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U.S. IS DISAPPOINTED AT FRENCH REFUSAL TO SUPPORT EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI PEACE TREATY

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, June 6 (JTA) -- The White House said today that it was "somewhat disappointed" that France has failed to support the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty, following French Foreign Minister Jean-Francois Poncet's talks with President Carter and Secretary of State Cyrus Vance this week.

Presidential Press Secretary Jody Powell referred to Poncet's refusal to endorse the treaty. The French diplomat said at a press conference here yesterday that France feared the accord might turn out to be a separate peace without leading to a solution of the Palestinian problem. "We have made it clear that we are somewhat disappointed that the French have been unable to be more supportive thus far in the peace process that is now under way," Powell told reporters.

He said "We made it clear that failure by our friends to support the process can tend to strengthen the radicals and to force moderates to vacate the middle ground, particularly in the absence of any workable alternatives to the negotiations that are now taking place." And we simply hope that at the very least, the French and others will demonstrate a willingness to want to see how the next round of negotiations evolves before distancing themselves from our efforts," Powell said.

Earlier, in response to a question by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Powell described the assassination of the Gaza religious leader Sheikh Hashem Al Huzander, who supported the Egyptian peace initiative, as "counter-productive" toward helping the Palestinian people. The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a group within the Palestine Liberation Organization, claimed credit for the murder. The JTA asked how the President felt about the PLO's continued attempts to gain political control of the West Bank and Gaza Strip by assassination and intimidation.

Powell replied: "I think our position of abhorrence of violence and terrorism has been made very clear. I would simply reiterate what the President has said on several occasions that this sort of behavior does a disservice to the Palestinian people and is counter-productive to efforts to improve their lot and insure their rights."

Both Powell and State Department spokesman Hodding Carter expressed disapproval yesterday of the Israeli Cabinet's decision to establish a new Jewish settlement adjacent to Nablus, the largest Arab town on the West Bank. Powell said, "We consider the settlement to be illegal and an impediment to peace."

CLARK SAYS HE WILL KEEP CAMPAIGN PLEDGE TO MOVE CANADIAN EMBASSY

By Michael Solomon

OTTAWA, June 6 (JTA) -- Prime Minister Joe Clark said yesterday, at his first press conference, that he is fully determined to follow through with his campaign promise to move Canada's Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem despite the opposition from the United States and Arab countries.

"I cannot give you a time frame at the moment. We certainly intend to do that. From now on this is the policy of the Canadian government," he declared. As for any reservations the senior officers of the Ministry of External Affairs might have, Clark rejected them by saying: "I expect their collaboration by showing me the way how to implement technically a political engagement." The Prime Minister made it clear that "the signature of the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty created favorable conditions for the transfer of the Canadian Embassy to Jerusalem. It is time for us to show, by concrete gesture, the nature of our feelings for Israel," he concluded.

(In Washington, the State Department indicated today that the U.S. has no intention at this time to emulate Canada's decision to move its embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. Responding to questions, the Department's chief spokesman Hodding Carter said, "After all, it is Canada's decision to make. Our policy remains what it has been. It would pre-judge the case for us to move ours (embassy) from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.")

The Egyptian Ambassador to Ottawa, Hassan Fahmy, in a CBC interview, said that "the decision taken by the Clark government is a very unfriendly gesture and constitutes a denial of human rights for the people living in that region." Fahmy reiterated that in the question of Jerusalem, the Egyptian government is in solidarity with all other Arab countries.

It is expected that in the coming weeks, the Canadian government will be subjected to heavy pressure from the Arab countries as half of the oil consumed in eastern Canada comes from the Mideast Arab countries. Pressure is also expected from Bell Canada, which has a \$1.5 billion contract with Saudi Arabia for telephone equipment and training of technicians, and also has contracts with Iran and Algeria.

14 TORAH SCROLLS BURNED IN BRITAIN

LONDON, June 6 (JTA) -- Security has been tightened at synagogues throughout Britain following two incidents in Liverpool. Intruders at the 104-year-old Princess Road Synagogue set 14 Torah scrolls on fire. Two men have been charged with causing the damage which the police spotted by accident during what they said was a burglary attempt.

This, however, is doubted by Jewish communal leaders, as it followed shortly after the desecration of the same synagogue's cemetery for which two members of the neo-Nazi British Movement have been held.

Police are also investigating the desecration of a disused synagogue in Manchester. Three years ago, the synagogue at Highgate, London, was burned to the ground. The cause of the blaze has still not been discovered. (By Maurice Samuelson)

WEIZMAN BLAMES U.S. FOR PROBLEMS IN NEGOTIATIONS

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, June 6 (JTA) -- The podium was physically hurried at a television crew during a raucous session of the Histadrut national convention here last night which heard a ranking government official, Deputy Defense Minister Mordechai Zipori, denounce the Histadrut as a "Mafia" that protected "parasites" -- later retracted -- and Defense Minister Ezer Weizman take a hard line on the settlements issue and attack American policy.

Weizman, widely regarded as a moderating

influence in the Likud government, has been under attack by Herut die-hards for allegedly opposing their credo of massive Jewish colonization of the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. But last night he effectively mended his fences on that issue and predicted that while the autonomy negotiations with Egypt will be very difficult, the U.S. would pose the greatest obstacle to success.

Interrupted by hecklers when he began his unscheduled speech, Weizman drew enthusiastic applause when he said he favored settlements in all parts of the West Bank and Gaza not only for security reasons but "to live up to Zionist ideals." He said that while he personally opposed the expropriation of privately owned Arab lands for settlement purposes, he would carry out any decisions of the Cabinet.

"We shall have problems with the Egyptians but it will be the Americans that will be the most difficult partner in the autonomy negotiations," Weizman said. He accused the U.S. of being the only party to the peace agreement not to have modified its stance in any way and to have adjusted its attitude to "the new reality." Weizman said, "I often tell my American colleagues that while (President Anwar) Sadat agreed to recognize Israel and we agreed to make considerable territorial compromises, the Americans are still talking about the 1967 frontiers with minor adjustments, just as they did years ago, as if nothing new has happened."

A general free-for-all broke out at the opening of the session when supporters of Herut firebrand Gvula Cohen attacked Premier Menachem Begin for not being tough enough in the peace negotiations. Begin loyalists tried to rush the speaker but the Premier himself stopped them and defended the right of his critics to criticize. At that point, a television crew, moving in to film the near scuffle, had to duck as the podium flew through the air aimed at them.

Anger Over Attack On Histadrut

Many of the delegates were taken aback, however, by the vitriolic attack unleashed by Zipori against Histadrut. They listened approvingly when Zipori charged that Labor Party chairman Shimon Peres was ready to "sign away" parts of the West Bank, to "sign a death sentence on this country" in order to regain office. But his blast at Histadrut drew angry reactions from Herut workers who are themselves members of the labor federation. Histadrut, Zipori said, is protecting "parasites." Because of Histadrut, "there are tens of thousands (of workers) who are not productive even for one hour but one cannot dismiss them because the entire set-up is backing them. We have failed in our encounter with Histadrut," he said. "Histadrut," Zipori said, "has become the largest Mafia in the world."

That attack drew a prompt rejoinder from Histadrut Secretary General Yehoram Meshel. "Such words are not said, even at a national convention," Meshel declared in a statement issued last night. "We thought such words have long been obsolete." Workers committees all over the country also expressed abhorrence and the Haifa Labor Council announced that it would have no further contact with Zipori.

This morning, the defense aide issued a "correction." What he meant to say, he claimed, was that "an important factor as Histadrut is, it has become an organization which provides backing for people who don't move a finger."

Weizman submitted to questions from the

delegates. He was asked what Israel would do "if the Egyptians repudiated the peace treaty." He replied, in that case, the Israel Army would enter Sinai for a fourth time. But he added that he was convinced the Egyptians are genuinely interested in peace. He stressed the advantage of having a secure flank to the south should Israel become involved in a war with the Arab rejectionist states on the east.

Questioned about his reported differences with Begin, the Defense Minister said he was satisfied that in a democratic regime he could quarrel with the Premier. But once a decision is made he will abide by it, Weizman said. He predicted a long struggle with the terrorists. "This battle has just begun. It will not be fought conventionally," he said.

JEWISH AGENCY ASSEMBLY AGENDA TO STRESS INCREASED IMMIGRATION

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, June 6 (JTA). — Various proposals aimed at increasing immigration to Israel, especially by Jews leaving the Soviet Union, are high on the agenda of the Jewish Agency Assembly which will convene here June 24-30 with the participation of Jewish leaders from Israel and abroad. Most of the measures were discussed at the recent meeting in Rome of the Presidium of the Brussels Conference on Soviet Jewry, chaired by Leon Dulzin, chairman of the World Zionist Organization and Jewish Agency Executives.

The Rome meeting called on the Israeli government and Jewish Agency to give top priority to solving the housing shortage. The lack of adequate housing for prospective immigrants was seen as a major factor limiting immigration. The government and Jewish Agency were also urged to streamline the absorption process for Soviet and other immigrants by creating a single central authority that would deal with all aspects of the process. The Presidium thereby endorsed the recommendations of the Horev committee, submitted two years ago, which called for combining the functions of the Absorption Ministry and the Jewish Agency's Immigration Department. The Agency has been pressing for this measure which would mean the abolition of the Absorption Ministry.

At the meeting in Rome and on his return to Israel, Dulzin's greatest concern was with the high rate of drop-outs among Soviet Jews who choose to settle in countries other than Israel after leaving the USSR. He said the government and Jewish Agency must take measures in conjunction with overseas Jewish leaders and organizations to curtail these defections. He expressed hope that such measures would be adopted by the Jewish Agency Assembly.

AMERICAN HELD IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, June 6 (JTA). — A Jerusalem Magistrate today ordered the extended detention of a 32-year-old American citizen, Iliya HaZeev, as the suspected leader of a gang of Jewish vandals who broke into Arab homes in Hebron, beat up the occupants and smashed their furniture two weeks ago. HaZeev, reportedly a wounded Vietnam war veteran, has a record of arrest in the U.S. on suspicion of conspiring to murder a Palestine Liberation Organization representative there. He was married to an Israeli woman who divorced him six months ago.

He and six others arrested in connection with the assault are members of Rabbi Meir Kahane's "Kach" faction. The police are also holding Avigdor Erskin, 18, an immigrant from the Soviet Union and are searching for another man believed involved in the Hebron incident. The remaining five suspects have been detained for resisting a police search of their homes in the Orthodox township of Kiryat Arba near Hebron.

SYMBOLISM SEEN AS DAYAN TOURS EGYPTIAN SITES

By David Landau

CAIRO, June 6 (JTA) -- Yesterday, June 5, was the 12th anniversary of the Six-Day War. In early morning, a siren waited in the streets of Cairo. Passersby with a sense of history must have smiled inwardly as they saw the familiar eye-patched figure streaking through the city in a shiny limousine. The same man, 12 years earlier to the moment, had been responsible for the sounding of sirens of a different kind in the Egyptian capital.

Nor was the exquisite poignancy of yesterday's anniversary lost on Moshe and Rachel Dayan, as they surveyed, an hour later, the slim sliver of inhabited, Nile-side Egypt from the cockpit of an Egyptian plane heading for Luxor. Twelve years ago, other Israelis, in other planes, headed on the same course, had surveyed the same breathtaking scenery from aloft. Their mission had been to sow destruction and havoc at Luxor airport and a dozen other airstrips throughout the country. Yesterday, Dayan's purpose was to lay another stone on the rising edifice of peace.

At last, after 30 years of enforced estrangement from a field which fascinates him, ancient Egyptology, he plunged with boundless enthusiasm, and to the evident delight of his hosts, into the fantastic treasures of the capital of Pharaonic civilization. Even the airplane in which Dayan and his party were flown to Luxor symbolized the cataclysm that has occurred since that June morning in 1967. It was a C-130 (the Hercules), one of the dozen whose supply by the U.S. to Egypt in 1976 provoked an indignant outcry from Israel.

There were no harsh words about the plane yesterday. Instead, Dayan and his wife posed with the pilot in the cockpit while the flight engineer snapped them, and then squeezed in beside the flight engineer for the pilot to record this piece of history in his family album.

Dayans Reminisce

Moshe and Rachel Dayan reminisced quietly about the breakfast they had hurriedly eaten together at a little café near the Defense Ministry in Tel Aviv exactly 12 years before. "I knew there was something up," Rachel recalled. "He said he had no time to drive me to work."

Once in Luxor, and with the welcomes of local dignitaries pleasantly bestowed, Dayan threw himself into the archaeological experience -- which surely has few parallels the world over -- with energy and stamina that defied his 62 years. Ferried around between the spectacular tombs and temples aboard a dusty, dented limousine, the Foreign Minister brushed aside the exhausted moans of his sweating entourage, trudging through the underground chambers, deciphering the hieroglyphics, staring entranced at the bas-reliefs, firing innumerable questions at his guide, seeking to cram into a few hours an itinerary which tourists with more time to spare take a leisurely week over.

The tour embraced the great temples of Karnak, the tombs of Tutankhamen and of Seti I in the "Valley of the Kings," the temple of Queen Hatshepsut, the tomb of Queen Nefertiti, and the beautifully appointed Luxor Archaeological Museum.

Incredibly, all this still left time for two lazy crossings of the Nile aboard a pleasure boat

an exchange of banter in Yiddish with visiting American tourists, some handshaking -- in flat contravention of the Egyptian security men's insistence -- with ecstatic local peasants, and a lunch at the "New Winter Palace" Hotel, which adjoins the late King Farouk's erstwhile rest-home.

Dayan's adroitness at reading hieroglyphics astonished even his close aides. "I knew he dabbled," said Natfali Lavie, his longtime spokesman, "but I never knew he was fluent in it." Dayan's performance earned him high marks from his guide, the Director of Antiquities for the Luxor region, Mohammed Alsagier.

"No matter how many books I have read and pictures I have studied," said Dayan appreciatively, "nothing can even begin to compare with seeing the real thing in its proper perspective." With the complicated logistic arrangements, which had to span both sides of the river and air, land and water transport, working like a well-oiled machine, a tired, grimy, but radiantly satisfied Foreign Minister, flew back to Cairo as the sun set. His aides, equally exhausted, and no less uplifted, catnapped aboard the thunderously noisy Hercules in preparation for a long evening of negotiations with their Egyptian counterparts over arrangements that will enable ordinary Israelis to follow in Dayan's footsteps and experience the incomparable monuments of Egypt.

ZOA LEADER ASSAILS ADMINISTRATION

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, June 6 (JTA) -- Ivan J. Novick, president of the Zionist Organization of America (ZOA), sharply criticized today the Carter Administration's statement this week expressing concern over new Israeli settlements in the West Bank. He also denounced the Administration for defining in advance "how (President Anwar) Sadat should react."

Novick told a press conference, "It is my impression that Mr. Sadat is not bashful. If it (the Israeli new settlement) is harmful to the peace effort let it come from him and not through the over-anxious statement by the State Department."

The White House and the State Department both said a few days ago that Israel's announcement of new settlement in the West Bank is "harmful to the peace process." Novick termed the statement "puzzling and disturbing."

He added: "We of the ZOA dispute the State Department claim that the settlements in the West Bank and Gaza are illegal. Historically, and in accord with international law -- since Great Britain was entrusted with the mandate of Palestine -- this land has been recognized as belonging to the Jewish people."

Novick called on the Carter Administration "to let Egypt and Israel negotiate and not interfere" in the peace process. He accused President Carter of placing the "weight of the American Administration" on the side of Egypt and in effect (of) serving as its advisor and counsel before the bar of world public opinion.

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- A 19-year-old Jerusalem woman was found guilty by a district court Wednesday of evading the draft by falsely declaring herself to be religiously observant. Ilana Avrahami, a student at a teachers' training college, was fined IL 3000 and given a two-month suspended sentence. The judge agreed not to send her to prison because she has promised to enlist.

DETROIT (JTA) -- Police in suburban Farmington are investigating the defacing of two sides of the Adat Shalom Synagogue last Friday night, the Detroit Jewish News reported. Norman Leemon, president of Adat Shalom, said a similar incident occurred Feb. 23.

ANTI-NAZI GROUP DENIES IT IS SENDING PARCEL BOMBS TO NAZIS

By Ben Gallob

NEW YORK, June 6 (JTA) -- Manny Beck, chairman of the International Committee Against Nazism (ICAN), flatly denied today that the organization had or was mailing parcel bombs to neo-Nazi groups and former Nazi war criminals living in the United States.

Beck told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that some group might have been motivated to organize the package bomb mailing campaign by the ICAN's extensive mailing of anti-Nazi literature. He said "this is going to hurt us." He described ICAN as being made up of roughly 500 members but that it had been forced to delay implementation of a planned program for lack of funds. He said that the committee has an office in Manhattan and one in Toronto.

There were widespread reports this week that parcel bombs had been discovered in New Jersey, Illinois, Nebraska and Virginia. One of the news agencies receiving a call affirming the mailings was the JTA. The caller said the ICAN was responsible for the mailings and planned to do more of them. He refused to give his name.

According to police reports, the mail bombs were received by a Nebraska man connected with a neo-Nazi group; a former SS officer in Paterson, N.J.; and a branch office of the National Socialist Party in Cicero, a suburb of Chicago where the tiny neo-Nazi Party has its headquarters.

Bombs also were reportedly found in packages at post offices in Chicago and Arlington, Va. The parcel bomb in Chicago was addressed to Frank Collin, head of the Chicago neo-Nazi group who created a major controversy last year with a threat to march in Skokie, home of thousands of survivors of the Holocaust. Collin dropped the threat when he received court permission to hold a rally in Chicago's Marquette Park, located in a racially mixed area.

Post office officials in Arlington refused to give the name of the person to whom the parcel was addressed but Arlington county sources said it was mailed to the National Socialist White People's Party. A parcel bomb was received by Tscherni Soobzokov, the former SS officer.

The callers also claimed responsibility for a package bomb mailed to a Gerhard Lauck, a member of an American Nazi Party in Lincoln, Neb. None of the explosive devices went off.

FBI Investigating

Arthur Meister, an FBI agent in the FBI office in Newark, said the FBI was "actively involved" in an investigation "in cooperation with the U.S. Postal Service," and that nationally the probe was being coordinated by the FBI headquarters in Washington.

The FBI said in Washington it was investigating the mailing of the letter bombs but refused to provide details on the extent of the probe. An FBI spokesman told the JTA that the Justice Department had given the FBI "complete jurisdiction" in the case following investigations by the U.S. Postal Service and the Justice Department's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, an investigation group.

The package to Lauck was mailed to him accompanied by a manila envelope, the contents of which were not disclosed. The postmark indicated the package was mailed in Paterson, N.J. Fire inspectors in Lincoln disarmed the bomb.

U.S. FIRMS END SWASTIKAS ON MODELS

NEW YORK, June 6 (JTA) -- Two more U.S. toy manufacturers have agreed to stop producing model tanks, planes, ships and other military objects with Nazi markings, with the result that all U.S. production of swastika-bearing toys has now ceased, the American Jewish Congress reported today.

Julius Schatz, director of the organization's Commission on Jewish Life and Culture, said the action by Revell, Inc. of Venice, Cal., and Lindberg Products of Skokie, Ill., had brought to a successful conclusion a national campaign launched by the American Jewish Congress 18 months ago to put an end to the production of toys carrying Nazi symbols.

Last week, the nation's largest toy manufacturer, Mattel, Inc. of Hawthorne, Cal., announced it would no longer provide the swastika insignia "in any of its domestic or international markets."

The Mattel action came a week after the AJCongress had served notice it would raise the Nazi toy issue at the company's annual meeting in Beverly Hills on June 14. A member of the AJCongress' national executive committee contributed 20 shares of Mattel stock to the AJCongress so that a representative of the organization could bring the matter up at the annual stockholders' meeting.

The Mattel announcement issued last week did not refer to the threatened AJCongress stockholder action, but cited a decision of the West German Supreme Court forbidding the further use or display of the Nazi swastika with any consumer products, packaging or promotional material produced or marketed in Germany.

In December, the West German Toy Retailers Association recommended a ban on the sale of war toys bearing Nazi insignia. The ban was supported by leading church groups in West Germany.

The AJCongress drive was launched in January 1978 when Schatz learned that Mattel was producing a model of the Junker-87 Stuka dive bomber and promoting the sale of it, particularly in West Germany. Schatz wrote to Mattel expressing the organization's "abhorrence of the use of the Nazi swastika on children's toys" and asked that such use be discontinued. Other companies were also contacted as part of the campaign.

PRESIDENTS CONFERENCE RE-ELECTS MANN

NEW YORK, June 6 (JTA) -- Theodore R. Mann, chairman of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, was re-elected last night to a second one-year term as chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. Mann is a lawyer in Philadelphia.

The Presidents Conference meeting also paid a farewell tribute to Hanan Bar-On, Minister at the Israeli Embassy in Washington for the last three years, who is returning to Jerusalem as assistant director general in the Foreign Ministry in charge of North American affairs.

NEW YORK (JTA) -- Rabbi Arthur Schneier, of Manhattan's Park East Synagogue, was elected Tuesday chairman of the American Section of the World Jewish Congress at a meeting of the section's plenary council. The 48-year-old Vienna-born rabbi is also founder and president of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation. WJC president Philip Klutznick praised Schneier for his achievements in international relations and interfaith goodwill, particularly in Eastern Europe. Rabbi Schneier, who represents the Religious Zionists of America in the WJC section, was named vice chairman of the North American Branch last month by its chairman Edgar M. Bronfman.