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BRZEZINSKI URGES ISRAEL TO ACCEPT 'LEGITIMATE PALESTINIAN RIGHTS'

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, Sept. 18 (JTA) -- Zbigniew Brzezinski, President Carter's National Security Advisor, declared last night that Israel must be prepared "to accept legitimate Palestinian rights, and to interpret the Camp David accords on the West Bank and Gaza both generously and with wise attention to the needs of an enduring peace with the Palestinian people -- all, of course, with due regard for Israel's genuine security needs."

Addressing a dinner sponsored by the World Jewish Congress, marking the first anniversary of the signing of the Camp David accords, at the Pierre Hotel here, Brzezinski said that the time had also come "for all Palestinians" to accept UN Resolutions 242 and 338 "and Israel's right to exist." But he warned that if the Palestinians refuse to enter the autonomy negotiations, the negotiations between Israel and Egypt will proceed without them.

"The time is fast approaching when the Palestinians should enter the autonomy negotiations to help determine their own future -- though their unwillingness to enter must not be permitted to delay the Israeli-Egyptian-U.S. talks," he said. But he asserted that Israel "bears a responsibility to reach out to the Palestinians in new and creative ways."

Brzezinski also stressed that a peaceful solution for the West Bank and Gaza Strip is imperative for peace in the Mideast. He said he has no doubt that the present negotiations for autonomy will be successful. "I can reaffirm to you, tonight," Brzezinski declared to the more than 500 guests, including Egypt's Ambassador to the United Nations Esmat Abdel Meguid and some 40 other high-ranking foreign diplomats, "President Carter is totally committed to the attainment of peace in the Mideast. There will be peace for all; there will be security for all."

But, he added, "This will take time, it will take vision, it will take courage, and it will take an understanding of the consequences if we do not all join together to seek a broad, lasting and comprehensive peace in the Mideast."

Sees Israelis, Palestinians Cooperating

Brzezinski concluded his speech by predicting that peace in the Mideast will make possible cooperative ventures between the Israelis and Palestinians whom he described "among the most advanced, best-trained people" in the area.

"The Israelis and the Palestinians -- whatever respective arrangements between them develop from the peace process -- can transform their ancient lands into a thriving community of economic and social interest in the Mideast, into a model for others, into nothing less, in fact, than the catalyst for creative development, for intellectual and technological innovation for a region that is bursting with opportunity and that is crying for peace," Brzezinski declared.

During the dinner, Rabbi Arthur Schneier was installed as chairman of the American Section of the World Jewish Congress by Philip Klutznick, president of the W.J.C. Schneier is the spiritual leader of the Park East Synagogue in Manhattan

and also the founder and president of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation which promotes religious freedom around the world.

CARTER CONGRATULATES BEGIN ON FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF CAMP DAVID ACCORDS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 18 (JTA) -- Premier Menachem Begin received a telephone call from President Carter late yesterday afternoon to congratulate him on the first anniversary of the signing of the Camp David accords in Washington. Their conversation, which lasted about a half hour, was described as most friendly and of a personal character.

It was disclosed that Carter asked Begin to make an effort to speed up the autonomy talks with Egypt. The President also expressed satisfaction that the details of the Camp David agreement are being carried out to the letter. He thanked the Premier for the personal letter he sent two days ago in connection with the anniversary and expressed hope that the peace agreement between Israel and Egypt will soon expand to include others in the region.

Carter had a similar friendly conversation with President Anwar Sadat. The Egyptian leader received a message from Begin on the first anniversary of the Camp David agreements summing up the progress made in the last 12 months, including the ongoing autonomy negotiations.

'MEDICAL' REPORT ON BEGIN DENIED

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Sept. 18 (JTA) -- Officials at Premier Menachem Begin's office flatly rejected a report in the latest issue of Time magazine that Begin was recently checked by three foreign medical experts who advised him not to work more than three hours a day.

Begin's press advisors said Begin gets to work every morning around 8 a.m. and stays at the office until 1 p.m. when he goes home for lunch and an afternoon rest. He returns to the office around 4 p.m. and stays until the evening. In addition, he undertakes various appointments in the evening.

Dan Pattir, Begin's press advisor, said that not only was Begin not checked by any foreign expert, but neither were similar checkups conducted by any Israeli doctor. Shlomo Nakdimon, another press advisor, charged that political elements were responsible for the publication of the story. He did not elaborate.

Prof. Jack Fein, who, according to Time magazine, checked Begin, denied the report in a telephone conversation with Maariv from New York. Fein said he had been in Israel several weeks ago on family matters, but there is no foundation to the story that he was asked to see Begin.

U.S., ISRAEL SEEK TO MINIMIZE WEIZMAN-SAUNDERS CONFRONTATION

By Joseph Potakoff

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18 (JTA) -- Both the State Department and the Israel Embassy today sought to play down the confrontation between Israel Defense Minister Ezer Weizman and Assistant Secretary of State for Middle East Affairs Harold Saunders over United States and Israeli policies.

The confrontation, which took place at the Israel Embassy Saturday night where a reception was held with some newsmen present, was characterized by an Israeli spokesman as "nothing much"

and the two "spoke in quiet tones."

State Department spokesman Hodding Carter was asked today whether the Israeli bombardment of Palestinian terrorist bases in south Lebanon, the Cabinet decision to allow Israelis to purchase land in the administered territories, Jewish settlements in the West Bank and the U.S. aid program constitute a rising level of tension that was symbolized by the exchange between Saunders and Weizman.

"Such sharpish exchanges at 11:30 o'clock at night with good friends, we don't consider to be the final determinant of our standing as friends," Carter replied. "We remain close and friendly. We have differences as we have always had differences. We continue to work on those differences. The differences in no way interfere with the ultimate stability of our relationship or the depth of it."

Carter said he would not deal with the details of the exchange or the "varied reports" about it. But he acknowledged that "in general the thrust of the article I have seen is relatively accurate."

Eye Witness Account

According to an eye witness to the confrontation who took notes, the confrontation was initiated by Saunders who complained to Weizman that the U.S. gives billions of dollars in aid to Israel but when he was in the Middle East he was not informed about the Egyptian-Israeli move to establish joint Egyptian-Israeli patrols in the Sinai in place of the United Nations Emergency Force.

When Saunders suggested that the failure he spoke of did not constitute friendship, Weizman replied, "You are talking of friendship. You are making us to appear as villains in southern Lebanon." Weizman also wanted to know, "Where were you when the children were being killed in Maalot?"

Saunders said that "all you know is bombing," and added, "That is not our kind of policy." Weizman wondered what U.S. policy is and Saunders said that "you are making the same mistake that the U.S. made in going into Vietnam."

Weizman replied that "if there will be another Katyusha (Soviet rocket) or something else that will hurt us we will act severely." When Saunders said, "You will continue bombing," Weizman replied, "I did not say bombing. I want to remind you we went into Lebanon and stayed there several weeks until we accomplished what we had to do."

Weizman reportedly also told Saunders that the U.S. was not being Israel's friend by assailing Israeli air strikes against terrorist bases in south Lebanon.

Saunders then charged that Israel was using too much military force in Lebanon. Weizman responded, "Don't lecture us on what to do." He then referred to the U.S. display of weakness and vacillation in foreign affairs, noting the position toward Cuba, which led the non-aligned nations meeting in Havana in condemning the U.S. and again equating Zionism with racism. Saunders reportedly responded, "At least we are not bombing there."

CANADA'S FIRST HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL

By Michael Salomon

MONTREAL, Sept. 18 (JTA) -- Canada's first memorial to the six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust was formally dedicated in ceremonies held at the Allied Jewish Community Center here last Sunday. The edifice has three

sections: one devoted to a permanent display of photographs and documents related to the Holocaust; an area for temporary exhibits; and a sanctuary for meditation where an Eternal Light burns over an urn containing ashes from Auschwitz.

Prof. Emil Fackenheim of the University of Toronto, a distinguished Holocaust scholar who was guest speaker at the dedication, said the Holocaust Memorial represented a tremendous achievement for Montreal Jewry as it is the first of its kind in Canada. Fackenheim spoke of the Jewish martyrs and expressed dismay that Canadian authorities so far have made no effort to extradite Nazi war criminals living in Canada.

Steven Cummings of the Allied Jewish Community Services Committee is credited with achieving the Holocaust memorial. Jeanet Blatter, a former art archivist with the YIVO Institute in New York, has been named curator.

U.S. CONDEMNS ISRAEL'S DECISION ON LAND PURCHASES IN WEST BANK, GAZA

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18 (JTA) -- The Carter Administration today condemned the Israel Cabinet's decision to allow Jews to buy land from Arabs in the administered territories, saying "it runs contrary to the spirit of the peace process itself." Faced with questions on the Arabs prohibiting Jews from buying property in their 22 countries, the Administration backtracked to acknowledge that it was not assuming that a settlement over the West Bank would not prohibit Jews from buying property there.

Although the Israeli decision was made Sunday, the Administration did not emerge with a statement until today when a question was asked at the State Department.

Reading a prepared statement, Department spokesman Hodding Carter said, "While there is some question about the legal implications of this action and its practical effect, it appears to be contrary to the spirit and the intent of the peace process." He said that "what we regret in general" about the purchase decision and "other steps" are actions that make the "negotiations in the peace process more difficult."

Carter said "no" when asked whether he based his statement on the assumption that a West Bank settlement would prohibit Jews from buying property there. He was then asked how he knows now that the Israeli decision is inimical to the peace process. Carter responded that "we don't know" what a settlement would provide on Arabs and Jews buying land but that "I am talking of the spirit" of the peace process. "I can't tell what the long-range practical effect will be." He said that the decisions "might best be reserved for the process in which we are now engaged."

But while Carter said that he was "not trying to make a legal tie whatever" about the decision and the peace process, he said that the U.S. position on the new Jewish settlements and on the land purchase decision is "not greatly dissimilar."

Meanwhile, a Jordan Embassy spokesman here confirmed that Jordan demands the death penalty for Arabs who sell West Bank land to Israelis, adding that such sales amount to "high treason."

PUBLIC OPINION FAVORING EITAN

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Sept. 18 (JTA) -- Public opinion is swinging overwhelmingly in favor of Chief of Staff Gen. Raphael Eitan in the controversy over his reduction of the prison sentence imposed by a military tribunal on a former paratroop officer convicted of

murdering four Lebanese civilians during Israel's invasion of south Lebanon in March, 1978. Since Sheli MK Uri Avneri demanded Eitan's resignation for allegedly lying about the case, petitions and messages of support for the general have been pouring in.

Eitan appeared today before the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee where Mapam MK Meir Talmi raised the question of why he reduced the sentence of former Lt. Daniel Pinto from eight to two years. But the committee did not take up the matter. On the suggestion of former Premier Yitzhak Rabin, a leader of the opposition Labor Party, it was decided to defer discussion until Defense Minister Ezer Weizman returns from Washington.

The Pinto case was obscured by military censorship until last weekend when foreign newspapers published a version of the events that led to his conviction. That version, accepted by the courts which tried the 24-year-old paratrooper in closed session, was presented to the Knesset by Avneri last July.

But it was deleted from the Knesset record due to the sensitive nature of the subject. Supporters of Eitan now accuse Avneri of leaking the story to newspapers abroad in violation of security. Avneri has denied this. But the tide of public opinion has turned rapidly against the Knesset member and his small, leftist faction.

Support From Various Sectors

Support for Eitan has come from groups of reserve officers, retired senior officers, paratroopers, including a legendary war hero, Meir Har-Zion, from various student groups in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem and others. Local authorities in the Jezreel Valley sent messages of encouragement to Eitan. The student organization at the religious-oriented Bar Ilan University is collecting signatures on a petition in his support.

Similar petitions bearing the signatures of hundreds of students and paratroopers have already appeared. Some circles are demanding an investigation of who leaked details of the Pinto case to foreign correspondents.

Pinto was convicted of torturing four Lebanese civilians under interrogation in Ein Baal village and then killing them. The courts rejected his claim that he acted in self-defense. Eitan, in reducing his sentence, said he accepted the officer's version but reversed himself several days later, saying he accepted the court's guilty verdict. Nevertheless, the Chief of Staff maintained that the circumstances warranted the reduced sentence. Avneri charged that Eitan was fully aware of the gruesome nature of Pinto's crime.

Meanwhile, it was announced today that Eitan will visit the U.S. shortly to meet with senior American officers and tour military bases and military industry plants.

TRILATERAL TALKS TAKING PLACE

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18 (JTA) -- Representatives of Israel, Egypt and the United States were conducting bilateral and trilateral sessions today discussing the monitoring of Sinai after Israel withdraws from the area, but other issues appeared certain to enter the talks at the State Department.

Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, who is handling the sessions, was closeded first with Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan and Defense Minister Ezer Weizman. After an hour's talk, they were joined by Egypt's Defense Minister Kamal

Hassan Ali. The discussions continued this afternoon with a working lunch in between.

At issue is whether the U.S. will honor its Camp David commitment to Egypt and Israel that if the armed United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF) is not renewed to guard Sinai then the U.S. would establish its own international force. The UNEF mandate was not renewed by the UN Security Council last July. Israel is understood to insist that the U.S. keep its pledge and organize the force while Egyptian-Israeli patrols, agreed to by Egypt and Israel two weeks ago, jointly monitor the peninsula until the U.S.-sponsored force is established and functioning.

The U.S. has accepted a Soviet proposal that the unarmed UN Truce Supervisory Organization (UNTSO) under the control of UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim monitor Sinai. The Soviet Union had opposed the renewal of UNEF.

As the meetings progressed this afternoon, State Department spokesman Hoddling Carter said that the U.S. position is to reach agreement on guarding Sinai with Egypt and Israel before taking other steps. He made this statement after being asked whether the U.S. would consult with the Soviet Union or the UN regarding peace-keeping forces in Sinai.

Carter insisted, however, that UNTSO is "an instrumentality capable of performing the job" and that UNTSO supplies a "satisfactory solution." But he added that "it is not the only one." President Carter's special envoy to the Mideast Robert Strauss, Israel's Ambassador Ephraim Eban, and Egypt's Ambassador Ashraf Ghorbal also participated in the meetings.

Israel To Consult With U.S. On Future Bombings

Meanwhile, in a related Mideast development, Rep. Paul Findley (R., Ill.) said today that Weizman had promised that Israel would consult with the U.S. before launching any new preemptive strikes against Lebanon with American-supplied weapons. Findley said Weizman authorized him to disclose that pledge, made at an off-the-record meeting with members of the Foreign Affairs Committee yesterday.

According to the Congressman, the Israeli defense chief told him that "if Israel in the future should find it necessary to use U.S.-supplied military equipment in any preemptive strikes it would first talk with the United States." Findley, who has called for an inquiry into Israel's use of American equipment in Lebanon, said Weizman's promise represented "a significant and gratifying change in Israel's military policy."

Weizman, himself, met with editors and reporters of the Washington Post who demanded to know Israel's views of the West Bank in light of the Cabinet decision. "I don't know what the final status of the West Bank is going to be and I don't think we should discuss it now," the Post quoted Weizman. "I think there are certain problems in the world that don't have definite solutions," Weizman also said. He cited the situations in Quebec, northern Ireland and Kurdistan.

The issue came up after President Carter, on the first anniversary of the Camp David accords yesterday, promised to participate personally in Mideast peace talks if they again face trouble. Welcoming Israeli and Egyptian leaders in Washington to the White House, Carter said, "In the future, if there are obstacles of a seemingly insurmountable nature, I would be deeply committed to becoming involved."

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- The Knesset Security and Foreign Affairs Committee will meet Wednesday on Deputy Premier Yigael Yadin's appeal against two new settlements in Samaria.

DULZIN'S ROSH HASHANAH MESSAGE

JERUSALEM, Sept. 18 (JTA) -- Leon Dulzin, chairman of the World Zionist Organization and Jewish Agency Executives, spoke of "review and renewal" in a Rosh Hashanah message to the Jewish people in Israel and abroad released here today. He declared: "We are celebrating the jubilee anniversary of the founding of the Jewish Agency 50 years ago in Zurich ... established to fulfill the aspirations of the Jewish people awakened by the emergence of modern Zionism."

However, Dulzin observed, "We witness growing hostility in the world at large toward Israel and the Jewish people as a whole. These facts seem improbable in light of the constructive changes taking place in the Mideast between Israel and Egypt. They indicate that the struggle of modern Zionism for the historic and inalienable rights of the Jewish people to national sovereignty is still being waged."

Dulzin asserted that "the Jewish Agency continues its historic task of ingathering the exiles and settlement of the land." He anticipated "a substantial increase in aliya from all parts of the world" in the new year.

In that connection, he declared: "Our struggle for the freedom of Soviet Jewry continues unabated ... It is their courage and stamina that give us faith in the success of our endeavors It is therefore that we are increasingly disturbed by the percentage of dropouts among our Russian brethren. Their growing numbers represent the greatest threat to those Jews in the Soviet Union who want to come to Israel."

Dulzin spoke of "Project Renewal, a program of physical and social rehabilitation aimed at total integration into Israeli society of earlier immigrants who are never fully absorbed," and reminded overseas Jewry that "the social and humanitarian programs of the Jewish Agency are made possible through your response to the worldwide campaigns of the United Jewish Appeal and Keren Hayesod."

WUJS TURNS ZIONIST

By Barbie Zelizer

JERUSALEM, Sept. 18 (JTA) -- The World Union of Jewish Students (WUJS) turned Zionist last week, when delegates to the WUJS congress here unanimously adopted a series of pro-Zionist resolutions for the first time in 10 years. The decisions were taken at the congress' concluding session.

Among the resolutions was one supporting the "Jerusalem Program" which underlines the centrality of Israel. Other resolutions paralleled major principles of the Zionist movement, including a call upon world governments to recognize Jerusalem as the eternal capital of Israel and to transfer their embassies to Jerusalem; a condemnation of anti-Semitism; and support of the Israel government's policies and the Camp David agreements. The organization also decided to transfer its central offices from London to Jerusalem "because Jerusalem and not London is the center of the Jewish nation and Zionism."

In previous years, WUJS had exhibited a distinct leftist anti-Zionist orientation, and its "Arab Program" had equated the rights of the Palestinians to those of the Jews in Israel.

Basis For New Orientation

Simcha Yakabowitz, the head of the North American Jewish Students Network, the umbrella organization of North American Jewish student

groups, said that the congress' new Zionist orientation was simply a reflection of the consequences of Jewish activism on North American campuses.

While most of American Jewish students do not care about Judaism, Zionism or Israel, he said, "of those who do, the vast majority are Zionists and this was not properly reflected in the WUJS Executive Councils until this year." Yakabowitz further said that the WUJS Executive of the past decade "represented an ideology of the 1960s."

However, Eli Hauben, chairman of the Israel National Union of Students, said the dramatic change of orientation was due to the incorporation of WUJS members as observers in the World Zionist Congress.

The congress was attended by hundreds of Jewish student activists from abroad and from Israel. At its concluding session, the delegates elected Alfredo Trapansky, 25, who came on aliya from Uruguay in 1972, as its new chairman. Trapansky's election was also seen as evidence of the organization's new Zionist orientation since he represents the Maccabi Hatzair youth movement.

BUENOS AIRES (JTA) -- A terrorist-planted bomb severely damaged the Jewish-owned Banco Israelita in Cordoba, Argentina's third largest city, earlier this month. The blast outside the main door in the early morning hours caused no casualties but alarmed the Jewish community. The DAIA issued a statement condemning the "inexplicable attempt" against a Jewish bank.

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- The two chief rabbis of Jerusalem, Rabbi Bezalel Jaffi and Rabbi Yosef Mashash, issued a statement Monday forbidding the participation in the High Holy Day services conducted by the Conservative movement. The rabbis said that any services held in the Conservative style would not be considered valid. They called on the public to attend traditional services.

WASHINGTON (JTA) -- The House on Monday adopted without dissent a resolution calling on the government of Syria to allow Jews who wish to emigrate to depart without restriction. The resolution said the request is based on humanitarian grounds. The resolution now goes to the Senate for action. The measure was introduced by Rep. Stephen Solarz (D. NY) under suspension of House rules, a step which requires two-thirds of the House to approve for passage. With no dissent, the measure was adopted as offered.

RIO DE JANEIRO (JTA) -- Olga Gleizer of Sao Paulo was elected to a three-year term as president of Pioneer Women at its recent convention here. The convention focused on the need for Jewish women in Brazil to take a more active part in local community life. Some 300 delegates from 50 Pioneer Women chapters in eight cities attended the convention. According to Geula Havkin, president of the World Federation of Pioneer Women, the organization in Brazil has more than 6000 members, the third largest after those in the United States and Canada.

BUENOS AIRES (JTA) -- The local Sacedad Hebraica Argentina (YMHA) has publicly introduced a new book, "The Wisdom of the Talmud," by the Argentine Jewish author Jaime Barylko. The Jewish Community Council is preparing its own annual exhibition of Jewish books. According to Mundo Israelita, the Readers Digest will publish aphorisms from a new book by Argentine Jewish author Jose Narosky in its international edition. The book "Si Todos los Hombres" (If All the Men) is a collection of aphorisms.