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SOVIETS WILL BLOCK EXTENSION OF UNEF IN SINAI, JTA TOLD

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, June 28 (JTA) -- The mandate of the United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF) in the Sinai, serving as a buffer between Israeli and Egyptian forces, will not be renewed as a result of Soviet opposition, diplomatic sources at the United Nations told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. The mandate of the seven-nation force expires July 24.

According to the sources, the Soviets made it clear to the Americans and other members of the Security Council that they will oppose the new deployment of UNEF troops as called for by the peace treaty signed between Egypt and Israel with the aid of the United States. According to the agreement, the UN peace force would continue to serve as a buffer but over a much larger area as Israel withdraws its troops from the Sinai over the next three years.

"If the UNEF mandate comes up for renewal by the Security Council, the Soviets are certain to use their veto power," the sources said. Ac-

cording to the sources, two alternatives to replace UNEF are presently being discussed. One calls for the establishment of a new multinational force, as promised by the U.S., when the peace agreement was concluded in the event that UNEF is vetoed by the Russians. The other would keep the UN observers force in Sinai as a replacement for UNEF. That alternative is expected to be rejected by Egypt which opposes the Soviet observers on the force.

U.S. - ISRAEL EXCHANGING NOTES OVER LEBANON AIR BATTLE

By David Landau and Yitzhak Shargil

JERUSALEM, June 28 (JTA) -- Premier Menachem Begin and his aides were reportedly at work this morning drafting a formal written reply to an American note on the air battle between Israeli and Syrian jets over south Lebanon yesterday. The note was delivered to Begin personally by U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis late last night. Its contents were not disclosed but the assumption in political circles here is that it expressed the U.S. Administration's disquiet and concern over the aerial dogfight in which Israel employed, among other aircraft, highly sophisticated F-16 jets acquired from the U.S.

Israeli officials are believed to be especially concerned by the State Department's comment yesterday that Israel's use of American-made aircraft "has been of serious concern to us and to members of Congress." Observers here believe Israel will seek to persuade the U.S. that the air battle was part of a defensive operation inasmuch as it occurred when Syrian jets attempted to intervene against Israeli air strikes at terrorist strongholds in south Lebanon. Israel claims that its policy of hitting terrorist targets in Lebanon is an act of "self-defense" against terrorist assaults from Lebanon on Israeli civilians.

Begin's Office Issues Statement

The Prime Minister's Office issued a statement later today saying that "The Prime Minister

told the U.S. Ambassador that what Israel had done amounted to an act of legitimate self-defense." The statement said, "We did not want to fight the Syrian Air Force. But as the Syrian pilots said on television last night, they had received orders to shoot down Israeli aircraft. We cannot accept a decision like that." According to other sources, Begin told Lewis after reading the note handed him by the American envoy, that "we did not want that encounter" and that it was "the Syrian command that ordered it to interfere with Israel's legitimate action.... Israel is protecting its women and children." The nature of Israel's formal reply to Washington was not known.

It was learned that the American message was signed by Secretary of State Cyrus Vance. Lewis had some difficulty locating Begin. When told that the Premier was at graduation exercises at a school attended by his granddaughter, Lewis rushed to the school and met with the Premier in the headmaster's office. Meanwhile, Israeli artillery was in action again this morning against terrorist concentrations in south Lebanon after the terrorists fired Katyusha rockets into Upper Galilee. Settlers spent part of the day in bomb shelters. No casualties were reported.

ISRAELI AND U.S. JEWISH LEADERS REACH

NO CONCLUSIONS ON DROP-OUT ISSUE
By David Landau

JERUSALEM, June 28 (JTA) -- A meeting of top Israeli and diaspora Jewish leaders here last night failed to reach any conclusions on how to deal with the phenomenon of "neshira" (drop-outs), Jews who leave the Soviet Union and opt to settle in countries other than Israel. The meeting was chaired by Premier Menachem Begin and Leon Dulzin, chairman of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization Executives. Later, Max Fisher, chairman of the Jewish Agency Board of Governors, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that "a variety of approaches" to the problem were proposed. He said that his position, endorsed by the others at the meeting, was to avoid reaching any conclusions before a great deal more study has been made of the situation.

Accordingly, the diaspora Jewish leaders, most of them heads of major Jewish organizations, agreed to consider several proposals, confer among themselves, and consult again with the Israeli leadership next fall. Fisher told the JTA that there was a consensus on the need to reduce the rising rate of "neshira" which is now close to 70 percent and to encourage more Soviet Jewish immigrants to make their homes in Israel. "That would be good for them, good for Israel and good for the Jewish people," Fisher said.

One approach, proposed by Begin, which is under consideration, would have MIAS and the Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), the two American agencies assisting Soviet Jews who immigrate to Western countries, limit their aid to those emigrants who have close relatives in the West. Those who do not would be denied aid and would be expected to go to Israel. That idea was promptly endorsed by Dulzin. Deputy Premier Yigael Yadin said it would make "some contribution" toward reversing the drop-out trend.

Dulzin Position Not Accepted By U.S. Jews

Dulzin, who has frequently referred to the drop-out problem as a "calamity" for Israel, had said

earlier that he would press at this meeting for "drastic measures" to solve it. He said on a television interview last night that his own proposal was to deny assistance to all Soviet Jewish emigrants who did not go to Israel, but that was not acceptable to the American Jewish leaders. He said he was "neither disappointed nor happy" with the outcome of the meeting.

Dulzin said that if Begin's proposal was accepted it would reduce the drop-out rate. "But time is working against us," he warned, referring to the decision to wait until next fall for further talks. He implicitly criticized the government for not taking "a clear stand" earlier when the drop-out rate was lower and easier to deal with. He said he did not fear a clash with the American Jewish leadership if that was necessary to cut down "meshira."

A number of American Jewish leaders attending the Jewish Agency Assembly here this week made it clear in private conversations with the JTA that they would oppose measures to restrict the work of HIAS and the JDC on grounds that every Jew deserves the right of free choice as to where he wants to live. If he chooses to live in the U.S., the Jewish community there has a responsibility to offer him initial material assistance, they said. Several United Jewish Appeal leaders pointed out that the tradition of assistance was deeply imbedded in the American Jewish ethos. Nat Kameny, a prominent UJA and Federation leader from Bergen County, N.J., argued that Soviet Jews coming to the U.S. were no less entitled to help than the thousands of "yardim" — Jews who emigrate from Israel — who have been helped over the years to make homes in the U.S.

FOUR JEWS SENTENCED TO DEATH FOR 'ECONOMIC CRIMES' BY UKRAINIAN COURT

NEW YORK, June 28 (JTA) — The Supreme Court of the Ukraine has affirmed the death sentences of four Jews convicted last August of "economic crimes" following a year-long trial in Donetsk, according to information received by the National Conference on Soviet Jewry. Fifty co-defendants in the closed trial, all of whom are not Jewish, received lesser sentences, according to information available to the NCSJ.

The four men sentenced to death are Gavriel Sepiashvili, 39, from Sukhumi, who is married and the father of three children; Raphael Abzishvili, 48, from Tbilisi, married with three children; Elia Mikhashvili, 42, from Tbilisi, married with four children and a Baku man surnamed Abasov. Although the prosecutor had asked for sentences of 12 years for Sepiashvili, 15 for Abzishvili and 10 for Mikhashvili, they and Abasov received death sentences on August 28, 1978.

The decision of the Ukrainian Supreme Court can be upset only by the Supreme Court of the USSR. Failing that, a grant of clemency by Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev would be the only recourse.

JLC URGES ISRAELI GOVT. TO HALT NEW SETTLEMENTS

NEW YORK, June 28 (JTA) — The Jewish Labor Committee called on the government of Premier Menachem Begin today to halt the establishment of Jewish settlements in the occupied Arab territories because "new settlements at this time cannot be anything but inimical to Israel's security" and they have "thrown Israel's supporters into disarray."

The statement, released by Jacob Sheinkman, president of the JLC, noted that the organization "is strongly committed to a secure Israel, militarily able to defend its population against hostile neighbors so long as this need exists." It pointed out, however, that "it is the view of the majority in the Israeli Labor Party that such security is aided by the maintenance of a limited number of defense settlements in specific areas, distant from populated Arab communities."

The JLC observed that "While not evaluating defense settlements as such, it is clear that the creation of these settlements at this time has thrown Israel's supporters into disarray and serves no immediate defense purpose. The repeated assertions of the intention to populate the West Bank with settlements has played a major role in turning away the sympathies of liberal minded Americans who were among Israel's staunchest allies and has undermined our credibility in defending the policy of the Israeli government," the JLC said.

ZOA SPONSORS LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, June 28 (JTA) — The Zionist Organization of America is sponsoring a National Jewish Leadership Conference on American-Israeli Relations to be held in Miami Beach, Fla., October 24-28, under the chairmanship of Gordon B. Zacks of Columbus, Ohio. Ivan J. Novick, president of the ZOA announced today. Zacks is a national vice chairman of the United Jewish Appeal and a past chairman of the UJA's Young Leadership Cabinet. Novick said the conference would be an "opportunity to draw together concerned, responsible leaders of the academic, lay and professional communities" to "review and assess issues that affect American-Israel relations and relations between Israel and its Arab neighbors."

ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN MILITARY COMMITTEE MEETS

TEL AVIV, June 28 (JTA) — The joint Israeli-Egyptian Military Committee met in El Arish today to continue discussions on the second phase of Israel's withdrawal from western Sinai. The first phase was completed after El Arish was returned to Egyptian sovereignty on May 26. The Egyptians reportedly have asked for details of previous military positions and have inquired into the condition of the local population, mainly Bedouin tribes.

SECURITY COUNCIL TO MEET ON PALESTINIANS

UNITED NATIONS, June 28 (JTA) — The Security Council will meet tomorrow afternoon to discuss the Palestinian question. The meeting was requested by the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, which is composed of 23 countries, 19 of which do not have diplomatic relations with Israel. Israel, which has boycotted the Committee and all Security Council meetings called to discuss the Committee's reports, is considering whether to take part in the Council debate. Observers here said that by calling a Security Council meeting at this time the Arabs and their supporters wanted to inject the Palestinian issue into the Mideast agenda while Egypt and Israel are conducting negotiations on autonomy for the Palestinians. (By Yitzhak Rabi)

NEW YORK, June 28 (JTA) — A Soviet-Jewish student, Alexander Vilig, 21, has had his 18-month sentence for draft evasion reduced by six months, according to information received by the National Conference on Soviet Jewry. Vilig, from Volgograd, applied to emigrate last year and received his visa and draft notice at the same time.

CANADIAN JEWISH LEADERS CONFIDENT GOVT. WILL HONOR PROMISE TO MOVE EMBASSY

By Michael Solomon

OTTAWA, June 28 (JTA) -- Canadian Jewish leaders, obviously disappointed that Prime Minister Joe Clark has delayed his promised move of the Canadian Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem by the appointment of Robert Stanfield to study the issue, nevertheless expressed confidence today that the promise will be fulfilled.

Dr. W. Gunther Plaut, president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, said that Clark "has obviously attempted to defuse a very explosive situation because it is difficult to deal with foreign policy decisions in a crisis atmosphere. I have every reason to believe that Mr. Clark still expects to move the Embassy at the right time and to the right place." He added, however, that "this matter has become a question of Canadian independence. . . . Is Canada capable of conducting foreign policy in accordance with its own judgement or will it constantly make its decisions as a result of threats or blackmail?"

'Full Confidence' Govt. Will Honor Commitment

Harold Buckwald, of Winnipeg, national chairman of the Canada-Israel Committee, declared: "We are confident this does not represent a change of policy on the part of the government. Mr. Clark's commitment to move the Embassy has not changed." He said he thought that "Robert Stanfield's participation in establishing the facts and circumstances involved in the Embassy matter will provide a calming effect."

Thomas Hecht, vice president of the Canadian Zionist Federation, said "Our position in the Jerusalem matter is to study the full implications of the latest development while assuming that the Canadian government's position and commitment have not changed. In other words, we assume it is not a position of 'if, rather than of when and how.' We have full confidence that the government of Canada will act in a sovereign manner."

Sees Outside Interference

Ben Milner, president of the Herut Movement of Canada, said that "Canada has always shown its independence and always took the proper steps. . . . I feel that the government's latest action on Jerusalem is the result of outside interference with the Canadian government decision. In a way this is giving in to blackmail." Jeffrey Lyons, a Toronto Jewish lawyer and a friend of Clark, who accompanied him to Israel last January, said: "The Embassy policy started when we were in Israel and mainly was the result of a proposal made by the present Minister of Immigration Ron Atkey. I didn't think it would be this explosive. But it will come. The Embassy will be moved to Jerusalem as promised."

Lyons expressed disappointment with the Canadian Jewish community's reaction. He said he had been told the community was united and would support the commitment to move the Embassy. "But it didn't turn out that way," he said. "I was misled." He said some in the Jewish community, particularly in Toronto, were opposed to the Embassy move because of fear of anti-Jewish attitudes that would be provoked by the controversy.

LATE NEWS BULLETIN TUMOR REMOVED FROM DAYAN CANCEROUS BUT HAD NOT SPREAD, HIS DOCTOR REPORTS

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, June 28 (JTA) -- The tumor removed from Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan's intestines by surgery last Sunday was malignant but there are no indications of it having spread, his physician, Dr. Boleslaw Goldmann, director of the Tel Hashomer Hospital, reported tonight. Goldmann told a television interviewer that Dayan could be back at his job in three weeks and could continue to function normally. He would have to undergo regular tests for a period of time. If they proved satisfactory, he would be considered cured, Dr. Goldmann said.

The doctor, who was a member of the surgical team that operated on Dayan, gave the impression that the Foreign Minister stood a good chance of beating the dread disease by having caught it in time. But he acknowledged that "there is certainly a theoretical possibility" that it could recur. He said the tumor was removed from Dayan's large intestine together with a part of the intestine and some surrounding tissue.

During the operation, surrounding organs such as the liver were examined and found unaffected. The biopsy also showed that the surrounding tissue was unaffected. On the basis of those findings, Goldmann said, there were no indications of the malignancy having spread. He said Dayan was the first person to hear the results of the tests, at noon today, and that he reacted "as to a piece of information." Premier Menachem Begin visited Dayan this afternoon and TV cameras showed Dayan smiling in welcome although his voice sounded weak and hoarse.

PRESIDENTS CONFERENCE IN CONSENSUS ON ISRAEL ISSUES

NEW YORK, June 28 (JTA) -- The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations adopted a five-point consensus today following a four-hour policy meeting at which Theodore R. Mann, chairman, reported on the Presidents delegation which visited Israel earlier this month. While no agreement was reached on Alon Moreh, the controversial Gush Emunim settlement near Nablus on the West Bank, the Presidents Conference members did reach agreement that:

Jewish settlements in Judea, Samaria and Gaza are legal; there must be no second Palestinian/Arab state -- Jordan is already a Palestinian Arab state; Jerusalem is indivisible and must remain so under Israeli sovereignty as the eternal capital of the Jewish State; the United States should have no relations with the Palestine Liberation Organization. The Presidents Conference holds the conviction that Israel will carry out its commitments under the Camp David accords both in their letter and in their spirit.

Plans for a campaign to educate the Jewish and general communities on the Jerusalem issue were discussed in some detail and a kit of materials, compiled by the Presidents Conference, was distributed to the 32 affiliated national Jewish religious and secular organizations that make up the Conference.

GENEVA (JTA) -- The International Labor Organization (ILO) adjourned its annual conference here Wednesday without adopting an anti-Israel resolution as had been the case in most previous years. This was attributed by the Israeli Ambassador to the UN in Geneva, Yoel Barami, to a display in the Arab ranks.

ZIONISM IN ACTION ISRAEL'S NON-JEWISH FRIENDS

By Barbie Zelizer

JERUSALEM, June 28 (JTA) -- Why would 34,000 non-Jews from all over the world engage in extensive voluntary informational efforts to improve Israel's image abroad? According to the 46 participants of the Third International Conference of Friendship Leagues with Israel, held in Jerusalem in June, the answer is everything from a sincere admiration for the Israeli people to a belief that Israel's survival is vital to the interests of democratic nations everywhere.

The Israel Friendship League, 90 percent of whose members are not Jewish, is a non-profit organization established to enhance Israel's image abroad. In many cases, the offspring of the various committees for a Jewish Palestine which sprang up in Europe before 1948, League members in 34 countries today serve to "bridge the gap between nations," molding public opinion on issues of vital interest to Israel, holding cultural events and activities, and in general, generating increased support for Israel's legitimate right to exist. In one case, lessons were given in modern and classical Hebrew.

This year, League members decided to convene in Jerusalem "because they felt it would be more pertinent and inspiring for them to discuss Israel from Israel," explained Nachum Schutz, director of the World Zionist Organization's external relations department under whose auspices the conference was organized. "They also wanted to clarify their task following the signing of the peace treaty with Egypt and to receive updated reports on the most recent political, social and economic developments." In that connection, conference participants met during the six-day confederation with leading public officials, including President Yitzhak Navon, Deputy Premier Yigael Yadin, Foreign Ministry legal advisor Meir Rosenne, and others.

Non-Jews As Active As Jews For Israel

Schutz added that members of different League branches "are not a homogeneous group. But they are all highly aware of developments in Israel, most are very intelligent, and all are agreed on the principle of the secure existence of the State." They comprise an impressive professional cross-section which includes Parliament members, trade union leaders, academicians and others. "The involvement of these people in pro-Israel activities is no less than that of the Jews in their respective countries," Schutz said.

One fact emerged from Jewish Telegraphic Agency interviews conducted with the delegates: Israel can count many friends among the world's non-Jewish population, regardless of the official positions assumed by the various governments.

"The vast majority of my people are pro-Israel," said an Indian member of Parliament, Ram Jethmalani. "But governments have other methods of assessing national self-interests and because Israel is not an active election issue, the government feels free of any public pressure regarding it." Despite the fact that the Indian government has declined, so far, to establish full diplomatic relations with Israel, Jethmalani foresaw a gradual change in this issue. "Changes must be slow and imperceptible. Logically we should have a greater understanding of Israel's case because Israel is a democracy and India needs to align itself with other democracies. Also, the Jews have long been the victims of tyranny and suffer-

ing, and they need their own niche. I don't see any better place for it than in Israel," the MP said.

Jethmalani told the JTA that the activities of the League's 75 branches in India have somewhat diminished in recent years due to the Israeli government's "diminishing interest in India." He observed that "India is a democracy, and democracies often make wrong assessments, but that's no reason to lose faith, for sooner or later they correct themselves. It is better to have a democratic friend than a totalitarian enemy," he said.

British councillor Frank Gibson, chairman of the Anglo-Israel Friendship League of Finchley, explained the League's benefit in other terms: "My country helped set up this country (Israel) through the Balfour Declaration. But it took an American President to help realize the peace process. It is time that Britain became more closely involved in helping to solve the problems facing Israel." Gibson added that a fellow Finchley constituent, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, is honorary president and former chairman of the Friendship League.

SOVIET JEWRY GROUP WAS UNDER FBI SURVEILLANCE

*** NEW YORK, June 28 (JTA)** -- The Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry has been under surveillance by the FBI almost from the day it was founded 15 years ago, the SSSJ reported today. The organization, which has militantly pressed the cause of Soviet Jewry for emigration and civil rights but eschews violence, said it received a 100-page xeroxed copy of its FBI dossier six months after requesting it under the Freedom of Information Act.

"The file shows that FBI surveillance commenced May 1, 1964, four days after the SSSJ was founded when it ran its first demonstration, a protest at the Soviet UN Mission. Over the years, the SSSJ has been listed under 'nationalistic tendencies' and 'internal security,'" the SSSJ said.

It said that "Although there are several FBI references to the SSSJ as a peaceful movement, the FBI has periodically linked it in reports to the Jewish Defense League. The G-men seem to have gone even further astray when they inserted in the SSSJ file flyers distributed by a Ukrainian group at a demonstration at a Soviet performance in Seattle," the organization said.

According to the SSSJ, 41 pages of the dossier "have material blacked out and there are other references to pages completely deleted from the file or given to other agencies such as the State Department."

SHELI FACTION PLANS CONSOLIDATION

TEL AVIV, June 28 (JTA) -- The several components that make up the opposition Sheli faction have announced that they will merge into a single party and scheduled a convention for next September. Sheli MKs Uri Avneri and Meir Payil said the timing of the decision reflected their belief that the Likud government is losing the support of the public. Avneri predicted that many of the 200,000 voters who cast ballots for the Democratic Movement for Change (DMC) in the 1977 elections are disenchanted and will join Sheli. The DMC itself has split into two factions, the Democratic Movement, headed by Deputy Premier Yigael Yadin which has remained in the Begin coalition and Shai which is now in the opposition. Payil said that an enlarged Sheli faction would not join any coalition but would act as a watchdog even if a Labor government is returned to power. Avneri revealed, meanwhile, that Sheli is preparing an unofficial public trial of Agriculture Minister Arief Sharon, the Cabinet's most outspoken Hawk.