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WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCES THAT BEGIN, SADAT AND CARTER WILL MEET AT CAMP DAVID SEPT. 5 TO 'SEEK A FRAMEWORK FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST'

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8 (JTA)--The White House today announced that President Carter, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Premier Menachem Begin will meet Tuesday, September 5, to "seek a framework for peace in the Middle East." (In Jerusalem, Begin scheduled a press conference for tonight. See story P. 3.)

Presidential News Secretary Jody Powell said that the tripartite summit will take place at Camp David, President Carter's retreat in the nearby Maryland mountains, and that "no specific time is set for the duration of the meeting."

Powell's announcement also said, "All three leaders agree that there is no more important task than the search for peace." He added that Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, who has been conferring with Begin and Sadat in the Middle East, informed the Middle Eastern leaders of the President's invitation to meet with him and they "have welcomed this meeting." Powell said "the President is gratified by their response." He also said that each of the three leaders will be accompanied to Camp David by "small numbers of their principal advisors."

Reason For Carter's Initiative

Immediately after Powell concluded his brief announcement, a high Administration official told reporters that Carter's initiative was taken because lately in the Middle Eastern situation there was a slowdown in the momentum towards peace. He said there have been "intensified polemics and the parties; instead of moving towards peace, have been drifting away from it. It was in these circumstances that President Carter decided to take the initiative of bringing the parties together."

This was done now, this official continued, "not because chances of peace are so high, but that the stakes are very high--not because prospects are so good but because the risks have risen. We feel it is important to maintain the momentum not only because of regional stability but because of the large international dimensions both political and economic."

"We have no illusions that the meeting at Camp David will produce a settlement but it certainly can help in narrowing down existing differences. It can help a great deal in bringing the parties at this period into face-to-face sustained personal contact to surface existing agreements which have been produced by President Carter's persistent difficult efforts over the last eighteen months."

"These efforts have in fact widened the areas of agreement and we feel with the personal contact we can encourage the parties to resume more direct negotiations themselves. We thus hope, by setting up this meeting, we could contribute to the removal of the obstacles that have both lately and more generally prevented the movement towards peace. The meeting at Camp David is designed to serve that objective."

Powell, when asked what were "the risks" that the high Administration official had referred to, said that they were "only in the sense the momentum" towards peace "has slowed down." When he was asked about the "framework," Powell responded that Vance is on his way back to Washington and "detailed information" should be obtained from him.

Remarks Are Carefully Couched

Observers here took note that the White House remarks about the meeting were carefully couched to diminish the stigma attached to Sadat for his insulting remarks about Begin and his refusal to meet with Israel until Israel agreed to full withdrawal from lands it has been administering since the Six-Day War. The Begin government, on the other hand, in recent weeks, has offered to compromise and won praise from the State Department that "appreciated" its position.

There was also some consideration that Carter took the initiative to call the two leaders to Washington to prevent total collapse of the Sadat initiative of last November when he went to Jerusalem. At this time, when Congressional ire is rising against both Saudi Arabia and Egypt in the maneuvering to force Israel into accepting the precondition of withdrawal before negotiations, the fact that Congress may be adjourning for the November elections and the intention by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, including Saudi Arabia, to raise oil prices also were seen as factors in the President's decision.

It was also considered possible that Carter may put forward "suggestions" towards a settlement which would be in line with his previous assertions of Israel withdrawing to its 1967 borders except for "minor adjustments." Therefore, the summit meeting may be considered a testing of both the intentions of Carter, whose concept of a settlement is much closer to Sadat's perception than Begin's, and the ability of Sadat to allow Israel to retain air bases and the Rafah salient for security reasons.

Lawmakers, Jewish Leaders Hail Meeting

Prior to the White House announcement of the trilateral meeting, Carter disclosed his initiative to leaders of the House and Senate. Afterwards, those meeting with reporters praised the President for his action which was described as "a gamble" and the best chance for progress towards peace.

Sen. Frank Church (D. Ida.), who will head the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in January, said, "It may well be the last best hope for peace in the Middle East. Sadat and Begin have indicated willingness to have another go at it and President Carter is to be commended for his initiative and determination in getting the talks going again."

Sen. Jacob Javits (R. NY) said that he believes the President is correct in having Sadat and Begin confer with him "quietly" at Camp David. He said it was a "gamble" in trying to "find some ground on which progress can be made." Javits added that the trilateral meeting means that "the United States has not fallen for the idea of a peace plan of its own which would be a disaster, or a prelude to disaster."

Sen. Alan Cranston (D. Cal.), the assistant Senate Democratic Leader, warned that the Camp David meeting would not necessarily result in a significant breakthrough and that he did not expect

"Israel and Egypt will sign a peace agreement in the near future." He said he felt Carter would not offer a peace plan but would act as a mediator and that his "formula is to get people together."

House Majority Leader Jim Wright (D. Tex.) said it was "the most positive development which has occurred this year for peace" and that "President Carter has demonstrated real leadership at a time when leadership is desperately needed to get the peace process back on the track." Assistant House Leader John Brademas (D. Ind.) said Carter should have the support of all Americans, adding that without "such leadership from the United States, the prospects for peace would be very bleak."

Sen. Richard Stone (D. Fla.), the Senate Foreign Relations Middle East Subcommittee chairman, said he was "optimistic" over the trilateral meeting. Noting the prompt acceptance by Begin and Sadat of Carter's invitation, he said that "indicates both sides want peace and are willing to bargain face-to-face consistent with their own safety that will bring peace."

Jewish leaders also hailed the summit meeting as a major step in resolving the differences between Israel and Egypt and praised Carter's initiative in bringing the parties together. Among those welcoming the development were Theodore Mann, chairman, Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations; Richard Maass, president, American Jewish Committee; and Howard Squadron, president, American Jewish Congress.

REPORT SYRIA SEEKS TO GAIN CONTROL OF LEBANON AND DECIMATE CHRISTIANS THERE

JERUSALEM, Aug. 8 (JTA)--A report on the situation in Lebanon has confirmed that the recent Syrian bombing of Christian sectors of Beirut is part of an overall plan to gain total control of Lebanon. This report, relayed yesterday by Chief of Staff Gen. Rafael Eitan to the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee, has led some committee members to urge the government to take action in Lebanon.

Comparing the military action taken by the Syrians in Lebanon to that used by the Nazis to take over the Warsaw Ghetto, Knesset member Yosef Tamir of Likud said the Syrians are taking steps to annihilate the entire Christian community and that Israel must stop this destruction.

Committee chairman Moshe Arens reiterated his earlier opinion that action must be taken by Israel but that the United States is supporting the Syrians and is pressuring Israel to halt its aid to Lebanese Christians. Arens said he had sent cables to the chairman of the House of Representatives International Relations Committee and the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee appealing to them "to urge a revision of U.S. policy which has permitted a massacre of hundreds and may lead to (the) destruction of the entire Christian community."

NEO-NAZI LEADER ARRESTED

By Jon Fedler

BONN, Aug. 8 (JTA)--Michael Kuehnen, 23, self-proclaimed "fuhrer" of a small extreme rightwing German group called the National Socialist Action Front, has been arrested on a warrant issued by the Federal Supreme Court on suspicion of setting up a terrorist organization. This move comes only one week after Kuehnen was released from custody in Flensburg, north Germany, where he had been held following a violent clash

between police and neo-Nazis July 22.

According to reports here, 10 other rightwing extremists are also being held for questioning on suspicion of supporting terrorism. Reports say the increasing seriousness with which rightist (usually anti-Semitic, too) activities are officially regarded is shown by the fact that their names are kept on the same register nowadays as those of better-known leftwing terrorists such as the internationally-sought "Carlos." Kuehnen, a former army officer, was dismissed a year ago from an army training center because of his rightwing activities.

RESOLUTION ON SOVIET JEWRY

NEW YORK, Aug. 8 (JTA)--A resolution condemning Soviet harassment of Jews and all other Soviet citizens who "attempt to exercise their basic human rights as guaranteed by international accords and Soviet law" was adopted unanimously yesterday by some 1000 delegates attending the annual Assembly of the American Bar Association (ABA) at the Hilton Hotel. The resolution also called upon the ABA to establish a committee on human rights, together with its legal counterparts in the Soviet Union.

The resolution was introduced by Robert McKay, director of the Program on Justice, Society and the Individual at the Aspen Institute of Humanistic Studies. Sponsors of the resolution, in addition to McKay, were Orville Schell and Adrian DeWind, past presidents of the Association of the Bar of New York; Michael Sovern, Dean of the Columbia Law School; Norman Redlich, Dean of New York University Law School; Donald Shapiro, head of the New York Law School; Morris Abram, past president of Brandeis University; and Rita Hauser, former U.S. representative to the United Nations Human Rights Commission.

The resolution, which is to be voted on tomorrow by the ABA's House of Delegates to make it binding, was introduced in coordination with the New York Legal Coalition for Soviet Jewry, an affiliate of the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry. McKay is a member of the Coalition. The convention tomorrow will also hold a seminar on human rights in the Soviet Union, co-sponsored by the New York Legal Coalition.

HOLLAND TV GROUP TO SHOW 'HOLOCAUST'

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 8 (JTA)--The Dutch TROS Broadcasting organization has decided in principle to buy the NBC-TV series "Holocaust" for showing in Holland. The Protestant NCRV broadcasting organization, which had the first claim, has withdrawn its application because it considers it a commercial success series with imitated misery which would be traumatic for many people. TROS, on the other hand, considers the series to be "top quality." The series will be shown by TROS, probably only in 1979. The Flemish television BRT broadcasting organization will be the first to show "Holocaust" on the Continent, starting Sept. 13.

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JERUSALEM (JTA)--President Yitzhak Navon hosted 500 diaspora youth at the Presidential residence here and urged them to learn Hebrew to feel more a part of the Jewish people. The youngsters, taking part in the World Zionist Organization's "summer projects," come from the U.S., England, France, Mexico and an unnamed Moslem country. Over 15,000 youths are taking part in a variety of activities, including volunteer work in development towns, studying Hebrew, touring, and attending seminars.

BEGIN EXPRESSES HOPE THAT THE SUMMIT MEETING WILL PROVIDE BREAKTHROUGH

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Aug. 8 (JTA)--Premier Menachem Begin interrupted the first day of a week-long vacation today to announce his acceptance of President Carter's invitation to join with Carter and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat at a summit conference at Camp David Sept. 5. Begin announced his acceptance at a hurriedly-called press conference at which he also expressed hope that the talks would provide a breakthrough in the current negotiations impasse that would lead to peace in the Middle East.

The Premier expressed warm thanks to Secretary of State Cyrus Vance who arranged the meeting during his visit to Israel on Sunday and to Egypt yesterday. It was disclosed that Vance was carrying personal letters to Begin and Sadat but their content was not disclosed until the Sept. 5 meeting was announced today in Washington.

Begin said Vance asked for a private talk Sunday at which he presented Begin with Carter's handwritten letter containing the invitation. Begin told the press conference: "I gave my consent to the meeting, knowing the attitude of the government. I was asked to keep the invitation a secret until the attitude of the Egyptians was known." He added he did keep the secret and "if there were any leakages, they were from Washington."

Begin apologized for keeping such news secret for three days. He expressed satisfaction over the fact that Sadat had accepted the Carter initiative. He praised Vance for succeeding "in this very delicate diplomacy" and he hailed Carter for his initiative. Begin said that as soon as he read Carter's invitation, he cabled his acceptance to the White House.

Denies Change in Israel's Position

In reply to questions, Begin denied rumors that Israel had made any changes in its negotiating position. He commented that if Egyptian officials had said Israel had made any changes, "they know even less than you journalists." He also denied that Vance has asked Israel to change its position.

Begin was asked how he felt about Sadat, who in recent weeks has publicly insulted him. The Premier said he had "a soft spot" in his heart for Sadat since the Egyptian leader made his historic visit last November to Jerusalem. Begin said he kept "in my heart" a friendly feeling for Sadat for saying in November to Begin, "You are my friend." Begin said no incidents or hard words could eliminate his friendly sentiments in such a short time. Begin added that "what has happened, has happened" and that "one should know how to open a new page. Let us hope that at Camp David a new page will be opened."

HEATED DEBATE ON SETTLEMENTS ISSUE

By Barbie Zelizer-Meyouhas

JERUSALEM, Aug. 8 (JTA)--Heated debate on the issue of the settlements on the West Bank marked the start of a session yesterday of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee, with some members claiming that despite repeated requests for a discussion on the subject the topic has not been brought to the committee for consideration. They expressed concern that such a situation would continue until the settlements have

been well established. "It is not possible that decisions on settlements conceived in the past will be implemented without first discussing them in committee," said Yossi Sarid, a Labor Alignment committee member.

Committee chairman Moshe Arens noted that he has requested a meeting on the subject with Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon, chairman of the Ministerial Settlement Committee; a number of times but no answer has yet been received.

In related developments, Sharon said yesterday that thousands of Jews can settle in Samaria "without touching a single Arab." Conducting a press tour of West Bank settlements, Sharon said that the establishment of Jewish-populated strips on the West Bank was a means of halting Arab expansion in the area and widening the Jewish-populated coastal strip.

"It is inconceivable that Arabs will be permitted to live anywhere they want in Israel, while Jews will be forbidden to settle in certain areas," Sharon declared. He explained that between the Mediterranean and the Jordan River, there would be three Jewish-populated strips alternating with two Arab-populated strips. In addition, Jerusalem's Jewish character would be ensured by encircling the capital with Jewish settlements.

Sharon also claimed that the framework for new settlements on the West Bank is now complete, and that if Israel does not settle now it is doubtful it could do so in the future.

"Israel is now building in the areas the very same security framework needed to solve its security problems," he said. "The settlements now being established in Judea and Samaria are part of such a plan. . . . We are presently at the height of a settlement wave, and it is our duty to respond."

DENY ACCORD ON PASSAGE OF LEBANESE ARMY THROUGH CHRISTIAN ENCLAVES

TEL AVIV, Aug. 8 (JTA)--Major Saad Haddad, commander of the Christian militia in south Lebanon, has denied that any agreement has been reached to permit a 700-man contingent of the Lebanese army to pass through the Christian enclaves in the south to an assigned position at Tibnin, 25 miles from Kaukaba. The battalion has been mired in Kaukaba for a week because of opposition by the Christian militia.

Haddad said an agreement was reached on a total cease-fire between the militia and the Lebanese battalion so that the Muslim soldiers in the battalion would be able to observe the Islamic Ramadan feast unhampered. He stressed that the battalion will not be allowed to move from its present site at Kaukaba through the Christian enclaves even if Israel, under United States pressure, advised them to do so. He hinted that Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, who conferred with Premier Menachem Begin before flying to Alexandria for talks with President Anwar Sadat of Egypt, may have exerted pressure on Israel to advise the Christians to change their position.

But it was reported last night that a new plan had been devised under which the battalion will take up positions farther east in south Lebanon and will be transported by helicopter to Tibnin.

WASHINGTON (JTA)--A delegation representing the Congressional Wives Committee for Soviet Jewry met here Tuesday with First Lady Rosalynn Carter to explain the committee's purpose and goals. The National Conference on Soviet Jewry sponsors the congressional committee. It was formed in early 1978.

ANTI-ABORTION GROUPS ACCUSE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF LEADING PRO-ABORTION FIGHT IN CALIF. STATE LEGISLATURE

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 8 (JTA)--Anti-abortion groups in California have accused the Jewish community of leading a pro-abortion fight in the state Legislature, with an unaffiliated Jew acting as a leading spokesman for that charge, according to a report scheduled for publication this week in the San Francisco Jewish Bulletin. The Jewish State Assembly floor leader, Howard Berman, called the charges "revolting and disgusting," and "racist."

The Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) of San Francisco received three mailgrams and a number of telephone calls within a few days from three anti-abortion groups: Mobilization for the Unnamed, Crusade for Life, and the Pro-Life Medical Association of California, Phil Bronstein, Bulletin assistant editor, reported.

Anti-abortion spokesmen threatened, in the telephone calls, to picket Jewish organizations if the "Jewish community" did not "change its position on abortion," Bronstein wrote. The mailgrams charged that "political support for abortion funding" by the state came "mainly from various Jewish organizations" and that "political pressure" was applied by "the Jewish community" on legislators to include abortion funding in the state budget. The mailgrams also cited "Gentile support for Jewish issues," mentioning Israel specifically and asked for a Jewish return of that "favor."

Some legislators had proposed inclusion of funds for abortions in the state budget, but after a lengthy and bitter debate the Legislature eliminated funds for abortion from the budget with a few exceptions, the Bulletin reported. These included state-funded abortion for rape victims and cases where the mother's life would be endangered by her pregnancy.

The Jewish anti-abortion spokesman, one of those calling the JCRC here, is Tom Mitzner of Torrance, Calif., who is connected with the California Pro-Life Council, an umbrella agency for some 26 anti-abortion groups.

Warning On Pro-Abortion Legislation

Mitzner reportedly told the JCRC that "everyone," Jews and non-Jews, "knows Jews are behind the pro-abortion drive" in Sacramento, the state capital, and that Assembly Speaker Leo McCarthy and Gov. Jerry Brown, who both favored liberalized abortion funding, "are supported by Jewish money." He reportedly said "the Jewish community" should "call off" pro-abortion legislation or Jewish hospitals and organizations would be picketed and Jews would be accused of "genocide."

Earl Raab, JCRC executive director, told the Bulletin that the JCRC had no position on abortion, does not advocate a position and does not discuss the issue with legislators.

Mitzner, an aerospace scientist in southern California, is a special adviser to Raoul Silva, president of the Pro-Life Council. Mitzner, contacted by the Bulletin, said seven Jewish groups—including the American Jewish Congress, the National Council of Jewish Women and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC)—belong to the National Coalition for Abortion Rights.

But, according to the Bulletin, these groups do not favor unrestricted abortion but suggested that decisions on abortion should be left to the woman, her doctor and her rabbi, if she is Jewish.

Mitzner said the Pro-Life Council position is that abortion should be illegal except where the life of the mother is directly threatened.

Wide Differences Of Opinion

The Bulletin said that there are wide divergences of opinion on the issue among Jewish groups, but Mitzner told the Bulletin that "beyond those public positions" of the Jewish agencies, "we have the abortion policies of Jewish hospitals like Mount Zion."

A Mount Zion spokesperson replied that the hospital "has no position on abortion. We perform them on demand with medical considerations being the only criterion, which is in compliance with all laws," a reference to a 1975 Supreme Court ruling liberalizing abortion requirements.

Berman, a Democrat, who led the fight for liberalized abortion funding in the legislature, and who called Mitzner's charges "revolting and disgusting," said his action and that of other legislators who shared his views "had nothing to do with the Jewish community. I don't even know what their position is."

SHMUEL USSISHKIN DEAD AT 79

JERUSALEM, Aug. 8 (JTA)--Shmuel Ussishkin, a member of the Jewish National Fund Directorate, died here last Thursday at the age of 79. He was the son of Menachem Ussishkin, a founder of the Russian Zionist movement and president of the JNF in the 1920s. Shmuel Ussishkin was a member of the Hachsharat Hayishuv Directorate, the World Zionist Organization Directorate and the Zionist Congress Court, in addition to the JNF. He immigrated to Palestine in 1919 after studying law at Odessa and Cambridge. He was the author of a number of legal books and articles and lectured at the Tel Aviv University School of Law and Economics before the establishment of the State of Israel.

AWARD FOR ALERTNESS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 8 (JTA)--A public committee comprising veterans of the War for Independence and 101st Unit, the first Israeli army commando unit which carried out raids against terrorist bases across the border in the 1950s, has been established to encourage public alertness against acts of terrorism.

Shlomo Baum, the committee spokesman, himself a famous figure from the 1950s when he was one of the heroes of special anti-terrorist operations, said the public committee was set up because its members feel that the current campaign against terrorists and methods to prevent terrorist acts are neither adequate nor successful. The committee, therefore, is providing an incentive to encourage the public to be on the alert.

Having received a large sum of money from an anonymous donor, the committee is offering IL 50,000 for information leading to the arrest of a terrorist and IL 10,000 for discovering an explosive device. The awards, to be given upon the recommendation of the police, will be paid to anyone regardless of religion or nationality, Baum said.

GENEVA (JTA)--According to a report by the Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration office here, the number of Jews emigrating from the Soviet Union has significantly increased during the first six months of 1978. Some 11,500 Jews have arrived in Vienna this year, an increase of 60 percent compared with the same period in 1977.