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CANADIAN MINISTERS UNCONCERNED ABOUT THREATS FROM ARABS OVER MOVING EMBASSY TO JERUSALEM

By Michael Solomon

OTTAWA, June 19 (JTA) -- Finance Minister John Crosby said today that "Canadians should not lose sleep over the statement put out by the Arab League Monetary Fund in Abu Dhabi threatening to suspend any financial transactions and boycott Canadian banking and financial institutions." He was referring to a report from Bahrain today that the Arab Monetary Fund, an Arab League agency based in Abu Dhabi, has suspended all financial dealings with Canada to protest the Canadian government's plans to move its embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

Crosby said that he has asked the Arab countries for clarification and that he would abstain from any further comments at the moment. He announced, however, that the Inner Cabinet will discuss the matter at its meeting later today.

Meanwhile, Roland Frazee, president of the Royal Bank of Canada, Canada's largest bank, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that "I have never heard of the Arab Monetary Fund." The report from Bahrain said that the AMF has already withdrawn its funds deposited with Canadian banks and has banned all further transactions with them as of today.

In an earlier comment, Ron Atkey, Minister of Employment and Immigration, said that "Arab officials may cry about it, but will not carry out threats to retaliate against Canada" for the promised move of the embassy. The Clark government expected some reaction to the proposal because of the recent Arab criticism of an anti-boycott law passed by the Ontario provincial government, he said in a radio interview this week.

"The same sort of threats were made by Arab ambassadors to Ontario businesses to the effect that all sorts of things would be cut off," Atkey said. "Ontario went ahead and as a matter of principle, enacted the anti-boycott law and the threats never materialized." Atkey, a Toronto lawyer, is chiefly responsible for drafting Prime Minister Clark's election promise. Atkey also engineered the anti-boycott bill adopted by the Ontario legislature.

Atkey said that despite the threats, Clark still plans the embassy transfer, but "It is not going to be moved tomorrow, or next week." He added that it will be done over a reasonable course of time and as circumstances permit. He stressed that when the move is made, the government will be a step closer towards reaching a "recognition that in Jerusalem there are interests of importance not only to Christians and Jews, but also to Moslems." Atkey called the promise of moving the embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem "a move in the functional internationalization of the Holy Places."

CHURCH GROUP OPPOSES EMBASSY MOVE

By Ben Kayfer

TORONTO, June 19 (JTA) -- The Commission on World Concerns of the Canadian Council of Churches has urged Prime Minister Joe Clark to hold off a decision to move the Canadian Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem because it

would be prejudicial and unhelpful.

In a letter also sent to External Affairs Minister Flora MacDonald, the Protestant group official Donald Anderson wrote, "For Canada now to move the embassy to Jerusalem would be to prejudice in Israel's favor, one of the most difficult of issues that must be settled by negotiated compromise."

He recommended that Clark delay the move until the Prime Minister has had a full opportunity to review all ramifications of such a move. It is already clear, he said, that Jerusalem's status will be one of the most contentious issues to face Israeli and Egyptian negotiators.

KNESSET URGES GERMANY TO CONTINUE PROSECUTING NAZIS

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, June 19 (JTA) -- The Knesset called yesterday on the West German government and the Bundestag to abolish the statute of limitations on prosecuting Nazi criminals and see that all are brought to trial. The Knesset unanimously demanded the government continue its efforts to convince West Germany to do so. The Bundestag is expected to vote on the issue within the next few days. Likud MK Moshe Meiron left for Germany in order to exert his influence there among Bundestag members.

The Knesset discussed the issue at the request of Meiron and Independent Liberal Knesseter Gideon Hausner. Hausner, head of Yad Vashem, said that the Bundestag members would have to decide on an issue which had a unique moral and historical dimension. NRP MK Pinhas Schoenmann warned that if the statute of limitations remains in force, thousands of Nazi criminals will serve as the spearhead for the revival of the Nazi movement whose buds can already be seen.

Democratic Movement Knesseter Akiva Naff said that whoever would vote for the statute would vote for abetting murder. If the Bundestag votes to release itself of the responsibility, Israel should reconsider the relations between the state of the victims and the state of the murderers, he said.

ISRAEL SHELLS TERRORISTS

TEL AVIV, June 19 (JTA) -- Israeli artillery shelled terrorist targets in south Lebanon this morning after the terrorists fired on settlements in Upper Galilee causing some damage but no casualties. The local population took to bomb shelters where they remained for some time. Last night, Israel Air Force jets attacked terrorist bases in south Lebanon for about 40 minutes. Ten aircraft reportedly took part in the attack. Reports from Lebanon said a number of terrorists were killed. (By Yitzhak Shargil)

ADL FINDS U.S. PUBLIC OPINION OPPOSES SETTLEMENT POLICY

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, June 19 (JTA) -- Current and recent data collated by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith shows that "U.S. public opinion views recent settlement activity as going beyond the appropriate line of activity by Israel." This was reported here today by Maxwell Greenberg, president of the ADL, who said his organization was "concerned" and that he would be reporting these findings to Premier Menachem Begin.

The ADL study of U.S. opinion focused on

the Alon Moreh settlement recently set up just outside Nablus on the West Bank. On the vexed issue of the legality of Jewish settlements on the West Bank, Greenberg criticized the Carter Administration and the State Department's legal aides for stating repeatedly that such settlement is illegal. His own position as a lawyer, he said, and the position of the ADL National Commission, was that settlement is "not clearly illegal" as the Carter Administration asserts. "It is a very debatable issue of law," Greenberg was not prepared to say, on the other hand, that settlements are clearly legal.

On the U.S. Administration's assertions that settlements are "an obstacle to peace," Greenberg said he suspected President Anwar Sadat of Egypt was "less exercised . . . feels less strongly" about them than the Carter Administration. Sadat seemed to think the settlements were negotiable and not a factor destroying the peace prospects, he said.

Greenberg arrived this afternoon at the head of the ADL National Commission which completed a meeting in New York and is to continue its deliberations in Jerusalem. He spoke to newsmen at a press conference, flanked by ADL national director Nathan Perlmuter. The two men released an ADL fact-sheet on an organization called "American Near East Refugee Aid, Inc." (ANERA) which is involved in social and charitable work among Palestinians on the West Bank. The fact sheet showed that ANERA is also heavily involved in pro-Palestinian political, informational and propaganda work in Washington and throughout the U.S.

One of the main points made by the ADL president was that "there is a virtual unanimity of editorial opinion in the U.S." criticizing the Alon Moreh settlement. The ADL monitors regularly some 50 leading American newspapers across the nation. The ADL would be failing in its responsibility, Greenberg said, if it did not bring this fact to the attention of Israeli policymakers.

Israel was still the "most favored nation in the Mideast" in U.S. opinion polls. But the "trend" was not positive, said Greenberg and Perlmuter, and this latest criticism over Alon Moreh has not helped. Sadat's popularity on the other hand was steadily rising. "Israel's policy need not be determined by U.S. public opinion," Greenberg said. "But it is a factor to be taken into account."

Scores Carter's Comments

On the legality of settlements, Greenberg said that Jordan's sovereignty over the West Bank from 1948-1967 was not widely recognized and therefore Israel's occupation of the area in a war of self-defense against Jordanian attack did not necessarily fall under the terms of the Fourth Geneva Convention, upon which the State Department's legal aides base their "illegality" contention. "State Department legal aide Herbert Hansell's documents fuz over this issue," Greenberg charged. "The Carter Administration should stop perpetrating these inaccuracies."

At the same time, however, Greenberg declined to state that the settlements are legal. Last Thursday, Theodore Mann, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, after meeting with Begin, said that "the consensus" of the Conference and of U.S. Jewry was that the settlements were legal and necessary. "If that's the consensus," said Greenberg today, "then we are not part of the consensus. It will not be the first time. . . Mann

did not poll all the 31 presidents of the Presidents Conference. . . ."

As for the settlements being an obstacle to peace, Greenberg and Perlmuter said it could well be that Carter's repeated assertions to this effect were becoming themselves an obstacle to peace. Carter was "drumming it into the American people" that the settlements were somehow a betrayal of faith by the Israeli government. Sadat, on the other hand, did not seem to be so exercised about the settlements. He was mindful of Israel's agreement to remove its settlements from the Rafah salient of Sinai and therefore seemed to regard the West Bank settlements as negotiable -- and not as destructive of the peace prospects. But obviously, Sadat would not take a weaker public position on the settlement issue than that of the U.S. Administration, Greenberg and Perlmuter said.

Charge ANERA Lobbies For Arabs

With respect to ANERA, the organization is active in lobbying and propaganda work, according to the ADL fact sheet. Its chairman, John H. Davis, testified in 1973 against the \$2.2 billion U.S. aid proposal for Israel. Its president, John Richardson gave Congressional testimony the following year that Israel was violating human rights and international law on the West Bank.

That same year, ANERA was included in a study of the "Arab Lobby" by the Congressional Quarterly Weekly Report. In the early years of its existence, after its founding in 1967, ANERA received half of its funding in the form of contributions from several of the major American oil companies. The ADL fact sheet pointed to other anti-Israel political work conducted by Richardson and other ANERA supporters over the years.

Greenberg said he was "disturbed" by the figures of oil company contributions and that he felt "zealots in ANERA were assisting the Arab propaganda effort, knowingly or unknowingly." He said he brought the fact sheet to Israel at this time in view of the current interest here in the work of American charitable groups on the West Bank.

ZOA RAPS CRITICISM BY LZA

NEW YORK, June 19 (JTA) -- The leader of the Zionist Organization of America has accused the leader of the Labor Zionist Alliance of acting contrary to the desired goal of a "united Jewish community" in support of Israel. Ivan J. Novick, president of the ZOA, took LZA president Prof. Allen Pollack sharply to task for a statement issued by Pollack a week ago criticizing Israeli Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon's recent call for intensive Jewish settlements on the West Bank and Gaza Strip over the next 20-30 years.

In a letter to Pollack, dated June 12 but released here today, Novick wrote: "You state your concern for the need of a 'united Jewish community.' The very fact that you issued a public statement serves the opposite purpose. The Labor-Zionist Alliance should carefully review the intent of your statement and its implications, especially for the non-Jewish world as well as to Israel's antagonists in Washington and elsewhere." Novick added, "I am deeply disturbed that you felt it necessary to take your action at a time, as you clearly stated, is a 'sensitive period.' I pray that your action will not be misread by Israel's detractors at a time when the unity you professed was so vital, must be preserved."

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- Arab citizens who wish to go on the traditional pilgrimage to the holy places of Islam in Saudi Arabia, can again do so.

EGYPTIANS REPORT FINDING REMAINS OF 11 ISRAELI SOLDIERS IN SINAI

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, June 19 (JTA) -- Egyptian officials attending today's meeting of the joint Israeli-Egyptian military committee in Beersheba reported that the remains of 11 of the 23 Israeli soldiers listed as missing in action since the Yom Kippur War were found recently in the course of development work along the Suez Canal. Israel had requested permission to search for the MIAs.

As a result of the new information, the Israeli Army chaplaincy corps is expected to make arrangements immediately for the transfer of the remains for reburial in Israel. The transfer will be conducted with full military honors by Israel and Egypt at the El Arish checkpoint in Sinai.

Today's meeting was conducted in a friendly atmosphere. Gen. Dov Sion, the senior Israeli delegate, said the first stage of Israel's withdrawal from Sinai has been completed without a hitch, and the talks are now dealing with the second phase -- withdrawal from the oil strip in western Sinai on the Gulf of Suez. The 25 Egyptian journalists who accompanied the Egyptian delegation to Beersheba spent the day sightseeing. They visited Ben Gurion University and the Institute for Desert Research at Sedei Boker. They also visited the Research and Development Authority at the university where they were shown the results of studies in desert agriculture and industrial, commercial and architectural concepts.

Autonomy Agenda Talks

Meanwhile, Israeli and Egyptian officials met in Herzliya today to discuss the agenda for the next session of the autonomy talks between Israel, Egypt and the U.S. The talks are set to resume next week there.

Yahab Wahabeh, head of the political planning department of the Egyptian Foreign Ministry and Amr Moussa, head of the Foreign Ministry's United Nations desk met with Meir Rosenne, legal advisor to the Israeli Foreign Ministry and Gen. Abraham Tamir, head of the Defense Ministry's planning department. Rosenne was accompanied by his aide, Ruth Lapidot, who is his designated successor. Rosenne has been appointed Israel's next Ambassador to France.

The two Egyptians arrived at Ben Gurion Airport this morning in an Egyptian plane which flew the international air corridor -- over the Mediterranean -- rather than the shorter direct route between Cairo and Tel Aviv over Sinai. Although the new air corridor has been declared open, it has yet to be used by other than top level official travelers between the two countries. Wahabeh said on his arrival that the Americans will participate in the autonomy discussions as full partners. This is one of many issues on which the Egyptians and Israelis disagree.

WORK ON NEW SETTLEMENT BEGUN

JERUSALEM, June 19 (JTA) -- Initial work began yesterday for the establishment of Karnei Shomron Two, a new settlement in northern Samaria. Bulldozers began the ground work for a dirt road from the main road to a nearby hill, the site of the new settlement.

Karnei Shomron One, a previous settlement, already exists in the area, about a mile away from the new settlement. The plans call for an eventual linkage between the two settlements, which will become one urban center. A group of

Gush Emunim settlers is scheduled to move into the place as soon as the initial infrastructure work is completed in two months time.

(In Washington today, reports of the new settlement drew a strong reaction from the State Department. A Department spokesperson, Jill Shucker, said "We are seeking confirmation of the report" and "we would deeply regret it if the Israelis are moving to establish another settlement." Shucker reiterated the State Department's position expressed earlier with respect to Alon Moreh. The second settlement is "particularly damaging at this stage of the negotiations when we are attempting to build confidence" for success in the Egyptian-Israeli peace process," she said. She added that U.S. officials are "in touch" with Israelis "here and in Tel Aviv" about this new development.)

KEEPING KOSHER PRICES KOSHER

FALLSBURG, N.Y., June 19 (JTA) -- A "selected boycott" of the kosher food market was urged by Rabbi Bernard Rosenzweig, president of the Rabbinical Council of America yesterday. He denounced "the profiteering which exploits Jewish consumers" at the 43rd annual convention of Orthodox rabbis at the Pineview Hotel here.

"The prices of kosher foods, particularly prior to Jewish holidays, is unconscionable," he said. "The ensurement of kashrut in itself cannot account for such astronomical prices which reflects greed without conscience. Young couples struggle under the impact of such exploitation and undoubtedly as a result, find themselves unable to maintain their religious observance."

"I suggest," Rosenzweig added, "that organized Jewish communities undertake selected boycotts to force legislation of unjustifiably high prices. There is ample Talmudic precedence for such action. In the long run, such exorbitant pricing will drive marginal Jews away from kashrut and therefore, be most hurtful to the entire kashrut industry."

HEBRON POLITICAL RALLY BANNED

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, June 19 (JTA) -- The Military Government today banned a political rally by Arabs in Hebron but at the same time lifted some of the restrictions imposed over a month ago on the West Bank college town of Bir Zeit, north of Ramallah. Shops were allowed to reopen and telephone service was restored but Beir Zeit University, shut down by the Israeli authorities on May 2, remained closed.

Mayor Fahed Kawassme of Hebron said the rally was called as a demonstration of solidarity with the Arabs of Nablus in their protest against the new Gush Emunim settlement of Alon Moreh and as a protest by Hebronites against "the provocative behavior of the residents of Kiryat Arba." Kiryat Arba is a Jewish township established on the outskirts of Hebron populated by Orthodox Jews and is a stronghold of the Gush Emunim. Several Kiryat Arba women have been occupying the old Hadassah building in Hebron for the past month. The Military Government said it would not allow Rabbi Meir Kahane, leader of the Kach faction, to enter Hebron to visit the women.

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- Israel's Income Tax Commission has begun a crackdown on Israeli Arabs whose rate of tax evasion, it claims, is much higher than in the Jewish population. Dozens of tax collectors, escorted by teams of police, moved from village to village questioning Arabs suspected of non-payment of taxes. A number of private vehicles were confiscated. The operation, which is expected to continue through this week, encountered no difficulties so far, although one person was arrested after a scuffle.

ORTHODOX GROUP FORMS UNIT TO COMBAT INTERMARRIAGE ASSIMILATION

FALLSBURG, N.Y., June 19 (JTA) — The formation of a national commission on Jewish survival headed by prominent scholars, educators and rabbis to combat assimilation and intermarriage was announced yesterday by Rabbi Bernard Rosenzweig, president of the Rabbinical Council of America. Rabbi Rosenzweig made this announcement in addressing the 43rd annual convention of the Orthodox group at the Pineview Hotel here.

"Intermarriage has reached catastrophic levels," he said. "In many communities the rate exceeds 50 percent. If this trend is not reversed, the whole fabric of Jewish communal structure will suffer irreparable damage. The problem of intermarriage among our college youth is particularly severe and constitutes a serious threat to Jewish communities and to the survival of traditional Judaism."

The commission will be headed by Rabbi Gilbert Klapperman of Lawrence, N.Y., as chairman, and Rabbi Rafael Grossman of Memphis, Tennessee as co-chairman. "This commission," Rosenzweig indicated, "will be broad-based, and will welcome participation from other Jewish groups which are committed to Jewish survival as a primary goal."

The commission seeks to stimulate action within and outside the synagogue. The commission also plans a counselling service for college students and adults, and a seminar and lecture series.

Reform Rabbis Criticized

Rosenzweig also criticized those Reform rabbis who solemnize intermarriages. "We must not become tolerant of this cancerous growth which can only destroy Jewish ranks," he declared.

Rosenzweig also decried the recently announced campaign of Reform Judaism to actively seek converts from unaffiliated Christians. "This is an irresponsible and shocking endeavor which can only evoke the enmity of the Christian world toward Jews," he said. "It took several decades of interfaith contact to convince both Catholic and Protestant ranks to suspend their missionary efforts among Jews. We persuaded them that such acts offend us, deeply. Now for Reform Judaism to initiate a missionizing campaign among Christians is the height of indiscretion and is calculated to cause much harm. No one group in Jewish life has a right to take steps which can adversely affect the entire American Jewish community."

CJF APPROVES STUDY CHARTING PLANS FOR FEDERATIONS IN 1980s

DENVER, June 19 (JTA) — A three-year study charting the future of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds and their umbrella agency, the Council of Jewish Federations, for the 1980s was adopted at a special CJF General Assembly here by an overwhelming majority of the 300 delegates representing most of the 190 member Federations in the United States and Canada.

The community representatives adopted the final review report which emerged from three years of analyses and consultations involving more than 1500 community leaders in the United States and Canada. Morton L. Mandel of Cleveland, CJF President, said the review report examines every major aspect of the CJF philosophy,

operation and objectives and how the CJF can best meet the needs of its member Federations.

Review committee recommendations approved by the delegates covered the following areas: strengthening communities and Federations; United Jewish Appeal-CJF relations; priorities and planning; national and overseas Jewish agencies cooperation; governance of CJF; communications; human resources and staff organization; and budget. Mandel said periodic evaluations will be made of the implementation of the recommendations and results reported to the Federations.

Mandel said the review took account of the major changes taking place in Jewish life both here in North America and in Israel and overseas. The CJF has a responsibility to identify and anticipate change and to help communities cope with them as quickly and effectively as possible. He added that the review "recommends a number of specific revisions in the Council's services, procedures, structure, staffing and budget. All the recommendations are in the context of developing more cohesive and stronger Jewish communities."

Personnel Program Approved

The delegates also unanimously adopted the report of the CJF Personnel Task Force recommending a comprehensive personnel development program to meet the future professional staff needs of Federations. The delegates also changed CJF by-laws implementing key provisions of the review report providing for greater involvement of community representatives in the governance of CJF. The necessary budget changes also were approved by the delegates to permit implementation of the review recommendations to begin in September.

More than 140 communities were visited during the review process to obtain information, with Federation officers, executive committee members and staff professionals contributing their views.

The review committee which drafted the final document was headed by Raymond Epstein of Chicago, former CJF president. Forty lay and professional community leaders worked with him, as did a CJF professional consultant/staff team headed by Henry L. Zucker, vice president emeritus of the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland.

The CJF Personnel Study Task Force report was presented by Samuel J. Silberman of New York. He noted the three key Task Force recommendations:

Extension of the CJF Federation Executive Recruitment and Education Program (FEREP), which provides scholarship/loan assistance to outstanding young people to undertake careers in Federation fields; continuing professional education programs to advance the knowledge and skills of present Federation professionals; and an Alternate Track Program to train and recruit people for middle-management and executive positions in Federations.

Mandel said key provisions for the new by-laws adopted at the special General Assembly specify that community delegates to the CJF General Assembly be appointed at the beginning of each calendar year, and be involved in guiding CJF programs throughout the year; enlargement of the CJF Board of Directors to include leaders from more cities; and reorganization of CJF committees.

JERUSALEM (JTA) — David Stern, 68, was sworn in Monday as a Likud MK replacing Shmuel Rechtman, who resigned last week as a result of his conviction on bribery charges. Stern, a building constructor, is the brother of Avraham (Yael) Stern, the commander of Lehi, who was shot dead by the British in 1941, allegedly while attempting to escape from British soldiers.