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## CARTER, SADAT STATEMENTS PLEASE ISRAEL

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Oct. 12 (JTA)--Israeli officials are welcoming the statements by President Carter and President Anwar Sadat on the eve of the Israeli-Egyptian peace talks that opened in Washington today. Both leaders sought to play down the "linkage" between an Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty and the delicate issues relating to the future of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Both the U.S. and Egypt appear to share Israel's awareness that the Washington talks could stumble over West Bank problems and, like Israel, are determined to avoid such pitfalls if at all possible.

President Carter told a press conference Tuesday that, as he understood Sadat's intentions, the Egyptian leader would not "let any single element" of the West Bank-Gaza Strip disputes impede the conclusion of a treaty with Israel. Carter was referring to the still unresolved differences between the U.S. and Israel over the duration of a settlements freeze on the West Bank. Carter noted, in a delicately balanced comment, that the two Camp David frameworks were "not legally interrelated. But in the mind of myself, Prime Minister Begin and President Sadat they were interrelated."

### Sadat Denounces Syria

Israelis were apparently delighted and, in no small measure, surprised, by the intensity of Sadat's denunciation of Syria's actions in Lebanon and his flat statement that he has lost patience with the Arab hardliners.

Addressing a meeting of Egypt's Supreme Judiciary Council in Cairo Tuesday, Sadat said he has gone as far as he could or would in trying to negotiate with Israel on behalf of the Syrians and Palestinians because of "their ingratitude and obscenities." He excoriated Syrian action in Lebanon as "murder for murder's sake."

Sadat's remarks were seen here and in Cairo as a significant shift away from his earlier determination to negotiate with Israel over the West Bank if Jordan and the Palestinians continue to remain aloof. "I have had enough," the Egyptian leader told the jurists. "In the name of the Egyptian people, I did my duty (at Camp David) in regard to the principles governing the Palestinian question and the Golan Heights."

The Egyptian leader added: "As for details, they will have to go and negotiate for themselves. I would have liked to do it on their behalf but their ingratitude and obscenities have gone beyond all limits.... Let everyone keep his size and his place from now on."

Regarding Lebanon, Sadat declared: "What is happening in Lebanon goes beyond any imagination. It's murder for murder's sake. It's bloodshed for bloodshed's sake. The fate of nations is being played with just as children play with toys on the streets. I shall never put the destiny of Egypt or the Arab cause in the hands of those children, those murderers...."

### Stresses Need For Comprehensive Settlement

At the same time, Sadat and other Egyptian

spokesmen continue to stress the need for a "comprehensive" settlement and to reiterate that an Israeli-Egyptian treaty is only one phase in the movement toward such a settlement. Clearly for inter-Arab reasons, Egypt will need a modicum of "linkage" between a treaty with Israel and progress toward autonomy on the West Bank and the issue of linkage doubtlessly will come up in the Washington talks.

Sadat predicted, in his Cairo speech, that the Israeli military government on the West Bank would be withdrawn the day a peace treaty with Egypt is signed. Israeli officials point out that in the absence of Jordanian and Palestinian cooperation it would be difficult to establish the projected autonomy. But they indicated that Israel might take some form of unilateral action along the lines suggested by Sadat as a demonstration of good faith and determination to press on with the eventual transition to autonomy.

In fact, Israel has already taken significant steps to emphasize its sincerity regarding the West Bank. The government announced last week the establishment of a high-level committee to discuss practical aspects of the transition. The panel has been meeting almost daily, under the chairmanship of Eliahu Ben-Elissar, Director General of the Prime Minister's Office, and is already immersed in a mass of technical and administrative details of a practical nature.

## ISRAEL, EGYPT BEGIN WRITING PEACE TREATY; CARTER SAYS ENTIRE WORLD IS DEPENDING ON THE TWO NATIONS

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12 (JTA)--Israel and Egypt began writing a peace treaty today with the United States as a "full partner," after hearing President Carter tell the delegations of the three countries that "people throughout the world are depending upon you."

Welcoming the 20-member Egyptian delegation and the 11-member Israeli delegation at the White House before the start of their deliberations at Blair House across the street, Carter said that the peacemaking process now underway is a "foundation and a first step for a comprehensive and lasting settlement between Israel and her neighbors."

"The United States is committed without reservation to see this process through," the President said, until peace "is assured" in the Middle East because it "affects the well-being of every American."

Carter said that "for 2000 years in the Middle East the people have cried 'peace, peace,' and there was no peace." But less than a month ago, the President noted, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Premier Menachem Begin "created a chance for true peace" and now "the next vital steps" are "turning that framework into a lasting structure for peace."

The President noted that not all the differences have been resolved. But "we have established procedures. Again we invite Jordan and the inhabitants of the West Bank and others to join with us. The alternative is drift, stalemate, continued enmity and perhaps another war." The U.S., he added, "is committed without reservation to seeing this great process through until each party to the Arab-Israeli conflict is at peace with all the others.... We will work hand in hand with all involved parties until

the job is done and peace is assured." Carter spoke with Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan and Egyptian Defense Minister Kamal Hassan Ali who headed their countries' delegations.

Dayan, following Carter, said "It is our hope and belief that we have reached the stage in which we can finally conclude a peace treaty. I know that we still have to overcome many obstacles, but with you (Carter) and your aides' help, Mr. President, and the constructive spirit of the parties, we can accomplish peace."

Ali welcomed Carter as "a full partner in the peace process. We attach the greatest importance to the continuation of this partnership until a comprehensive peace is achieved in our area; a comprehensive peace which insures the fulfillment of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people and enables them to play a constructive role in a peaceful Middle East."

Carter, Dayan and Ali spoke on a dais with the flags of the U.S., the United Nations, Egypt and Israel in the background. Meticulous protocol was observed in the seating arrangements for the guests and the delegations of Egypt, Israel and the U.S. Israeli Defense Minister Ezer Weizman, co-chairman of the Israeli delegation, was seated in a front row between Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, who is heading the U.S. delegation and Egyptian Ambassador Ashraf Ghorbal. Behind them were Mrs. Rosalynn Carter, Mrs. Dayan, Mrs. Weizman and Mrs. Simcha Dinitz.

On the other side of the aisle, Egyptian Acting Foreign Minister Boutros Ghali sat between Alfred Atherton, the special U.S. Ambassador to the Mideast and Israeli Ambassador Simcha Dinitz. Behind them were Vice President Walter Mondale and Cabinet members and White House officials concerned with foreign affairs.

#### Optimism About Peace Accord

Immediately following the ceremonial program in the presence of an international gathering in the East Room of the White House where the Camp David accords were announced Sept. 17, the reaction appeared to be optimistic for an Israeli-Egyptian agreement at the very least by the end of the year.

Sen. Richard Stone (D-Fla.), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on the Middle East, said Carter, Dayan and Ali all put on "their best face for their appropriate constituents. The Egyptians," he said, "seem less unilateral as they work toward a peace treaty in their area."

Stone said Carter is seeking "the involvement of Jordan and the West Bank and Gaza Strip inhabitants" and "stressed what is available for them." He said the Israelis "are anxious to create goodwill not only for themselves but for the Egyptians."

After the ceremony at which the guests included Jewish and Arab communal leaders, the delegations went to Blair House for a formal lunch to open up the proceedings.

The first session of the talks chaired by Vance, took 15 minutes, George Sherman, the U.S. spokesman reported this afternoon. "All endorsed a common desire to achieve agreement as quickly as possible," he told reporters. "Methods will be drafted to reach that goal." Sherman said that "everyone felt" the atmosphere at Blair House "was very good and constructive, cordial and friendly. There was a determination to get on with the job."

The United States delegation is participating as a "full partner" in the talks and, acting as

hosts, will inform the press daily on developments that take place. This is similar to the arrangements at the 13-day successful Camp David talks. Carter, meeting with Congressmen on another matter this morning, was quoted by Rep. Benjamin Gilman (R. NY) as saying, "that he will participate directly" if that becomes necessary. Like all others interviewed, Gilman expressed optimism, saying that the atmosphere and timing are "favorable" for conclusion of an Egyptian-Israeli agreement.

#### KHALID EXPRESSES HIS GOOD WISHES TO JEWISH COMMUNITY OF CLEVELAND

CLEVELAND, Oct. 12 (JTA)--King Khalid of Saudi Arabia, recuperating in the Cleveland Clinic Hospital from double bypass heart surgery, performed in the hospital last week, has expressed his good wishes to the entire Jewish community of Cleveland, as reported in the latest issue of the Cleveland Jewish News.

The good wishes were expressed in a letter to Rabbi Armond E. Cohen, of Park Synagogue, in response to a letter from the rabbi to the King in which the rabbi expressed his hope and prayer that the King would enjoy a full recovery from his operation, the second heart operation Khalid has undergone in the last few years at the hospital.

Earlier, a prayer for the recovery of the King had been recited at Sabbath services at Park Synagogue, along with a like prayer for Israeli Premier Menachem Begin, who was in the hospital briefly and has since been released.

Cohen said the King's expression of thankfulness, good will and good health directed to him and through him to the entire Jewish community of Cleveland came in a letter from Mohammad Noyser, who identified himself as president of the King's private court. Cohen said he also spoke by telephone with Noyser in which the King's private sentiments were reiterated. Khalid had the surgery on the second day of Rosh Hashanah, Oct. 3, and is reported to be recovering satisfactorily.

The Jewish Community Federation earlier had denied rumors that the King had given instructions he was not to be attended by Jewish doctors. However, there are no Jewish doctors in the hospital's department of thoracic and cardio-vascular surgery which was in charge of the surgery performed on the King. There are, however, several Jewish physicians in the hospital, among them some who have attended members of the royal Saudi family.

#### TERRORIST GANG APPREHENDED

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Oct. 12 (JTA)--A gun-running terrorist gang that also trafficked in drugs was apprehended by security forces recently, it was announced here today. The arrests came as the terrorists were transporting a booby-trapped suitcase containing 50 kilograms of explosives to Jerusalem where they planned to deposit it near a local theater.

The suitcase was safely dismantled averting a possible disaster, security sources said. They said gang members were interrogated for a week during which they disclosed their hideouts in the Jerusalem area where more explosives were discovered. According to police, the gang included several Hebron residents, among them Nur A-Din Jaabari, son of the former Mayor of Hebron, Sheikh Mohammed Ali Al Jaabari, and one Jew identified only as a resident of Bat Yam.

The gang originally specialized in drug smuggling from Arab countries into Israel but branched into gun-running last year and reportedly brought hundreds of kilograms of explosives and shipments of

Katyusha rockets and light weapons into the country for use by terrorists and saboteurs. According to the security sources, the gang was responsible for firing Katyusha rockets into Jerusalem last May. No one was hurt in that attack.

### PRESIDENTS CONFERENCE HITS UN CAMPAIGN ON PALESTINIAN RIGHTS

NEW YORK, Oct. 12 (JTA)--A \$500,000 campaign by the United Nations Secretariat to "promote" Palestinian rights was denounced today by the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations as a "crude attempt to glorify Arab terrorism and the murderous PLO."

Theodore R. Mann, chairman of the Conference of Presidents, called on UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim and U.S. Ambassador to the UN Andrew Young to "take no part in this blatant effort to attack the legitimacy of the State of Israel."

Mann called the campaign—which includes a pro-Palestine Liberation Organization film starring Yasir Arafat to be premiered at the United Nations on Nov. 29—"an effort to distort the history of the Middle East, to justify the terrorist slaughter of innocent women and children and to canonize Arafat as a great hero of national liberation." It is a grievous affront to the cause of peace and an indignity to the American people, whose taxes are paying for 25 percent of it."

The UN drive is based on a General Assembly resolution last December establishing a "Special Unit on the Palestinian People" with an appropriation of \$500,000. It includes, in addition to the pro-PLO film, the publication of a newsletter and a series of pamphlets. "The publicity drive will peak on Nov. 29, which will be celebrated as 'International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People.'" That date, which marks the 31st anniversary of the UN Palestine Partition Plan, will be marked at the UN by a performance of a Palestinian dance troupe, a photo exhibition on Palestinian rights in the UN lobby and a series of speeches in the General Assembly.

Mann said the film "condones PLO terrorism by presenting 'moderate' Palestinians who say such attacks are necessary as a 'last resort.'" He added: "At a time when the Camp David accords have brought about a new spirit, a fresh hope and the real promise of an end to old hatreds and antagonisms, it is particularly regrettable that the UN Secretariat should launch an effort that not only does violence to the UN charter but subverts the possibility of progress toward peace."

### DANIEL NATHANS SHARES IN THE 1978 NOBEL PRIZE FOR MEDICINE

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12 (JTA)--Dr. Daniel Nathans, 49, director of the microbiology department at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in Baltimore since 1972, is one of three scientists to share the 1978 Nobel Prize for Medicine.

Nathans, who became the second American Jew to win a Nobel Prize this year, shares the award with Swiss microbiology Prof. Werner Arben of Basel, and Hamilton O. Smith, also of Johns Hopkins. The award of \$140,000 is for their enzyme genetic research. Last week, Isaac Bashevis Singer, the renowned Yiddish writer, was awarded the 1978 Nobel Prize for Literature.

Among Nathans' numerous distinctions as a scientist was his selection by the American Cancer Society in 1969 to be a scholar in the Department of Genetics at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel.

Nathans, who is on the editorial boards of two medical journals, and has been a leader in research on biology and virology for a generation, was chairman of the American Cancer Society committee on cell biology and virology and on the advisory committee of the National Cancer Institute's virus cancer program. He was awarded the Selman Waksman Award for microbiology in 1967 and is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Nathans, born in Wilmington, Del., was graduated from the University of Delaware and received his medical degree from Washington University in St. Louis four years later. He joined Johns Hopkins as an assistant professor in 1962. He and his wife, Joanne Gombberg Nathans, have three sons, ranging in age from 15 to 21.

Nathans was the youngest of eight children born to Samuel and Sarah Nathans who emigrated from Russia before World War I. His father first had a grocery store and then worked in a leather factory. Dr. and Mrs. Nathans are members of Temple Emanuel in Baltimore. "He is very well informed on the Middle East and very concerned for Israel's future," Mrs. Nathans told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

### CONCERN OVER NEW SYRIAN ATTACKS ON CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY IN LEBANON

JERUSALEM, Oct. 12 (JTA)--The Cabinet met in special session this morning to hear the latest reports on the situation in Lebanon as military observers here warned that a new wave of Syrian attacks on Christian strongholds in Beirut seemed likely. The Cabinet issued no communiqué but informed sources said the Lebanese situation was the main item on the agenda. Chief of Staff Gen. Rafael Eytan and Gen. Shlomo Gazit, chief of military intelligence, were seen leaving the meeting and are believed to have briefed the Cabinet.

Concern mounted over a new outbreak of fighting in Lebanon despite the cease-fire that has been in effect less than a week and the international pressure on Syria. Israelis are most disturbed by indications that the Syrians are planning to put Palestinians into the front line against the Christians.

Earlier this week, they deployed two Palestinian Liberation Army brigades, totalling several thousand men armed with anti-tank weapons and rockets, around Beirut. The Palestinian units are poorly disciplined, a factor that could lead to breaches of the shaky cease-fire and bring about renewed clashes between Palestinians, supported by Lebanese Moslem leftists, and the Christian militia. It was just such a confrontation that escalated into all-out civil war in Lebanon two years ago.

Israeli sources said the installation of Palestinian troops around Beirut might also indicate that the Syrians are anxious to reduce their involvement in Lebanon and re-group their forces in light of a probable Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty by the end of the year. Some senior military officers here believe President Hafez Assad of Syria is convinced that he cannot lead the Arab rejectionist front as long as the Lebanese crisis has not been solved.

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NEW YORK (JTA)--The American National Red Cross (ARC) recently issued directives to all its nationwide ARC Chapters to display the flag of Magen David Adom (MDA), Israel's National Red Cross Society, which features the Red Star of David emblem at all functions and meetings in which other emblems of worldwide Red Cross Societies will be used. These include the Red Crescent used by Moslem countries and the Red Lion and Sun used by Iran.

## SPECIAL TO THE JTA DOCUMENTARY ON AMERICAN NAZIS RAISES ISSUES AND CONCERNS

By Ben Gallob

NEW YORK, Oct. 12 (JTA)--A 58-minute documentary on activities of American Nazis in California, which the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) has offered for showing by its 270 station affiliates on Oct. 22, has evoked refusals among a number of stations and concern among Jewish community relations agencies on how to handle the documentary.

"The California Reich" focusses on the psychologies and lifestyles of some working class members of the National Socialist White People's Party in three California communities. The PBS office here, describing the documentary as a presentation of KCET, the public service station in Los Angeles, reported it had no narration, allowing the subjects to speak for themselves.

A spokesman for WNET (Channel 13), the PBS outlet for the New York City area, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that, out of concern for the "sensibilities" of Jewish viewers, it would not telecast "California Reich" on Oct. 22, Sunday eve, but would show the documentary sometime in November. The documentary will also be presented as a film at the Harold Clurman Theater in Manhattan, starting Oct. 18, in tandem with a stage production of Eugene Ionesco's "The Lesson."

### Some TV Affiliates Balk At Showing Film

PBS president Lawrence K. Grossman was quoted as saying a substantial number of the 270 public TV affiliates had balked at showing the documentary. William J. McCarter, president of Chicago's WTTW, called it "almost a recruitment film" and said he knew of 20 to 30 stations, in addition to WTTW, which had refused to book the program. A spokesperson at WHYY in Philadelphia said the documentary was not scheduled at the present and would not be telecast on WHYY on Oct. 22. Jim Kayarkan, WHYY president and general manager, said the program does not give a "focus" on the Nazi situation in this country.

A spokesman at WLIV at Garden City, NY (Channel 21) told the JTA that the station had not yet received "at this time" notification from PBS of the availability of the program. WNYE (Channel 25), the New York City Board of Education TV station, said it was not planning to show the program "at the present time." A spokesman for WNYC (Channel 31), the New York City municipal TV station, said a decision on telecasting the program was "open" but that it would not show the program on Oct. 22.

The documentary was made by two young college graduates, Walter F. Parkes, 24 and Keith Critchlow, 30. Parkes, of Beverly Hills, studied filmmaking at Stanford Graduate School, where he met Critchlow, a major in psychology at Yale University. After Parkes and Critchlow met at Stanford, they decided they wanted to make a film. Following reading about a Nazi Party demonstration in a local newspaper, they decided to try to film the everyday life and party activities of local members of the National Socialist White People's Party.

The film covers meetings, ceremonies, a riot at San Francisco State University and scenes from the home lives of the Nazis. It is done without any commentary, allowing the Nazis to speak for themselves, according to the two young producers. The final version is framed by statements at the opening and close of the program, made on-camera

by Clete Roberts, an anchorman-reporter for public TV station KCET in Los Angeles.

### Deals With Disturbing Reality

In the opening statement, Roberts says the film "deals with a disturbing reality, the existence of an organized neo-Nazi movement in America today." He adds that what is important about such groups is not their numbers, citing a claim by the National Socialist White People's Party, "the strongest of the new Nazi groups," of fewer than 2000 members nationwide in 1976 when the documentary was completed.

"What is important," Roberts observes, "is the way such groups mirror fears and prejudices present in the mainstream of American society." He then reports it took the two producers three months "to get inside the front door of a Nazi household and another eight months before cameras were permitted to roll."

Commenting that the subjects tell their own story, Roberts says the result of that approach is "perhaps an even more eloquent testimony to the ever-present threat of racism, ignorance and hatred." He calls the Nazis "a disturbing reflection of America today. Some may see them as pathetic misfits or inhuman monsters but more frightening, they are men, women and children who could live next door."

In the closing statement, Roberts says it was "difficult to assess" whether American Nazi membership had grown or lessened in the two years since the documentary was completed. He remarked that not all Nazis parade in brown shirts and swastika arm bands.

Roberts then cites a study by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith in March 1978, declaring that the total American Nazi Party membership was no more than 1200 "but with several thousand more anonymously supporting the party." An ADL spokesman said the "several thousand more" was not an ADL figure. Roberts also notes the legal and street battles over the Chicago Nazis who sought to march in Skokie and did march in Chicago last July 9. He added, "after all the national media attention, legal battles and threats of violence, no more than 20 uniformed Nazis appeared that day in Chicago."

The film attracted PBS attention when it was nominated for an Academy Award. Portions of it were shown on a CBS "Sixty Minutes" program on Feb. 20. One portion portrayed Alan Vincent, a party leader, who spent 20 years in various California reform schools and prisons and classified himself for the young producers as a victim of "loneliness."

For Jewish community officials consulted by the JTA, the problem was one of deciding whether the film was anti-Semitic, which most of the newspapers reviewing the documentary the year it was completed, in 1976, suggested it basically was not, and whether, if a decision was made to approach PBS stations planning to show it, to develop a unified approach. One such approach, the JTA was told, would be to decide on whether the PBS stations should be asked to schedule discussions by community relations experts on the significance of the production after each telecast.

JERUSALEM (JTA)--A "considerable improvement" was reported Thursday in the condition of former Premier Golda Meir, hospitalized in Hadasah Medical Center these past few days. According to medical bulletins she has persistent back pains due apparently to a viral infection that she cannot seem to shake off.