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400 ISRAELI WOMEN AND CHILDREN EVACUATED FROM IRAN ARRIVE IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Nov. 7 (JTA) -- More than 400 Israeli women and children evacuated from Iran arrived here last night on special El Al flights. They are the families of Israelis employed on construction projects in Teheran where anti-Shah mobs have been rioting for the past few days. But most of the women thought the evacuation was needless and were upset at being separated from their husbands.

Some who spoke to reporters at Ben Gurion Airport, despite warnings by security officers to say nothing, said the Israeli colony in Teheran lived far from the scene of the riots and was in no danger. They blamed nervous relatives for pressuring the government to bring them home and said they would rejoin their husbands as soon as possible. Some of the children described the huge fires burning in Teheran. One said a supermarket was burned near his home.

REVEAL PLANS OF USC TO ESTABLISH MIDEAST CENTER FINANCED BY U.S. FIRMS DOING BUSINESS WITH ARABS

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 7 (JTA) -- The Los Angeles Chapter of the American Jewish Committee recently revealed plans of the University of Southern California (USC) to establish a Middle East Center financed by American multi-national corporations who do business with the oil-rich Arab states. The AJCommittee charges that the Center, which has the backing of Saudi Arabia, is part of a nationwide program to politicize and control universities.

The initial funding of \$7 million will come from the newly incorporated Middle East Center Foundation, using gifts contributed by the Fluor Corporation and other businesses with large dealings in Saudi Arabia. According to Neil C. Sandberg, Western Regional Director of the AJCommittee, the USC Board of Trustees approved a contract which would have given the Center the authority to select its own faculty and set its own curriculum. In effect, the university proposed to give control of its academic programs to outsiders, with their own private agendas.

"It is our view," said Sandberg, "that the university itself has these responsibilities and that it is required to avoid the kind of politicizing that can lead to skewed program offerings. In approving the contract, we feel that the university has compromised its commitment to its objective academic role and has taken sides in an international political controversy."

Following exposure of this plan by the AJCommittee, the Faculty Senate and President's Advisory Council at USC protested the attempt to remove the Center from their control. Subsequently, the university issued a Memorandum of Understanding which appears to supersede establishment of the Center under the original contract.

"While we are pleased at this new development, we remain deeply concerned with the need to monitor the Center's program," Sandberg said.

"The AJCommittee is now working with other interested Jewish groups to see that a satisfactory final outcome is reached."

BEGIN RECEIVES TUMULTUOUS WELCOME UPON ARRIVAL IN CANADA

By Michael Solomon

OTTAWA, Nov. 7 (JTA) -- Premier Menachem Begin plunged into a busy round of official meetings and ceremonies here today after a tumultuous welcome at the airport last night that observers said was the most enthusiastic ever extended to a Jewish dignitary visiting Canada. Begin, accompanied by his wife, Aliza, arrived at Uplands Airport at 6:20 p.m. aboard a special Air Canada jet put at his disposal by the Canadian government.

He was greeted on the military airfield by Premier Pierre Elliott Trudeau and members of the government and local leaders while some 2000 Jewish adults and school children, nearly two-thirds of this city's Jewish population, shouted greetings, sang and waved Israeli and Canadian flags in a near-by hangar. The hangar was jammed because of rain and as Begin and Trudeau entered they were met by cries of "Shalom" and "God bless you."

The kilted Cameron Highlanders Band played "Scotland The Brave" as the two leaders approached. And then the bagpipers broke into stirring renditions of "Hatikva" and the Canadian anthem, "Oh Canada," as Begin and Trudeau stood at attention.

The crowd broke through the barriers and Begin and Trudeau mingled with them, shaking hands and kissing children. Cantor Nachum Deutsch, of Machzikei Hadas Synagogue and some 50 youngsters from its Hebrew school sang "Oseh Shalom" (let there be peace) and other songs in Hebrew. Begin, in a jubilant mood, joined in the singing.

Afterwards, Begin and his party were whisked through streets lined with Israeli and Canadian flags to the Prime Minister's residence for a working dinner with Trudeau. It was learned that one of the subjects discussed was the possibility of Canada increasing its contribution of troops to the United Nations peace-keeping forces in Sinai after an Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty is signed and Israel begins its withdrawal from that territory.

The Begins are staying at Government House which is located in the heart of the capital between Trudeau's residence and the Governor General's residence. The Israeli Premier had a working luncheon today with Trudeau and Governor General Jules Leger.

This afternoon, he attended a session of the Canadian parliament where he was officially recognized by Trudeau and opposition leader Joe Clark to resounding applause. Later this afternoon, he received Canadian Jewish leaders at the Chateau Laurier Hotel. This evening, Begin will give a banquet in honor of Trudeau and the Canadian government.

CABINET REJECTS POLITICAL ASPECTS OF THE DRAFT PEACE TREATY; WILL DISCUSS THEM AGAIN WHEN BEGIN RETURNS

By Barbie Zelizer Meyouhas and Yitzhak Shargil

JERUSALEM, Nov. 7 (JTA) -- Despite the heavy cloak of secrecy that surrounded its deliberations and the absence of any official confirmation, the general conclusion here today is that the Cabinet rejected the political aspects of the draft peace treaty being negotiated between Israel and Egypt in Washington and also found fault with many of the military elements.

As a result, Defense Minister Ezer Weizman, who left for the U.S. today, is expected to stop over in Canada en route to Washington to brief Premier Menachem Begin who is currently touring Canada. At the same time, it was disclosed today that Cabinet Secretary Arye Naor will also fly to Canada shortly to report to Begin at the behest of the Cabinet, an unusual move inasmuch as Weizman will also be seeing the Premier.

Reports circulating here today said the political clauses of the peace treaty met with fierce disapproval by the Cabinet and it was decided to reject them at least until Begin returns to Israel next week. It is expected that Weizman and Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan, the chief Israeli negotiators, will be called home at that time for further discussion.

These developments indicated that, from the government's point of view, the reports brought from Washington by Weizman revealed an insignificant degree of progress in the negotiations. The Cabinet's reaction to the treaty drafts made it virtually certain that they will not be completed before Nov. 19, the first anniversary of President Anwar Sadat's visit to Jerusalem.

Weizman Sees Treaty Signing Near

Weizman appeared distinctly unhappy with the reaction of his Cabinet colleagues when he boarded his plane for the U.S. at Ben Gurion Airport today. He denied that he was disappointed with the two days of Cabinet sessions. But he acknowledged that many problems were raised and that the Cabinet offered solutions to some and set guidelines for the solution of others. "I am convinced that we are nearing the signing of a peace agreement," Weizman told reporters.

He added, however, "I am convinced that it will be a mistake if we do not reach an agreement." He also said that the time has come for the leaders to tell the nation the pros and cons of the peace agreement and the nature of what lies ahead. He said he believed the pros are much more important than the cons. "I am convinced that the new way of life (with a peace treaty) will be a positive one. We may need some time to fasten our belts, but we shall have a new era," he said.

It was learned that yesterday's Cabinet meeting witnessed sharp exchanges between Weizman and other ministers. Some expressed disapproval over the military clauses, particularly the pace of Israel's withdrawal from Sinai. They insisted that the final stages of withdrawal must coincide with the completion of the new air bases in the Negev that will replace the bases abandoned in Sinai.

Meanwhile, Acting Premier Yigael Yadin said on Israel Radio tonight that "There still remain some basic, very important differences in concluding the peace negotiations between Israel and Egypt and these are not only differences on small issues." He emphasized that there was no need to rush into the conclusion of a treaty. "This is a basic treaty which will determine our security and way of life for many years to come and we must take each issue and attempt to ground it in accordance with our considerations of what is best for us."

UN UNIT REJECTS ANTI-ISRAEL MOTION

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 7 (JTA) -- The General Assembly's Political Committee (the First Committee) yesterday rejected an Iraqi motion that requested the committee to vote on an

anti-Israel draft resolution calling on the Security Council to impose an arms embargo on Israel. By a vote of 59-28 with 30 abstentions, the committee decided to postpone the vote on the anti-Israel draft until next month, together with other resolutions to be voted by the committee.

Israeli diplomats at the United Nations described the committee's vote as an "achievement" for Israel. It was the first time in many years that the Arabs could not muster a majority in a procedural vote. Many African countries, along with the United States, West Europe and South American countries opposed the Iraqi motion after strong "lobbying" by Israel at the UN. Israel claimed that the Iraqi motion was aimed at torpedoing the current peace negotiations in Washington.

However, it is expected that when the draft resolution comes before the committee next month, it will be adopted by a large margin.

SINGER: YIDDISH NEEDS NO DEFENSE

By David Friedman

NEW YORK, Nov. 7 (JTA) -- Isaac Bashevis Singer asserted last night that while the awarding to him of the 1978 Nobel Prize for Literature also honors the Yiddish language in which he writes, Yiddish does not need to be recognized by professors or a committee. In fact, Singer declared, Yiddish literature is 500 years old, at least as old as Swedish or Norwegian, the languages of the two countries which award the Nobel Prizes.

Answering questions from Dr. William Berkowitz, rabbi of Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, before an overflow crowd at the Manhattan synagogue's "Dialogue '78" series, Singer admitted he had said that Yiddish was sick. "But in our history, being sick is a long way from dying," he said.

The 74-year-old novelist and short story writer noted that Hebrew was considered dead for 2000 years and is now a vibrant language in Israel. Calling Hebrew the "older sister" of Yiddish, Singer said he agrees that it should be the first language of Israel, "but Yiddish should be the second language."

He declared that now that Hebrew is firmly established as the language of Israel there should be a greater recognition of Yiddish in the Jewish State. He said he made this plea when he met last week with Premier Menachem Begin at the Premier's request to exchange congratulations on both of them winning Nobel Prizes. Begin will receive the Peace Prize along with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat in Oslo Dec. 10, the same day Singer receives his Nobel Prize in Stockholm.

Singer noted that the loquacious Begin did most of the talking during the 30-minute meeting in Begin's hotel room. "It was more a monologue than a dialogue," Singer said to the laughter and applause of the audience.

Rejects Tendentious Writing

In defending his own works against the charge that he depicts Jews occasionally in bad light, Singer declared that literature and propaganda are two separate things. He said if a writer sits down and asks himself "whether this is good for the Jews or bad for the Jews," he will not be able to write. Besides, he noted, no one knows whether something is good or bad. He said a writer must write as he thinks, for to do anything else will not result in literature but in propaganda and brochures.

During the session which covered a wide variety of subjects, Singer said that he welcomed the development for giving women full religious rights in the synagogue, including being called to the Torah and being ordained as rabbis. He said Judaism had made an historical mistake based on a single sentence

from one rabbi quoted in the Talmud against teaching women the Torah. He said the denial of equal religious rights to women has contributed to assimilation. The reversal of this is "wonderful for religion and for justice," Singer declared.

Berkowitz, at the end of the session, announced a scholarship is being established in Singer's name to be presented to the outstanding student in Columbia University's Yiddish program.

NEW YORK, MILWAUKEE, FORT WAYNE, LOUISVILLE WIN SHRODER AWARDS

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 7 (JTA) -- The Jewish Community Services of Long Island, N.Y., and Jewish Federations in New York, Milwaukee, Fort Wayne and Louisville are 1978 winners of the William J. Shroder Award for outstanding community programming, conferred annually by the Council of Jewish Federations. The announcement of award winners was made here during the CJF 47th General Assembly which ends Sunday.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Award named for CJF's founder and first president, William J. Shroder. The Shroder Award honors superior initiative and achievement in the advancement of social welfare by voluntary health and welfare agencies under Jewish auspices in the U.S. and Canada. Jennie L. Whitehill of New York is chairman of the Shroder Award Committee.

In the category of "Large Cities," joint winners are the Jewish Community Services of Long Island and the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York, for "Quality of Life," a program serving chronically ill homebound adults.

The 1978 Shroder Award for "Intermediate Cities" went to the Women's Division of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation for its "Leadership Skills Seminar." Fort Wayne won the Award in the "Small Cities" category for an audio-visual educational program entitled "Portrait of a People: Jewish Writings and Jewish Writers."

An Honorable Mention in the "Intermediate Cities" category was conferred upon the Jewish Community Federation of Louisville for a "Jewish Heritage Weekend."

Specifics Of Winning Programs

The "Quality of Life" program is designed to relieve the physical and psychological isolation of individuals between the ages of 21 and 64 who are homebound due to chronic illness. Through a comprehensive program of cultural, recreational, educational and social services brought directly into the home, the program strengthens participants' self-esteem and sense of purposeful living. Irving Reier is the president of Jewish Community Services of Long Island. George Rothman is executive director. Henry R. Mancher is president of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies. Sanford Solender is executive vice-president.

The "Leadership Skills Seminar" enables women currently serving on boards and committees of Federation, and synagogues and community agencies to acquire additional skills and knowledge pertinent to their roles as Jewish community leaders. Gerald J. Kahn is president of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation. Melvin S. Zaret is executive vice-president.

The "Portrait of a People" provides a Jewish adult educational experience to a state-wide audience through the use of closed circuit TV. The series, produced in cooperation with Indiana University, covers Jewish literature from Biblical to modern times, and explores major themes in

Jewish ethics, philosophy and religious belief. Robert S. Walters is president of the Fort Wayne Federation. Benjamin Eisbart is executive director.

The "Jewish Heritage Weekend," depicting the heritage of the Jewish people and their contribution to life in the United States, attracted 105,000 attendants. The Louisville Chamber of Commerce proclaimed it the most successful Heritage Weekend in the three-year series sponsored by various segments of the community as a whole. Frank Lipschutz is president of the Louisville Federation. Norbert Fruehauf is executive director.

U.S. HAS NO OBJECTION TO ISRAEL SELLING MIRAGE PLANES TO ARGENTINA

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7 (JTA) -- The United States raised no objections today to Israel's sale of 26 Mirage war planes to Argentina reportedly completed two months ago. The planes are presumed to be more than 12 years old since France is said not to have sold Mirages to Israel since the Six-Day War. The financial basis has not been disclosed.

"We do not consider the sale destabilizing," State Department spokeswoman Jill Schukar said when asked whether the sale would affect the arms balance in Latin America. The U.S. prohibits shipment of American arms to Argentina. No American components are in the Mirage fighter.

The U.S. has forbidden Israel's sale of the Israeli-made Kfir plane to Ecuador because the State Department said U.S. policy opposes the building up of arms in Latin America. The U.S. has a veto over Israel's sale of the Kfir plane since they have American engines.

The sale of the Mirages comes at a time of reported rising tensions between Argentina and Chile over control of some islands at the southern tip of Chile. "The controlling country would have sovereign rights over 200 miles of ocean from these islands. Our knowledge of the transaction is limited, Schukar said. She said "the situations are different" and U.S. policy has not changed since the Ecuador decision.

100 CELEBRATIONS IN U.S., CANADA SET FOR DEC. 10 BY ISRAEL BONDS

NEW YORK, Nov. 7 (JTA) -- A wide-ranging series of public celebrations will be held in 100 cities throughout the U.S. and Canada on Dec. 10 in conjunction with ceremonies the same day in Oslo as Israeli Premier Menachem Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat receive the Nobel Peace Prize.

Begin hailed the forthcoming events in a letter to the Israel Bond Organization, declaring that the meetings "will strengthen our economy in the challenging months ahead." He said: "As I attend the ceremonies in Oslo, Norway, in recognition of our efforts to bring peace to the region, I shall take comfort in the knowledge that we have so many understanding friends who are prepared to stand with us and demonstrate their faith in our future."

The festive meetings are sponsored by the Israel Bond Organization in conjunction with its Rabbinic Cabinet. Sam Rothberg, general chairman of the organization, and Leon Kronish, chairman of the Rabbinic Cabinet and spiritual leader of Temple Beth Shalom, Miami Beach, Florida, said in a joint announcement that the celebrations are co-sponsored by the three major national rabbinic bodies, Central Conference of American Rabbis (Reform); Rabbinic Assembly (Conservative) and Rabbinical Council of America (Orthodox). * * *

TEL AVIV (JTA) -- Some 40% of Israel's 2,280,000 eligible voters went to the polls by night-fall Tuesday for the municipal elections.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES DOUBLE TRACKING ON THE PLO

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7 (JTA) -- The Carter Administration is proceeding on a double track in its relationship to the United Nations program that attempts to glorify the Palestine Liberation Organization and vindicate its purposes.

While the Administration will not take part in the program arranged by the "Special Unit on the Palestine People" set up by the UN General Assembly, neither will it withhold U.S. payment of more than a third of the program's cost although Congress has advised President Carter not to pay it.

Questions posed by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency at the White House and the State Department have drawn responses that indicate some highly placed Administration officials continue keen on hinting to the PLO chiefs that the American door is not locked to them and, despite the public statements in recent weeks by the President himself and the State Department, the way will be found to include the terrorists in the Mideast political process based on the Camp David accords.

In a statement that contradicts its own prior official positions, the State Department declared on Oct. 12 that "we have a legal obligation to pay our assessed contribution" to the program. The UN, it said, is "prohibited from accepting earmarked funds because of the financial chaos this would cause" and, besides, the U.S. has "long opposed the Soviets for wanting" to restrict use of funds.

U.S. Has Taken Opposite Position

Actually, the U.S. has on at least two major occasions in recent years taken the opposite position. It left the International Labor Organization which it had helped to create and reduced its payments to UNESCO which it had staunchly supported because both of those bodies had so grossly violated their charters by politicizing issues outside their jurisdiction. The Soviets, far from merely "wanting" to restrict use of their money, as the Department had put it, have absolutely refused to pay any part of the cost of peace-keeping forces in Africa and the Middle East or even for support of Palestinian refugees.

The State Department, following its statement, quietly made known that Andrew Young, the U.S. Ambassador to the UN, has informed Secretary General Kurt Waldheim that the U.S. will not take part in the program for the Palestinians. Neither the White House nor the State Department has taken a strong public stand against the program which is deliberately scheduled to reach its zenith Nov. 29, the 31st anniversary of the UN vote to partition Palestine.

"The International Day of Solidarity With the Palestinian People," as the General Assembly has described it, will be featured by the premier of a film, "Palestinians do Have Rights," which is understood to show PLO chief Yasir Arafat vowing "moderate objectives" despite his continued attacks on Israel and his threats against Carter and the United States as a whole. His latest remark is to vow he will fight the Camp David accords "with all our potentials."

The Senate, on June 28, without a single objection, adopted an amendment to the Foreign Relations Authorization Act to reduce the U.S. contribution to the UN by the U.S. proportionate share of the budget of the "Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People."

Since the U.S. pays more than a third of the UN expenditures, of the \$500,000 budget allocated to the committee to publicize the Palestinians in a favorable light, the American taxpayers contribute \$190,000.

In the Senate-House conference on the legislation, the Senate amendment was altered at the behest of Administration personnel to allow the President to decide whether to reduce the U.S. contribution. A somewhat similar action was taken later in the case of the \$90 million requested by the Administration for Syria. The House refused to make the appropriation because of the Syrian attacks on Lebanese Christians but the Administration won the allocation on the basis that the President would give Syria the money if he found that act would be favorable to U.S. interests.

Senators Remind Carter

When the Administration took no action on the Palestinian program payments or condemned it in strong and globally disseminated terms, a bipartisan bloc of 28 Senators reminded Carter of the Congressional desire.

On Oct. 13, they wrote him that "in recent days, it has become even more apparent that the Senate's view" of the UN program "was sound. The Palestinian committee has used the funds available to it to carry on a sophisticated propaganda campaign—including, now, the production of a film—to continue the campaign against Israel."

Although the Senators, representing 24 states, expressed "our strong expectation that you will exercise the discretion you have in this matter, and withhold from the American contribution to the UN that \$190,000," the President has not taken that action. In fact, the White House on Oct. 18 transferred the Senators' letter to the State Department and instructed it to reply to the Senators.

The State Department itself on June 29, after the Jerusalem bombing, declared that "we view the PLO as an organization, elements and members of which advocate and carry out acts of terrorism." Carter, at the Aliquippa, Pa. town meeting in September, equated the PLO with Nazis, Communists and the Ku Klux Klan. White House officials sought to minimize the meaning of the President's statement, advising that a reading of the transcript would show his statement was less harsh than the media had reported.

In his latest comment on the matter, Sen. Daniel P. Moynihan (D.N.Y.), who spearheaded the Senate's action, reiterated the urging for Carter to take the practical step advocated by the Senators. By not reducing the U.S. contribution, Moynihan observed, the U.S. is in effect helping "a PLO organization whose principal purpose is the dissemination of vicious anti-democratic, anti-Israel, anti-American propaganda."

GOLDA'S CONDITION SLIGHTLY IMPROVED

JERUSALEM, Nov. 7 (JTA) -- The condition of former Premier Golda Meir has slightly improved, her physician at Jerusalem's Hadassah Hospital reported Monday. She was hospitalized 10 days ago for severe back pains and a virus which hit her two months ago. Due to a heavy flow of visitors to the former Premier, including ministers, Knesset members, Labor Party heads and family members, her physicians have asked that the public refrain from visits for the time being. It was reported that Mrs. Meir spends her time with family members, following closely the latest developments in the peace negotiations.