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KNESSET DEBATES CABINET RESHUFFLE

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Nov. 5 (JTA) -- The Knesset met today to debate Premier Menachem Begin's projected Cabinet reorganization with the Aguda Israel holding up the government's plan unless its demands for tougher restrictions on abortion are met.

The Knesset is expected to vote on an amendment to the present, relatively liberal abortion laws which would eliminate social welfare needs -- as grounds for abortion. The Aguda Israel, which is governed by its "Council of Sages," said last night that it would not support the Cabinet reshuffle unless the abortion amendment is adopted.

The Cabinet reorganization will be stymied unless the Knesset approves a government-sponsored bill authorizing the Premier to appoint a second Deputy Prime Minister. That post would go to Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich who would, in turn, be replaced by former Commerce Minister Yigal Hurwitz.

Aguda May Hold Balance Of Power

The Aguda bloc, with only four Knesset seats, may hold the balance of power since Begin's reorganization plan is not fully supported within his coalition. But the abortion restriction is also strongly opposed by members of coalition factions. The seven MKs of the Democratic Movement are considered certain to vote against it and four or five members of Likud's Liberal Party wing are likely to oppose it or abstain. The Labor Alignment and other center to left opposition factions are vehemently opposed.

But the Aguda insists that the government must make good on Begin's promise of more than two years ago that his coalition would make every effort to see to it that the abortion amendment is adopted. The Aguda joined the coalition on that basis and has supported it in the Knesset although it has declined a Cabinet seat. The decision to link the abortion amendment to the bill facilitating the Cabinet reorganization was made at a meeting of the Aguda's political faction last night.

Aguda leaders conceded, however, that they do not want to leave the government or take any action that could precipitate its downfall because the Begin regime has yielded more to the Aguda on religious issues than any of its predecessors. But the Sages ruled otherwise. Nevertheless, consultations continued today between coalition leaders and Aguda MKs Shlomo Lorincz and Menachem Porush in an effort to avert a crisis.

BREAKTHROUGH ON OIL TALKS

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Nov. 5 (JTA) -- Defense Minister Ezer Weizman announced in Cairo today that there was a breakthrough in the Israeli-Egyptian talks over the supply of Sinai oil to Israel but did not elaborate. Weizman spoke to reporters after a meeting with President Anwar Sadat, who, smiling at his side, said there were no unsurmountable problems. The Israeli defense chief then went into another meeting with Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil with whom he had a long talk last night, presumably on the oil question.

The major point at issue is the price Israel will be required to pay for the two million tons of oil per year that Egypt has agreed to supply. The Egyptians have insisted on at least \$32 a barrel, the spot market price in Rotterdam. The Israelis are willing to pay the price set by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) which is \$23.50 a barrel. Israel is due to evacuate the last Sinai oil fields at the end of this month.

Weizman flew to Cairo yesterday to resume his talks with Egyptian officials that began 10 days ago. He was supposed to return by this afternoon but postponed his departure until evening. He was joined in Cairo today by Energy Minister Yitzhak Modai. According to an official announcement, Modai was sent to assist him.

Observers believe he was sent to counter press reports this morning that Premier Menachem Begin had removed him from the oil negotiations. Weizman was given the task of bargaining with the Egyptians because of his good personal relations with Sadat.

What success he had will not be known until his return. Speaking for the government in the Knesset today, Minister-Without-Portfolio Moshe Nissim said the Cabinet would hear reports from Weizman and Modai on their Cairo mission and would take appropriate decisions.

SPECIAL TO THE JTA EMERGENCY GRANTS ANNOUNCED FOR HUNDREDS OF IRANIAN JEWISH CHILDREN WHO HAVE ARRIVED IN N.Y.C.

NEW YORK, Nov. 5 (JTA) -- The Federation of Jewish Philanthropies and United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York have made emergency grants in response to the plight of hundreds of Iranian Jewish children who have left the turmoil of their country and have reached the city in recent months. It was announced here today. They were able to come here because the youngsters are still permitted to leave Iran for study abroad.

In a joint announcement, Harry Macher and Stephen Shalom, presidents of Federation and New York UJA, respectively, stated that up to \$400,000 would be available in emergency relief funds. Additional Federation monies will be allocated for a service program.

Of this, an initial \$50,000 has been released by Federation and UJA to pay for food and other basic costs of daily living for needy Iranian children indefinitely cut off from their families. This action has been voted by the Boards of the two organizations, they added, because of traditional Jewish concern for children here and everywhere in the world.

Of the \$400,000, \$200,000 has been pledged to Federation and UJA by the Iranian Jewish community in New York, and the remaining \$200,000 will come from the funds of the two philanthropic organizations. Macher pointed out that this partnership "represents a very significant milestone in cooperative relations between American Iranian Jews and the rest of the New York Jewish community. All parties are anxious to provide funds as quickly as possible. We are confident that the Iranian Jewish community will respond generously and speedily."

Role Of The Lubavitch Hasidim

While most Jews who left Iran recently have gone to Israel, about 800 youngsters have come to

study in New York under the auspices of the Lubavitch Hasidim. The children range from 10 to 20 years of age. The Lubavitch movement, having assumed parental responsibility for most of these children, appealed to Federation and UJA for aid, inasmuch as while many of the children come from families who can pay for their care, others from poor families, need assistance.

In addition to helping pay essential bills, Federation — primarily through its Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services (JBFC) and Federation Employment and Guidance Service — will provide counseling as needed to all Iranian children coping with emotional and psychological problems, and will give vocational guidance and job placement assistance to older youth, it was reported.

Manchester stressed that legal responsibility for most of the Iranian Jewish children remains with the Lubavitch, which is overseeing their care. "However," he said, "in the efforts being made by Federation and UJA, the organized Jewish community has demonstrated that it will not be indifferent to any Jewish child." Shalom added that Israel is the preferred destination for Jews leaving Iran. "Some six thousand Iranian Jews have already emigrated this year to Israel," he said.

SPECIAL TO THE JTA WEST BANK, GAZA ARABS DUE TO PARTICIPATE IN 1984 OLYMPICS By Haskell Cohen

NEW YORK, Nov. 5 (JTA) — A group of Arab athletes from the West Bank and Gaza Strip, who insist on being identified as athletes from Palestine-Gaza, is virtually certain to participate as an entity in the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles, it was revealed today to this writer in a telephone conversation from Tel Aviv by Chaim Glovinsky, secretary-treasurer of the Israel Olympic Committee.

The Palestinian group from the West Bank and from Gaza has accomplished its mission of securing acceptance into five of the international sports federations. The latest sports federation to grant Palestine-Gaza the right to participate in its activities is the Weight-Lifting Association. Two weight lifters from the West Bank are participating in the international competition being held this week in Greece.

According to Glovinsky, thus far, the Basketball Federation, known as FIBA, and the Table Tennis Association, plus the Track and Field and Wrestling Associations, in the international sports world have accepted the bids for membership from Palestine-Gaza and will permit that entity to send competitors to all competitions arranged by the respective sports groups involved.

It is anticipated that representatives from Palestine-Gaza will appear in Moscow for the 1980 Olympics at which time they will make their formal presentation to the International Olympic Committee which Glovinsky anticipates will immediately sanction this group as an accepted entity for future Olympic competitions.

ISRAEL URGES AID FOR CAMBODIAN PEOPLE By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 5 (JTA) — Israel declared today that "firm actions, and not just words" are needed to help the Cambodian people and pledged to participate in the humanitarian efforts to save the starving people of Cambodia. Addressing the Pledging Conference for

Emergency Humanitarian Relief to the People of Kampuchea (Cambodia) which opened here today, Yehuda Blum, Israel's Ambassador to the UN, said Israel will consider sending further medical teams to Cambodia "as circumstances dictate" in addition to the team and the two tons of medical supplies and equipment that have been sent already. He said the cost of those measures is estimated at about \$55,000.

In addition, Blum told the conference that Israeli citizens have contributed about \$500,000 for aid to the Cambodian people "and the campaign is still far from finished."

The people of Israel, "who have known what it is to suffer and to be refugees, could not remain unmoved by this human drama," the Israeli envoy added, noting that "there is no more noble task, nor any more urgent, before us today" than to help the Cambodian people. He said "Israel wholeheartedly endorses the efforts currently undertaken by the United Nations to alleviate the suffering of the Kampuchean people."

SAMUEL SANDMEL DEAD AT 68

CINCINNATI, Nov. 5 (JTA) — Dr. Samuel Sandmel, Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus of Bible and Hellenistic Literature at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, died in Jewish Hospital here last night after a long illness. He was 68 years old. A funeral service will be held tomorrow at the college.

Sandmel was one of the world's foremost authorities on Early Christianity and the New Testament, especially in their relation to Judaism, and was widely acclaimed as a leader in interfaith relations.

Among the many honors bestowed upon him was one that was to have been presented in absentia tonight by the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews and will instead be given posthumously tonight at a dinner in the Royal York Hotel in Toronto to be attended by 1200 guests. The award is the 1979 Nicholas and Hedy Munk Brotherhood Award, given to "a person of international repute who has stimulated and encouraged harmonious understanding between Jews and non-Jews."

Sandmel was the author of 17 scholarly works and of one novel, "Alone Atop the Mountain." When he served as head of a group of 29 scholars who produced "The New English Bible with the Apocrypha: Oxford Study Edition," published in 1976 by Oxford University Press, it marked the first time a Jewish scholar had been editor of the New English Bible.

Sandmel had been a member of the Hebrew Union College faculty for 26 years. Upon retirement from the college on Jan. 31 of this year, he accepted a three-year appointment as Helen A. Regenstein Professor of Religion at the University of Chicago Divinity School.

A native of Dayton, Ohio, Sandmel attended public schools in St. Louis and gained his undergraduate degree at the University of Missouri. He enrolled in the rabbinic program at Hebrew Union College and was ordained in 1937. From 1946 to 1949, while pursuing studies for the Doctor of Philosophy degree in New Testament Studies at Yale University, he served as Yale's Hillel director. After receiving the Ph.D. degree in 1949, he joined the faculty of Vanderbilt University, where he taught Jewish literature and thought until 1952 when he accepted appointment at Hebrew Union. During World War II he was a Navy chaplain, serving with the 2nd Marine Division in the South Pacific.

There will be no Bulletin dated Nov. 12 due to Veteran's Day, a postal holiday.

PRIVATE GROUP URGES U.S. GOVERNMENT TO MAKE SOME HARD DECISIONS IN ORDER TO SECURE JUST SETTLEMENT IN MIDEAST

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5 (JTA) -- The Atlantic Council, an 18-year-old American organization designed to promote U.S. ties with Western Europe, Japan, Australia and New Zealand, has called on the U.S. government to take quick action to safeguard Western interests in Middle East oil and security and to bring "a just settlement" of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

In a 39-page, 34-point policy paper entitled "Oil and Turmoil: Western Choices in the Middle East," prepared by its "Special Working Group on the Middle East," the Council urged the U.S. to be "prepared to make hard decisions and to make them soon." The Council's press statement released in connection with the report, stated that "The group advocates increased U.S. efforts to understand Arab points of view, especially those of Saudi Arabia, Jordan and the Palestinians, including the Palestine Liberation Organization." The membership of the Working Group includes eight former U.S. Ambassadors to Arab countries.

The report said that "The U.S. should make clear its conviction that Israel's security will be better served by real, firmly based peace with the Arabs, including the Palestinians of the West Bank and Gaza, than by continued war and terrorism."

It also said that "With respect to processes, we urge serious negotiations under the Camp David framework for a Middle East settlement to bring Arab parties other than Egypt into the negotiations, especially Jordan and Saudi Arabia; association of Palestinian Arabs in the process. While this is not the moment to bring the PLO into active negotiations, the U.S. should maintain informal contacts with the PLO."

According to the report, the process includes U.S. improvement of relations with Saudi Arabia on political lines in the Arab-Israeli conflict; "a real autonomy and self-determination for the Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza"; a settlement between "Israel and Syria" roughly on the model of the Israeli-Egyptian settlement; and a "compromise settlement" for East Jerusalem.

Informal U.S.-PLO Contacts Suggested

Implying that the U.S. should jettison its commitment to Israel on dealing with the PLO, the report said that "the mutual non-recognition between the PLO and Israel" should not rule out informal contacts between the U.S. and the PLO with the purpose of ascertaining the latter's views and modifying them."

The report said that "Future discussion and negotiation on the Palestinian question and other aspects of the Arab-Israeli problems, will probably subject Israeli-American relations to considerable strains." However, "There should be no automatic American support for Israeli positions, for intransigent policies on the part of Israel -- as on the part of the Arabs -- can run counter to American interests in the region."

The report continued: "We believe that the U.S. should leave no doubt of its commitment to Israel's security and independence and of its intentions to make that commitment." But, it added this commitment "has to be balanced by its (U.S.) vital interests in good relations with the score of countries in the Arab world."

The policy paper also said that "The U.S.

should strive to maintain its relations with Saudi Arabia on a basis that will assure cooperation on the oil question; Saudi assistance in the process of negotiations of Arab-Israeli settlements and a constructive Saudi role in maintaining security on the Arabian peninsula and in the general area of the Red Sea and the Persian Gulf."

While saying that the U.S. "should continue to put forth efforts to deny to the Soviet Union the extension of its domination or control in the Middle East," the report observed that "Soviet influence in the region is a natural fact and cannot be excluded. But it should be U.S. policy to keep that influence within limits."

In conclusion, the Working Group said "Time is of the essence" in dealing with its recommendations on energy, the Arab-Israeli conflict and the situation in Turkey. "On all three of these, we are convinced that the President, the Congress and the American people should be prepared to make hard decisions, based on the national interest and not on personal or parochial concerns, and to make them soon," the group said.

The 32 members of the Working Group included 10 former U.S. Ambassadors, nearly all of them formerly posted to Arab capitals. Other members of the Working Group are three former Undersecretaries of State: George Ball, who has long advocated the positions detailed in the report, Joseph Sisco and Eugene Rostow.

Lt. Gen. Andrew J. Goodpaster, former U.S. representative to NATO and currently Commandant of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, was chairman of the Working Group. Lt. Gen. Brent Scowcroft, National Security Affairs Advisor to President Nixon, was vice chairman.

Dixon Donnelly, a spokesman for the Atlantic Council, said "the principal work" on the report was done by John C. Campbell, former director of studies of the Council on Foreign Policy. The relation of the various members of the group to the report could not be ascertained.

BRITAIN CONTINUING BOYCOTT COMPLIANCE

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, Nov. 5 (JTA) -- The British government said tonight that it is to continue authenticating negative certificates on British exports to the Middle East, which confirm that the goods do not originate in Israel. A Foreign Office Minister told Parliament that the government had concluded it would be against British interests to discontinue authentication despite being urged to do so by a House of Lords Select Committee.

Israeli sources called the British decision "very disappointing," and in marked contrast to the Dutch Parliament's passage last week of a bill to ban compliance with the Arab boycott. The government said that it had consulted a wide range of bodies involved in Middle East trade and that it was their consensus that refusal to authenticate certificates would pose "an unacceptable risk" to British exports.

In a minor concession to the Lords Committee, however, the Foreign Office is now issuing notices stating that it is in no way condoning the documents themselves and that it does not approve of the boycott. The House of Lords Select Committee's report, published 14 months ago, said that negative certificates of origin were "among the most discriminatory forms of the boycott mechanism" and that by authenticating signatures on them the Foreign Office was in fact condoning them.

BRUSSELS (JTA) -- The Belgian Foreign Ministry has denied a report that PLO leader Yasser Arafat would visit Belgium this month.

GRASS-ROOTS COALITION FORMED TO SUPPORT SAMARIA, JUDAEA SETTLEMENTS

NEW YORK, Nov. 5 (JTA) -- A grass-roots coalition representing Christian and Jewish views about the legality of West Bank settlements has been formed here. Calling itself the Ad Hoc Committee for Settlement in the Land of Israel, the organization claims that "strong, thriving and secure Jewish settlements are the only deterrent to other claims on our land."

Rabbi David Hill, honorary president of the Young Israeli Movement and the chairman of the coalition, told the founding meeting here at the Summit Hotel that the press has not played an objective role in regard to the issue of settlements in Judaea and Samaria and stressed the need for an on-going political action coalition to spotlight the view in favor of settlements which he said are held by a significant number of Christians and Jews.

Says Legality Validated Under International Law

Prof. Paul Riebenfeld, a visiting scholar in political science and international law at Columbia University who was a Zionist delegate to the League of Nations Mandates Commission from 1937-1939, said Israel's legal rights to settle the entire area west of the Jordan River were set forth in the British Mandate. This, he said, is not acknowledged by the press which only refers to Judaea and Samaria as the Biblical names applied by Premier Menachem Begin or the Gush Emunim, thus suggesting that these names are not currently applicable.

Riebenfeld noted that Samaria was called Samaria under the British Mandate, that Gaza was called the District of Gaza, and Judaea, of which Jerusalem is a part, was called the District of Jerusalem. Thus, he said, not only were the names Judaea and Samaria validated by the Mandate, in addition to Biblical claims; but the Mandate "translated Jewish historical rights into rights under international law."

Urge Vatican Recognition Of Israel

Shifra Hoffman, executive director of the Shuva aliya movement, presented a statement on behalf of the National Christian Leadership Conference, a coalition of Catholic and other American Christian leaders, calling upon the Vatican to recognize Israel "within secure boundaries" and cited a statement by the International Council of Christian Churches contending that "the territories secured by Israel in the Six-Day War were liberated" and that Israel simply secured "that which is properly hers."

Dr. Heshel Haddad, president of the World Organization of Jews from Arab Countries, who was forced to flee Iraq 26 years ago because of anti-Semitic persecution by the Iraqi government, deplored the fact that there is little world recognition of the plight of those Jews who were forced to flee Arab countries and whose land and property was confiscated by Arab regimes. Noting that these refugees are now living in Israel, he stressed that any peace negotiations must recognize their right to receive compensation for their lands and property.

CANADIAN-ISRAELI RELATIONS TO HIGHLIGHT AJPA CONFAB IN MONTREAL

MONTREAL, Nov. 5 (JTA) -- Yeshayahu Anug, Israel's Ambassador to Canada, will discuss the current state of Canadian-Israeli relations in his keynote address at the two-day meeting here next week of the American Jewish Press Association (AJPA), it was announced today by Frank

Wundohl, AJPA president, who is editor of the Jewish Exponent of Philadelphia.

Editors and publishers of the AJPA who, according to Wundohl represent some 70 Jewish community English language newspapers and monthly magazines in the United States and Canada with a combined circulation of more than two million, will hold their sessions Nov. 15 and 16 in the private meeting facilities of Restaurant Cinque Portes. The AJPA mid-year meeting is scheduled annually in the same city and during the Council of Jewish Federations General Assembly. The 48th Assembly will be meeting here Nov. 14-18.

In his address, Anug is expected to focus on Israeli and world Jewish reaction to Canadian Prime Minister Joe Clark's announcement last week that he is bowing to the recommendation of Ambassador-at-large Robert Stanfield, submitted to the House of Commons, that Canada will not at this time move its Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. The move was one of Clark's campaign promises.

Dr. Murray Friedman, Middle Atlantic States director of the American Jewish Committee and a member of the faculty at LaSalle College in Philadelphia, will discuss "The Future of Black-Jewish Relations" at the Nov. 15 morning session. Dr. Irving Greenberg, executive director of the National Jewish Resource Center (formerly the National Jewish Conference Center), will discuss "The Present and Future Problems of the American Jewish Community -- How the Media Fits In" at the Nov. 16 morning session.

The wind-up address at the Nov. 16 luncheon will be delivered by Yitzhak Bar-On, vice president of the Jewish Agency-American Section, who will be reporting for the AJPA on details of a planned AJPA study mission to Israel early in 1980 in cooperation with the World Federation of Jewish Journalists.

DIAL-A-SQUEAL

JERUSALEM, Nov. 5 (JTA) -- Israelis will now be able to turn in their neighbors who have been cheating on their income tax. The Income Tax Commission opened a telephone center today to receive information from the public on people who are not paying their taxes. Special operators will record the information volunteered by the anonymous callers and will be authorized to ask for additional information. "The public should realize that tax dodgers are criminals just like any other criminals," one tax official said.

SOLIDARITY WITH FALASHAS URGED

NEW YORK, Nov. 5 (JTA) -- An emergency assembly in solidarity with Falashas, the Jews of Ethiopia, was held here several days ago at Stern College. The assembly was called to coincide with demonstrations held in Jerusalem by the small Falasha community in Israel. Dr. Groenun Berger, executive vice president of the American Association for Ethiopian Jews, and Rabbi Hailu Paris, spiritual leader of Congregation Mount Horeb, said the Jewish world in general and the Israeli government in particular are neglecting the desperate plight of the fast-disappearing Falashas of Ethiopia. Their immediate rescue through mass aliya was held out as their only hope.

The assembly heard excerpts of recent letters from Jews in Ethiopia describing the destruction of whole villages and the massacre and enslavement of many Jews. A memorial service on behalf of the murdered Falashas was conducted by Rabbi Irving Block of the Brotherhood Synagogue.