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BEGIN SAYS ISRAEL WILL NOT BRING ANY NEW PLANS TO CAMP DAVID SUMMIT

Says Present Israeli Peace Plan Is Good
By Gil Sedon

JERUSALEM, Aug. 15 (JTA)--Israel will take no new peace plan to Camp David, Premier Menachem Begin said today, following a meeting with members of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee in his office. Begin said the present Israeli plan was "good" and this is the plan that would be brought to Camp David. However, Begin added, a team of experts is preparing possible Israeli replies to the various questions and proposals likely to come up during the summit conference which begins Sept. 5.

Begin said that the Cabinet's decision yesterday to freeze the construction of the five nahal (para-military) settlements along the Jordan River was taken because of the upcoming Camp David talks. "When we heard there was to be a tripartite meeting, it never occurred to us to go on with establishing these nahal settlements," he said. "This was because of psychological reasons, not for any other reasons." Political sources in Jerusalem described the decision as a gesture of good will to President Carter for initiating the Camp David summit.

Even the opposition parties agreed that the five settlements were military settlements which should be established under any circumstances. Begin thus indicated that the establishment of the five settlements was only a question of time. Government sources indicated that the settlements would fit in with the basic concept advanced several years ago by Yigal Alon, Foreign Minister and Deputy Premier in the Rabin government, of creating a chain of settlements along the Jordan River.

Informed Vance Of Government's Decision

Begin rejected as "groundless" a claim that the settlement question was raised in order to jeopardize the prospects for a successful summit. He said he had informed U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance of the exact circumstances which led to the government's decision. "We told Vance: all three parties want the summit to succeed, but no one does so more than Israel," Begin said.

Labor Party chairman Shimon Peres said at the Committee meeting with Begin that Israel should seek to achieve a declaration of principles at the summit. Such a declaration includes the best possibility for peace, Peres said. Amnon Rubinstein, chairman of the Democratic Movement for Change Knesset faction said Israel should re-examine its position. Although the Israeli peace plan was a possible basis for negotiations, it was not an exclusive plan and one should respond to new initiatives, he urged.

(Meanwhile, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat said yesterday in Alexandria that "I will do my best to achieve peace based on justice and not any other peace" when he meets Begin and President Carter at Camp David. Sadat stressed that "I am not for a unilateral solution or seeking one (with Israel), as Moscow Radio claims.")

SECURITY CHECKS ON JERUSALEM BUSES

JERUSALEM, Aug. 15 (JTA)--Special security checks on Jerusalem buses were initiated today to prevent acts of sabotage. The checks were introduced following an investigation by a special committee which was set up following an explosion in a Jerusalem bus in June which killed six persons and injured 19. Each bus is now thoroughly inspected before going out on its run. Special teams approved by the police will be on the buses throughout the day. They are authorized to check passengers' luggage and to conduct body searches.

Special signs have been introduced inside the buses calling on the public to be alert for suspicious objects. Jerusalem's schools will have special sessions at the beginning of the school year drawing the students' attention to possible dangers on the public transportation vehicles. One bus line in Jerusalem will have transparent seats which will make it easier to spot suspicious objects. In addition, all buses will have microphones by the driver's seat which will allow them to call the passengers' attention to suspicious objects.

ISRAEL ATTACKED AT UN-SPONSORED CONFAB

GENEVA, Aug. 15 (JTA)--Israel came under attack today during the first session of the United Nations-sponsored World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination.

The United Arab Emirate delegate to the Conference stated that "Israel is applying a policy of racial discrimination against the people of Palestine and other inhabitants of the occupied Arab territories...." He declared that "Zionism is a form of racial discrimination, and in this sense it goes side by side with the system of apartheid in South Africa... South Africa and Israel have flagrantly violated conventions and United Nations decisions." The delegate concluded his remarks by stating that "Israel is violating the 1949 Geneva Convention to which it was a party."

Israel, the United States and major Jewish organizations, such as the World Jewish Congress and the Coordinating Board of Jewish Organizations, non-governmental organizations with consultative status at the UN, are not attending the Conference because it is being convened under UN resolutions which refer to previous measures adopted by the General Assembly, including the one equating Zionism with racism.

FUNDS FOR ISRAEL, EGYPT LEFT INTACT IN THE FOREIGN AID BILL

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15 (JTA)--The House of Representatives last night approved a record foreign aid money bill of \$7.17 billion and sent it to the Senate with funding intact for Israel and Egypt and nothing for Syria. Funds were approved for Lebanon and Jordan but they face slight cuts under an amendment reducing military aid except for Israel.

The appropriations legislation, adopted by a vote of 223 to 167, reduced by more than a billion dollars the total wanted by President Carter who had asked for \$8.4 billion.

The House specifically exempted Israel from reductions in the military and economic supporting assistance categories and Egypt was exempted from a

cut in economic aid, as was Jordan. Under the bill, Israel is to get \$1 billion in military aid and \$785 million in economic assistance. Egypt is to get \$750 million. Jordan will receive \$93 million in economic aid but the \$150 million in military assistance faces some reduction, as does Lebanon's earmarked aid of \$25 million, because of the 20 percent military credit reduction voted by the House in the total for such assistance.

It is up to the Carter Administration to determine where to make those reductions. The more than one billion dollars reduced from the original Carter request is on international banks and assistance to Cuba and Vietnam. Syria had been earmarked by the Carter Administration for \$90 million but the House had previously amended its bill to eliminate funds for Syria because of the attacks by Syria's "peace-keeping" forces against the Lebanese Christian militia.

The Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on foreign aid will not take up the measure until after the Congress returns on Sept. 5 from its summer recess. While the Senate is expected to accept the House figures for Israel, Egypt, Jordan and Lebanon, there is some uncertainty about the elimination of Syria. The Carter Administration is waging a hard fight to continue support for Syria.

Meanwhile, at the State Department today, spokesman Hodding Carter said "clearly we hope Congress will find a way to restore" the funds for Syria which the House cut off two weeks ago. At the White House, however, Deputy Press Secretary Rex Granum praised the House for its bill. "This bill makes it possible for the U.S. to fulfill its obligations throughout the Third World," he said.

EAST JERUSALEM TOURIST GUIDES PROBED FOR DISSEMINATING PLO PROPAGANDA

TEL AVIV, Aug. 15 (JTA)--Security forces are investigating complaints from tourists that some of the guides from East Jerusalem are propagating Palestine Liberation Organization propaganda and turning tourists against Israel. The complaints were received by the Commerce Ministry's tourism department and turned over to the security services.

According to reports, it is possible that hundreds, if not thousands, of tourists handled by East Jerusalem tourism contractors and operators were subjected to PLO propaganda by their guides. There is concern that many of the tourists may have left Israel with distorted information about the country. Following the investigation, a top level decision is expected regarding East Jerusalem tourism operations.

PRESS COUNCIL SAYS NEWSPAPER SERIES ON HOLOCAUST SERVED THE PUBLIC

MONTREAL, Aug. 15 (JTA)--The Quebec Press Council ruled yesterday that a series on the Holocaust printed in the Montreal Star was a "document of public interest" and had not been an attempt to manipulate Quebec public opinion.

The Quebec City-based council, a semi-official group that rules on journalistic ethics, was replying to a complaint from a man named Roger Cote who accused the Star of "insidious propaganda by trying to set up a dangerous parallel between the politics of the pro-independent Parti Quebecois now in power in this province and the Nazi doctrine in Germany." In rejecting Cote's complaint, the council asserted that he cannot act as a censor in determining the policies

or views of newspapers and news agency services. (By Michael Solomon)

ARYEH DISSENTSHIK DEAD AT 70

TEL AVIV, Aug. 15 (JTA)--Funeral services were held today for Aryeh Dissentshik, former editor of Maariv and one of the leaders of journalism here since the 1930s. He died yesterday at the age of 70. Known as "Chik" to his friends, Dissentshik was editor of Maariv since the death of Dr. Aziel Carlebach, with whom he founded the evening newspaper in 1956, until his retirement in 1974. He also headed Modi'un Co., the parent company of Maariv and publisher of the women's magazine At.

Born in Riga, Dec. 13, 1907 Dissentshik was interested in journalism even in his youth and became associated with Zeev Jabotinsky, whom he served as secretary. He was one of the founders with Jabotinsky of the Betar movement.

Arriving in Palestine in 1934, he joined the staff of the General Zionist daily Haboker where he later became news editor. When Carlebach founded Maariv he made Dissentshik deputy editor and "Chik" ran the staff while Carlebach concentrated on editorials and his famous Friday column. Dissentshik, who used folksy Yiddish phrases, was always at his desk by 7 a.m. checking the front page stories and deciding on editorials, most of which he wrote himself.

Dissentshik had also been Tel Aviv correspondent for the Associated Press and was a member of the executive board of the International Press Institute. He was also a member of the board of governors of the Weizmann Institute of Science, the Chamber Theatre and Chamber Orchestra.

YOSEF RULES ON TEST-TUBE BABY

JERUSALEM, Aug. 15 (JTA)--Israel's Chief Sephardi Rabbi Ovadia Yosef ruled yesterday that a baby conceived in a manner other than intercourse between husband and wife is still the valid child of both parents, provided that the woman became pregnant by her husband's semen. Thus, Yosef concluded, the test tube baby born recently in England was halachically valid as long as there was no other way for the woman to become pregnant. Yosef spoke at the opening session of the Torah Shebealpeh (Oral Law) Convention, which meets in Jerusalem.

The rabbi took note of the differences of opinion among Jewish poskim (interpreters of halacha) with regard to artificial insemination. While some ruled that the baby was a mamzer (bastard), others argued that, since illicit sexual relations were not involved in this case, the child was "legal." Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren said recently that, although there was no halachic ban on the test tube insemination, the practice was contrary to Jewish morality.

WASHINGTON (JTA)--Chanting "L'Shana Habaha B'Yerushalayim" (next year in Jerusalem), some 150 Jews linked Tisha B'Av with attempts to eradicate Jewish life in the Soviet Union in their mincha service Sunday at the site of the daily vigil opposite the Soviet Embassy. The participants were marking the annual "night of the murdered poets" which coincides this year with Tisha B'Av. The program was sponsored by the Greater Washington Jewish Community Council. Rabbi Oscar Groner, B'nai B'rith Hillel director, read Anatoly Shecharansky's closing statement to the Moscow court, after he was sentenced last month.

NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL PASSES ANTI-BOYCOTT BILL BY A 36-0 VOTE

NEW YORK, Aug. 15 (JTA)--The Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) of New York, on behalf of its 26-member organizations, congratulated the City Council on the passage today by a vote of 36-0 of an anti-Arab boycott bill. The bill, in effect, prohibits the city from business dealings with companies or contractors that participate in the Arab boycott.

Richard Ravitch, JCRC president, and Jack Elkin, chairman, of the JCRC Committee on the Arab Boycott, expressed appreciation to the City Council leadership and Councilman Herbert Ber- man who introduced the bill, along with others. They also thanked the Koch Administration for its support. Mayor Edward Koch is expected to sign the bill later this month.

According to the JCRC, today's vote is the result of efforts that began more than a year ago. The American Jewish Congress, American Jewish Committee and the Jewish American Political Reform Committee, together with other member agencies of the JCRC, provided advice and assistance in bringing the bill to fruition.

An Important Moral Message

This new law will complement and strengthen federal legislation enacted last year. The JCRC said it also carries "an important moral message" the people and government of New York City will not be party to, nor support those who engage in, discriminatory practices against American citizens or businesses. It is a reaffirmation of the commitment to put an end to bigotry of all kinds and not allow Arab countries to export their hatred to this country."

Ravitch and Elkin noted that "while there was some opposition and apprehension in the business community, we are confident that the bill would prove beneficial to the people of New York and the principles on which our country was founded."

Judy Rubin of the AJCongress hailed the new legislation, stating: "New York has the right and moral obligation to refrain from doing business with any firm that engages in the malicious practice of blackmail and discrimination inherent in the Arab boycott. We are gratified that by its vote the City Council has once again underscored New York City's intention not to be victimized by bigotry imported from abroad."

YESHIVA UNIVERSITY FACULTY UNION SEEKS SUPREME COURT RECOGNITION

By Ben Gallab

NEW YORK, Aug. 15 (JTA)--The attorney for a union of faculty members at Yeshiva University of New York said today an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court is being planned from a ruling by a federal Appeals Court which rejected an appeal by the union, the Yeshiva University Faculty Association (YUFA), for recognition by the university administration. YUFA had been certified by the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB).

Ronald Schechtman, attorney for YUFA, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the union would join with the NLRB in an application to the Supreme Court to sustain an NLRB finding that YUFA was a qualified bargaining agency for Yeshiva University faculty members.

YUFA won two NLRB-ordered elections,

one in 1975 and another in 1976, to represent 200 full-time faculty members at six undergraduate and four graduate schools at the university. However, the administration, headed by Dr. Norman Lamm, the university's president since mid 1976, refused to deal with YUFA. Lamm contended that the administration wanted a court review of whether labor rules intended for industry "should be routinely applied" at a major university where faculty members "have an integral role in academic decision-making."

After the university rejected NLRB orders to bargain with YUFA, the NLRB filed an application with the federal Second Circuit Court of Appeals in New York City, asking the court to order the university to comply with the NLRB order. Lamm explained at that time that, to take the issue from the NLRB to the courts, it was necessary for the administration to get a "final order" from the NLRB holding the administration's refusal to bargain with YUFA "an unfair labor practice."

Circuit Court Of Appeals Ruling

The three-man Circuit Court of Appeals ruled last Thursday that the full-time Yeshiva University faculty members can be regarded as managerial personnel and the university does not have to bargain with a union of such faculty members. The ruling, written by Justice William Mulligan, declared the NLRB had used "arbitrary standards" and "rigid criteria" in certifying YUFA as the bargaining agent.

Schechtman said application to the Supreme Court, appealing the Appeals Court ruling, would be made 90 days after the parties received the formal circuit court ruling, called a mandate. He said he expected the mandate would be issued by the end of this month. Schechtman called the circuit court ruling a decision of "enormous importance" and one at variance with "consistent precedents affecting thousands of faculty members" in colleges and universities throughout the U.S.

EHRlich: NO U.S. PRESSURE ON ISRAEL

By David Markus

RIO DE JANEIRO, Aug. 15 (JTA)--Israeli Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich said here that he expects Israel and Egypt to sign a peace treaty, and afterwards other Arab countries might join the treaty. Ehrlich is on a three-week "private visit" to five Latin American Jewish communities in Brazil, Uruguay, Chile, Argentina and Mexico. At a meeting with Rio's Jewish community leaders, Ehrlich denied any U.S. pressure on Israel. He said that, on the contrary, Washington might pressure Egypt.

Regarding his financial policy, Ehrlich asserted that "the first stage" was "an absolute success." The first stage consisted in freeing government control of foreign currency and stopping subsidizing of various kinds of products. The "second stage" will be reducing the inflation rate to 12 to 15 percent a year, Ehrlich said.

JERUSALEM (JTA)--The Israel Association of Social Workers, the Labor Ministry and the World Zionist Organization are seeking to "import" unemployed or disaffected American Jewish social workers. More than 1000 social workers are needed here, 60 percent of them for service in development towns. This effort is being aided by David Bedein, an American-born social work student. He has been working through the Israel Aliya Center in New York.

SPECIAL INTERVIEW IN SEARCH OF A CONSENSUS

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, Aug. 15 (JTA)--Theodore R. Mann, the recently elected chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, assumed office at a delicate--perhaps historically crucial--time when efforts to achieve peace in the Middle East are at a turning point and the involvement of Washington is more intensive and extensive than previously. This situation gives a unique role to the American Jewish leadership and its political influence on the Carter Administration.

Mann, a 50-year-old lawyer from Philadelphia, who succeeded Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler on July 1, believes that his major role as chairman of the Presidents Conference at this juncture is to find a consensus among American Jews, to a degree that there is a consensus, and to express it in dealing with the Administrations in Washington and Jerusalem. "This consensus," Mann explained in an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, "should hopefully be as close as possible to the consensus in Israel in order to create the unity that is required when and if there is a pressure from Washington."

Mann, a native of Czechoslovakia who came to the United States with his parents in 1929, defined the principal function of his post and the organization he chairs as "to maintain unity among American and world Jewry, to refrain from engaging in the same public criticism of Israel that we (Jews) complain about when President Carter does it, and to do whatever we can to bring about direct negotiations between Israel and its neighbors."

But Mann observed that differences of opinion between American Jewry--or at least segments of American Jewry--and the government of Israel is possible "but it seems unlikely. There is one Jewish heart beating together all over the world and the unity of the Jewish people was formed through thousands of years of history."

Voices Of Dissent Muted

Reminded that only a few months ago there were some dissenting voices among American Jews, critical of what they saw as hard-line policies by Premier Menachem Begin of Israel, Mann said: "We are not hearing them today, loud voices of dissent, screaming about inflexibility. This is due to President Sadat's recent actions, his disdain of any sustained negotiations and his repetitious demands for Israeli concessions without modifying his demands. Sadat broke negotiations with Israel twice with no apparent reason--in January, when he suddenly recalled the Egyptian military delegation from Jerusalem, and after the summit meeting last month between Foreign Ministers (Moshe Dayan and (Mohammed) Kaamel, in Leeds (England))."

Continuing, Mann said: "There is a consensus today among American Jews that after the break-up of negotiations following the Leeds summit, if must not be expected that Israel will change its position in order to resume negotiations." Pausing for a moment, Mann said: "It is not clear what will happen after the Camp David summit (scheduled for Sept. 5 between Begin, President Anwar Sadat of Egypt and President Carter) but I hope the consensus among American Jews will continue."

As to the present relations between the Carter Administration and American Jewry, Mann expressed satisfaction at the "mediating role" the Carter Administration has been playing recently. "But it is possible," he said in reply to a question, "that the Administration will act again in a way that favors one side in the negotiations. But I am very hopeful it will not happen. However, if it does, I feel confident that a widely united American Jewish community will loudly express its displeasure, as it has in the past."

A trial attorney for the past 25 years, Mann, the 11th chairman of the Presidents Conference, said he will bring this experience to his new post, and "As any previous chairman, I bring, of course, my own personality and style." He added that he considered it an asset that he has no attachment to any political group in Israel or Zionist organization in the United States. "But, don't misunderstand me, I am a Zionist."

Regular Meetings With Administration Officials

During his one-year term, Mann said he expects to meet regularly with top Administration officials "to exchange views and to learn of the Administration thinking. They (the officials) are interested in learning what American Jews think and how are they going to react." Mann, who visited Israel with Vice President Walter Mondale at the beginning of July, said that he has "good rapport" with Israel's leaders, many of whom he has known for many years, and that he had "frank discussions" with them during his last visit to Jerusalem.

Mann divides his time between his law practice in Philadelphia--"I still have to earn a living," he said, noting that the chairmanship of the Presidents Conference is a non-paying job--and his new activities in New York. Mann, who is married and is the father of two daughters and a son, has been long active in civic and Jewish affairs. He is a former president of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Philadelphia and is a senior vice president of the American Jewish Congress.

ANTI-SEMITIC SOVIET TELEVISION SHOWS

NEW YORK, Aug. 15 (JTA)--A Soviet television detective series entitled "DeBo Vedutzmatski" (It is in expert hands) featured three successive shows with Jewish criminals, according to reports received by the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry. In the last three programs in June 1978, the villains had Jewish names, accents and stereotyped mannerisms. The plots featured rape, murder and embezzlement. In each show, Soviet investigators successfully solved the crime.

In the murder, the Jews were depicted as being too cowardly to execute the crime themselves. Russians were hired to do the "dirty work" for them. A spokesman for the Conference warned that the use of such officially-inspired anti-Semitism would spill over into popular anti-Jewish feeling. "These shows are in the worst anti-Semitic tradition. We demand the cessation of such programs as part of every Soviet Jew's God-given right to live a true Jewish life without fear."

TORONTO (JTA)--A book entitled "The Bronfman Dynasty: The Rothschilds of the New World," is now in its final stage of preparation and is scheduled to appear Oct. 15. The author is Peter Newman, editor of Maclean's Magazine, a leading Canadian periodical. The publishers are McClelland and Stewart of Toronto.