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EGYPTIAN RULE BRINGS SOME PROBLEMS TO EL ARISH

By Yitzhak Shargil and David Landau

TEL AVIV, May 30 (JTA) -- The jubilation that attended the transfer of El Arish to Egyptian sovereignty last Friday has given way to concern among the local population and Israelis as well over problems that have cropped up with the new administration. For one thing, the Egyptians have, for the time being, closed the border around El Arish preventing workers from reaching their jobs at the laundry that lies on the Israeli side of the line. Some workers have ignored the Egyptian check-points and scaled the border fence to reach the laundry.

But the reduced labor force has kept the laundry production down to a quarter of its 450 tons per day capacity. An added complication was the cut-off of electric supply from the El Arish power station yesterday. Power was restored when the laundry was connected to the Israeli electric system. The local Egyptian commander informed the laundry manager that the cut-off was an administrative matter, not political and also promised that the full work force will be available as of next Monday.

Large Radar Station Worries Israelis

Meanwhile, many El Arish families have found their return to Egyptian rule less of a blessing than anticipated. According to reports, they were ejected from their flats to make room for the many Egyptian officers now quartered in the town. There are also reports that some El Arish people have been subjected to interrogation by the Egyptians on alleged collaboration with the Israelis and in some cases were physically abused.

The Egyptians have installed a huge radar station in El Arish. It worries the Israelis, but they cannot complain. Under terms of the Israeli-Egyptian military agreement there is no limit to the size of electronic equipment as there is, for example, on the size, number and caliber of infantry battalions, tanks and artillery.

Investigations Launched Of Jewish Militants' Acts

In Jerusalem today, Attorney General Yitzhak Zamir asked Police Superintendent Haim Tavari to open an investigation into the fracas between Neot Sinai settlers and Israeli soldiers last week. Zamir is trying to determine whether the settlers attacked unnamed troops sent to evacuate them from their vegetable fields later returned to Egypt. Zamir based his order on media reports of the incident and wants a police account before deciding whether to take legal action against the settlers.

Earlier this week, the Cabinet ordered a police investigation of the alleged forcible entry by Jewish militants into the homes of Arabs in Hebron. The Arabs reportedly were beaten up and their furniture smashed. According to the allegations, the militants broke into homes which they claimed belonged to Jews 40 years ago.

ITALY'S PRESIDENT SPEAKS ON MIDEAST

By Lisa Palmieri-Billig

ROME, May 30 (JTA) -- Italian President

Alessandro Pertini, in a meeting with U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance Monday, compared the situation of the Palestinians with that of Jews before World War II.

"Four million Palestinians today represent to a certain degree, what Jews represented before the Second World War; a people without land and without a country, paying for a guilt that is not their own," the President said, according to a release by his press office yesterday. "It is absolutely necessary for us to understand and make every effort to solve this problem by peaceful means."

The press office released the text of Pertini's remarks after he was quoted on Italian television Monday night as comparing the conditions of Palestinians to that of Jews under Nazism. Following a storm of protests, the press office said the quotation was an error made by ANSA, an Italian news agency.

Vance also met with Pope John Paul II yesterday. While no official statement on the meeting was made by either the Vatican or Vance, sources said the discussion was mainly on the situation in the Middle East. The Pope, who supports the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty, reportedly said he was willing to help efforts for a Mideast settlement. The sources said the Vatican reiterated its position that there should be "international guarantees" for Jerusalem's holy places and for free access to them.

ISRAEL NAVY SHIPS WELCOMED HOME AFTER NAVIGATING SUEZ CANAL

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, May 30 (JTA) -- Israel's three Navy landing craft that passed through the Suez Canal yesterday received a tumultuous welcome when they arrived at the port of Ashdod this afternoon. Their historic voyage was the first by ships of Israel's Navy through the Egyptian waterway.

Ashdod, Israel's second largest seaport, took a half-holiday to greet the flag-bedecked Ahziv, Ashkelon and Ashdod which had sailed from Eilat three days ago. Air Force jets circled overhead, harbor craft blew their whistles and fireboats sent up huge sprays. The landing craft were escorted to their Israeli base by four naval patrol boats. The commander of the Israel Navy waited on shore to greet the officers and crewmen after which they joined other units in a gala parade through the city.

It was learned, meanwhile, that President Anwar Sadat was among the Egyptian throngs who witnessed the passage of the Israeli vessels through the canal yesterday. He watched from his home at Ismailia as the flotilla passed slowly by late in the afternoon, the Israeli sailors lined up on deck. The President, dressed in an admiral's uniform, strolled to the canal bank, saluted the ships and then waved a broad smile on his face.

RABIN SUGGESTS HOW TO KEEP EGYPT INTERESTED IN PEACE

By Michael Solomon

MONTREAL, May 30 (JTA) -- Former Israeli Premier Yitzhak Rabin said last night that "peace could be a long job and we still have a long way to go." Speaking to 500 people at a dinner of the Canadian Friends of the Technion at the Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue, Rabin said, "The next 6-7 years will be decisive in the building of peace relations with Egypt." He said "It will largely depend

on how well it fulfills people's expectations. The key to the success of peace is our moving forward in the domain of technology. That's what Egypt wants and we can offer. The critical question is: what kind of cooperation can we offer the Egyptians to keep them interested in the peace process? And the answer is technology for agriculture and industry. If we do not move forward fast enough in developing our technology, peace will remain an illusion for us."

Rabin asked for American and Canadian help and that of the Western world "to assist us and the Egyptians in our peace efforts." He said that soon there will be advertisements in the newspapers inviting tourists to "come and see how Egypt and Israel live together." Rabin welcomed Prime Minister-elect Joe Clark's campaign promise to move the Canadian Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. "Jerusalem is the capital of Israel, so that's where the Embassy should be," he said.

KNESSET BLOCKS DEBATE OVER SPORTS STADIUM OPPOSED BY ORTHODOX

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, May 30 (JTA) -- Coalition and opposition Knesset members joined forces today to decisively defeat a motion to debate the proposed construction of a new sports stadium north of Jerusalem, a project strenuously opposed by Orthodox Jews. The motion was submitted by Menachem Porush of the Aguda Israel and Kalman Kahane of the Poale Aguda Israel. Porush warned that the Orthodox community in Jerusalem and "throughout the world" will "not rest" until the project is shelved.

The Orthodox groups object because soccer matches are played on Saturday afternoons which they regard as a desecration. They also complain that the crowds drawn by the games disturb the Sabbath rest of the heavily Orthodox population in the area. Mayor Teddy Kollek, of Jerusalem, who supports the stadium, maintains that its construction would diminish Sabbath traffic for the city as a whole. Jerusalem presently has two small sports arenas, one in the "German colony" used by the Hapoel club and the other at the YMCA, near the King David Hotel, used by Betar. Residents of those areas frequently complain that they are disturbed.

Reuven Rivlin, a Herut member of the Jerusalem City Council and chairman of the local Betar team has sought to placate the religious protestors. He said he would try to persuade the National Football Association to play its games under floodlights on Saturday nights.

DULZIN SAYS DROP-OUTS HAVE DISTORTED IMAGE OF ISRAEL

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, May 30 (JTA) -- Leon Dulzin, chairman of the World Zionist Organization and Jewish Agency Executives, said today that the reason so many Soviet Jews are choosing to go to countries other than Israel after leaving the USSR is that they have a distorted image of the Jewish State. Dulzin, who presided at a two-day meeting of the Presidium of the Brussels Conference for Soviet Jewry in Rome this week, said on his return to Israel that his talks with Soviet Jewish "drop-outs" in Rome left him "broken-hearted."

He said there are now about 16,000 drop-outs in the Italian capital, waiting for admission to the United States and other Western countries. He said they have not the slightest information about Israel and those who claim knowledge

present distorted facts. According to Dulzin, the main reason these Jews decide against coming to Israel is the housing shortage, reported absorption hardships and anticipated difficulties with the Israeli bureaucracy. He said those factors were combined with anti-Israel propaganda to which the emigres have been subjected.

The drop-out phenomena is a "national disaster" and "cause for shame," Dulzin said, noting that the drop-out rate is reaching 70 percent of all Jews leaving the Soviet Union. He said he hoped a solution will be found when leaders of Jewish organizations dealing with aliya -- notably HIAS and the Joint Distribution Committee -- come to Israel next month for a conference in Jerusalem.

DAYAN DISCLOSES SECRET CONTACTS THAT LED UP TO SADAT'S 1977 VISIT TO ISRAEL

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, May 30 (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan disclosed publicly for the first time yesterday the secret contacts between Israel and Egypt that led to President Anwar Sadat's historic visit to Jerusalem in November 1977. Reviewing his ministry's work to the Knesset, Dayan spoke of contacts having taken place following Premier Menachem Begin's visit to Washington in July 1977.

Meetings, such as the two reportedly held in Morocco between Dayan and top Sadat aide Hassan Tahamey, have frequently been referred to in the press, but were never officially confirmed until now. Dayan also spoke on the merits of the Camp David "Framework for Peace," stressing that the eventual peace negotiations were to be held, under the "framework," between Israel and Jordan, with the Palestinians involved in parallel negotiations which would also embrace Egypt. The peace treaty, and the issue of borders, Dayan emphasized, was to be concluded between Israel and Jordan only.

ROUND TWO OF AUTONOMY TALKS MAY BE POSTPONED

JERUSALEM, May 30 (JTA) -- The second meeting of the Israeli, Egyptian and American negotiating teams on the question of Palestinian autonomy, may be postponed, it was indicated here today. The talks, which opened formally in Beersheba Friday, are scheduled to resume in Cairo on June 6. But that date conflicts with the Herut national convention. Defense Minister Ezer Weizman and Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon, members of the Israeli negotiating panel are also members of Herut. According to some sources, the autonomy talks will be delayed until June 10 to permit them to attend their party's convention.

It was learned, meanwhile, that James Leonard, deputy to Robert Strauss, head of the U.S. delegation to the autonomy talks, will remain in Israel this week for meetings with various ministers and officials involved in the talks. U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Near East and South Asian Affairs, Harold Saunders, is also in Israel for the same purpose. He was due to leave today.

TEL AVIV (JTA) -- Israeli artillery exchanged fire with Palestinian terrorists Wednesday after several Katyusha rockets were fired from Lebanon at Israeli settlements in Upper Galilee. No casualties or damage was reported. Heavy exchanges of fire were reported between Palestinians and Christian Phalangists in southern Lebanon. Terrorist-held villages were shelled by the Christians. The Palestinians shelled Marj-Ayoun and other villages in the Christian enclave.

POLISH JEWS SEEK COMPENSATION FOR PROPERTY

TEL AVIV, May 30 (JTA) -- Negotiations will begin in September between the World Federation of Polish Jews and the Polish authorities over a series of demands presented to the Warsaw government by Jews of Polish origin residing outside of that country, it was learned today. The Federation has authorized the World Jewish Congress to handle the negotiations.

They will deal with such issues as the transfer to Israel of documents, religious objects and various books now in Poland that are required for research and study purposes. Polish Jews, in addition, demand payment in compensation for Jewish public property such as synagogues, schools, orphanages and other communal institutions confiscated by the authorities. Poland is also being asked to pay pensions and annuities to Polish Jews entitled to them who are living abroad.

LAWYER SEEKS PARDON FOR HESS

By Alfred Schroeder

BONN, May 30 (JTA) -- Alfred Seidl, a Munich lawyer, has embarked on another attempt to gain freedom for Hitler's former deputy, Rudolf Hess, serving a life sentence at Spandau prison in West Berlin. He is the last survivor of the top Nazi war criminals convicted at Nuremberg still in jail. Seidl has asked the four wartime allies -- U.S., Britain, France and the Soviet Union -- for permission to have a two-hour consultation with his client. Under the terms of his sentence, neither Hess' lawyers nor members of his family may talk to him about his trial.

But Seidl insists that a consultation is necessary because the Soviet Union allegedly no longer has any objections to a pardon for Hess provided that he agrees to certain conditions. In a letter to the war crimes prison directors, Seidl cited a recent dispatch by the Soviet journalist Victor Louis in the London Evening Standard that implied that Moscow is amenable to a pardon. The conditions are, according to Louis, that Hess renounce Nazi ideology and condemn Hitler's crimes as a prerequisite for his release. Seidl noted that Hess has been in prison for 38 years, cut off from the world, and is in poor health.

MOYNIHAN CHARGES SOVIETS WERE BEHIND ZIONISM EQUALS RACISM RESOLUTION

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, May 30 (JTA) -- Sen. Daniel P. Moynihan (D-NY), the former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, accused the Soviet Union yesterday of being behind the campaign which culminated in the 1975 UN resolution equating Zionism with racism. The resolution, still not rescinded by the General Assembly, was inspired by an article appearing in Pravda, the Soviet Communist Party newspaper, on Feb. 18-19, 1971, he said.

Four years after the anti-Zionist resolution's adoption by the General Assembly, in the face of opposition by the U.S., Britain and other Western countries, its influence was still spreading, Moynihan claimed. He noted that association with Zionism was one of the charges against two men recently executed in Iran. Moynihan himself was recently described by an Indian newspaper as "a Zionist racist scorpion."

The Senator spoke at a lunch organized by the Balfour Diamond Jubilee Trust, an offshoot

of the British Zionist Federation, to mark the publication of his book "A Dangerous Place."

U.S. CONDEMNS CHRISTIAN MILITIA FOR SHELLING PALESTINIANS IN LEBANON

By Joseph Palakoff

WASHINGTON, May 30 (JTA) -- The State Department expressed deep concern today over "the continuing violence in southern Lebanon" and specifically condemned the Christian "militia forces in the border area" for shelling Palestinians. It called "urgently" for "an immediate cease-fire."

Department spokesman Thomas Reston declined to comment on whether the U.S. is supporting the Lebanese government's request for a UN Security Council meeting to consider what it called mounting attacks by Israeli forces. The Palestinians in Lebanon have been shelling Christian enclaves and Israeli villages in Upper Galilee. Israeli artillery has returned the fire.

Reston said, "We are deeply concerned about the continuing violence in southern Lebanon. The past several days, militia forces in the border area have shelled villages, refugee camps and areas in which the United Nations peace-keeping forces are stationed. As a result of the shelling, innocent civilians have been killed and wounded." He said, "We have seen reports during the last week alone about 60,000 people have been forced to flee from the area. This movement of people is straining the capacity of the Lebanese government and international relief agencies to provide food and shelter. We condemn this indiscriminate shelling and call urgently on those responsible to cooperate with efforts to bring about an immediate cease-fire."

With respect to the installation of Soviet-made SAM-7 anti-aircraft missiles in Lebanon, confirmed by the State Department yesterday, Reston indicated that they were weapons at the disposal of the Syrian forces in Lebanon. Asked about a report that Palestinian assassination squads have attempted to kill President Anwar Sadat of Egypt, Reston noted that the Egyptian Minister of Interior, Mohammed Nabani, said publicly last spring that two Al Saika terrorists were arrested when they attempted to enter Egypt. Reston identified Al Saika as "Palestinians." The terrorist group is sponsored by Syria.

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- Hebrew University Prof. Moshe Maoz, a noted Arabist, has been named advisor on Arab affairs to Defense Minister Ezer Weizman. Maoz, 44, regarded as a hardliner by his academic colleagues, is an expert on Muslim history and current happenings in the Arab world. He replaces another Hebrew University expert, Menachem Milson, who is returning to academic life.

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- The Housing and Construction Ministry announced Tuesday new mortgage arrangements to enable young couples and new immigrants to finance most of the cost of a new flat by means of a government financed loan. Under the new plan, a small part of the loan would not be linked to the cost-of-living index. The greater part will be linked with a maximum of 5 percent interest. In cases of low income families the interest will be waived. Repayments will extend over 20 years. Loan terms will be determined on a system of eligibility and will vary from place to place.

PARIS (JTA) -- French lawyer Serge Klarsfeld returned here from Tehran Wednesday and flew immediately to Israel with a dossier on the May 9 execution of Iranian Jewish community leader Habib Elkanian.

COMMUNITY LEADER WARNS AMERICAN JEWRY SITS 'ON A POWDER KEG'

NEW YORK, May 30 (JTA) -- Warnings that the survival of the American Jewish community is threatened and that the peace between Israel and Egypt may bring seriously divisive internal problems to the surface in Israel, were voiced at the national convention of the Emunah Women of America at the Pine View Hotel in Fallsburg, N.Y. over the weekend. The Emunah Women are a part of the World Religious Zionist Women's Organization.

Malcolm Hoenlein, executive director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York, one of the principal speakers at the convention, declared that "American Jewry is sitting on a powder keg." He noted that the intermarriage rate has risen as high as 50-60 percent in some communities and "even those who marry within their faith are not having enough children to replace our losses." He also observed that "We are an increasingly older community and a poorer community with 20 percent of New York Jewry living at or below the poverty line."

Cites External Problems

Hoenlein said that apart from these internal problems, American Jewry is threatened by the growth of proselytizing evangelical groups, an alarming trend toward anti-Semitism within the Black community, the political danger posed by proposals to abolish the electoral college and the lure of cults for alienated Jewish youth. Calling for greater understanding and responsiveness to the needs of the latter, Hoenlein also lashed out at the "benign neglect" on the part of the American Jewish community of its mentally retarded and urged that they be given greater opportunities to participate in Jewish life.

Another speaker, Rabbi Isaac Bernstein of the Manhattan Jewish Center, said that in analyzing the aftermath of the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty "it is my fear that because people (in Israel) think peace is on the way, suppressed civil discontent will now bubble to the surface. There are many have-nots and underprivileged within Israeli society and it is my concern that we will begin to see a greater dissatisfaction, new militancy and perhaps disorder on their part," he said.

Plea For Jews In Arab Lands

Dr. Heskell M. Haddad, president of the World Organization of Jews from Arab countries, urged the Emunah Women to help convene a congress for Jews from Arab countries next September to coincide with the opening of the UN General Assembly fall session. "When Israel bargains for peace she has to bring the rights of the Jews from Arab countries into the picture as well," he said. "The human rights issue of these Jews is a question of survival for Jews all over the world." Haddad said the proposed congress would hear demands for compensation for the "property rights, business assets and territorial rights of Jews remaining under duress in Arab countries."

The Emunah Women convention adopted resolutions calling for the elimination of American dependence on Arab oil for its energy needs, supporting Jewish settlements on the occupied West Bank and the rights of Jews in Arab countries. Shirley Billet of Brooklyn was elected president of the organization succeeding Toby Willig.

AJ CONGRESS HAILS SUPREME COURT DECISION AGAINST TAX BREAK FOR SECTARIAN SCHOOL PARENTS

NEW YORK, May 30 (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress hailed today as "a major victory for religious freedom and church-state separation" a decision by the United States Supreme Court holding unconstitutional a New Jersey law providing special income tax deductions for parents who send their children to sectarian schools.

Lea Pfeffer, special counsel of the AJ Congress, said the ruling demonstrated that "the U.S. Supreme Court shows no indication of retreating from its strong position that religious schools may not be financed -- directly or indirectly -- by tax-raised funds." Pfeffer served as attorney for a coalition of 12 religious, civic and educational organizations known as Public Funds for Public Schools, which acted as plaintiff in the case. Members of the coalition include American Jewish Congress, National Council of Jewish Women and Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Papers filed in the case noted that of the 714 schools in New Jersey with religious affiliation, 575 were Roman Catholic.

7 TERRORISTS ON TRIAL FOR ATTEMPTED ATTACK ON EILAT

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, May 30 (JTA) -- Seven terrorists of several nationalities went on trial before a military tribunal in Lod yesterday for an attempted attack on Israel's Red Sea port of Eilat last September that could have resulted in heavy casualties and massive damage. They include the captain and crew of the ship Aegeus Dimitrius, intercepted by the Israel Navy as it approached Eilat with five Katyusha rocket launchers and four tons of TNT.

The terrorist leader was identified as Abdallah Galoud, 31, of Cairo. The ship was commanded by an Indian citizen, Saragit Atra-Sing, 25. On board were Palestinians and Syrian and Lebanese nationals. According to the charges, the terrorists planned to bombard Eilat with the rocket launchers, each capable of firing nine missiles and to win the ship around and explode the TNT near the oil tank farm on Eilat's shores. The terrorists have pleaded not guilty.

The ship came under suspicion by the navy and was ordered to halt. When it took evasive action, warning shots were fired and then a direct hit was scored. An Israeli boarding party seized the vessel and arrested the terrorists, three of whom were injured in the scuffle. All left the ship which was feared to be booby-trapped. Later, a strong wind drove it toward the Saudi Arabian shoreline where Israeli naval gunfire caused the vessel to blow up.

WARNER RESIGNS AS U.S. AMBASSADOR TO SWISS

WASHINGTON, May 30 (JTA) -- Marvin L. Warner, a Cincinnati industrialist and Jewish community leader, has resigned as U.S. Ambassador to Switzerland, effective July 15, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was informed today. In his letter of resignation to President Carter he cited "compelling personal considerations." The President responded with an expression of gratitude for his "great dedication and purpose."

Before his ambassadorial appointment, Warner was chairman of the Warner National Corp. in Cincinnati and the Cambanks Corp. in Winter Park, Fla. He also had served as president of the Jewish Federation and Jewish Community Center in Cincinnati. (By Joseph Polakoff)