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DAYAN STRESSES IMPORTANCE OF U.S.-ISRAEL MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING

By Gil Sedan and Yitzhak Shargil

JERUSALEM, March 29 (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan stressed the importance today of the U.S.-Israeli memorandum of understanding which he signed with Secretary of State Cyrus Vance in Washington Monday in which the U.S. undertook to supervise implementation of the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty during the next three years. It is the first written document that specifically mentions the strengthening of the U.S. presence in the region, Dayan told a meeting of foreign diplomats here. (See related story from Washington P. 3.)

Dayan said that while it will not extend beyond three years, it is important that the U.S. has agreed to serve as the address to which Israel could refer in the event the Egyptians violate the peace treaty terms. He did not refer directly to the angry complaint lodged formally by Egypt with the U.S., protesting that the memorandum could be construed as an "eventual alliance" between the U.S. and Israel.

He noted, however, that the Americans are now "in the same boat" with Egypt and Israel, which will be navigating stormy waters in the months ahead when the two countries negotiate over autonomy on the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Dayan said the 11-member ministerial committee headed by Premier Menachem Begin will complete its autonomy proposals within two weeks and negotiations with Egypt could begin two weeks after that in accordance with the treaty terms. He said initial talks between the two countries were begun in Washington but no decisions were made so far. He said the negotiating site will rotate between El Arish in northern Sinai and Beersheba.

Explains Gestures Toward Egypt

Dayan, who returned from the U.S. yesterday explained the good-will gestures Israel has pledged to Egypt in order to improve the climate for the autonomy negotiations. But in his remarks to reporters at Ben Gurion Airport yesterday and in his presentation today, he sought to allay fears on the part of many Israelis that these gestures were "one-sided" and go too far. He said several of the gestures merely reaffirm the situation that exists today, namely that the populations of the West Bank and Gaza Strip are free to move to and from Israel and abroad. This will continue, he said.

He said the permission granted for political activity by West Bank and Gaza residents did not apply to incitement against Israel but only to peaceful expressions of political views through newspapers and periodicals. Dayan said that meetings of a political nature would be permitted but only with prior permission of the Israeli authorities.

The Foreign Minister stated that the transfer of the Military Government headquarters from the town of Gaza to a less populated area would not in any way curtail the authority or affect the activity of the Military Government. It is only a matter of relocation which in many ways is better for Israel, he said.

Dayan explained that the new laws pertaining to administrative detention were approved before Israel undertook its gestures. It is not eliminated entirely but subject to approval by the president of a district court. Up to now, administrative detention was not subject to judicial approval.

As for Israel's agreement to release some political prisoners, Dayan said it applied only to a small number of prisoners not yet sentenced. He said the reunification of West Bank and Gaza families with relatives who left those territories in 1967 is nothing new and has been going on for years. Dayan hinted that Egypt could play an important role in furthering the resumption of diplomatic ties between Israel and the several African states that broke off relations after the Yom Kippur War.

BEGIN SAYS THAT RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. HAVE NEVER BEEN BETTER

By Barbie Zelizer

JERUSALEM, March 29 (JTA) -- Premier Menachem Begin told an enthusiastic crowd of thousands who came to greet him at the Knesset tonight that Israeli-U.S. relations have never been better than at present and that the entire Israeli nation was witnessing an historic event and a turning point in the entire Middle East.

"Our relations with the U.S. have never been as good as now since the establishment of the State of Israel," said Begin, pointing specifically to the U.S.-Israeli memorandum of agreement released yesterday. "This is a historic event, and we will make every effort possible to see that it bears fruit," he said.

Begin expressed hope that the peace agreement signed with Egypt would be the starting point for similar negotiations with other neighboring countries.

He observed that while problems and difficulties still face us, he is confident that they will be worked out.

In an unexpected development, Begin cast doubt over his impending trip to Cairo next Monday. "If I go to Cairo next Monday," he said, "I will come as a friend and seeker of peace, and I will open both my hand and heart to every Egyptian man, woman and child on behalf of the entire Israeli nation." He added that if the planned visit takes place, he intends to take with him representatives of the different fighting organizations, bereaved families and war veterans as a sign of the new era which the peace agreement signals.

The Premier also said that he plans now to devote his efforts to the social issues which have been shunted aside during the many months of peace negotiations. He noted that he had spoken about this to American Jewry last night in New York.

BEGIN GETS TUMULTUOUS FAREWELL

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, March 29 (JTA) -- Premier Menachem Begin of Israel received a hero's send-off last night from more than 2700 Jewish leaders and members of the Jewish community who gathered at Avery Fisher Hall in Lincoln Center to pay tribute to the man who signed the historic peace treaty with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat on Monday. Begin and his entourage, including government ministers and Knesset members, left for Israel from Kennedy Airport last night shortly after Begin's tumultuous reception.

Begin, his wife Aliza, and members of his

Cabinet received prolonged ovations and cheers by the jubilant audience, as they walked to their seats on the podium. The gathering was co-sponsored by the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, United Jewish Appeal and State of Israel Bonds.

"This event is a salute to peace in honor of Begin," Theodore Mann, chairman of the Presidents Conference, declared, adding that Begin has and will have the support of American Jews and Jews everywhere.

Begin, who was in a relaxed, humorous mood despite the hectic events of the last few days, started his address by declaring: "My brothers and sisters, I have a statement to make: Am Yisrael Chai Vekayam." (The people of Israel are alive and exist.) Begin declared that "There are several things for which we (the Israelis) are prepared to fight -- one is Jerusalem." He said Israel is ready to go to war to keep Jerusalem united and the capital of the Jewish State. "Jerusalem is the capital of Israel and will forever be the capital of Israel. It has been reunited. It is indivisible," Begin declared.

He warned that if Israel was attacked by Syria, Iraq or Saudi Arabia on "account of Jerusalem," Israelis would fight back with "devotion" and "fervor" and with the backing of all the Jewish people.

Need To Solve Social Problems

Begin said that now, with the peace treaty with Egypt signed, he is going to devote more time and effort to solve Israel's pressing social and economic problems. The Israeli Premier made a direct appeal to American Jewry to increase its contributions to the UJA, to solve the "intolerable" situation of many Israeli families living in sub-human conditions. He called on each American Jew to start "since tomorrow" to "make a better effort" to meet the goal of \$600 million for Project Renewal in the next three years. "We must reach a just society," he said.

Begin also appealed to American Jews to make mass aliyah to Israel. "We need you" in Israel, he said. He also expressed the hope that Soviet Jewry will be allowed to emigrate freely, and appealed to the Soviet authorities by declaring: "Let my people go." He said he hoped President Carter will raise the issue of Soviet Jews when he meets with Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev.

Sam Rothberg, general chairman of the Israel Bond Organization, declared in a short statement that his organization is "ready to assume and carry out new responsibilities created by the coming of peace between Egypt and Israel," and promised that the Israel Bond campaign would be accelerated throughout the U.S. and wherever Bonds are sold.

Frank Lautenberg, president of the UJA, said that the UJA is celebrating the coming of peace by asking American Jewry to revive its commitment and support for Project Renewal. Calling Begin a "peace-maker," he said the celebration affirmed the "one-ness of the Jewish people." The event was broadcast live to major Jewish centers in the United States and Canada.

MIDEAST PEACE CELEBRATED IN CANADA

By Michael Solomon

MONTREAL, March 29 (JTA) -- Representatives of the Canadian government and the government of the Province of Quebec hailed the Israel-Egyptian peace treaty and the leaders of both countries at a celebration of the treaty signing, attended by some 800 persons at the Chevra Ka-

disha Bnei Jacob Synagogue here last night. Songs, dances and prayer marked the event sponsored by the eastern districts of the Canadian Zionist Federation, Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai B'rith.

Marc LaFonde, the federal Minister of Justice, brought greetings from the government in Ottawa. He told the gathering, "The whole of Canada participates in the joy of the people of Israel because of our old ties with that country."

He noted that Premier Pierre Elliott Trudeau had telephoned his congratulations to Premier Menachem Begin of Israel as soon as the treaty was signed in Washington on Monday and that the House of Commons unanimously adopted a resolution of praise for Begin and President Anwar Sadat of Egypt. LaFonde expressed Canada's hope that the security of Israel behind recognized borders will soon be a reality.

Bernard Landry, Minister of Trade for the Province of Quebec, spoke on behalf of Quebec's Prime Minister Rene Levesque. "I am glad to bring you the greetings of the Quebec government for the peace you have achieved with your Egyptian neighbor in the Middle East," he said. He added: "The Quebec Jewish community has striven so intensely for the creation of the State of Israel that the entire population of Quebec cannot but associate itself with your fulsome joy. But let us remember also," he said, "the youth of the two countries (Israel and Egypt) who laid down their lives in four consecutive wars."

Israel's Consul General, Zvi Caspi, who spoke briefly in Hebrew, remarked that it was appropriate that the peace treaty was concluded on the eve of the Passover holidays of remembrance of the Israelites' exodus from Egypt.

JEWISH AGENCY PREPARING PEACE AGENDA

NEW YORK, March 29 (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency Executive will convene a special meeting in Jerusalem Sunday and Monday to consider new priorities for an Israel at peace. Max M. Fisher, chairman of the Agency Board of Governors, announced today. The meeting, at which Leon Dulzin, chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, will preside, will reconsider its agenda for 1979-80 in view of the price of peace, the mounting expectation of 40,000 immigrants arriving this year, and the necessity of proceeding with Project Renewal.

To meet these new priorities, the Agency is preparing a \$405 million budget for 1979-80, some \$55 million more than last year, but still \$115 million less than what the Agency feels it requires to fulfill its mission of immigrant absorption and to strengthen the people of Israel. Attending the Jewish Agency Executive from the United States along with Fisher will be Jerald Hoffberger, chairman of the United Israel Appeal, Frank Lautenberg, president of the United Jewish Appeal, and Charlotte Jacobson, chairman of the World Zionist Organization-American Section.

The possibilities of peace are already reflected in the growing number of immigrants arriving in Israel, Fisher and Dulzin announced. The 40,000 expected this year represent a significant increase over the 25,000 who arrived in 1978, they noted.

LONDON (JTA) -- An Arabic language handbook on the Israeli economy will be published shortly by Dun and Bradstreet to foster Arab-Israeli trade following the peace treaty. Marc Gueron, director of Dun and Bradstreet's Israeli subsidiary, said 2500 copies of the Arabic document had been produced.

U.S. SEEKS TO DEFUSE EGYPTIAN ANGER OVER U.S.-ISRAEL MEMORANDUM

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, March 29 (JTA) -- The United States described today Egyptian anger over U.S. security assurances to Israel should the Egyptian-Israeli treaty be violated as a "disagreement between friends" and suggested that the assurances were designed for Israel's domestic political purposes.

Only two days after the signing of the Egyptian-Israeli treaty, Egyptian Prime Minister Mustafa Khalil publicly denounced yesterday the U.S. assurances as "detrimental to the peace process." He also told a dozen reporters here that the memorandum will "cast grave doubts about the real intention of the United States" and that it is "directed against Egypt." He said Egypt would refuse to recognize the agreement.

State Department spokesman Hodding Carter, referring to Khalil's two letters of protest about the memorandum this week to Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, said "we have worked too closely together in the past and too closely together now for this to be anything more than a disagreement between friends and we will continue to work closely in the future."

A few hours after Khalil had met with reporters, the State Department issued late yesterday, a day ahead of schedule, the U.S.-Israeli memorandum on security and another that reaffirmed the oil supply arrangement of 1975 and extended it to 1990, a period of 15 years.

Basis For Implementation

Herbert Hansell, State Department legal counsel, repeatedly emphasized, in a special briefing to the media at the State Department today, that the security memorandum commitments will not be implemented before it is "demonstrated to the satisfaction of the United States that there has been a violation or a threat of violation" of the peace treaty and, after that, the United States "will consult with the parties which measures to halt or prevent the violation" and "remedial measures" would be subject to the "constitutional processes and applicable laws" of both the U.S. and Israel.

This memorandum provides that the U.S. "will provide support it deems appropriate for proper actions taken by action in response" to "demonstrated violations" of the treaty, including "a blockade of Israel's use of international waterways," "limitations of forces under the treaty, or an armed attack. In these instances, the U.S. would "consider, on an urgent basis, such measures as the strengthening of the United States presence in the area, providing emergency supplies" to Israel and "the exercise of maritime rights in order to put an end to the violation."

Hansell was asked by a reporter whether the security agreement is being regarded generally as far out of proportion to its importance in view of U.S.-Israeli relations and his own emphasis on the U.S. requirement of consultation and constitutional processes before acting. This, the reporter added, would mean that while the process was taking place, the Six-Day War, for example, would have been over or there would have been no airlift to Israel in October, 1973.

Memo Is Not On Alliance

"Obviously," Hansell replied, "it is a matter that is a very substantial political reassurance to

Israel. Naturally, the parties' reactions are tailored to their particular constituencies. But it has very important political significance to Israel and we responded to it in that vein."

He noted that the security memorandum is "not an alliance, not intended to be and cannot be fairly construed as an alliance." This was in reference to Khalil's statement that the memorandum is a U.S.-Israeli alliance "against Egypt." Hansell said that Egypt was informed "in advance that the assurances would be given. A similar document was offered to Egypt. It was indicated by Egypt it would not have objections to assurances regarding the treaty."

He said that "we are comfortable there was adequate assurance advice this was to be done and a similar arrangement was available to Egypt if desirable." He added "the whole purpose is to give both parties our assurance of remaining in a back-up role to the treaty."

Hansell described the memorandum as "an executive agreement" and thus not subject to Senate confirmation and that "it is binding on us. But, of course, in accordance with its terms, our laws and the judgement of the United States." Asked whether Israel would have agreed to the treaty without this memorandum, he replied he had "no way of answering that question." He also said that the memorandum "now is in force."

STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS DEBATED

BONN, March 29 (JTA) -- The long awaited debate over the statute of limitations opened in the Bundestag today with an impassioned plea by West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt for its abolition so that Nazi war criminals still at large will not escape justice when the statute expires on Dec. 31 this year. "I have for a long time said nothing about the problem but now I do," Schmidt declared.

"I am against limitation," he said. "We do not know how many Nazi crimes will be discovered in the coming days and years and we could not bear it if the murderers would stand up and say 'yes, I did it.' once they become immune to prosecution,

my opinion is based on the conviction that the deliberate destruction of human life cannot be undone by the passage of time," he said. He said he also had in mind the increase of crimes by members of the extreme right wing. But Schmidt stressed that the members of Parliament will be free to vote their conscience on this issue which has cut across party lines.

Schmidt said that many Jewish organizations and the governments of Israel and Poland had appealed to Bonn to abolish the statute. "But, he said, "the decision is up to us."

Johan Baptist Gradl, a member of the opposition Christian Democratic Union, also spoke against the statute. He observed that nobody could say what new documents will be found in the future attesting to war crimes. Nobody in the world would understand if Nazi crimes go unpunished, he said. "They are not forgotten. We cannot slough off the history of our people and we must understand that many nations, east and west, now are recalling the Nazi era," he said.

NEW YORK (JTA) -- Israel's Consul General in New York, Paul Kedar, and Egypt's Deputy Consul General here, Abdul Hamid Tabak, were guests of honor Thursday at a luncheon dedicated to peace organized by the American Red Magen David Adom. In his remarks, Kedar paid tribute to Tabak and said that the peace treaty between Israel and Egypt is only the beginning of the road.

FRENCH P.M. PLEDGES HIS GOVERNMENT WILL PROSECUTE BOMBERS OF CANTEEN

By Edwin Efran

PARIS, March 29 (JTA) -- French Prime Minister Raymond Barre said yesterday that his government will use all available means to identify and prosecute those responsible for the explosion Tuesday which wrecked a Jewish student canteen in the Latin Quarter injuring 26 people. Barre told the president of the Representative Council of Jewish Institutions in France (CRIF), Alain de Rothschild, that the Interior Minister, who is responsible for the police, will be given clear instructions to enable him to use all the men and material needed to trace the assailants.

Barre, who met with Rothschild yesterday, conveyed to the Jewish community "his and the government's sympathy." He told Rothschild that the police had been instructed to ensure full protection of all Jewish institutions in France.

Over 1000 people, mainly Jewish students, demonstrated in front of the wrecked canteen to call for the prosecution of the culprits and to blame the Palestinians for the attack. Jean Pierre-Bloch, president of the International League Against Anti-Semitism, called on the demonstrators "not to become racists in their turn and start an Arab chase," but most of the crowd shouted back, "PLO are killers" and "PLO should be punished."

The canteen will reopen next week, one of its managers said. The kosher restaurant, the only one of its kind in the Latin Quarter, fills a dire social need and has been supplying kosher meals to Jewish students, professors and intellectuals for some 40 years.

30 Racist Attacks Reported

French Chief Rabbi Jacob Kaplan stressed the non-political nature of the institution. He said the people hurt "were students and research workers, mainly pacifists who were not threatening anyone." Kaplan, who was addressing a press conference at the French National Assembly (Parliament) yesterday stressed that some 30 racist attacks directed at Jewish institutions have occurred over the last two years and that none of those responsible have been identified and arrested. He called on the French police to finally apprehend those responsible "for terror methods and terror attacks."

Practically all French political parties, trade unions and major institutions have joined Jewish organizations in condemning the attack and calling for increased police protection.

Fascist Hospital Dean Forced To Resign

Meanwhile, on the very day the explosion took place, France's prestigious Cochin Hospital announced the forced resignation of its dean, Prof. Pierre Maurer. He was taken to hand in his resignation after he had told a group of some 500 students, "It was always a fascist and I remain one today." Maurer, a world renowned orthopedic surgeon, said he had served during World War II as a volunteer with the Waffen-SS on the Russian front and "I am proud to have served my ideals."

Ironically, several of Maurer's aides are Jews and the professor is known to be a warm supporter of Israel and Zionist causes.

The university's Board asked him to resign, saying that most professors and students can no longer work with him or accept his instructions after knowing about his past. Maurer said that the Board knew "all about my past when it elected

me to the post of dean three years ago." The professor claimed "it is not my past that bothers them, as my own public disclosure." He will continue serving as head of the hospital's orthopedic department.

FIRST JEWISH MAYOR ELECTED IN KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 29 (JTA) -- Richard L. Berkley, businessman, Jewish community leader and longtime City Councilman, was elected Mayor of Kansas City, Mo., Tuesday by a surprisingly large margin, as the first Jewish mayor in the city's history. He was the first Jewish candidate ever to file for the mayoralty.

An unusual aspect of the election, and one much featured by leading newspapers in other cities, was the fact that Berkley's opponent Councilman Bruce R. Watkins, was the first Black ever to run for the city's highest office.

Community leaders, however, sought to de-emphasize the "Black versus Jewish" aspect of the race. Berkley received 58.1 percent of the total vote in the largest turnout in a mayoral election since 1942. It was a runoff election of a primary vote Feb. 27, in which Watkins finished first and Berkley finished second in a field of four.

The city charter calls for a non-partisan election for mayor. Berkley, who has a long background of leadership in the Republican Party, ran with the backing of the non-partisan Citizens Association. National media, however, billed his victory as that of "the first Republican mayor" in traditionally Democratic Kansas City in more than half a century.

Berkley has served for more than eight years as mayor pro-tem and has had high visibility in the Jewish community. He is a member of the New Reform Temple and was the first recipient of the Civic Service Award of the Hebrew Academy of Greater Kansas City. There were four candidates in the primary with the two highest to be on the ballot for the general election.

NAZI WAR CRIMINALS IN THE U.S.

NEW YORK, March 29 (JTA) -- The National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NJCRAC) has charged that the Justice Department and the Immigration and Naturalization Service were defying the will and intent of Congress by withholding funds allocated for speeding up the investigations and trials of Nazi war criminals living in the United States.

According to NJCRAC, the Special Litigation Unit of the Immigration and Naturalization Service has received only \$900,000 of the \$2,052 million authorized by Congress for the specific purpose of upgrading the unit's operations. The \$2,052 million is less than one percent of the total INS budget.

After intensive meetings with Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman (D, N.Y.) chairwoman of the House Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and International Law, the Justice Department agreed to allot an additional \$300,000 -- an amount criticized by both the Congresswoman and the NJCRAC's Subcommittee on Unprosecuted Nazis as inadequate.

Jacqueline Levine, chairwoman of NJCRAC's Subcommittee, said that despite assurances given to the members of her Subcommittee in various meetings with INS officials, "the handful of cases finally brought to trial in several cities are proceeding at a snail's pace with weak and ineffectual preparation and prosecution, and there has been no real progress at all in developing the files of some 175 or more suspected individuals."