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## **SPECIAL TO THE JTA IDEAS BEING PRESENTED TO CARTER TO JETTISON COMMITMENTS TO ISRAEL, APPEASE OIL PRODUCERS**

Most Administration Officials Reject Ideas  
By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, July 9 (JTA) -- Among ideas presented to President Carter, wrestling at Camp David with the twin problems of rising inflation and decreasing energy supplies, is one that calls for the U.S. to jettison commitments to Israel and appease oil producers as the means to solve both problems.

In addition, it is being suggested to the President to strike an economic-political deal with "moderate" Arab states. Another idea is to use military force to seize the oilfields of major producers, including Saudi Arabia if the necessity for increased oil arises.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency was informed today that such suggestions are being rejected by "most Administration officials" as "risky or unworkable" as Carter meets with economic and political leaders at a "domestic summit" in his retreat in the Maryland mountains.

Those suggesting such ideas are not being identified, at least for the time being, but the fact that they are being discussed both inside and outside White House circles indicates the gravity of the U.S. situation.

According to reliable sources, Administration officials are saying it would be "politically unthinkable" for the President to break commitments to Israel in return for a "guarantee" from Arab states even for a steady oil supply at stabilized oil prices.

Besides, opponents note, such a guarantee would not be fool proof and the value of Israel to the U.S. as its only reliable ally in the Middle East would be lost. Use of military force, it is said, might bring destruction of the oilfields. Withholding of U.S. food and technology, it is contended, would not be effective as the Arab oil producers could obtain them from other countries.

### **See Accommodation With Oil Producers**

Meanwhile, European governments appear to be moving toward an accommodation with Arab oil producers to help preserve their own oil supplies. This is reflected, it is noted, in the attack by the European Economic Community on Israel's settlements on the West Bank and views expressed in sections of the European media that "moderates" among Arab leaders are handicapped by U.S. political initiatives for peace in the Middle East through Egypt and Israel.

According to some views here, a curious paradox has also developed among Arab states. While "moderates" like Saudi Arabia have cut their output, "hardliners" like Iraq have held steady. Saudi Arabia has now promised to increase production by 1 million barrels a day, from 8.5 million to 9.5 million, but reportedly at a political price that entails increased U.S. pressure on Israel. However, another report has Iraq, Libya and Kuwait reducing their output to influence U.S. commitments to Israel. Last week, the Carter Administration denied a reported U.S.-Saudi

Arabian arrangement tying increase oil production in return for American pressures in favor of the Palestinian Arabs. The denial was reiterated today by White House spokesman Rex Wadman.

Meanwhile, the U.S. moved toward support of Egypt by preparing to provide planes and missiles to help modernize its armed forces. The Pentagon has informed Congress the sale of \$594 million in weapons, includes 35 F-4E Phantom fighter-bombers, 500 Maverick air-to-surface missiles and 420 Sidewinder and Sparrow air-to-air missiles. The equipment will not be supplied by the manufacturers but will come out of U.S. Air Force arsenals.

## **NEO-NAZI GROUP CLAIMS RESPONSIBILITY FOR BOMBING KLARSFELD'S CAR**

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, July 9 (JTA) -- A neo-Nazi group calling itself "Odessa" claimed today that it had bombed last Friday the car of Nazi-hunter Serge Klarsfeld and also threatened Klarsfeld's life. An anonymous letter received by the French newsagency, Agence France Presse, warned that unless "The Jews stop persecuting our comrades we shall have to envisage an extreme solution" for Klarsfeld.

Klarsfeld and his wife, Beate, have been active for years in tracking down wanted Nazi war criminals and have campaigned vigorously for elimination of the statute of limitations on the prosecution of Nazi war criminals in West Germany. The statute was abolished by a majority vote of the Bundestag last Tuesday. The Bundesrat acted similarly last Friday. (See P.4.)

Klarsfeld said the bomb, which wrecked his car in an underground garage of the building where he lives, was probably "retaliation" for his activities against the statute of limitations. He and his wife have since left their flat and are staying at an undisclosed address under police protection. "Odessa" was the code name of a secret organization that smuggled wanted Nazi war criminals out of Europe in the immediate post-war years. The group that adopted that name here is unknown to police.

## **SPECIAL TO THE JTA CEAUSESCU SAYS ROMANIA'S JEWS ABLE TO LEAVE FOR FAMILY REUNION**

NEW YORK, July 9 (JTA) -- President Nicolae Ceausescu of Rumania assured Donald M. Robinson, president of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, that any Jew wishing to leave Rumania for family reunion in Israel or any other country would be able to do so, it was reported here today.

The Rumanian leader made the statement during an audience last Friday morning with Robinson, Ralph I. Goldman, JDC executive vice president, and Chief Rabbi Moses Rosen, president of the Federation of Jewish Communities of Rumania. Stefan Andrei, Rumanian Foreign Minister, was also present.

The JDC leaders were in Bucharest for the dedication of the new Olteniei Home for the Aged, a 220-bed facility, and also nursing cases. The home was named The Amalia and Rabbi Moses Rosen Home in honor of the Chief Rabbi's 40 years of service and leadership to the community. Amalia is the rabbi's wife.

Calling the meeting "historic," Robinson said "It was the first time a President of an East European

country met with the president of the Joint Distribution Committee for a face-to-face talk on the condition of the Jewish Community and the work of the JDC in that country." The JDC, Robinson said, "spends close to \$3.5 million for a variety of social assistance programs aiding over 10,000 of the 40,000 Jews estimated to reside in Rumania."

Ceausescu was very much interested in the "most favored nation" status for his country, Robinson said. He assured Ceausescu that he would present his personal feelings to leaders of the American Jewish community that it should be continued.

#### JEWISH LEADERS URGE MFN BE CONTINUED FOR RUMANIA

WASHINGTON, July 9 (JTA) -- The leaders of 38 Jewish organizations today recommended that the United States continue granting most-favored-nation trade status to Rumania.

In written testimony presented to the House Ways and Means subcommittee on trade, Jack Spitzer, president of B'nai B'rith International and representing the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, said that although the leaders were concerned about the steady decrease in Jewish emigration from Rumania since 1975, they were giving "an unqualified endorsement" of the extension of MFN to the East European nation. Hearings on MFN for Rumania are due to start July 19.

Spitzer explained in a cover letter to subcommittee chairman Rep. Charles A. Vanik (D-Ohio) that the endorsement was made "on the strength of understandings between the Conference of Presidents and the Rumanian government" which may resolve the problem of Jewish emigration "once and for all."

Rumania was granted most-favored-nation status four years ago by Congress in anticipation that emigration from Rumania would become freer. "It was given with the advice of the State Department to let Rumania's actual performance on emigration substitute for the formal assurances called for" in the Trade Reform Act, Spitzer said.

"Regrettably, Jewish emigration to Israel has gone from 3700 in 1974 -- the last full year before MFN -- to 2400 in 1975, 2200 in 1976, 1500 in 1977 and 1200 in 1978. Emigration thus far this year is running at approximately half of last year's rate," Spitzer said. Rumania's explanations for this decrease "have not fully resolved our questions."

The B'nai B'rith president pointed out that the Jewish emigration issue has been "the single exception to an otherwise positive picture of Rumanian policy toward both Jews and the State of Israel." He pointed out that the Rumanian Jewish community "enjoys considerable religious, cultural and communal freedoms, and Rumanian foreign policy, particularly with respect to the Middle East, has been a courageously independent one."

Not only is Rumania alone among the Eastern Bloc countries in maintaining "friendly and productive relations" with Israel but Rumania's President (Nicolae) Ceausescu "was a major catalyst behind the Israeli-Egyptian peace process." Nevertheless, Spitzer said, because of the emigration experience, the Conference of Presidents had been reluctant to recommend another extension of MFN.

"Happily, however, recent developments have given us substantial reason to make a positive recommendation," Spitzer explained. "We have received concrete assurances from the Ru-

manian government -- assurances which have been shared with, and endorsed by, the Department of State -- that, in the spirit of the Jackson-Vanik Amendment, will hopefully remove remaining impediments to the freedom of Jews to emigrate.... It is on this basis that we can now give our endorsement to renewal of most-favored-nation status for Rumania."

#### ISRAEL BLASTS TERRORIST CELL

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, July 9 (JTA) -- An Israeli army force entered the Lebanese village of Khabra last night and demolished two buildings said to have housed a terrorist cell. A military spokesman described the operation as a preventive act within the framework of Israel's declared policy of striking terrorists before they can strike Israel. He said the two buildings were evacuated before they were blown up.

It was the second such act in 24 hours. On Saturday night, two houses were blown up in another Lebanese village after women and children were evacuated. The spokesman said Israel would continue its deterrent action against Arab terrorists. Last night's entry into Lebanon followed a clash between an Israeli patrol and terrorists in the Har Dov area yesterday in which three terrorists were killed.

Israel has expressed anxiety over increased terrorist activity in the area of south Lebanon under control of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL). The terrorists who were intercepted had crossed territory patrolled by the Norwegian UNIFIL contingent without being detected.

#### U.S. HAS NO COMMENT ON KREISKY-ARAFAT MEETING

By Joseph Palakoff

WASHINGTON, July 9 (JTA) -- The meeting in Vienna over the weekend between Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky and Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasser Arafat was dismissed with a terse "no comment" by the State Department today. Department spokesman Hodgding Carter said he had "no idea" as to whether the U.S. knew in advance that Arafat would be meeting with Kreisky, a vice president of the Socialist International. Before saying "no comment," he referred to the subject as the "Austrian question."

An authoritative Middle East specialist at the State Department, asked by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency why the Department did not condemn the meeting for giving legitimacy to Arafat, replied, "We did not want to be rude to Kreisky. With respect to Arafat, our views have not changed. Don't worry, we're steadfast." The specialist interjected a question of his own, "Do you think there can be peace without Arafat?" When told, of course, with non-PLO Palestinians, he snorted, "Bah."

A Congressional source told the JTA that the Arafat-Kreisky meeting was "terrible because it gives Arafat respectability." He said Arafat's appearance in Vienna with a Socialist International leader "is not only undeserved but it is dangerous. This further alienates Israel from the Europeans and makes it more difficult to reach a Middle East settlement." Asked why he thought the State Department had "no comment," the source said "The real reason is that the Arabists there don't want to offend Arafat."

Similar criticism was expressed by another knowledgeable Congressional source who said the Kreisky-Arafat meeting was "a major legitimization of the PLO." He said that "if indeed the U.S. policy has not changed toward the PLO, U.S. silence on the meeting itself therefore gives legitimacy to the PLO."

Meanwhile, a Western diplomat, while highly critical of the U.S. silence on the Vienna meeting as helping Arafat gain legitimacy, noted to the JTA that "on the other hand, the U.S. is very strongly opposed to the admission of the PLO into the International Monetary Fund with observer status." This was a reference to reports that the PLO has applied for observer status at the September meeting of the Fund.

#### 80 KNESSETERS CONDEMN VIENNA CONFAB

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, July 9 (JTA) -- More than two-thirds of the Knesset membership joined today in a condemnation of the "invitation and official recognition" accorded by Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky to Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat in Vienna over the weekend.

Coalition and major opposition parties united in supporting a motion, read by coalition chairman Yehuda Ben-Meir after a brief debate, which "asserted that the PLO's aim is the annihilation of Israel and its method is premeditated murder." The motion condemned the Kreisky-Arafat encounter.

Leading off the debate, Premier Menachem Begin cited parts of the PLO's "Palestine Covenant," which he referred to as "a second Mein Kampf." He recalled PLO acts of murder from Maalot and Kiryat Shmona through the Munich massacre. He said it was "a sad day for the Jewish people" when leaders like Kreisky and Willy Brandt, leader of West Germany's Social Democratic Party, welcomed the PLO chief.

"We Jews, the sons and builders of Eretz Israel, are free of all complexes," Begin said in an obvious reference to Kreisky, who many Israeli observers feel has a complex about his Jewish origins. "We will continue in our path and will overcome both the Nazi Arafat and those who serve him -- whatever their origins."

He said Brandt, who is president of the Socialist International, would have to fall on his knees once again (as he did at the Warsaw Ghetto memorial when he visited Poland as Chancellor of West Germany) and ask forgiveness of history were Arafat to triumph.

#### Labor Party To Lodge Protest

Labor Party chairman Shimon Peres, who spoke for his party and some smaller opposition factions, said the weekend meeting had caused him "surprise, shock and grief." He pledged that the Labor Party would lodge a very firm protest at future sessions of the Socialist International over this action by Brandt and Kreisky.

"Whatever differences exist in this house," said Peres, "we unite to face a common danger. And we unite in treating a murderous group as a murderous group." Peres said he favored dialogue with Palestinians but this was a far cry from "surrender to terror." Earlier today Peres announced that his personal emissary left for West Germany to lodge a protest with Brandt.

Communist Party leader Meir Wilner told the Knesset there could be peace with the PLO on a basis of mutual recognition. Sheli's Uri Avneri said he had spoken earlier in the day to Kreisky who told him that Arafat would be prepared for a solution involving a Palestinian state on the West Bank and Gaza, meaning he would forego the aim to take over the whole of Palestine.

In the vote, three Communist members and two of Sheli opposed the consensus motion. Three Mapam members -- Chaike Grossman, Meir Talmi and Natfali Feder -- abstained. Nevertheless,

Mapam expressed strong criticism of the Vienna meeting, a meeting which Mapam felt will encourage Arafat and the PLO to continue their terrorist struggle against Israeli citizens. During the Knesset discussion, Laborite Yossi Sarid left the chamber.

Kreisky meanwhile, told an Israel Radio interviewer by telephone today that he had found Arafat to be "very realistic, with a very realistic approach."

Kreisky said he personally was convinced that "Arafat and his people want a peaceful solution." They sought, Kreisky said, an expression of identity for the Palestinian people "and the territorial basis for this identity should be the West Bank and Gaza." (It was not clear whether in this key phrase, Kreisky, was expressing his own opinion or reflecting Arafat's.)

Kreisky added that Arafat was ready for a solution "within the framework of the UN Charter." He did not elaborate on this. He added: "I personally believe Arafat would recognize Israel...." -- on the condition of Israel's recognizing the Palestinian's right of self-determination.

Asked if Arafat still sought the eventual removal of Israel, Kreisky said the PLO leader was a realist and knew that "Israel has a strong position in this part of the world."

Meanwhile, Nahum Goldmann, former president of the World Jewish Congress, said on a radio interview here from his home in Switzerland that he knew in advance that Kreisky and Brandt would meet Arafat. He said he learned this from Kreisky who telephoned him in Paris several days ago. Goldmann said he did not favor the idea of informing the Israeli Ambassador in Vienna. The Ambassador, Yaacov Doran, was called home for consultations today, a diplomatic means of displaying displeasure. It was reported today that Israel may postpone sending its new envoy to Austria, Ambassador-designate Yissachar Ben Yaacov, who was to have presented his credentials in Vienna in 10 days.

#### BEGIN TO EGYPT

JERUSALEM, July 9 (JTA) -- Premier Menachem Begin leaves for Alexandria tomorrow morning for a relatively lengthy summit visit with President Anwar Sadat. The Premier and his aides will spend three days and two nights in the Mediterranean resort, and two open ended meetings between Begin and Sadat have been scheduled. Officials in Jerusalem said the Egyptian hosts pressed for a relaxed and unhurried program, and extended the originally-planned one-day visit to this longer and more sociable itinerary.

Begin is to conduct afternoon services at the Alexandria synagogue and he will be the dinner guest of Premier Mustapha Khalil tomorrow night. The Egyptians have also arranged a tour of the city. Sources close to Begin term this meeting "the first really genuine summit" between the two leaders inasmuch as it is not related to any specific issue in the peace process as previous meetings have been.

NEW YORK (JTA) -- Two Soviet Jews will begin a three-year crash course in rabbinical studies at Yeshiva University in September. Rabbi Arthur Schneier, president of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation, which is sponsoring and underwriting the Soviet-approved study, announced in Moscow Sunday that Boris Gramm, a graduate of Rostov University, and Isaac Fuchs, a graduate of Kiev Technical have been chosen for the program. Schneier, who is also rabbi of the Park East Synagogue, told a Western reporter, "This is the first time, to my knowledge, that rabbinical students will be trained in the United States for service to Jewish communities in the Soviet Union."

# SPECIAL INTERVIEW GETTING TO KNOW ISRAEL

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, July 9 (JTA) -- The arrival of a group of 38 Russian youngsters, children of Soviet Jewish "noshrim" -- dropouts -- now residing in the U.S., in Israel this weekend is the result of an idea conceived a few months ago when Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson, chairman of the World Zionist Organization-American Section, met with Soviet Jews in Vienna. "I was amazed to see how little they knew about Israel and the reality of life in the Jewish State," Mrs. Jacobson recalled today during an interview in her office at the WZO headquarters here.

She said she discussed her idea later on with Leon Dulzin, chairman of the Jewish Agency and the WZO Executives, and the idea then started to shape up and was carried out by the American Zionist Youth Foundation (AZYF).

The project, which is named "Hope," is a six-week visit to Israel designed to show the children of "noshrim" the realities of Israel, including the successful absorption of Soviet Jews who came to settle in the country after they left the Soviet Union.

"We tried to make it clear to members of the group that their visit in Israel will not be a vacation but a mission," Mrs. Jacobson said. The youngsters, high school students from all over the U.S., ranging in ages from 15 to 18, were told, Mrs. Jacobson continued, that when they return back from their visit, "you have an obligation to tell people here and to write your friends and families in the Soviet Union about life in Israel."

According to Mrs. Jacobson, about 200 Soviet Jewish students across the country applied to the AZYF to enroll in the program, and 38 were selected.

## Experiment In Education

The group comprises 10 students from New York, 8 from Philadelphia, 6 from Boston, 5 from Chicago, 5 from San Francisco, 3 from Los Angeles and 1 from Denver. Each student paid \$200 toward the cost of the trip and the remainder of the \$1000 expense was subsidized by the AZYF, Mrs. Jacobson said.

During their visit, members of the group will meet with Israeli officials, visit Israeli universities and farms, meet with Israeli youth, tour the country and hear the personal stories of Soviet Jewish immigrants who are now citizens of the Jewish State. Each youngster will have a "foster family" -- Soviet olim -- during their stay.

Mrs. Jacobson, noting that the program is a costly one, said that it is an "experiment." We will know whether it is an important tool of educating Russian youth about Israel "only when the mission is completed," she said. Noting the "terrible image" of Israel the Soviet Union is presenting its citizens and the almost total lack of any accurate information about Israel for Soviet Jews, Mrs. Jacobson said she hoped the new program "will help overcome" the lack of knowledge among many Soviet Jews about Israel.

## PROGRAM TO ADOPT 'BOAT PEOPLE'

By Lauren Deutsch

LOS ANGELES, July 9 (JTA) -- Forty-five Indochinese families, some 200 "boat people" refugees, are seeking adoption by Southern California synagogues in an effort coordinated by the Jewish Federation-Council of Greater Los Angeles. The emergency resettlement program is

being assisted by the Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service. According to Norman Eichberg, chairman of the Federation's Council on Jewish Life and Council of Synagogue Federation, nine families have already been resettled under the program.

Funds for housing, food, clothing and medical care, approximately \$500-\$600 per family of four per month, will be provided for a six-month period after which the family is expected to become self-sufficient. Assistance in locating housing and employment, as well as other basics such as schooling, will be supervised by the Lutheran agency and the Jewish Family Service of Greater Los Angeles.

## SEEK ACTION AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, July 9 (JTA) -- The Queens District Attorney has been urged to impose maximum penalties on youths charged with vandalism against religious institutions and to remove racist or anti-religious graffiti from public areas. These were among the recommendations the Queens Jewish Community Council called for in its meeting several days ago with officers of the police department.

The meeting followed the attack late last month by a number of baseball bat-wielding youths on the Rabbinical Seminary of America. During the rampage, the teenagers attacked 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.

Queens Police Commander William Fitzpatrick said that he will call upon the District Attorney's office to "apply the full measure of the law" in the event of future similar acts of vandalism. At the suggestion of Benjamin Vinars, executive vice president of the Council, he called upon the local precinct to draw up a list of the teenagers involved in the Seminary attack and to impress upon their parents the gravity of their children's actions and to warn them that any future attacks will be dealt with severely.

Max Schoenbat, executive director of the Council, called for a city-wide program for the removal of any anti-religious or anti-racist graffiti displayed in public areas. Anti-Semitic graffiti such as was found in the local school yard near the Seminary at the time of the rampage, tends to incite or buttress such acts of hatred and vandalism, he charged. The group agreed to call upon the Board of Education and the Mayor's office to implement this suggestion.

Assemblyman Anthony Semerino, who represents a portion of the area surrounding the Seminary, stated that much of the anti-Semitism among the local youth stems from the ignorance regarding the different religions. He offered to take an active role in establishing inter-faith meetings between the Christians and Jews in the area to set up "community open house dialogues" in the community involving the local churches and religious leaders. Among the organizations participating in the meeting were the American Jewish Congress, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, the Jewish Rights Council and the Mayor's Office.

BONNI (JTA) -- The statute of limitations on prosecuting Nazi war criminals is now abolished with the approval of the Bundesrat, the upper house of the West German Parliament. The Bundesrat's vote Friday was considered a formality after the Bundestag, the lower house, voted 255-222 last Tuesday to end the time limit. If the German Parliament had not acted, the government would not have been able to bring charges against Nazi war criminals after Dec. 31.