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CARTER GETS RECOMMENDATIONS ON ARAB-ISRAELI SITUATION BUT BIG QUESTION IS WHO IS IN CHARGE

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21 (JTA) -- The Carter Administration's "Big Four" on Middle Eastern affairs presented the President today with a set of recommendations on the United States' course in the Arab-Israeli situation although there still seemed to be confusion over who was in charge of American Mideast policy.

Vice President Walter Mondale, Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski and Special Ambassador to the Mideast Robert Strauss decided on the recommendations at a three-hour meeting at the White House and then said they telephoned them to Carter, who is cruising on the Mississippi River.

The recommendations were not disclosed when Vance and Strauss met the press after the meeting. Vance, who interrupted a vacation at Martha's Vineyard for the meeting, said that Strauss' conversations with Israeli Premier Menachem Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat over the weekend "have led to new insights." He said the four leaders "have come to a unanimous recommendation" for the President.

Strauss to Return to Mideast

Strauss said that the four Administration leaders "had very little difficulty" in coming "to some general conclusion, not only with respect to the recommendations we would make to the President, but possibly far more important, beginning to put in place and continue to put in place and firm up an overall Middle East peace strategy." Strauss added that "among the things we decided upon" was that he would return to the Mideast following the Sadat-Begin meeting in Haifa early in September.

When Vance was asked "who is in charge of Middle East policy," he replied that it has "always been the responsibility of the Secretary of State and remains the responsibility of the Secretary of State. Bob (Strauss) is in charge of the peace negotiations."

Strauss, who has consistently said that he is in charge of negotiating an Arab-Israeli settlement, consulting as necessary with Carter and Vance, was asked if Vance's statement bothered him. He sidestepped the question and the news conference ended.

Meanwhile, news reports from the Delta Queen Riverboat bearing the President's party, said that Presidential News Secretary Jody Powell declared that Mondale is in charge of Middle East policy. "I am authorized to say that the President has asked the Vice President to be responsible for any questions or problems that arise in the larger area of the Middle East," Powell said.

Carter, himself, when he was asked to comment on statements by resigned Ambassador Andrew Young, said the question should be referred to Mondale. The State Department pointed out later today that "ultimately" the policy is the responsibility of the President.

Strauss, who returned home from the Mideast last night, told reporters aboard his plane

that his mission to Israel and Egypt was "not good." His aides in Washington were quoted as saying that Strauss was opposed to the U.S. offering its own resolution on Palestinian rights for the Security Council debate scheduled for this Thursday, but was given written instructions on this just before he boarded the plane for Israel last week.

Strauss reportedly believed that a U.S. resolution would worsen relations with Israel but he had no chance to argue the point with the President since his instructions were given him at the last minute. Strauss was reported as saying on the plane that he carried out the instructions but both Begin and Sadat rejected the U.S. proposed resolution.

The State Department, however, denied yesterday there had been any dissent about Mideast strategy and that the approach used by Strauss over the weekend had been approved unanimously at a meeting attended by Strauss.

BLUM TO BLACK LEADERS: ANY ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE PLO WILL DISCOURAGE THE PEACE PROCESS

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, Aug. 21 (JTA) -- Israel made clear today to a delegation of Black leaders representing the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) that "the terrorist PLO" which "is bent on the destruction of Israel" will not be accepted by Israel as a partner in the Middle East peace negotiations.

Yehuda Blum, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, told the Black leaders during a two-and-a-half hour meeting at the Israel Mission that any encouragement to the Palestine Liberation Organization, as given yesterday by the Black leaders, "could only discourage the peace process" currently taking place in the Middle East. Blum referred to a statement made by Joseph E. Lowery, president of the SCLC, after he and an SCLC delegation met with Zehadi Labib Terzi, the PLO's server at the UN, in which Lowery declared support for Palestinian "self-determination."

In a press conference after today's meeting, Blum said that he "expressed regret that Lowery made the statement before listening to both sides." Blum said that he explained to the Black leaders Israel's willingness to conduct negotiations with Egypt, Jordan and the Palestinians in Judea and Samaria and that the PLO is not a partner for negotiations.

As to the issue that prompted the involvement of the Black leadership in the Middle East question, namely the resignation of Andrew Young as U.S. Ambassador to the UN, the Israeli envoy said that he explained to the Black leaders that Israel is concerned about a shift in U.S. policy and that the issue is not one of a personality or race.

Blum added, in response to a question, that Israel protested other contacts by U.S. diplomats with PLO officials, such as the meetings Ambassador Milton Wolf had in Vienna, but those protests, Blum maintained, "were submerged because of the Young furore."

During the meeting, Blum said, the Black leaders brought up the question of Israel's diplomatic and economic ties with South Africa. Blum said he told the leaders that the issue was blown out of proportion, noting that Israeli trade with South Africa amounted to only two-fifths of one percent of South Africa's total foreign trade and that many Black

African countries trade with South Africa on a much larger scale than Israel.

Lowery Raises South Africa As Issue

In a separate press conference following Blum's press conference, Lowery said that his delegation communicated "the concern of Black Americans about Israel's relations with South Africa." When confronted with Blum's assertion that Israel's trade with South Africa was only marginal, and that many African countries traded with South Africa, Lowery said that "it is irrelevant what other Black countries do" with South Africa because while the survival of those African countries is dependent on their trade with South Africa, Israel's survival is not.

Lowery said that Israel, by trading with South Africa, gave dignity to a nation of apartheid. According to the Black leader, his delegation reiterated its support "of the nationhood of Israel and human rights of all Israelis," and, at the same time, expressed its support "of human rights of all Palestinians."

Lowery also said that the Black delegation stressed to Blum its belief in non-violence as the means of achieving peace in the Middle East. Blum, in his press conference, said that his response to the Black non-violence message was it is "ridiculous to equate us with the PLO" and that this equation is like equating the criminal and the police.

The Black leaders also raised the issue of Israeli raids in south Lebanon. Blum said he told them that he expressed regret that the PLO was seeking cover and refuge in refugee camps and that, therefore, civilians were inadvertently hurt in the raids.

Asked to assess the results of the meeting, Israeli officials and Black leaders conceded to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that wide differences remained between the two groups. "We missed each other, somehow," a Black leader told the JTA after the meeting with Blum.

ISRAELIS' EGYPTIANS CONTINUE TO DIFFER ON AUTONOMY-RELATED ISSUES By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Aug. 21 (JTA) -- The Israeli officials to the autonomy talks in Alexandria returned here today after three days of talks with Egyptian officials and American representatives without apparently reaching any agreement on how much self-rule to grant the West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians. According to news reports from Cairo, the Egyptians and Israelis adhered to widely differing positions on this issue.

Meir Rosenne, Israel's Ambassador to France, who is a member of the autonomy talks delegation, told reporters at Ateret Airport that he has prepared a detailed report of the talks which will be submitted to the ministerial autonomy committee. Rosenne conceded that there were a number of points on which there was no agreement with the Egyptians, but added that "there was progress in the talks."

The Egyptian and Israeli delegations agreed to meet once again before the end of the month. Some progress reportedly was made in the working group that deals with the elections to the autonomy administrative bodies. A difference remained, however, over the voting age. The Egyptians demanded that the minimum voting age should be 18, while the Israelis want it to be 21.

Meanwhile, the Foreign Ministry denied

allegations by Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Boutros Ghali that Israel had raised difficulties over providing entry visas for Egyptians. Foreign Ministry officials said they would not enter into a public controversy with Egypt over this subject but noted that there were "substantial differences" between the data provided by Ghali in an interview with the semi-official newspaper Al-Ahram in Cairo and those compiled by Israel.

Ghali reportedly complained that Israel has so far approved only one Egyptian request for an entry visa, that of an Egyptian Jew. Furthermore, he reportedly complained that even the approval of this request took a long time. However, officials in Jerusalem noted that all 57 of 57 visa applications were approved here within a few days.

ISRAEL'S ALBATROSS: INFLATION By Sally Press

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 21 (JTA) -- In a public address last night on Israel's economic problems, Prof. Marcus Arkin, director general of the South African Zionist Federation, argued that "with out a doubt, Israel's most critical current burden is rampant inflation, which has assumed South American proportions."

After analyzing the circumstances which have given rise to a situation in which "the specter of inflation now permeates all aspects of Israeli life and must be regarded on a par with the rejectionist Arab front as a threat to the very fabric of the Jewish State," Arkin concluded on a more hopeful note:

"Currency reform, a curb on the printing (money) presses, limiting costs of living increments only to those in the very lowest income brackets, manpower redeployment coupled with arbitration procedures to settle wage disputes without stoppages and a more efficient tax administration make up the ingredients of a formula which would lay the Frankenstein monster once and for all to rest."

Arkin was formerly head of the department of economics and dean of the social science faculty of Rhodes University, Grahamstown, South Africa.

GILBOA ASSUMES POST AS ISRAELI CONSUL GENERAL TO THE MIDWEST

CHICAGO, Aug. 21 (JTA) -- Moshe Gilboa, who earlier this month assumed his post as Consul General of Israel to the Midwest, is no stranger to the American scene. He previously served as Consul General of Israel in Atlanta for the Southeastern Region during the time Jimmy Carter was Governor of Georgia and was the dean of the Consular Corps in Atlanta from 1969 to 1972. Long before Carter became the Democratic Party's Presidential candidate, Gilboa wrote an article predicting his election as President.

Gilboa, who was trained as a Commander in the Hagana and fought in the Palmach during Israel's war of Independence, joined the Civil Service in 1959. Subsequently, he served as director of Special Cooperation to Developing Countries in the Defense Ministry. In this capacity he was in charge of planning, coordinating and implementing projects of cooperation in 45 countries in Asia, Latin America, Africa and the Middle East.

In 1971, Gilboa was nominated as Ambassador to Zambia, served as director of information of the World Zionist Organization and as director general of the Israel Defense Fund which was known as the "Entebbe Fund" after the Israeli rescue of hostages held by terrorists at Entebbe Airport in Uganda in 1976. He served in the Israel Mission in Iran as Minister from 1977-79.

SPECIAL TO THE JTA UN COMMITTEE APPROVES WORDING OF DRAFT ON PALESTINIAN RIGHTS

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, Aug. 21 (JTA) --

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian people approved today the wording of a draft resolution on Palestinian rights, opening the way for a United States veto in the Security Council Thursday.

The resolution, which was approved by the committee in a closed session, declared that the "Palestinian people should be able to exercise its inalienable rights of self-determination, national independence and sovereignty in Palestine." (See Aug. 21 Bulletin for full draft.)

According to sources here, the U.S. is certain to veto this resolution. The Palestine Liberation Organization and its supporters are planning to call for an emergency special session of the General Assembly next week if the U.S. vetoes the resolution. Meanwhile, there were reports here today that the U.S. is continuing in its effort to postpone the Security Council meeting in order to reach a compromise.

BOMB EXPLOSIONS INJURE FOUR PEOPLE

TEL AVIV, Aug. 21 (JTA) --

Four persons were injured when two bombs exploded tonight at the Tel Aviv Exhibition Grounds. A child and two women were injured when the first bomb went off at 6 p.m. at the amusement park area. An hour later another bomb exploded at a Youth Town, injuring a youth. The Youth Town, which is run by a youth council during the summer, provides a variety of cultural and entertainment events throughout the day. Thousands of people were visiting the exhibition grounds when the explosion occurred.

DULZIN SEES IMPROVEMENT IN LATIN AMERICA FOR JEWISH COMMUNITIES

NEW YORK, Aug. 21 (JTA) --

Leon Dulzin, chairman of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization Executives, who spent 12 days as the guest of the Jewish communities in Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, Chile, Peru and Mexico, declared here today that the general political situation in most of these Latin American countries seems to be more stable and life in the Jewish communities more tranquil than in previous years.

The Zionist leader alternated between Spanish and Yiddish in his appearances at large Jewish rallies in seven Latin American cities, where he reported he was enthusiastically received. This was Dulzin's first visit to the Latin American Jewish communities in his capacity as head of the Jewish Agency and of the WZO.

During his visit to Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo, Buenos Aires, Montevideo, Santiago, Lima and Mexico City, he met with government and Jewish community leaders and appeared in a number of press conferences, as well as on radio and television. Dulzin, who is in New York on his way home to Israel, will participate here in meetings of the Executive of the American Section of the WZO and of the Jewish Agency. He will also discuss with American Jewish leaders the problem of "dropouts," those who leave the Soviet Union on Israeli visas and choose to settle in the United States or other Western countries.

GUSH MEMBERS ABANDON PLOT OF LAND THEY SEIZED ILLEGALLY

By Yitzhak Shargil and David Landau

TEL AVIV, Aug. 21 (JTA) --

Members of the Gush Emunim settlement of Kedumim abandoned yesterday a one-acre plot of land adjacent to their settlement which they seized illegally Sunday, thus avoiding a clash with troops which had been sent to evict them.

The settlers, who had cut the barbed wire separating their settlement on an army base from the land which is titled by Arabs, agreed to leave after National Religious Party MK Haim Druckman and an official of the Agriculture Ministry suggested the settlers send a delegation to Jerusalem to discuss the need for more land for West Bank settlements. The decision came as the army was moving into the seized land on which the settlers had put up several mobile homes.

Kedumim was set up following the repeated Gush Emunim attempts to settle near Nablus during the Rabin government. At first it was designated as merely an adjunct to an army camp in the area and was placed within the army camp perimeter. But since then it has grown and flourished, and, while still within the perimeter, it is now plainly in need of room for expansion.

The government and the World Zionist Organization settlement department, however, have arranged for Kedumim to take over the rest of the army camp, which is soon to be vacated by the military. Government and WZO officials contend that this would provide Kedumim, which now has some 100 families, with ample land for all future needs. The settlers, however, are dissatisfied with this offer. They argue that the army camp lands earmarked for their expansion use are low-lying while they have their hearts set on the surrounding hillsides.

The hillsides, however -- and this is the political sensitivity of the issue -- are owned either by local Arab villagers or by absent Arabs who have leased them to local people, while the army camp lands are State-owned.

Emunim rejects any distinction in principle between the various categories of land-ownership and contends that the requirements of the West Bank Jewish settlements should take priority, where necessary, over local Arab ownership or usage rights with the owners or users receiving adequate cash compensation or alternative land elsewhere.

Sunday's takeover was in conjunction with a Gush campaign to force the government to enact legislation allowing the takeover of Arab land in Judea and Samaria for Jewish settlements. After the Kedumim settlers met yesterday with Deputy Defense Minister Mordechai Zipori they seemed to feel that the government might present such legislation. But Zipori said he "promised nothing, I hinted nothing about a government bill to enable land acquisition in Judea and Samaria." He said the government is aware of the problem and is dealing with it. "It told the settlers of Kedumim that their action only undermines the usual normal activity."

The settlers met today with Premier Menachem Begin and asked him to introduce legislation for the State to take over 50,000 dunams of land. There was no word on the Premier's reaction, but a special Cabinet meeting -- under the secrecy blanket of the "ministerial defense committee" -- has been scheduled for tomorrow specifically to discuss the problem of West Bank lands. Settlement leaders warned that more actions would be mounted if the government did not come up with satisfactory decisions.

DISPUTE OVER SYMPOSIUM ON THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE

By Yitzhak Shargil and Gil Sedan

TEL AVIV, Aug. 21 (JTA) -- Heated discussions are taking place in Labor Party and National Religious Party leadership circles about whether their Knesset members should participate in a three-day symposium in Washington beginning Oct. 27 on the Palestinian issue as it affects Israel's security.

The symposium, "The Middle East Between War and Peace," is sponsored by the Tel Aviv-based magazine "New Outlook" which describes itself as "dedicated to the search for peace in the Middle East and to cooperation and development of all the area's peoples." The upcoming symposium is one of several the Socialist-Zionist non-party publication has held since it was founded 22 years ago.

The magazine's editorial committee here stressed that those invited to participate include scientists, scholars, researchers, journalists and some political figures from Israel, Europe and the United States, as well as Palestinians. The editorial committee said that no Palestine Liberation Organization representatives have been invited and affirmed that the magazine supports the view that there is room for negotiations with any "factor" that recognizes Israel and is ready to accept peaceful co-existence with the Jewish State.

(A spokesman for the New Outlook office in New York, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that the sponsors of the symposium "want to hold a discussion and dialogue open to all voices and views on the problem of Palestinian self-determination vis-a-vis Israel's security. We want this to be done on an academic level in order to open up minds to new approaches in dealing with this problem which is, fundamentally, an issue of vital importance to Israel's security." The spokesman said that the conference will make no political statements or declarations.)

Some Of Those Invited Identified

The editorial committee said that among the Palestinians invited so far are the mayors of Nablus, Hebron, Halhoul and Bethlehem and a number of professors at the American University in Beirut who maintain contact with PLO leaders. Knesset members invited to attend are Labor Party's Abba Eban, Yossi Sarid, Micha Harish, Rabbi Menachem Hacohen, Ora Namir and Uzi Baran; Mapam's Naftali Feder and Chaika Grossman; NRP's Avraham Melamed and David Glass; Shas' Mordechai Vishnubski and Shmuel Tolegano; Sheli's Uri Avneri and Meir Payit; and Shulamit Aloni of the Civil Rights Party. Dr. Nahum Goldmann has also been invited.

But even as the invitations were received, Sarid said he would only go as a political personality, not as a representative of the Labor Party, and only after examining the list of participants and the conference agenda to make sure the meeting does not become an anti-Israel event. Melamed said he could not attend due to "technical reasons" and Glass said he would only if the NRP approved the trip. Mapam said it would send its Knesset members only if the Palestinians attending the symposium recognize Israel's right to exist.

Sheli is the only party that has already announced that its representatives will attend

the conference with no preconditions. According to a party statement, Sheli is not concerned over Palestinian participation and, in fact, even welcomes it as a step toward strengthening the PLO's "moderate wing."

Heated Discussion In Labor Party

The most heated discussion on the issue of participation has taken place in the Labor Party. Its Bureau, the highest decision-making body of the party, has gone on record opposing the participation of their Knesset members in the symposium but did not officially forbid their participation.

In a lively meeting of the party's Bureau last Sunday, there were some officials who urged their Knesset members to refrain from participating altogether in the symposium. It was also asserted that the party opposes participating in any forum in which PLO officials are present but that the party is not against meetings with Palestinians who are not PLO members or profess PLO views.

Prof. Allen Pollack, chairman of the Labor Zionist Alliance in the United States and a member of the Board of Governors of the Jewish Agency, who participated in the Labor Party Bureau's meeting, said he was totally opposed to the symposium and called upon the Labor Party to instruct all its members who were invited to refrain from attending.

Pollack, a supporter of the Peace Now movement, said the symposium was ill-timed and that American Jewish leaders also opposed the meeting. He felt that the conference would take place at a time when Washington would be in the midst of a concerted effort to talk with the PLO and when the United Nations General Assembly would be debating the issue of Palestinian rights. In addition, he said that regardless of who else is participating in the symposium, the limelight would be on the Palestinians and the end result would be a one-sided impression.

In a similar vein, Interior Minister Yosef Burg, head of the Israeli delegation to the autonomy talks and leader of the NRP, termed the conference "a concerted deliberate political offensive geared at weakening Israel when it is embroiled in the struggle to prevent amendments in Security Council Resolution 242."

SYNAGOGUE GIVES \$500 TO MOSLEM GIRL

By Ben Kayfetz

TORONTO, Aug. 21 (JTA) -- A Sephardic synagogue here has raised \$500 from its members to help defray the costs of a life-saving heart operation for a 15-year-old Moslem girl from Fez, Morocco. Rashida Didouh, one of 13 children, requires long periods of rest after even the slightest activity. When doctors in her native Morocco couldn't perform the delicate operation to help her overcome this ailment, her parents sold their valuable possessions to pay for her flight to Toronto.

However, \$6000 is needed for the operation, and when Maurice Benzacar, president of the Magen-David Sephardic Congregation, a synagogue whose members stem from Morocco, read of the girl's plight, he enlisted the help of his synagogue's members. "Morocco has been friendly to the Jews," Benzacar said. "On humanitarian grounds we wanted to help. Many of our members come from that city." Benzacar said the majority of the funds are being raised by Toronto's Moslem community, but he felt the \$500 donation was the least his 150-member congregation could do.

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- Mrs. Ophira Navon, President Yitzhak Navon's wife, had a malignant cancerous growth removed from her amput.