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## ISRAEL APPEARS SATISFIED BY U.S. EXPLANATION OF AMERICAN STATUS IN AUTONOMY NEGOTIATIONS

By David Landau

**JERUSALEM, June 18 (JTA) --** The "clarifications" between Israel and the U.S. over Washington's role in the autonomy talks appear to have had a happy outcome. The U.S. reply to Israel's queries on this issue was transmitted to Premier Menachem Begin over the weekend. High Israeli sources said Jerusalem was thoroughly satisfied with it.

"The U.S. endorses our position entirely," one Cabinet source told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency tonight. A U.S. Embassy spokesman in Tel Aviv said that if Israel saw the U.S. reply as endorsing its own position he was delighted. American sources appear to feel that the American reply, drafted by Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, should be acceptable to both Israel and Egypt. Israel's position has been that the U.S. role should be that of "full participation" or "partners" in the negotiations but not a "party" to the eventual agreement or to its subsequent implementation.

The issue came up during the first working session of the autonomy talks in Alexandria last week. Egypt's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Butros Ghali, seemed to suggest that the U.S. would be a party to the negotiations and also involved closely in the implementation of the eventual agreement. Ghali built his thesis on the phrase "participate fully in all stages of the negotiations" in the "joint letter" that accompanied the peace treaty.

But Israeli negotiators Yosef Burg, Moshe Dayan and Shmuel Tamir immediately rejected this reading, pointing out that the Camp David framework implies a role of participation but not of party, for the U.S. What would happen, Dayan asked the Egyptians, if Israel and Egypt agreed over some point and the U.S. as a "party" imposed a "veto"? Dayan demanded that the U.S. clarify its position before the talks proceed further.

Later this week officials of the three delegations are due to meet in Herzliya to work on the agenda for the talks. The next plenary session has been tentatively set for June 25, also at Herzliya.

## PARTICIPATION OF DAYAN, WEIZMAN TO BE DISCUSSED BY CABINET

**JERUSALEM, June 18 (JTA) --** The minimal participation by Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan and Defense Minister Ezer Weizman in the work of the six-man ministerial team engaged in autonomy negotiations with Egypt and the U.S. has irritated the delegations' chairman, Interior Minister Yosef Burg, and will be taken up by the full Cabinet at its next session.

The Cabinet's intervention was promised Burg by Premier Menachem Begin after Weizman walked out of a meeting of the unit yesterday that was chaired by Begin. Weizman has publicly expressed the view that the Israeli negotiating team is much too large. He said two-to-three ministers could conduct the negotiations for Israel and that he saw no need for his own presence at

the sessions. "There is nothing wrong if the Defense Minister will not be a member of the team," he told Maariv in an interview published today. But he promised that his ministry would assist the negotiators whenever necessary.

Weizman asked to be excused from yesterday's meeting. Begin told him "Only the Cabinet which appointed you to this committee can release you of the duty." Weizman said he did not want to attend that specific meeting to which Begin replied, "Sure you can go, we won't keep you here by force, will we?" Weizman left, but has not resigned from the negotiating team.

Dayan has also publicly expressed his desire to stay out of the autonomy talks on grounds that his presence is not necessary. Maariv suggested today that the Foreign Minister would like to replace Burg, a member of the National Religious Party, as chairman. Dayan has denied this but according to Maariv, associates of Dayan believe that he should head the unit not only because he is Foreign Minister but because he is the only member capable of conducting the negotiations with the necessary flexibility to avoid a crisis.

The first working session, held in Alexandria a week ago, produced no substantive progress. The talks will be resumed in Herzliya later this month, possibly on June 25.

Begin, meanwhile, is reportedly firm in his support for Burg but insists that Weizman and Dayan participate fully in the talks. Burg demanded an early decision in the controversy. He reportedly complained that Dayan and Weizman are openly critical of the way the talks are being conducted and said he could not accept this. (By David Landau)

## CAIRO-TEL AVIV AIR LINK NEARS

**JERUSALEM, June 18 (JTA) --** Negotiations over the opening of a direct air route between Ben Gurion Airport and Cairo Airport have reached an "advanced stage," according to sources here. Yedioth Achronot reported yesterday that two companies, TWA and Olympic, expressed interest in operating the route. If the negotiations succeed, there will be several regular flights between the two countries. The fare is now estimated at \$120 each way.

It was also reported yesterday that beginning next month, the Egyptian newspapers will be sold in Israel. The papers will be shipped through the El Arish border point, mainly for sale in the administered territories.

Meanwhile, the Foreign Ministry's special office for Egyptian visas has already received and processed hundreds of applications from ordinary Israelis to visit Egypt, an official told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today. The office has been set up in premises close to the ministry compound in the Romema section of Jerusalem.

## DULZIN SAYS JEWS ONCE AGAIN 'NATION OF ROOTLESS WANDERERS'

By David Landau

**JERUSALEM, June 18 (JTA) --** Leon Dulzin complained here tonight that despite the existence of a Jewish State, the Jewish people "has once again become a nation of rootless wanderers." The chairman of the World Zionist Organization and Jewish Agency Executives, in the opening address at the Zionist General Council meeting, declared, "We

should all beat our breasts over the death of immigrants to Israel." He angrily chided Jews from both Western and Oriental countries who reject aliya and was especially bitter toward Soviet Jewish "dropouts," demanding that all assistance to them be ended if they refuse to come to Israel.

Dulzin acknowledged that Israel was at fault for failing to provide housing for newcomers or fostering a quality of life that would encourage people to make their home here. He also conceded that Israel has failed to win the Jewish intelligentsia to the Zionist cause.

But his wrath was directed mainly at Jews who leave the Soviet Union but go to the U.S. or other countries. There are already more than 50,000 Soviet Jews living in the U.S., he said. He also deplored the fact that most Jewish emigrants from Iran and Latin American countries preferred to settle elsewhere. Similarly, he said, "a fair number of Jews in the African continent feel the ground is burning beneath their feet. But instead of making aliya to Israel, they take up the staff of the wanderer and head for Dallas, Texas." He said "The curse of Cain seems to have befallen the Jewish people in this generation when a Jewish State stands ready to welcome them."

The Zionist leader warned that "Our future and the future of our children in this land cannot be guaranteed" unless the Jewish population of Israel rises to 7-8 million by the end of the century. He said if there were five million Jews living in Israel today instead of three million, the nation's political struggles would be immeasurably easier.

#### Urges Ending Duplication

He appealed to Premier Menachem Begin, seated on the dais, to "do everything possible to unite all absorption agencies so as to avoid duplication and unnecessary hardships and frustrations for the new immigrants." This was a reference to Dulzin's long-standing demand that the Absorption Ministry be abolished and its activities merged into the Jewish Agency's aliya department. "To the public in Israel, I appeal to you, open your hearts (to the new immigrant), make it easier for him to be absorbed," he said.

With respect to drop-outs, Dulzin demanded that "the government and Jewish Agency take drastic and even extreme steps to reduce the drop-out rate -- better earlier than later." He reiterated his view that with the existence of Israel there is no such thing as "refugee status" for any Jew anywhere. "Therefore, those Jewish organizations who help these so-called refugees should cease to extend such help which was appropriate during and after the World War," he said.

Dulzin urged the Zionist movement to turn its attention to the Jewish intellectuals. "It can be said that by now we have succeeded in winning over to our cause a significant section of the Jewish business community to be more involved in Jewish and Israel-oriented activity. But the same cannot be said in regard to the academic community," he said. Praising Begin for his "courage, resourcefulness and determination in bringing peace with Egypt," Dulzin said, "despite differences of opinion that exist today on various issues, the Zionist movement stands united as one man behind the State of Israel and the government of Israel, today, tomorrow and always."

#### CARTER-BREZHNEV BREAK NO NEW GROUND ON MIDEAST, SOVIET JEWS

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, June 18 (JTA) -- President Carter and Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev agreed on SALT II but on little else at their summit meetings in Vienna over the past four days, including the Middle East and Soviet emigration policy, according to information received here. While no movement of significance towards agreement between the superpowers was expected on the Middle East in view of Soviet opposition to the Egyptian-Israeli treaty and the Camp David accords, the Soviets were seen as having rejected even the proposal that the United Nations monitor the Sinai when Israeli military forces withdraw in accordance with the Camp David framework. If the UN does not supply the force, the U.S. is committed to arrange for military units to patrol the area.

Embittered by the Egyptian, Israeli and American activities in the peace process, the Soviet Union is supportive of Arab "rejectionists" including the Palestine Liberation Organization, that seek to undermine the accords and thwart Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's peace efforts. Whether President Carter was successful in obtaining "assurances" from President Brezhnev on improved emigration policy also seemed negative.

Preliminary reports from Vienna give no sign of Soviet relaxation. President Carter is understood to have been prepared to ask Congress for a waiver of the Jackson-Vanik Amendment's restrictions on U.S. trade benefits for the Soviet Union if Brezhnev agreed to provide assurances on emigration. The Brezhnev entourage is stiffly unyielding. Soviet spokesman Leonid Zamayatin discouraged speculation in Vienna today that Soviet dissident Anatoly Shcharansky might be released from prison soon.

#### BLUM CRITICIZES WALDHEIM

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, June 18 (JTA) -- Yehuda Blum, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, sharply criticized today United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim for not condemning the attempt by a Nigerian officer serving with the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), to smuggle weapons and explosives to PLO agents.

"Until now, we have not had a condemnation by the Secretary General and no apology was offered to the government and people of Israel," Blum charged at a press conference. He said that even if a condemnation and apology would come later, it will not be sufficient and the UN should take all measures in its power to avoid such incidents in the future.

Blum sent a letter of protest to Waldheim yesterday protesting the incident. A spokesman for the Secretary General said that Waldheim did not react to the incident because the legal advisor of UNIFIL hasn't been able to see the Nigerian officer yet, and therefore, no report on the incident has arrived in New York. The Nigerian officer, Lt. Colonel Alfred Gom, was remanded in custody for 15 days by a Jerusalem magistrate.

Meanwhile, in Washington, the State Department said that it has no information on the reported incident and cannot make comment.

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- The Central Bureau of Statistics has announced a 4.8 percent rise in the consumer price index for the month of May, a considerable drop from the 8.7 percent increase in April.

## **TIMERMAN'S SON CHARGES FATHER HELD FOR DEFENDING JEWS**

NEW YORK, June 18 (JTA) -- Hector Timerman charged here yesterday that his father, Jacobo Timerman, founder and former editor and publisher of the Buenos Aires daily La Opinion, has been incarcerated by the Argentine authorities since April 1977, without trial and without charges filed against him, only because he "defended the interests of the Jewish community and waged war against manifestations of anti-Semitism" in Argentina.

The younger Timerman appeared at the 66th annual National Commission luncheon of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith here yesterday to accept the ADL's Hubert H. Humphrey Freedom Prize on behalf of his father. The award was presented by Benjamin R. Epstein, executive vice president of the ADL.

Timerman said that while the Argentine authorities "have been unable to explain the reasons" for his father's arrest and their refusal to obey an order for his release by the Argentine Supreme Court, there is "a conspicuous reason." That it was anti-Semitism was made clear, he said, by the nature of the interrogation his father underwent after his arrest when he was asked "about his links with the Elders of Zion and his activity in behalf of projects for world domin-  
ance by Jews."

The elder Timerman has been released from prison but remains under house arrest at his home surrounded by armed guards. His newspaper and other property have been confiscated by the authorities. His wife, who had gone to Israel, has returned to Argentina to be with her husband.

In an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in Washington last week, Hector Timerman said his father cannot leave his apartment, even to exercise in the open air. He said his father, now 56, is losing the sight of his left eye but with one exception has not been permitted to visit a specialist. "All I ask of U.S. citizens is to ask the Argentine government to do what its own laws say" and free him, the younger Timerman told the JTA.

### **Action Urged**

Sen. Paul Sarbanes (D-Md.), the principal speaker at the ADL meeting, said "The Timerman case is our business. The rule of law has been cynically laid aside" by the Argentine authorities, he said, adding that there is "no question of modifying the ban on (U.S.) aid to Argentina as long as basic human rights continue to be violated."

Another speaker, Rep. Benjamin A. Gilman (R-N.Y.) noted that President Carter, Vice President Walter Mondale, Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and many members of Congress have made direct appeals to the President, Foreign Minister and Ambassadors of Argentina on Timerman's behalf without success. "Quiet diplomacy has fallen on deaf ears. The time has come for overt action," he said.

In a message to the gathering, Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) called on the Argentine government to release Timerman and "give a prompt accounting for the fate of thousands of people in Argentina currently held by the military government for political reasons or who have simply disappeared."

Epstein noted that Timerman "is one of 119 journalists -- the best and brightest of the country's newspapermen -- who have either been im-

prisoned, placed under house arrest or forced into exile." He said that in the Timerman case "the anti-Semitism has not come out into the open but it lurks in the shadow behind the official silence."

## **EEC ACCUSES ISRAEL OF OBSTRUCTING COMPREHENSIVE MIDEAST SETTLEMENT**

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, June 18 (JTA) -- The nine member states of the European Economic Community (EEC) accused Israel today of obstructing a global settlement of the Middle East conflict and declared its new settlements in the occupied Arab territories were "illegal under international law." The declaration, considered one of the toughest anti-Israel statements in recent years, was adopted unanimously by the foreign ministers of France, Germany, Holland, Italy, Belgium, Britain, Luxembourg, Ireland and Denmark after a day-long meeting here.

The joint declaration is not regarded by foreign diplomats as a recommendation but as a final act which does not need the approval of the nine chiefs of state and government who are due to meet in Strasbourg Thursday. France's Foreign Minister, Jean-Francois Poncelet stated at the end of the meeting, "This is it. This is a final act."

Diplomatic sources said that only two countries -- Holland and France -- objected to the release of the declaration, Holland because of its traditional friendship with Israel and France for tactical reasons. Holland reportedly asked that the declaration be kept secret and relayed to the Israeli government through diplomatic channels. But both countries finally agreed to release the joint statement.

The main drive behind it came from West Germany, according to diplomats from the EEC countries. They said West Germany adopted a "tough and aggressive" position at the outset, calling for a halt to Israel's new settlements and for a policy of compromise and understanding with the Arab states. The diplomats said the West German position apparently was to prepare the ground for Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher's forthcoming visit to several Arab states.

Israeli sources here said the joint declaration "will make things tougher." They stressed that, contrary to previous actions, Egypt did not come under attack. "All the pressure is now on Israel and Israel alone," they said. They expressed fear that the declaration will encourage most of the other Arab states in their opposition to the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty.

### **BEGIN URGES HAVEN FOR VIETNAMESE REFUGEES**

JERUSALEM, June 18 (JTA) -- Premier Menachem Begin called on the nations of the world today to admit Vietnamese refugees and said Israel would be prepared to do its share on a proportional basis. Addressing the opening session of the Zionist General Council meeting here, he proposed that the heads of state inform the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Paul Hantling, that their governments were willing to admit the refugees.

He said the Commissioner would then allocate quotas to each country, the largest admitting "a few thousand" and the smaller ones "a few hundred." He criticized Malaysia for expelling boatloads of refugees who might be endangered as a result. "We cannot be silent at this phenomenon," he said.

TEL AVIV (JTA) -- Dr. Asher HaPeerin, secretary general of the Association of Banks in Israel, has been unanimously elected president of the Israel-U.S. Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber is a major factor in facilitating trade between the two countries.

## COOPERATION OF ROMANIA IN TRIAL OF TRIFA QUESTIONED

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, June 18 (JTA) — The governments of both the United States and Romania have been criticized for failure to follow the proper judicial procedures bearing on the prosecution of Valarian Trifa, Archbishop of the Romanian Orthodox Church in America. The former leader of the Romanian Fascist Iron Guard's youth division, accused of responsibility for the massacre of Jews in Bucharest in 1941, faces hearings in the Federal District Court in Detroit, beginning July 30, over the truth of the statements he made when he applied for U.S. citizenship more than two decades ago.

The U.S. Department of Justice charged last week that the Romanian government is not cooperating in supplying witnesses and is not permitting American officials access to its archives to unearth evidence against Trifa. Rumania's Chief Rabbi, Moses Rosen, expressed apprehension, on a visit to Washington last week, that U.S. officials are disposed to put the blame in the "wrong place" in the event that the U.S. prosecution, 22 years after Trifa's naturalization should fail to prove its case in Detroit.

Rosen gave a statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in which he said he presented evidence against Trifa 17 years ago. He also supplied statements to Radio Free Europe last week for broadcast to Rumania and left a deposition at the Justice Department.

Meanwhile, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith expressed concern in a letter to Rumanian President Nicolae Ceausescu over reports that his government would provide only slight assistance to the U.S. Justice Department team preparing for the July 30 hearing. The letter, signed by Abraham H. Foxman, associate national director of the ADL and Elliot Welles, its consultant on Nazi war criminals, declared that "in order that Trifa be successfully prosecuted and deported, we are asking Your Excellency's good offices in locating and supplying to the United States government whatever documentation is available concerning Trifa's crimes, and in certifying existing documents and testimony, so that this man's deeds may be proven at last in court in a fair and just trial."

### Two-Stage Proceedings

The U.S. proceedings against Trifa are in two stages. The Detroit case is an attempt to revoke his citizenship on grounds that his entry into the U.S. from Italy in 1950 was illegal because his claim at that time of being a "displaced person" is alleged to be false. Should the naturalized citizenship which he acquired in 1957 be revoked, the second step would be to effect his deportation to Rumania.

In Detroit, attorneys for Trifa, who lives in Grass Lake, Mich., asked Federal Judge Cornelia Kennedy to dismiss the government's suit to strip the Rumanian cleric of his citizenship. They contended that the federal law regarding barring entry to persons who "advocated or assisted in persecution" was too broad and vague and therefore unconstitutional. They claimed further that Trifa committed no fraud because the government was at the time aware of the charges against him.

Eugene M. Thirloff, the Justice Department's Counsellor who is heading the case against Trifa, told the JTA that the government is preparing its

response to the dismissal motion. In an interview with the JTA, Thirloff said the Rumanian government has not moved on his request for access to witnesses in Rumania or examining Rumania's "documentation centers." But, he said, "maybe documents will be coming" from Rumania. He said that during the past 17 months the Justice Department also sought authentication of newspaper reports and other material that "reflect on the defendant as described."

Rabbi Rosen, who referred to a JTA news report on the January, 1941 pogrom in Bucharest as part of his evidence against Trifa, said in his statement to the JTA that he would be willing to be a witness at the Trifa proceedings. He gave his deposition to the Justice Department on June 13. Thirloff confirmed the deposition but could not say whether Rosen would be a witness.

## NJCRC OFFICIAL WARNS OF EROSION IN PUBLIC'S SUPPORT OF ISRAEL

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, June 18 (JTA) — Albert Chernin, executive director of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NJCRC), warned editors and publishers of American Jewish newspapers that 1979 will probably see "eroding public support for Israel" in the United States.

Addressing the 37th annual meeting of the American Jewish Press Association (AJPA) at Stern College here last week, Chernin explained that since American public opinion on foreign policy is shaped by the President it is inevitable that support for Israel will erode. He said the reason is that the Carter Administration's proposals for the Mideast include such points as Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank, which Israel will not accept.

But Chernin warned that the "biggest problem" may be "erosion" of support within the American Jewish community. He said American Jewry must be united behind Israel through a consensus which supports a united Jerusalem and opposes the Palestine Liberation Organization and a Palestinian state without letting the "zig-zag" of daily events interfere.

### Wundohl Re-Elected President

The AJPA, which re-elected Frank Wundohl, editor of the Jewish Exponent of Philadelphia, to a second one-year term as president, adopted a resolution praising Canada's new Prime Minister Joe Clark for his promise to move the Canadian Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem and urging the United States to follow this example. Other resolutions expressed outrage over the execution of Habib Elkanian, the Iranian Jewish leader and concern for the Iranian Jewish community, Jews in the Soviet Union and other areas of oppression.

In addition to Wundohl, also elected were: Albert Bloom, editor of the Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle; first vice president, Jerry Barach; editor of the Cleveland Jewish News; second vice president, Anne Hammerman, editor of the Dayton Jewish Chronicle; third vice president, Jean Samuels of the Jewish Herald-Voice of Houston, Texas; treasurer, Miriam Goldberg, editor and publisher of the Intermountain Jewish News of Denver; recording secretary; and Milton Firestone, editor of the Kansas City Jewish Chronicle; corresponding secretary.

NEW YORK (JTA) — Prof. Alexander Tiemkin of Tel Aviv University has learned that his daughter Marina, still trapped in Moscow since her 1973 kidnapping, will be removed from the city during the summer evidently to prevent her from establishing contacts with her paternal grandmother or foreign tourists, according to the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry.