaum, president of Hadassah; Rabbi Sol Teplitz, president of the Synagogue Council of America; Lew Wasserman, a Los Angeles businessman; Evelyn Wasserstrom, president of B'nai B'rith Women of Kansas City, Mo.; Glenn Watts, of Washington, president of the Communication Workers of America; and Coleman Young, Mayor of Detroit.

WEIZMAN MAKES PEACE WITH LIKUD COLLEAGUES; SAYS HE'S NOT 'DOVE'

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, June 27 (JTA)--Defense Minister Ezer Weizman assured his Likud colleagues yesterday that he is not a "dove" but believes that President Anwar Sadat of Egypt should have been given some face-saving statement by Israel to enable him to conclude a separate peace. On those grounds, he said, he had objected to the Cabinet's reply to the American questions on the future of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Weizman was the subject of eight hours of debate by the Likud Knesset faction for his sharp dissent from the Cabinet's decision and the unflattering language he used in expressing his differences. Contrary to expectations, the Likud faction did not reprimand Weizman for alleged slurs on the integrity of Premier Menachem Begin and Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan; nor did it adopt a general resolution urging ministers to abide by government

decisions even if they disagreed. Weizman appeared first before Likud's Herut wing and later before the full faction, reading statements and replying to questions. Begin was present but remained silent for the most part, saying, "I came to listen." Dayan, who is not a member of Likud, did not attend.

Weizman said he did not come to defend himself, but to defend "the way of the Herut movement and the Likud and that of the State of Israel." He said he still adheres to the Greater Israel Movement--which advocates Israel's permanent retention of all occupied Arab territories--"but I am aware of the immediate possibilities." He said his views on the subject had cost him dearly in terms of his career, hinting that he could have become Chief of Staff under the Labor-led government were he not a "hawk."

Weizman stressed his belief in the availability of peace with Egypt. "I believe that Sadat wants peace. All the governments of Israel have always wanted to speak to Arab leaders. And here, the greatest of those leaders comes to us and we prefer to talk to the U.S.," he said. He said that Sadat needed a "fig leaf" with respect to the West Bank, a statement from Israel that could open the way for him to make a separate peace agreement.

Responding to allegations in some Likud quarters that he had been hood-winked by Sadat, Weizman said "Don't think I get excited easily." He recalled that when Sadat visited Jerusalem last November he had warned Israelis to "take a cold shower." He said that when he heard Sadat's speech to the Knesset indicating unwillingness to make any concessions, he had sent Begin a note saying the armed forces should be prepared for war. However, Weizman said the door to peace is not closed. The Egyptians want peace "although they want the maximum and this is the problem."

Weizman acknowledged that he was "cross" when the Cabinet majority, including Begin, voted for a tough response to the American questions because he had been certain that Begin would support his own more flexible formulation. Begin said afterwards that he did not give anyone the impression that he supported any plan and, in fact, made up his mind just before the Cabinet was about to convene.

Weizman aimed most of his barbs at Dayan. When Geula Cohen, the hard-line Likud MK who believes Begin's peace plan is too soft, referred to the "tragic connection" between Likud and Dayan, Weizman reminded her that it was not he who brought Dayan into the government. "The Premier brought him without consulting with anybody. I did not appoint him Foreign Minister," Weizman said.

KOLLEK TO RUN ON A NON-PARTY TICKET

JERUSALEM, June 27 (JTA)--Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek will run for his fourth term in office on an all-party list, and not on his Labor Party ticket. The Labor Party bureau in Jerusalem has approved Kollek's all-party list. This is the first time that this becomes possible, due to an electoral reform in the municipal elections. The decision came following a party consensus that without Kollek as candidate, the party had no chance to win the elections. Kollek maintains that he needs a team of experts in the municipal council in order to run the city properly. The elections will take place in five months.

NEW YORK (JTA)--Abraham Feinberg, a New York industrialist and communal leader has been named by President Carter to the advisory committee for the Office of the Special Representative for Trade Negotiations headed by Robert Strauss.

CCAR PRESIDENT CITES BENEFITS OF REFORM-CONSERVATIVE COOPERATION

TORONTO, June 27 (JTA)--The growing cooperation between the Reform and Conservative movements was credited here last night with advancing the cause of religious pluralism in the practice of Judaism in Israel and in world Zionist institutions. In remarks at the opening of the 89th annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR), Rabbi Ely E. Pilchik, president of the Reform rabbinical group, also addressed himself to the long-standing "Synagogue-Federation conflict" which, he said, has not been resolved. He warned of "rampant inflation," characterizing it as "the curse and danger of the free Western world" and deplored the lack of "nerve" on the part of the industrialized West in meeting the energy crisis.

The speech, before more than 500 delegates representing about 1300 Reform rabbis in congregations throughout the U.S. and Canada gathered at the Harbour Castle Hilton Hotel, stressed the need to continue to expand Reform-Conservative cooperation and noted the achievements that cooperation has yielded.

Referring to Orthodox efforts to amend Israel's Law of Return by adding the phrase "al pi Halacha" (according to Jewish religious law) to the legal definition of a converted Jew, Pilchik said, "We succeeded in lobbying the various political entities in the land (Israel) and forestalling this regressive revision.

"We succeeded," he said, "notwithstanding the efforts of the Orthodox within and without the government, to split the Conservative movement away from us." He praised Conservative leaders Rabbi Stanley Rabinowitz and Rabbi Wolfe Kelman who "stood fast with us... though pressed hard by colleagues in their own Rabbinical Assembly and, alas, at considerable sacrifice."

He said Conservative-Reform cooperation "proved instrumental in the historic victory at the 29th World Zionist Congress" in Jerusalem last February when the Reform and Conservative movements marching "shoulder to shoulder... shattered the Orthodox monolith after 80 years of World Zionist Congress history." Pilchik cited two resolutions adopted by the Congress, one affirming equal standing and equal treatment for every religious movement within its ranks and the other calling on the State of Israel to fully implement the principle of guaranteed religious rights for all its citizens and equality of government aid to all religious movements within Judaism.

Cites Conflict With Federations

Pilchik said he and other officers of the CCAR "agonized over the lack of progress in resolving our Synagogue-Federation conflict." He charged that "the Federations press harder and deeper" to encroach on community activities by synagogues in an attempt to relegate them to "something of an insignificant 'shfibel' performing ancient life-cycle rituals." Pilchik said, "We must insist. We must persist. Each of us in his or her community must with the cooperation of other rabbis endeavor to develop significant areas of cooperation with the Federation without yielding... without the synagogue there can be no Jewish life."

The CCAR president referred to the trip to Egypt he took with other rabbis under the auspices of the Synagogue Council of America to open up possible channels of cultural and interfaith com-

munication with Islam, particularly in Egypt. He urged the CCAR "to follow through on this opening move toward sitting down with Muslim intellectuals and liberal religious leaders related to the Koran."

ORTHODOX LEADER URGES CARTER NOT TO TRY TO DIVIDE JEWS ON ISRAEL

TORONTO, June 27 (JTA)--The head of a major Orthodox rabbinic body yesterday appealed to President Carter not to attempt to undermine the unity of the Jewish community in its solid commitment to the security of the State of Israel.

"No matter how widely American Jews differ in their evaluation of policies advocated by the Israeli government, they remain committed and united behind the State of Israel in its yearnings to achieve peace and security," Rabbi Walter S. Wurzburger, president of the Rabbinical Council of America, said. He spoke before several hundred delegates at the organization's annual convention at the Constellation Hotel here.

"It is our basic conviction," Wurzburger said, "that decisions affecting the security of the State cannot be made for Israel even by well-meaning friends abroad and must be made exclusively by the citizens of the sovereign State of Israel. The only way to achieve peace is through direct negotiations between the parties concerned. American Jews categorically repudiate any suggestion that peace can be secured through the imposition of a settlement, whether the terms are dictated by (Egyptian) President (Anwar) Sadat or by friendly powers which arrogate to themselves the right to act paternalistically towards Israel."

Wurzburger pointed out that "American Jews have every right to express responsible dissent with respect to Israeli policies but they have no right to exert any form of pressure which might lead to the adoption of policies which, from Israel's perspective, are detrimental to her viability as a free and democratic State."

Raps Abdication Of Responsibility

Turning to the issues of Jewish community life, Wurzburger sharply criticized "the elected officials of religious and secular Jewish organizations who abdicate their sacred responsibilities and have entrusted major policy decisions to professionals who seem to function autonomously without lay involvement." He charged that "these professional 'civil servants' formulate policies, allocate budgets, distribute funds and in general orient the ideological posture of their organization in a manner which may not reflect the feelings of a majority of their membership."

"In order to capture the confidence of the Jewish community," Wurzburger continued, "Jewish elected leaders must reassume responsibility for the policies of their organization and be responsive to the democratically expressed opinions of their membership. American Jews must be made to feel that they are active participants in the affairs which affect them."

BOSTON (JTA)--Hebrew should become the "lingua franca" of the Jewish people, Ralph I. Goldman, executive vice-president of the Joint Distribution Committee stated here. "I believe that the Hebrew language is essential to our survival as a people," he said. Goldman spoke at Boston Hebrew College's commencement exercises where he received the Philip W. Lown Distinguished Service Award for "exemplary leadership in furthering the cultural and educational vitality of the Jewish people."