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## ANTI-ISRAELI CAMPAIGN IN MEXICO TOUCHED OFF BY REPORT THAT MEXICO WILL INCREASE OIL EXPORTS TO ISRAEL By Chaim Lazdelski

MEXICO CITY, April 24 (JTA) -- An unofficial announcement that Mexico will increase its exports of oil to Israel by 50 percent -- from 30,000 barrels a day to 45,000 -- has touched off a furious anti-Israel campaign by pro-Palestinian, Communist and other leftist elements here, including political factions that will participate in the parliamentary elections in July.

So far, President Jose Lopez Portillo and the Foreign Ministry have ignored the outburst but it is very much in evidence in the news media. Roberto Esperon, secretary general of the Partido Socialista de Los Trabajadores (Socialist Workers Party), published an article in the daily Excelsior accusing Israel of re-exporting Mexican oil to South Africa and of selling arms to dictatorial regimes in Latin America such as Argentina, Chile and Nicaragua. The Israeli Embassy here has vehemently denied these charges.

The leftist daily El Dia published a statement of solidarity with the Palestinian people and accused Israel, Egypt and the United States of "conspiring against the peace in the Middle East." The statement condemned the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty and "Israeli aggression" against the rights of the Palestinian people. It contended that the Palestine Liberation Organization is the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinians. The statement was signed by the leftist Mexican Peace Movement, the Communist Party, the Partido Popular Socialista and the Socialist Workers Party.

## IN CHANGE OF PLANS, WEIZMAN IS GOING TO CAIRO WEDNESDAY TO BEGIN TALKS ON THE PEACE TREATY By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, April 24 (JTA) -- Defense Minister Ezer Weizman will go to Cairo tomorrow to begin discussions on the military aspects of the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty with Minister of War Mohammed Ali Hassan, it was announced today. This was the second change of plans since Sunday when the terrorist outrage at Nahariya caused Weizman to cancel his departure for the Egyptian capital that had been set for that day.

The three-day visit was postponed until after Israel's Independence Day celebrations on May 2, with the assent of President Anwar Sadat who was reached by Premier Menachem Begin over their "hot line." But on reconsideration it was realized that a two-week delay would play into the hands of the terrorists whose stated objective is to wreck the Israeli-Egyptian pact. By forcing a postponement of vital talks they could have claimed a victory, sources here said.

Weizman will leave for Cairo tomorrow morning accompanied by his wife and his military secretary. He will not be joined, however, by Chief of Staff Gen. Raphael Eitan or the Chief of Military Intelligence Gen. Yehoshua Sagui who had originally intended to hold talks with their Egyptian counterparts. Their presence in Israel apparently is required because of the

tense situation created by the resurgence of terrorist activity.

Weizman and Hassan will discuss the various components of the peace agreement and future relations between the Israeli and Egyptian defense establishments. Two senior Israeli officers are already in Cairo. Gen. Abraham Tamir and Brig. Dov Sion have had a number of meetings with Egyptian officers on several matters including the ceremonial return of El Arish in Sinai to Egyptian sovereignty late next month. The Egyptians attach great importance to that event.

Meanwhile, Israel and Egypt will exchange the instruments of ratification tomorrow that will formally put into effect their treaty signed in Washington March 26. The documents will be exchanged in two key ceremonies to be held at Umm Hashiba, an American-managed listening post in Sinai. Israel will be represented by Eliahu Ben-Ellisar, Director General of the Prime Minister's Office.

## Historic Ceremony At The Rotunda; CARTER, MARKING HOLOCAUST DAY, URGES AMERICANS TO REMEMBER PRICE PAID FOR HATRED; CALLS ON THE SENATE TO RATIFY THE GENOCIDE CONVENTION By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, April 24 (JTA) -- President Carter, in a ceremony marking International Holocaust Day, urged Americans today to "remember the terrible price" paid for "bigotry and hatred" as well as for "indifference and silence," and called upon the Senate to ratify the United Nations Genocide Convention.

The President's remarks were made at the Rotunda beneath the great dome of the nation's Capitol, where Americans for generations have eulogized their honored dead. At noon today, the President and the American people remembered with intense solemnity the six million Jews and five million non-Jews who were slaughtered in the Holocaust.

The historic ceremony, which also commemorated the 36th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, was attended by more than 1000 people, including members of the Senate and House which adjourned for the program, distinguished Americans of all religions and races, and the members of the President's Commission on the Holocaust which Carter named to arrange a permanent memorial for the victims of the Holocaust.

## To Sanctify The Work Of The Living

Vice President Walter Mondale, in opening the solemn and moving ceremony, declared it commemorated the "tragedy and vibrant resilience of the human spirit." He said the purpose of the program was "to say kaddish for the fallen and sanctify the work of the living."

The invocation was given by Rev. Asa Roy Eckhardt, a professor of religious studies at Lehigh University. Rabbi Bernard Raskas of Minneapolis recited the kaddish and many in the audience visibly wept as Cantor Isaac Goodfriend of Atlanta chanted the El Mole Rachamim. The 48-member Boys Choir of Atlanta, wearing yarmulkes, sang "Ani Maamin" and partisan songs in Hebrew and Yiddish.

Six candles, in memory of the six million Jewish dead in the Holocaust, were lit by Elie Wiesel, chairman of the President's Holocaust Commission; former Supreme Court Justice Arthur Goldberg; and Murray Berkowitz of Miami.

A seventh candle was lit by Alex Manoogian of Detroit, honorary president of the Armenian General Development Union of America. Rev. Vartan Hovhannian, minister of the First Armenian Church of Belmont, Mass., pointed out in a prayer that the 1.5 million Armenians who perished in World War I were the victims of what he termed the first genocide. The Armenians were slaughtered by the Turks.

Carter, who was escorted to the Rotunda by leaders of both parties in Congress, noted that "a philosopher has written that language itself breaks down when one tries to speak about the Holocaust. Our words pale before the frightening spectacle of human evil unleashed upon the world, and before the awesomeness of suffering involved, the sheer weight of its numbers -- 11 million innocent victims exterminated -- six million of them Jews."

But, the President added, "we must strive to understand. We must teach the lessons of the Holocaust. And most of all, we ourselves must remember."

Carter stressed that "we must remember the terrible price that was paid for bigotry and hatred and also the terrible price paid for indifference and silence. We must learn anew the age-old lesson that all human life is sacred, and that evil inflicted against one people may engulf all people in the end."

Saying that "our generation -- the generation of the survivors -- will never permit that lesson to be forgotten," Carter declared, "America must and always will speak out in the defense of human rights around the world."

#### Urges Concrete Action

The President pointed out, "without concrete action our words are hollow" and called again on the Senate to "take a long overdue step this year by ratifying the international treaty on the prevention and punishment of genocide."

Taking note of the spring season, the President spoke of the Holocaust as "a story of renewal and a testament to the power of the human spirit to prevail." He declared that "people who saw their homes destroyed, helped build a new homeland in the State of Israel. People like Elie Wiesel, the chairman of my Holocaust Commission, who witnessed the collapse of all vision, created and shared with us new visions. It is an incredible story of a people who refused to allow despair to triumph, who after having lost children brought new families into the world."

Carter recalled his visit to Yad Vashem on his visit to Israel five weeks ago and said, "I loved this -- as people all over the world are doing this week -- to reaffirm our unshakeable commitment that such an event will never recur on this earth again."

#### 'The World Knew And Kept Silent'

Wiesel visibly moved the audience by his recollections of his childhood which was spent in the death camps. "After Auschwitz, the human condition is not the same," he declared. Speaking in the name of "all people who perished," Wiesel stressed that "only the Jewish people's extermination was an end in itself. They were not condemned for what they said or did, but for what they were."

Wiesel, the author of many novels about the Holocaust, noted that "a single rescue mission would have let them know they were not forgotten. The truth is they were forgotten; the world knew and kept silent." Turning to present day events, Wiesel noted that "little did we think

that little Jewish children will be murdered by killers in Israel." He warned that "neutrality always helps the aggressors, not the victims."

Wiesel praised Carter for "summoning our nation, and indeed all nations, to keep the memory alive" of the Holocaust. He said that "no other country or its government, except for Israel," has done so. Rabbi Irving Greenberg, executive chairman of the Holocaust Commission, introduced the participants.

The Rotunda has been used only on 25 other occasions since 1852 when Henry Clay was memorialized to honor heroic dead. Today was the first time that non-Americans were so honored.

The ceremony at the Rotunda today was part of a week-long series of programs throughout the United States which began last Sunday and will conclude next Sunday at the National Cathedral. In a community-wide ceremony at Washington's Adas Israel Congregation last Sunday, Rabbi Israel Miller, a vice president of Yeshiva University and former chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, told a gathering of 1200 people that "remembrance implies action."

He stressed the importance of the Genocide Convention and universal human rights. Miller said he is "not bothered" when Israeli Premier Menachem Begin "gives his lecture to Carter or (Egyptian President Anwar) Sadat on Jewish history." He said to remember is "our commitment. The world must be taught again what it did not do before" (to prevent the Holocaust).

#### NAVON URGES NATIONAL UNITY AS ISRAEL MARKS REMEMBRANCE DAY

By Yitzhak Shargil and Barbie Zelizer

TEL AVIV, April 24 (JTA) -- A massive memorial assembly for the six million Jewish victims and the survivors who fought against the Nazis was held this evening at Kibbutz Lohamei Hage'taot -- the Ghetto Fighters Kibbutz as part of Martyrs and Heroes Remembrance Day. It was attended by thousands of Holocaust survivors, students and school children. President Yitzhak Navon, who addressed the rally, stressed the need for total unification of the nation and the elimination of specific "landsmanschaften" -- organizations of Jews from the same cities, towns or countries abroad.

The enemy, he said, does not differentiate between Jews who speak Ladino or those who speak Yiddish. The Jews from Salonika were driven to the gas chambers together with Jews from Poland, Russia or Hungary. The enemy makes no distinctions between Jew and Jew. "Let us not differentiate between ourselves. The call of the hour is to unite," Navon said.

The President also called for better educational programs for youth concerning the Holocaust, noting that they no longer possessed the basic knowledge of the period and no longer sensed what had actually taken place. Another rally was held this afternoon at Kibbutz Yad Mordechai, named in memory of Mordecai Anielewicz, the leader of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising who was killed by the Germans.

The assembly was preceded by a day of solemn mourning, which began last night, during which all places of entertainment were closed and flags were flown at half-mast. A memorial siren was sounded in the morning, bringing traffic to a halt and signaling people throughout the country to bow their heads in respect.

Earlier in the day, a memorial sculpture by Nandor Galid, one of Yugoslavia's most renowned sculptors, was dedicated at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem in the presence of Education Minister Zevulun Hammer. "The Holocaust stands before us as a note of warning," he said. "It points out that we must always remain aware of and be sensitive to any attempt anywhere to denigrate human lives. We, of all people,

must sharpen our awareness to such atrocities."

A central memorial service at Jerusalem's Yad Vashem, conducted last night in the presence of Navon and Premier Menachem Begin, marked the beginning of Remembrance Day.

#### Begin: No More Masada

"The destruction of millions of Jews was unparalleled by no other in the history of mankind," Begin told the hundreds present at the public assembly. "But it has showed us that our history is a circle. We rise and fall. We are freed and oppressed... a circle of construction, destruction, renewal, enslavement, uprisings and victory."

The Premier called on the nation to look to Masada as an example which should no longer be followed. "We must now ensure that there will be no more destruction. No more Masada. Let us look instead to Modiin. No more destruction with honor. Rather honor with victory," he said.

Begin's address was followed by the chanting of Kaddish and El Moleh Rahamim. The ceremony closed with the kindling of six beacons in memory of the six million Jews who perished during the Holocaust. Nearly a thousand Holocaust survivors, new immigrants, tourists, and others attended the service.

In the mood of the day, it was reported that the Ministry of Education has decided to have Holocaust studies -- which are to become a compulsory subject for high schoolers next year -- focus on Judaism, and not on Hitlerism and World War II. During the summer, 1000 teachers will be trained to teach the course, which will be based on memoirs of Holocaust survivors, film clips, photographs and visits to museums.

Throughout last night and today, memorial services were held in all parts of the country. Nazi hunter Beate Klarsfeld was made an honorary citizen of Beersheba in tribute to her contribution to the struggle against anti-Semitism and Nazism. Earlier today, Klarsfeld held a silent demonstration at Yad Vashem to protest the release last week of four Nazi war criminals in the Maidanek trial in Dusseldorf.

#### ISRAEL HITS TERRORIST STRONGHOLDS By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, April 24 (JTA) -- Israeli land, sea and air forces have been pounding terrorist strongholds in Lebanon both north and south of the Litani River, a military spokesman disclosed today. The naval bombardment of Palestinian bases on the Lebanese coast that began Sunday, only hours after the terrorist attack on Nahariya, has been continuing for the past 24 hours.

Ground action has been limited so far to artillery. The Air Force, grounded earlier by heavy clouds over Lebanon, went into action today bombing terrorist artillery concentrations on the Arnoun plateau north of the Litani and in the Nabatiyah area where the Palestinians have placed their artillery, mortars and rocket launchers.

The Israeli communiques have been terse. Most details have been provided by sources in Lebanon, mainly the Christian Phalangist radio and PLO broadcasts from Beirut. Beirut radio said about 10 Israeli fighter-bombers were involved in today's attacks. Another Beirut report said that El Fatah headquarters in Ajloun were destroyed by a direct hit and that an Israeli missile boat sank a vessel carrying arms and supplies to the terrorists near Sidon.

Foreign news reports said Israeli missile boats have been active all along the Lebanese coast

since yesterday afternoon, mainly in the Tyre area. The reports said villages on the road between Sidon and Tyre were shelled. The Christian militia radio reported that Israeli artillery shelled the Beaufort fortress on the bend of the Litani where Palestinian forces are concentrated. Other reports said the militia itself joined in the shelling of Nabatiyah.

Meanwhile, the Palestinians have charged that the Israelis and the Christian militia commanded by Maj. Saad Haddad were firing American shells at the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) and a Lebanese regular army battalion deployed in the UNIFIL-controlled area of south Lebanon. Israeli spokesmen emphatically denied these charges. They said the terrorists themselves had attacked UNIFIL personnel on seven occasions and tried to put the blame on the Christian militia.

#### 600 SOVIET JEWS ARRIVE IN THE U.S.

NEW YORK, April 24 (JTA) -- More than 600 Soviet Jews were due to arrive at Kennedy International Airport from Italy by this evening, the largest number to immigrate on a single day. The Jews, some of whom have waited up to four years for U.S. visas, are entering as a result of Attorney General Griffen Bell's use of his parole authorization last week for 25,000 Soviet Jewish emigrants now in Italy.

More than 400 of the newcomers arrived first on a single flight and the rest came on two other flights later in the day. Many were greeted by relatives who they had not seen for years and even decades. Assisted by HIAS, the new arrivals will be sent to several dozen Jewish communities which are prepared to help them in settlement. More than half will settle in the New York metropolitan area.

Under Bell's new parole authorization, HIAS expects that 2500 Soviet Jews will arrive each month for the rest of the year. Last year, HIAS assisted over 13,000 Soviet Jewish immigrants to find new homes.

#### BEGIN SUPPORTS CAPITAL PUNISHMENT FOR TERRORISTS

JERUSALEM, April 24 (JTA) -- Premier Menachem Begin added his voice to the growing demands for the death penalty for terrorists in the aftermath of Sunday's outrage at Nahariya. He told the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee today that he supports capital punishment for terrorists in cases of "extreme, cruel behavior" and said he would ask the government to propose such legislation when the Cabinet convenes Sunday. Deputy Premier Yigael Yadin was also reported today to support the death penalty, not only for terrorist acts but for any aggression involving extreme violence.

Begin attended the funeral services at Tivon yesterday for three of the Nahariya victims -- Danny Aran, 28, and his daughters Einat, 4, and Yael, 2. Quoting Israel's national poet, Chaim Nachman Bialik who once wrote that "Satan has not yet invented the revenge for the blood of a child," Begin declared what whoever raises a hand against a Jewish child in Israel will suffer only one punishment. "The one who kills a Jewish child shall pay with his life," he said.

RIO DE JANEIRO (JTA) -- Two new public schools in the new Nova Leblon and Barra Da Tijuca quarters here were named the Albert Einstein and Golda Meir Schools at ceremonies here attended by outgoing Mayor Marcos Tamoio. Both schools were dedicated by Israeli Consul General Jacob Catal.

## INDEPENDENCE DAY FESTIVITIES TO FOCUS ON PEACE TREATY

By Barbie Zelizer

JERUSALEM, April 24 (JTA) — The recent signing of the peace treaty between Israel and Egypt will be featured at the Independence Day festivities May 1 and 2, it was reported at a press conference here by Yacov Scharf, head of the Information Center and chairman of the Independence Day Festivities Committee.

At a meeting last Sunday, committee members decided that all festivities this year will be conducted under the slogan "Independence and Peace," with added emphasis on the continuity of Jewish settlement and the nation's achievements during its 31 years of independence.

The peace treaty signing will be marked with lighting of a 13th beacon in addition to the traditional 12 beacons kindled to signal the onset of Independence Day. It will symbolize the sacrifice for peace. The "peace beacon" will be lighted Tuesday night on Mt. Herzl by a representative of the nation's bereaved families, who lost two sons in Israel's wars.

Some IL 350,000 has been invested to ensure that Israeli citizens enjoy the holiday to the utmost. Scores of entertainment stages, parties, fireworks displays and other festivities have been planned. Premier Menachem Begin will participate in a public assembly in the capital on Wednesday, together with thousands of youth movement members.

### Other Scheduled Events

Other scheduled events include the World Jewish Bible Quiz for youth, to be held in the presence of the Premier and Minister of Education, a Presidential reception for the diplomatic corps and presentation of the coveted Israel Prizes, to be attended by the President, Premier and Education Minister.

Independence Day, as in past years, will be preceded by Memorial Day. Thousands of persons are expected to attend memorial ceremonies at military cemeteries on Tuesday to honor Israel's fallen soldiers. All entertainment places will be closed and flags will be lowered to half-mast.

The main ceremony will take place the night of May 1 at the Western Wall and will be attended by the President and Chief of Staff. The following day, 100 soldiers will be honored at a reception at the Presidential residence, for excellent service rendered by them during the past year.

The Information Center has printed tens of thousands of posters for Independence Day featuring a seven-stemmed candelabrum stretched across a hilly landscape for free distribution throughout the country. It has also printed a special edition of the Independence Declaration and copies of the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty.

## U.S. BRANCH OF BULGARIAN CHURCH DENOUNCES HOLOCAUST, ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, April 24 (JTA) — The American branch of the Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Church formally denounced anti-Semitism in a declaration presented to the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Metropolitan Joseph, head of the New York Diocese of the church, which reports 100,000 worshippers in the United States and seven million throughout the world, said: "We declare that anti-Semitism and the Holocaust are sinful, anti-Christian and contrary to the will of our God

and Father who loves us all." He urged "all the faithful to reach out to our Jewish neighbors to create relationships of mutual respect and to work for common concerns."

A spokesman said that Joseph intends to forward the declaration to the Holy Synod of the Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Church for consideration at its meeting in Sofia, Bulgaria, next June. In his statement, Joseph noted that thanks to "the heroic stand" of the Bulgarian Church and people during World War II "none of the Bulgarian-born Jews was deported or killed."

Accepting the document, Nathan Perlmutter, ADL national director, thanked the Metropolitan for a "historic statement of church policy." Perlmutter said that "this action by the Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Church will serve as a light for millions."

### Culmination Of Self-Searching

The Rev. Hieromonk Paul W.V. Ischi, pastor of St. German of Alaska in Setauket, L.I., said the church's denunciation of anti-Semitism was the culmination of years of self-searching. He said "it comes 15 centuries too late, but at least we've made a beginning." Father Paul added that the effort "crystallized the crucial need for a purging of the churches of Eastern Orthodoxy of any association with acts of hatred of group, nation or race."

Kalen Koicheff, president of the Diocesan Board of Trustees, indicated that the adoption of the declaration was particularly noteworthy for him because of an incident which occurred in Plovdiv, the second largest city in Bulgaria, in the summer of 1943. As he recalled it, he and thousands of other Bulgarians poured into the city's central square in response to the pealing of church bells by every house of worship in Plovdiv. So many people massed, he said, that "the Nazis were prevented from carrying out the mass shipment of Jews which they had planned."

## SCULPTOR AWARDED FOR BUST OF SADAT

NEW YORK, April 24 (JTA) — Dr. Maurice Hexter, executive consultant and former executive vice president of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York from 1941 to 1967, was awarded the Gold Medal by unanimous vote of the National Sculpture Society jury of awards for a larger than life-size stone bust of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat. The award was presented here last night at the opening of the Society's 46th annual exhibition which is being held in the Equitable Life Assurance Gallery at the Avenue of the Americas and 51st Street. The bust, which will be exhibited at the show until May 11, has been purchased by the Aspen (Colorado) Institute for Humanistic Studies.

Hexter, 88, a pioneer in Jewish social services, philosopher and author as well as a prolific sculptor, has created over 150 pieces since he began sculpting at the age of 60 in preparation for retirement. He has exhibited a number of times since his first one-man show at the Whitney Museum in 1971, in honor of his 80th birthday.

For over half a century, Hexter worked to rescue and resettle dispersed Jewish people and participated in discussions to establish the State of Israel. He was the first chairman of Hunter College School of Social Work, and was instrumental in setting up social work schools at Brandeis University, Yeshiva University and Hunter College. He was director of the Palestine Emergency Fund in years from 1929-1938 and testified before the Royal Committee of Inquiry (Jerusalem) in 1937 on behalf of the Jewish Agency. His book, "My Stone Age," published in 1973, depicts 159 sculptured pieces including a self portrait. They range from realistic heads and groupings of figures to abstracts and geometrics.