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## FIRST AUTONOMY TALKS YIELD NO PROGRESS BUT AGREEMENTS REACHED ON SOME PROCEDURAL MATTERS

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, June 13 (JTA) -- Israel's six-man delegation returned from Alexandria late yesterday after an initial round of talks with the Egyptian and American teams in the negotiations over autonomy for the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The two-day session, the first working meeting since the autonomy talks were formally opened in Beersheba May 26, produced no progress on substantive matters nor, apparently, was any expected. But certain procedural matters were settled and Israel and Egypt agreed to refrain as much as possible from public statements on controversial issues so as not to further complicate the extremely delicate negotiating process.

Interior Minister Yosef Burg, head of the Israeli delegation, was received by President Sadat at the latter's Maamara residence in Alexandria shortly before the Israelis departed. The Israeli minister told reporters at Ben Gurion Airport that "Sadat raised the issue" of Israeli settlements on the West Bank on which there is a vast gap between the Israeli and Egyptian positions. However, according to Burg, Sadat indicated that he did not want this to hinder the talks, saying "I will take up all problems with Mr. Begin when he comes here." Premier Menachem Begin will meet with Sadat in Alexandria early next month -- possibly on July 5 -- for their second summit meeting since they declared open borders between their countries on May 28.

The next session in the autonomy negotiations will be held at the Israeli seaside resort town of Herzliya, north of Tel Aviv, at the end of this month. The Israelis and Egyptians agreed that there would be no chairman at that and future meetings -- only "hosts." Egyptian Prime Minister Mustafa Khalil had said earlier that he would boycott the next meeting if Burg insisted on acting as chairman. But he will attend the next round of negotiations in Herzliya.

It was also agreed that no minutes would be kept at certain sessions so that the participants can feel free to "express themselves uninhibited." An Egyptian official, his identity not immediately disclosed, will come to Israel next week to discuss the timetable for the Herzliya talks.

## Differences Over U.S. Role

Some differences appear to have arisen at Alexandria between Israel and the U.S. over the latter's role in the autonomy negotiations. Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan said in a television interview last night that Israel wants the Americans to be "full partners" rather than "full participants." Dayan went so far as to say that if Israel does not receive a satisfactory reply on the American status it might "reconsider" its position vis-a-vis the Camp David accords. He did not elaborate but it is understood here that Israel prefers the U.S. to maintain a low profile in the actual negotiations and allow the Israelis and Egyptians to settle the issues between themselves.

Shortly before the Israelis left, Sadat said "The Americans are full partners and they will

continue to be full partners and this is quite sufficient." Similar statements were made by the Israeli ministers and by James Leonard, the deputy of Ambassador Robert Strauss who President Carter named to head the American delegation. Strauss is expected to come to the Middle East early next month. Leonard reportedly asked the Israelis if they wanted the Americans completely out of the negotiations. The Israelis politely clarified their position on the issue. An exact definition of the American role is expected to be worked out in the course of diplomatic contacts.

## Burg Praises Sadat

Burg said yesterday that he hoped the points separating Israel and Egypt would be resolved but did not say Israel was prepared to make any compromise on the settlements issue. He was very complimentary in his remarks about his Egyptian hosts. The Interior Minister told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that President Sadat is a "world statesman." He said "Sadat stressed that he has a strong desire for peace, that he will not be deterred or frightened by threats and that he regards Premier Begin as a courageous man who will advance the cause of peace in the area." Burg described Khalil as "a cultured man" and said he developed a good relationship with him. He depicted Egyptian Foreign Minister Butros Ghali as a "scholar" and said Defense Minister Kamal Hassan Ali was "very friendly."

## MANN SAYS HE HAD 'CANDID' TALK WITH BEGIN; ALON MOREH DISCUSSED

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, June 13 (JTA) -- Theodore Mann, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, said that he had a "refreshingly open and entirely candid" two-hour meeting with Premier Menachem Begin here today but refused to go into detail. He disclosed that Alon Moreh, the controversial new settlement on the West Bank near Nablus was discussed by them along with "all other burning issues" currently in the forefront of Israeli foreign policy.

But Mann, who arrived in Israel yesterday at the head of an eight-man Presidents' Conference delegation, would not confirm or deny that there had been any "disagreement" between himself and Begin. The word "disagreement" is "peculiar and provocative" and therefore he would not address himself to it, Mann said. He was accompanied at his meetings by Yehuda Hellman, executive director of the Presidents' Conference and by a former chairman, Rabbi Israel Miller.

Mann told reporters that he brought no specific message from the U.S. government to the Israeli government. He noted, however, that he had conversations recently with President Carter and other Administration figures and was "sharing" parts of those conversations with Israeli leaders.

## BETHLEHEM MAYOR NIXES AUTONOMY TALKS

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, June 13 (JTA) -- Visiting Mayor Elias Freij of Bethlehem has come out against the autonomy plan currently being negotiated between Israel and Egypt. Freij, considered a "moderate," told newsmen here today that "no Palestinian will agree

to participate in the autonomy or self-rule projects under Israeli or Egyptian auspices."

Frail, who is on a "private visit" to France, was received by Foreign Ministry officials and also conferred with several prominent politicians of the government and opposition parties. According to one reliable French source, "he managed to further strengthen our conviction that autonomy, as foreseen by the Camp David agreement, will not work." The French view on the question also seems to be spreading to other West European states. Delegates to the European Assembly, a consultative organization representing most West European countries, began a discussion of the Middle East question today despite Israeli opposition. The Assembly decided to set up a special subcommittee to study latest developments in the area.

The general trend during the discussion was one of doubt on whether an autonomy project can be worked out or implemented without Palestinian participation. Sources said that most delegates, including those from West Germany and Belgium, favored the inclusion of the Palestine Liberation Organization in any discussion concerning the future of the occupied territories.

#### QUEBEC OFFICIALS REJECT JORDANIAN CLAIM PROVINCE IS ANTI-ZIONIST

By Michael Solomon

MONTREAL, June 13 (JTA) -- Quebec political spokesmen have criticized an editorial in an Amman newspaper last Sunday which proposed that "the Arab community of nations" should support the Quebec government of Premier Rene Levesque "in its demands for political sovereignty because Quebec has a strong anti-Zionist following." Levesque seeks to achieve independence from Canada for the French-speaking province.

Excerpts from the editorial in the Jordanian newspaper were published in Quebec newspapers and broadcast on Quebec radio stations. The critical comments were made to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency by Harry Blank, a member of the National Assembly, the provincial parliament in Quebec, and by Claude Morin, vice premier of the Quebec provincial government.

#### Quebec Faces Dilemma

Blank told the JTA that he interpreted the comments in *Al-Dustour* as implying that the Arab countries should resist plans by Canada's new Prime Minister, Joe Clark, to implement a campaign pledge to move the Canadian Embassy from Tel-Aviv to Jerusalem. Under sharp criticism from Arab diplomats, Clark's government has publicly watered down the pledge, though it has not withdrawn it. Blank added that "the Quebecers are not anti-Jewish but they do face a dilemma. On the one hand, they look upon Israel as a small country which won its independence and is doing well, and on the other hand, the Quebec government has to deal with small but noisy trade union groups led mostly by leftists who consider Zionism a form of racism and that they are therefore free to assail it."

He recalled that Levesque commented on the issue when *ICI Quebec*, a French-language publication, condemned Israel and Zionism. The Premier remarked on that occasion that while his government "did not support the line of thought" expressed in *ICI Quebec*, "Zionism is a political philosophy and people feel free to criticize it." Blank also said that the Arabs have the impression of "popular support in Quebec but that sup-

port is minimal." He added that the Quebec government could not come out too strongly against leftists supporting the anti-Zionist view because the trade unions were an important part of the Levesque electoral base.

Morin said he considered the *Al-Dustour* editorial a warning to the Clark government, but "not addressed" to the Quebec government. He dismissed the Amman newspaper stand as an editorialist viewpoint "and nothing more." He added that the residents of Quebec are neither anti-Jewish nor anti-Israeli.

#### STATE DEPT. WON'T SAY IF U.S. DISCUSSED EMBASSY MOVE WITH CANADA

By Joseph Palakoff

WASHINGTON, June 13 (JTA) -- The State Department has refused to say whether it has been engaged in any discussions with the Canadian government over Prime Minister Joe Clark's election campaign promise to move Canada's Embassy in Israel from Tel-Aviv to Jerusalem. The question was raised by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency at yesterday's briefing in light of reports the Clark government was under pressure from Washington, the Arab states and the Canadian business community against the transfer.

Asked by the JTA if the U.S. was in communication with the Clark government on the matter, the Department's chief spokesman Hodding Carter replied, "I won't be able to go into such matters. The Canadian government is very aware of our position." When it was suggested that he gave the impression that the Carter Administration was engaged in such communications since he did not deny the reports, the spokesman said all he was implying was that "I don't want to go into our diplomatic conversations." Reminded that the 1976 Democratic Party platform called for the transfer of the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem, Carter replied that there are other planks in the platform that have not been carried out.

Earlier this week, Canada's Minister of State for External Affairs, Flora MacDonald, said in a formal statement that while the government intends to move its embassy to Jerusalem, it will take into consideration the views of the U.S. and the Arab states.

#### FORBES MAGAZINE REFUSES 'PEACE AD' IN ARABIC EDITION

NEW YORK, June 13 (JTA) -- Forbes magazine, a business weekly which has been soliciting ads for its fifth annual Arabic edition, has refused to carry a "peace ad" that the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith sought to place in the publication, the ADL said today.

"We are disappointed that the ad, in English, Arabic and Hebrew, which salutes the peoples of Egypt and Israel for their courageous, creative commitment to wage peace, is rejected because Forbes magazine considers peace to be 'political,'" Abraham H. Foxman, ADL's associate national director, declared. He added, "We even offered to remove the Hebrew wording from the ad if that would make it acceptable."

Foxman said he personally wrote Malcolm Forbes, owner of the magazine on May 31 and also tried to reach Forbes by phone but the publisher has neither responded to the phone calls nor the letter. Forbes is reported to have left yesterday for an extended stay in France.

WASHINGTON (JTA) -- The government of Libya has not warned the United States that it will prevent shipments of its oil to the U.S. if it does not receive American warplanes, the State Department said.

## SECURITY COUNCIL TO VOTE ON UNIFIL EXTENSION

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, June 13 (JTA) -- The Security Council, which convened here last night to discuss the extension of the mandate of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) and Lebanon's complaint that Israel shells Lebanese villages, will continue its deliberations tomorrow when a vote is expected. Members of the Council held private consultations today in order to reach an acceptable resolution. The current mandate of UNIFIL expires June 19.

Ambassador Yehuda Blum of Israel charged in his address last night that "The PLO weakened UNIFIL's effectiveness by infiltrating several hundred of its terrorists into the area under UNIFIL control and also by challenging it directly, with growing intensity in recent months." But Israel, Blum declared, will continue to cooperate with the force since UNIFIL "fulfills a useful function." The crucial question, Blum maintained, was whether there will be an end, once and for all, to the use of Lebanese territory for acts of aggression against Israel, and to what extent UNIFIL will be instrumental in this. The Israeli envoy reiterated Israel's support of Lebanon's sovereignty and territorial integrity. "The government of Israel wants peace in and with Lebanon," he said.

UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim warned the Security Council last night that unless certain essential conditions are fulfilled, UNIFIL will not be able to continue its operation. These conditions, Waldheim said, include an end to the harassment of the civilian population and UNIFIL personnel by the de facto forces (Christian militia), a change in the position of the Israeli authorities and the continued cooperation of the PLO. Waldheim called on Israel to permit full deployment of UNIFIL in the area.

## ISRAELI PROF. QUESTIONS CLAIM TO WEST-BANK

By Yitzhak Shorin

TEL AVIV, June 13 (JTA) -- An Israeli law professor charged today that the government of Israel violates international law by such acts as establishing settlements on the West Bank, expelling inhabitants of that territory and demolishing houses there. Prof. Yoram Dinstein, Dean of the Law Faculty at Tel Aviv University, also questioned Israel's claim to the West Bank.

Dinstein was a participant in the International Conference on Peace in the Middle East sponsored by Tel Aviv University that has drawn distinguished political scientists from the U.S., Britain, France and Israel as well as economists and experts on international law. The conference was initiated before President Anwar Sadat of Egypt visited Israel in November 1977. Its theme is the implications of the peace process in the Middle East and how that process should proceed.

Dinstein contended that Israel cannot base its claim on the West Bank on the fact that it was never officially part of Jordan because only two nations -- Britain and Pakistan -- ever recognized Jordanian sovereignty there. According to Dinstein, Israel too recognized the annexation by Jordan when it signed the cease-fire agreement that terminated hostilities between the two countries in 1948. In addition, Dinstein said, a majority of West Bankers voted for annexation to Jordan 30 years ago and ratified it at the Jericho conference at the time. Discussing the legal aspects of the transition from war to peace, Din-

stein observed that Israel is angered when anyone questions its right to Jerusalem. But, he added, no one has ever recognized that even western Jerusalem is part of Israel.

Prof. H. Kelemen, of Harvard University, stressed the need of a solution to the Palestinian question without which, he said, there will be no comprehensive peace in the region.

## ADL SAYS CALIFORNIA U. FAILS TO DEAL WITH ANTI-JEWISH ACTS ON CAMPUS

LOS ANGELES, June 13 (JTA) -- The Pacific Southwest Regional Board of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has filed a formal complaint charging the administration of the University of California, Riverside, with abdication of responsibility in failing to deal with anti-Jewish activities on its campus.

In a four-page letter to the Regents of the University of California, ADL regional board president Joshua Kheel cited numerous incidents of verbal and physical abuse of Jewish students at UCR and asked that they be investigated and appropriate action concerning the situation taken. The ADL said that: On Feb. 14, 1979 the head of the Iranian Student Association assaulted the coordinator of the Jewish Student Union for having photographed him distributing an inflammatory flyer charging that "Israeli (sic) food is made with the blood of Arab children." The Jewish student Union was prevented from participating in a "Rally Against Racism" (sic) by the Organization of Arab Students (OAS) and other student groups because, in the words of an OAS spokesman, "Jewish students are pro-Zionism, Zionism is racism." The OAS students distributed a flyer showing a swastika superimposed on the Jewish Star of David with the caption, "Zionism-Nazism." In addition, an OAS member invoked the Christ-killer libel by displaying a six-foot cross on which Palestine was crucified by a distorted Jewish Star of David to make it look like a dagger.

Despite repeated requests by ADL, the UCR administration has refused publicly to denounce the bigoted activities of the OAS on campus, the ADL charged. Kheel described the inaction as "negligence" and an "abdication of responsibility in failing to deal, in any way, with the several ugly and potentially dangerous incidents on the campus."

## CANADA ASKED TO CANCEL BIASED PLANE REPAIR CONTRACT WITH SAUDI ARABIA

NEW YORK, June 13 (JTA) -- The Canadian government was requested today to abrogate an Air Canada aircraft maintenance contract with Saudi Arabia which bans firms in Israel or owned by Israeli nationals from participating in sub-contract repair work on a Saudian Lockheed 101 aircraft at Montreal's Dorval Airport. The request came from the Workmen's Circle, the Jewish labor fraternal order.

"We have asked Don Mazankowski, the Canadian Minister of Transport, to investigate who is responsible at Air Canada for entering into such a discriminatory and inflammatory agreement," Bernard Backer, president of the Workmen's Circle said. Air Canada is a state-owned airline.

"For one nation's ethnic discrimination to be hung as an albatross on another nation is, we feel, invading Canada's long-time effort to end discrimination among people and to promote human rights for all," Backer said.

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- A group of Knesset members were told Wednesday that Egyptian authorities in El Arish have taken reprisals against local residents who allegedly collaborated with the Israelis during the 12 years that Sinai town was under Israeli administration.

## NCSJ SETS MINIMUM CONDITIONS FOR EASING JACKSON-VANIK STRICTURES ON U.S. - SOVIET TRADE

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, June 13 (JTA) -- The National Conference on Soviet Jewry (NCSJ) closed its annual policy conference yesterday with a statement of principles that did not suggest any serious departure from existing Conference policy on the U.S. outlook toward the Soviet Union and the Jackson-Vanik Amendment. The statement which is subject to further scrutiny by the Conference's executive committee, holds out the promise of support for a waiver of restrictions on U.S. trade benefits for the USSR, including most-favored-nation treatment and investment credits, provided certain minimal criteria on emigration are met by the Kremlin and if President Carter receives the assurances of continuing and future performance which meet the requirements of the U.S. Trade Reform Act of 1974.

The NCSJ's position was taken only three days before President Carter and Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev meet in Vienna this weekend for discussions which will include the questions of U.S. easing of the Jackson-Vanik provisions and the Soviet view of emigration. Emigration is now running at a rate of some 4000 Soviet Jews departing monthly, the highest on record.

The policy statement, which followed addresses today by Sens. Edward Kennedy (D. Mass.), John Heinz (R. Pa.), and Rep. Charles Vanik (D. O.), took cognizance of the emigration flow, Jewish "Prisoners of Conscience," the refusniks, the Jackson-Vanik Amendment itself, anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union, Jewish cultural and religious rights in the Soviet Union and the future of monitoring of Soviet human rights behavior.

The NCSJ, which embodies 38 American Jewish national groups, said it would closely monitor violations and will document them and present them to the Helsinki Commission in advance of the Helsinki conference in Madrid next year. The monitoring results also will be presented to the U.S. government and the American people. In addition, the statement said the NCSJ will expand efforts to "mobilize and involve every segment of this nation" in this campaign.

### Visa Requests Exceed Exit Rate

On emigration, the NCSJ said it recognizes the increased emigration and noted "we regard this as an important development which offers hope there may be a turning point in Soviet policy." However, the NCSJ is "very concerned while Soviet Jews are being sent some 16,000 affidavits each month from Israel, the number permitted to leave does not correspond to the number wishing to leave."

Regarding Jackson-Vanik, the policy statement said the NCSJ believes the legislation "provides an adequate framework for encouraging further Soviet performance in the area of emigration and should not be modified." However, it said, "should the rate of emigration continue to improve, should the Soviet government now free the remaining 'Prisoners of Conscience' and allow the refusniks and their families to emigrate and should President Carter receive the assurances that meet the test of the existing waiver provisions of the law -- including implementation of emigration procedures free from harassment -- the USSR may receive the trade benefits it seeks on an annual basis as permitted by the

law." The policy statement, according to Los Angeles attorney Burton S. Levinson, the new NCSJ chairman, will serve as a guideline for the Jewish community in the months ahead once it is approved by the executive committee.

### Vanik; Kennedy Cited

Vanik, in his remarks, noted that the Jackson-Vanik Amendment was not designed to withhold trade between the U.S. and USSR and that the amendment's waiver provision was meant to make trade conditional on acceptable Soviet performance. He received a silver kiddush cup from the Conference for his devotion to Soviet Jewry. Kennedy, who received a plaque for his friendship and actions, cautioned the NCSJ that a move two weeks ago in the Senate to restrict legal and illegal immigration into the U.S. was designed to affect Mexican emigration, but, he said, it could affect emigration from the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

Heinz said that at the Vienna summit, Carter "must make it clear" to Brezhnev that "America stands fully behind its policy on human rights and specifically that Mr. Brezhnev allow a larger number of Jews to emigrate. For the President to do less would make a mockery of his human rights policy."

### ISRAELI TRAVEL AGENTS CAN NOW BOOK TOURISTS TO EGYPT

JERUSALEM, June 13 (JTA) -- The Foreign Ministry gave the green light to Israeli travel agents today to begin organizing group charter and individual tourist flights to Egypt and to cooperate with their Egyptian counterparts in arranging tourism between the two countries. The Ministry had been considering a proposal by Egyptian Foreign Minister Boutros Ghali to limit the tourist business for the time being to one or two major travel organizations. But the Israel Association of Travel Agents objected strenuously and that idea was dropped.

The first Israeli tourist to Egypt, 19-year-old Ofra Gamel, returned to Tel Aviv today aboard the yacht Gabriella, after a three-day visit. Although she did not have an Egyptian visa and possessed only an Israeli passport, the Egyptian police and port authorities at Port Said went out of their way to be helpful, she said. Ms. Ofra's Egyptian visa, obtained when she landed at Port Said, was the first ever stamped into an Israeli passport. Other Israeli tourists who arrived with her held foreign passports. Heretofore, Israeli diplomats and journalists visiting Egypt had their visas stamped on separate pieces of paper.

### JAILED MK QUILTS KNESSET

JERUSALEM, June 13 (JTA) -- Shmuel Rechtman, the Likud-MK serving a 3 1/2 year prison term for accepting bribes, tendered his resignation from the Knesset today at the urging of his faction colleagues. He was visited at the Ramla jail yesterday by Avraham Sharir, the Likud Whip and Haim Corfu, chairman of the coalition faction. His probable successor will be David Stern, chairman of the Building Contractors Association, who is next on the Likud Knesset list. Jailed last February Rechtman had been the only Knesset member to retain his seat while incarcerated. He agreed to quit following the Supreme Court's rejection Sunday of an appeal to reverse his conviction.

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- The Jewish National Fund planted a grove in the International Women's Forest in memory of the late Miriam Granot who had served for 10 years as chairman of the Tourist Volunteer Service in Israel.