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ISRAEL PREPARING FOR TOUGH BARGAINING FOR U.S. FINANCIAL AID AFTER TREATY IS SIGNED WITH EGYPT

By Gil Sedar

JERUSALEM, Feb. 21 (JTA) -- Senior Treasury officials are preparing for tough bargaining over American financial support for Israel after a peace treaty is signed with Egypt. Amiram Sivan, director general of the Finance Ministry, will leave for the United States in two weeks, accompanied by a senior representative of the Defense Ministry to follow up the talks here last week with Defense Secretary Harold Brown.

Israel reportedly succeeded in obtaining American agreement to finance part of the costs of the expected withdrawal from Sinai and re-deployment of forces in the Negev. The U.S. currently is offering Israel the same financial assistance it has offered in the past fiscal year -- \$1.285 billion. Of this amount, \$1 billion is for defense needs and the balance for civilian purposes. Israel asked for \$2.4 billion in the next fiscal year of which \$1.5 billion would be for military purposes and the rest for civilian projects.

These sums represent the regular annual financial assistance Israel receives from the U.S. However, the main bargaining will be over the special assistance Israel has requested in connection with the implementation of the Camp David agreements. Israel's latest request, in that category alone, involves \$2 billion.

The Israelis have dropped the sum of \$300 million they initially asked to pay for removing the Israeli settlements from Sinai. The Americans made it quite clear from the start they were unlikely to finance the removal of settlements, the very founding of which they had opposed.

Memo Submitted To The U.S.

A recent memorandum submitted to the U.S. specified that \$2.25 billion was required to build new military airfields in the Negev. The rest will go toward the purchase of specific military equipment which would compensate the army for operating in a terrain which is inferior strategically to the Sinai peninsula. But here, too, there is a different American view.

The Americans reportedly estimate the costs of the new airfields in the Negev at not more than \$1 billion. Israel claims that this does not take into account the infrastructure involved in the new building. In effect, Israel's economic planners say, Israel will have to build in the Negev in three years an entire military system which was built in the Sinai over a period of 11 years.

Another debate is expected over the ratio between loans and grants in economic assistance from the U.S. Premier Menachem Begin said during his last visit to the U.S. that Israel did not expect grants, merely loans. But the government apparently had second thoughts and Israel now insists that a greater part of the assistance be in the form of grants. Israel points to its national debt of \$12 billion and claims that it is going to be quite difficult to increase its outstanding loans.

ANTI-SEMITIC INCIDENTS IN FRANCE

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Feb. 21 (JTA) -- The showing on French television of the American NBC-TV series "Holocaust" seems to have paradoxically caused a spate of anti-Semitic incidents.

In Nancy, a Jewish family complained to the police that their neighbors' children are persecuting and taunting their own children aged 12 and 14 -- and using the exact terms used by the Nazis in the television film. Police sources said that first investigations confirmed the charges and that the neighborhood children, instead of playing cops and robbers, now play "Nazis and Jews" seeking out real Jewish children for the role.

In another French city, Bezons, anti-Semitic leaflets were distributed. Some mysteriously reached the City Hall itself. The leaflets stated that "the Nazi occupation has been followed by a Jewish one" and calls on readers to "get rid of the Jews who have taken over France like you got rid of the Nazis."

IRAN RECALLS ITS TROOPS FROM UNIFIL

TEL AVIV, Feb. 21 (JTA) -- Iran has recalled its troops from the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) and virtually the entire force was flown to Teheran yesterday by Lebanese Airways. A rear guard of about 25 officers and soldiers remained behind to accompany the 500 tons of Iranian military equipment that will be repatriated by sea from Beirut Saturday.

The Iranians will be replaced by a Dutch contingent. Their equipment has already left Holland by sea and will be off-loaded at Haifa port shortly. A UN spokesman in Jerusalem confirmed that Israeli authorities have been briefed on five Iranian soldiers who deserted from UNIFIL and defected to the Palestinian terrorists.

Meanwhile, the last remaining members of the Iranian mission to Israel finished packing its documents and equipment last night and summoned porters to transfer the material to storage pending shipment to Iran. Police had to intervene when the porters scuffled with press photographers attempting to take pictures of the evacuation. The police allowed the photographers to do their job because no security matters were involved.

YADIN SEEKING FULL DISCLOSURE OF AGRANAT COMMISSION REPORT TO REFUTE CHARGES OF WHITEWASHING

By Gil Sedar

JERUSALEM, Feb. 21 (JTA) -- Deputy Premier Yigael Yadin said today that he would seek full disclosure of the Agranat Commission's report on the Yom Kippur War in order to refute a new wave of criticism that the report whitewashed the political leadership and blamed the military alone for Israel's failure to be prepared. Parts of the report were made public in 1974 but the bulk of it was classified for a period of 30 years.

Yadin, who was a member of the blue ribbon panel under Supreme Court Justice Shimon Agranat, confirmed today that he has been in contact with other members of the commission. He said he wanted the Cabinet to consider waiving the restrictions on publishing the report so that the full text can be made public as soon as possible. His immediate reason, Yadin said, was a recent statement by Shlomo

Avineri, former director general of the Foreign Ministry under the Labor-led government, who revived the whitewash charges.

Yadin also referred to criticism contained in Hanoch Bar Tov's biography of the late Chief of Staff Gen. David Elazar and a book due to be published shortly by Gen. (res.) Avraham Adon, a Yom Kippur War commander who was criticized by the Agranat Commission. Yadin said that at least two other commission members agreed with him that the time had come to publicize the entire report because much of the classified material has appeared or will appear in book form.

The Agranat Commission was established by Premier Golda Meir's government to investigate the reasons for Israel's lack of preparedness when Egypt and Syria attacked in October, 1973, and the conduct of the war in its early stages when Israeli forces suffered serious setbacks. The commission subsequently cleared the political authorities but recommended the dismissal of Elazar who died of a heart attack several months later.

The report resulted in the resignations of other senior officers and a general shake-up of the high command. Defense Minister Moshe Dayan was cleared of responsibility for the poor state of preparations but became the target of massive public protests. He tendered his resignation in 1974 but only after Mrs. Meir resigned, opening the way for a new government headed by Premier Yitzhak Rabin.

Avineri's latest charges were branded "a straight lie" by Yadin today. He told reporters that there are three chapters in the published portions of the Agranat report that "deal with the political level. There is a distorted image in the public that the Agranat Commission deliberately blamed only the military level and this is dangerous for the public atmosphere."

DEFENSE MINISTRY SPEARHEADS ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAM

TEL AVIV, Feb. 21 (JTA) -- The Defense Ministry acted today to spearhead a wide-ranging energy conservation program aimed at saving fuel that will take effect nationally later this year. Defense Minister Ezer Weizman issued orders for an immediate eight percent reduction in the use of fuel by the defense establishment. Chief of Staff Gen. Raphael Eytan will issue direct instructions to all military units. The director general of the Defense Ministry will supervise the implementation of these instructions at all ministry establishments.

Energy-saving measures will also be instituted by the Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure. Daylight saving time will be introduced in April. The ministry is expected to issue orders banning the use of private motor vehicles one day a week. The most drastic measure planned is a steep hike in the already high price of gasoline which is expected to give motorists pause before taking unnecessary trips.

MOSHAV IN THE NEGEV

TEL AVIV, Feb. 21 (JTA) -- "If the State will not conquer the desert, the desert may conquer the State." This was a frequent warning by the late Premier David Ben Gurion, who had always urged Israelis to settle the Negev. Yesterday, 20 families inaugurated a moshav south-west of Beersheba, the first new settlement in the Negev since Ben Gurion's own kibbutz, Sede Boker, was established 27 years ago.

The moshav, which is under the auspices of

the Labor Party's settlement movement, is called Ashelim (Tamarisk), the tree that grows in the desert. It is the same tree that Abraham planted when he arrived in Beersheba.

The moshav is called Ashelim because "it is a tree under which one feels coolest in the desert," explained President Yitzhak Navon at the inauguration ceremony. He expressed the hope that Ashelim would be covered with new crops and the desert would bloom again. Two new kibbutzim are also scheduled to be established in the Negev before the end of the year, Telalim (dew) and Retamim (broom bushes).

NO CONFIRMATION AVAILABLE THAT SPAIN'S TV WILL NOT SHOW 'HOLOCAUST'

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (JTA) -- Neither the Spanish Embassy nor the State Department could confirm a published report here that, because of Arab protests, Spain's state controlled television has indefinitely postponed showing the American-produced NBC-TV "Holocaust" series. The report said Arab nations wield unusual influence in Spain which depends on Arab oil supplies and Arab purchases of Spanish goods. Spain has never recognized Israel although it has increased official tolerance toward Jews and contacts with Israeli officials.

The report said that "the behind-the-scenes Madrid dispute over 'Holocaust' -- which was bought by government television and dubbed into Spanish -- began after American author Leon Uris' 'QB VII' was shown in Madrid." This story is about a Jewish writer and a Polish doctor who conducted inhumane experiments in a World War II Nazi concentration camp and their confrontation in a British courtroom.

According to the report, Spanish officials said the program led to Arab diplomatic protests and they reportedly leveled the same charge against "Holocaust," saying it was "fiction" that would arouse sympathy for Israel.

At the Spanish Embassy, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was told that the Embassy had no information on the matter but said that Arab diplomats do not have such influence in Spain as the report indicated. The State Department said that its understanding was that a decision on the showing had not yet been made.

The published report in the Washington Post said that Nazi and French officials sent thousands of Spaniards, mostly Republicans, Socialists and Communists who fled to France after the 1936-1939 Spanish Civil War, to the death camps and that an estimated 10,000 Spaniards perished in Buchenwald. King Juan Carlos paid homage to Spanish victims of the Nazis during a visit to the camp.

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- Education Minister Zevulun Hammer urged students and university heads alike to work together toward easing the present tension between Arab and Jewish students. Hammer spoke Wednesday in the Knesset in reply to six motions on the agenda dealing with the recent tension in Israel's universities. Now, more than ever, he said, it is necessary to maintain intellectual open-mindedness, patience and tolerance toward differing views. However, Hammer said, there were exceptions to this: those who call for the destruction of the State, those who justify its enemies, and urge support for their campaign against Israel. Hammer said that as far as he knew there were only a few Arab students who identified with these views.

CAMP DAVID MEETING GETS UNDER WAY

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (JTA) -- Representatives of Egypt, Israel and the United States held their opening trilateral meeting at snow-bound Camp David today and were officially reported as determined to reach early agreement on an Egyptian-Israeli treaty but various circumstances indicated that this would be unattainable short of a summit conference.

Among the circumstances downgrading the possibilities of success were an Egyptian move to dominate the Middle East and North Africa militarily with vast U.S. support and continued refusal by Egypt to agree to a treaty without linkage to Palestinian autonomy which Israel continues to oppose.

Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, Egyptian Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil and Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan met this afternoon by themselves after Vance held separate meetings before lunch with Khalil and Dayan. The three breakfasted together with no subordinates present.

According to the first communique on the meeting, issued at the State Department with the approval of the heads of the three ministerial delegations, the Egyptians, the Israelis and the Americans, "all view the meeting here as a continuation of efforts they began together last October in the Blair House within the Camp David accords. . . . All three ministers have reaffirmed their determination to bend their best efforts towards successful completion of the negotiations as soon as possible."

The statement added that "the atmosphere was warm and informal" when the three delegations mixed shortly after their arrival last evening at the Presidential retreat in the Maryland mountains 60 miles from Washington."

Vance met Khalil and Dayan when they deplaned in Washington. Some members of the U.S. delegation, which includes special Ambassador Alfred Atherton, Ambassador Hermann Eilts in Cairo and Samuel Lewis in Israel, Assistant Secretary of State Harold Saunders and National Security Council specialist William Quandt, met simultaneously with the Egyptians and Israelis during the evening.

Egypt Wants Massive Military Hardware From U.S.

The Camp David sessions got under way as Pentagon sources revealed that Egyptian President Anwar Sadat had informed Defense Secretary Harold Brown in their talks last weekend in Cairo that he wants to be the mainstay of the Western democracies in the Middle East as a result of the ouster of U.S. influence in Iran. He previously had indicated his desire to protect North Africa from Soviet influence.

To this end, according to the Pentagon officials, Egypt requires billions of dollars of modern weaponry, including up to 300 F-16 warplanes, hundreds of tanks, short range tactical missiles and other artillery, and thousands of armed personnel, carriers and other vehicles.

A Pentagon official, who requested anonymity, said that Sadat had told Brown that Egypt was prepared to "take the security position in the Middle East and Africa if it became better equipped with modern arms."

Brown reportedly told Sadat the U.S. would consider his weapons requests seriously but made "no commitment to the broad list that was submitted." Brown was said to have told Sadat that Egypt was unlikely to receive large amounts of

American weapons before an Egyptian-Israeli treaty was concluded. Egypt's armed forces are equipped largely with Soviet weapons.

The U.S. is committed to provide Egypt with 50 F-15 jet fighters under the package deal the Administration succeeded in putting across last spring for Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Israel.

Meanwhile, the White House disclosed this afternoon that the United States is sending a military mission to Egypt to survey "in detail" Egypt's requirements for improvements in her armament. Presidential News Secretary Jody Powell said it is "premature" to say "exactly what type and level" of equipment Egypt may receive and would not comment on "figures or rationale" when he was asked about Egypt's request to the U.S. for vastly increased armament. Powell said that "the matter of increased U.S. assistance and support was received almost at every stop" in Brown's 11-day visit to Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Israel and Egypt.

UN GROUP HITS ISRAEL

GENEVA, Feb. 21 (JTA) -- The United Nations Human Rights Commission voted 22-2 today in favor of a resolution that condemned Israel's practices in the occupied Arab territories and urged other countries not to recognize changes made by Israel in those territories. The resolution also called on Israel to release all Arab prisoners detained as a result of what it called their struggle for self-determination.

Only the United States and Canada voted against the resolution. There were eight abstentions: Australia, Austria, Brazil, Uruguay, France, West Germany, Ivory Coast and Portugal. The Ivory Coast representative stated that he would not vote for an anti-Israel resolution at a time when Israeli-Egyptian peace talks have resumed at Camp David. It was the first time in many years that the West African country has abstained in such a resolution.

During the course of the debate, Israel was charged with the expulsion of Arabs from the territories, torture and other mistreatment of detainees, confiscation of their property, demolition of their homes and illegal exploitation of natural resources in the territories. Israel's representative to the UN in Geneva, Ambassador Joel Bartomi, who was an observer at the Human Rights Commission's deliberations, said after the voting:

"Israel is a country administered under the rule of law. Whenever the law is transgressed in Israel proper and in the territories, the culprits are punished. The instances of infraction of regulations or laws by public officers are happily rare. However, if a complaint proves to be founded, penal action is taken. This happened two days ago in respect of six members of the Israeli civil guard accused of unbecoming behavior toward an Arab family."

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency immigration and absorption department is considering an idea which may prove to be a turning point in the process of housing new immigrants. The department wants to give new immigrants who will settle in the newly planned town of Maale Adumim (just east of Jerusalem) the option of purchasing the flat they will reside in during their first period in Israel. These immigrant flats will be first built as part of an absorption center to be established in the new town, but immigrants will be able -- if the plan materializes -- to purchase those flats and make them into their permanent homes. Construction in two stages of 1600 housing units will begin April 15.

STUDY SHOWS STEREOTYPING OF JEWS CONTINUING 'SYMPATHY FOR JEWS AS VICTIMS OF PERSECUTION IS ENDING'

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (JTA) -- While an increasing majority of Americans perceive anti-Semitism to be on the wane, studies of specific areas show that negative stereotyping of Jews continues and that sympathy for Jews as victims of persecution is eroding. Those conclusions were contained in a nationwide survey of race relations in America conducted by the Louis Harris organization for the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the results of which were released here yesterday.

The poll dealt primarily with Black-white race relations. But the findings on "perceived prejudice about Jews" indicated, according to the pollsters, that in the event of overt and more subtle forms of anti-Semitism, non-Jews are far less likely to rally to the defense of Jews than was the case a few years ago.

The survey found that only eight percent of Americans presently feel that anti-Jewish prejudice is rising, down from 11 percent, and that 82 percent of non-Jews report largely "pleasant and easy" relationships with Jews. A lopsided majority of 80-7 percent feel that Jews are not discriminated against. But the poll found that one in four non-Jews feel that "Jews are irritating because they are too aggressive," that "Jews are more loyal to Israel than America" and that "most slumlords are Jewish."

The pollsters reported that there have also been dramatic shifts downward in the number of non-Jews who believe in positive stereotypes about Jews and the percentage of non-Jews who recognize that "Jews have suffered from persecution through the centuries" has declined from 67-75 percent.

The poll also found that Blacks tend to be "more anti-Jewish than any other group and Jewish attitudes toward Blacks also tended to harden. The survey reported, however, that by a 38-36 percent plurality, Blacks felt that "Jews have supported rights for minority groups more than other white people" while 37-28 percent of white non-Jews think this is not the case. The study concluded that there is an urgent need for serious attention to the entire area of Black-Jewish relations by organizations promoting cooperation and understanding among races and religions.

MOYNIHAN SAYS ISRAEL'S 'SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP' WITH U.S. IS WANING

NEW YORK, Feb. 21 (JTA) -- Sen. Daniel P. Moynihan (D-NY) warned this week that Israel's "special relationship" with the United States "is increasingly without influence" in the operations of the U.S. government. "The current disintegration in the Near East will be used as an argument for further separation of American and Israeli interests, not as an argument for their strengthening and augmentation," he added.

Moynihan's warning was contained in a speech to the concluding session of the Labor Zionist Alliance convention at the New York Sheraton Hotel Monday which was read by his assistant, Richard Eaton, since the Senator was now confined in Albany.

"Those who make the Middle East policies of the United States come increasingly to believe that the preservation of democracies as such in the Middle East ought not to be a primary objective of our strategic policy," Moynihan

told the 500 LZA delegates. "Instead they are of the belief that the relationship with Israel is 'irrational' . . . sustained not because it is in the logical 'national interest' of the U.S. but because and solely because of the exigencies of domestic politics." Moynihan charged that "there are already ample indications that the American government regards the workings of the Israeli polity with increasing distaste." He said the U.S. government was conveying "an air of studied exasperation with Israel's approach to the peace negotiations" and was viewing the workings of the Israeli democracy as "a bother."

The Senator declared that Israel is concerned about the "precision" of the treaty with Egypt "precisely because Israel intends to abide by the treaty once it is signed. Indeed, Israel is the only Middle Eastern government involved, directly or indirectly, which understands that commitments of their government are necessarily durable." He said the reason is that Israel is the only Mideast country whose governmental system is "durable" in the sense that it can and will survive changes of governmental leadership.

YIDDISH IN JEWISH LITURGY URGED

TEL AVIV, Feb. 21 (JTA) -- The leader of Reform Judaism in America has proposed that Yiddish song and prayer be incorporated into the Jewish liturgy as a way of preserving the Yiddish language "as long as our people lives." Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler of New York, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, offered the proposal in an address to the recent fourth Congress of the World Federation of Polish Jews meeting here.

Schindler, who is also president of the Federation of Polish Jews of the United States, noted that Yiddish was the language of Polish-Jewry, "sacred to us as the tongue of our fathers and our mothers." He added: "We must not allow Yiddish to be forgotten and we must always make use of it. It is a precious link of that golden chain which binds us one unto another and the future to the past."

Toward that end, Schindler urged "that we prevail on those responsible for our liturgy to include Yiddish prayer and song in our siddur (daily book of common prayer) and machzor (prayer book for festivals)." An appropriate place for such Yiddish prayer and song, he said, might be in the Yizkor (memorial) service when we remember the "kedoshim" (holy martyrs). The "Song of the Partisans" -- a kind of anthem of Jewish underground fighters in Poland during the Nazi occupation -- might be particularly appropriate for inclusion in the Jewish prayer service, Schindler said, adding:

"The Aramaic vernacular which Babylonian Jewry spoke is preserved in our liturgy by the Kaddish (the Jewish prayer for the dead) which is recited during every Jewish worship service. 'Why not a prayer in Yiddish as well? It is the language of our people's heights and our depths, our joys and sorrows. In this manner Yiddish will be spoken so long as our tradition abides and our people lives.'"

HIT DUTCH GOV'T. ON BOYCOTT ISSUE

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 21 (JTA) -- A special parliamentary committee has accused the Netherlands government of tacitly condoning the compliance by Dutch firms with the demands of Arab countries boycotting Israel. The committee, headed by Labor MP Harry Van Den Bergh, who is Jewish, found that many Dutch companies trading with the Arab states obey boycott regulations that forbid them to send Jewish employees to Arab countries and that require them to affirm that materials contained in their products did not originate in Israel.