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AT CAMP DAVID: PROGRESS IN SOME AREAS BUT SUBSTANTIAL DIFFERENCES REMAIN

By Joseph Polakoff

THURMONT, Md., Sept. 10 (JTA)--President Carter, Premier Menachem Begin of Israel and President Anwar Sadat of Egypt appear to have made progress "in some areas" but "substantial differences" remained in others as the Camp David summit meeting approached the end of its first week. A statement to that effect, approved by the three principals, was read to reporters here late yesterday by Presidential Press Secretary Jody Powell.

He said, "Progress does seem to have been made in some areas. However, substantial differences remain on other important issues. There is simply no basis at this point for any informed speculation on the final outcome of this summit meeting."

Replying to reporters' questions, Powell said: "I frankly want to warn you from looking at this as a process in which we just stack the pieces up. Unfortunately, it is not quite that simple. It is not an unreasonable assessment," he added; to presume that the "progress which seems to have been made on some issues may be dependent upon additional progress on other issues."

This morning, Carter, Begin and Sadat left Camp David on a 25-mile drive to Gettysburg, Pa., to visit the historic Civil War battlefield. The trip was made of Begin's request. The Israeli leader is an American history buff and an admirer of Abraham Lincoln. Although there was no official suspension of the Camp David talks over the weekend, the three days were devoted largely to recreation and religious observances.

The Egyptian delegation observed the Moslem Sabbath on Friday. Begin and his wife Aliza conducted an Oneg Shabbat Friday evening for the Israeli delegation. In an unexpected development, President and Mrs. Carter joined the Begins for the Sabbath meal Friday evening. It was the first time the President dined with either of the principals.

Summit To Continue Through Week

The summit meeting is expected to last well into this week. That estimate by correspondents here is based on a report from an American source that Vice President Walter Mondale told his staff in Washington that the conference would continue through next Thursday. Mondale is handling much of the Presidential affairs at the White House while Carter is at Camp David.

Powell said in his news briefing Friday that he has seen "no signs that I'm aware of" that the summit would end Monday. He also emphatically denied news reports here and abroad that Begin had proposed a moratorium on future Jewish settlements on the West Bank. Powell said the report, carried by the Hearst newspapers, was "at best, uninformed speculation."

In response to reports by American sources Friday that "progress" was being made toward a Mideast settlement, Powell declined to use that word and told reporters that they should "use

their own best judgment" on what is happening. He would say only that "key issues" are being negotiated and that the principals are engaged in "serious discussions" on the issues they face.

Powell said in reply to questions that Carter is "certainly participating actively in the discussions" and that the President "had contributions to make." But Powell warned the media to "steer away" from believing that Carter has made suggestions in "a formal sense." He reminded reporters that if the President felt he could make "suggestions in an informal sense he would make them."

News Blackout Termed Beneficial

Asked about the blackout on substantive news from the summit, Powell said that he and his Israeli and Egyptian counterparts "all agree it has produced a constructive and healthful atmosphere at Camp David." Begin's press spokesman, Dan Patir said he was "very satisfied from the point of view of Israel" with that aspect of the summit conference.

Military aspects at the summit were indicated by the presence of Defense Secretary Harold Brown who participated in a two-hour American-Egyptian conference with Sadat and Carter late Thursday night. On Friday morning, Brown joined Mondale, Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski at a meeting with Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan and Defense Minister Ezer Weizman. Carter met separately with Brown, Vance and Brzezinski on an hour Friday.

(In Vatican City, Pope John Paul I, for the second time since last Wednesday, appealed to the world to join his prayers for success at Camp David. He told 50,000 cheering pilgrims in St. Peter's Square that Carter, Begin and Sadat were working for peace in the Mideast. "All people are hungry and thirsty for peace, especially the poor who always have to suffer and pay most in turbulences and wars," he said.)

STEVE HILMES, MEMBER OF BOMB DISPOSAL SQUAD, DIES OF INJURIES FROM EXPLOSION

By Barbie Zelizer-Meyouhas and Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Sept. 10 (JTA)--Steve Hilmes, a 31-year-old American-born member of the Jerusalem bomb disposal squad, died yesterday morning of multiple injuries he sustained last Tuesday when an explosive device detonated at a propane gas storage depot here. He was buried today at the Mt. Herzl Police Cemetery. Interior Minister Yosef Burg and Hilmes' mother, who flew in from Los Angeles Friday, were among the many attending the funeral services.

Burg said at the funeral: "You immigrated to Israel out of vision--nobody forced you to. You joined the police force out of your own desire--nobody forced you to. You volunteered to join the spearhead of the fight against the killers of children, women and the elderly. You volunteered because you wanted to, and they, the terrorists, defeated you. We shall remember you as an expression of the will of the people of Israel to live."

Mordechai Baron, 48, manager of the gas storage facility who was also injured in the blast, was reported today to be improved and out of danger. The death of Hilmes was the first fatality in the recent wave of terrorist bombings that have placed the security services and the public on maximum alert in Jerusalem and throughout Israel. The outrages are believed to be

part of a calculated effort by terrorists to coincide with the Camp David summit conference.

Hilmes, a Vietnam War veteran and former FBI narcotics agent, who resided in Los Angeles before settling in Israel in 1973, joined the police where he quickly earned a reputation for courage and ability. He volunteered for the bomb squad last year. He was approaching a suspicious-looking parcel at the gas storage depot last Tuesday when it exploded, nearly severing both legs and causing severe burns all over Hilmes' body. Physicians amputated a shattered arm and gave Hilmes numerous blood transfusions but he died without regaining consciousness.

Uprising In Terrorist Activity

The upsurge of terrorist activity is causing serious concern. A senior police officer said today that the police and security forces "have definite information which points to Jerusalem as the central target for terrorist attacks which are again attempting to attack and terrorize innocent people."

A terrorist device exploded yesterday afternoon in the central square of Ramallah, an Arab town on the West Bank near Jerusalem. On Friday evening a Molotov cocktail was thrown at an Israeli vehicle in the entertainment district of East Jerusalem. There were no injuries reported in either incident and only slight damage. A heavy explosion rocked downtown Jerusalem Thursday night but no one was hurt and damage was minor. Police said they were uncertain whether the device, which detonated in Zion Square, was placed there by terrorists or by criminal elements.

Acting Premier Yigael Yadin and Burg met with senior police officials here Friday to discuss the terrorist outbreak and also visited the bomb disposal unit at national police headquarters. The police have recently acquired some of the most modern equipment designed to improve bomb disposal methods and afford greater protection to soppers.

Burg noted later that 82 terrorist groups have been disbanded during the first eight months of 1978 compared to 67 during all of last year. He attributed the increase to more effective police methods. The Israeli public is also cooperating. Police report that they are receiving more than 200 calls a day reporting suspicious-looking objects. Reports were received yesterday that a Katyusha rocket launcher was emplaced on the outskirts of Jerusalem to shell the city. Helicopters patrolling over the capital and its suburbs reported nothing suspicious, however.

JAVITS SAYS AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL NOT SUPPORT ANY PEACE PLAN WHICH ISRAEL WILL CONSIDER AS A MORTAL DANGER

By Michael Solomon

MONTREAL, Sept. 10 (JTA)—Sen. Jacob Javits (R. N.Y.), speaking at a solidarity dinner at the Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue here last Thursday night, on the occasion of the launching of the 1978 Combined Jewish Appeal and Israel Emergency Fund, said that the American people "will not be willing to support any peace plan which Israel will consider as a mortal danger."

Javits said that the Camp David summit conference "was brought on by a state of desperation and the President of the United States recognized that it was taken as an extreme measure." He said that "it seems clear to me" that Egyptian

President Anwar Sadat's "strategy was to force the United States to propose its own plan of peace tilted towards Egypt."

The Senator noted that with the Soviet Union "mucking up the situation in the Middle East, the U.S. emerged as the only credible party to both Egypt and Israel." Despite the American sale of planes to Saudi Arabia and Egypt last spring "it is a great tribute to Israel that its confidence in the United States was not shaken and it is an equal tribute to the U.S. that it remained loyal in its commitments to Israel," Javits observed.

As to the Camp David talks, he said he believes that what will emerge regarding a settlement "will be a meaningful contribution to peace. I hope that Sadat will speak not only about guarantees for Israel in terms of paper guarantees but of real guarantees which will give Israel a feeling of total security. The alternative to peace may be war." Javits also stated that he hoped the Aswan formula which Carter projected during his visit with Sadat last January "will prevail and that the Palestinians will have a voice" in those deliberations which will be a matter of the future and no more.

Carter said at Aswan Jan. 4 that one of his principles for peace was, "there must be a resolution of the Palestinian problem in all its aspects. The resolution of the Palestinian problem must recognize the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people and enable the Palestinians to participate in the determination of their own future." Unlike Carter's previous references to a Palestinian state, the Aswan statement did not contain this reference, and left open the specifics of the future for the Palestinians.

AJ CONGRESS PROTESTS HOLDING OF NATIONAL MEDICAL CONFERENCE ON ROSH HASHANAH

NEW YORK, Sept. 10 (JTA)—The American Jewish Congress has protested the "insensitivity" of the National Institute of Health (NIH) in scheduling a National Conference on Medical Research Principles on Oct. 3, the second day of Rosh Hashanah, and asked that the date be changed.

In a letter to Joseph A. Califano, Jr., Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW)—who will speak that day—and Donald S. Frederickson, director of the National Institute of Health, AJCongress president Howard M. Squadron declared:

"We find it astonishing that federal government agencies should display such insensitivity to the American Jewish community and specifically to those many members of that community who would normally be invited to attend such a conference. We are especially appalled that this decision was apparently made with full knowledge that it would conflict with one of the most awesome and austere religious holidays of the Jewish year."

Squadron said that when the AJCongress called the offices of the two agencies about changing the date, "we were informed that this matter had been the subject of much deliberation, and that at the time the date was fixed those responsible for calling the conference and scheduling its proceedings were fully aware of the conflict with the Jewish religious holiday. It must be presumed, therefore, that they were aware as well that this would preclude participation by many, if not most, members of the Jewish community. Nonetheless, we were told, it was decided to go ahead as planned because of 'difficulty' in finding another date."

This response, Squadron's letter added, "reflects a callous indifference to the religious sensibilities of the American Jewish community. It is inconceivable

to such that similar considerations would ever induce HEW and NIH authorities to convene a conference on comparable religious holidays of other religious faiths; for example, Christmas or Easter. We are certain that some other way would be found to hold the conference without doing violence to the convictions of the religious community."

KLUTZNICK CITES ANTI-SEMITIC NUANCES IN RALLIES IN IRAN AGAINST THE SHAH By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Sept. 10 (JTA)--Philip M. Klutznick, president of the World Jewish Congress, who arrived here today from Teheran, said there were certain anti-Semitic nuances in the current upheaval in Iran aimed against the Shah but cautioned that it would be unwise to exaggerate the legitimate concern of the Iranian Jewish community.

Klutznick said the anti-Semitic tendencies may have surfaced in response to rumors, spread world-wide, that Israel was sending troops to Iran to help the Shah. Those rumors were categorically denied today by Acting Premier Yigael Yadin, who called them malicious lies spread by hostile elements.

Klutznick said, however, that Jews outside Iran should be alerted to the situation in that country and watch developments there carefully. He said there was growing hatred against the government and policy of the Shah but it remained to be seen how deep that hatred runs. Likud MK Moshe Katzev called today on the Absorption Minister and the immigration authorities to make every possible effort to help Iranian Jews who wish to leave.

Klutznick told reporters at Ben-Gurion airport that he would have ignored the recent insulting remarks made by Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky against Premier Menachem Begin and his attack on Israel's policies. He called Kreisky a text-book case and said it was best to ignore him altogether.

(It was reported, meanwhile, from Vienna that Otto Probst, Third President of the Austrian Parliament, resigned last Wednesday as chairman of the Austrian-Israel Society in protest against Kreisky's remarks. Probst, who is not Jewish, said: "As a Socialist myself I regret that the party chairman has taken this slanderous position toward Israel." But Kreisky was backed by the Young Socialists--Jusos--a youth organization. The group condemned anti-Kreisky statements by the Israeli Socialist Youth Movement which, it charged, has been taken over by the reactionary policies of the Begin government.)

Klutznick also spoke of the growth and increased communal activity of the Jewish communities in Australia and New Zealand where he recently visited. He said Jewish day schools and communal centers are becoming the focus of Jewish life in those countries.

ZEALOTS BLOCK JERUSALEM TRAFFIC

JERUSALEM, Sept. 10 (JTA)--Hundreds of ultra-Orthodox Jews from the Mea Shearim quarter blocked busy intersections and stoned cars and other vehicles yesterday on roads that are normally open to traffic on the Sabbath. Police and security forces intervened to disperse the religious zealots. More than 20 demonstrators were arrested and scores of stone-throwers, drivers and policemen were reported injured.

The latest outbreak of religious violence occurred in the Romema quarter of the city which houses the national television studios, the Jerusalem Post, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, the Biblical Zoo and the Tnuva dairies. It borders an ultra-Orthodox neighborhood. Last Saturday, hundreds of zealots converged on the convention hall parking lot to stone buses and their passengers preparing to leave for a peace demonstration in Tel Aviv. Mea Shearim leaders had promised police at that time that they would curb their followers.

JEWISH ACTORS FROM MOSCOW MOVED BY SYNAGOGUE SERVICES IN LENINGRAD

NEW YORK, Sept. 10 (JTA)--The members of a newly formed Moscow Jewish theatrical group touring Jewish communities in the Soviet Union to become better acquainted with Jewish tradition, ceremonies and places of interest were deeply moved by their visit to the Leningrad Central Synagogue where they were addressed by an American rabbi, Jacob Pollak, of Congregation Shomrei Emunah of Boro Park, Brooklyn.

This was reported here by the Al Tidom Association which said it learned from its sources in Leningrad that the theatrical group attended morning services at the synagogue Aug. 14. The group, comprising 38 Jews and two non-Jews, is headed by Uri Shering.

According to Al Tidom, when the Torah was being removed from the Holy Ark a sudden, loud cry pierced the air. The worshippers looked at the visitors and noticed that many of them stood transfixed, with tears rolling down their cheeks. One member of the group, evidently gripped by emotion, was unable to restrain the outburst upon seeing a Torah scroll for the first time.

At the conclusion of the services, the president of the synagogue committee asked Pollak, who was at the services as part of a tour of the USSR and his wife were making, to address the group in the synagogue's wedding hall. The rabbi in his remarks reminded the theatrical group that they had the power to reach Jewish hearts through song and speech and exhorted them to fully utilize the opportunity. The actors, Al Tidom reported, were extremely impressed with Pollak's words and deeply moved by the experience in the synagogue.

ISRAEL ORCHESTRA ACCLAIMED IN BRAZIL

By David Markus

RIO DE JANEIRO, Sept. 10 (JTA)--The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra left here for Canada last week after a concert tour of Brazil that won them the plaudits of the critics and acclaim by music lovers. They performed twice in Rio, twice in Sao Paulo and once in Curitiba. The five concerts were attended by more than 12,000 people. One newspaper described the tour as the most important cultural event in Brazil this year.

Performing in Rio's Teatro Municipal, in the presence of Faria Lima, Governor of Rio de Janeiro State, and Mayor Marcos Tamoio of Rio de Janeiro, the Israel Philharmonic and its two directors, Elisha Inbal and Charles Dutoit, received a 10-minute standing ovation. They had a similar reception at Sao Paulo's Teatro Municipal where hundreds of flowers were thrown on the stage.

The Israeli orchestra came to Brazil from Mexico where they gave 10 concerts attended by 20,000 people. Mrs. Carmen Portillo, wife of the President of Mexico, attended all the concerts.

JEWISH DAILY FORWARD GETS SMOLAR AWARD FOR 80 YEARS OF SERVICE

NEW YORK, Sept. 10 (JTA)--A special Smolar Award was presented to the Jewish Daily Forward last night in recognition of its 80 years of continuous service to the American Jewish community. The award, for excellence in Jewish journalism, is named after Boris Smolar, editor-in-chief emeritus of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

The presentation was made in the course of the meetings of the Board of Directors and committees of the Council of Jewish Federations (CJF) at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel: CJF president Jerold C. Hoffberger spoke in laudatory terms of the venerable Yiddish daily. The award was presented by Saul Viener, chairman of the Smolar Award Committee, and was accepted by Forward editor Simon Weber on behalf of the editorial department, administration department, and the Forward Association, which publishes the newspaper.

Also representing the Forward at the awards ceremony were William Stern, vice president of the Forward Association and executive director of the Workmen's Circle, Israel Breslow, immediate past president of the Forward Association and a board member, and I. Shmulewitz, a journalist representing the Forward's editorial department.

In his brief remarks, Weber observed that he did not face the predicament of projecting modesty that confronts the recipient of a personal award. "I can say with all honesty that in this case the recipient fully deserves the honor," he said.

Among the major items the CJF discussed at their meetings which began Thursday and ended today was planning the 1979 community campaigns built around the theme "Jewish Renewal--At Home and Abroad." Discussions have been held in many communities during the summer months on plans for the general campaign as well as for the special "Project Renewal" program of neighborhood revitalization and rehabilitation in Israel. The CJF Board heard reports on these sessions, as well as on further national planning being undertaken by the United Jewish Appeal and CJF.

The meetings also took up a progress report of the CJF Review Committee, a two-year study dealing with the future of Jewish life in North America, the greatly enlarged role of community Federations as central forces in molding the Jewish future, and the CJF's function as the collective instrument of the Federations.

Chaired by former CJF president Raymond Epstein of Chicago, the Committee is composed of 47 leaders of Federations in North America. Over 1000 Federation leaders in 139 cities have been interviewed by the CJF Review Committee, which has also sought the views of leaders of national Jewish organizations relating to current Jewish needs, services, purposes and opportunities. The findings and recommendations will be brought to community Federations for consideration and action.

Other areas which received special attention during the meetings included Federation personnel needs in the next decade; national and local action on Soviet-Jewish resettlement; housing for the aging; the study of Federation-Hillel relations, and progress in Federation Outreach efforts. In addition, a number of sessions were held to finalize plans for the 1978 CJF General Assembly scheduled for San Francisco, Nov. 8-12.

MRS. STAPLETON SAYS CARTER ASKED ISRAELIS TO SEND LETTERS TO CAMP DAVID EXPRESSING THE WISH FOR PEACE

JERUSALEM, Sept. 10 (JTA)--Mrs. Ruth Carter Stapleton, Evangelist's sister of President Carter, and Mayor Teddy Kollek, cabled the participants at the Camp David summit to wish them success in their deliberations and to let them know that both Mrs. Stapleton and Kollek were praying for peace in the Middle East. The joint cable was sent Thursday at the end of Mrs. Stapleton's visit to City Hall. She is currently visiting Israel as the head of a group of 70 Christian pilgrims.

In the meeting between Kollek and the group, Mrs. Stapleton said she received word from Carter asking the people of Israel to send letters to Camp David expressing the wish for peace. She said that during her visit around the country she found many Israelis praying for peace.

Kollek, referring to the prayer for peace voiced by Premier Menachem Begin, President Anwar Sadat of Egypt and Carter at Camp David, said that in Jerusalem, too, the prayer for peace can be heard at the Western Wall, in the mosques and churches. In addition to prayers, he added, members of the three faiths also express in their daily activities their ability to live together.

Trees Planted In JNF Forests

On Friday, Mrs. Stapleton and members of the American National Basketball Association champions, the Washington Bullets, planted trees in several Jewish National Fund forests. "I'll come back to see my tree," she said during a brief tree-planting ceremony in the American Bicentennial Park in the Jerusalem Hills. Deeply affected by the ceremony, Mrs. Stapleton read from the planter's psalm before bending down to cover the roots of the young sapling.

Each of the pilgrims also planted a tree and expressed their wish to return to Israel with their families and friends. Members of the Washington Bullets also planted trees at the JNF forest at the Golani junction, which bears the name of the late Dr. Martin Luther King. The Bullets were in Israel to play against the Maccabi Five-in Tel Aviv.

TWO MARINES FACE DISCHARGE FOR RECRUITING RESIDENTS TO NAZI GROUP

YUMA, Ariz., Sept. 10 (JTA)--Two Marine corporals here are facing a discharge after announcing in a newspaper interview that they plan to recruit local residents to the American Nazi Party and accused President Carter of "treason." The two, Lance Cpl. Dominic G. Lewitzke, 19, and Lance Cpl. Dale R. McKissick, 20, told the Yuma Daily Sun that they have started a campaign among Yuma residents to recruit new members to the Nazi Party. The two were also quoted as saying that Carter should be convicted of treason because of the Camp David summit he arranged. "The commanding officer of the Marine Corps said the two corporals will be discharged 'due to substandard personal performance.'"

JERUSALEM (JTA)--Former Premier Golda Meir left the Hadassah Medical Center Friday after a two-week hospitalization following a case described by her doctors as a viral infection and back aches. She underwent a series of routine checkups, to the full satisfaction of the physicians, the hospital said.

JERUSALEM (JTA)--Some 200,000 Israelis visited abroad in the last three months, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported, a 35% increase over last year.