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PEACE TALKS REMAIN DEADLOCKED

By Barbie Zelizer-Meyoubas

JERUSALEM, Aug. 6 (JTA)--The deadlock in the peace negotiations between Israel and Egypt continued over the weekend even as U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance began his visit to the Middle East here yesterday for talks with Israeli and Egyptian leaders for what he said was to "get the peace process back on the track again." In spite of his public declaration to this effect, it was noted privately in some circles here that Vance does not expect either side to change positions. (See related stories P. 3 and 4.)

President Anwar Sadat of Egypt declared last Sunday that there would be no direct talks with Israel until Israel commits itself to returning all of the territory taken during the Six-Day War. His statement followed by a few days the expulsion from Egypt of the Israeli military mission which had remained behind after the Israeli-Egyptian peace talks were suspended by Sadat last January.

Israel's position, enunciated after the meeting of Israel's and Egypt's foreign ministers in Leeds, England, is that Israel is prepared to discuss a territorial compromise on the West Bank if one is proposed and that it would be prepared to discuss the question of sovereignty for that territory after five years of self-rule.

Emphasis On Compromises, Concessions

Welcoming Vance at Ben Gurion airport last night, Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan emphasized the need for "compromises and concessions" from both sides and noted that "all parties realize there is no other way...and that all other alternatives are far far worse."

In an earlier interview with Israel television Friday night, Dayan claimed that the parties are "closer to peace today than ever before. The points of difference have now been clearly set out.... Some hopes have been proven false... but many openings toward agreement have come to light." In the interview, Dayan also noted that he did not expect the U.S. to impose its ideas on the parties, although it had unjustly "put Israel in the dock and accused her of intransigence."

The mood in official circles prevailing during the course of Vance's visit here did not, however, reflect Dayan's cautious optimism. The Secretary began his visit to Israel by delivering a hand-written personal message from President Carter to Premier Menachem Begin. The contents of the letter were not disclosed, neither could it be ascertained whether Vance was also carrying a similar letter to Sadat.

This morning, Vance met for 2-1/2 hours with the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee, where topics discussed included the chances of continuing negotiations between Israel and Egypt and the events in Lebanon. A session this afternoon was devoted to U.S.-Israel bilateral issues. An additional meeting was hurriedly arranged this afternoon for tomorrow morning. Vance is scheduled to leave for Alexandria, Egypt, tomorrow.

Following the morning session, neither Vance nor Begin was willing to relay details of the meeting. "We had a good discussion covering a number of different subjects," Vance said. It was learned that Vance expressed his disagreement with Egyptian reports that nothing was achieved at the Leeds conference and reiterated that positive achievements had resulted from the talks there.

Begin refused to elaborate on either the contents of the meeting or on the handwritten message he received from Carter. He termed Vance's mission a "difficult and important one" and declined to reflect on the chances for continuing negotiations.

No Future Summit Talks Discussed

"The messages coming out of Cairo this morning were very negative...but we must not despair," he said. Begin noted that one of Vance's aides will be returning Wednesday to Jerusalem following the talks in Alexandria, "at which time we will see what is Egypt's position." He mentioned that there had been no discussion of a future summit between Carter, Sadat and himself as a means of resuming the peace momentum.

Begin, meanwhile, is expected to propose to Vance the idea of a "partial settlement" to be taken up in his talks with Sadat tomorrow. Such a settlement refers to a deal for the return of a major part of Sinai in return for "components of peaceful relations." Begin, Dayan, Defense Minister Ezer Weizman and Deputy Premier Yigael Yadin are all said to be united in their support for this proposal.

ARAB YOUTH HELD ON SUSPICION OF SETTING OFF BOMB IN TEL AVIV MARKET

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Aug. 6 (JTA)--Suleiman Abu Ra'adan, 17, of Khan Yunis, in the Gaza Strip, was ordered held for 10 days by a Tel Aviv magistrate today on suspicion of being the person who set off the bomb in the Carmel Market here last Thursday morning, which killed one person and injured 50.

Sixteen of the injured were still in the hospital today, two of them reported in critical condition. Funeral services were held Friday in Bat Yam for Meir Rotman, 73, who died of the injuries suffered in the blast.

Ra'adan, who worked in a vegetable store in the Carmel Market, was among 100 Arabs who were picked up shortly after the blast. All the others were released after police used chemical sniffers, which are able to detect traces of explosives on a person. Police said that Ra'adan had traces of explosive material on his hands.

Police Find Evidence

The youth told Magistrate Yehoshua Diamant that he was working in the vegetable store when he heard people shouting and went out to see what was happening. He said his employer called him back and as he was returning he was arrested. But the magistrate said he received two classified reports from the police which said there was prima facie evidence that Ra'adan was connected with the explosives.

Police said the bomb, which was placed beneath an underwear stand, was in a plastic bag. The bomb itself was encased in a tin can filled with a large

amount of metal scraps and nails which increased the casualties and destruction caused by the explosion. By Friday morning the Carmel Market looked as if nothing had happened. However, it was more crowded than usual since many sight-seers came to look at the scene of the destruction.

Meanwhile, it was learned that the Israeli reprisal attack Thursday against the Dahr el-Tutah terrorist base and training camp in Lebanon caught the terrorists by surprise. Reports from foreign sources said that at least two arms and ammunition depots exploded during the attack and the Israeli planes also managed to hit tents, barracks and the kitchen.

(In Washington, the State Department expressed "regret" over the Israeli raid. Spokesman Hodding Carter recalled Friday that the State Department had condemned the bombing in the Tel Aviv market soon after the incident occurred. Regarding the Israeli raid, he added, "We regret the cycle of violence" and "we deplore obviously any act that brings death and injury to "innocent persons.")

5 JAILED FOR DISRUPTING NAZI RALLY

CHICAGO, Aug. 6 (JTA)--Five persons who were part of a group of 40 people demonstrating against a Nazi rally in Lansing, Ill., Friday night were arrested for disorderly conduct. The counterdemonstrators used baseball bats and hurled eggs, firecrackers and stones at the Nazis in an effort to stop the rally.

Frank Collin, the Nazi leader, continued to address some 200 onlookers despite the action of the counterdemonstrators. The rally in the heavily working-class community near Chicago was the first of seven meetings the National Socialist Party of America plans this summer and fall. Collin and his group were involved in a lengthy legal battle to hold a rally in Skokie, Ill. They failed to do this but finally held a rally in Chicago in July.

During the rally Friday night, some 30 Lansing policemen, two busloads of Illinois state troopers and several policemen from nearby communities maintained order as Collin and 12 of his followers staged their meeting.

POLICE CONTINUE PROBE INTO THE SHOOTING OF FORMER NAZI

NEW YORK, Aug. 6 (JTA)--Police continued their investigation over the weekend into the shooting of Boleslavs Maikovskis, a 73-year-old Latvian immigrant accused of having been a police commandant in Nazi-occupied Latvia who rounded up Jews for execution at the Dvinsk ghetto in 1941 and 1942.

Maikovskis was shot Friday at his home in Mineola, L.I. by unidentified assailants. He was questioned by detectives yesterday at Nassau Hospital in Mineola where he is recovering from a bullet wound of the right knee. His condition is described as stable. Officials of the Jewish Defense League, whose members have been picketing Maikovskis' home, have denied any connection with the shooting, but lauded the attack.

Police reported Maikovskis was shot as he stood in the kitchen of his home shortly after returning from church Friday. The police said one bullet of eight fired through a back porch door window ripped through his right kneecap and went out through his thigh, severing an artery. He was shot by a white male, according to a police account, who escaped with another man in a white van.

Bonnie Pechter, JDL director, said here that the JDL was not responsible but that "we are very happy it happened... We are sorry he is alive." A police spokesman said that a JDL "insignia" had been found on the back porch of the Maikovskis home near the door through which the shots were fired.

AJCongress Official Raps Shooting

Phil Baum, associate director of the American Jewish Congress, denounced the shooting. He said such violence "beclouds the issue and inspires sympathy for those accused of heinous crimes. It diverts public anger and lends plausibility to the claim of vindictive persecution." Baum added that "those who want to really see war criminals punished must join in condemning this cruel, pointless and stupid act."

Maikovskis, who was sentenced to death in absentia by a Soviet court in 1965, has been fighting deportation by the U.S. Naturalization and Immigration Service, which claims he lied about his role in the pro-Nazi Latvian police force to gain entrance to the United States.

In deportation hearings on Oct. 20, 1977, he was accused of helping to assemble 600 Jewish children and march them from the Dvinsk ghetto. The children were never seen again. In two years of federal hearings, the retired carpenter invoked the Fifth Amendment in refusing to testify. He came to the U.S. in 1951. Maikovskis' appeal from an INS order that he must testify will be heard next month in the federal Circuit Court of Appeals for the second circuit. His deportation hearing has been suspended pending the outcome of that appeal.

FORMER POC IN CATCH-22 SITUATION

NEW YORK, Aug. 6 (JTA)--Former Prisoner of Conscience, Alexander Silnitsky, has been denied both an exit visa to Israel and his own internal registration papers, the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry has learned. This paperless state may result in Silnitsky's imprisonment, with a possible two-year penalty, the Conference said.

Silnitsky was released from labor camp in October, 1977 after serving a three year term for refusing to serve in the Soviet army. He married soon and attempted to register his residence in Krasnodar, where his wife lived. Krasnodar officials refused to process their registration. Silnitsky then attempted to register in Kharkov, his birthplace, but he was turned down there as well.

After several fruitless months, Silnitsky and his wife were allowed to register their residence in a small town near Kharkov last May 22. A few days later, their papers now in order, they were able to submit their emigration application to the Kharkov OVIR. Their residency registration was cancelled on June 27, however, on the grounds that their apartment was too small. Within a week the Silnitskys were told that they were no longer eligible to emigrate because they lack registration papers.

In an earlier case, Iosif Begun was sentenced to two years in internal exile last month because he was residing in Moscow without a permit. He, too, had been denied registration papers after he completed a one year sentence on false charges of parasitism. Six weeks ago Begun went on a hunger strike to protest his imprisonment. The Conference has learned that he has ended his hunger strike. His wife, Alla Drugova, was allowed to see him in a hospital. Begun is reported to be in poor physical condition.

MRS. VANCE VISITS NETURAI KARTA

JERUSALEM, Aug. 6 (JTA)--Mrs. Cyrus Vance, wife of the American Secretary of State, spent part of her free morning today in Jerusalem with a tour of Meah Shearim, the ultra-Orthodox section of the capital. Accompanied by a dozen persons from the Israeli Foreign Ministry, Mrs. Vance visited the Talmud Torah Yeshiva--the biggest in the neighborhood, and a girls' school built with funds from the U.S. government.

Neturai Karta leader Rabbi Hirsch, speaking with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in Jerusalem, noted that while the Foreign Ministry entourage seemed anxious to keep the visit short, Mrs. Vance appeared enthusiastic and was "enlightened" by the explanations of Neturai Karta dress, ideology and customs which she received from the rabbi.

BACKGROUND REPORTCONGRESS DEMANDING TOUGHER U.S. STAND AGAINST SYRIA, SAUDI ARABIA

By Joseph Polakoff.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6 (JTA)--Secretary of State Cyrus Vance's five-day trip to Jerusalem and Alexandria for talks with Israeli and Egyptian leaders is backgrounded by demands in the Congress for a tougher U.S. position towards Syria and Saudi Arabia and an underground campaign by the Carter Administration against Israel's position on settlement issues.

Appearing before the House International Relations Committee Friday, a few hours before his departure for Jerusalem to start his negotiations for a resumption of Egyptian-Israeli meetings, Vance said he would not visit any other countries but report immediately to President Carter after his conversations with Israeli Premier Menachem Begin in Jerusalem and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat in Alexandria.

However, Vance pointed out to the Committee that "we also are in close touch" with other "interested governments," naming Saudi Arabia and Jordan and that he has communicated with governments "of importance such as Syria." At "the moment discussions are at a critical point," Vance said. "New efforts will have to be made and if necessary, as we have often stated, we are prepared to put forward suggestions to overcome obstacles to bridge the gaps and set negotiations back on the track."

After receiving Vance's briefing, which included other foreign affairs problems, the Committee went into closed session with him. Rep. Stephen Solarz (D. NY) said later that the Secretary did not "plow any new ground" in discussing the situation relating to Sadat's termination, at Saudi Arabia's bidding, of direct talks with Israel last Sunday. Saudi Arabia is widely reported as seeking to restore Egyptian-Syrian relations and an Arab united front against Israel.

Solons Disappointed With Saudi Arabia

Meanwhile, 13 Senators who had gone along last May with the Carter Administration's insistence on providing 60 F-15 warplanes to Saudi Arabia and 50 F-5 aircraft to Egypt, wrote Vance they are "deeply" disappointed at the Saudi failure to provide the expected support for Middle East settlement progress.

With Sen. John C. Danforth (R. Mo.) in the lead, eight Democrats and five Republicans who helped the Administration gain a 54-44 Senate

victory last May for the sale of the warplanes to Saudi Arabia and Egypt as well as to Israel, signed the letter to Vance. The letter was originated when it became apparent after Vance's appearance earlier last week before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that Saudi Arabia was behind Sadat's torpedoing of talks with Israel.

The letter said: "During the arms sales debate in May, the Administration maintained that helping meet the perceived defense requirements of Egypt and Saudi Arabia, including approval of the sale of F-15s to the latter, would have a positive impact on the peace process in the Middle East but the hardening of attitudes by President Sadat and the lack of support by Saudi Arabia is deeply disappointing."

The Senators urged Vance "to make clear to Egypt and Saudi Arabia the need for the prompt resumption of direct negotiations as the best hope for a genuine peace."

Signing the letter, which was circulated only among some of those who favored the sale in May and not among any of the Senators who opposed the package deal, were Republicans John Tower (Texas), John Chafee (R.I.), Richard Lugar (Ind.) and Danforth; and Democrats George McGovern (S.D.), Thomas Eagleton (Mo.), Robert Stafford (Vt.), Robert Morgan (N.C.), Muriel Humphrey (Minn.), Patrick Leahy (Vt.), Bennett Johnston (La.), Daniel Inouye (Hawaii) and Edmund Muskie (Maine).

Meanwhile the Carter Administration began fighting the approval by the House of Representatives of a cutoff of the \$90 million earmarked for Syria in the foreign aid appropriations bill. Administration actions appeared to be directed first toward blocking any such action in the Senate when the appropriation bill arrives there, or failing that, having the cutoff killed in a Senate-House conference. The House eliminated support for Syria because of Syrian army attacks on Christians in Lebanon.

ISRAEL EMBASSY OFFICIAL HAILS JABOTINSKY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6 (JTA)--An Israeli Embassy official hailed the Zionist-Revisionist leader, Zeev Jabotinsky, as "a great figure--like a mountain peak," at a memorial program here last Thursday night marking the 38th anniversary of his death. Second Secretary Arieh Kerem's appearance on the program at the Silver Spring Jewish Center is believed to be the first time an Embassy officer attended a Jabotinsky public gathering here. About 150 persons were present, the largest attendance at the memorial programs conducted annually by the Washington branch of the Betar movement founded by Jabotinsky.

"When you are close to events, it is difficult to see the figure," Kerem said of Jabotinsky. "But the further away you get in time and perspective, the more he towers over the scene."

JERUSALEM (JTA)--President Yitzhak Navon hosted 100 participants of the World Council for Yiddish and Jewish Culture at his residence in Jerusalem Saturday night. Speaking in Hebrew, high-lighted with Yiddish idioms and poems, the President noted the need to refine the Jewish heritage with the cultural contributions of Jews in both the Yiddish and Ladino languages.

TEL AVIV (JTA)--Histadrut Secretary General Yeruham Meshel left Sunday for a 2-1/2 week visit of four Latin American countries as guest of the local trade unions. He will visit Mexico, Costa Rica, Venezuela and Colombia.

BEHIND THE HEADLINESAMBIVALENCE OVER THE TALKS DEADLOCK

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Aug. 6 (JTA)—Government circles here have avinced two distinct reactions to the hardening fact of deadlock in the Israel-Egypt peace negotiations. Some officials express deep disappointment. They say they did—and still do—believe in Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's basic sincerity in the quest for peace. But events have proven, they add, that he means peace on unacceptable terms.

Others tend to say "we told you so," recalling their scepticism throughout these past nine months regarding Egypt's earnestness or regarding the objective chances of reconciling the two sides' conflicting positions on basic issues.

The sceptics themselves divide into two groups—those who outright refused to believe that Egypt wanted peace, and always accused Sadat of seeking to trick Israel and the world, and those who left the "sincerity" question open, but believed that Sadat never intended to veer from his tough terms and sought all along to push Israel into disfavor with U.S. public and governmental opinion.

Series Of Events Pinpointed

The sceptics, of both hues, look back over the months of negotiations for events to back up their interpretation. They argue that whenever a breakthrough seemed imminent, Egypt suddenly toughened its stance and thwarted the hope of progress. They catalogue these events as follows:

- Early on, Sadat and Premier Menachem Begin reportedly agreed that the vast bulk of Sinai would be demilitarized. But a few days later Egypt's War Minister Mohammed Gamassy stated that his army would advance to within a few kilometers of the international border—well beyond the Giddi and Mitla Passes which Begin had understood would be the line of effective demilitarization. (Since then this issue has remained unclear.)

- At Ismilya last Christmas, the two sides were within a whisker of agreement on a declaration of principles—when suddenly the Egyptians backed away.

- The Jerusalem conference in January looked particularly promising. Within hours the two sides again seemed advancing towards agreement on a declaration of principles—when suddenly orders came through from Sadat recalling his delegations. Israeli sources say they know that Egyptian Foreign Minister Mohammed Kaamel and his team reported back to Cairo—before the cut-off order—on the progress that had been achieved.

- On March 30, Sadat told Defense Minister Ezer Weizman and Attorney General Aharon Barak that he would be prepared for an Israeli Defense Force strategic presence and for some Israeli settlements to remain on the West Bank. But the next morning, Gamassy told Weizman to disregard that statement. (Sadat has subsequently repeated it to Labor Party chairman Shimon Peres, Weizman and others—but never formally or officially.)

- Egypt's initial position on President Carter's "Aswan formula" of Jan. 4 was favorable—but subsequently an erosion set in. (These Israeli sources contend that Israel never outrightly rejected Aswan as the basis for a statement of principles—a contention which other observers here dispute.)

- Sadat's indications to Peres and Weizman

in Salzburg, Austria last month, that he would be flexible regarding an IDF presence on the West Bank and also would not demand an independent Palestinian state were not repeated formally by Kaamel at the Leeds Castle conference with Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan and U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance a week later.

- Finally, last week's extreme stiffening of the Egyptian position, with Sadat, Kaamel and others saying publicly and in private that Egypt will not rejoin the talks unless Israel announces in advance that it has no territorial claims on the occupied areas.

Saudi Arabian Pressure Seen

This final—and apparently critical—hardening of stance is being attributed by Israeli sources in part to Saudi Arabian pressure upon Egypt to regard the peace initiative as effectively dead and to realign with Syria and Jordan. This assessment has apparently been corroborated by U.S. special envoy Alfred Atherton's reports last week on his talks in Riyadh, Cairo and Alexandria.

But Israeli sources fault the U.S. government for not seeking to exert its own influence upon the Saudis to moderate their position. Israeli officials recall ruefully the arguments they advanced (unsuccessfully) against the U.S. planes sale to Saudi Arabia, when they contended that far from moderating the Saudis the planes would encourage their burgeoning extremism.

FORWARD TO APPEAR ONLY 5 TIMES A WEEK

NEW YORK, Aug. 6 (JTA)—The Jewish Daily Forward announced in its edition today that as of Aug. 14 it will publish five days a week instead of six because of economic reasons. The Yiddish-language newspaper, which now publishes Sunday through Friday, will drop its Monday edition. The paper has had financial difficulties for years and recently has appealed to its readers for aid. The announcement in today's edition was signed by Maurice Petrushka, president of the Forward, Harold Ostroff, general manager, and Simon Weber, editor.

HAARETZ WITH BLANK NEWS PAGES

TEL AVIV, Aug. 6 (JTA)—Haaretz appeared today with a slightly different format. Its front and back pages were blank and its inside pages carried only features and advertisements as a result of a three-day strike by its editorial staff. The paper's management decided to lower the price of the daily due to the absence of news pages.

Meanwhile, six foreign-language newspapers published by Histadrut also failed to appear today because of a lockout by management of the editorial and typographical staffs. The English-language Jerusalem Post appeared as usual. Last Friday most morning papers published only advertising and feature material because of the strike. Haaretz tried to bring out its regular edition, but journalists picketed the paper and it finally appeared with blank news pages.

BUENOS AIRES (JTA)—Gvior Goldring, director of the nuclear physics department at Weizmann Institute in Rehovot, Israel, is visiting Argentina by invitation from the Argentine National Council for Atomic Energy. During his stay he will advise the Council how to build a nuclear reactor for peaceful use.