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BEGIN SAYS FUTURE OIL SUPPLIES FROM EGYPT HAVE BEEN SECURED

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, July 12 (JTA) -- Premier Menachem Begin returned from a two-day visit to Alexandria today to announce that Israel's future oil supplies from Egypt have been secured, that President Anwar Sadat has ordered Egyptian authorities to grant entry visas to all Israelis who have applied for them, and that after more than 30 years railroad connections may soon be re-established between Israel and Egypt.

Obviously well-pleased by his latest rounds of talks with Sadat and other ranking Egyptian officials, Begin told reporters at Atarot Airport near Jerusalem that relations between Israel and Egypt "are actually beginning to pass from the stage of peace to the stage of friendship, mutual understanding and cooperation." (See related analysis P. 3.)

He disclosed that after Nov. 26, the day Israel is to return the last of the Sinai oilfields it holds to the Egyptians, Israel will be able to acquire oil from those fields at "world market rates." He said Sadat issued orders to grant entry visas, after it was brought to his attention that only 20 visas have been issued so far although hundreds of Israelis have applied for them since the normalization of relations between Israel and Egypt was decreed at El-Arish last May 28. Sadat also promised to grant exit visas to Egyptian Jews who want to visit their families in Israel, Begin said.

Begin reported that the Egyptians are surveying the possibility of reopening the old railroad line between Cairo and Lod in Israel which was an important rail junction before 1948. "We raised this issue on the first day of our visit," Begin said. He said "we have two proposals," one by a leading Israeli industrialist and the other by Canadian Pacific, a global giant involved in all forms of transportation, "to undertake this work. Within the next few days we will invite representatives of both for initial consultation on the project. . . . We have hope that this railroad will be operated and there is no doubt that it will be another contribution to the reality of peace," he said.

Egyptian Jews Arrive In Israel

The Israeli press plane that followed Begin's plane from Alexandria carried the first Egyptian Jews to benefit from Sadat's promise of exit visas. They were Robert Dasso, a 46-year-old television reporter who served 14 years in an Egyptian prison for membership in an Israeli spy ring that attempted various acts of sabotage in Egypt in 1954 and now lives in Alexandria; his sister Awda and her three daughters.

They were received by Begin in Alexandria and accepted his invitation to come to Israel to visit other members of their family. "The President (Sadat) told me that any Egyptian willing to visit his family in Israel could do so with no hindrance," Begin had told them.

On leaving Alexandria Airport this morning, Begin was escorted by Vice President Hosni Mubarak who said the talks were going "in the right direction. "We hope that with these meetings and contacts we shall make progress," he said.

Begin's departure was accompanied by full military honors and a warm send-off by the Egyptians. His visit was somewhat less dramatic than his previous visits to Egypt but appeared no less important in terms of developing relations between the two countries. Begin achieved a reconciliation with Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil who hosted a dinner for him last night. Relations between the two had soured ever since Begin refused to fly to Washington earlier this year to meet him and President Carter in the absence of Sadat.

BURG: NO U.S. PRESSURE ON ISRAEL DURING ROUND OF AUTONOMY TALKS

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, July 12 (JTA) -- Interior Minister Yosef Burg insisted today that the United States put no pressure on Israel during the round of autonomy talks in Alexandria between Israel, Egypt and the U.S., which ended last Thursday. Burg, who is chairman of the Israeli negotiating team, said he had no complaints about the conduct of President Carter's envoy to the talks, Robert Strauss.

"It is not true that the Americans did not keep a low profile or that they exerted undue pressure in an objectionable manner," Burg told reporters. "True, a man with Robert Strauss' temperament might declare that he wants results fast but that is merely a style of speech and we are doing ourselves little good by exaggerating or inventing news," he said.

Burg had some sharp words, however, for American Consular officials in Jerusalem who, he alleged, were conducting political talks with West Bank officials behind the back of the Israeli government. He was alluding to reports that West Bank mayors have been approached by U.S. Consular officials with requests to join the political process. Burg said that was "an objectionable activity."

HIGH COURT STOPS SETTLEMENT WORK

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, July 12 (JTA) -- The Supreme Court issued a temporary injunction today halting the fencing off of a 3500-dunam site at Salfit on the West Bank intended for the expansion of the Jewish settlement of Ariel near Jenin. Local Arabs who claim to own parts of the land were given 15 days to pinpoint their claims. The government will then be required to show cause why the land should not remain open and unfenced.

The court order does not apply to work in the settlement itself. The complainants produced sworn affidavits from two members of the Sheli faction, Col. (res.) Meir Payil and Gen. (res.) Mattityahu Peled, stating that the land the government proposes to attach to Ariel has no security value nor, in fact, does the settlement itself.

Today's ruling was the third intervention by the Supreme Court in West Bank settlement activities in recent weeks. In the first, concerning lands at Bethel, the court upheld the government's right to seize privately owned land if it is needed for security purposes. But in the second, the court ordered a halt to the construction of the Gush Etzion settlement of Elon Moreh near Nablus until the government supplies proof that it is necessary for security. The court order today emphasized its insistence on proof of security needs.

Chief of Staff Gen. Raphael Eytan is due to submit a sworn affidavit attesting to the security value of Elon Moreh. Originally, he had submitted only a statement which was challenged by other ranking officers and was rejected by the court. The army in fact has made it clear that it does not consider any and all tracts of land on the West Bank to be of security value. State Attorney Gavriel Bach presented the army's position to the Supreme Court Tuesday.

He argued that a 500-dunam tract seized for the settlement of Matityahu in the Ramallah area was important for security because it is located only 12 kilometers from Ben Gurion Airport and could be used by an enemy to disrupt air traffic by rocket fire. But in the case of the Jaabari hill outside Hebron, the army refuses to assert any security claim. For that reason the government rescinded its earlier orders to seize the hill for the expansion of the Orthodox township of Kiryat Arba, a Gush Emunim stronghold adjacent to Hebron.

APPEAL TO INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS TO HELP SHCHARANSKY WHO IS REPORTED TO BE LOSING HIS EYESIGHT

NEW YORK, July 12 (JTA) -- An urgent appeal has been made to the International Committee of the Red Cross in Geneva, Switzerland, to intercede on behalf of an imprisoned Soviet Jew, Anatoly Shcharansky, who is reported to be in danger of losing his eyesight in Chistopol Prison.

Hans Morgenthau, chairman of the Academic Committee on Soviet Jewry, urged in a telegram to Dr. Alexandre Hay, president of the international body, that the Red Cross immediately seek to "assure adequate medical care" for Shcharansky, whose arrest last year elicited the personal intercession of President Carter. Morgenthau pointed out that Shcharansky "has been suffering severe headaches and pain in his eyes, yet is denied access to medical treatment by Soviet prison authorities."

Dr. Harris Schoenberg, secretary of the Academic Committee, noted that Shcharansky's mother has warned that he is in danger of losing his eyesight unless he receives prompt treatment. "It would be criminal to allow this brilliant young man to go blind because he courageously withstood Soviet attempts to rob him of his Jewish identity and fundamental human rights."

Meanwhile, Morgenthau disclosed that an "appeal for freedom" for Shcharansky and all other Soviet Prisoners of Conscience had been signed by over 300 educators. The appeal, he said, sponsored by the members of the Academic Committee on Soviet Jewry whose names appear, compares the Shcharansky trial of July 14, 1978, "unfavorably" to the "infamous Dreyfus case" in France. It declares in part:

"As in the Dreyfus case, anti-Semitism was joined to absurd allegations of treason. There was one difference. At least Dreyfus enjoyed the benefit of a vigorous defense attorney. Shcharansky was refused counsel of his own choice. His legal rights under Soviet law were in fact violated before, during, and after his trial."

Referring to the appeal, Morgenthau added that "whatever happens in U.S.-USSR relations, the issue of freedom for Mr. Shcharansky and other Soviet Prisoners of Conscience remains urgent as long as the policies of the Soviet Union remain what they are." He defined these policies as "anti-Semitism and violations of elementary civil liberties."

In a related action, 18 Congressmen rose in the House of Representatives to demand the Soviet government release Shcharansky and allow him to rejoin his wife, Avital, in Israel. Rep. Robert Drinan (D-Mass.), who heads the International Committee for the Release of Anatoly Shcharansky, opened the discussion that lasted for an hour.

ASHES OF RUSSIAN-JEWISH POET BROUGHT TO ISRAEL FOR RE-BURIAL

TEL AVIV, July 12 (JTA) -- The ashes of Russian-Jewish poet Michael Bietalsky who spent years in Soviet labor camps, have been brought to Israel for re-burial and will be interred Sunday in the cemetery of Kibbutz Gilil Yam. Bietalsky died in Moscow on August 18, 1978. At the request of his wife, a recent Jewish emigrant from the USSR brought the ashes to Israel where their daughter, Nina, now lives.

While Bietalsky was serving sentences in forced labor camps, his poems were smuggled to the outside world, often in hollow shoe soles. Their content earned him the title of "poet of sorrow, of longing and hope." Many of his works, published in Russian, have been brought to Israel for publication here in Hebrew. Kibbutz Gilil Yam asked that his remains be buried at its cemetery. The funeral services Sunday will be sponsored by the Association of Russians in Israel.

U.S. CONTRACTOR WELCOMED

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, July 12 (JTA) -- An Israeli official expressed gratification today that an American company which allegedly has complied with the Arab boycott in the past will be one of the prime contractors in the construction of two U.S.-financed air bases in the Negev. Dan Halperin, assistant director general of the Treasury, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that Israel is fully aware of the past record of the Perini Corp. of Framingham, Mass., which, he claimed has done much work in Arab countries and signed contracts with them that contained boycott clauses.

(A Perini Corp. spokesman told the JTA in New York yesterday that his firm has "never violated" U.S. anti-boycott legislation.)

Halperin noted that by its participation in the construction of the Negev air bases, Perini would be violating the Arab boycott rules that tolerate selling to Israel but balk at any physical presence here. "We sincerely hope that Perini's contacts in the Arab world will continue to flourish and will not be affected by its involvement in the Negev bases work," he said. "Our view has always been that companies can and should do business with both Israel and the Arab states."

RALLY FOR BOAT PEOPLE

NEW YORK, July 12 (JTA) -- A rally on behalf of the Vietnamese boat people will be held Sunday noon at the Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza of the United Nations. The rally, organized by the Committee Against Genocide by Vietnam, is sponsored by major Jewish organizations in the New York area. A spokesperson for the American Jewish Congress, which has been instrumental in providing major assistance to the Chinese-American coalition, said that some of the speakers scheduled for the rally are Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman (D-NY), Rep. Ted Weiss (D-NY) and Hadassah Rothschild, member of the President's Committee on the Holocaust.

TEL AVIV (JTA) -- A large bomb was discovered Thursday in the Petach Tikva market and was dismantled before it could explode.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES THE TALKS WILL GO ON

By Gil Sedar

ALEXANDRIA, July 12 (JTA) -- When President Anwar Sadat once again stressed here yesterday at his joint press conference with Premier Menachem Begin the need to reach "a comprehensive peace" he actually meant to convey, according to assessments by analysts following the press conference, that the time was approaching when the entire Arab-Israeli conflict could no longer be isolated from what now seems to be a process of normalization between Israel and Egypt.

When both Sadat and Begin mentioned the crisis in Lebanon as one of the issues they discussed, they actually meant that the issue at hand is the situation in Syria and its possible effects on the peace process. And when they spoke about their differences over the settlements, they were actually speaking about long-term differences over the future of the administered territories.

Yet, despite those basic disagreements and the fact that there was no breakthrough on any controversial issue, the talks will go on, and next month Sadat's yacht will probably anchor in the Haifa Harbor.

It appears, therefore, that the Alexandria summit has established what seemed to be in formation at earlier meetings -- an alternative channel of negotiations in addition to lower rank, ministerial, negotiations. It seems, according to observers, that Begin and Sadat are determined to keep this channel open, whatever the scope of the disagreements. The channel will remain open as long as they deem it necessary, and it will be less affected by the ups and downs of the regular negotiations.

It also seems, observers noted, that the two have reached an understanding that the autonomy talks should continue as if they did not meet and that they should continue meeting as if there were no difficulties concerning the autonomy talks. The common approach says: let the ministers talk specifics and let us continue dealing with the more "global" issues, such as south Lebanon, Syria and even Jerusalem.

Sadat Relies On U.S. Pressure

One guess here was that Sadat relies heavily on the Americans to do the difficult task of pressuring Israel. He did not seem to back down on any of his earlier positions. The official Egyptian daily Al-Gumhuriya wrote yesterday that Egypt demanded "full" self-government for the Palestinians, a far cry from the limited administrative council that Begin talks about. Thus, each party continues to talk its own language, but they both continue to talk.

One indication of the wide gap between the two leaders was Begin's response during yesterday's press conference as to whether he would accept international supervision over the elections for autonomy. "There is no need for supervision," Begin said. "I can assure you that it will be a most secret and democratic process of elections." He pointed as an example to the elections for mayors on the West Bank three years ago which brought to power pro-PLO men.

But as wide as the gap is, Begin and Sadat also found the time to talk about normalization. Sadat wants no crisis at present and neither does Begin. As far as Sadat is concerned, as long as Israeli troops pull out of Sinai, he can endure a few disagreements.

RELIGIOUS LEADERS MEET CARTER

NEW YORK, July 12 (JTA) -- Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, national interreligious affairs director of the American Jewish Committee, said that he and a group of other religious leaders and sociologists met with President Carter at Camp David Tuesday night "at the request of the President to explore what we could contribute to the common welfare of the American people as it faces one of the great watershed crises of our time."

Those meeting with Carter examined a number of practical issues, Tanenbaum said here today after returning from Camp David. The issues included "the need to gain energy independence from the OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) cartel and its threat to the autonomy of American foreign policy; the need for effective conservation; the need for alternative sources of energy" and "how to help American people recognize that the era of superabundance is coming to an end and the urgent need for modifying lifestyles that puts an end to waste, materialism and self-indulgence."

Tanenbaum said he was hopeful that as a result of the Camp David meeting "major Christian and Jewish bodies will play a central and constructive role in enabling our people not only to survive but to prevail."

Other members of the group who met with Carter were: Terence Cardinal Cooke of New York, representing the U.S. Catholic Conference; Claire Randall, general secretary, National Council of Churches; Father Theodore Hesburgh, president, Notre Dame University; Robert Bellah, professor of sociology and comparative studies, University of California at Berkeley; and David Reisman, professor of social science, Harvard University.

SISCO BACK IN WORLD AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON, July 12 (JTA) -- After three years as president of American University here, Joseph Sisco is returning to international affairs. The former Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs who retired from the diplomatic service in 1976 to take the university post, has resigned his academic post and now seeks to be a part-time chancellor at the university and devote more time to speaking and writing on foreign affairs. Sisco was for 10 years a top U.S. official specialist on the Middle East and is credited with being a major architect of the Rogers Plan that called for Israel's withdrawal to its pre-1967 borders except for "insubstantial" changes.

EMERGENCY CLINIC IN ARAB SECTOR

TEL AVIV, July 12 (JTA) -- Magen David Adom (MDA) Israel's Red Cross Service, recently announced the opening of the first MDA Medical Emergency Clinic (MEC) in the Arab sector, serving the villages of Arabe, Sahneh and Dir-Hana and the local Bedouins, in central Galilee. The MEC is administered by an elected executive committee, which includes several local Arab community leaders, and the committee is already hoping for additional assistance and ambulances, to enable the clinic to develop and expand its services to meet the area's needs. The MDA hopes to provide this increased aid to the new MEC and expects that it will serve as a model for future MDA Emergency Clinics in the Arab sector. In operation for only two months, emergency treatment at the MEC has already been credited with saving at least one life and its ambulances have responded to many calls, including road accidents and new births.

SPECIAL TO THE JTA PREPARING FOR ORT'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

By Lisa Palmieri-Billig

ROME, July 12 (JTA) -- At the conclusion of a three-day meeting of the World ORT Union Executive Committee, it was announced that Gen. Chaim Herzog, former Israel Ambassador to the United Nations, was unanimously elected as its chairman. He succeeds Daniel Mayer, a leader of the International League for the Rights of Man and former French Minister of Labor.

The 110 representatives of ORT organizations from 27 countries were told that the 100th anniversary Congress of ORT will be held in Jerusalem May 31-June 5, 1980. ORT (Organization for Rehabilitation Through Training) was founded in Czarist St. Petersburg in 1880 and in its first century has served more than two million people in all parts of the world. More than 100,000 young people and adults staffed by 5000 teachers in over 700 vocational schools and programs all over the world will be covered this year by a budget of \$80 million.

Another important announcement was the decision, which had caused controversy in its deliberative stages, to move ORT headquarters from Geneva to London. The main reason was an expected saving of from \$1.2 to \$2 million a year. The major obstacle was the problem of personnel: 61 of those employed by ORT in Geneva will lose their jobs, while 40 will be moved with the organization.

Important New Projects

Among the important new projects to be undertaken is the founding of a special live-in "outreach" school in the Bat Yam suburb of Tel Aviv, aimed at rehabilitating the many dropouts or youngsters in difficult personal and family situations. The school will aim towards housing 1000 15-21-year-olds, but plans to start with about 400, working upward for a three-year period. The ratio of students to teachers will be 10-1.

There will also be three new kibbutzim schools and two new factory schools connected with Fiat and Peugeot in Israel. By ORT's 100th anniversary, the schools in Israel are expected to number 100. At present, Israel has 94 ORT centers with over 60,000 students, including schools in Arab communities.

ORT Programs in Rome

ORT in Rome also serves the Soviet Jewish immigrants on their way to English-speaking countries with special language laboratories. Of the \$1 million budget for Italy, \$600,000 is spent for the Soviet refugee program. Among priorities discussed by the committee members in Rome was cooperation with Jewish community day schools, particularly in Latin America and Italy, in the field of Jewish education.

The ORT "Didactic Innovation Center" in Milan has in fact prepared a series of videotapes on Jewish themes to be used by the Jewish schools in Italy. In 1977 a one-day exhibition-seminar on 10 different types of audio-visual aids for Hebrew language teaching was held for all Italian communities. ORT cooperates in Italy with the Ministry of Labor and the Ministry of Education in research projects on modern methods of education and has published the results of nine separate projects since 1972.

Other problems discussed at the three-day meeting were schools in difficult areas of the world. It was noted that the ORT school in

Teheran, which totaled 761 students last September, is still functioning in the heart of the city.

SOLONS URGE CARTER TO RESIST PRESSURING ISRAEL ON JERUSALEM

By Rochelle Saidel Wolk

ALBANY, N.Y., July 12 (JTA) -- Forty-four Jewish members of the New York State Legislature, brought together by the National Association of Jewish Legislators, have signed a petition to President Carter, urging him not to apply pressure to partition Jerusalem and "resist whatever pressure the PLO and Arab nations may apply to accomplish this end."

The petition states that the legislators are "deeply alarmed by the effort to sever the Holy City will negate all the great work that Teddy Kollek, Mayor of Jerusalem, and the Israeli government have done to unify the city, protect the religious rights of Christians, Moslems, Jews and others."

Stressing that they "admire the great historical achievement you have made against heavy odds to negotiate a peace treaty between Egypt and Israel," the petitioners state that any effort by the U.S. government to split Jerusalem will vitiate "much of the hard work you have done to achieve peace in the Middle East."

According to Albert J. Abrams, executive director of the National Association of Jewish Legislators, this is the first time that New York State Jewish legislators have ever unified behind an issue, and it reflects their "heightened concerns" regarding Jerusalem.

The petition stresses that peace efforts can be "eroded" by giving the PLO and other Arabs "the part of Jerusalem that Jordan seized in 1948 and that was recovered by Israel in 1967." The 44 signers include Assemblyman Stanley Fink, Speaker of the Assembly, Senator Manfred Ohrenstein, Minority Leader of the State Senate, and Senator Emanuel Gold, Deputy Minority Leader.

TRIAL FOR EX-NAZI IN OCTOBER

AMSTERDAM, July 11 (JTA) -- Siert Bruins will stand trial in Hagen, Westphalia Oct. 29 on charges of war crimes committed when he was a Dutch member of the Nazi SD in April, 1945. According to the charges, on the eve of the liberation of northeastern Holland, Bruins and a German associate, August Neuhäuser, executed two Jewish brothers surnamed Steutberg who they discovered by chance in their hiding place.

Bruins was sentenced to death in absentia by a Dutch special tribunal in April 1949. He managed to escape across the border to Germany in the early post-war days. He has lived there ever since under the name of Siegfried Bruns and acquired West German nationality.

Bruins was exposed by the efforts of two Dutch journalists in July 1978. One of the difficulties at the forthcoming trial is whether Bruins is actually now a citizen of West Germany. He may have acquired citizenship on false pretenses. Holland has asked for his extradition but its request has been provisionally rejected because his nationality is uncertain.

NEW YORK (JTA) -- Synagogues throughout the country will be conducting special Tisha B'Av appeals for increased support of the Jewish National Fund by their congregations, Rabbi William Berkowitz, JNF president, announced here. He said that in response to the challenge of peace the JNF this year must prepare new settlements in the Galilee and the Negev because both areas are absolutely essential to Israel's security, economy and future.