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CARTER, BEGIN MEET AT THE PRESIDENT'S INITIATIVE: BEGIN AND VANCE MEETING IS SAID TO HAVE 'MADE REAL PROGRESS'

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, Nov. 2 (JTA) -- President Carter and Premier Menachem Begin of Israel had an unscheduled meeting here this afternoon, arranged, according to a U.S. official, at the President's initiative. The invitation was conveyed to Begin by Secretary of State Cyrus Vance at their meeting in Begin's Regency Hotel suite here this morning. (See late story P. 3.)

The U.S. official said the meeting was intended to quash reports of a Presidential snub of the Israeli leader which persisted despite firm denials by the Administration and by Begin himself who said earlier that he had not requested a meeting with Carter.

Begin met with the President, beginning at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Arthur Krim, a prominent Jewish businessman active in the Democratic Party. Carter, who was in New York today campaigning for Democratic candidates in next Tuesday's elections, was visiting Krim on party fundraising matters and invited Begin to join him there.

Begin and Vance met for two hours and 20 minutes this morning. On emerging from the session, both declared that the meeting had been "good" and that progress was made concerning the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty currently being negotiated in Washington. Vance told reporters, "We made real progress." He said he would meet with the Egyptian delegation when he returns to Washington this afternoon. Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan and Defense Minister Ezer Weizman, who participated in the Vance-Begin meeting, returned to Washington this afternoon to resume negotiations.

Begin agreed with the Secretary of State that "it was a very good meeting." He said he hoped that a date will be set soon for signing the peace treaty although there are still problems to solve. He repeated, in reply to questions, that he did not feel at all that he was "snubbed" by Carter.

A Gift From Carter To Begin

The meeting between Begin and Vance reportedly dealt with the current Israeli-Egyptian peace negotiations in Washington, the issue of linkage between the treaty and the Camp David framework dealing with the problems of the West Bank and Gaza Strip and U.S. economic aid to Israel after its withdrawal from Sinai.

The State Department's chief spokesman, Hodding Carter, who accompanied Vance, told reporters when the meeting started that it was not expected to wrap up the negotiations in Washington and produce a peace treaty. "You can't walk out of here with a treaty," he said.

Vance brought Begin a gift from Carter. It was a photograph of a new asteroid discovered at the Palomar Observatory in California while the Camp David summit conference was in session in September. The photo was inscribed "To Menachem Begin from Jimmy Carter."

ISRAELI MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS SET

JERUSALEM, Nov. 2 (JTA) -- About 2.2

million Israelis are expected to vote in 150 municipal elections throughout Israel next Tuesday, a third of them in Arab towns, Interior Ministry officials said today. There are 53,300 eligible voters in East Jerusalem but officials said that no more than 2000 are expected to cast ballots. In the past, East Jerusalem Arabs have boycotted the elections.

Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem is expected to win an easy victory. This year's municipal elections will be the first in which separate ballots will be cast for mayoral candidates and candidates for town councils. A mayor will require at least 40 percent of the votes to be elected or face a run-off election.

Earlier this week, coalition MKs closed ranks to defeat a last-minute attempt by opposition factions to overturn a recently enacted law declaring the municipal elections a national holiday. The Knesset's Procedures Committee voted 11-9 not to clear the measure for debate on the floor despite severe pressure from the business community.

The situation found the Likud-led coalition upholding a law that adds a paid holiday for the work force, against the Labor Alignment, Sheli and Civil Rights Movement and other pro-labor factions that sided with the Manufacturers Association against the measure.

The opponents argued that Israel's strained economy could not afford the loss of an estimated IL 750 million in gross national product that the one-day holiday would entail. The coalition insisted that the holiday is required to ensure maximum voter turnout.

JNF ASKING ABC FOR RETRACTION FOR REPRESENTING WEITZ AS JNF DIRECTOR

By William Saphire

NEW YORK, Nov. 2 (JTA) -- The Jewish National Fund said today that it has asked the American Broadcasting Co. "for a public retraction" of the "erroneous and misleading representation" of Raanan Weitz as the director of the JNF in one sequence of the documentary film "Terror in the Promised Land," broadcast by the ABC-TV network Monday night.

In a statement released today, Dr. Samuel I. Cohen, executive vice-president of the JNF, said "The ABC film described Mr. Weitz as the director of the Jewish National Fund and he then, in response to allegations that Israel had expropriated Arab land, proceeded to make statements that did not in any way reflect the policies and activities of the JNF."

Cohen noted that "Mr. Weitz has no connection whatsoever with the Jewish National Fund and for ABC-TV to present him as a spokesman of the JNF is a total fabrication." Weitz is co-chairman of the World Zionist Organization's settlement department.

Cohen said that as a result of the misidentification "the offices of the Jewish National Fund, here in New York and in many cities around the world, were flooded with calls from indignant citizens concerning" Weitz's statements.

"We have therefore asked the ABC-TV network to afford us an opportunity for a public retraction," Cohen said, and "we also wish to be afforded the opportunity to assure all Americans who believe in the cause of Israel, that the Jewish National

Fund, throughout its long history, has pursued a policy of ethical and legal land acquisition... at high and sometimes exorbitant cost, for the benefit of the Jewish people everywhere."

ADL Refutes ABC Charges

ABC officials acknowledged this week that telephone response to the documentary on Palestinian terrorists was overwhelmingly negative. They maintained, however, that at least half of the protest calls were received before the program was aired and appeared to be part of an organized campaign. Many of the callers were school children.

The ABC officials charged that the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith was responsible for the pre-broadcast phone-ins. They acknowledged that ABC denied an ADL request for a pre-view screening on grounds that previews were not granted to "special interest groups."

Responding to these charges, the ADL's general counsel, Arnold Forster, said ABC television's false assertion that ADL organized telephone calls by children protesting the network's pro-PLO program is "silly on its face." According to Forster, "If we were to organize phone calls, we would not have to use children. In fact, we did urge our constituents to tune in the program and afterwards express themselves as they saw fit to the network about the broadcast."

Forster said the ADL would "analyze every word and scene" of the documentary for "any suspicion of falsification" and, in that case, would "file an appropriate complaint with the FCC."

NEW MOVEMENT, 'ERETZ ISRAEL LOYALIST FRONT,' IS LAUNCHED IN ISRAEL

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Nov. 2 (JTA) -- Some 1000 Israelis who bitterly oppose the government's peace policies jammed into the Ohel-Shem Hall here last night to launch a new movement called "The Eretz Israel Loyalist Front." Its declared aim is to mount a mass protest movement to foil the Camp David agreements which it brands a capitulation to the dictates of President Carter and President Anwar Sadat of Egypt.

Leaders of the new group include Herut firebrand Geula Cohen; former Minister of Trade and Industry Yigal Hurwitz who resigned from the Cabinet after the Camp David accords were signed by Premier Menachem Begin; Likud MK Moshe Shamir and Rabbi Haim Druckman, a National Religious Party MK. The movement itself appears to comprise dissenting Likud and NRP MKs, members of settlements in the occupied territories and disciples of the Gush Emunim and Greater Israel movements.

Cohen denounced her own colleagues for refusing to allow the group to use Herut Party headquarters, Jabotinsky House, for their rally. "There are no more wolves at the Ze'ev (Jabotinsky) fortress, only ostriches," she said. Shamir exhorted the "Loyalist Front" to sound the alarm in Israel and the diaspora over "the terrible dangers being brought upon us by this government of capitulation."

He claimed the government was withholding the truth about the Carter Administration's plans to "truncate Israel" and force the repartition of Jerusalem. He warned that the autonomy plan for the West Bank and Gaza Strip opened the road for a Palestinian state.

Druckman claimed that Sadat's peace intentions were false because he refused to allow

Israel to retain its settlements in Sinai. Later, representatives of settlements in the occupied territories told reporters that they have little faith in the government's declared policy of strengthening existing settlements on the West Bank. They said the plan would not solve the main problems because the settlements would not attract settlers.

Settlers from the Jordan Valley warned that once the autonomy plan came into effect, absentee Arab land owners would file claims that would prevent the expansion of Jewish settlements. Members of Yamit, in northern Sinai, said the government has already frozen plans for the construction of six new classrooms even though the evacuation of Sinai is still several years off. They said the World Zionist Organization has refused permission to start new plantations in the region.

It was learned, meanwhile, that the Nahal movement will establish two new para-military settlements, one on the slopes of Mt. Hermon overlooking the Golan Heights and one on the Sinai border. Several watchtowers will be built in Galilee to emphasize Israel's sovereignty over land used by Arab herd-owners.

GOVERNMENT BACKS DOWN ON WAGE LIMITS By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Nov. 2 (JTA) -- The government backed down yesterday on the 15 percent limit it put on wage increases for civil servants. But the agreement, reached between Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich and Histadrut Secretary General Yeruham Meshel, satisfied only some segments of the publicly employed work force. Tens of thousands of other government employes continued to threaten job actions and strikes for higher wages.

The 15 percent ceiling on wage hikes, confirmed by the Cabinet Sunday, remains in force. But under the Ehrlich-Meshel formula, further increases will be allowed up to seven percent. The compromise represents a major retreat by the government but offers far less than many key employee groups are demanding.

The immediate effect was to send the striking communications workers back to their jobs ending the television and radio blackout that has been in effect since Monday and restoring service on thousands of telex and telephone lines that needed repairs. But teachers are still planning a general strike in 10 days to support demands for a 35 percent wage increase.

Government-employed physicians are also insisting on more than 20 percent increases. About 40,000 other civil servants plan a warning strike at the beginning of next week and strikes or work stoppages are threatened by academicians, technicians and nurses.

The agreement between Ehrlich and Meshel may ease the labor situation somewhat. But according to Bank of Israel Governor Arnon Gafni, it will serve only to accelerate inflation. Economists here explained, however, that the agreement does not exceed the government's budget.

They quoted senior sources at the Treasury to the effect that the possibility of wage increases up to 20 percent was built into the annual budget in anticipation of resistance to the 15 percent limit which has been government policy. Ehrlich was willing to pay the price, the sources said, in order to gain Histadrut support. Histadrut was willing to settle because it feared it might lose control of the increasingly restive labor force. It now faces the difficult task of convincing all unions to accept the agreement.

BEGIN, CARTER CONFIDENT OF EARLY COMPLETION OF PEACE TREATY

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, Nov. 2 (JTA) -- President Carter and Premier Menachem Begin of Israel met for a half-hour this afternoon at the home of Arthur Krim, a prominent Jewish businessman active in Democratic Party affairs. Both expressed confidence that an Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty will be completed soon.

The meeting was a fund-raising affair for Gov. Hugh Carey of New York where the President invited Begin this morning to join him. About 100 people were present. When Begin entered, he and Carter embraced and the Israeli leader told the President that real progress was made in his talks with Secretary of State Cyrus Vance here this morning.

Before beginning their private meeting, the Premier said he believes a peace treaty will be signed soon between Israel and Egypt and that Carter will sign as a witness. Carter told the gathering that he also thinks there will be peace soon in the Middle East due to the courage of President Anwar Sadat of Egypt and Begin. He said that Begin "has been willing to put his political future at stake" in order to achieve peace in the Middle East.

The Premier presented Carter with a gift, a book by Israeli Supreme Court Justice Chaim Cohen titled "The Trial and Death of Jesus."

Financing Israel's Withdrawal From Sinai

Begin disclosed, meanwhile, that in his talks with Vance this morning he proposed that Israel's withdrawal from Sinai be financed by a 25-year low-interest loan from the U.S. He said that Vance welcomed the idea and told him it would make matters much easier and that he would discuss it with Carter. The matter will be discussed further when Israeli Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich comes to Washington next week.

Until now it was understood that Israel expected the U.S. to finance the huge costs, estimated in the billions of dollars, of the removal of Israeli air bases and settlements from Sinai. Begin stressed, in his remarks to reporters that Israel doesn't want a gift from the U.S. and is asking only for a loan for that purpose.

Begin had a meeting this afternoon with Yiddish novelist Isaac Bashevis Singer who he received in his Regency Hotel suite. They talked for a half hour. Singer was awarded the 1978 Nobel Prize for Literature. Begin is the joint winner of the 1978 Nobel Peace Prize with President Anwar Sadat of Egypt. This evening, Begin received the Family of Man Award from the New York City Council of Churches, an award he won jointly with Sadat.

Begin will have a private audience tomorrow with Theodore Mann, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. On Saturday night he will meet with a delegation of the Presidents Conference.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES U.S. SEEN REPLACING FRANCE AS EGYPT'S MAIN ARMS SUPPLIER

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Nov. 2 (JTA) -- French industrial circles are reportedly "highly worried" that America will soon replace them as Egypt's main arms supplier. The French, according to reliable reports, believe President Anwar Sadat has shelved for the time being the project of an autonomous

Arab arms industry and counts on U.S. material to equip his army and air force.

The French industrialists believe that Sadat had obtained before or during the Camp David summit conference a firm American promise to supply Egypt with modern aircraft and other sophisticated equipment. These sources say the American pledge was that this equipment will be delivered simultaneously with the implementation of the Camp David agreement.

French industries have played a major role in the creation of the "Arab Industrial Organization" (AIO), the umbrella company entrusted with the implementation of the project, and a French industrial delegation is due to fly to Cairo to find out Egypt's intentions. The AIO was due to start assembling early next year the Franco-British light Jaguar jet and start building before the end of 1979 the French Mirage-2000, described as the equivalent of the American F-15.

The French have reportedly been informed that all these plans have been indefinitely postponed and this in spite of recent Egyptian attempts, dating from last summer, to have the project implemented as soon as possible. According to French sources, the president of the AIO, Ashraf Marawan, has been fired by Sadat under American pressure. The French readily admit, however, that America can deliver faster and cheaper than the Arab industry, the planes and equipment Sadat wants.

Marawan last month conferred with Saudi Arabia's King Khaled in Cleveland, Ohio, where the King was recuperating from open heart surgery and the French hope that Saudi Arabia, which is funding the entire project might keep some of it alive on its own territory. Originally the actual factories were to have been built in Egypt and would have used Egyptian labor.

The French say that several American industrial delegations have already visited Cairo to discuss U.S. arms sales to Egypt. They say that one contract providing for the assembly of American-made jeeps in Egypt has already been signed and that other contracts are soon due to follow.

France is the world's third largest arms exporter and its Egyptian project was originally estimated to be worth some \$4 billion to French industries. Most of these companies, and they have a reputation of knowing exactly what goes on in their field, are now convinced that America is on the point of supplying Egypt with the arms it feels it needs to modernize its air and ground forces.

CHILD ABUSE IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Nov. 2 (JTA) -- Some 500 children up to the age of four are treated each year for injuries caused by their parents, a Tel Aviv University scientist told the convention of social workers which met here yesterday. Most of the children are treated for broken bones. The lecturer, Hanita Zimrin, told of one mother who fed her children for a long period with a light drink only, until they were rushed to the hospital suffering from malnutrition. Other mothers did not change their babies' diapers, causing dangerous infections.

Surprisingly, a university study revealed that the phenomenon was not limited to the so-called lower classes only. There were quite a few cases of maltreatment by parents living in the prestigious Rehavia quarter in Jerusalem. The only difference was that the upper class parents brought their children to private doctors who do not always report the cases to the authorities.

YIVO PRODUCING DOCUMENTARY FOR TV ON PRE-HOLOCAUST JEWISH LIFE IN POLAND

By Ben Gallob

NEW YORK, Nov. 2 (JTA) -- The first English-language documentary for American television showing on the culture and pre-Holocaust Jewish life in Poland is now under production under auspices of the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research with the aid of nearly \$110,000 in grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), YIVO officials reported.

Joseph Waletzky, an independent filmmaker and a YIVO research associate, and Jerome Rddanes, of New York, a film writer, recently completed a script based on a YIVO exhibit and album, "Image Before My Eyes." Waletzky said a \$90,000 NEH grant is for the production, which has the same title, on which the NEH made a commitment this past summer. The other \$20,000 was granted previously for preparation for the script. The finished documentary is scheduled to be ready next summer.

As now planned, the documentary will run 80 minutes. Waletzky explained to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that while the initial target had been to put together a version lasting the typical 60-minute span of a commercial TV slot, an early decision was reached that such a restriction would distort basic elements of the range of information the documentary seeks to convey. He pointed out that on Public Service TV stations, schedules are less rigid than on commercial TV and that he did not expect the unusual length to be a barrier to Public TV acceptance.

He also pointed out that the film will be made available to educational institutions, such as schools and synagogues where the added length will hopefully not be a problem. He said about two-thirds of the documentary is in black and white, the rest in color. The color material is mainly interviews with survivors. There is some Yiddish, Polish and Russian conversation by camera subjects in film-making in New York but there is a running English commentary throughout.

Trying To Dispel Misconceptions

Mrs. Hannah Fryshdorf, YIVO assistant director, said one of the aims of the documentary is to dispel some of the "widely held misconceptions" about pre-Holocaust Eastern European Jewry. She said "popular portrayals have too often stressed and romanticized the isolated, rustic, impoverished Jewish life" and have not given enough attention to "either geographic differentiation or to the connection with contemporary non-Jewish culture."

Waletzky said that many modern developments were taking place in Poland between World War I and World War II which most European Jewish immigrants--pouring into the United States between 1881 and 1921--could not have known about. He cited the existence and operation of a Montessori school in Vilna as a typical example. He said the immigrants to America left Eastern Europe before such modernizations took place.

He said the film will begin with a detailed look at 20th Century pre-Holocaust Jewish life in Warsaw, the capital for both Jews and Poles alike. He said it will delineate and examine traditional Jewish life in Poland and trace the effects on Polish Jewry of such major political events as the 150-year partition of Poland, World War I, and the creation of the second Polish republic in 1918. In addition, he said, the documentary will explore the developments and

conflicts in the political, social and cultural life of the Jewish community in the 20-year period of the Polish republic.

YIVO will be the basic source for materials and information to be used in making the documentary. These will contain the 400 photographs included in the YIVO exhibit of the same name as the film, which in turn were gleaned from 10,000 photographs in YIVO's collection on Polish Jews and Jewish life.

Waletzky said that also to be used are film clips from a YIVO collection of brief movies, ranging from three to 15 minutes. These movies represent some of the ethnic regions of Poland, including Warsaw and Cracow, and shtetlach, such as Grodek in northeastern Poland; Useilug in Volhynia and Kurow in central Poland.

Officials said almost all of these were made by Americans, born in Poland, who visited their native towns and cities in the 1920s and 1930s before Hitler's murderous military machine decimated Jewish life in Poland. Other important sources, Mrs. Fryshdorf said, will be YIVO's extensive record collection of Jewish music and Nazi-made newsreel footage leading up to the German assault on Poland in 1939.

Waletzky said no approach had yet been made to Public Broadcasting Service in regard to booking the documentary. He said YIVO officials wanted to get a fairly complete documentary finished before seeking to have it booked, but stressed that part of the YIVO agreement with the NEH was that the film is to be offered initially to PBS. He said Susan Lazarus, a freelance film-maker hired by YIVO, is co-directing.

JEWS URGED TO STAY IN QUEBEC

By Michael Solomon

MONTREAL, Nov. 2 (JTA)--Claude Ryan, leader of the Liberal Party in Quebec, has urged Montreal's Jews to stay in Quebec and fight for their cultural lives rather than join other English-speaking residents in leaving the predominantly French province.

Speaking at a one-day seminar of the Hadasah-WIZO organization at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel last Sunday, Ryan, the former editor of the French-language daily, Le Devoir, noted that many potential newcomers had been lost to Montreal since the Parti Quebecois, which advocates separation from Canada, had taken power in the Province of Quebec two years ago.

"All those who have known insurmountable reasons to go should stay here and fight to preserve the character of this city, while acquiring a knowledge of French," Ryan stressed. He said the departure of English-speaking residents from Quebec is resulting in "cultural impoverishment."

"I recognize the freedom of Jews to decide whether to stay here or move elsewhere," Ryan said. He admitted that in the past two years "there has developed a sentiment of fear among members of the Jewish community." But he said if Jews "make room for the French language" in their institutions they will have a better chance of preserving Jewish institutions in Montreal. He praised Quebec Jews like law professor Herbert Marks and Dr. Victor Goldbloom, a Liberal member of the Quebec National Assembly (provincial parliament), for having assimilated into the French community.

NEW YORK (JTA) -- The United Jewish Appeal's 40th anniversary was commemorated in Israel Tuesday with the issuance of a special stamp inscribed: "Israel Thirty Years, UJA Forty Years: Partners in the Jewish Lifeline."