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## MESSAGE FROM CONGRESSMAN ABATES SOMEWHAT CONCERN IN ISRAEL THAT U.S. IS SHIFTING ON RESOLUTION 242

By Gilt Sedan

JERUSALEM, Aug. 8 (JTA) -- Concern in government circles that the United States was seeking a change in United Nations Security Council Resolution 242 as a way to woo the Palestine Liberation Organization to the peace negotiating table was eased somewhat today by a message from an American Congressman that the U.S. would veto a pending Kuwaiti-sponsored draft resolution on Palestinian rights now pending in the Security Council.

Sen. Richard Stone (D. Fla.), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee on the Middle East, was quoted here as saying that U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance had told him at a breakfast meeting yesterday that the U.S. would adhere to its promise not to deal with the PLO until it recognized Resolution 242 and recognized Israel's right to live peacefully within secure borders.

Stone also said that Vance assured him the U.S. would veto the Security Council resolution on Palestinian rights as it now stands because it would alter 242 by calling for granting Palestinian self-determination and the right to an independent state. (In Washington, the State Department declined today to comment on what Vance said to Stone.)

### Contrast With Dayan's View

Stone's statement, issued in Washington, contrasted strongly with the gloomy view presented earlier in the day by Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan who said in interviews with the press that the American stance towards Israel was "not just an erosion, but a fundamental change in policy." The U.S., he said, was concerned and preoccupied with oil supplies and prices and sought to reach an accord with Saudi Arabia.

The Saudis, Dayan said, had made the sale of oil and the level of oil prices conditional on American recognition of Palestinian rights and the PLO. The Saudis, for their part, Dayan added, are seeking to placate the PLO because they fear a PLO-inspired revolution against their government. (In Washington, Vance today denied Dayan's claim. See separate story.)

Dayan, in his press interviews, had also warned that Israel's view abroad that it is "dying economically" has led foreign statesmen to believe they could pressure Israel for new concessions. He blamed primarily the government coalition and ministers responsible for the economy for this state of affairs.

Meanwhile, Israel's sensational press interviews in which he hit out at the government's economic policy, has exacerbated tensions within the Likud. One effect it seems to have had is to increase the widespread feeling within the factions comprising the Likud bloc that radical changes in the composition of the Cabinet are needed, urgently.

According to some reports today, Premier Menachem Begin was both shocked and upset by

the Dayan interviews, and he intends to raise the matter at next Sunday's Cabinet meeting -- if he is well enough to resume his post by then. There has been no indication at all that Begin may ask Dayan to resign -- as certain Likud members have urged.

In another development, the government announced today that Robert Strauss, President Carter's special Mideast envoy, informed Begin that he intends to visit Israel Aug. 19, earlier than originally planned for talks with the Premier and Cabinet ministers. Officials did not say why Strauss was coming earlier but observers said it was apparently connected with the strain in U.S.-Israel relations. Strauss did not attend the fifth round of autonomy talks which ended yesterday in Haifa. James Leonard, the U.S. representative to the talks did attend, but kept a low profile.

### VANCE DENIES DAYAN'S CLAIM

By Helen Silver

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8 (JTA) -- Secretary of State Cyrus Vance denied today a claim by Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan that there has been a "turn" in United States policy toward Israel.

Specifically stating he had read Dayan's interview published in Yediot Achronot yesterday, Vance declared: "I want to state categorically that there has been no change in our policy toward Israel. Our long-standing support for the security and well-being of Israel is firm and unshakeable. It remains our policy to work towards a comprehensive peace settlement which is based on UN Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338."

State Department spokesman Tom Reston, who read Vance's statement to reporters, said it clearly sets forth the Carter Administration's opinion and policy. He said he did not know whether any U.S. official in Israel had been in to see Dayan about his interview remarks.

Vance repeated his statement later today after a luncheon meeting he attended at the White House with President Carter, Israeli Ambassador Ephraim Evron and Zbigniew Brzezinski, Carter's National Security Advisor.

Vance said there had been "full and long discussions on a number of issues" at the hour-and-a-half meeting. He said the meeting was "useful, helpful and constructive." He said Evron would now be reporting back to the Israeli government.

While Vance did not go into details of the subjects discussed at the White House luncheon, it was believed that the broad spectrum of Israeli-American relations was gone over, including the tough resolution adopted by the Israeli Cabinet Sunday rejecting any negotiations with the Palestine Liberation Organization and warning against any changes of UN Security Council Resolution 242 to meet Arab demands on Palestinian rights. Also believed on the agenda was the Israeli rejection of the U.S.-Soviet proposal for having the United Nations Truce Supervisory Organization (UNTSO) police the Israeli pullout in the Sinai.

### MOYNIHAN WARNS ADMINISTRATION NOT TO SACRIFICE ISRAEL FOR OIL

RYE, N. Y., Aug. 8 (JTA) -- Sen. Daniel Moynihan (D. NY) warned the Carter Administration last night against any Middle East policy change which would sacrifice Israel's vital interests to Arab oil blackmail. "American foreign policy is not for

sale -- not one million barrels of oil a day, nor one hundred million barrels will buy the honor of this republic," he declared. He made his statement in an address to 250 members of the American Friends of the Hebrew University at a meeting here and amplified his views at a press conference following his formal address.

Ephraim Evron, Israel's Ambassador to the United States, rejected Carter Administration warnings that Israel may have violated U.S. law by its use of American-made warplanes in raids against terrorist bases in Lebanon.

Moynihan said "the Camp David agreements are solemn and must be kept. You cannot simply change them because the Saudi king, prince or whatever, has said 'Well, we'll let you have another million barrels of oil a day as a fourth of July present.' He declared that 'we are not going to let this Administration buy oil at the expense of the freedom of Israel. The thing I am trying to make clear to the Administration is that the U.S. Congress, much less the American people, will not accept this.'"

"If we have come this far into the 20th Century that we have not understood the nature of a totalitarian society, then God have mercy on us all," Moynihan added. "To repeat, the American foreign policy is not for sale."

#### No Change, No Amendment Of 242

He said the Camp David agreements were based on Security Council Resolution 242 "that says if any so-called Palestine Liberation Organization wishes to be recognized in bargaining with and made part of any future agreement, it must first recognize the right of the State of Israel to exist as a free and independent democracy barring nothing else -- no change to it, no amendment to it, no compromise."

The Senator's comments were in response to speculation that the Carter Administration position toward the PLO has softened because of a Saudi promise to provide more crude oil to the United States. He was thunderously applauded during his speech. At his press conference, Moynihan said he felt Americans would "walk to work before we sell out another democratic power for oil." He also told the reporters he thought Carter's Administration was "collapsing on him."

#### Written Commitments Cited

Evron told the dinner guests that Israel was taking "grave risks" in implementing the treaty with Egypt, adding that Israel had received "written commitments from Egypt and the United States." He did not specify what commitments he meant but apparently he was referring to Israel's insistence on a multinational substitute for the United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF) which ended its peace-keeping in the buffer zone between Egyptian and Israeli positions in Sinai when the Security Council, under a Soviet threat of veto, failed to renew the UNEF mandate.

The Carter Administration has said that a beefed-up contingent of the United Nations Truce Supervisory Organization (UNTSO) could do the job and, in fact, UNTSO troops are now manning checkpoints in the buffer zone, though without Israeli cooperation.

Evron said the commitments "are not a one-way street but if the agreements are not adhered to by the other parties, Israel has the legal, moral and practical right to reevaluate

its own obligations." In reflecting Carter Administration complaints about the use of American warplanes, Evron said "as long as terrorists are based in and use Lebanon to launch murderous attacks on our women and children, Israel must and will use these arms in self-defense to destroy these bases and frustrate their efforts."

#### GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER TO MEET CARTER ON MIDEAST PEACE PROCESS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8 (JTA) -- West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher is due to meet with President Carter and top Administration officials for two days of talks beginning tomorrow in what diplomatic sources said is an effort by West Germany to start peace talks between the Arabs and Israel. The sources said West Germany is not seeking to play a major role in the Middle East peacemaking process but is only offering its good offices and contacts.

According to reports today from Bonn, German government officials emphasized that West Germany is not "going it alone" in the Mideast and said its efforts were being coordinated closely with the U.S., Egypt and the nine-member European Economic Community. They said West Germany totally supports U.S. endeavors in the Mideast. Israel has accused West Germany of wooing the Arab states for their oil and neglecting its relationship to the Jewish State. Bonn government spokesman Klaus Boelling has denied this.

While in Washington, Genscher is scheduled to meet with Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, Carter's National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski, Defense Secretary Harold Brown, Senate Majority Leader Robert Byrd (D-W. Va.), and former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger. Beginning Aug. 26, the German Foreign Minister will set out on an eight-day tour of the Mideast that will include visiting Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan and Syria. Last month he met with leaders of Saudi Arabia, Libya and Iraq.

#### ISRAEL DENIES VIOLATION By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Aug. 8 (JTA) -- Israeli defense circles today denied that Israel violated any agreement with the United States by using American-made weapons in south Lebanon. Israel maintains that its air and ground activities in south Lebanon are defensive moves to deter the Palestinian terrorists from carrying out operations against Israeli targets.

The military sources were reacting to a statement by U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance yesterday that Israel may have violated its agreement with the U.S. by the use of the American weapons. Israeli officials note there is no clause in the purchase agreements restricting the use of the American-made planes for operations like the recent bombings of terrorist bases in south Lebanon.

There are prohibitions of some specific items, such as the cluster bombs, the military sources noted. They pointed out that Israel admitted that it had violated the agreement when it used the cluster bombs during the Litani operation, which marked Israel's intrusion into south Lebanon last year.

#### POSSIBLE HITCH IN OIL FROM EGYPT By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Aug. 8 (JTA) -- Oil from the rich Alma oilfield on the Gulf of Suez, which Israel discovered and developed, may not go to Israel as promised after the area is returned to Egypt in November if Israel is not the highest bidder for the petroleum.

This possibility emerged from statements by Egyptian Fuel Minister Ahmed Ezzadin Hilal yester-

day to Israeli reporters accompanying Israeli Energy Minister Yitzhak Mordechai on a visit to Cairo to seek assurances on the continued flow of Alma oil to Israel. Oil from the Alma fields now provides 25 percent of Israel's needs.

Mordechai was told that Israel will not get oil from the Alma oilfields immediately after transferring them to Egypt as originally promised but would have to wait another nine months until the normalization of relations between the two countries goes into effect in accordance with the Israeli-Egyptian peace agreement. In addition, Hilal said that each January, Egypt will put up international bids on the oil from Alma. If Israel is the highest bidder it will get the oil, otherwise some other country will get it, Hilal said.

#### Navon To Diaspora Jewry: GET INVOLVED WITH ISRAEL BUT STAY OUT OF ITS DEFENSE, FOREIGN AFFAIRS

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Aug. 8 (JTA) -- President Yitzhak Navon made a strong plea for the close involvement of Jewish diaspora communities in Israel's affairs but suggested that they stay out of the country's defense and foreign affairs. Addressing 100 American and Canadian Jewish leaders representing the State of Israel Bonds National Campaign Cabinet who arrived in Israel Monday for an intensive three-day round of conferences with Israeli government officials on urgent peace needs, Navon said: "It will be our children who might have to go to the battlefield, and not yours."

Navon told the meeting, presided over by New York Israel Bonds chairman Howard Samuels, that he rejected the idea that "Israel had no right or never had the right to settle here or there. This is rejected by everyone in the country." According to Navon, the problem was whether Israel should exercise this right.

He noted that on many vital issues, many friends of Israel will not always be convinced that the policy of the Jewish State is correct. However, he said, they nevertheless had an obligation to study and understand the policy of Israel. Navon expressed concern lest Jewish communities abroad separate themselves from Judaism and Jewish identity. He stressed the value of Jewish education in the diaspora in maintaining Jewish identity and viewed aliya as a vital instrument in this undertaking.

#### Treaty With Egypt Not One-Sided

Navon said he disagreed with those who said Israel gave everything in the treaty with Egypt and got nothing in return. "Whatever the results of the negotiations," he said, "it will no longer be taboo to speak to Israel. If Egypt were to say 'no recognition' but we will give you the oil you need -- I am not sure that it would be more important than recognition in the context of the Mideast."

Asked for his opinion on the necessity of the occupied territories for Israel's security, Navon quoted a statement of his at the time he was still a Knesset member. "I was quoted as saying that I was for a territorial compromise in all territories -- and that the compromise should exclude only the most essential territories for the defense of Israel."

Yehuda Avner, advisor to Premier Menachem Begin, reviewed the current mood in Israel in the wake of the peace treaty with Egypt

and greeted the delegates on behalf of Begin. Samuel Rothberg, general chairman of the Israel Bond Organization, and Michael Aron, president and chief executive officer of the organization, are heading the delegation.

#### RALLY AT EX-NAZI'S HOME

By Rochelle Saidel Walk

ALBANY, N.Y., Aug. 8 (JTA) -- The home of accused Nazi war criminal Vilis Hazners in Dresden, N.Y., was the site of a Tisha B'Av demonstration led by Rabbi Siltan of Albany. Sitting on the road in front of Hazners' home, which is located in rural Washington County some 70 miles northeast of Albany, Siltan led a group of 18 college and high school students in praying from the Book of Lamentations. Original prayers linking the destruction of European Jewry by the Nazis with the destruction of the Temple in ancient Jerusalem were also chanted.

"As long as Hazners is here, this will be an annual event on Tisha B'Av," Siltan pledged. This was the second year that Siltan, co-chairman of the Greater Albany Jewish Federation's Committee on Justice for Nazi War Criminals, led a peaceful protest at the Hazners residence.

Demonstrators used toothbrushes to scrub the pavement, re-enacting eyewitness accounts that Hazners forced Jews to do likewise in the courtyard of the Riga police station, where he was a Latvian police chief under the Nazis. They also carried placards with photos of concentration camp victims and Biblical quotations. Hazners, 74, was not at home during the protest. A neighbor said he had left for a doctor's appointment in nearby Rutland, Vt., but family members were in the house.

#### Brief Filed With Federal Judge

After more than two-and-a-half years of hearings, the U.S. government has filed a brief with federal Judge Anthony DeGaetano recommending that Hazners be deported. DeGaetano recently granted Hazners' attorney, Ivars Berzins of Babylon, N.Y., an extension in preparing his brief, which was due last month. The judge's opinion should come two to six months after both briefs are filed.

Hazners is accused of illegally entering the United States in 1956 by concealing his alleged collaboration with the Nazis during World War II. At his deportation hearings in Albany, witnesses from Israel, formerly from Riga, testified that Hazners had committed atrocities against the Jews of Riga in 1941 and 1942.

Siltan's group was met by three of Hazners' neighbors who criticized the protest and called Hazners a good neighbor. They said that the Israeli witnesses had lied and that evidence against Hazners was propaganda.

Two of Hazners' closest neighbors, Edgar and Ralph Steele, described him as a personable gentleman. "My family has Jewish friends," Ralph Steele said to Siltan. "We like the Jews, but you'll keep talking until we don't like the Jews."

The Steele brothers were present at last year's protest, when there was a group who identified themselves as members of the Christian Defense League which has been described as a right-wing anti-Semitic organization. Siltan asked them why they were carrying signs last year that said, "All Jews are thieves." While admitting carrying a sign, Ralph Steele claimed he didn't know what it said. He told reporters later: "I didn't print those signs. But I'm glad somebody did."

## ATTACKS CONTINUE AGAINST CBS-TV FOR ITS CASTING OF VANESSA REDGRAVE

NEW YORK, Aug. 8 (JTA) -- CBS-TV has come under fresh attack from Jewish organizations for selecting Vanessa Redgrave, an outspoken supporter of the Palestine Liberation Organization, for the role of a Nazi concentration camp survivor in a TV film based on Fania Fanelon's book, "Playing for Time." The latest denunciations came from the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the American Jewish Congress.

Dore Schary, honorary ADL chairman and a producer, playwright and author, said that casting Miss Redgrave for the film dealing with Miss Fanelon's memoirs about musicians who were forced to play for the Nazis in concentration camps indicated that CBS had a "profound lack of sensitivity and understanding."

### A Misguided Judgement

He said that Miss Redgrave, "an actor of talent, has opportunities to play many other roles, but to cast her as one of the victims of the Holocaust is, we suggest, a trick, a stunt, a misguided judgement." Schary suggested that perhaps she chose to play this part "as a gesture of redemption because of her close alliance with the terrorists of the PLO -- the film she made (The Palestinians) showed little children practicing the killing of Jews and aiding the obscene propaganda of the PLO."

However, Schary added, "If redemption is not the aim, perhaps CBS believes that her performance will make her aware of the necessity for the creation of Israel and make her realize how necessary it is for that small, beleaguered country to defend itself against 60 million adversaries who seek its obliteration." The casting of Miss Redgrave in the TV film, "degrades, offends, depreciates those who survived the death camps and defames the names of those who died in them."

Howard M. Squadron, A Congress president, called the Redgrave casting "grotesque" and certain to be "offensive to the Jewish community." He expressed the hope that Miss Redgrave, in that performance, might learn something "about the Nazi slaughter of the Jews" and "recognize at last that the Jewish people have a right to a state of their own" that seeks only "to live in peace with its Arab neighbors."

### Miller Defends Redgrave Casting

At the same time, Arthur Miller, who wrote the screenplay for the film, said in a statement issued yesterday that "Miss Redgrave was offered the role of Fania Fanelon as an actress suited to it. To fire her now for her political views would be blacklisting. Having been blacklisted myself in time past, I have fought against the practice abroad as well as here, and I cannot participate in it now."

Miller added, "No actress can possibly play Fania in this play without generating the profoundest sympathy for the Jewish people, as well as a deeper understanding of some of the experiences that cried out for the creation of the State of Israel."

Meanwhile, responding to casting Miss Redgrave in the film, David Walper, producer of television documentaries and dramas, including "Roots," and Lionel Chetwynd, a writer with many screen and television credits, disclosed they have cancelled projects with CBS.

Bernie Sofronski, vice president of special programs for CBS Entertainment, said Miss Redgrave was chosen because "the feeling was" that she was "the best actress for the part; that we should never position ourselves where we penalize people for their personal or political views, that our business was show business and that it was our responsibility to come up with the best actress we could find." He said actresses Jane Fonda and Barbra Streisand were also considered for the part but both were not available.

## EGYPTIAN WEEK RECEIVED WARMLY

By Rochelle Saidel Wolk

ALBANY, N.Y., Aug. 8 (JTA) -- The Albany Jewish community reacted warmly to the first Egyptian Week promotion held here, which took place at the Nelson Rockefeller Mall from July 30 to Aug. 6. Wadie Hemina, the Egyptian government official in charge, was honored at a reception arranged by the Greater Albany Jewish Federation, and officers of the Federation attended the opening of Egyptian Week.

Hemina told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in an exclusive interview that he was extremely gratified by the Jewish community's welcome and cooperative attitude. He is especially interested in attracting American investment in modern technology in Egypt, but said he also envisions future joint ventures in economic development between Israel and Egypt.

During the week, Hemina, who is the Egyptian delegate to the Arab-American Council for Cultural and Economic Exchange, presented displays of handicrafts, slides and posters at the mall, part of the N.Y. State office complex.

"Most of Egypt's economy now is related to daily living -- textiles and farming," he said. Expanding the economy into technological and computer age development, with investment from the U.S. or other countries, is part of Egypt's program for peace for the future.

The purpose of Egypt Week is to attract this investment, and also to improve relations between Egypt and the U.S. "We also want to promote better understanding of Egypt here," Hemina said, "because many Americans think of Egypt as only desert and pyramids. Actually, we're very civilized." Prior to the Albany exhibit, which Hemina said was arranged through Governor Hugh Carey's office, he held an Egyptian Week in Plymouth Meeting, Pa. Winter promotions are planned for Texas and Michigan.

## SOLON URGES CONGRESS TO EXPRESS CONCERN ABOUT 1980 OLYMPIC GAMES

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8 (JTA) -- Rep. Jack Kemp (R, NY) said he has introduced a resolution which calls upon Congress to express its concern that the Soviet Union should assure "full and equal participation in the 1980 summer (Moscow) Olympics by all athletes, spectators and journalists."

The measure calls upon both the House and the Senate to concur that the Soviets should allow equal participation regardless of former citizenship, nationality, religious or political affiliation, ethnic background or relationship to any Soviet citizen.

As he introduced his measure on the eve of the Congressional August recess, Kemp declared, "It is imperative that we elicit guarantees from the Soviet government in keeping with their responsibility to the international community to uphold the Olympic spirit of mutual respect and fair play." Kemp said he will be working to gain support from his Congressional colleagues when Congress reconvenes in September.