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GROMYKO CALLS FOR A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 25 (JTA) -- Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko said here today that "the separate deal" between Israel and Egypt "resolved nothing" and that the USSR is in favor of a comprehensive settlement in the Middle East. In a similar vein, King Hussein of Jordan also contended that only a comprehensive peace can solve the Mideast problem. (See story P. 3.)

Addressing the 34th session of the United Nations General Assembly, Gromyko charged that the Israeli-Egyptian agreement "is a means designed to lull the vigilance of people. It is a way of piling up on a still greater scale explosive material capable of producing a new conflagration in the Middle East," he said.

The Soviet Foreign Minister reiterated his country's viewpoint that a settlement in the Middle East requires "that Israel should end its occupation of all Arab lands it seized in 1967, that the legitimate rights of the Arab people of Palestine, including the right to create their own state, be safeguarded and that the right of all states in the Middle East, including Israel, to independent existence under conditions of peace, be effectively guaranteed."

Describing the situation in the Middle East as "a serious threat to peace," Gromyko declared, "We are in favor of a comprehensive and just settlement of the establishment of a durable peace in the Middle East, the region not far from our borders." He added that "the Soviet Union sides firmly with the Arab people who resolutely reject deals at the expense of their legitimate interests."

Omits Reference To The PLO

The Soviet diplomat's speech before the world body was notable for its omission of any reference to the Palestine Liberation Organization when referring to Palestinian rights and Soviet support for an independent Arab state. He also did not mention as he has in past speeches, the Soviet demand for reconvening an international conference such as the Geneva Conference, to solve the Middle East conflict. He stressed, however, his sympathy for the Arab cause.

"It is high time," Gromyko said, "that all states represented in the United Nations realize how vast is the tragedy of the Arab people of Palestine. What is the worth of declarations in defense of humanism and human rights -- whether for refugees or not -- if before the eyes of the entire world the inalienable rights of an entire people, driven from its land and deprived of a livelihood, are grossly trampled upon?" Gromyko asked.

He also observed that "added to the tense political atmosphere in this (the Middle East) and adjacent areas is the heavy smell of oil." He did not elaborate.

VANDEN HEUVEL'S NOMINATION AS DEPUTY U.S. ENVOY TO UN SEEN STRENGTHENING STATE DEPARTMENT APPROACHES

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25 (JTA) -- President Carter's nomination of William J. vanden Heuvel as deputy U.S. Ambassador to the United

Nations, is seen as strengthening the State Department's approaches in that organization formally and informally.

The State Department had soured on former Ambassador Andrew Young because of his free-wheeling tactics that culminated in his resignation last month when he misled and embarrassed the Department on his meeting with the Palestine Liberation Organization observer at the UN.

Neither Donald McHenry, who succeeded Young last Sunday as the Ambassador to the UN, nor vanden Heuvel are expected to go beyond State Department guidance on issues. However, vanden Heuvel's record appears to indicate his personal understanding of Israel's problems.

The U.S. Mission in New York includes five members with the rank of Ambassador. McHenry was number three in the Mission under Young, behind deputy James Leonard until last spring when Leonard was named deputy to Special Mideast Ambassador Robert Strauss. Leonard, who had been involved in the United Nations Association of the U.S., took an "evenhanded" approach to Middle East affairs.

Vanden Heuvel, the U.S. Ambassador to UN agencies in Europe since 1977, gained attention last May when he forcefully led the opposition to the attempt by the Communist-Arab bloc at the World Health Assembly in Geneva to oust Israel from the World Health Organization. He also succeeded in thwarting a move by the bloc to shift the WHO Mideast office from Cairo as an expression of their anger over Egypt's negotiations with Israel. State Department sources emphasized today that vanden Heuvel was acting on its instructions and that he was not personally motivated.

Born in Rochester, N.Y., in 1930, vanden Heuvel has practiced law in New York City. He was co-chairman of the Carter-Mondale presidential campaign in New York State in 1976.

ISRAEL IN THIRD PULLOUT FROM SINAI HANDS OVER ANOTHER 2700 SQUARE MILES

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Sept. 25 (JTA) -- Israel handed over another 2700 square miles of Sinai to Egypt today in the third pullout by Israeli troops since the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty was signed in March. Gen. Safiedden Abu Shenaf, head of the Egyptian delegation to the joint Egyptian-Israeli military committee, said that Egypt now controls more than 90 percent of the Gulf of Suez.

During the brief ceremony Gen. David Sian, head of the Israeli delegation to the joint committee, stressed that "Egypt and Israel are achieving through peace more than what they did in all the times of war." Abu Shenaf said that "war is not an end in itself, nor is it the only way to liberate land and regain rights, for through peace the same results could be achieved without victims and blood."

An Israeli captain who lowered the Israeli flag at the ceremony said "It is hard for me to leave the place. I have been here for the past five years."

The area handed over today runs from the southwest part of the Gulf of Suez east to the center of the Sinai Peninsula. It has no military installations and comprises rugged terrain dotted with oases.

During the 12 years of Israeli control, the military set up a center for the Bedouin tribes that live

in the area at the Firan Oasis. Millions of Israeli Pounds were spent in building a school, a clinic, a central garage and offices for coordinating problems of the Bedouins.

The area will now be controlled by about 1000 Egyptian border policemen. The Egyptian army is not permitted to enter there until the Israelis set up a new defense line from El Arish to Ras Mouhammed.

Immediately after the ceremony, the joint military committee began talking about the next Israeli withdrawal which will cover Mount Sinai and give Egypt control of the remaining 10 percent of the Gulf of Suez. The area will be turned over in November, ahead of schedule, according to a promise made by Premier Menachem Begin to Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, to allow Sadat to mark the second anniversary of his historic visit to Jerusalem. The last stage of Israeli withdrawals, which covers the strategic passes, is expected to take place Jan. 25.

JACKSON CANCELS PLANS TO VISIT SOUTH LEBANON, BEERSHEBA

JERUSALEM, Sept. 25 (JTA) -- The Rev. Jesse Jackson today cancelled his earlier plans to visit with Christian militias in south Lebanon and meet Yosef Tekoah, president of the Ben Gurion University of the Negev in Beersheba. After a tour of the Old City, the Black leader, who heads "Operation PUSH," visited the Kalandia refugee camp north of Jerusalem and applauded when the local speakers praised the Palestine Liberation Organization as the sole representative of the Palestinian people.

The changes in Jackson's tour, and the open support for the PLO, brought sharp reactions from Israeli personalities. Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek, who accompanied Jackson on his East Jerusalem tour and met with him yesterday on his arrival in Israel, said he did not expect to change his views on the PLO.

Tekoah said the change in Jackson's tour only proved that he wanted to meet more with Arabs than with Jews. He said Israel would never dare suggest to Black leaders to meet with the Ku Klux Klan. Therefore, Tekoah suggested, the Blacks in America should not demand that Israel meet with the PLO, an organization which calls for Israel's annihilation.

YOUNG RAPPEL FOR URGING JEWS TO REPENT FOR ISRAEL'S POLICIES TOWARD THE PALESTINIANS

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 25 (JTA) -- Rabbi Marvin Hier, dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies at Yeshiva University here, has termed as "repugnant" statements by Andrew Young that American Jews should repent during the High Holy Days period for Israel's policies toward the Palestinians.

Hier was referring to statements made by Young, who officially stepped down as U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Sunday to a Los Angeles Times reporter during his flight back from a tour of Africa. The interview was in Sunday's edition.

Young was quoted as saying that he thought "it would be appropriate" for American Jews during the 10 Days of Penitence to question whether Israel's relations with the Palestinians, "in the bombing of Lebanon, in the extension of property rights on the West Bank, are consistent with the heritage of Rosh Hashanah." (Young repeated some of these remarks to a New York television reporter last night.)

The former Ambassador prefaced his remarks by saying the American Jewish community has "an important even dominant influence" on the moral tone of this country.

"The last person who should be giving advice to a religious community on its holiest of days on how and what to repent is the individual who was forced to resign his trusted post because he lied to the President and Secretary of State," Hier declared. Young resigned as UN Ambassador after misinforming the State Department on his unauthorized meeting in July with the Palestine Liberation Organization's observer at the UN.

A More Appropriate Topic

Hier, who is also a member of the Advisory Committee to President Carter's Commission on the Holocaust, took exception to Young's implication "that American Jews control the decision-making process of a freely-elected democratic government halfway around the world. Andrew Young should know better."

"A more appropriate topic for introspection would be for Black leadership to consider how the disciples of Martin Luther King, Jr., the father of the American non-violent movement, find themselves wed to the godfathers of world terrorism," Hier added.

Young said in his Los Angeles Times interview that although the leaders of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) had sung "We Shall Overcome" with PLO leader Yasser Arafat during their recent visit to Beirut, they had first urged Arafat to give up the use of violence against Israel.

CAUSE FOR OPTIMISM THAT TIMEMAN MAY BE RELEASED FROM HOUSE ARREST By David Friedman

NEW YORK, Sept. 25 (JTA) -- The state-controlled Argentine radio today officially announced that the Supreme Court has ordered Jacobo Timerman, the former editor and publisher of La Opinion, to be released from house arrest under which he has been confined to his Buenos Aires apartment for more than a year.

Rabbi Mordechai Rosenthal, director of the Latin American affairs department of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, said the fact that the court order was announced officially for the first time is a "cause for optimism" that Timerman will be allowed to leave and join his children in Israel. When the Supreme Court issued its order last week it was reported in the newspapers but there was no official announcement from the court itself.

Rosenthal said the generals who are running Argentina have been meeting for several days to discuss the Timerman case and other important issues and are expected to make an announcement tomorrow. Argentine newspapers are speculating that Timerman will be stripped of his citizenship and will be expelled from the country. He and his wife are expected to go to Israel.

According to Rosenthal, the only person previously stripped of his citizenship by the present regime was Jose Gelbard, the former finance minister who died in Washington and like Timerman, was a Jew. The Peronist government had stripped the citizenship of a law professor, Walter Beveraggi Allende.

Timerman was seized in his home in April, 1977 and kept in various prisons in Argentina. A military tribunal ruled in October, 1977 that the military junta had no charges on which to hold him and the Supreme Court in July, 1978 said his arrest was illegal. Nevertheless, the military has continued to hold him under house arrest.

HUSSEIN ASSAILS EGYPT-ISRAEL PEACE TREATY, SAYS ISRAEL MUST WITHDRAW FROM TERRITORIES OCCUPIED IN 1967

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 25 (JTA) —

King Hussein of Jordan insisted today that Israel must withdraw from the territories it occupied in June, 1967, must respect the rights of the displaced Palestinians to return to their homeland and must stop its denial of the Palestinians' right to self-determination, including the right to establish an independent state if they so wish "if the Middle East problem is to be solved."

In a speech to the 34th session of the United Nations General Assembly that some observers called "unyielding," the Jordanian ruler criticized the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty and the Camp David accords, maintaining that only a comprehensive peace can solve the Middle East problem.

He charged that by making peace with Israel, Egypt fell "into the Israeli trap aimed at fragmenting the united Arab front" and claimed that despite the Egyptian-Israeli agreement, peace has become "more elusive than before." He said that the Camp David agreements had resulted "in what we perceive as contrary to our national interests, to the interests of the Palestinian people and to the interests of the Arab world."

Hussein conferred with Secretary of State Cyrus Vance here yesterday. Vance termed the 90-minute meeting useful and cordial but indicated that Hussein gave no sign that he would join the peace negotiations now underway between Israel and Egypt. He would not say whether the Jordanian ruler had offered any new suggestions about the peace process.

Attacks Autonomy Plan

But in his speech to the General Assembly today, Hussein attacked the Israeli plan for autonomy on the West Bank and Gaza Strip, noting that Israeli leaders said they were willing to grant autonomy for the people in those territories but not for the land. This, he said, is "unacceptable."

He maintained that "the occupied territories are indivisible.... The West Bank and Gaza are no different from the Sinai or the Golan Heights. They are occupied territories and the occupation must end." He described Jerusalem and the West Bank as "the heart of Palestine" and declared that those territories cannot be subject "to bargaining."

Stresses Support For Palestinian People

The King stressed throughout his speech his nation's support for the Palestinian people and referred -- but only once -- to the Palestine Liberation Organization. "The PLO, through its international activities and announced position in recent months, has proven that it wants to participate in the name of the Palestinian people which it represents in steps leading to a just peace which ensures the liberation of the Palestinian people from occupation and the pursuit of a free and independent existence within their national homeland," Hussein said.

"We in Jordan are cooperating in good faith with the leadership of the PLO and with the rest of the Arab countries for the good of the brotherly Palestinian people and the Arab world at large." There was no indication as to whether, in his remarks about the PLO, Hussein was conveying a message from PLO chief Yasir Arafat, with whom he met in Amman before coming to New York.

Hussein said that "Jordan stands behind the Palestinian people in supporting their freedom and the establishment of their free political entity" and that "it is not prepared to accept from the occupation authorities any vague international formula designed to gain time while planting the land with settlements."

Hussein made a number of other points in his speech. He said that the displaced Palestinians should have the right "to repatriation or compensation in accordance with successive UN resolutions since 1948." He advocated the convening of an international conference at which the Arab parties would be represented by a unified delegation under UN auspices to solve the Middle East problem.

The King stated that this could be done within the framework of the Security Council, observing that "We believe that the UN, its Charter, its flag and its successive resolutions is the natural framework for the achievement of the comprehensive peace we all seek."

Meanwhile, Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan of Israel met for an hour today to discuss arrangements for the supervision of Israel's withdrawal from Sinai and scheduled lower-level talks on the situation in south Lebanon. Dayan told reporters afterwards that there had been no mention of the aerial dogfight yesterday in which Israeli planes shot down four Syrian MIGs. The withdrawal arrangements were worked out last week in Washington between Vance, Dayan and Egypt's Defense Minister Kamal Hassan Ali.

(In Washington, the State Department said today that according to information it has received the Israeli planes were "doing photo reconnaissance" when they were attacked. Department spokesman Tom Reston said it was the U.S. impression that the attackers came from Syria and not from bases in Lebanon.)

BOYCOTT OF SPAIN CONTEMPLATED

NEW YORK, Sept. 25 (JTA) -- Member organizations of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations that have overseas travel programs have met under the aegis of the Presidents Conference to examine the possibility of a boycott or other economic action against Spain following the Madrid government's enthusiastic reception of Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasir Arafat earlier this month, it was reported today.

Noting that Spain was the only West European country that has no diplomatic relations with Israel -- and the first to formally receive Arafat -- the Presidents Conference called together representatives of its constituents that offer foreign travel to their members for a discussion of the possibility of action to demonstrate the Jewish community's concern with official Spanish attitudes toward Israel and the Middle East.

A decision was taken to await the response to a formal protest filed by the Presidents Conference at a face-to-face meeting in the Spanish Embassy in Washington that Presidents Conference chairman Theodore Mann held on Sept. 13 with Spanish Ambassador Jose Llado. Llado, who left for consultations with his government in Madrid that night, promised to transmit the Presidents Conference protest personally to the Spanish Foreign Minister. A reply by Llado is expected shortly.

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- A bomb exploded Tuesday evening in the Ronda coffee house in downtown Jerusalem, only several hundred yards from where a bomb exploded last Wednesday killing one person and injuring 50 others. There were no injuries in the latest incident.

SPECIAL TO THE JTA

THE VISIT OF POPE JOHN PAUL II

By Marc H. Tanenbaum

NEW YORK, Sept. 25 (JTA) -- There is more than a surface symbolism in the fact that Pope John Paul II arrives in the United States on Yom Kippur, the most solemn day in the Jewish year. For on Yom Kippur the Jewish people throughout the world articulate their deepest values and aspirations for the redemption of the Jewish people, of Israel, and of the entire human family.

"And may all wickedness be consumed as a flame," Jews pray on this day, "and may evil rule be removed from the earth." How is evil in the world to be overcome? The Jewish prayer book proposes as an answer, "May all Your (God's) children unite in one fellowship to do Your will with a perfect heart."

Pope John Paul II comes to these shores at a time when the American people, and particularly the Jewish people, feel deeply troubled about "the wickedness and evil rule" in the world. At Camp David on July 10 I joined a group of 10 religious leaders in discussing with President Carter and his top aides "the malaise of America" and "the crisis of confidence."

For Americans, this pervasive anxiety and downbeat mood may well be an accumulated response to the shocks of Vietnam, Watergate, the assassinations of the Kennedys and Martin Luther King -- a gloom now deepened by the economic decline and the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries induced oil crisis.

The Passion Play Of Andrew Young

For American Jews who, as Dorothy Parker said, are like everybody else but more so, there is the additional emotional burden these days of watching incredulously as elements in our government and some public personalities fall all over themselves to embrace and legitimize the Palestine Liberation Organization assassins, people who daily murder, bomb and terrorize innocent civilians, men, women and children.

Add to that dispiriting mood the Passion Play of Andrew Young -- the first Black Ambassador to the United Nations who is perceived as martyred, and the fact that some demagogic leaders resort to raw, blatant, racist anti-Semitism trotting out the ancient and discredited canard of collective Jewish guilt -- "the Jews crucified him." And the President of the United States finally tells the truth, namely, that "the Jews" did not crucify Andy Young who foreordained his resignation by his own conscious actions.

Meanwhile, the collective Jewish guilt charge has become established as a dogmatic verity in much of the Black consciousness and will be as difficult to overcome as the original "Christ-killer" canard.

Overarching these domestic troubles, Pope John Paul II comes to the United Nations at a time when the entire human family feels in its bones a universal malaise. The insane proliferation of nuclear weaponry finds the United States and the Soviet Union bristling with the capacity to destroy the four billion people of the earth 20 times over. There is now the real possibility of igniting a global Auschwitz. We are, in fact, the first generation to be told that we may be the last.

Pope Helped Save Jewish Lives

Against that bleak cosmic background, it is little wonder that there is such widespread expect-

tation associated with the Pope's visit. Pope John Paul II experienced in his personal life the barbarism, the suffering, and dehumanization of Nazi racism and anti-Semitism. He responded to that evil rule by helping to save Jewish lives in Poland during World War II.

He stood courageously against the Polish Communists who destroyed Jewish homes and cemeteries in their orgy of anti-Jewish hatred, and he fought effectively for human rights -- for religious liberty, the right to educate children religiously, the right to emigrate and reunite families.

When I first met Pope John Paul II on March 12 in Vatican City, together with other Jewish leaders I was deeply impressed by his intellectual acuity, his deep spirituality, his sensitive respect for Judaism and the Jewish people, his abhorrence of racial and religious hatred, his grasp of the real world, his respect for the human dignity of all people, above all, his hope. Such a commanding personality has the capacity to call the world to its senses -- to turn away from nuclear disaster and moral anarchy and to turn toward human unity.

The Church And The Jewish People

In his first official statement of his personal attitudes on the relation of the Catholic Church to the Jewish people, Pope John Paul II told us: "I believe that both sides (Christians and Jews) must continue their strong efforts to overcome difficulties of the past, so as to fulfill God's commandments of love, and to sustain a truly fruitful and fraternal dialogue that contributes to the good of each of the partners involved and to our better service of humanity."

And the Pope concluded, "As a sign of understanding and fraternal love already achieved (between Christians and Jews), let me express again my cordial welcome and greetings to you all with that word so rich in meaning, taken from the Hebrew language, which we Christians also use in our liturgy: Peace be with you. Shalom, Shalom!"

That message of Shalom -- of peace, of mutual respect, of love, of human solidarity -- uttered by this charismatic Pope in a troubled, even threatened world, could not come at a more opportune time not only for America but for the world at large.

COMBATTING ANTI-SEMITIC PROPAGANDA

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 25 (JTA) -- The Central Jewish Committee is acting to counter a flood of anti-Semitic propaganda from abroad contending that the Holocaust never occurred. The Committee, through its anti-defamation body, the Comité de Tribuna Israelita, will soon publish an anthology in Spanish containing documents, photographs and eye-witness accounts by Holocaust survivors of the death camps and ghettos of Nazi-occupied Europe.

The project was prompted by the appearance here of several books, edited and published in Spain, which deny that Jews were murdered in Europe during the years 1940-1945. Sergio Nudelstejer, secretary of the Central Jewish Committee, displayed samples of these publications at a recent meeting of anti-defamation leaders. They include a book by a Spanish writer, J. Ecochaca, titled "The Myth of the Six Million," claiming that the Holocaust was a fraud and a pamphlet in the same vein written by Leon DeGrelle, a Belgian Rexist leader and former Nazi agent.

TEL AVIV (JTA) -- The Habimah National Theater has decided to name its auditorium after the 90-year-old First Lady of the Israeli and Hebrew theater, Hanna Rovina.