

ISRAEL PUTS ITS FOOT DOWN ON THE ISSUE OF LINKAGE-TIMETABLE

By Barbie Zelizer-Meyouhas

JERUSALEM, Nov. 28 (JTA) -- The Israeli government appeared today to have foreclosed any further compromise on the issue of a linkage-timetable in its treaty negotiations with Egypt and has asked the United States, in effect, to stop trying to influence the Egyptian government "to accept the compromise Israel has rejected."

Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan made this request to Washington, it was learned today, with the full backing of Premier Menachem Begin. The U.S. is believed to have proposed a "side letter" to accompany an Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty that would commit both countries to negotiate continuously and in good faith with the objective of holding elections for autonomous councils on the West Bank and Gaza Strip by the end of 1979.

Dayan has stated that the idea of a pre-fixed date for elections posed a "serious danger" for Israel. He said he would oppose this even if the period for negotiations was extended from one year to two.

Dayan contends that the negotiations and implementation of the autonomy scheme provided in the Camp David framework must proceed of their own accord without being tied to a specific date or other agreements.

Egypt's Prime Minister To Meet With Carter

Meanwhile, U.S. officials said in Washington today that President Carter will meet with Egyptian Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil in the next few days, most likely on Friday, to discuss Egypt's response to the American compromise plan and the latest thinking in Cairo on the Middle East peace talks generally. The officials said the meeting was being arranged at Egypt's request.

According to the influential Cairo newspaper, Al-Gomhouria, the message Khalil is bringing from Sadat sets out Egypt's final attitude on the peace negotiations with Israel. The paper said that the message will deal with the issue of linkage in terms that will be "specific, clear and not subject to interpretation." It will also contain Egypt's "remarks" on some clauses of the treaty draft, especially with "Egypt's Arab commitments and the legal right to defense."

President Anwar Sadat said yesterday that he would send Carter a formal explanation this week of Egypt's position on the peace talks. Top-level Egyptian officials are drawing up a working paper on that subject. Egypt's response to Israel's acceptance of the draft peace treaty was expected to reach Jerusalem tonight and Begin will have to decide in the next 24 hours whether to convene a special Cabinet meeting to discuss it.

Cabinet Will Not Review Dispute

Well informed sources here said that the Cabinet will not convene as long as the Egyptians do not support the draft treaty as is. They reaffirmed that the Cabinet will not review the dispute with Egypt and the U.S. over the linkage-timetable or send Israel's negotiating team back to Washington until the Egyptians are prepared to accept the treaty draft with no additions or alter-

ations. The sources reiterated that once the treaty is signed, Israel would address the problem of negotiating over the West Bank-Gaza Strip autonomy scheme. They indicated that Begin is willing to start the negotiations within a few weeks after the treaty is signed. Israel is standing on the letter of the Camp David frameworks which contain no linkage between the treaty and other issues. It rejects out of hand Egypt's demand for a timetable or for an Egyptian administrative presence in the Gaza Strip to deal with autonomy there.

EGYPTIAN SUPPORT OF UN RESOLUTION EVOKES SHOCK

JERUSALEM, Nov. 28 (JTA) -- An official government source here expressed shock and disappointment today over Egyptian support of the Arab-sponsored draft resolution adopted yesterday in the United Nations General Assembly's political committee which called for a mandatory arms embargo against Israel. The vote for the draft was 68-24 with 32 abstentions. The United States, the European Economic Community countries and Israel were among the countries that voted against the draft resolution.

The source said that Egypt's hypocritical behavior and ability to identify with declarations whose intentions are to destroy Israel were beyond logic. He added that the draft is diametrically opposed to the Camp David accords and to Article VI in the peace treaty which establishes that the Israeli-Egyptian treaty takes precedence over any past treaties or agreements that either country may have entered into with respect to the Middle East conflict.

Governmental circles, meanwhile, stated that the committee's adoption of the draft resolution again proves the UN's domination by elements which seek to disrupt peace in the Middle East. They noted, however, the impressive number of countries which abstained or opposed it.

LARGEST POLITICAL PARTY IN GERMANY TO BACK CARSTENS FOR PRESIDENT DESPITE HIS NAZI PAST

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Nov. 28 (JTA) -- West Germany's largest political party, the Christian Democratic Union (CDU), decided last night to back Bundestag President Carl Carstens for the office of President of the Federal Republic, notwithstanding his former membership in the Nazi Party and the dreaded SA. Carstens' election, to replace incumbent President Walter Scheel, is thereby assured, according to reports from Bonn today. The public revelation earlier this month of Carstens' past plunged the country into a political storm.

The West German President is elected by a joint session of the country's upper and lower parliaments, both of which are controlled by the CDU. Carstens has also been promised the support of the Christian Socialists, the largest party in Bavaria.

The West German press, meanwhile, has dropped the issue of Carstens' Nazi past which it had raised earlier this month, apparently satisfied that he had played a minor role with the Nazis and was granted party membership automatically without having applied for it.

Scheel himself told the daily Die Welt on Nov. 11 that he too had been a member of the Nazi Party although he never applied for membership and had avoided playing an active role in party political affairs. Scheel is highly popular according to recent public opinion polls and is considered by most Germans to have been "a good President." He has apparently helped convince public opinion that Corstens' past should not bar him for the country's top political office.

REVEAL U.S. SECRETLY SOUGHT INFORMATION ON WEST BANK, GAZA

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Nov. 28 (JTA) -- The United States secretly requested information from the Defense Ministry last month on the infrastructure of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. This was revealed today when Yediot Achronot published a letter stamped "confidential," signed by the Military Attache of the U.S. Embassy, Brig. Gen. Schuyker Bissel.

The letter, dated Oct. 25, asked for data on electricity consumption, water systems, roads and industries in the two territories that are slated for administrative autonomy under the Camp David agreements. It asked for projections of electric power consumption in the territories up to the year 2000.

Although the Defense Ministry provided the information which is not classified and, in fact, has been made public already, Israeli circles were puzzled by the timing of the letter, why it was marked confidential and why the military attache was interested in such matters. One question asked today is whether the Americans are seeking the information because they intend to provide assistance to the region when autonomy takes effect.

Bissel said today that the information he solicited at the request of Washington was of a routine nature and had nothing to do with the impending autonomy scheme. He said that as far as he could recall the request was made to him before the question of autonomy came up and was in line with American information gathering all over the world.

COUNCIL FOR STATUS OF WOMEN

JERUSALEM, Nov. 28 (JTA) -- The Cabinet has decided to establish a Public Council for the Status of Women in Israel, but it postponed a decision to appoint an advisor on women's affairs to each governmental ministry. The Cabinet's action Sunday followed a report submitted to Premier Menachem Begin six months ago by the Namir Committee on the status of women. It was subsequently endorsed by the committee of ministers for social affairs. Deputy Premier Yigael Yadin will be in charge of the Council's operations. He plans to appoint an advisor on women's affairs to his office as well. Begin will appoint the members of the Council.

FRANCE PROMISES TO HELP LEBANON REORGANIZE AND DEVELOP ITS ARMY

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Nov. 28 (JTA) -- France promised today to help Lebanon reorganize and develop its army which will be supplied with modern tanks and light equipment. President Valery Giscard d'Estaing promised Lebanese President Elias Sarkis military and political help needed to maintain Lebanon's territorial integrity and national independence.

French sources said that French help will be adequate to enable the Lebanese army to eventually assume control of the south which is now in the hands of various Christian militia. The French

said the Lebanese forces might also eventually be strong enough to face a possible leftist and Palestinian threat.

French and Lebanese officials said the arms to be supplied will include light AMX-13 and medium AMX-30 tanks as well as helicopters, anti-tank missiles and three missile-firing speed boats. France will also help maintain the 10 Mirage-3 fighter-bombers which form the striking power of the Lebanese air force, and will help train Lebanese officers and technicians in France.

Giscard d'Estaing said today while offering a toast in Sarkis' honor at the Elysee Palace that France will do all it can to enable Lebanon to "secure its independence, unity and territorial integrity."

The French have consistently advocated a Lebanese national reconciliation, charging that the rightwing militias were as guilty as the leftwing forces in jeopardizing the country's unity and independence. Giscard, sources here said, called on Sarkis to try and achieve a general Lebanese reconciliation, warning that any split or partition would "just be unworkable."

ACCORD REACHED BETWEEN WZO AND REFORM AND CONSERVATIVE SCHOOLS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 28 (JTA) -- Hundreds of students of the educational systems of the Reform and Conservative movements in the U.S. will arrive in Israel beginning next year for various periods of study, Dr. Eliezer Taviv, head of the World Zionist Organization's Diaspora Education and Culture Department reported. Taviv returned from a three-week visit to the U.S. where he signed an agreement between the WZO and the non-Orthodox movements.

Both movements operate some 3000 educational institutions throughout the U.S. Ties with them have been very weak, so far. The agreement calls for visits of teachers from those institutions who will take special courses on Judaism, Zionism and Israel. In addition the department will offer local courses in the U.S.

The department recently instituted a special section to deal with Jewish kindergartens overseas. During his visit, Taviv met with Bernice Tannenbaum, president of Hadassah, and with the executives of the Jewish communal centers to discuss the possibility of establishing a wider network of Jewish kindergartens in the U.S.

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- Jordan has demanded that all West Bank municipalities stop using Israeli electricity and water, it was reported Tuesday on Israel Radio. To that effect, Jordan has frozen all municipal funds as a pressure tactic on the West Bank cities to comply with its demand. However, it hasn't worked and representatives of one city, Tulkarem, the first to have hooked up to the Israeli electricity network, visited Jordan in an attempt to persuade the authorities there to grant them their money. The request was denied.

AMSTERDAM (JTA) -- It is reported from Japan that the Anne Frank exhibition shown there for 60 days, first in Tokyo and then in Yokohama, was visited by over 350,000 persons. The exhibition was organized jointly by the Anne Frank Foundation in Amsterdam and by a Tokyo newspaper. Anne Frank is extremely popular in Japan. Annually, at least 10,000 copies of the Japanese translation of her diary are sold and Japanese tourists in Amsterdam never fail to visit the Anne Frank House.

DINITZ, GHORBAL SHARE SAME PLATFORM AND SAME HOPE FOR PEACE TREATY SOON

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, Nov. 28 (JTA) -- Simcha Dinitz and Ashraf Ghorbal, the Israeli and Egyptian Ambassadors to the United States, expressed hope here today that a peace treaty will soon be signed between their countries. The two envoys shared the platform at a luncheon given by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith at which the ADL's Hubert H. Humphrey Freedom Prize was awarded to three television news personalities -- John Chancellor of NBC, Walter Cronkite of CBS and Barbara Walters of ABC.

Another speaker, former Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger, declared that he was "very confident" that a peace treaty will be signed between Israel and Egypt. "I proclaim that peace is at hand," Kissinger said, drawing a roar of laughter from the 150 guests in the Plaza Hotel ballroom. A similar proclamation by Secretary of State Kissinger at a time when a peace treaty was pending between North and South Vietnam proved premature.

Ghorbal and Dinitz spoke briefly. Dinitz referred to Ghorbal as "my old friend" and recalled that it was Ms. Walters who had first introduced them. Ghorbal pledged that Egypt "will spare no effort to make the dream that started a year ago a reality," an apparent reference to President Anwar Sadat's visit to Jerusalem in November, 1977. He said "It is high time, and we feel it, that we will conclude the peace treaty between Israel and Egypt."

Dinitz said that there is not any outstanding issue now between Israel and Egypt and therefore he "hoped a peace treaty will be concluded soon. He characterized the treaty as a comprehensive part of a Middle East settlement. Ghorbal said he hoped the peace negotiations will extend to other parties in the Middle East.

The three television journalists were cited for conducting the first satellite interviews with Premier Menachem Begin of Israel and Sadat. The

award was presented to them by Maxwell Greenberg, ADL's national chairman, who announced the interviews "gave enormous impetus and thrust to the peace process between Israel and Egypt. They are outstanding examples of our free press and deserve recognition for their universal effects on public diplomacy."

The recipients will share the \$10,000 prize and each received a medallion. Cronkite announced that he and his two colleagues decided to donate the prize to the Reporters Committee for the Freedom of the Press.

CABINET REVIEWS IL 306 BILLION BUDGET FOR FISCAL 1979-80

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Nov. 28 (JTA) -- The Cabinet met today for its first review of the IL 306 billion budget for fiscal 1979-80 submitted by the Treasury. Following briefings by Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich, Bank of Israel Governor Arnon Gafni and Budget Director Eitan Berglass, the ministers decided that no details would be made public of their further discussions until the budget has been approved.

The proposed budget takes into account an anticipated annual inflation rate of 37-40 percent. Although nearly IL 100 billion larger than the present budget, it is about the same in terms of purchasing power, an indication of the contin-

uing inflationary spiral.

Despite the veil of secrecy intended to avoid public controversy, it was learned tonight that the largest single portion of the proposed budget, about IL 90 billion, will be used to service the national debt. The second largest item is the defense budget of IL 87 billion proposed by the Treasury. The Defense Ministry is said to be pressing for an additional IL 4-8 billion to cover the costs of withdrawal from Sinai and the redeployment of Israeli forces in the Negev.

It was reported yesterday that demands made by the various ministries exceed the draft budget by some IL 10 billion which could result in an unprecedented inflation rate of 60-70 percent. However, the ministers emerging from today's Cabinet session were restrained in their reactions. Almost all of them said they agreed in principle with the need to reduce government expenditures although each apparently felt the Treasury expected his ministry to cut too much.

Premier Menachem Begin apparently warned the ministers not to carry their controversies with the Treasury to the public media. Defense Minister Ezer Weizman, for his part, has been saying that there is no conflict between himself and Ehrlich. It was reported today that the Defense Ministry plans to freeze all construction works in the north and central parts of the country and will concentrate on the withdrawal from Sinai and redeployment. The proposed budget provides for the continued production of Israel's jet fighter, the Kfir and the Merkava tank.

Economic Program Under Attack

Although the government decisively defeated a no-confidence motion on economic matters last week -- the Knesset vote was 55-43 -- its economic program is under attack in both coalition and opposition quarters. At a meeting of the Histadrut Executive in Tel Aviv, the senior Likud delegate, Yossef Tamari, demanded Ehrlich's resignation. He received prolonged applause.

Histadrut Secretary General Yeruham Meshel, a Labor MK, denounced the government for failing to take sufficient measures to check inflation. He also charged that the government was allowing persons with independent sources of income to evade taxes while the tax burden falls increasingly on the wage-earner whose tax is deducted from his pay check. According to Meshel, tax evasions amounted to IL 10-14 billion last year.

The Histadrut Executive was most concerned with the sharp price increases in recent weeks resulting from the slash of government subsidies for basic commodities. The elimination or reduction of price supports has been one of the keystones of the government's anti-inflation program.

But its immediate effects are felt by the average consumer. Last week the prices of bread, margarine and cooking oil went up by an average of 10 percent and similar increases are expected in the price of other basics. This will cause an 0.14 percent rise in the cost of living index but the Treasury is expected to save IL 50 million.

LONDON (JTA) -- Britain will not take part Wednesday in "Palestine Day" sponsored by the United Nations. Lord Goronwy-Roberts, a Foreign Office Minister, has told the Board of Deputies of British Jews that Britain opposed the establishment of the special UN unit on Palestinian rights which is running the day's activities. However, he rejected a suggestion that Britain should reduce its contribution to the UN's finances to mark its disapproval of the special unit which has an annual budget of some \$400,000.

SPECIAL TO THE JTA WIESENTHAL SAYS U.S. HAD NAMES OF NAZIS BEFORE THEY ENTERED COUNTRY

By Rochelle Saidel Wolk

ALBANY, N.Y., Nov. 28 (JTA) -- The names of at least three alleged Latvian Nazi war criminals now living in the United States were known to immigration authorities before the men entered this country, Nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal charged here. In a taping for "Heritage and Destiny," a television program produced by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the local Jewish Federation on the Albany ABC affiliate, Wiesenthal said that the names of Vilis Hazners, Karlis Detlavs and Edgars Laipenieks were on a list of 50 criminals from the Baltic countries that he published in 1949.

"We were searching in some displaced persons camps in Germany, because these people in 1944 escaped with the Germans," he said. "I sent this list to an American newspaper, and they sent it to the immigration authorities."

Hazners, 73, now lives in the Washington County town of Dresden, New York, 60 miles northeast of Albany. He is charged by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) with having entered the country illegally in 1956 from Hamburg, Germany, by failing to disclose his participation as a senior military official in Nazi-sponsored war crimes in the vicinity of Riga. It has been established that he was employed by the CIA-funded Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty.

Detlavs, 67, of Baltimore, Maryland, entered the U.S. in 1950 and is also charged with failure to disclose his participation in Nazi war crimes. He allegedly served as a guard in Salaspils death camp, and took part in shooting and selection of Jews in Riga. Both Hazners and Detlavs are in the midst of court procedures, represented by the same attorney, Ivars Berzins. The Hazners case has been inactive since spring.

The INS has not yet brought formal charges against Laipenieks, the third Latvian that Wiesenthal named. Now residing in San Diego, California, Laipenieks, 65, allegedly killed Jews in the central prison in Riga. According to a journalist and Nazi war criminal expert Charles R. Allen, Jr., the CIA, Laipenieks' employer for more than 14 years, has intervened on his behalf.

"The guilt of the Nazi helpers in the occupied territories, especially the Eastern countries, is, in my opinion, greater than the guilt of the (German) Nazis," Wiesenthal said. "They were perfect criminals; they were voluntary. They were living in the same places as the victims, going to the same schools, knew each other. Sometimes they had common businesses, and in the end they had a profit from the profiteers."

"During the Cold War in the 1950s," he continued, "these people entered the U.S. and now they are here. For me, there is not any doubt that these people are guilty."

THE HOLOCAUST AND RESPONSIBILITY

By Jan Levine

NEW YORK, Nov. 28 (JTA) -- "After the Holocaust, one is not entitled to be comfortable," Dr. Irving Greenberg, a dynamic and Orthodox Jewish thinker, historian and spiritual guide said here last night at Congregation B'nai Jeshurun.

Greenberg, who participated in the "Dialogue '78" series sponsored by B'nai Jeshurun's Institute of Adult Jewish Studies and moderated by Rabbi William Berkowitz, spoke on a variety of issues, but his underlying theme re-

mained the same: the individual's need for constant exposure to new challenges.

Speaking on responses to the Holocaust and specifically, that of Jewish leadership, Greenberg said that the "massive failure" to respond which facilitated the catastrophe occurred, in part, because the world was "not prepared for the unprecedented." The Jews, he said, were so committed to being integrated and accepted into American society that they could not challenge it. It was the "old problem of idolatry," he said. At a time when this country was obsessed with the issue of dual loyalty, the Jews were "invested in modernity" and caused the loss of their "own sense of options."

Greenberg said that Jewish leadership today is responding differently, in that it is prepared to confront the American government on issues of concern. While he said that the lesson of the Holocaust has thus begun to "sink in," he stressed at the same time that Jewish leadership is still too quiet on behalf of Soviet and Syrian Jews.

Faith Is Possible

The Holocaust was unprecedented, Greenberg said, because never before was such a total attempt made to exterminate the Jews. He said that the "admission of uniqueness is the beginning of response," and while it is "our challenge" to re-enact and to relive the Holocaust -- by seeing films, reading and listening to eyewitness accounts, as well as devising other methods -- we must not try to embrace it within the old tragedies.

Faith after the Holocaust is possible, Greenberg said, because the rebirth of Israel is the "single most powerful statement of God's presence." Faith entails action, not talk, he said, and the so-called "secular" State of Israel "has done more for faith than most of us have." He said that while ritual response is important, it should also provide the context in which Jews move toward their ethical responsibilities.

Greenberg spoke of his dream of religious unity among American Jews, in which difference in practice and observance are seen as important, but secondary issues. American Jews have achieved financial unity, he said, in fund-raising for Jews around the world, but spiritual unity is still lacking. "You should be ashamed of what you are," Greenberg said, because with this shame comes the awareness of the need to grow, and to respond to new responsibilities in new ways.

AVRAHAM MOSHE DULZIN DEAD AT 88

JERUSALEM, Nov. 28 (JTA) -- Rabbi Abraham Moshe Dulzin, father of World Zionist Organization Executive chairman Leon Dulzin, was buried yesterday in Jerusalem. He was 88 years old. The ceremony was attended by Premier Menachem Begin, Cabinet ministers, members of the Zionist Executive and the Jewish Agency, the chairman of the Keren Kayemet, Knesset members and other leading public figures.

Dulzin, born in Minsk, immigrated to Israel from Mexico in 1976. He died while on a family visit to Mexico, and his coffin was brought to Israel for burial in accordance with his request. Rabbi Yaacov Lipshitz, in his eulogy, spoke of his rich life and his joy at having been able to make aliya.

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JERUSALEM (JTA) -- Moshe Allon, Deputy Director General of the Foreign Ministry in charge of economic affairs, will be Israel's next Ambassador to Rome, it was announced here Monday. Allon will replace Zeev Shek, who died a few weeks ago in Italy.