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MONDALE SAYS HE AND CARTER STAND FOR AN UNDIVIDED JERUSALEM

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19 (JTA) -- Vice President Walter Mondale, speaking for President Carter, said last night that "We stand for an undivided Jerusalem with free access to all holy places" and opposition to an independent Palestinian state on the West Bank and Gaza.

Mondale addressed 1000 prominent Jewish personalities from the U.S. and Canada and several Latin American and European countries attending a State of Israel Bonds "International Dinner of Tribute" to Sam Rothberg, a principal founder and presently chairman of the Israel Bond Organization.

The gathering launched the Israel Bond Organization's 1980 campaign with a goal of $1 billion. More than $35 million was raised in Bonds and notes at the dinner, much of it in Rothberg's name. He was also presented with the first Golda Meir Leadership Award, a bust of the late Israeli Premier by the noted Baltimore sculptor, Paul Goodman.

Mondale shared the platform with Israel's Interior Minister Yosef Burg representing Premier Menachem Begin who could not attend the dinner because of "urgent affairs of state." (See separate story.)

The Vice President's extemporaneous speech, while breaking no new ground in the Administration's outlook toward the Middle East, was frequently punctuated by applause. Mondale recalled Meir's dream that some day "Arab farmers will cross Israel's borders not with guns but with tractors and outstretched hands, farmer to farmer." In that connection, he said, "slowly, steadily, tenaciously we are working our way to normalcy. He added that after 30 years of conflict, "today there is no reason to despair."

'We Will Stand By Israel, Always'

Mondale declared, "Israel is no longer tentative. The State of Israel is forever." Speaking for himself and President Carter, he said "We will stand by Israel, always .... Israel is our friend, our partner, our conscience. Its well-being is in our strategic interest."

He said the Carter Administration stands for a "comprehensive peace" in the Middle East but "We don't favor an independent Palestinian state. We will not negotiate with the PLO and we will not recognize the PLO unless it first recognizes Israel and Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338. It is past time for the PLO to recognize Israel. It is past time for an end to terrorism."

Mondale cautioned that "there will be problems" and "emotion-laden" situations and "contentions." But, he said, "Never, never, never will the security of Israel be compromised in that process toward peace."

In an apparent reference to former Texas Gov. John Connally's nine-point peace plan for the Middle East linking oil with a settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict, Mondale warned that "To opt for a quick fix, a cookie-cutter set of ready-made solutions, would be a threat to everything that has been accomplished" in the peace process now underway.

In a reference to the U.S.-Iranian crisis, Mondale declared, "We will not succumb to blackmail over Israel or over oil -- nor will we succumb to it in Iran."

BOMB EXPLOSION INJURES 11 PERSONS, EIGHT OF THEM SCHOOL CHILDREN

By David Landau and Yitzhak Shargil

JERUSALEM, Nov. 19 (JTA) -- Eight school children and three other persons were injured when bombs exploded in two Jerusalem buses this morning. The injuries were reported to be slight in all but one of the cases. Last night an Israeli naval patrol intercepted a rubber dinghy in which terrorists were attempting to land on Israel's coast at Achziv, north of Nahariya. Two terrorists were captured and two others were drowned.

Both incidents are believed to have been related to the second anniversary today of President Anwar Sadat's historic visit to Jerusalem. Quick action by alert drivers, passengers and police were credited with averting a major tragedy in Jerusalem.

One bomb exploded on a bus on Jaffa Road near Zion Square in the heart of downtown Jerusalem. All passengers had been evacuated moments before after one of them spotted a suspicious-looking object. The driver, who remained at the wheel, maneuvered the bus out of the heavy morning rush hour traffic and was racing toward an empty lot when the blast occurred. The explosion shattered nearby windows and brought traffic to a halt. Most of the injuries occurred on the second bus which was about to enter its terminal in the eastern suburb of Kiryat Hayovel when the bomb exploded.

The encounter off Israel's coast was the first instance in three months of terrorist maritime activity. Security sources reported that the dinghy opened fire on the Dabour class Israeli patrol boat with small arms and bazookas. The fire was returned and the Zodiac-type dinghy was sunk. One of the captured terrorists was wounded. The bodies of two others were washed ashore. The dinghy was recovered by the navy. An alert was declared all along the coast.

AUSTERITY REGIME INTRODUCED; HUGE PRICE INCREASES ANNOUNCED

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Nov. 19 (JTA) -- The government today announced a spate of immediate economic measures which will mean in effect a deliberate slowdown of the economy and an austerity regime affecting every Israeli household. On the national level there is to be a tight credit squeeze, and a halt to government development projects, including the building of new schools and hospitals.

On the level of the family budget, milk and milk products will rise in price by 100 percent, public transport by 50 percent, electricity by nearly 40 percent and postal services by 30 percent. An oil price hike is also expected imminently which will set off a new chain of price rises throughout the economy.

These figures, reported unofficially this evening, were confirmed by Finance Minister Yigal Hurwitz in a live television interview tonight. "The time has come to tell the truth," he declared. "Another nation could live on the amount of money we waste." He noted that the inflation rate is eight percent per month which is 100 percent per year. He said the proposed measures will make the economy more

efficient but cautioned that inflation will not decline in the first 2-3 months.

Hurwitz said Israel's annual balance of trade deficit stands at $4.3 billion. The measures being introduced will "freeze" services which are "greatly swollen," he said. "There will be no new developments; no new schools, no new hospitals. Even projects which have been agreed upon will be re-examined unless contracts have actually been signed."

He said that "credit which is fueling inflation" will be slashed. It will be allowed to rise by only nine percent in the next three months. "Government subsidies have been completely abolished for milk and milk products and for cooking oil and will soon be abolished for meat," he said.

Hurwitz also declared that there would be "no new wage agreements until 1981," meaning that wage contracts which come up for renewal in 1980 will be extended for a year. "Everybody has got to work more and produce more. Let us go back to our youth when we made do with a little and produced a lot," Hurwitz said.

Mandated By Full Cabinet

Hurwitz's economic "war cabinet" was in session for seven hours before issuing its Draconian decisions. It had been mandated yesterday by the full Cabinet to take action designed to curb inflation, currently running at more than 100 percent.

Treasury economists say the new measures alone will add some five percent to the cost of living index. The economic cabinet provided for compensation to be paid at once to the poorer sections of the population, such as welfare recipients and widows. Child allowances will also go up at once by some five percent, and all wage earners will receive cost of living increments from December instead of waiting for the scheduled April payment date.

Acting Histadrut Secretary General Israel Keisar said the labor federation would demand that cost of living increments be pegged 100 percent to inflation, and not 80 percent as at present. He criticized the government's plan as "another round of price hikes which will mean hardship for the weakest sections of the populace."

The government plans, according to the officials, will lead to reductions in the civil service and in service sectors, and the deliberate intention is to direct and encourage manpower to move to export-oriented industries.

BURG RAPS SECTIONS OF U.S. MEDIA FOR CRITICIZING ISRAEL ON SHAKA CASE

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19 (JTA) -- Israeli Interior Minister Yosef Burg responded sharply here to criticism in important sections of the American media of the Israeli government's action to deport Mayor Bassam Shaka of Nablus. Burg, who spoke at an Israel Bond Organization dinner last night and met with diplomatic correspondents this morning, noted that the Shaka case is before Israel's Supreme Court and said the government would abide by the court's decision.

Last night, Burg described Shaka as "a master of incitement." He noted to the correspondents today that the government of Jordan had expelled Shaka when it was in control of the West Bank because of his activities as a member of the Baath Party which were inimical to the Jordanian regime. Asked by a reporter if the Israeli government should not "bend" in the Shaka case and allow the mayor to stay in office in order to speed up the peace process and encourage Palestinians to join it, Burg replied:

"I cannot accept the idea that Israel 'bend' to speed up the process -- either what we should not do about it or should do." He said that "at the Camp David conference we were told to stop building settlements and we did not do so." The destruction of the State of Israel could not be part of the peace process. If someone has an active role with the PLO we cannot forego security."

A correspondent, observing that the U.S. is moving toward direct contact with the PLO, asked Burg if he thought there was any useful role in the U.S. talking to that organization. Burg replied: "Our reaction would be very sour, very negative. It would antagonize our endeavor to come into conversation with moderate Arabs. It is a common error that the PLO is only against Israel. The PLO terror is also directed against Arabs."

Shortly after meeting with the correspondents, Burg, who heads the Israeli negotiating team in the current talks with Egypt and the U.S. on autonomy, conferred with Sol Linowitz, President Carter's newly designated special Ambassador to the Middle East. Burg then left for New York where he was due to address a meeting of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations late this afternoon.

During his meeting with the diplomatic correspondents here, Burg was asked what would happen if the autonomy talks are not concluded successfully by the May 1 deadline. Burg said, "We'll try to continue. If you ask the Americans, they might suggest another summit and try again. On the Egyptians, I don't know."

Asked about inducing the Palestinians to join the talks, Burg said: "If the PLO terror will continue to prevent the Palestinians from participating in the talks, then the answer is very much in the negative. But two things can bring forward the Palestinians' participation."

He said one would be a decision by the Jordanian government to join the talks. He said that could happen "as a result of tendencies of radicalization threatening thrones and dynasties in the Middle East." A second possibility, he said, was "if the talks on modalities (in the autonomy negotiations) give a clear line for elections, then the Arabs on the West Bank and Gaza would find it better to have elections for some kind of self-governing authority than nothing at all."

Burg said that with respect to the West Bank, "there is one thing King Hussein (of Jordan) and (PLO chief Yasir) Arafat have in common. Both want the Israelis out. There is a basic fight -- perhaps war -- (as to) who will come in," he said. He did not elaborate.

NEW YORK (JTA) -- Deeply moved by close encounters with Israelis in all walks of life, 318 participants in the United Jewish Appeal's second annual President's Mission concluded their 3 1/2 day visit to Israel earlier this month by pledging a total of nearly $6.7 million to the regular 1980 campaign, and an additional $1.25 million for Project Renewal. The regular campaign total represents a 43 percent increase in pledges by the same contributors last year, according to the Mission chairman, Joel Breslau of Washington, D.C.

TEL AVIV (JTA) -- Pending ratification by Israel and Mexico, both countries have reached an agreement under which visas will not be required for visitors of one country to the other.

ISSUES AT THE CJF ASSEMBLY

By Murray Zuckoff

MONTREAL, Nov. 19 (JTA) -- Of the dozens of issues discussed at the five-day General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations (CJF) which ended here yesterday, the plight of the Jews of Ethiopia (Falashas) and the problems of Sephardic Jews in Israel and in the diaspora created the most ferment and passion among the 2600 Jewish communal leaders from the United States and Canada attending the Assembly.

The plight of the Falashas was presented with eloquence and poignancy to the gathering by Yona Bogale, the leader of the Ethiopian Jewish community for the last 50 years, who was allowed to leave his native land less than three weeks ago.

He urgently appealed to the assembled leadership and to the Jewish community at-large to increase efforts being made in Israel and elsewhere to rescue the 25,000 Jews who remain trapped in Ethiopia. The 72-year-old Falasha leader related how current events in Ethiopia make massive emigration of the Falashas to Israel a matter of highest priority.

"We have been killed, sold into slavery, forced to convert to other religions and physically threatened even unto this day amongst unspeakable conditions in a country which is caught between war, revolution and terrible changing conditions," Bogale said.

Continuing, he stated: "We were once 250,000 people. Now we are less than 25,000. Time is against us. Every year, every month, every day we lose our young people to war, to discrimination and to persecution. We cannot sustain much more such losses and if the Jewish people in America and throughout the world and in Israel do not act quickly to help us come to Israel then God forbid that perhaps in five or 10 years we might disappear."

'We Want To Come To Israel'

He said that he and his son, Zecharias Yona who recently completed the first North American speaking tour by an Ethiopian Jew and who accompanied his father to the Assembly, "have come here to tell you about how we -- the Jews of Ethiopia -- the Beta Yisrael want to rejoin the Jewish people. We want to tell you that we want to come to Israel to live a Jewish life with other Jews in Israel. Ethiopian Jews want to come to Jerusalem -- to Yerushalayem."

Bogale said he was very encouraged by the Knesset announcement last Wednesday that Israel will now speak out publicly on the plight of the Falashas in Ethiopia and for their struggle to come to Israel. "We ask you in America -- in the American Jewish community -- those of you who are here tonight to take home a message that we want you to make our problems a number one priority, to help us in Ethiopia and to help us leave," Bogale declared.

At a workshop earlier, Dan Shapiro, chairman of the Ethiopian Jewry Task Force for the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, announced plans for a massive educational campaign among American Jews on the desperate situation facing the Falasha community. Leon Dulzin, chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, who addressed the same session as Bogale, also stressed the need for a stepped-up campaign to bring Ethiopian Jews to Israel.

The Assembly adopted a resolution, notable for its brevity, some 70 words, compared to a 400-word resolution on the Indochinese refugees, noting that the Falashas "are currently in danger of physical and spiritual disintegration. We recognize the urgency of this issue and re-affirm our commitment to seek to ameliorate their plight and to the rescue and aliya of Ethiopian Jewry. We give our full support to the efforts being made by the State of Israel and others on behalf of Ethiopian Jewry."

Situation Of Sephardic Jews

The situation of the Sephardic Jews was also brought forcefully to the attention of the Assembly in a series of printed statements, in a resolution and in an angry confrontation with Dulzin at an unscheduled meeting he agreed to attend after spokesmen for the Canadian Sephardic Federation complained bitterly that no room had been made on the Assembly's agenda for them to discuss their grievances.

Led by Joseph Benarrosh, president of the Federation which claims that there are 24,000 Sephardic Jews in Montreal and 5000 in Toronto, and Charles Chocron, the Federation's immediate past president, members of the Federation issued a plea for concrete action to assure the survival of Sephardic culture in North America and in Israel.

In a leaflet widely distributed to the delegates, the Federation stated "that since the creation of the Israeli State, Sephardic Oriental Jews have been condemned to a second class citizen status." It noted that all Israeli institutions "are and have always been dominated by the Ashkenazic Jews. Sephardic Jews were led to believe that they were in subtle ways less equipped to deal with modernity than their Ashkenazic brothers."

The leaflet also stated that the leaders of North American Jewry "are responsible to a great extent for this unacceptable situation. You have supported economically, politically and ideologically the Israeli State policies without exerting sufficient pressure to force and impose a real social change in Israel."

Complaints Aired At Public Meeting

During an hour-long public meeting with Dulzin, which was frequently marked by shouting matches between the Sephardic representatives and Dulzin, the entire list of their grievances were repeated in full. Several Sephardic spokesmen noted that although their brethren in countries such as France, the United States and Canada were successful businessmen, lawyers and doctors, their brethren in Israel had been unable to attain similar positions. One said: "If we are good for cannon fodder, then why aren't we permitted to benefit in the society we help to defend?"

Dulzin pointed out that the Sephardim, in their written and oral statements to the Assembly exaggerated the situation in Israel, that the government was doing all it can to ameliorate the conditions of the Sephardim and that the insistence on describing Israel as a dichotomous Ashkenazic/Sephardic society was erroneous. "There are no Sephardim and no Ashkenazim in Israel," Dulzin declared. "There are only Jews in Israel."

Resolution Urges Concrete Steps

The resolution submitted on behalf of the Sephardic Federation by the Allied Jewish Community Services of Montreal, acknowledged "a social disintegration of the large majority of Sephardic Jews in Israel and the growing social gap is threatening the unity and stability of the Jewish State."

The resolution urged that concrete steps be taken in the diaspora to strengthen the relationship between Ashkenazim and Sephardim "and work jointly to combat assimilation, disseminate Sephardic culture widely among Ashkenazim and Sephardim,

encourage and support the advancement of those Sephardic organizations in local communities and nationally which aim to preserve and enhance Sephardic culture and which develop a sense of Jewish unity with all other groups in the community."

Regarding Israel, the resolution urged greater educational opportunities for the Sephardim; teaching about Sephardic contributions to Jewish history, literature, arts and sciences; improving housing conditions; and encouraging Sephardic families to develop culturally, socially and economically.

Lastly, the resolution called for the immediate establishment of a CJF Committee on Sephardic Problems "to determine ways and means of implementing the above objectives" and that "consideration should be given by future General Assembly program committees to include subjects related to Sephardic needs in Israel and the diaspora."

Another event, also unscheduled, which drew wide attention at the Assembly, was a meeting of representatives of the Israeli Peace Now movement, convened under the sponsorship of Leonard Fein, editor of Moment magazine; Dr. Irving Greenberg, director of the National Jewish Resource Center in New York City, and Prof. Allen Pollack, chairman of the Labor Zionist Alliance and a member of the Jewish Agency's Board of Governors.

Neither Actual Nor Factual

The New York Times, which routinely insists on describing a discussion in the Jewish community as a debate, a debate as a rift, a rift as a confrontation, and a confrontation as a civil war, went for broke on this meeting and in its edition yesterday described the meeting with a four-column headline as, "North American Jews Widen Debate on Israeli Policy." This was neither actual nor factual.

Some 300 delegates attended the meeting which could, at best, be described as tepid and uninspired. In fact, the Peace Now representatives from Israel appeared to be overly cautious, innocuous and conservative in their statements. Its importance was less in the presentations of Peace Now views or that of its opponents than in the fact that a year ago such a meeting would either not have been held or if held would have produced fireworks.

Many of the statements made by the Peace Now representatives from Israel could very well have been accepted by members of the Begin government. For example, Gary Brenner of Israel asserted: "It is up to the (Israel) government to determine, through the negotiation process, what the components of peace will be, and what accommodations will have to be made."

But, he continued, "we believe that we must be willing and eager to talk with any potential partner in that process, with the precondition: (1) renunciation of terrorism, and (2) recognition of the State of Israel as a sovereign state."

Orly Lubin, also from Israel, stated: "We acknowledge our right to Judaea and Samaria. But the reality is that when others make similar claims, right ought to give way to compromise if the result, over the long term, is a secure peace, leading to the stability of the region." Even the most vociferous opponents of the Peace Now movement contented themselves by pointing out that the Peace Now view was undercutting Israel.

Certainly a far cry from The New York Times report that the debate was widening. At best the meeting indicated, in the words of Fein, "a broadening and a new openness in the range of opinion and expression" among American Jews.

DAYAN SUGGESTS MILITARY OPTION TO FREE U.S. HOSTAGES IN IRAN

NEW YORK, Nov. 19 (JTA) -- Moshe Dayan, former Foreign Minister of Israel, said here last night he believed a military option is necessary to resolve the situation in Iran where Moslem students are continuing to hold 60 American hostages at the American Embassy in Teheran. He expressed hope that Egypt would cooperate with Israel should the U.S. ask to use the Sinai airfields to exercise a military option.

Dayan was addressing a meeting of some 600 United Jewish Appeal-Federation of Jewish Philanthropies Joint Campaign volunteers at the Jewish Center on Manhattan's West Side. It was his first address in this country since resigning as Foreign Minister last month and his first appearance in a tour of American Jewish communities sponsored by the national UJA.

In discussing a possible military option, Dayan stressed: "I am not volunteering advice (on the hostage situation in Teheran). You have good generals, you have your Administration, they know what they are doing." He noted, however, that knowing the Middle East as he does, "I am afraid that you have to have a military option, when and if necessary." He added: "I don't mean you have to use military force to remove the hostages."

Dayan said some situations require a military solution. He cited the operation Israel carried out at Entebbe Airport in Uganda in July, 1976 to rescue some 100 passengers on a plane that had been hijacked by Palestinian terrorists.

The former Israeli Minister declared that the holding of innocent civilians as hostages "really did not start now" but "with the hijacking of airplanes by the PLO (Palestine Liberation Organization) and the world has been compromising with that for 15 years."

TWO YOUNG BROTHERS FOUND GUILTY OF MURDERING AN ELDERLY JEW

NEW YORK, Nov. 19 (JTA) -- Two young brothers were found guilty in State Supreme Court in Brooklyn last Friday of murder of an elderly Jew whose killing sparked a clash between Orthodox Jews and police in the Borough Park section of Brooklyn last December with charges and counter-charges that are still being sorted out.

Jose Julby, 21, and his brother, Jimmy, 17, both of Brooklyn, were convicted in the knife-killing of Irving Sussman, a retired Orthodox Jew assaulted walking home from services. A third youth, Eidel Rivera, 16, also of Brooklyn, was acquitted. The brothers face terms of 25 years to life when they are sentenced on Dec. 14.

In response to the killing, an estimated 2000 Borough Park Jews, most of them Hasidim, marched on the local police precinct station to demand better police protection. There have been varying accounts of what happened but the police contend that several hundred of the protesters invaded the precinct house and tangled with police in a clash in which 62 policemen were purportedly injured as well as five civilians.

One of those arrested at the precinct station was Assemblyman Samuel Hirsch who said he tried to calm the enraged Jews. He was charged with attacking two policemen. He counter-charged that one beat him with a club, bloodying his head. The charges against Hirsch are pending.