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STRAUSS RELAYS TO ISRAELI LEADERS U.S. POSITION ON AUTONOMY

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, July 2 (JTA) -- President Carter's special envoy Robert Strauss made clear to Israeli leaders at a series of meetings today the American position on key issues in the autonomy talks. It appeared that the U.S. agrees with Israel on some issues and is forcefully opposed to its position on others. Strauss met with Premier Menachem Begin this morning and later with Interior Minister Yosef Burg, chairman of the Israeli delegation to the autonomy negotiations with Egypt and the U.S. This evening he met with Burg and the entire Israeli negotiating team.

Although Strauss had said earlier that today's meetings were simply to "get acquainted," some substantive matters were discussed. He reportedly reiterated to the Israeli delegation Washington's strong opposition to Israel's settlements policy on the West Bank and Gaza Strip but agreed with Israel's view that at this stage of the autonomy talks it was premature to discuss a possible future solution for those territories after the five-year autonomy period.

The Americans seemed to share Israel's position that the talks, which resume in Alexandria Thursday, should deal with specifics such as the establishment of local administrative councils. Egypt has proposed that the agenda include a statement of "the aims and objectives" of autonomy.

Israel's view was backed by legal opinions compiled by Meir Rosenek, legal advisor to the Foreign Ministry, who argued that several points in the Egyptian proposal go beyond the terms of reference set out for the autonomy talks in the Camp David accords and in the joint letter signed by President Anwar Sadat and Premier Menachem Begin which accompanied the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty.

After this evening's meeting, Burg told reporters that his delegation had explained to Strauss why Israel could not accept Egypt's proposal for a declaration of principles. "We found the American delegation good listeners," Burg said. "They listened in order to learn. This does not mean that the day may not come when they will listen in order to teach," he added. Strauss said after the meeting that he now understood the differences between the parties but could not elaborate before he heard the Egyptian side. He flies to Cairo tomorrow and will head the American delegation to the talks in Alexandria Thursday.

Letter From Carter To Begin

This morning, Strauss brought a letter from President Carter to Begin. Its contents were not disclosed but the letter was described as "friendly" and Begin was reportedly pleased with it. Strauss said of his meeting with Begin, "I guess it was a rather philosophical talk than a talk with great specificity." He added, "I find it very useful and I trust he (Begin) finds the same."

Strauss met tonight with the leaders of various Knesset factions and members of its Foreign Affairs and Security Committee where he emphasized America's awareness of Israel's security needs in the implementation of the autonomy plan. "I want to assure you," he said, "that President

Carter may not see these needs eye-to-eye with you but he is more aware of them than anybody else I know," Strauss said.

He expressed regret over press reports about the differences between Israel and the U.S. on the autonomy issue. "Where there is so much mutual esteem and shared values, these differences shrink," Strauss said. He said a majority of American public opinion backs Israel unreservedly although there is a growing minority that supports the Egyptian position. Strauss quoted Carter as saying, when he assigned him to his mission, that "the peace in the Middle East is more important than my re-election."

The American envoy will hold a press conference tomorrow following a second meeting with Begin. He will be taken on a helicopter tour of Judea and Samaria for a view of the territories involved in the autonomy negotiations before leaving for Cairo in the afternoon. In addition to his diplomatic role, Strauss is Carter's special trade representative.

Discuss Economic Aspects Of Peace

In that capacity he met today with Minister of Commerce and Industry Gideon Patt and Arnon Gafni, Governor of the Bank of Israel, to discuss the economic aspects of the peace process. He said afterwards: "I am certainly aware of the fact that as political negotiations go on, there is also an economic side to this. . . . We should hold talks on the mutual problems we face today such as our problem of inflation and your problem of inflation."

Strauss said he wanted to determine what kind of contribution the U.S. could make to the Middle East apart from the supply of military hardware. "Gafni said he was optimistic about economic investments in the region as peace is achieved. "With the correct policy, we can see prospering economies with a high rate of industrialization," he said. "It will take years, but it is important to begin this process as soon as possible."

KISSINGER: U.S. ISRAEL MUST REACH UNDERSTANDING ON AUTONOMY

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, July 2 (JTA) -- Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger said here last night that Israel and the U.S. must reach an understanding on the meaning of autonomy on the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Lacking such an understanding, the negotiations over autonomy will be even more difficult than they need be, he warned.

Kissinger, who was given an honorary degree by the Hebrew University this afternoon, addressed a dinner at the Knesset. He said that once an overall agreement was reached between Israel and the U.S., both parties could live with tactical disagreements. "I am not saying this because I have a precise idea (on the meaning of autonomy and self-government), I say it only because if there is no precise idea, the process of negotiations may become more difficult than is otherwise necessary," he said.

Kissinger stated that he was amazed by the changes that have taken place in the region since he conducted his famous "shuttle diplomacy" that led to the disengagement agreements between Israel and Egypt and Israel and Syria in 1975. "Even more important than the terms of what has been achieved

is this growing confidence that has developed between at least one Arab nation and the State of Israel," Kissinger said.

He said the fact that the Egyptian-Israeli peace process occurred is "testimony to a great Arab leader (President Anwar Sadat) who willingly overcame the preconceptions of a generation but also, and in a deeper sense, to the courage of a great people (the Israelis) which had to make perhaps even more complicated choices," Kissinger observed that "History will pay tribute to a people who for 4000 years had little reason to trust its neighbors but which was ready to exchange its tangible security for intangible benefits of peace," was ready to trade physical possessions for hope."

The former Secretary of State warned, however, that peace must be well-founded. "No people knows better than the Jews that peace must be related to justice," he said. "Peace in itself becomes the blackmail of the powerful and the tool of the ruthless. Worthwhile peace depends on limits and on readiness to accept the legitimacy of the other party." He said that was the reason he never believed that a group that resorted to terror could be a partner to peace negotiations, a reference to the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Kissinger met with Premier Menachem Begin this morning and visited Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan at Tel-Hashomer Hospital where Dayan is recovering from recent surgery. Dayan, who had a malignant tumor removed on June 25, is expected to be discharged from the hospital tomorrow. Kissinger said he planned to visit him again at his home Thursday. Following his meeting with Begin, Kissinger said he was now able to answer any question regarding the autonomy talks placed to him in his forthcoming visit to Amman and Riyadh.

ISRAEL HALTS ARMS TO NICARAGUA

JERUSALEM July 2 (JTA) -- Deputy Defense Minister Mordechai Zipori acknowledged that Israel supplied arms to Nicaragua in the past but it does not do so any longer, in response to questions in the Knesset today. He noted that many other countries also supplied arms to Nicaragua but when things got complicated, "Israel made a point of ending its supply to the Somoza regime." He disclosed that a recent shipment of Israeli arms to Nicaragua was ordered back while en route to that country.

Meanwhile, a group here established today a committee to support the Sandinista guerrillas in Nicaragua in their battle against President Anastasio Somoza. The committee, formed by Sheli activists at Hebrew University, said they intend to send medical equipment to the Sandinista underground.

The committee also sent a cable of support for the Sandinistas, which was signed by Knesset members Yossi Sarid, Chaika Grossman, Moshe Amichay, all of the Labor Alignment; Meir Reviv and Uri Avneri of Sheli and Shulamit Aloni of the Civil Rights Movement.

SECURITY COUNCIL ADJOURNS MEETING

UNITED NATIONS July 2 (JTA) -- The Security Council, which met last Friday to discuss a report by the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, adjourned then without concluding the meeting and without setting a date for the resumption of the debate. The Council President, Oleg Troyanovsky of the Soviet Union, said members would be informed of the date for a meeting to resume consideration of the matter.

Israel told the Council on Friday that it will have "nothing to do with this debate," charging that the recommendations of the Committee are "a thinly disguised formula for the dismantling of Israel in stages." The Committee recommends Israeli withdrawal from all Arab territories and the establishment of a Palestinian state.

JANNER ELECTED PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF DEPUTIES OF BRITISH JEWS

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, July 2 (JTA) -- Anglo-Jewish leaders should not shrink from criticizing Israel when they disagree with its policies, but should initially try to air their views in private, Greville Janner, the new president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, said today.

Declaring himself a staunch Zionist, Janner, who will be 51 years old next week, the youngest president of the 219-year-old Board, pledged himself to strive for better relations between the Israeli and British governments. He said "it would be a disaster for the United Kingdom to fall out with Israel."

Janner was elected to the Board's presidency unopposed after serving six years as its senior vice president. He is a son of Lord Janner, another former Board president. A Labor MP, he represents Leicester West in the House of Commons, the same seat once held by his father. His Board presidency will last initially for three years and under the present constitution he can serve two consecutive terms of office.

Addressing an inaugural press conference today, he expressed concern at the tendency of certain British newspapers to hold Israel responsible for the higher oil prices set by Middle East oil producing countries. He said "We totally reject that view." The Board will continue to press the government to take a firmer line against the Arab boycott and to cease authenticating "negative certificates of origin" for goods exported to certain Arab countries, Janner said.

On the domestic scene, the Board will step up its fight against the "Hitlerite" National Front movement in close liaison with other minority groups since, Janner said, "The Jewish community, and the community in general, depends on the survival of democracy."

However, he expressed dissatisfaction with the Board's own public standing. As a result of "major failures in relations with the press," it has not even convinced members of the Jewish public that the Board was relevant to their daily lives, Janner said. He said he hoped to rectify this by creating a new press and public relations committee and a pool of lecturers for Jewish and non-Jewish audiences.

In his first presidential address over the weekend, Janner said that the Board would increasingly monitor legislation on its way through Parliament and sharpen our sensitivities "in the wider area of human rights." His other proposals for making the Board more effective include the establishment of Jewish citizens advice centers and the holding of regional conferences of Deputies.

NEW ISRAELI ENVOY TO PRETORIA

By Sally Press

JOHANNESBURG, July 2 (JTA) -- The appointment of Joseph Hérvellin as Israel's next Ambassador to South Africa, has been confirmed in Pretoria and Jerusalem. He will assume his new post in August, succeeding Yitzhak Unna. The 57-year-old diplomat-soldier most recently served as Israel's unofficial envoy to Iran, a task of extreme difficulty while

the anti-Israel revolutionary forces of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini were rampaging through the streets of Teheran. It has been learned, meanwhile, that South Africa and Iran have maintained their trade links despite the change of regime.

Hemeljin, born in Austria, was a farmer and a member of the Maccabi swimming club in Vienna before World War II. He escaped after the Nazi takeover and joined the Jewish Brigade which fought with the Allies during the war. Later, he served as a Captain in Israel's army in the War for Independence in 1948. His wife, Sarah, also served in the army and was the first woman to rise to the rank of Major.

In preparation for his duties in South Africa, Hemeljin is studying Afrikaans, one of the two official languages of the country. His predecessor's fluency in that language gained him great popularity with South Africans.

Before leaving South Africa, Unna, in an interview with the leading Afrikaans daily, Die Burger, said that an Israeli Ambassador here should not forget the Jewish people's "experiences in facing up to the problems of South Africa. Bear in mind the differences as well as the similarities" between Israel and South Africa, he said.

"Even while being critical, remember that you are a guest in a foreign land," Unna said he would advise future Israeli Ambassadors. "Be well versed in South Africa's sociological and historical development, and get a feel for its contemporary literary trends. It helps greatly, not least when sounding critical of the country's leading echelons, to speak Afrikaans."

While Unna acknowledged a fresh movement for change in the new government of Premier Piet Botha, he criticized what he termed the inept methods of checking the identification papers of Blacks by government officials. "I do feel that I am my brother's keeper," he said.

MILITARY GOVERNMENT DECIDES TO REOPEN BIR ZEIT UNIVERSITY

By Gil Sedan

JERBIR ZEIT, West Bank, July 2 (JTA) -- The Military Government on the West Bank, in a surprise reversal of policy, will allow the Bir Zeit University here to reopen. The Arab school was closed after students participated in anti-Israel demonstrations last May 2, Israel's Independence Day. The Military Government informed the administration over the weekend, however, that it would now consider the "reopening of the university in an affirmative mood."

The change came on the direct orders of Defense Minister Ezer Weizman who, only a few weeks ago had described Bir Zeit University as the "spearhead of hostile activities," a charge denied by the administration. Weizman met with Dr. Gal Baramki, vice president of the university, last Friday.

The meeting, described as very friendly, presumably led to Weizman's decision to lift the ban on condition that the university sticks to "studies alone" and refrains from political activities. According to Baramki, "We have always done" that. The academic year has ended meanwhile and classes are not expected to resume until the fall.

The Bir Zeit faculty received the news of the reopening joyfully. In an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Baramki praised the Military Government. He said its decision was not an indication of weakness but rather an expression of courage since it reversed an earlier decision to keep the school closed indefinitely.

In another development, the Military Govern-

ment apparently is not about to take legal measures against Arabs who participated in demonstrations in Nablus two weeks ago protesting the new Gush Emunim settlement of Elon Moreh. The participants included the mayors of Nablus and other West Bank towns. Files were opened on many of them but so far no one has been brought to trial and there were hints today that the matter would be shelved. No official reason was given for the relaxation.

TERRORIST ACTIVITIES CURBED BY ISRAELI AIR STRIKES

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, July 2 (JTA) -- Gen. Yehoshua Saguy, Chief of Military Intelligence, said today that Israel has evidence that its air strikes against terrorist targets in south Lebanon aborted at least 80 percent of planned terrorist activities against Israel in recent weeks. He said that groups of terrorists, trained and equipped with weapons, had been given the green light for assaults against Israel. But their departure was forestalled.

Referring to last week's air battle between Israeli and Syrian jets when the latter attempted to interfere with an Israeli attack on terrorist strongholds, Saguy noted that Syrian forces are deployed along a line from Zaharani on the Mediterranean coast to Kfar-Mashki in the east. The last Israeli action was some 10 kilometers south of Zaharani. He said that if the Syrians do not seek another encounter there will be none but if they try to interfere with Israeli activity or move south from their present positions north of the Litani River, there is a very great possibility of more encounters.

According to Saguy, Israel has no confirmation of reports that the Syrians have brought SAM-6 anti-aircraft missile batteries into Lebanon. On the other hand, the SAM-7 or "Strella" type shoulder-launched missiles are to be found everywhere in south Lebanon and are used by terrorists, he said.

It was learned, meanwhile, that the scheduled visit to Moscow by President Hafez Assad of Syria has been postponed, probably because of the internal troubles in Syria. Assad is believed to be seeking Soviet support or at least approval of the Iraqi-Syrian political union.

Saguy spoke of possible clashes on Israel's eastern front where, he said, Jordan would have to be a dominant component of any Arab force. But so far Jordan has not decided whether to join with the Syrians and Iraqis. Iraq constitutes the most serious potential danger, he said, as it is the only Arab country that has doubled the size of its army since the Yom Kippur War.

Saguy said that Iraq which had six divisions in 1973 now has 14 divisions and can easily send six divisions as an expeditionary force to the Israeli front. Saguy said the change of regime in Iran made such a move easier for Iraq inasmuch as the Islamic authorities in Teheran would give their blessing to any act against Israel.

Referring to Saudi Arabia, the intelligence chief said it was ominous that the Saudis still position the bulk of their armored corps at Tabuk, only 150 kilometers from Israel, when logically, it should be stationed near the border with South Yemen.

MONTREAL (JTA) -- An Egyptian student has been accepted by the Hebrew University in Jerusalem for the first time since the establishment of the State of Israel 31 years ago, the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University reported here. He is Kamal Abdel-Malek, a 26-year-old native of Alexandria, who has been in Canada for the past two years studying at a Montreal university.

REQUEST TRIAL FOR NAZI CRIMINAL

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, July 2 (JTA) -- Brazil's new Ambassador to Washington, Antonio Azeredo da Silveira, was reported last Friday to have agreed that the government of Brazil could find means to help put on trial the alleged Nazi criminal, Gustav Wagner, who is at present protected by Brazilian law from extradition.

The ambassador, who assumed his duties here two weeks ago, was urged by three Americans, who visited with him for an hour, that Brazil could declare Wagner persona non grata and he would then have to leave Brazil for a country that possibly would not have the extradition restriction Brazil has. When the Jewish Telegraphic Agency inquired at the Brazilian Embassy for a statement on the visit and its results, a spokesman said he had no knowledge of them and said he would have no comment.

The Brazilian Supreme Court has ruled that under its 25-year limitation statute, Brazil cannot extradite Wagner to Austria for trial there. In their meeting with the ambassador, Rep. Robert Dornan (R., Calif.) and Rabbis Marvin Hier and Abraham Cooper of the Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies at Yeshiva University of Los Angeles, observed the court's decision was on juridical and not on moral terms.

The ambassador, Hier said later, was "very sympathetic" to the request from Dornan and the rabbis to provide them with a copy of the court decision denying extradition and conveying the suggestion for the persona non grata action to his government. The ambassador said, Hier observed, that Brazilian public opinion is very much opposed to Wagner and considers his stay in Brazil "a stain on the flag of Brazil in the community of nations."

Dornan and the rabbis visited the Brazilian Embassy after a news conference at the Capitol at which they and other Congressmen urged mobilization of public opinion to have the government of Paraguay help locate Josef Mengele, called the "world's most wanted Nazi criminal," believed to be in Paraguay. West Germany is prepared to put him on trial for his alleged atrocities at Auschwitz against 200,000 children and as many adults.

LEVESQUE DENIES QUEBEC SEEKS RECOGNITION BY ARABS

By Michael Solomon

MONTREAL, July 2 (JTA) -- Premier Rene Levesque of Quebec has disavowed any intention of seeking some form of diplomatic recognition for his province by the Arab states in the event they offered it to retaliate for the Ottawa government's promise to move its embassy to Jerusalem.

Replying to questions at a press conference several days ago, Levesque said: "There could be no question of Quebec accepting such recognition should the Arabs offer it to protest Canada's recent decision to move its Israeli Embassy to Jerusalem from Tel Aviv." He said the idea of Quebec being recognized as a "sovereign state" by the Arab world is a "balloon blown up out of proportion."

Levesque said the province is eager to open an office somewhere in the Middle East to handle commercial, cultural and immigration exchanges but emphasized that it cannot yet seek recognition as an independent state. "Right now, Quebec is part of Canada and therefore we would need authorized permission just to open a delegation in the Middle East," he said.

There will be no Bulletin dated July 4 due to Independence Day, a postal holiday.

BETTER POLICE PROTECTION PROMPTED BY ANTI-SEMITIC RAMPAGE

NEW YORK, July 2 (JTA) -- An official of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has called for improved police protection for Forest Hills, Queens, residents after a dozen baseball bat-wielding teenagers rampaged through the Rabbinical Seminary of America in Forest Hills last week, attacking Rabbi Abraham Ginzberg, executive director of the seminary, and students, and ripped religious books and smashed windows. One student was hospitalized with a broken nose and eight others suffered lesser injuries.

According to police, the half-hour rampage appeared to be a spontaneous outburst. A police department spokesman said the seminary, which is in a middle class neighborhood with a substantial Jewish population, had been the scene of several incidents of a similar nature over the last 10 years.

"We deplore the attack on Rabbi Abraham Ginzberg and the yeshiva students of the Rabbinical Seminary of America," said Howard Weinstein, director of ADL's New York regional office.

Weinstein, citing the incident and noting also the anti-Semitic graffiti painted in the P.S. 144 schoolyard across from the seminary, urged that a meeting be convened of community, religious and educational leaders, with police officials present, to work out plans to cope with growing area tensions. He offered to provide staff and resources to the community to implement community action.

The ADL official also called for the creation of a committee on youth, under the supervision of the local Community Planning Board. The committee could be modeled after one created by the Howard Beach, Queens, Community Planning Board which meets every two weeks with teenagers and adults to talk out problems, he said. Weinstein added that he has been informed by Irving Luboff, president of the Queens Council of B'nai B'rith and Nathan Nagler, ADL commissioner for Queens, that the ADL council of Queens B'nai B'rith will donate \$250 toward cost of repairs of the estimated \$5000 damage to the seminary.

ENCYCLICAL CONDEMNS ANTI-SEMITISM

FORT WAYNE, Ind., July 2 (JTA) -- Meeting here last week at the 16th annual Conference of the Bulgarian Diocese in the United States and Canada, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Kyrill, Prelate of the Bulgarian Diocese of the Orthodox Church in America, issued an Encyclical condemning anti-Semitism as "contrary to our Christian philosophy and as such violates the will of God."

The Encyclical further declared that the "Holocaust ... should not be forgotten but rather should be taught in Christian and Jewish settings as a never ending reminder of what man has done against man and God." The Very Rev. George Nedelkoff, Chancellor of the Diocese, was co-signatory to the document.

The Bishop urged clergy and lay representatives from all the 10 parishes in the Diocese to "reach out to our Jewish brothers and sisters ... to create a relationship of mutual respect, understanding and cooperation," and reaffirmed the belief that "only through example of deeds can we remove the cancer of anti-Semitism from the heart of man."

The Encyclical was presented to representatives of the Fort Wayne Jewish Federation. In acceptance Ben Eisbirt, executive director of the Federation, called the event "a meaningful and significant chapter in the continuing development of inter-religious understanding."