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U.S. ACTION IN UN DEBATE ON PALESTINIAN RIGHTS STILL UNCERTAIN

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Aug. 20 (JTA) -- Premier Menachem Begin said here today that it was still too early to tell what the United States would do in the United Nations Security Council when and if the debate on Palestinian rights resumes there Thursday. Begin spoke to the Likud Knesset caucus at his office this morning after holding what was described as tough talks with President Carter's special Mideast envoy Robert Strauss in which he transmitted the Israel government's "unreserved rejection" of any new Security Council resolution what would supplement or amend Resolution 242.

There were unconfirmed reports that there might be a move to have the Security Council debate postponed until next month when Zambia's delegate takes over as Council President. Andrew Young, who resigned last Wednesday as U.S. Ambassador to the UN is this month's Council President and, as such, would preside during the resumption of the debate.

Strauss said before leaving Israel this morning to return to Washington that he had been surprised to see Israeli newspapers reporting that he would recommend to Carter and Secretary of State Cyrus Vance that the U.S. drop its proposal for a new resolution at the Council. The new resolution reportedly would incorporate key statements of the past on Palestinian rights and the general language on the issue similar to that agreed upon in the Camp David peace agreement between Israel and Egypt.

Strauss said he had not yet formulated his recommendation. He stressed that he did not tell Begin that he could persuade the Carter Administration to abandon the idea of having a new U.S. resolution introduced in the Security Council.

The Problem The U.S. Faces

The United States faces a problem of either vetoing a Kuwaiti-sponsored resolution on Palestinian rights, and thereby incurring the wrath of Arab states, or introducing its own resolution and incurring the wrath of Israel. Israel insists that using the language from the Camp David accord in a Security Council resolution on Palestinian rights would be out of context and therefore selective and a misinterpretation of what had been agreed upon at Camp David. Israel also contends that for the U.S. to support or acquiesce in any new resolution would contravene its commitments given to Israel in 1975 at the time of the second Sinai agreement with Egypt and reconfirmed last March at the time of the peace treaty signing with Egypt. (See separate story for the latest working paper on the draft resolution.)

Strauss announced after meeting with Begin last night that he would faithfully convey the "serious questions and reservations" aired by both Israel and Egypt to Carter and Vance. (See related story p. 2.)

The special envoy did not hide his surprise to find that Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, as well as Begin, was entirely unenthus-

iastic about the projected new U.S. draft. Sadat apparently fears the effect of such a draft upon his evolving peace process with Israel. He is plainly aware of the voices that have already been raised in the Israeli Cabinet recommending that Israel cease its gradual pullback from Sinai as a reaction to the planned new Security Council resolution.

Israeli analysts believe Sadat's reluctant approach towards the proposed American initiative stems, too, from his feeling that a new Council resolution would be seen as a triumph for the Arab rejectionists and that American involvement in the drafting of such a resolution would be interpreted as a sign of U.S. pandering to the rejectionists.

One prediction in political circles here is that the U.S., in light of Israel's and Egypt's objections to its proposed initiative, will back down and not present its own resolution. But political circles also feel that Young will support, or at least not veto, a similarly worded resolution if one is submitted by other delegations.

SPECIAL TO THE JTA LATEST WORKING PAPER ON DRAFT RESOLUTION ON PALESTINIAN RIGHTS By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, Aug. 20 (JTA) -- The Jewish Telegraphic Agency obtained today the latest working paper on the draft resolution on Palestinian rights. According to the new working paper, which is being circulated between members of the Security Council, the Palestine Liberation Organization and its supporters do not ask specifically for the creation of a Palestinian state, as they did in the original working paper two weeks ago. The new operative section of the Kuwaiti-inspired draft resolution, reads:

"The Security Council affirms: A. That the Palestinian people should be able to exercise its inalienable rights of self-determination, national independence and sovereignty in Palestine in accordance with the United Nations Charter and relevant resolutions of the Security Council and the General Assembly;

"B. The right of Palestinian refugees wishing to return to their homes and live in peace with their neighbors to do so and the right of those choosing not to return to receive compensation for their property."

The new working paper also omitted from the preamble a reference to the PLO as "representatives of the Palestinian people." Meanwhile, sources said that the Security Council meeting on Palestinian rights, which is scheduled for Thursday, might be postponed.

UNIFIL CONTINGENT NABS 9 TERRORISTS IN CLASH WITH 15-MEMBER GROUP

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Aug. 20 (JTA) -- A Norwegian contingent of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) captured nine terrorists yesterday in a clash with a terrorist group.

Norwegian soldiers in Metulla said a band of about 15 terrorists entered the Norwegian-controlled area on the way south. When the Palestinians were ordered to halt, they opened fire on the UNIFIL contingent. In the subsequent fight and pursuit the Norwegians captured nine of the terrorists and were searching for the others.

Maj. Saad Haddad, leader of the Christian militia, who has been critical of the UN forces sent a cable of congratulations to the commander of the Norwegian troops. But the UN turned down his demand that the terrorists be turned over to him. The prisoners were to be taken to the UN headquarters in Tyre.

In a related incident, Israeli air force planes today attacked terrorist bases in south Lebanon. All planes returned safely to base. An army communique said that Israeli planes attacked two targets considered to be departure bases for terrorists on their way to attacks in Israel. One of the targets was Ras el Ein, on the Mediterranean, south of Rashidiyeh in the Tyre area, and the other was in "Fatahland," some 30 kilometers north of Metulla.

Meanwhile, the UN has promised Israel to work out some arrangements whereby Israelis going to the Umm Hashiba station in Sinai will not be checked out by members of the UN Truce Supervisory Organization (UNTSO), which has replaced the UN Emergency Force at the station. Israel has rejected the offer of UNTSO in Sinai.

PROFESSOR OUSTED FROM USSR

By Michael Solomon

MONTREAL, Aug. 20 (JTA) -- Irwin Cotler, a McGill University professor who attended a political science congress in Moscow last week, reported that he was ousted from the Soviet Union and he flew to London on a Japanese Airline flight yesterday afternoon. Cotler, who is the appointed lawyer of the Shecharansky family and has prepared a 900-page brief in defense of Anatoly Shcharansky, the Jewish Prisoner of Conscience, met while in Moscow, with numerous refusniks and paid a visit to Prof. Alexander Sakharov, the Nobel Prize scientist.

Cotler said that all his requests for an interview with Soviet officials were rejected.

Cotler was on his way to a Moscow suburb in the company of refusnik Prof. Alexander Lerner to congratulate Shcharansky's parents, who were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary yesterday with a one-day hunger strike in protest against the treatment of their son; when the car they were in was stopped by the police. Lerner was arrested and Cotler was told that he had to immediately leave the Soviet Union. Cotler, who is now in London on his way home, will hold a press conference here upon his return here tomorrow.

RABBI JOEL TEITELBAUM DEAD AT 93

NEW YORK, Aug. 20 (JTA) -- Rabbi Joel Teitelbaum, spiritual leader of the Satmar Hasidic movement, died yesterday at the age of 93 of a heart attack at Mount Sinai Hospital in Manhattan. He was buried in a private cemetery on the grounds of Kiryas Joel, the 340-acre village he helped establish in Monroe in upstate New York. More than 100,000 followers from all over the world gathered yesterday in Monroe to pay their last respects to the rabbi who had led the Satmar Hasidim in Brooklyn's Williamsburg section and the Neturei Karta in Jerusalem.

Teitelbaum, who was an opponent of Zionism and the State of Israel, maintaining that only the Messiah could create a Jewish State, was born in Siget, Rumania. He founded the Satmar yeshiva movement in nearby Satu Mare in 1906. At the age of 17, he succeeded his father

as chief rabbi of the Satmar Hasidic movement in Hungary and remained their leader until the outbreak of World War II, when he was imprisoned in the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp. He escaped several times and eventually went to Israel where he became the chief rabbi of the Satmar Hasidim there.

He was sought after by politicians. In 1968, Vice President Hubert Humphrey called upon Teitelbaum at his home in Brooklyn where he had settled to discuss tensions between some Black militants and the Jewish community. Last March, the rabbi appeared at a rally in Madison Square Garden attended by some 5000 to protest a road project in Jerusalem they considered an interference with the observance of the Sabbath. Teitelbaum was also president of the Central Rabbinical Congress of the United States and Canada which reportedly represents more than 250,000 Hasidim. His wife, Feiga, is his only immediate survivor.

PROJECT LAUNCHED TO HELP IDENTIFY POTENTIAL WITNESSES FOR TRIALS OF NAZI WAR CRIMINALS IN THE U.S.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 20 (JTA) -- A project designed to help identify potential witnesses for the trials of Nazi war criminals in the United States has been launched by the Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies at Yeshiva University of Los Angeles, it was announced by Efraim Zuroff, Center director and coordinator of the project.

Undertaken in response to requests for help in finding witnesses by Nazi-hunter Simon Wiesenthal and the Special Litigation Unit of the Justice Department, the project is designed to compile a comprehensive registry of the Holocaust survivors living in this country, with up-to-date information on their whereabouts and complete details on their war-time experiences. A special effort will be made to attain information on recent arrivals from the Soviet Union, a hereto inaccessible source of information, Zuroff noted.

He said that "it has become obvious that there is an urgent need to identify potential witnesses as soon as possible in order to ensure that these criminals could be brought to trial." Zuroff added, "Most of the potential witnesses were killed during the Holocaust and in the course of the past 34 years many others have passed away, leaving very few people able to testify, a fact which seriously jeopardizes the efforts to bring these criminals to trial." The information gathered will be computerized and made available to judicial authorities around the world.

STRAUSS TO REVIEW WITH CARTER VANCE ASPECT OF U.S. POLICY

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20 (JTA) -- Special Middle East Ambassador Robert Strauss was reported by the Carter Administration today as having agreed to obtain Israeli and Egyptian approval of a United States-sponsored resolution in the United Nations Security Council on "Palestinian rights" to induce Palestinian Arabs to join the peace process.

Strauss aides said yesterday in Jerusalem that the envoy was not enthusiastic about the proposal and had opposed it within the Administration. At the State Department today, however, a spokesman, Thomas Reston, said that a Presidential review committee meeting at which Strauss was present, the decision taken to go ahead with the proposal was "unanimous."

Reston said that Strauss, who is due back in Washington tonight, would "review" with President Carter and Secretary of State Cyrus Vance that aspect of U.S. policy dealing with "what he (Strauss)

found out there." Reston could not provide a date for the review. The President is cruising the Mississippi River and Vance is on vacation. Nevertheless, Reston noted, a discussion would be arranged.

Both Israel and Egypt rejected the proposed U.S. resolution. Egyptian President Anwar Sadat was quoted by an American official as saying it was "stupid." The Israeli Cabinet said yesterday it "unreservedly rejects" the proposal since it contradicts earlier U.S. positions.

Asked whether the U.S. has now dropped the resolution, Reston pointed out that he said only last Friday that the U.S. "may" introduce such a resolution. He contended that such a resolution would be "fully consistent" with Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 and the Camp David accords. But he would not explain why the resolution was necessary.

Young To Serve 'Under Restraints'

Meanwhile, Carter said last night that resigned UN Ambassador Andrew Young would be serving "under restraints" in the time he remains in office. The President's comments followed Young's statements yesterday on television that the U.S. policy of not speaking to the Palestine Liberation Organization is "ridiculous," and that Israel's government is "stubborn" and "intransigent," while referring to the PLO as a "legitimate power."

Reston, meanwhile, seemed to contradict Young's assertion over the weekend that the State Department knew on July 30 of his July 26 meeting with Zehadi Labib Terzi, the PLO observer at the UN. Young said he has "seen such a report" and said it had a "very detailed, almost verbatim account" of the July 26 meeting.

But Reston said the State Department had no such "report" or "account." He said that prior to Aug. 11, there was no account available in the Department of the Young-Terzi meeting. However, he noted, that on July 30, the Department had information that a suggestion had been made for Young to meet with Terzi, but it was not agreed upon. Reston refused to identify the origin of the "suggestion" for the meeting contained in the July 30 report.

"I can't give you a list of names who knew about the July 30 report," Reston said, but he explicitly ruled out Vance, Deputy Secretary of State Warren Christopher and Assistant Secretary of State Harold Saunders. He said the State Department checked with the office of the director of Central Intelligence, which controls all of the government's intelligence activities, and that office is prepared to stand by the State Department statement that it did not know of the Young-Terzi meeting before Aug. 11. Asked whether Israeli intelligence had monitored the Young-Terzi meeting, Reston said that the U.S. government has no information to confirm that.

Meanwhile, the Congressional Black Caucus cancelled at the last minute a scheduled news conference today to discuss the Young case and U.S. Mideast policy. A spokesman, Barbara Williams, said that the postponement was caused by the lack of a quorum of the 17-member caucus. Ms. Williams said an emergency meeting of the caucus will be held in the coming weeks to decide on making a policy statement.

BLACK LEADERS MEET PLO LEADER

After a two-hour luncheon meeting between seven prominent Black leaders and the Palestine Liberation Organization representative at the United Nations here today, Dr. Joseph Lowery, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) said that the delegation he headed "expressed our support of the human rights of all Palestinians, the right of self-determination, involving, among other things, their homeland."

In a press conference at the UN Church Center, Lowery described the meeting with Zehadi Labib Terzi, the PLO observer, as "very interesting and communicative" and said it helped the Black leaders to understand the position of the PLO. He said that his delegation urged Terzi to convey to PLO chief Yasir Arafat a message that the PLO consider the recognition of the State of Israel and negotiate with it.

Lowery said the Black leaders stressed their belief in non-violence to Terzi. He said the Black leaders undertook this "mission of peace" because Andrew Young, who resigned last week as U.S. Ambassador to the UN, "was cut on his mission of peace." He stressed that the SCLC's support for the "human rights of the Palestinians does not mean it opposes Israel."

Asked about the possibility that Black leaders will go to the Middle East, Lowery said "I would not rule out such a possibility." As to the possible clash between Jews and Blacks in the U.S. as a result of Young's resignation, Lowery said that "there are no problems between Jewish and Black leadership that cannot be worked out." He explained that the Black community has a vital stake in the Middle East peace.

Lowery asserted that if "material," apparently referring to oil, from the Mideast does not arrive in the U.S. it will have a "devastating affect on the United States and a fateful affect on Black America."

The Black leaders are scheduled to meet tomorrow with Yehuda Blum, the Israeli Ambassador to the UN, and later on with American Jewish leaders. The SCLC will hold a rally in Harlem Wednesday to explain the situation of the last few days.

In addition to Lowery, the other Black leaders who met with Terzi were: Dr. William Jones, Jr., president of the Progressive National Baptist Convention; Dr. Wyatt T. Walker, secretary general of the International Freedom Mobilization; Rep. Walter E. Fauntroy, who represents the District of Columbia in the House of Representatives and is chairman of the SCLC's board of directors; Dr. Harry Gibson, Jr., a member of the board of Global Ministries, United Methodist Church; Bishop Philip A. Cousin of the African Methodist Episcopal Church; Dr. George Lawrence, director of communications and public information of the Progressive National Baptist Convention. (By Yitzhak Rabi)

TV SERIES ON JEWISH LIFE IN PRODUCTION

NEW YORK, Aug. 20 (JTA) — Four thousand years of Jewish life and its interaction with world civilization will be explored in a new television series, WNET/THIRTEEN announced. Former Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban will appear as on-air host and commentator in the 13-part series, tentatively titled "Civilization and the Jews." He will also serve as chief consultant to the series. The documentary will soon begin production on four continents, made possible with a \$1 million grant over three years from the Charles H. Revson Foundation. Marc Siegel, an award-winning writer-director-producer, will serve as executive producer for the series which is scheduled to be broadcast in the spring of 1982. The estimated cost of the series is \$3.5 to \$4 million.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

NEW YORK (JTA) -- Increasing evidence of attempts to proselytize recently-arrived Soviet Jewish immigrants in the metropolitan area was reported by the Task Force on Missionary Activity of the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York. Dr. Seymour Lachman, Task Force chairman, said "ads have appeared in local Russian-language publications offering services to new immigrants, without indicating the fact that the sponsoring organizations appear to be Christian missionary groups."

COPENHAGEN (JTA) -- The Jewish cemetery in Fredericia, a small town some 60 miles from the German border, was desecrated last week. Tombstones were overturned, the fence broken and anti-Semitic slogans daubed on the graves. The police are investigating.

BUENOS AIRES (JTA) -- Gabriel Ruiz, the former editor of "El Caudillo," a pro-Nazi publication which was subsidized by the Peron government from 1973 to 1975, and who used to refer to Hitler as "mein fuhrer" and was a rabid anti-Semite, recently visited the DAIA offices to say that he was disgusted with his Nazi past and apologized for having advocated pogroms against Jews.

TEL AVIV (JTA) -- The Sdeh Boker Desert Research Institute's director, Prof. Amos Richmond, and New Mexico State University's president, Gerald Thomas, have announced the establishment of a broad-based cooperative program between the two institutions to encourage and facilitate arid-land research. In immediate ventures the primary focus will be in the field of ecology and biology of arid zones. Subsequently, concentration will be on water resources, food production and agricultural management, energy production and use, and arid lands management.

BOSTON (JTA) -- The Holocaust Memorial Committee of the Jewish Community Council of Metropolitan Boston is assisting in a project to search for the names of all Jews who perished in the Holocaust so that their names can be inscribed at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem. The task of gathering "Pages of Testimony" (Daf Yad) is being coordinated by the Yad Vashem Authority. Relatives and friends are being asked to fill out a separate page with all vital information about each person lost and to sign at the bottom to show how he/she is related to the victim(s), and for purposes of verification. The Council, located at 72 Franklin Street, Boston, Mass., 02110, will send the completed forms to Yad Vashem.

ELIZABETH, N.J. (JTA) -- Rabbi Pinchas Teitz said here he has been informed by the Moscow Jewish community leadership that Boris Michaelowitz Gram was appointed to replace Yaakov Mikenberg as chairman of the Moscow Synagogue. Gram, 34, is the youngest person ever to serve in that post, Teitz said. He is also the first chairman to have been raised and educated under the Soviet regime. Gram studied for 2 1/2 years at the Moscow Yeshiva before getting his appointment, Teitz said.

NEW YORK (JTA) -- The first peace mission to Israel under the auspices of the Jewish National Fund will take place Nov. 17-27, it

was announced by Dr. Samuel Cohen, JNF executive vice president. This historic mission, "A Rendezvous With History," which will follow the route of JNF pioneers, will involve the participation of JNF leaders from throughout the U.S., Cohen said.

BUENOS AIRES (JTA) -- According to a report in "La Luz" from its correspondent in Montevideo, Uruguay, the American NBC-TV series "Holocaust" was telecast in that city in a condensed form. Nevertheless, the correspondent noted, Jews and non-Jews were deeply impressed and a number of discussions took place in the city dealing with the horror and tragedy of the Holocaust.

NEW YORK (JTA) -- Bernard Backer, president of The Workmen's Circle, has urged the U.S. Postal Service to boycott any commemorative stamp issued by the United Nations honoring the Palestine Liberation Organization. He sent a letter with this request to Postmaster General William Bolger following press reports that the UN Palestine Committee has decided, among other events, to issue a special stamp from the UN which, Backer noted, "the U.S. mails would then carry under international postal agreements."

TEL AVIV (JTA) -- Israel is having a summer of cultural activities. Martha Graham and her ballet troupe have just arrived in a direct air flight from Egypt and will present a ballet series to Israeli audiences after several years of absence from the Israeli stage. Her flight from Egypt was made possible by U.S. Assistant Secretary of Defense David McGiffert who happened to be in Egypt and offered to transfer the entire group of 35 dancers. In addition, the Australian Ballet is performing in Israel and the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra gave an outstanding performance several days ago under the baton of Leonard Bernstein on the eve of its departure for a 40-day concert tour that will take the orchestra to the Salzburg Festival, Munich, Berlin, Hanover, Helsinki, Copenhagen, Barcelona, Valencia, Madrid, Milan and Florence.

TEL AVIV (JTA) -- An alert Israeli patrol boat crew prevented a terrorist attack Friday night against a civilian settlement in northern Israel, an army communique reported Sunday. The communique stated that an Israeli patrol boat intercepted a rubber dinghy carrying terrorists and that after a short but fierce artillery exchange sank the vessel near Rosh Hanikra off the Israel-Lebanon coast. According to the army communique, the terrorists fired a salvo of rockets at the Israeli boat and the Israeli crew returned fire. One of the occupants of the dinghy was hit and fell overboard. He was declared as missing. Three other terrorists on the vessel were captured and questioned. The dinghy, which was sunk, appeared to have sailed directly from Lebanon and was not, as in previous incidents, launched from a mother ship.

NEWARK, N.J. (JTA) -- Former Union County Prosecutor Edward McGrath and Roy Earlsman, the present chief of detectives, are charged in federal lawsuit filed here with illegally firing two investigators because they are Jewish. McGrath currently is a Superior Court judge in Elizabeth. The suits, brought by Robert Goldberg and Richard Yonetz, charge that both were fired solely because of their religion. This contention was supported by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. The two investigators brought the case to the federal agency with assistance from the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.