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CANADA'S P.M. SAYS PALESTINIAN GRIEVANCES ARE LEGITIMATE, BUT NOT PLO

By Ben Kayfetz

TORONTO, Oct. 10 (JTA) -- Prime Minister Joe Clark said that the legitimate grievances of the Palestinians must be addressed in solving the Middle East conflict but that "it would not be proper to impose from Ottawa the form of expression of Palestinian existence in that region." Clark was interviewed on a Canadian Broadcasting Corp. news program Monday night on the eve of the first session of Canada's Parliament since his Progressive Conservative Party took office.

"I think there is no question that the Palestinian grievances have to be recognized as legitimate," he said in reply to a question. "What has to be found is a group that speaks with authority on behalf of the Palestinians."

Clark said that two conditions would have to be met before "we would be prepared to consider the Palestine Liberation Organization. First, if they would renounce violence and terror as an instrument and secondly that they would, without equivocation or condition, recognize the right to exist of the State of Israel."

Asked if he still stood by his election campaign pledge to move Canada's Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, Clark said he continued to favor recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital but would have to consider the recommendation of his special emissary to the Middle East, Robert Stanfield, before acting on that pledge. Stanfield will submit his recommendations to Clark some time next year.

(Stanfield was in Egypt over the weekend following visits to Israel and Jordan. After meeting with Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil in Cairo, he told reporters that the Egyptian attitude toward the Embassy move "is one of concern about any such step being taken by Canada." He said that in the course of his Middle East tour "spokesmen for Arab countries have said publicly they do not approve of this and that they would regard it as a negative step for Canada to take.")

STRAUSS SEES NO CHANGE IN PLO ATTITUDE FOLLOWING JACKSON'S VISIT

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10 (JTA) -- Robert Strauss, President Carter's special Ambassador to the Middle East negotiations, told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee yesterday that he saw no evidence of any change in the Palestine Liberation Organization's attitude toward Israel or the Middle East peace process as a result of Rev. Jesse Jackson's recent trip to the Middle East.

Strauss said he had a cordial meeting Monday with Jackson about the Black activist's talks with PLO chief Yasser Arafat and other PLO officials. "Unhappily, I don't think he brought back anything that moves the process along in any way," he said. Strauss said he felt that the PLO would have to renounce terrorism and acknowledge Israel's right to exist before the U.S. could consider negotiating with it.

Strauss, who took up his Mideast tasks earlier this year, was appearing before the Senate committee for a hearing prior to the Senate's official confirmation of his nomination as the

special Ambassador for Mideast negotiations.

SPECIAL TO THE JTA DAYAN, GHALI EXPRESS SHARPLY DIVERGENT VIEWS ON CAMP DAVID ACCORDS, MIDEAST PEACE PROCESS

By Edwin Eylan

STRASBOURG, Oct. 10 (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan of Israel and Egypt's Foreign Minister Butros Ghali explained their countries' respective views and interpretations of the Camp David agreements and the ongoing peace process in the Middle East to the parliamentary assembly of the Council of Europe at its opening session here today.

For two nations obviously committed to peace in the region and striving to normalize relations between them, the views were sharply divergent. The Egyptian diplomat, who spoke first, clearly sought to put Israel on the defensive.

According to Ghali, the major difference is that Egypt wants a general and comprehensive peace in the region while Israel insists on bilateral negotiations. In that connection, he accused Israel of trying to isolate Egypt from its partners and friends. Dayan responded that the Camp David agreements are the only realistic framework for the promotion of peace and they cannot be deviated from. He repeated that point several times in his presentation.

The parliament of the Council of Europe consists of the representatives of 21 West European countries. Although its function is only advisory, it has considerable influence with the governments and public opinion of its member states.

Clash-Over PLO

The two ministers clashed over the issue of the Palestine Liberation Organization. Ghali called on the Europeans to undertake diplomatic action aimed at establishing a dialogue between the United States, Israel and the PLO. Dayan declared repeatedly that Israel would never sit down with that terrorist organization whose practice is to murder Israeli citizens and whose goal is the liquidation of the Jewish State.

Ghali charged that Israel was attempting to exacerbate Egypt's differences with the Arab rejectionist states by provocative declarations, the creation of Jewish settlements on the West Bank and its continuing attacks in Lebanon. Dayan stressed that Israel was acting solely in self-defense in Lebanon and charged that the parties responsible for the continuing violence in that country were Syria and the PLO.

The Egyptian called on the European states to protect the rights of the Palestinians while trying to allay Israel's fears for its security and to try, through diplomatic action or refraining from certain action, to help bridge inter-Arab differences. He also stated that Egypt wanted a comprehensive peace, with the largest number of participants, witnesses or guarantors, including the United Nations. He alleged that Israel was reluctant to adopt such an approach but preferred a separate and bilateral solution to the Mideast conflict.

Dayan said that the only solution to the Palestinian problem is to be found in the Camp David agreements and the current negotiations. The Israeli Foreign Minister also expressed "our disappointment at the attitude of some of the European

governments toward the peace process." Ghalil blasted the Arab rejectionist states and accused them and the PLO of working together with Israeli rejectionists to block Egypt's quest for peace.

After the session, Ghalil told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that "in spite of all these basic and fundamental differences, I remain optimistic. Let us not forget that when the Israeli-Egyptian negotiations started the gap between us was just as wide. We finally managed to bridge it, but the first thing now is the need for Israel to make unilateral decisions and meaningful statements."

Differ Over Camp David Timetable

Appearing together at a press conference this afternoon, Dayan and Ghalil continued to disagree on basic issues. The Egyptian minister noted that under the Camp David timetable only seven months are left to find a solution to the Palestinian problem. "Should we fail to reach such a solution we shall seek other venues such as an international conference or a return to the United Nations Security Council," he said.

Dayan stressed that the Camp David timetable was only a target date and said that if the negotiations should fail to produce a solution by then, more time can be devoted to the problem. He quoted President Anwar Sadat as saying that the Palestinians will be able to join the talks even three years from now. "If President Sadat can wait, so can we," Dayan said.

Role Of Europe

The two ministers took different views on the role Europe can play in furthering the peace process in the Middle East. Dayan said "Either you help us implement Camp David or stay out of it." Continuing, he declared: "Nothing in the world can change the Camp David agreements. We will not consider changing a word of a comma. Making suggestions can only have an adverse effect on the agreement's implementation."

But Ghalil appealed to the European nations to "help, help by granting economic aid to the Palestinians in the occupied territories, enabling them to build hospitals and schools but also by providing us with guarantees. We, Egypt and the Palestinian state which will be created, need all the international guarantees we can obtain."

Dayan stressed that even after Israel withdraws its troops from occupied territories "we shall be free to return should our security be at stake." Ghalil said, however, that once Israel is out, "this departure must be definite and final. There must be no right of pursuit, no right of return and no right of reprisal." Dayan is due to leave here tonight for Zurich and to fly to Israel tomorrow. Ghalil will leave for Paris where he is due to meet French officials during a two-day stopover before returning to Egypt.

SUSPECTED TERRORISTS ARRESTED

TEL AVIV, Oct. 10 (JTA) -- Several suspected terrorists from Isawiyyeh village near Jerusalem have been arrested as possible associates of an Arab who was killed when a bomb in his possession exploded prematurely. The body of the victim was found near Latrun. He was identified as a resident of Isawiyyeh and is believed to have been on a sabotage mission. A curfew was imposed on the village yesterday while suspects were rounded up.

Meanwhile, six Israeli police officers, including one woman, have been charged by a po-

lice court with assaulting an Arab prisoner in his jail cell. The prisoner, accused of murdering an Israeli reserves soldier last month, was allegedly beaten and kicked by the police officers and the jailer who opened his cell door. If convicted, the officers face sentences of up to six years' imprisonment for mistreating a prisoner in their custody.

GUSH SETTLERS TRY TO EXPAND KADUMIM

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Oct. 10 (JTA) -- The Gush Emunim continued its campaign to try to force the government to expropriate Arab-owned land for West Bank settlements by breaking down the fences last night that surround the Gush settlement of Kadumim, near Nablus.

The settlers, taking their children with them, erected two makeshift buildings, a succah and a children's playground, near the Arab village of Kaddum. When the army indicated it was ready to try to forcibly evacuate them, the settlers sent cables to Premier Menachem Begin and other ministers and warned they and their children would lock themselves into the hastily-built buildings. An attempt by the army to evict them would endanger the lives of men, women and children, the settlers warned.

Asked why they would risk the lives of their children, Daniella Weiss, one of the settlement leaders, said: "The life of the entire people of Israel is in danger if we do not take quick action and settle Judea and Samaria."

Meanwhile, the army blocked off all approaches to the area, apparently in preparation for the evacuation of the settlers and in an attempt to block any reinforcements from other Gush Emunim settlers in Samaria.

The Arab residents of Kadumim were surprised this morning to find the settlers close to their olive grove. They reacted with anger, fearing the settlers had seized some of their olive trees. Only when they realized that the settlers had put up their shacks on barren land did they calm down. However, tension reportedly continued in the nearby Arab villages.

Cabinet To Discuss Land Seizure

The operation in Kadumim is the fourth such seizure in the last month. Similar actions took place in Kipat Arba, Ofra and Tekoa in a demand "to settle 100,000 Jews in Judea and Samaria within the next year." There are now only several thousand settlers in the territories.

The Cabinet is expected to discuss the issue of land seizure at its session Sunday. The Gush Emunim announced earlier this week it would go ahead with even larger scale operations to force the government to decide on a large-scale settlement effort. According to one report today, the Gush will soon launch similar "fence breaking" action simultaneously in several of its settlements in Judea and Samaria.

AGUDATH ISRAEL OPPOSES REGISTRATION OF ORTHODOX WOMEN IN THE U.S.

NEW YORK, Oct. 10 (JTA) -- A warning that the Orthodox Jewish community will resist any attempt to register women as a first step toward the reinstatement of a military draft in this country, was the substance of a strongly worded statement by Agudath Israel of America. The statement said that the foremost Orthodox Jewish scholars have already issued an edict against the drafting of women into the military or national service when that issue surfaced in Israel.

Concern by the Orthodox Jewish movement

mounted when the issue came under serious consideration in the Congress. Although temporarily shelved as a result of a negative 259-155 vote in the House of Representatives, it did ask President Carter to study and report to Congress on whether women should be subject to registration if the selective service system is reinstated. In its statement, Agudath Israel explained that its stand stemmed from a religious and moral perspective.

Carter was urged to reject any attempt to register women and to resist pressure in support of extending registration to include women "because it represents an issue of high moral value for so many Americans." The statement said that "this issue is of major importance to the Orthodox Jewish community because it threatens the very base of its survival: the family unit."

Agudath Israel also sent telegrams to members of Congress, stating, in part: "To include women would deal a severe blow to the traditional concept of the American family and place Orthodox Jews in an unsolvable conflict -- the mandates of their religious conscience versus the law of the land." Agudath Israel said that in opposing the registration of women it was not necessarily taking a position on the registration or draft issue in general.

EHRLICH DOES NOT INTEND TO RESIGN

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Oct. 10 (JTA) -- Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich, facing a strong challenge from within his own Liberal Party and mounting discontent over his stewardship of Israel's deteriorating economic situation, insisted last night that he has no intention of resigning. Ehrlich spoke to reporters at Ben Gurion Airport on his return from an extended trip overseas.

He had nothing more to say on the subject today following a meeting with Premier Menachem Begin and a conference with two of his Liberal Party colleagues. He said he had merely reported to Begin on his visits to several European countries but would meet again with the Premier soon to discuss internal political matters.

Ehrlich's departure from the Cabinet has been predicted for some time as the inflationary spiral worsened and the government appeared unable to cope with it. His resignation has been demanded by members of his own party, notably Energy Minister Yitzhak Mordechai and former Deputy Finance Minister Yehezkel Flomin, a one-time Ehrlich protégé.

But Ehrlich made his position clear when questioned by reporters at the airport. "On July 18, I visited Premier Begin and expressed the wish to resign," he said. "Begin explained to me that any such move would entail the resignation of the entire Cabinet. This is too heavy a responsibility and since then I decided to refrain from doing that," (resigning) he said.

Resignation Could Topple Government

His remarks confirmed the view that Begin has concluded that Ehrlich's resignation at this time could topple his government, which is sharply divided internally and holds a precarious six-seat majority in the Knesset. Political observers noted that if Ehrlich quit, both the Liberal Party wing of Likud and the National Religious Party would demand a reshuffling of the Cabinet.

Interior Minister Yosef Burg, leader of the NRP, announced over the weekend that his party would demand what it considers "proper" representation in the Cabinet. The NRP, with 12 seats in the Knesset, has three Cabinet portfolios, the

same number as the Democratic Movement which commands only seven Knesset seats. If NRP demands are met, the Democratic Movement, headed by Deputy Premier Yigael Yadin, could be expected to leave the government, further endangering Begin's slim parliamentary majority.

But observers believe that Ehrlich's determination to remain in office makes a head-on collision between himself and his rivals in the Liberal Party inevitable. Ehrlich said last night that he felt "that the majority of the party is behind me and I am ready to prove it if necessary." It is believed that such a test would throw the party into turmoil and pose another danger for the Likud coalition.

Meanwhile, the Finance Minister may soon go abroad again. He is reportedly contemplating a trip to Mexico in 10 days. Mexico, which has replaced Iran as a major supplier of oil to Israel, has just hiked the price of oil by \$2 a barrel, to \$24.60. The Mexicans, who are not members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries but who price their oil at around its level, earlier asked its customers to consider a \$4 increase.

POWER FAILURE UNDER INVESTIGATION

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Oct. 11 (JTA) -- Israel is trying to determine the cause and assess the damage done by yesterday's massive power failure that blacked out the entire country for five hours. Most important, it is seeking ways to ensure that there is no repetition of the blackout because of the serious danger such a mishap can cause to national security.

The lights were hardly on again late last night when the Energy Ministry appointed a special committee to investigate the power disaster. Other investigations are sure to follow. The immediate cause apparently has been established.

According to the Israel Electric Corp., it was a case of "irresponsible error" by maintenance workers at the Reading power station in Tel Aviv. Because of unclear instructions, the workers grounded a main cable creating a short-circuit that tripped automatic safety devices in a chain reaction all over the country. The workers narrowly escaped electrocution and were described today still in a state of mental shock.

The power failure occurred during daylight hours but continued into the night. Traffic lights ceased functioning. There were numerous accidents and financial losses to businesses and industry that have not yet been estimated. Anti-terrorist squads were on the streets to beef up harassed police. There was only one reported incident of attempted looting in Tel Aviv and the perpetrator was arrested. The fire department was kept busy rescuing people stuck in elevators that stopped between floors. Hospitals and other large buildings that have independent generators were not affected by the blackout.

The populace took the blackout with good humor. But the local press was furious. One newspaper used the word "balagan" (chaos) in its headline to describe the situation. The power failure raised many serious questions, however. One was why there was no back-up system to provide at least partial current. Some engineers explained that unlike European countries which can draw power from their neighbors, Israel does not have that option. Proposals are expected to be made for alternative power sources and other measures to meet any future emergency.

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- The government has announced a new project designed to enlarge the population of Shlomi, a development town on the Lebanese border.

CJF 48TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL BE HELD IN MONTREAL NOV. 14-18

NEW YORK, Oct. 10 (JTA) -- Historic events and circumstances converging on the Jewish communities of North America during the coming decade will be a major focus of the 48th annual General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations, Nov. 14-18 in Montreal, Quebec.

Priority items on this year's agenda, according to Lawrence H. Williams of Cleveland, chairman of the GA Program Committee, include the Middle East peace process; expanding and allocating Federation financial resources in a time of inflation; demographic changes in the Jewish community, and world Jewry in the 1980s.

Set in the continental atmosphere of Quebec, the 1979 GA will bring together leadership from 190 Federations in the United States and Canada. The GA, which includes over 150 sessions covering every major aspect of contemporary Jewish life, has become the central convocation of the organized Jewish community in North America.

Highlights Of The Assembly

CJF president Morton Mandel of Cleveland will be keynote speaker at the opening plenary session on Wednesday evening Nov. 14. Leon Dulzin, chairman of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization Executives, will address the Assembly Thursday, Nov. 15, on "A New Era in Israel-Diaspora Relations." The plenary on Saturday evening, Nov. 17, will be devoted to the challenge of meeting human needs in a period of inflation and recession.

Four forums are scheduled to provide in-depth examinations of selected issues. They include "Planning Challenges for the 1980s -- The Impact of Population Shifts"; "The Continuing Quest for Peace in the Middle East"; "The Impact of Increased Soviet-Jewish Immigration on the Advocacy Movement," and "Inside the Arab World."

Other sessions will be devoted to Soviet-Jewish resettlement, Jewish singles, Federation-synagogue relations, government funding, Canadian and U.S. models for Jewish community service, Jewish culture, and a symposium on world Jewry led by Dr. Irwin Cotler of McGill University Law School who is the Scholar-in-Residence for the GA.

Several receptions flavored by the spirit of Quebec will be hosted by the Montreal Allied Jewish Community Services. A Women's Division "Soiree Canadienne," "Boit A Chanson" for college youth, and a general reception for all GA participants are among the social activities being planned by the Montreal Jewish community. During a reception and tour of the Montreal Jewish community complex, an exhibit on the Holocaust and Yiddish theatre performance will be available.

AJ COMMITTEE TO HONOR TIMERMAN

NEW YORK, Oct. 10 (JTA) -- Jacobo Timerman, the former editor and publisher of the Buenos Aires daily, La Opinion, who was released last month after being held under house arrest by the Argentine military government for two and a half years and is now living in Israel, will be honored by the American Jewish Committee at its annual National Executive Council (NEC) meeting Oct. 25-28 at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco. The NEC is the AJ Committee's top policy-making body.

Timerman, who arrived in Israel Sept. 27 and immediately was made a citizen, is now a columnist for Maariv. His first series of columns will deal with his experiences in Argentina and is due to be reprinted in a number of papers around the world. The director of the International Press Institute, Peter Galliner, in a telegram to Timerman yesterday, expressed his own and the Institute's admiration for Timerman's courage and determination in his fight against "the unjustified persecution from the Argentine authorities. He has earned the respect of all those who believe in freedom of the press."

Timerman will receive the AJ Committee's Institute of Human Relations Media Award at the Executive Council's gala annual dinner on Saturday evening, Oct. 27. It will be his first public appearance in the United States since his departure from Argentina.

Other speakers scheduled to address the meeting include former Israel Premier Yitzhak Rabin; Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations; Benjamin Swig, of San Francisco, philanthropist and civic leader, and a member of the AJ Committee's NEC, who will receive the AJC's Distinguished Leadership Award; Richard Maass, AJ Committee's president; and Bertram Gold, its executive vice president.

Topics To Be Considered

Under the chairmanship of Dr. Morton Blaustein of Baltimore, more than 400 AJ Committee leaders are expected to attend the San Francisco meeting, whose purpose is to assess the current national and international scenes and to develop policies that will serve as guidelines for the organization's activities in the coming year.

Among the topics to be considered will be the Palestinian issue and other developments in the Middle East; new dimensions in Black-Jewish relations; the Jewish stake in oil and energy; United States immigration policy; conversions to Judaism and their impact on Jewish families and communities; and the status of Jews in the Soviet Union, South America, and other parts of the world. The meeting will also consider options for a more active AJ Committee policy against apartheid in South Africa.

BLACK-JEWISH COOPERATION

NEW YORK, Oct. 10 (JTA) -- Black and Jewish leaders in New York have joined together to work for religious and racial harmony in the city. Brooklyn Councilman, Theodore Silverman, who is Jewish, and Rev. Alfred Sharpton, who is Black, announced the formation of the Congress of Humanities to "work for the coexistence and cooperation" of all members of the community.

Sharpton, referring to Rev. Jesse Jackson's ties with the Palestine Liberation Organization, stated: "He does not speak for us, for our congregation or the people of New York City . . . Rather than give aid to a foreign and belligerent people, we should be concerned with urban New York and spent money on the people of Brownsville, East New York, Harlem and the South Bronx."

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- The Military Government may cancel the municipal elections scheduled next year in the West Bank for fear of a Palestine Liberation Organization sweep. Most of the offices of the mayors who won in the previous elections in April 1976 are presently staffed by PLO supporters. The fear is that a PLO sweep could cut even further the chances that local Arab leaders would participate in the autonomy talks.