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CARTER, BEGIN, SADAT JOINT STATEMENT URGES PEOPLE OF ALL FAITHS TO PRAY THAT PEACE MAY RESULT FROM THE SUMMIT

By Joseph Polakoff

THURMONT, Md., Sept. 6 (JTA)--In their first joint message issued from the Camp David summit conference today, President Carter, Premier Menachem Begin of Israel, and President Anwar Sadat of Egypt invoked "the God of our fathers" for "guidance" and called on "people of all faiths to pray with us that peace and justice may result from these deliberations."

The text of the brief statement was released to the 400 journalists from all over the world assembled in the American Legion hall here early this afternoon for the first briefing by Presidential Press Secretary Jody Powell. Powell disclosed that Begin and Sadat had greeted each other informally at a "chance meeting" while both were strolling on the Camp David grounds today.

Carter, Begin and Sadat were due to hold their first private meeting together at the President's headquarters at Aspen Lodge later this afternoon. Only the three principals are to be present. Powell announced that separate meetings on the ministerial level, each lasting one hour, were held this morning, first between the Americans and Egyptians and later the Americans and Israelis.

He said that Secretary of State Cyrus Vance informed him that further ministerial level meetings would take place this afternoon but he did not know if the Israelis and Egyptians would meet together or separately with the Americans. Vice President Walter Mondale, who flew in from Washington this morning, arrived in time to attend the meeting with the Israelis.

Message Inspired By Carter

Powell said that today's joint message was inspired by Carter at his meeting with Begin last night and with Sadat this morning. Both meetings lasted about two hours. The message said: "After four wars, despite vast human effort, the Holy Land has not yet enjoyed the blessings of peace. Conscious of the grave issues that face us, we place our trust in the God of our fathers from whom we seek wisdom and guidance. As we meet here at Camp David, we ask people of all faiths to pray with us that peace and justice may result from these deliberations."

Powell declined to characterize the mood at Camp David during the first full day of the summit meeting. "It is best not to engage in temperature-taking at arbitrary times," he said. He noted that the Begin-Sadat "chance meeting" occurred at about 12:15 p.m. He said they shook hands, "exchanged greetings and pleasantries" and complimented each other on their appearance.

Powell said the encounter lasted 2-3 minutes and, at the end, Israeli Defense Minister Ezer Weizman rode up on a bicycle and greeted the two leaders. Although the "chance meeting" was recorded by a photographer, Powell assured the reporters that "this was not a conspiracy."

He said it was "not at all unusual" for an official photographer to be on hand.

Separate Tables, Separate Lodges

Powell said that the Israeli and Egyptian delegations each dined separately at their respective lodges but that some Israelis and Egyptians had mingled after dinner. He said the delegates wore jackets and ties at dinner last night but dressed informally for breakfast. Premier Begin's wife, Aliza, was due at Camp David this evening. She had been attending a family wedding in Toronto.

It was learned, meanwhile, that some of the 33 Egyptian journalists covering the Camp David talks did not show up at the Holiday Inn at Hagerstown, Md., some 20 miles from Thurmont where they and a number of Israeli journalists had been booked. An Egyptian newsman told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that his colleagues preferred to commute from Washington, 60 miles away.

At Camp David the Israeli and Egyptian delegations are housed in separate lodges approximately 150 yards apart and roughly equidistant from Aspen Lodge where Carter and his principal advisors are staying. The Egyptians are in Dogwood Lodge and the Israelis at Birch Lodge. All are named for trees native to this region.

Carter has urged the Israeli and Egyptian delegations to make full use of Camp David's ample recreational facilities, which include swimming, bowling, skeet shooting, tennis, movies and hiking through wooded mountain trails. Carter himself took off on a bicycle last night along forest paths.

POPE URGES PRAYERS FOR SUCCESS OF TALKS AT CAMP DAVID SUMMIT

ROME, Sept. 6 (JTA)--Pope John Paul I in his first public reference to the Middle East situation called today for prayers that a "just solution" may emerge from the Camp David talks. At his first weekly general audience before a cheering crowd of 10,000 in the Vatican's Nervi Hall, the Pontiff said he was praying for a solution that would solve the Palestinian problem, ensure Israel's security and safeguard Jerusalem.

"I want us to pray together for the success of Camp David, that those discussions open the way toward a just and complete peace," the Pope said. "This conflict has raged for more than 30 years over the land of Jesus and has claimed victims and suffering among Arabs and Israelis alike." He said the conflict, "like a bad disease has spread to nearby countries--think of Lebanon, a martyred Lebanon, rent by the repercussions of the crisis."

THE PITFALLS OF DIPLOMACY

By David Landau

THURMONT, Md., Sept. 6 (JTA)--Bereft of anything more substantive to occupy them, the dozens of reporters covering the opening of the Camp David summit focused their attention on the superficial trappings of the brief arrival ceremonies yesterday at the Camp's helipad for Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and, two hours later, for Israeli Premier Menachem Begin. The White House hosts, probably aware that superficiality would take the place of substance so long as the "no-leak" rule prevails, sought to ensure that the two leaders' arrivals should be totally identical.

Such things, however, cannot be entirely ensured in advance. As fate would have it, Begin descended from the helicopter before the President and First Lady, Mrs. Rosalynn Carter, managed to reach the foot of the gangway, and so, slightly comically, the two leaders strode towards each other for some 15-20 yards with their arms outstretched and fell into an embrace which seemed even more artificial than such hugs usually do.

The watching reporters could not help noting that the Carter-Sadat embrace had been longer, warmer and had seemed less contrived. Begin, on the other hand, scored one on Sadat by kissing Mrs. Carter's hand as well as both of her cheeks. Sadat had made do with the cheeks.

An interesting and possibly significant difference which the reporters also noticed was that Begin took the trouble to introduce each of his aides to the President personally, adding words of praise to each of the names. Thus, pointing to former Attorney General Aharon Barak, the Premier said, "He is a Justice of the Supreme Court, now." Carter replied, "I know." Sadat, on the other hand, had strolled off between President and Mrs. Carter, leaving his ministers and aides to follow deferentially behind.

There could be political importance in this difference between the thoroughly autocratic Sadat and the Cabinet-style situation of Begin. Specifically, the moderating effect upon the Premier of both Defense Minister Chaim Weizman and Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan, as well as of Barak, could prove crucial as the summit conference proceeds.

PONTECORVO RETURNS TO THE WEST

By Ben Tobias

ROME, Sept. 6 (JTA)--The brilliant Jewish nuclear physicist, Italian-born Bruno Pontecorvo, returned to the West today for the first time since his defection 28 years ago. When the 64-year-old scientist vanished from Britain's Harwell Atomic Research Station in 1950 with his wife and three children, he was assumed to have supplied the Soviet Union with vital atomic secrets.

Arriving smiling and tanned at Rome Airport, he said: "I'll tell you a secret. I never worked on an atom, hydrogen or any other kind of bomb in the West, nor in Russia and China." After Pontecorvo vanished, ostensibly on an Italian vacation, he turned up in the Soviet Union where the Russians built him a \$2.8 million laboratory at their nuclear research station at Dubna, 50 miles north of Moscow.

Pontecorvo told besieging reporters at Rome Airport: "I am a grandson sort of person. I don't even give my grandson Sasha war toys."

Pontecorvo fled fascism and anti-Semitism in pre-war Italy in the 1930s, travelling to France, the United States, Canada and Britain. He became a British citizen and worked with Dr. Alan Nunn May and Dr. Klaus Fuchs, both convicted of supplying atomic secrets to the Russians. After his disappearance, Britain stripped him of his citizenship in 1955 for "acts of disloyalty."

In the USSR, he won a Stalin Prize in 1954, joined the Communist Party in 1955, won a Lenin Prize in 1963, and became a full member of the Soviet Academy of Sciences. He is in Italy to attend ceremonies for the retirement of Italian physicist Edoardo Amaldi, 70, and is due to return to Moscow Saturday. As his brothers and sisters

greeted him, he said: "I am happy to be back in Italy after 28 years. I hope to come again some time."

TANNENBAUM WARNS ON SYRIAN DANGER

JERUSALEM, Sept. 6 (JTA)--Bernice S. Tannenbaum, president of Hadassah, warned here today that Syria might take advantage of Israel's preoccupation with peace negotiations at Camp David and step up operations in Lebanon that would lead to an eventual takeover and the conversion of Lebanon into a Palestinian state.

Mrs. Tannenbaum, who is here in preparation for Hadassah's 64th annual national convention to take place in Jerusalem Sept. 19-25, referred to the ongoing summit at Camp David. She said: "We hope that President Carter will be able to persuade both men (Premier Menachem Begin and President Anwar Sadat) to build on the areas of agreement which do exist. This first step could be the example and the basis for future accords with the other confrontation states."

The Hadassah convention will be addressed by Begin, Leon Dulzini, chairman of the Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organization Executives, former Premier Golda Meir, Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek, American Ambassador to Israel Samuel Lewis, Israel's President Yitzhak Navon and others.

More than 3000 delegates and guests are expected in Israel for the convention. They will tour the country in 65 buses as they inspect Hadassah's medical, education and land reclamation projects scattered throughout the country. One of the high points will be the dedication of the "Tree of Life," a monumental final masterwork by the late sculptor Jacques Lipchitz, on the campus of the Hadassah University Hospital on Mount Scopus.

Mrs. Tannenbaum said it has taken almost two years to plan Hadassah's first convention in Israel. "We believe that it has been worth the tremendous effort, because the people attending this convention will return to the U.S. with memories they will treasure for the rest of their lives," she said.

INTERIOR MINISTRY REFUSES TO ALLOW ISRAELIS ON TOUR OF EGYPT

JERUSALEM, Sept. 6 (JTA)--The Ministry of Interior has refused permission to 30 Israelis possessing foreign passports to participate in an organized tour of Egypt, it was revealed today. The refusal followed authorized permission on the part of an Egyptian tourist agency for an organized tour from Israel of Egypt. The names of 30 potential participants of the tour, due to leave from Tel Aviv for Cairo Sept. 29, were consequently marked off the list, and only persons who are not residents of Israel will be allowed to participate in the 10-day tour.

In a letter to the Israeli tourist agency organizing the tour to Egypt, A. Levy, head of the Department for Immigration and Citizenship at the Interior Ministry, noted: "At this point, we cannot authorize Israeli citizens and residents to tour Egypt. We are prepared to re-examine the problem in light of peace developments or alterations of this situation."

A spokesman for the Interior Ministry explained that the refusal resulted from the absence of an official request from the Egyptian Interior Ministry to permit the tour.

Tourism Minister Yigael Horowitz noted, meanwhile, that he is not responsible for tourism from Israel, adding that he supports mutual tourism between Egypt and Israel on the condition that the Foreign Ministry and Defense Ministry agree. The Foreign Ministry declined to respond to the issue because Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan is at Camp David.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES 'THE COUNTRY WITH NO JEWS'

By Edwin Eytan

EAST BERLIN, Sept. 6 (JTA)--The German Democratic Republic (East Germany) is one of the world's few countries with no Jewish population, no Jewish memories and no Jewish problem. The Jews have simply disappeared. One can walk for hours in Dresden, Leipzig or East Berlin, where millions of Jews lived for centuries till a generation ago, without even finding a vestige of former days and past glories.

The former Berlin Main Synagogue, burned during Hitler's "Crystal Night" and then further wrecked during the Allied bombing of 1944, is a ghostly ruin haunted only by stray cats. The former Jewish banks along the Unter den Linden, the Jewish-owned shops and the coffee houses where the elegant Jewish ladies used to come in the afternoon to drink their "kanchen" of coffee and chat are gone. War, Hitler, the bombings and the new Communist regime have wiped out the entire past.

There are today less than 1300 Jews left in East Germany, with an average age running into the late sixties or early seventies. There has not been a single Jewish wedding, a bar mitzvah or a birth for a full generation.

At the Jewish community offices in East Berlin the secretary, a non-Jew, was startled when I walked into the office during my visit here last month. I was apparently the first visitor she had had for weeks. The others were just like myself, foreign Jews on a visit to East Berlin. "Our own Jews (those of East Berlin) are too old and too sick to ever come here," the secretary explained. "If they need something, a book or the social worker's visit they phone or usually have someone else ring us up. We practically never see them."

'We Just Don't Exist'

Most of East Berlin's 823 remaining Jews are old and sick, nearly 200 live permanently in hospitals or old age homes. The rest eke out a miserable existence on the small pensions paid by the East German government.

"Here we have no Jewish dissidents, no Jewish writers, no Jewish activists. The five Jewish Communists who still work for the government have long ago forgotten their Jewish origin. In the early days, just after the war and the Communist take-over, the Jewish Communists were the community's bitterest enemies--they wanted to be forgiven for their origins. Now, they no longer bother. Even they themselves have forgotten they ever were Jews."

The man who made this bitter statement is a 71-year-old former Jewish journalist. Once he cooperated with the Communist regime. "I believed it would build a new society and that we need a strong hand to wipe out the vestiges of Hitler's regime. What made me change my mind was its callous attitude towards the Jews. Here they don't even hate us. We just don't exist."

Dynamically Pro-Arab Regime

East Germany pays no reparations and has made no restitution. It assumes no responsibility for the evils of Hitler's regime and conducts its pro-Arab policy, far more dynamic than that of all other East European countries, with an easy conscience and no qualms whatsoever.

"Yes, we are in the forefront in the battle for democracy in Africa and the Middle East," a senior East German official said. "We assume this role because we feel that we owe the world a responsibility to wipe out the effects of fascism wherever it may be."

Israel, he observed, "is for us part of the American colonialistic enterprise against which Africa and Asia are fighting. No, the fact that Jews live there doesn't bother us in the least. Not being racists we don't oppose Israel as a Jewish State but as a colonial power. The fact that the Israelis are Jews doesn't change our policy a single iota."

Main Base For Terrorist Training

East Germany has become the main European base for the Arab organizations. Several training camps are being operated near Leipzig. According to Western sources, a special terrorist training center is located near Dresden, where both Arab and African revolutionaries are taught how to operate explosives and plant deadly charges. East German experts, military and civilian alike, are active in Yemen, Iraq and Ethiopia. The East German officials themselves admit "we are second only to Cuba" in the number of experts and the material aid granted to Afro-Asian revolutionary regimes.

Palestine Liberation Organization representatives operate a large bureau in the center of East Berlin and hold regular meetings with East German officials and Communist Party leaders to discuss "further cooperation." Even a casual visitor to East Berlin can see hundreds of Arabs, permanent officials stationed in the city, or trainees clogging cafes, attending conferences or just shopping in the big super markets in the city's center. The Arabs also are unaware of the city's Jewish history and of the role it once played in Jewish culture and civilization.

A Jewish woman, who works as an English-German translator with foreign trade delegations, including those from Arab states, says she herself was surprised how little the Arabs were aware of Berlin's Jewish past. "They don't even know Hitler's name. For them, we (East Germany) are just Eastern Europe's most dynamic and active state. They seem to ignore the second world war and Nazism."

Support Government On Jewish Question

Most of the East Germans, though their overwhelming majority watch West German television and privately admit they would like to "cross the wall" and settle in the Federal Republic, support their government on the Jewish question.

Several non-Jewish East Germans, who all were critical of their regime, said they fully approved the government's decision not to make any restitution or reparation payments. "Why should we pay? Are we responsible for Hitler?" some asked. Others added, "There are practically no second world war Jews left, and, in any case, America pays for them."

The East German government offered to pay \$1 million to surviving German Jews who live in the United States. But even this modest offer, which has not been accepted, is unknown to most East Germans. Even senior officials say they never heard about it and expressed "surprise." Some said "if we did make this offer, it probably was because we want detente and to improve our commercial relations with the United States, certainly not because of the handful of Jewish survivors who must have all been resettled by now."

Limited Jewish Community Activities

The Jewish community has a central organization mainly responsible, however, for welfare. It also publishes a monthly magazine of which only a few hundred copies are circulated occasionally. It organizes a "cultural evening" with records, tea and a guest lecturer.

For the High Holy Days, and for funerals, which are frequent because of the high average age of the community's members, a rabbi crosses the "wall" from West Berlin. There is a kosher meat shop, with the meat imported from Hungary, but most of the clients are neighboring non-Jews who say "the meat just tastes better. Hungarian beef is the best."

No more than a dozen Jews attend these "cultural evenings" or go to the kosher shop. Their only regular pilgrimage is to the East Berlin cemetery, one of the largest in the world with its 114,000 graves. By a strange paradox, it is relatively well-kept. Six full-time gardeners and a Jewish permanent warden watch over it. The alleys are well paved, the tombs are clear of weeds and many of the area's local non-Jewish inhabitants come for a stroll on a sunny Sunday afternoon.

As for the Jewish survivors, they usually come on weekdays around noon—old people with a bouquet of cheap flowers. "For us, this is our present and also our future," says an old man sitting by a grave.

FORMER AMERICAN, INJURED IN BOMB BLAST, IS FIGHTING FOR HIS LIFE

By Barbie Zelizer-Meyouhas

JERUSALEM, Sept. 6 (JTA)—Fifteen suspects have been detained for questioning in connection with two bomb explosions in Jerusalem yesterday in which two persons were injured. The injured, reported in serious condition, are Steve Hilmes, 31, a police sapper, and Mordechai Barón, 48, a passerby. Hilmes' legs were severely injured when a bomb concealed in a parcel exploded at a cooking gas storage facility in Jerusalem's Baka quarter. His legs were saved from amputation after nine hours of surgery. But his condition is still grave, it was reported. One of his hands was severed by the explosion. A former Vietnam War veteran, Hilmes was an undercover narcotics agent for the FBI before emigrating to Israel in 1973.

The bomb went off while it was being inspected by Hilmes. An Arab worker who first spotted the suspicious looking parcel was absolved from suspicion. Police said he alerted them and performed similar services in the past. The second explosion, under a bus near Jaffa Gate in the Old City, caused no injuries. Additional police and military personnel were sent to Jerusalem today as security measures were tightened.

The police are stressing the need for public vigilance to combat terrorist acts. Meanwhile, the newspaper Maariv sent reporters to investigate the gas storage depot. They reported that the area was a "no-man's land" completely without security precautions. They reported that no guards were stationed at the gate and that the gate itself was rusty and unfit for use. The three gas distribution companies that share the site said they would station a guard there in the future. They claimed the expense prevented them from doing so earlier, according to Maariv.

CABINET DECIDES NOT TO CUT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH AUSTRIA

JERUSALEM, Sept. 6 (JTA)—The Cabinet considered a resolution to cut Israel's diplomatic ties with Austria at its weekly session last Sunday because of Chancellor Bruno Kreisky's insulting remarks about Premier Menachem Begin and Israel. But a decision was postponed, apparently because the ministry are divided over the wisdom of taking such drastic action, it was learned today.

Justice Minister Shmuel Tamir favored a diplomatic break, arguing that if Israel did not, Austria eventually would. But Interior Minister Yosef Burg, who is Acting Foreign Minister, said such a move could harm Israel's vital interests. He said it was sufficient at this time to express revulsion over Kreisky's statements.

'ONEG SHABBAT' AT CAMP DAVID

NEW YORK, Sept. 6 (JTA)—Premier Menachem Begin will conduct a special "oneg shabbat" meal for the entire Israeli delegation at Camp David, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency has learned. The Friday evening "oneg shabbat" will feature all the traditional items: Hebrew songs and prayers, lighting of the two candles, wine from the Holy Land and, yes—gefilte fish. The idea for such an evening, it was learned, was the Premier's. (By Yitzhak Rabi)

WASHINGTON BULLETS MEET WITH NAVON

JERUSALEM, Sept. 6 (JTA)—The champions of the American National Basketball Association, the Washington Bullets, met today with President Yitzhak Navon at his residence here. The Bullets are in Israel to play against the Maccabi Five in Tel Aviv tomorrow night.

"This was probably one of the highlights of my career, and of my life. It's a great and wonderful honor and pleasure to meet the President of Israel, because it's like the beginning of everything," said Bullet star Elvin Hayes. "This is the holiest city in the world, and just to be here in Jerusalem and in Israel is a great pleasure for me as a Christian." Hayes added that he feels the Israeli team against which the Bullets are matched is a good one, but added that "we are the best in the world."

NEW HEAD OF WZO DEPARTMENT

JERUSALEM, Sept. 6 (JTA)—Dr. Yohanan Manor was unanimously elected the new Director General of the information department of the World Zionist Organization at the weekly meeting of the WZO Executive.

Born in Paris in 1937, Manor immigrated to Israel in 1957, following an active role in Zionist youth movements. He earned his doctorate in political science at the Sorbonne in Paris and presently lectures in political science at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and conducts a weekly seminar for the Department of Welfare. He has also done research for the Jewish National Fund and the United Jewish Appeal in the U.S., Canada and Western Europe through the Van Leer Institute here.

In 1976 Manor established the Inter-University Institute for Advanced Studies on Contemporary Jewry in Paris and was active in organizing Zionist seminars and conferences in France. Manor is married and has three children.