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## CABINET FREEZES ALL SETTLEMENTS ACTIVITIES TILL AFTER SUMMIT TALKS

By David Landau and Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Aug. 14 (JTA)--The Cabinet decided today to freeze all settlement activities on the West Bank until after the summit at Camp David Sept. 5, it was reported. But the issue over the proposal to establish three new settlements in the Jericho area and two in the northern Jordan Valley is expected to continue to simmer.

It is also expected to come up, at least obliquely, at next Sunday's Cabinet meeting when the Cabinet begins the political discussions in preparation for the meetings between Premier Menachem Begin, President Carter and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat at Camp David.

### May Have Hurt Israel Abroad

Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan, according to sources, told the Cabinet that the published accounts yesterday of the five new settlements may have hurt Israel abroad prior to the summit. Many ministers expressed the fear that the United States and Egypt would issue statements condemning the settlements, thus damaging prospects for Camp David. The Cabinet hopes that by freezing discussions on the settlements it will avoid this from happening. (See related stories this page and P. 3.)

Deputy Premier Yigael Yadin, who was in charge of today's Cabinet meeting and who originally planned to bring up the new settlements which he opposes, also did not put it on the agenda because Begin was on vacation. Also absent today was Yadin's chief antagonist on the issue, Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon.

Yadin has been arguing strongly that no government committee has given approval to the five settlements. But Cabinet Secretary Arye Naor said late yesterday that the Cabinet, sitting as the ministerial security committee on June 28, decided to establish five new military outposts on the Jordan River.

Naor's announcement came after Sharon warned that unless the government officially clarified the situation, he would issue his own statement on radio and television regarding the June 28 decision. "I will not let you spill my blood any longer and hide behind my back," Sharon told Yadin. Yadin ordered Naor to issue the statement after consulting with Begin.

### Dispute Validity Of June 28 Decision

Should the Cabinet approve the settlements Yadin, who is the leader of the Democratic Movement for Change (DMC), has threatened to take the matter up with the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee. The Begin government's agreement with the DMC allows it to go before the Knesset committee when it disagrees on any settlement plan for the occupied territories.

Yadin maintains that the June 28 action was invalid since the Cabinet did not review the entire issue. Sharon argues that six weeks have passed since the ministerial committee's decision

and since there is a two-week period for a minister to appeal and Yadin did not do it, the decision is valid.

The issue came to light after Sharon met with leaders of the kibbutz and moshav settlement groups last week to urge them to prepare volunteers and material for the new settlements. All agreed except for Mapam's Kibbutz Haartzi. Also complicating the issue and expected to become a major political controversy is that the military censor barred news of the June 28 meeting and that of Sharon's meetings with the settlement movements' leaders. There is a belief in some quarters that this was done to prevent unfavorable political reaction abroad.

Meanwhile, at the weekly meeting of the World Zionist Organization Executive today, Roanan Weitz, co-chairman of the WZO settlement department, said in response to questions that the five proposed settlements were within the areas earmarked by the previous Labor governments for settlements. He said he hoped the issue would not become one for partisan wrangling. Weitz stressed that the WZO's involvement at present was strictly in terms of overall planning since there were no implementation orders or budgetary resources.

### THREE BOMBING INCIDENTS IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Aug. 14 (JTA)--A bomb exploded this morning at a hitch hike station for soldiers on the southern outskirts of Jerusalem. No one was injured and there was no damage. It was the third bombing attempt in the city since the beginning of the week. An explosive charge went off Saturday on the Mount of Olives and another charge was discovered before it went off near the Jaffa Gate. There were no injuries or damage at either site.

Police detained dozens of suspects and launched an investigation into the three incidents. Police also called on the public to be on the alert for suspicious objects. Interior Minister Yosef Burg warned that terrorists could be expected to increase their sabotage activities in the period leading up to the Camp David summit conference which begins Sept. 5.

### CARTER SAYS U.S. WILL NOT OFFER PROPOSAL FOR ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN PEACE

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (JTA)--Secretary of State Cyrus Vance discussed the forthcoming Middle East summit meeting behind closed doors today with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee after President Carter publicly ruled out any possibility of a U.S. proposal for an Egyptian-Israeli peace and said he hoped that Israel would not establish five new settlements on the West Bank.

The President commented to reporters, "Well, I wish they would not create any more settlements," when he was asked about the Israeli government's program. He has strongly and frequently voiced condemnation of Israeli settlements in the area as illegal.

Reporters asked Vance, when he emerged from his meeting with the Senate unit, for his reaction to the settlements. He responded in a tone of relief by referring to today's Israeli Cabinet decision. He added that the U.S. has communicated with Israel about the settlements in the occupied areas and that the U.S. opposition to them has not changed.

News of the new settlements coming only two weeks before the summit Sept. 5 at Camp David was widely reported in the media as representing a setback for the summit, with attention being given to "Peace Now" movement activities in Israel opposing them. Vance went into the Senate session shortly after announcement in Israel that final action on the settlements would be withheld until after the summit.

#### Prepared To Offer Assessment

Meanwhile Carter was on record in an interview published in the U.S. News & World Report that he would provide an "assessment" to Israeli Premier Menachem Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat at Camp David if that would present an "acceptable compromise."

Asked if he would "rule out the possibility of the U.S. actually presenting its own Mideast peace plan for both sides rather than simply serving as a go-between," Carter replied: "That question insinuates some imposition on those two leaders of an American proposal. That's not possible. They would have to voluntarily agree without pressure from us to any proposal before it would be acceptable."

"But if we see, between the positions of Egypt and Israel, some possibility of an acceptable compromise, we would certainly take that assessment to both Prime Minister Begin and President Sadat and say, 'This is a possibility. Would you accept it?' To that extent the U.S. would be prepared to act in that role."

Asked if he had a "workable formula in mind for bridging the gap between Israel and Egypt on the central issue of the occupied territories," the President replied: "There are several possibilities for that to be done but I would rather not single out any particular one. I think both Prime Minister Begin and President Sadat are familiar with the options that are available. There are no secrets among us. What would ultimately be successful as a proposal no one yet knows."

#### Cautiously Hopeful About Summit

Carter said he is "cautiously hopeful" about success at the summit and that "we will be full partners in the discussion, although I want to emphasize that the only avenue for a successful conclusion of the agreement" is between Begin and Sadat themselves. "We will offer our good services as a mediator, as one who understands both perspectives," Carter emphasized, however, that the U.S. will not be "idle bystanders" because "we have a direct national interest in the Mideast itself."

He disclosed that "exactly the same copy" about his summit proposal was shown to Begin, Sadat, King Hussein of Jordan and President Hafez Assad of Syria "so that there would be no doubt about the fact that we were providing our services in good faith." Carter said "inherent political risks" are involved in the summit because if it should fail, "then I would be associated personally—as the President of our country—with failure."

When Vance was asked by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency about the President's reference to Syria, he said he was surprised. Vance said no communication was made with Syria about the summit but with Jordan and Saudi Arabia, apart from Egypt and Israel, which were the only two governments to receive written statements.

He thought the reference to Syria in the interview was a "typographical error." It was previously reported that the Carter Administration solicited the advice of Saudi Arabia before issuing the summit announcement. Since then, Saudi Arabia has given its blessing to the summit while castigating Israeli "intransigence."

#### SUSPEND PLANS FOR NUCLEAR STATION

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Aug. 14 (JTA)—Israel has suspended almost all preparations for the establishment of a \$1.3 billion nuclear power station at Nitzanim, south of Tel Aviv.

The decision was taken following a demand by the United States that Israel sign the international treaty against the proliferation of nuclear weapons. The U.S. announced it would not finance the project, unless Israel signed the treaty.

Israel's refusal to sign the non-proliferation treaty has been the subject of disagreements with the U.S. for several years. Recently the U.S. refused to provide Israel with the necessary plans to operate such a station. Israel refuses to sign the treaty because it would mean international supervision over all nuclear installations in the country, including the nuclear plant in Dimona.

Israel has already invested some IL 170 million (\$10 million) in the project. The amount allocated for the development in this year's budget was cut almost completely. No funds have been allocated in next year's budget. The station was originally planned to be completed in 1985.

#### UN CONFERENCE TO DEBATE SOUTH AFRICA, ZIONISM; U.S. JEWISH GROUPS RAP CONFAF FOR LINKING ZIONISM WITH RACISM

GENEVA, Aug. 14 (JTA)—The United Nations sponsored World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination opened here today with an announcement that the two main topics of debate will be South Africa and Zionism. Mooki Molapo of Lesotho was elected president of the conference which is being attended by representatives of 80 governments and 30 non-governmental organizations. Israel and the United States are not attending because of the General Assembly's 1975 resolution equating Zionism with racism.

(In New York, the Coordinating Board of Jewish Organizations announced it also is not attending the conference because of the anti-Zionist resolution. The Coordinating Board said that by linking Zionism with racism "This was not merely a new form of anti-Jewish defamation, but a move, we fear, calculated to sow the seeds of an evil which in the recent past exploded into unparalleled crimes against humanity.")

(The Coordinating Board stressed that its members "remain completely dedicated to the urgent task of removing forever from the face of the earth racism and racial discrimination in all their forms." The Board, which includes B'nai B'rith International, the International Council of Jewish Women and the Women's International Zionist Organization, all non-governmental organizations with consultative status at the UN, said it welcomed the World Conference when the UN first announced it.)

(However, the adoption on Nov. 10, 1975 of the General Assembly Resolution equating Zionism with racism "committed such UN programs as the Decade and the World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination to single out for attack one national ideology in the world, that of the Jewish people," the Board stated.)

**SENATORS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE SUMMIT**

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (JTA)--Three leading members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee said today they expected "positive" and "concrete" results would emanate from the Middle East summit at Camp David next month.

Senators Frank Church (D. Id.), Richard Stone (D. Fla.), and Charles Percy (R. Ill.) commented to reporters after hearing Secretary of State Cyrus Vance describe his recent discussions with Israeli Premier Menachem Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat.

The Senators based their optimism, without much elaboration, on their talks with Vance and the support for the summit made by leaders of Saudi Arabia and Jordan. Vance, talking with reporters after his two-hour closed-door session with the Senate committee, cautioned against speculation on the summit's possible results.

"I believe very strongly we must not engage in extensive speculation," he said. Vance reiterated that the U.S. has "no peace plan" but would present suggestions during the course of negotiations were they to run into obstacles. He stressed that Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Fahd and Jordan's King Hussein approved of the summit.

Vance refused to discuss the reported Egyptian military buildup as some form of showdown when Egypt's three-year second Sinai agreement expires October. President Carter has said that the arms buildup prompted his call for the summit. Vance's silence today was seen as indicating that the U.S. would like to have that point removed from public view.

**Reasons To Be Hopeful**

Percy reinforced this attitude by saying that there is "no potential" for war. Church, referring to the summit, said "there are reasons to be at least hopeful. This is not just a gesture or a desperate move. It amounts to a good deal more." He added that Egypt and Israel are not "so far apart on a peace agreement" and felt that Begin is prepared "to make some gestures." He did not elaborate.

Stone noted that at Vance's previous meeting with the Senate committee a number of Senators had expressed concern over Saudi Arabia's failure to make a positive impact on the peace process. He praised Vance's recent efforts, saying that the Secretary and State Department should get "high marks" for convincing Saudi Arabia and Jordan to support the summit. Percy said he hoped that Hussein "could not only support but become a participant" in the summit talks.

**CONFRONTATION BETWEEN OPPONENTS AND DEFENDERS OF A NAZI WAR CRIMINAL**

By Rochelle Saidel Wolk

ALBANY, Aug. 14 (JTA)--A confrontation occurred yesterday in the Washington County town of Dresden, New York, near the home of alleged Nazi war criminal Vilis Hazners, when over 20 demonstrating campers and staff from Camp Givat, Albany's Temple Israel's day camp, were challenged by a group of Hazners' defenders.

Hazners, a Latvian immigrant, is charged by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service with entering the country illegally in 1956 by concealing his role in the extermination of Jews in Latvia during World War II. A deportation hearing against Hazner began in February

1977 and was recessed this spring. Rabbi Paul B. Sifton of Temple Israel, who led the demonstrators, said they had chosen the ninth day of the Jewish month of Ab because it is a day of mourning for past tragedies. "We have to do something about the past, not just pray about it," Sifton said. "This is the most significant Tisha B'av I've spent," reading Echa and Kinot in front of Hazners' house and marching peacefully with signs that quoted from the Psalms, "he added.

**Placards With Anti-Semitic Slogans**

The demonstrators were challenged by several Dresden residents and one man whose car bore Vermont license plates who carried placards reading "Go Home, Jew Gestapo," "Jews Are A Vengeful People," and "Jews Are Hypocrites and Thieves--Remember the Palestinians." Hazners' defenders, led by a man identifying himself as John Christian, said that the charges against Hazners were false and Communist-inspired. Hazners was described by them as a "good and gentle man, incapable of atrocities." Christian said he represented the "Christian Defense League." Another man identifying himself as John said that the media had only told one side of Hazners' story and he threatened to smash television equipment if he was filmed.

Dresden is the home of several Latvian families who fled their homeland during and after World War II. Hazners is accused of atrocities against the Jews of Riga, including identifying Jews for extermination, herding Jews into the Grand Synagogue which was then burned, and other crimes.

Last November, eight eyewitnesses against Hazners from Israel, formerly from Riga, were brought to Albany by the Immigration and Naturalization Services. Hazners was utilized by the CIA to broadcast on Radio Liberty and the Voice of America, according to evidence presented at his hearing. He is one of a group of alleged Nazi war criminals that has been employed by U.S. government intelligence agencies. The issue is now being investigated by the House Subcommittee on Immigration, headed by Rep. Joshua Eilberg (D. Pa.).

**REFUSENIK GETS ONE-YEAR JAIL TERM**

NEW YORK, Aug. 14 (JTA)--The Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry and Union of Councils for Soviet Jews reported today that 30-year-old Kishinev refusenik Mikhail Roiz, a radio engineer, has been sentenced to a year's imprisonment for "draft evasion," although he has already served three years in the Red Army. Roiz's wife Rachel, who had immigrated to Israel, was killed in an auto accident last year near Eilat.

Meanwhile, the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry conducted an outdoor Tisha B'av prayer service yesterday for Anatoly Shcharansky, Vladimir Slepak and other Prisoners of Conscience in the USSR. Some 250 people took part in the service which was held in front of the Soviet Mission to the United Nations. Rabbi Avraham Weiss, who led the prayer service, explained that Tisha B'av, a fast day, marks the destruction of the First and Second Temples in ancient Israel. "But," he declared, "the Western Wall at which we mourn for the Temples will be the Wall at which Shcharansky and his wife Avital will be reunited."

JERUSALEM (JTA)--Knesseter Avraham Katz, head of the World Zionist Organization's department for youth and hechalutz, is in Latin America seeking enrollment in the department's programs for youth in Israel.

## INSIDE ISRAEL'S ECONOMY ISRAEL ENTERS THE COMPUTER AGE

By Barbie Zelizer-Meyouhas

JERUSALEM, Aug. 14 (JTA)—A decade ago it would have seemed inconceivable for Israel to be hosting an international conference on information technology. Yet, due to developments of the past five years in this area, "Israel has now secured a place for itself in the midst of the advanced countries of the western world."

This claim, by Uzia Galil, chairman of the board of Elbit Computers, Israel's leading exporter in computer hardware, is indeed indisputable, as seen by the 50 percent increase in computer usage and 100 percent increase in computer manpower in Israel since 1974. With exports growing from \$20 million in 1972 to \$100 million in 1977, and the Israeli electronic industry expanding nearly threefold during the same time period (from \$140 million to \$400 million), the computer has reached a respected position in Israel.

Galil contends that this rapid growth is a result of both the defense establishment's need for electronic and computer systems as well as Israel's entry into the European Common Market and its emphasis on Israel's developed computers.

### Revealing Aspects Of Israel's Status

This and other revealing aspects of Israel's place in the world of technology were relayed at the Third Jerusalem Conference on Information Technology, held Aug. 7-9 at Binyanei HaOoma. Conference participants numbered approximately 2,000 local individuals and hundreds of visitors from more than 30 countries, including the U.S., Canada, Australia, Thailand, India and France.

Topics discussed included technology transfer (international sharing of scientific and technological advances and development), software and programming languages, computer description and their uses—all for the computer specialist and computer application in geographic map processing, satellite image processing, medicine, education, environmental health and banking—for the less scientifically oriented layman.

One of the conference's highlights was the description of a unique computer system developed in Israel which can monitor, control and facilitate the country's foreign trade. Immediate data on imports and exports is fed into the computer system, on the basis of which it then refines and redefines its participation in international trade.

### Focus On Software Methodology

Israel's unique place in the computer age centers on its growing interest in software methodology. Conference chairman Anthony Ralston, of the U.S., feels that the Israeli computer industry is very capable of exporting software to the U.S. "It is my overall impression that Israel's minicomputer and microcomputer segments of the industry are heading in the right direction," Ralston said.

Galil agrees with the increasingly important place of software methodology in Israel's technological development. As a step in that direction, he notes the need to strengthen the link between the scientific work achieved in the university framework and other technological, innovative efforts aimed at economic growth. This is a lengthy process, aimed at gaining acceptance for the idea that industrial creativeness means at least as much as scientific recognition.

Israel's technology transfer program with less developed countries was also discussed at the conference. In practice, Israel is carrying out this program with Venezuela, Ecuador and other countries in Latin America and Asia, in the hope that they will benefit from Israel's progress in such areas as medical diagnosis and the general role of computers in medicine.

Wider popular appeal was secured at the conference with a computerized chess tournament, with three programs from the U.S. and one each from Holland, Switzerland and Canada competing. An international youth competition in computer science, a dancing performance to computer-produced music and the screening of a partly computer-produced film.

### Successful Computerized Projects

The Israeli Ministry of Finance presently operates a government center which centralizes computerized information for the government and public administration. Called the Office Mechanization Center (OMC), it deals with integrative application of computer technology, such as civil service administration, foreign trade, population registers, and inventory control.

Given an ample budget for the upcoming year (IL 130 million), the office plans on expanding its till-now successful computerized projects. "By virtue of last year's thirty million dollars worth of exports of computer hardware and peripherals, we achieved a balance of exports and imports," claims Dov Chevion, director of the OMC and co-chairman of the Jerusalem Conference on Information Technology.

The boundaries open to a computerized world are endless, and conference participants agreed that progress in that direction should not be hindered. Galil observed: "Building up a computer in a new environment can be a fascinating experience. The pitfalls are formidable, the risks enormous. But it is feasible... in the post-industrial society of tomorrow, one of the main criteria in grading the quality of a society will be its computer expertise."

### VIGIL SUPPORTS BEGIN'S WEST BANK POLICY

NEW YORK, Aug. 14 (JTA)—Some 40 to 50 young American Jews who are planning to settle on the West Bank, staged a vigil yesterday at the Isaiah Wall opposite the United Nations in support of Israeli Premier Menachem Begin's policy "in keeping the West Bank part of Israel," according to Daniel Fliegler, a spokesman for the American governing council of Lev Tzion, the group which sponsored the vigil. The theme of the vigil was "keep the West Bank Israeli to prevent another Tisha B'av tragedy from occurring."

According to Fliegler, Lev Tzion is affiliated with Noar Mizrahi in the United States and supports the view of Gush Emunim in Israel. He said that the prospective olim were promised an old Nahal campsite on the West Bank, some 15 miles from Jerusalem, by the former Labor Party government and reaffirmed by the Begin government. Some one dozen Lev Tzion members are presently in Israel waiting for permission to take over the campsite and make it habitable. "Our aim is to keep the West Bank Jewish," Fliegler asserted.

JERUSALEM (JTA)—Leon Dulzin returned to his post as Jewish Agency/World Zionist Organization chairman Monday after a prolonged absence due to an ulcer operation.