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## BEGIN-SADAT-SUMMIT DUE IN DECEMBER

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Oct. 25 (JTA) -- Premier Menachem Begin and President Anwar Sadat of Egypt will have another summit meeting, probably in December, in Haifa, the scene of their last previous meeting, it was learned today. They are not expected to meet, as reported earlier, at the Santa Katerina Monastery in Sinai where Sadat will attend ground-breaking ceremonies Nov. 19 for a house of worship of the Christian, Jewish and Moslem faiths to be built at the foot of Mt. Sinai.

Hassan Kamal, Sadat's bureau chief, said today that the Egyptian leader planned no pageant of other spectacular at Santa Katerina to mark the second anniversary of his first visit to Israel. No heads of state nor other foreign dignitaries had been invited, Kamal said. He added, however, that the plans could change. There was no confirmation of reports that Begin was invited to attend the ground-breaking ceremonies.

The three-faith house of worship in Sinai is a project announced by Sadat some time ago. Plans for the structure call for a single entrance hall that will give access to three separate wings, each of which will contain its own shrine.

## TRUDEAU WARNS CONTINUING PRESSURE FOR CANADA TO MOVE EMBASSY TO JERUSALEM COULD STIR ANTI-SEMITISM

Also Slams U.S. "Zionist" Pressure On Carter. By Michael Solomon

MONTREAL, Oct. 25 (JTA) -- Former Premier Pierre Elliott Trudeau, leader of the opposition in the Canadian Parliament, has warned that continuing pressure by Canadian Jewish leaders over anti-boycott legislation and the transfer of Canada's Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem could stir anti-Semitism in this country.

He also charged that pressure by Zionists in the United States is making it difficult for President Carter to aid in the current Middle East peace negotiations and that the Israel government's hard line on the West Bank makes a settlement of the Palestinian problem impossible and could result in a new war in the Middle East.

Trudeau expressed his views in an interview published in the Toronto Star today. "Zionists in the United States, who are more zealous than in Israel, have made it difficult for Carter to aid negotiations by telling Israel they must be more flexible or risk losing American support," Trudeau was quoted as saying.

He said similar pressure was exerted by Canadian Jewish leaders who are only now becoming aware that by forcing the Conservative government to promise tougher anti-boycott legislation and to shift the Embassy to Jerusalem "they have opened the way to growing anti-Semitism."

Says Pressure Groups Have Hurt Canada

"The pressure groups in Canada, responsible for convincing the Conservative Party while they were in opposition, to support boycott legislation tougher than ours (Liberal Party) and the Embassy transfer have hurt Canada economically, Trudeau said, and thereby stirred anti-Semitic feelings. He expressed the belief that Canadian Jewish

leaders are only now becoming cognizant of this fact and therefore would be urging Prime Minister Joe Clark to back away from his election campaign promises.

Clark's government has, in fact, held these matters in abeyance pending the report of Robert Stanfield who was sent to the Middle East on a fact-finding mission for the Prime Minister.

Trudeau said he believed that Moshe Dayan's resignation as Foreign Minister because of his policy differences with the present Israeli government "would make it easier for Canadian and U.S. Jews to relax their pressure for unconditional support of Israel. The Dayan resignation was, in this context, very important."

It was announced, meanwhile, that the Canada-Israel Committee will meet Nov. 7 with Flora MacDonald, the Minister of State for External Affairs, to submit a brief regarding "the profound disturbance which the meeting between Stanfield and a senior Palestine Liberation Organization official has caused to the Jewish community in Canada." The committee will also seek a meeting with Clark to discuss the promised anti-boycott legislation.

## REPORT USSR IMPOSING NEW RESTRICTIONS ON JEWS SEEKING TO EMIGRATE TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Oct. 25 (JTA) -- Burton Levinson, chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry (NCSJ), said today that his organization is greatly alarmed by reports which it continues to receive from the Soviet Union that Soviet authorities are instituting new and unreasonable restrictions on Soviet Jews who seek to emigrate. "The NCSJ is concerned that these new Soviet procedures may illustrate an attempt by the Soviet Union to drastically reduce Jewish emigration," he stated.

For the first time, Soviet authorities are challenging whether the Soviet Jew seeking to emigrate and his Israeli family who has sent him an invitation have a "sufficient kinship." Emigration from the USSR for Jews has always been based upon family reunification, Levinson noted. "Thus, the NCSJ is tremendously concerned that the Soviets are seeking to implement new restrictions under the guise of challenging family kinship," he said.

"Although emigration figures continue to be high, these new restrictions may presage a substantial reduction of numbers in a few months. Already thousands of people, primarily in the Ukraine, but as well in other republics, have been refused the right to emigrate because of these procedures."

Levinson appealed "to all people concerned about the rights of Soviet Jews to emigrate to apply whatever processes are available to them to alert United States government officials and others to this new and alarming event and to seek their assistance in demanding that these new procedures be terminated."

## CHICAGO JEWISH LEADERS ACCUSE JACKSON OF 'STRIDENT ANTI-SEMITISM'

CHICAGO, Oct. 25 (JTA) -- Jewish leaders of Chicago have accused Rev. Jesse Jackson, leader of the locally based "Operation PUSH," of indulging in "strident anti-Semitism" in order "to divert attention from the failure of his mission to the Middle East by using the Jewish community as a scapegoat." A statement released by the Jewish

United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago Public Affairs Committee noted that "Though criticized by many journalists -- Black and white, Jewish and non-Jewish -- who questioned his new-found role and his motives, Jackson chose to rebuke only those who are Jewish."

The statement, issued by Joel Sprayregen, PAC chairman and Robert Schroyer, JUF president, referred specifically to Jackson's characterization of a court order to freeze PUSH's bank account as Jewish "aggression" against him. "The Jewish community is not harassing Mr. Jackson. The attempt of a creditor to collect a past due bill is normal business practice, not aggression," the statement said. "We do not comment upon Mr. Jackson's acceptance of Arab funds in return for his promise to promote the PLO. That act we leave for judgement to the American people."

What is most unfortunate about Jackson's actions, however, the statement continued, "is that his callous attitude and scurrilous words about Jews only tend to split apart two groups who perhaps more than any others have stood side-by-side, if not eye-to-eye, on major human rights issues."

"These issues affect all Americans. Cooperative efforts between Blacks and Jews in the past have led to the just resolution of these issues. Continued cooperation is essential in order to maintain an effective coalition and we are committed to an ongoing program of dialogue and cooperation. Those who choose to divide these two groups do not act in the best interests of either."

## 2 TERRORISTS GET LIFE SENTENCES

TEL AVIV, Oct. 25 (JTA) -- Two Palestinian terrorists were sentenced today by a military tribunal in Lod to life sentences on 13 charges stemming from their participation in the coastal raid in March, 1978 in which 34 civilians were murdered and 73 injured.

Haled Housein, 22, and Ibrahim Fuad, 19, the only two survivors of the 11-member terrorist group, had been convicted on 10 charges of firing at people, two of placing and detonating explosives and one of being members of a hostile organization. In finding them guilty, the tribunal said they had violated not only the law but also morality in firing at unarmed women and children and that they had infiltrated into Israel not to take hostages but to kill.

The courtroom was packed with relatives of victims of the raid on Israel's main coastal highway which began when the terrorists landed on a beach near Kibbutz Maagan Michael and encountered an American native photographer, Gail Rubin of New York. After killing her, the gang hijacked a bus full of passengers and, in a shoot-out with police north of Tel Aviv, set the bus afire and threw hand grenades at the passengers.

Aharon Alpern, the tribunal president, said the tribunal did not impose the death penalty on the two terrorists because one of them was under 18 when the attack took place and the age of the other could not be established positively.

## INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONCLAVE FOCUSES ON PALESTINIANS, THE PLO

MIAMI BEACH, Oct. 25 (JTA) -- Failure to make a distinction between the Palestine Liberation Organization and Palestinian Arabs was cited here last night by a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee as a factor "in some erosion of support for past Middle East positions"

even among "traditional liberal groups" in the United States. That analysis was made by Sen. Joseph Biden (D. Del.) who spoke at the opening session of an International Leadership Conference jointly sponsored by the Zionist Organization of America, the Latin American Confederation of General Zionists and the Zionist Organization of Canada at the Doral Hotel. The conference, which will conclude Oct. 28, is being attended by Jewish leaders from more than 30 countries to conduct an in-depth examination of the most critical issues affecting Israel and world Jewry in response to recent developments in the United States, the Middle East and the Soviet Union.

Biden told the 400 people at the opening session that the erosion of support for past Mideast positions involved changing conditions "on the domestic scene" from which U.S. Middle East policy "is not immune." He said that "there is also genuine confusion on the part of most Americans because of their misunderstanding" of the West Bank settlement policy of Premier Menachem Begin's government. He said "I personally stand by Prime Minister Begin's decision in this regard."

Declaring that "the survival of Israel is directly connected to the survival of America," Biden said "the creation of a PLO state" in the West Bank and Gaza "is contrary to U.S. interests. As supporters of Israel we are uneasy because we have become unsure of the fundamental commitment of the American people and the lack of continuity of the Carter Administration" in its Middle East policy.

He said also that "there has been a breach among old allies -- the Black and Jewish communities -- and this breach runs very deep," a reference to overtures to the PLO by some American Black leaders, including some leaders of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference which, Biden said, "is being naive about what is at stake in the Middle East."

## A Distortion Of Modern History

Leon Dulzin, chairman of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization Executives, said "the case of the Palestinians" had become "one of the greatest distortions of modern history," a development he said stemmed from the fact that "we in Israel are responsible for not explaining properly" that case.

He said "200,000 is the maximum number of Arabs who lived on both sides of the Jordan River prior to the first wave of Jewish immigration. It was after then that Arabs from the surrounding areas came to Palestine to live. In this Palestine, the Jews now have their sovereign State, Israel, with 3,150,000 population, and the Palestinians have their state, Jordan, with 1.5 million. There is no place for a second Arab state in Palestine."

Declaring it was "truly a paradox that the Jews are always the scapegoats," Dulzin said there were two million Arabs fighting for autonomy in Iran and asked: "Does anyone care? What about the Kurds? Did anyone care about them?" He added: "You can rest assured Israel will not be the scapegoat any more. There is complete consensus in Israel that there will be no Palestinian state, that we will not negotiate with the PLO and Jerusalem will not be divided."

Ivan Novick, ZOA president, said that "those who join in public criticism of Israel are in fact undermining Israel and encouraging the imposition of solutions to difficult problems by outside powers." Urging an end to "such tactics," Novick called "upon the American Jewish leadership assembled here to express a solid front of support for Israel."

## PALESTINIAN INVITEES WILL NOT ATTEND NEW OUTLOOK CONFERENCE

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25 (JTA) -- Editors of the radical Zionist magazine New Outlook, published in Tel Aviv, indicated today that only three of 13 Palestinian Arabs from the West Bank and Gaza Strip who had been invited to attend its three-day international symposium here this weekend would do so. The editors blamed alleged obstructions placed on travel documents by the U.S. and Israeli governments.

However, under questioning at a news conference here, they acknowledged that the Palestine Liberation Organization and Israel's Rakah (Communist) Party had roles in the decisions of nearly all of the 13 invitees not to attend the symposium. The editors also indicated uncertainty over the position on visas attributed to the State Department and the Israeli military government authorities on the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Simha Flapan, editor-in-chief of New Outlook, said he was told three days ago that the 13 Palestinians would not attend. He said this was "a surprising development." He said the reason was the refusal by the State Department to issue visas to "Palestinians from abroad" and indications of refusal by the Israeli authorities to provide exit visas. He said he did not know who had applied for visas and who was refused.

David Shaham, editor of the magazine, interjected that they did not have "factual knowledge" that exit visas were refused by the Israeli authorities. He said one Arab left today for Washington with a 26-member Israeli delegation.

Several hours later, Flapan told reporters that two other Arabs had been granted U.S. visas and another two were denied them.

Flapan, who said he based his information on a single telephone call from Israel, referred to a report from Jerusalem published here that contained a statement by retired Gen. Mattityahu Peled that Rakah and the "Sons of the Village," described as a small but militant Israeli Arab group, had been exerting intense pressure on West Bank Arab leaders not to attend the symposium. Peled was the principal speaker at the American Friends Service Committee's symposium on the Middle East held here in 1977 which supported changes in Israel's policy toward the PLO.

### No PLO Members At Conclave

The State Department declined to say immediately if any applications for visas had been received from Palestinian Arabs on the West Bank, in Gaza, Jordan, Lebanon or other places. The Department's chief spokesman, Hodding Carter, said "The answer is going to be you will not find any PLO members attending the New Outlook session." The Jewish Telegraphic Agency was privately informed by the State Department that no PLO members had applied for a visa because "they knew they would not get it."

Issam Sartawi, a top PLO official in Beirut, was among those reportedly invited to the symposium. Flapan said he favored exploratory talks between the U.S. and the PLO without preconditions. He also said that nearly 500 persons have registered for the symposium including 50 from Europe, 40 from Israel and 25 Arabs from various countries.

He said that Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky, who is in Washington to meet with U.S. officials and will address the UN General Assembly in New York Oct. 29, had not been invited.

Those attending the symposium will come as individuals, not in any official capacity, Flapan said. (Kreisky told Die Presse in Vienna yesterday that he will try to convince President Carter to open talks with the PLO.)

Reports from Israel, meanwhile, said the New Outlook symposium suffered a severe setback when the West Bank and Gaza invitees announced they would not attend. They are mainly mayors and the heads of local councils. According to the reports, their announcement followed what was apparently heavy pressure by West Bank extremist leaders, including the mayors of Nablus and Hebron, for them not to go.

Among those invited but who cancelled their participation in the symposium were the poet and feminist Raymonda Tawil and Mayor Rashid Shawa of Gaza. Tawil was among the West Bank Arabs who participated in the New Outlook symposium in Tel Aviv two years ago. The official reason given by the Arabs for not going is that they do not wish to attend a conference that supports the Camp David accords and the autonomy plan.

Thirty-five Israelis, including five Knesset members, will attend the symposium. Two other MKs, Yossi Sarid of the Labor Alignment and Mordechai Winshuvski of Shai, said they may not go because their purpose in attending was to meet with the Palestinians.

### PROTEST TERZI INVITATION TO UNIVERSITY

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Oct. 25 (JTA) -- The Fort Wayne Jewish Federation has protested to Indiana University against an invitation extended to the Palestine Liberation Organization representative at the United Nations, Zehdi Labib Terzi, to speak there on Nov. 27. In letters addressed to Dr. John Ryan, university president, and Dr. Robert O'Neil, vice president, Federation officials said the decision by the university's Memorial Union Board to invite Terzi "is quite disturbing to the Fort Wayne Jewish community."

The letters stated that Terzi "is hardly the type of person one would expect to receive an invitation from a public institution. His presence, whether officially sanctioned or not, places Indiana University in an unenviable limelight of national prominence. The situation is fraught with risk and wrapped with emotion. The result, we fear, would not benefit a discussion of the real issues but further the hatred and venom his organization symbolizes."

The Federation urged the university officials "to consider the ramifications of the Union Board's action and bring a sense of reason to those who have thus far demonstrated none." The letters were signed by Janet Latz, president; Frederick Tourkow, community relations chairman; and Benjamin Eisbart, executive director of the Federation.

NEW YORK (JTA) -- The National Council of Churches (NCC) will consider a resolution that calls for the suspension of U.S. aid to Israel at its governing board meeting here next month, it was announced. The policy-making board will take up a resolution by the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Diocese of North America that calls for the suspension of aid until Israel "complies with international law and guarantees the human rights of Christians and Muslims in Israel and the occupied territories." The meeting Nov. 8-10 at the Roosevelt Hotel will also hear the first report of a special panel that was created recently to consider NCC positions on the Middle East. The NCC has been under fire for refusing to suspend Archbishop Valerian Trifa from its board.

## AJ COMMITTEE STUDY SHOWS THAT THE PASSION PLAY REMAINS ANTI-SEMITIC

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 25 (JTA) -- Despite a serious effort by officials of Oberammergau in West Germany to cleanse the 350-year-old Passion Play of its anti-Jewish polemic and prejudice, the drama remains "structurally anti-Semitic." It continues to malign Jewish law, to depict the Judaism of Jesus' time as corrupt and punitive, and to dramatize those Gospel sources which cast the most negative light on Jewish motives and actions.

These conclusions emerge from the latest line-by-line analysis of the revised 1980 Oberammergau Passion Play published by the Interreligious Affairs Department of the American Jewish Committee. The findings of the study, entitled "Oberammergau 1980-Progress and Problems," were made public here today at a meeting of the AJ Committee's Interreligious Affairs Commission, whose national chairman is Robert Jacobs of Chicago.

The Commission is meeting in connection with the AJ Committee's National Executive Council sessions, continuing through Sunday at the Fairmont Hotel here. In presenting the study's findings to Commission members from throughout the country, Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, AJ Committee's national interreligious affairs director, who met with Oberammergau officials on four successive occasions since 1977, declared:

"Our systematic study of the 1980 text finds that a number of significant passages, scenes, and language changes have been made which correspond in detail to the findings of the German-language analysis which AJC delegations submitted to the Oberammergau Town Council and discussed with them during our four meetings in 1977, 1978 and 1979. The removal of these anti-Jewish passages are to be welcomed. Nevertheless, the overriding conclusion of our latest study is: 'As it stands, the drama retains an anti-Jewish impact, despite the well-intentioned efforts of those who have revised it.'"

### General Conclusions Of Study

Conducted by Judith Banks, AJ Committee assistant interreligious director, the study analyzes in detail major problem themes or areas in the 1980 text, and comes to these general conclusions:

"Faced with the formidable task of removing the anti-Semitism from a structurally anti-Semitic drama, those who revised the script for the 1980 performance of the Oberammergau Passion Play have tried to accomplish this end largely through judicious cutting. They have made a serious effort to cleanse the play of accusations of collective Jewish guilt and rejection, and of anti-Jewish polemic and prejudice.

"They have deleted the explicit allegations in the 1960 and 1970 text that God has rejected the Jewish people and ended His covenant with them. They have removed many of the most blatant expressions of sadism, vengefulness and greed on the part of the traders (in the Temple), the priests and the people. They have added an introductory exhortation cautioning each spectator to recognize himself as guilty in what happened...."

Unfortunately, the study continues, "these well-meaning modifications are undermined by the drama itself, for the way in which the story unfolds and develops has not been basically altered.... Thus, the Jewish religious leaders of the

time are all lumped together as hateful enemies of Jesus who cynically manipulate the populace into a screaming mob, and who hound Jesus to the cross and derive joyful satisfaction from his condemnation and suffering. The merchants, though their importance has been diminished (in this text), still play their non-Biblical role.

"Pharise is still portrayed as a sympathetic weakling, forced into condemning Jesus by the cruel Jews against his will. Jewish law is still depicted falsely as harsh and punitive. The Jewish people still call down the blood curse upon themselves and their children. In short, revision of the Oberammergau drama has taken the form of substantial cutting, but not of essential rethinking. The traditional anti-Jewish polemic which shaped the original text has not been examined, nor have the insights of current Biblical and extra-Biblical scholarship been incorporated into the dynamics of the play."

### Conclusion of Catholic Priest

Tanenbaum reported that "significantly, a leading Catholic priest-scholar in Germany, Father Willem Sanders of Hamburg, who is a member of the Ecumenical Study Commission of the German Catholic Bishops Conference and German Coordinator for the Societies for Christian-Jewish Relations, has completed his own study of the 1980 revised text, and his conclusions coincide with those of the American Jewish Committee study. These are summarized in his words."

"The play for 1980 is certainly not the play for all of the future, nor has Oberammergau taken seriously its opportunity to share in the changed understanding of the relationship between Jews and Judaism to a large part of Christendom as our ecumenical study group formulated in 1970.

"With abbreviations and the change of words alone, there is no positive message and this is, of course, the declared goal of those to whom the continued existence of the Passion Play is of heartfelt concern. You cannot do it in a single sentence in the prologue."

Tanenbaum announced that the AJ Committee study was being published in German by the Bavarian Catholic Academy in Munich and would be distributed to the German and international press as well as to tourists who will be attending the 1980 performance.

P.A.M.S. (JTA) -- Baron Edmond de Rothschild, known for his pro-Israeli activities, was received this week by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat at his residence. Sadat had personally invited the Baron and his wife to Egypt where they met Egyptian political personalities and prominent businessmen.

NEW YORK (JTA) -- Jack Garfink, artistic director of the Harold Cluman Theater and producer of the current Broadway hit, Arthur Miller's "The Price," has announced that he will bring to Broadway a company of 30 from the Jewish State Theater of Poland, which will present in Yiddish with simultaneous translation, "The Dybbuk." The play will open in mid-February at the Belasco Theater for a six-week run prior to a national tour.

NEW YORK (JTA) -- Shmuel Ben-Tovim has arrived from Israel to assume the position of Trade Commissioner to the United States and director of the Government of Israel Trade Center. Appointed by the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism to coordinate export and trade activities from the G.I.T.C. headquarters in New York, Ben-Tovim will also oversee the commercial activities of regional offices in Chicago, Los Angeles, Boston, Houston, Philadelphia and Atlanta.