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NEXT ROUND OF AUTONOMY TALKS WILL BE IN LONDON NEXT WEEK

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Oct. 17 (JTA) -- The heads of the three delegations conducting the talks on Palestinian autonomy, Egyptian Premier Mustapha Khalil, Israel Interior Minister Yosef Burg and the American special envoy to the Middle East Robert Strauss will meet in London next week to review the six-month-old talks. (See related story from London.)

According to reports, Strauss called for the meeting. The Americans are said to be unhappy with the rate of progress on the talks. They reportedly felt that a meeting of the three men in charge of the talks was preferable to a meeting of the entire delegations. It is felt that a limited forum would allow for a more efficient airing of the problems which now hinder the acceleration of the talks. In his speech in Haifa last month, President Anwar Sadat of Egypt promised progress by the end of the year. With two-and-a-half more months to go, no substantial progress has been made.

The Egyptians reportedly are exerting heavy pressure on the Americans to speed up the talks. Officials at the Egyptian Foreign Ministry have accused Israel on various occasions of purposely causing the slowdown in the autonomy talks. However, sources in Jerusalem said today that contrary to reports from Alexandria where the talks have been held, there is no deadlock on the technical aspects of the talks.

The object of those talks is to lay the groundwork for such matters as the procedures for holding the autonomy elections and seeking to define the powers of the administrative council that would be set up as a result of the elections. Another aspect discussed in Alexandria is that of determining who would have the right to vote in the elections. But one of the major remaining disagreements involves the status of Jerusalem.

AUTONOMY TALKS IN LONDON

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, Oct. 17 (JTA) -- The embassies of Egypt, Israel and the United States confirmed here today that the next round of talks on Palestinian autonomy will be held in London's Churchill Hotel. All the delegations are being booked into the hotel and the talks are expected to take place under the same roof. The hotel was chosen as the venue for last year's meeting between Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan and the Egyptian Foreign Minister. But the talks were shifted at the last minute to Leeds Castle, Kent, 50 miles east of London because of fears of an Arab terrorist attack.

The official reason given by the Americans and the Egyptians for changing the venue of the talks from Alexandria to London is that Egyptian Premier Mustapha Khalil, who heads his country's delegation to the talks, will be in Europe next week. He arrived today in Vienna and he is due to arrive in London Oct. 24 for a four-day visit during which he will meet British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. Observers believe, however, that the talks may have been shifted to London in a deliberate effort to upgrade their importance in

the face of widespread attacks on Egypt's "sell-out" of the Palestinian cause.

U.S. ENVOY MEETING WITH PLO OFFICIAL IN DAMASCUS TERMED A 'SETUP'

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17 (JTA) -- Talcott Seelye, American Ambassador to Syria, met a high Palestine Liberation Organization official, Abu Mazem, at a reception for Rev. Jesse Jackson in Damascus on Oct. 3, but the State Department said today it was "a setup" and "not a discussion."

"It was not an official contact and was not meant to be," Department spokesman Hodding Carter said in response to questions after a photograph of the Mazem-Seelye meeting appeared. State Department sources told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the Saudi Arabian Acting Foreign Minister gave the reception, that Seelye was introduced to Mazem and that, unknown to Seelye, a photographer for the Damascus newspaper, Al Nawar, took the photograph which was later picked up by other newspapers.

The State Department denied that Seelye and Mazem had a 45-minute talk as reported by journalists. The State Department emphasized that Seelye "immediately" reported the meeting to the Department. Seelye is the third American Ambassador to meet with the PLO in recent months. Ambassador Andrew Young at the United Nations and Milton Wolf in Austria were the others.

YADIN SUFFERS 'MILD' HEART ATTACK

JERUSALEM, Oct. 17 (JTA) -- Deputy Premier Yigael Yadin was reportedly resting this afternoon at the Hadassah University Hospital after suffering "a mild heart attack." Yadin became ill late yesterday afternoon and was hospitalized at the Hadassah Mount Scopus Hospital.

Prof. Shlomo Rogel, in charge of treating Yadin, said today that Yadin's condition was "very satisfactory." Rogel said Yadin had felt some "discomfort" in the chest, but that presently he was feeling fine. Rogel declined to go into further details. No visitors were allowed in "to give him the maximum chance to rest," according to Rogel.

He would not say how long Yadin would stay in the hospital, but he said the Deputy Premier was not in any danger. Yadin, 62, had not shown any signs of strain in recent days. His work load has been as heavy as ever until the heart attack, an official at Yadin's office said.

SPECIAL TO THE JTA JUSTICE DEPARTMENT FILES MOTION TO DEPORT ARTUKOVIC

By Rochelle Saidel Walk

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17 (JTA) -- A motion was filed by the Justice Department yesterday to deport alleged Nazi war criminal Andrija Artukovic, Minister of Interior and Justice in the Nazi-sponsored state of Croatia during World War II. Walter J. Rockler, director of the office of special investigations criminal division of the Justice Department, said that his office filed in the U.S. Immigration Courts in Los Angeles a motion to reconsider and revoke the stay of deportation granted to Artukovic.

The government's case against Artukovic, now 80, began 28 years ago and is the oldest

deportation case against an alleged Nazi war

criminal living in the United States, officials said. He was ordered deported from the United States in August 1951, and concurrently the Yugoslav government has been seeking his extradition. Following extended legal proceedings, he obtained a stay of deportation that has been in effect since May 1959. A resident of Sorrisde, Calif., Arukovic entered the United States in 1948. He had first made his way to Germany, then Ireland, using an alias.

As Minister of Interior of the Nazi puppet state of Croatia, Arukovic is accused of responsibility for some 200,000 deaths, according to official U.S. government estimates. Other sources hold him responsible for the murder of some 750,000 Yugoslavs, mostly Serbs and Jews. Listed as among the victims of his actions are 1720 specific Jewish men, women and children.

Rockler was appointed head of the special investigations office last May after the Justice Department revamped its special litigation unit which had been directed by Martin Mendelsohn under the Immigration and Naturalization Service. The special unit had been set up in 1977 after prodding from Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman (D. N.Y.) and former Rep. Joshua Eilberg (D. Pa.) to create a specific structure for dealing with Nazi war criminal cases.

Twelve denaturalization and deportation cases had been started before the special unit was initiated and no single new case has since been started. The special unit indicated that an announcement of several new cases will be forthcoming this month.

U.S. BLACK DELEGATION PROMISES TO WORK TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH JEWS By Gtl Sedan

JERUSALEM, Oct. 17 (JTA) -- A delegation of Black American civil rights and trade union leaders met today with Premier Menachem Begin and told him they would work to improve relations between American Blacks and Jews. The meeting was intended to patch up some of the strain caused recently by the resignation of Andrew Young as U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations and the visit to the Middle East by Rev. Jesse Jackson who heads the Chicago-based Operation PUSH.

William Pollard, director of the civil rights department of the AFL-CIO, who is heading the seven-member delegation, said after the meeting, "We want to cement the relationship between Blacks and Jews and Israel."

While the Blacks came out in strong support of Israel, they expressed concern about the Cabinet's decision last Sunday to expand the settlements on the West Bank. Begin rejected their views on this issue. "Jewish settlements in this land are no obstacle to peace," he told them. "It was proved that we can live together side by side. We do not evict anybody, we do not take from anybody anything, and the idea of full autonomy proves this wish of ours to live together."

Begin called on American Blacks to cooperate with Israel and American Jews in pursuing peace and equality. At the same time, he said, Israel could not accept the attitude of some Blacks who supported the Palestine Liberation Organization. "How can Blacks, who have themselves suffered, back the PLO, which seeks to destroy Israel?" he asked.

The Black delegation also took up the social and economic status of the Black Israelite community in the Negev town of Dimona. Begin promised to study their problems immediately.

Shocked By Yad Vashem

The delegation visited the Yad Vashem Memorial yesterday. Some of them, shocked by the display at the memorial, cut short their visit there. One of the members, Bayard Rustin, executive director of the A. Philip Randolph Institute, was the first to leave, saying he could not take it any more. Other members of the delegation soon joined him. "It was too depressing," Pollard said. "I can't stand to look at those pictures that present man's inhumanity to man. I just had to come out. It was too much."

Rustin explained: "I am a member of President Carter's Commission on the Holocaust. I just had a month ago two full weeks of going through most of the concentration camps in Poland and in Russia. I had been so deeply moved by what I saw there that for several nights I could not sleep. That inability to sleep means that I shall always remember, and that is what we ought all to do. When I went out yesterday to Yad Vashem I was just emotionally incapable of going through another one."

FIRE AGAINST CONNALLY CONTINUES

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17 (JTA) -- Republican Presidential candidate John Connally's nine-point Middle East program has received support from a Republican Senator while Connally's opponents for the GOP nomination continue their severe criticism of his concepts.

George Bush, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations and a former chairman of the Republican Party National Committee, told a meeting of the National Conference of Christians and Jews in Cleveland last Sunday night that "the interests of the United States lie in supporting the efforts to implement the Camp David accords and the spirit of peace and hope inspired by Prime Minister (Menachem) Begin and President (Anwar) Sadat in arriving at that agreement."

Bush, a candidate for the GOP nomination, also opposed Connally's concept of using U.S. military forces in the Mideast as "a guarantor of peace." Connally had proposed discarding the Camp David accords and establishing U.S. bases as part of a Mideast settlement.

Attacking the Connally thesis on another basis, Bush said that "the way to lower oil prices is through economic negotiations and through convincing the Saudi Arabians and others that we are dependable friends and that we are the only credible deterrent to Soviet subversion in the Middle East." Saying that he does "not favor use of American power as a negotiating pawn to get the OPEC nations to lower oil prices," Bush added: "One way not to lower oil prices is to trade U.S. forces for price cuts. Another way not to lower oil prices is to trade Israel's security for price clubs."

Bush said that "the risks involved in a U.S. military presence in the Middle East are as unnecessary as they are unwarranted by the American people." He warned against "creating the conditions for American involvement in another Vietnam war."

Sen. Thad Cochran (R. Miss.), in presenting to the Senate the text of Connally's speech before the Washington Press Club last week, said "the dangers of war and economic upheaval in the Middle East are substantial," and "I believe Gov. Connally's peace plan offers constructive ideas on how peace might be brought about." He commended Connally "for having recommended this innovative and far-ranging peace plan."

Meanwhile, in Los Angeles, Albert Spiegel, shortly after being named vice chairman of the

Ronald Reagan Campaign for President, decried in Reagan's name the positions taken by Connally. Spiegel, who is a Los Angeles lawyer and a leader in Jewish affairs in California, said that he was "pretty accurately reflecting" Reagan's thinking in saying that Connally "asks Israel to give up every one of its basic positions in advance of any negotiations without a single concession in return."

Spiegel also told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that Connally's speech "implies the United States is defenseless against the Arab oil threat." He said that Connally also "strips from Israel the basic requirements for its own defense, and substitutes a guarantee that may not be honored in a crisis, or if it's honored it may come too late to save the State of Israel or even the lives of its men, women and children."

In New York the Republican Party organization in Manhattan withdrew its invitation to Connally to attend its annual Lincoln Day dinner next February. Manhattan GOP leader Vincent Albano said he was "shocked" by Connally's Washington speech since he earlier had told a group of New York State Republican leaders that he was sympathetic to Israel.

Connally now faces the possibility of also being asked not to appear as featured speaker at a GOP dinner in New York on Nov. 6 to raise \$750,000. New York Republican leaders feel that Connally's appearance could hurt ticket sales for the \$1000-a-plate dinner. Nevertheless, Connally spokesman Hugh O'Neill said the former Texas Governor "is sticking to his position."

YOUNG ABSOLVES ISRAEL FROM ANY ROLE IN HIS RESIGNATION AS UN ENVOY

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17 (JTA) -- Andrew Young today absolved the government of Israel from any influence in his resignation as U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations last Aug. 15 and said it was his own decision to quit.

Speaking to reporters at the White House after a meeting with President Carter, Young said that Jewish aides to the President had "encouraged" him not to resign when the news broke that he had met with a Palestine Liberation Organization representative at the UN in contravention of U.S. policy and subsequently misled the State Department about that meeting.

"Some members of the White House who happen to be Jewish encouraged me to stick it out," Young said. "I talked with Shu (Shimon) Eizenstat, the President's chief assistant on domestic affairs) about that. It was my decision to leave. Nobody pressured me to resign. I have no apologies; I would do it again," Young said. He also said that on the day he decided to resign, "everybody said the Jewish community was forcing me out."

Young, praising Carter and renewing his pledge to support him in the 1980 elections, minimized differences between Rev. Jesse Jackson, who has acknowledged receiving financial aid from pro-PLO sources, and Bayard Rustin, the civil rights leader who has denounced Jackson's overtures to the PLO. "I think the reporting has made more of the differences than the basic facts," Young said. He observed that Jackson had told the PLO "You are damned fools to practice violence" that Jackson also confronted Israel on bombing Lebanon -- a counter-productive act by Israel.

Young's unannounced meeting with the Pres-

ident followed his statement yesterday to the House Foreign Affairs Committee's subcommittee on Africa that the White House had sought to have Israel make a statement saying it opposed his resignation. He told the subcommittee that the effort fell through because Israeli Premier Menachem Begin was ill and was unable to discuss the matter.

"At the time of my resignation there was an effort underway between the White House and the Israelis, approved by (Israel Foreign Minister Moshe) Dayan, which would have put Israel on record as opposed to my resignation," Young testified to the subcommittee. "Unfortunately, Mr. Begin was ill and we didn't get approval in time," he said. There was no immediate confirmation here on Young's reference to Dayan.

The White House confirmed to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that Eizenstat had said "there was some interest in having a statement issued" and "there were some discussions but it didn't go beyond that. We were told there would be no statement." The White House emphasized to the JTA that "there were discussions about a statement but the White House never asked for it." The source said the purported U.S.-Israeli talks "did not go beyond that. We really never asked for a statement." The Israeli participant was not identified.

An independent source observed that for the U.S. government to ask for such a statement and for the Israeli government to enter into one would open the way for enemies of Israel to condemn it for interfering in internal affairs of the U.S.

Statement By Israel Embassy

A spokesman for the Israel Ambassador to the U.S., Ephraim Evron, said today that "The government of Israel and the Ambassador of Israel in Washington never asked for Mr. Young's resignation and were in no way involved in the events that led to it. This was entirely an Administration decision."

Rep. Stephen Solarz (D. NY), a member of the House subcommittee, told the JTA today that Young's testimony made it clear that neither Israel nor the American Jewish community had anything to do with his resignation. "He (Young) made it clear Israel had not been putting pressure on him to get out," Solarz said.

ISRAELIS TO PUBLISH IN EGYPTIAN WEEKLY

TEL AVIV, Oct. 17 (JTA) -- The semi-official Egyptian weekly, October, will soon publish an article by a Tel Aviv University scholar, the first of several by prominent Israelis set to appear in the periodical. The author is Prof. Shimon Sharir, former head of the university's Shiloah Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies.

He was invited to contribute to October by its editor, Anis Mansour, who visited Tel Aviv recently. Sharir's article deals with ways to expand the structure of peace beyond the political level by efforts to change the image of enmity in the hearts and minds of Israelis and Egyptians. October will also publish articles by former Premier Yitzhak Rabin and former Foreign Minister Abba Eban.

AMSTERDAM (JTA) -- Jewish flight to the suburbs has prompted the Amsterdam Ashkenazic Congregation's council to approve construction of a new synagogue in the modern garden suburb of Amstelveen, south of Amsterdam, where some 1500 Jews now reside. At present, services are held in rented premises which are inadequate. The new structure will cost an estimated one million guilders. It will be financed by the sale of the 40-year old Lekstraat Synagogue.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES NUCLEAR MEDICINE IN ISRAEL

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Oct. 17 (JTA) -- The revolutionary computer-linked X-ray scanner that won this year's Nobel Prize in medicine for its developers, Allan Cormack of the U.S. and Godfrey Hounsfield of England, is one of several highly sophisticated electronic diagnostic devices manufactured in Israel and successfully marketed abroad in competition with such giants of the industry as General Electric in the U.S., Siemens of West Germany and Toshiba of Japan.

The Elscint Co., located near Haifa, ranks with the world's leading producers of tomographic and nuclear medicine equipment. Machines bearing the trade-mark of the 10-year-old Israeli firm are to be found in some of America's leading hospitals -- Mr. Sinai in New York, Temple University Hospital in Pennsylvania, the National Institute of Health and Veterans Administration hospitals.

Tomography is the X-ray technique that provides three-dimensional pictures of the body's interior. The Cormack-Hounsfield development has refined this to produce three-dimensional view of the interior of body organs. It has been hailed as the greatest stride in diagnostic instrumentation since Roentgen discovered X-rays some 70 years ago.

Not A Surprising Development

That Israel should be in the forefront of this development is a source of pride but not surprising considering the stress placed on science-based industry and the pool of scientific skills brought here by Jews from all over the world. Much of it is concentrated at the Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa, known as the Haifa Technion.

Dr. Abraham Suhami, the 45-year-old president of Elscint (a contraction for Electronic and Scientific) was born in Turkey, came to Israel as a child and was educated at the Hebrew University and the Technion where he earned his doctorate in physics and where he taught. His student and assistant is a Moroccan-born Jew, Benjamin Tzabab, who is also a graduate of the Technion and director-general of Elscint. Dr. Reuben Sinai, who was born in Rumania and holds a Ph.D. in mathematics and two Sabras -- Yoram Artzi and Dan Ben Ze'ev -- both physicists with doctoral degrees, head Elscint's various departments of research and development.

Elscint is a place of constant activity. Before the production of one item is completed, plans for the second generation or for new items are well advanced. It is a magnet for visiting scientists and technologists. It was one of the two industrial plants that President Anwar Sadat of Egypt visited during his recent tour of the Haifa area. It is also an eminently successful business. Shares in the company are sold on world markets, including the U.S. It currently has orders for \$50 million in medical machinery.

Widely Used In Israel

The Nobel-winning X-ray scanner, manufactured by Elscint, is used in Israeli hospitals. Recently it was employed during the course of brain surgery, helping a team of surgeons to pinpoint the location of a malignant brain tumor and remove it successfully without damaging surrounding tissue.

The machine emits a thin beam of X-rays as it moves from side to side over the patient's

body. Detectors show where the X-rays are blocked or weakened by bones or organs. The impulses are fed to a computer which reconstructs images to allow doctors to peer into the very depths of internal organs.

Elscint is engaged in two main fields -- diagnostic machinery and nuclear medicine. It produces a nuclear machine that injects radioactive isotopes into the bloodstream with an affinity to specific organs. The gamma rays emitted by the isotopes create an electronic image of the organ under examination. The process is constantly being refined. The ultimate goal is to enable doctors to study the functioning of the living brain.

Elscint plans to enter the field of ultra-sonic imaging. It also produces non-medical equipment. One example is an unbreakable, vandal-proof public telephone for which the first orders came from Ireland.

JWV MEMBER TO PLAY LEADING ROLE IN CONSTRUCTION OF NEGEV AIR BASES

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17 (JTA) -- Irving Kett, a Reserves Colonel in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and a member of Jewish War Veterans Post 118 in Los Angeles, will be the No. 2 man in charge of construction of two U.S. financed air bases in the Negev, a billion dollar project that must be completed in little more than two years.

According to Ray Gordon, writing in The Jewish Veteran, organ of the JWV, Kett was selected as assistant project manager of the Near East Project Office of the Army Engineers because of his outstanding credentials and his familiarity with Israel and knowledge of the Hebrew language.

Kett has a doctorate of science in engineering and is a professor of engineering at California State University, Los Angeles. He was ordered to active duty last June, Gordon reported. From 1967 to 1971 he served as chief design engineer of the division of highways for the Israel Department of Public Works.

Gordon described the air base project as "in the truest sense, a team effort: The U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Air Force, the contractors and the Israeli Ministry of Defense are all working together to get a very difficult job done."

One of the main difficulties will be the race against time. The two air fields, each larger than John F. Kennedy Airport in New York, must be operational by April 25, 1982 under the Camp David agreements. According to the writer, air bases of such size would normally take five years to complete. The two air bases in Sinai that they will replace were nine years in the building.

BRUSSELS (JTA) -- Gerald Green, author of the NBC-TV "Holocaust" series and the book that followed, has been awarded a "Dag Hammarskjöld Prize" for his contribution to history and better international understanding. The jury presents 10 such awards every year. Another of this year's recipients is Egyptian President Anwar Sadat. The award ceremony will take place here next month.

TEL AVIV (JTA) -- The 12-day-old Bank Leumi strike ended Wednesday morning when an agreement was signed between the bank's management and workers through the mediation of Histadrut. Actual work will resume in a day or two.

NEW YORK (JTA) -- Twelve Kibbutz Jewish activists have been arrested and sentenced to 15 days for "malicious hooliganism," the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry and the Union of Councils for Soviet Jewry reported.