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ELON MOREH SETTLERS VOTE TO STAY PUT

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Dec. 4 (JTA) -- The prospects for a peaceful evacuation of Elon Moreh dimmed today when the settlers voted in defiance of both the government and their own Gush Emunim leadership, not to leave voluntarily when the time limit for their departure lapses less than a month from now.

After a protracted debate that lasted all night, the 27 families and several single males who comprise the settlement voted to remain unless a law is passed that would prevent the Israeli courts from challenging Jewish settlements on the West Bank in the future.

Premier Menachem Begin is not likely to submit such legislation if only because he knows he cannot muster a majority for it in the Knesset or in his own Cabinet. A source close to the Prime Minister said he has indicated that he would resign if the forcible evacuation of Elon Moreh resulted in "the spilling of Jewish blood."

The Elon Moreh settlers voted early this morning but their decision was not made public. Gush Emunim leaders are apparently trying to bring about a change of mind or at least convince the settlers to formulate their decision in more "positive sounding terms." The all-night debate was attended by Gush leaders, including MK Haim Druckman of the National Religious Party. They reportedly counseled the settlers to accept the government's offer of an alternative site at Djebel Kebir some six miles away, but to no avail.

Clash With Army Not Inevitable

Some observers said, however, that the settlers' decision did not make a clash with the army inevitable. They said the settlers' determination not to leave of their own accord did not necessarily mean that they would offer active resistance to troops sent in to remove them. In this way they could claim that they had remained loyal to their ideological claim that Jews have a right to settle anywhere in "Eretz Israel," the observers said.

The removal of Elon Moreh was ordered by the Supreme Court Oct. 22 on grounds that the settlement was established illegally on seized Arab lands. The high court acted on an appeal by local Arab villagers. It set a 30-day deadline for the evacuation but this was observed only in part. Some 30 acres of land were returned to their Arab owners last month but the Cabinet extended the deadline for full evacuation until the end of the year, 26 days from now.

The reason given was to allow the government time to prepare the alternative site on State-owned land at Djebel Kebir. At the same time, however, the government made it clear that it would not begin work on the new site unless the Elon Moreh settlers agreed to move voluntarily. Deputy Defense Minister Mordechai Zippori and other government sources have indicated that the army will move in to evacuate the settlers before the deadline is up unless they agree to move.

Benny Katzover, leader of the Elon Moreh settlers, said today that he would seek another

meeting with Begin to try to persuade him to initiate legislation that would bar future court challenges. Begin's office had no comment. But Education Minister Ze'evulun Hammer of the NRP, a leading supporter of the Gush Emunim, expressed impatience with the Elon Moreh settlers. He said he would support their forcible removal if they did not accept the government's alternative site.

SPECIAL REPORT

THE ANTI-SEMITISM OF THE USLP

By Rochelle Sidel Wolk

(Part 3 of a 3-Part Series)

NEW YORK, Dec. 4 (JTA) -- The National Caucus of Labor Committees and the United States Labor Party (NCLC-USLP), described as "anti-Semitic" and "neo-Nazi," ran their own guerrilla warfare training camp near Argyle in upstate New York in 1974. This fact has been documented by the FBI and former NCLC-USLP members and has been reported this year by The New York Times, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and Our Town.

"According to FBI documents, the NCLC operated its own training camp on a farm owned by a cult member" there, and NCLC members and their West German counterparts reportedly "trained in explosives and demolitions, small arms, and small unit tactics;" it was reported in a series of articles written by Dennis King that began Aug. 26 in Our Town, a Manhattan giveaway.

Times reporters Howard Blum and Paul L. Montgomery, writing on Oct. 7, used as their source of information "former party members who say they participated in training." The Times article mentions Mexican party members, as well as West Germans, training in Argyle.

Information Obtained By The JTA

Further information was obtained by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency from Sgt. Russ Guard, a New York State policeman who is stationed in South Glens Falls and lives in Argyle. According to his account, a homicide investigation that was unrelated to the USLP ultimately ended their upstate operation.

A young girl had been missing from the area and, in searching for a possible homicide victim, State Police discovered the training camp on an isolated back road. The camp "died out" after its discovery, he said.

As a resident of the area, Guard said he remembers seeing USLP members come to Argyle for their weekend drills. They came in "a caravan of two or three civilian jeeps painted in army colors," he recalls, wearing war surplus uniforms, and "sitting militarily straight," some with whips. At first they drilled with cutout plywood rifles and later with air rifles, he said. After the murder investigation, he believes the farm was vacant for several years and then sold.

Advanced Military Training

USLP has now "graduated" to more advanced military training. "Recently, at least eight members of the party have undergone intensive training in 'anti-terrorist' techniques at a camp in Powder Springs, Ga. that is operated by Mitchell WerBell 3d, an international arms dealer who has served as

advisor to Latin American dictators, including Fulgencio Batista and Anastasio Somoza," The Times article said. The Times added that WerBell was a guerrilla fighter for the Office of Strategic Services during World War II and that he says he still has close ties to the CIA.

Interviewed by King for Our Town on Sept. 14, WerBell admitted strong support for the ultra-right Liberty Lobby, and said he became a security consultant for NCLC in 1977. "We train them in martial arts, pistol shooting, paramedical skills, the use of shotguns, rifle counter-sniper activity, counter-surveillance, and the control of 3-car caravans," he told King.

WerBell also said that seven or eight NCLC members had so far taken his 10-day COBRAY program, at a cost of \$2000 per trainee, and that his school mainly trains policemen and private protection agents. NCLC-USLP defectors told King that the number was much higher than WerBell's figure.

Although WerBell told King, "My company is apolitical," his own political affiliations imply that his relationship with NCLC may go beyond paramilitary training. His home, on the grounds of his training school, is reportedly a "frequent center for social gatherings of the Right."

In addition to his membership in Liberty Lobby and close friendship with its leader, Willis Carto, WerBell has allowed his name to be used to promote an anti-Semitic NCLC book entitled, "DOPE, INC." Liberty Lobby is selling DOPE, INC. on commission and working with NCLC to build a "Committee to Dismantle the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith," King reports.

"Violence by the cult has been confined to unnamed physical attacks on Jews by NCLC literature salesmen at airports and railroad stations, usually as a spontaneous result of ideological debate," he added, but he questions whether the COBRAY training of NCLC security guards is an indication that the LaRouche group is planning a "new wave of violence" in the future.

A Puzzling Aspect

A puzzling aspect of the NCLC-USLP is that, despite their anti-Semitism, there are many Jewish members in the group. These include high ranking members of the intelligence and security sections, according to The Times.

Analyzing the reasons for this phenomenon, Our Town says that Lyndon LaRouche, Jr., head of NCLC-USLP and their candidate for President of the U.S. in 1980, has been able to "win over hundreds of young Jewish intellectuals and use them as a Judenrat shock brigade.... When they campaign for his anti-Semitic program, he is able to point to their Jewish names as 'proof' that his organization is not really anti-Semitic but only 'anti-Zionist'.... LaRouche promises them immunity from the coming NCLC-directed Holocaust if they thoroughly and completely repudiate their Jewishness."

LaRouche is dangerous, Our Town says, because he is "an authentic if warped genius" who has taken American anti-Semitism out of its traditional know-nothing illiteracy and rendered it theoretical. "Rather than the stereotyped uniformed neo-Nazis, his group is comprised of young intellectuals, some of them Jewish.

LaRouche's economic plans are "brilliantly conceived" and have "genuine merit," while he is "skillful at enclosing his real political ideas within a protective covering of conspiracy theories," Our Town adds. He has also allied him-

self with groups that are not now neo-Nazi, by working jointly with them on specific issues and thus gaining access to their memberships.

LaRouche is aiming at a coalition of "Midwest industrialists, managerial technocrats, 'traditionalist' labor leaders, Blacks disillusioned with liberalism, law enforcement officials, military officers and southern segregationist/Liberty Lobby types... united by mutual hatred of a scapegoat: international Jewry.... LaRouche has cautioned his cadre not to expect to 'dominate' such a coalition," but to "cooperate with other forces," Our Town says.

This places NCLC "on a higher level of sophistication than virtually every other extremist sect in the U.S. today," Our Town concludes, and warns that "given a major economic crisis and polarization of American society," LaRouche's "brilliant long-range strategy" could actually bring NCLC-USLP to power.

BLUM: ARAB STATES HAVE MORE ARMED MEN, WEAPONS THAN COMBINED NATO FORCE

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 4 (JTA) -- Yehuda Blum, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, warned today that the "rejectionist Eastern Front" -- combining the armed forces of Jordan, Syria, Iraq and Saudi Arabia -- is "the most ominous threat to peace in the Middle East."

Addressing the General Assembly's debate on the Situation in the Mideast, which opened here yesterday, Blum stated: "The vast quantities of the latest and most sophisticated weapons in the possession of these states will undoubtedly be augmented in time of war from the enormous arsenals available to them among the remaining rejectionist Arab states."

The Arab states "have today 500,000 more men under arms than has NATO and three times the artillery of the combined NATO forces," Blum said, adding, "They also have 3000 more tanks and several hundred more combat aircraft than NATO."

According to Blum, the Eastern Front alone is currently equivalent to NATO in manpower and tanks and already has twice as much artillery. The Israeli envoy also claimed that "in terms of airpower, the Arab states, by 1980, will equal the combined Warsaw Pact forces and will be double that of NATO or three times that of the People's Republic of China. In terms of ground forces the Arab states have today almost as many tanks as the United States of America and more artillery than it."

Blum charged that the massive build-up of arms on the Eastern Front "has been accompanied by a diplomatic offensive here at the United Nations to secure Judea and Samaria as a forward base from which the rejectionist states and the PLO (Palestine Liberation Organization) might be able to realize their dream, a war of annihilation against Israel." Israel, Blum said, is aware of the threats to its security and therefore will not risk its own existence by agreeing to the establishment of a PLO state.

He said that while the Arab states are engaged in verbal polemics at the UN, Israel and Egypt are negotiating the principle of autonomy for the Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza. "We have every confidence that these negotiations will be concluded successfully in accordance with the timetable laid down in the Camp David framework," Blum declared.

NEW YORK (JTA) -- Rabbi Bernard Rosensweig, president of the Rabbinical Council of America, issued an urgent call to all members of the Council Tuesday to recite special prayers this coming Sabbath in their respective synagogues for the successful return of the American hostages being held in Iran.

SENATE UNIT VOTES 10-1 TO APPROVE LINOWITZ AS SPECIAL MIDEAST ENVOY; FULL SENATE CONFIRMATION IMMINENT

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4 (JTA) -- The Senate Foreign Relations Committee at its session this afternoon voted 10-1 to approve President Carter's nomination of Sol Linowitz as U.S. Special Ambassador to the Middle East. The committee's recommendation was sent to the full Senate for confirmation where it is considered certain to follow.

The only opponent in the committee was Sen. Jesse Helms (R, NC) who raised questions during the session this morning about a possible conflict of interest between Linowitz's unpaid government assignment and the various corporate directorships he holds.

Linowitz, 65, who replaces Robert Strauss, who resigned in October to manage Carter's reelection campaign, said he plans to leave for the Mideast as early as Thursday and would meet with President Anwar Sadat of Egypt in Cairo and later with Premier Menachem Begin of Israel in connection with the summit meeting between the two leaders scheduled for Dec. 12-13. Linowitz also disclosed that he has sent a message to King Hussein requesting that the Jordanian ruler meet with him. He observed, in the course of his testimony, that Jordan and the Palestinians "must be encouraged" to join the peace process.

Although seven of the eight committee members present at this morning's hearing indicated their approval of Linowitz's nomination, the confirmation vote was delayed because of the questions raised by Helms who said he thought that Linowitz should resign from his membership on the boards of Pan American Airways, Time, Inc., other companies, and his own law firm before being confirmed.

Will Avoid Conflict Of Interest

"I give you that very strong assurance," Linowitz said, that "at no time during my tenure will I participate in any manner or form in any activities" that might in any way affect his assignment. When Helms said he was especially troubled by Linowitz's affiliation with Pan Am, the Ambassador-designate replied, "In any issue, if I have the slightest suggestion of possible, apparent conflict of interest, I will not participate in it." He said he had agreed to serve as Special Ambassador for a period of one year "without compensation."

Linowitz, who has been a diplomatic trouble-shooter for several Presidents, and most recently negotiated the Panama Canal Treaty, was questioned closely on his new assignment by Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R, NY).

"My immediate objective will be to immerse myself" in the negotiations, he said. "I intend to take up the reins quickly," adding, "I believe I have never undertaken a more difficult assignment." He said that James Leonard, who served as deputy to Strauss would continue to serve him in the same capacity.

Necessary To Involve Palestinians

Linowitz emphasized that it was going to be necessary to involve the Palestinians in the peace process but pointed out that there is a difference between the Palestinians of the West Bank and Gaza and the Palestine Liberation Organization. "It has been long established government policy" since September, 1975, that the U.S.

will not "negotiate (with) or recognize the PLO until it first accepts" UN Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338, Linowitz said.

Pressed by Javits to define "accepts," Linowitz replied that "in this world," the U.S. "must remain steadfast" in order for its policy toward the PLO to "make sense." He said that "if tomorrow" PLO chief Yasir Arafat made a statement of acceptance of U.S. conditions, "it would require careful probing" by the U.S. "to be sure of the substance and exactly what it means." He added that because of the sensitivity of the situation, he would confer both with the President and the Foreign Relations Committee on the meaning of any PLO "acceptance."

Linowitz observed that "Unless they (the PLO) comply, there is no reason at all to modify our position." He stressed, however, that "our policy regarding the Palestinians must be differentiated from the PLO."

Regarding Israeli settlements on the West Bank, Linowitz said the U.S. government "has been concerned about the impact of the proliferation of settlements because of the adverse affect it has on the autonomy negotiations." He said that the Carter Administration "understands the great concern for Israel's security" in relation to the settlements but "Israel ought to see very carefully and with great sensitivity" the impact of the settlements on the negotiations.

Linowitz stressed that "a strong, secure Israel does serve our interests in that part of the world" and "it serves our interests well for Israel to be safe and secure," as it is the only democratic country in the Middle East.

Except for the reservations expressed by Helms, the other Senators present supported Linowitz's confirmation. They included Javits, Claiborne Pell (D, R.I.); Charles Percy (R, Ill.); S. I. Hayakawa (R, Calif.); Edmund Muskie (D, Me.); Richard Stone (D, Fla.); and Edward Zorinsky (D, Neb.).

BONN (JTA) -- Johan Meroz, Israel's Ambassador in Bonn, criticized the attitude of certain circles in West German public opinion towards Israel. He told the annual meeting here of the Deutsche Israelische Gesellschaft (German-Israeli Association) that, while criticism in itself is perfectly legitimate, the criticism of Israel is becoming increasingly an expression of latent anti-Semitism. Meroz generally referred to the media, notably certain magazines, but did not name any.

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- A tree was planted last week in the "International Women's Forest" of the Jewish National Fund in lower Galilee in honor of Prisoner of Conscience Ida Nudel. Nudel is serving a sentence in Siberia and has recently been reported ill and under medical treatment. The idea of the tree came from the women's division of the Liberal Party.

NEW YORK (JTA) -- Dr. Gerhart Riegner, secretary general of the World Jewish Congress, announced here that Daniel Lack of Geneva, legal advisor to the WJCongress, has been appointed regional director of the Congress' European Branch by the WJCongress Executive. He succeeds Dr. Stephen Roth who will continue as the director of the London-based Institute of Jewish Affairs, the research arm of the WJCongress.

GENEVA (JTA) -- The Israeli tourist office in Basel will hold an "Israeli Week" at the Drei Koenig Hotel starting Dec. 6. A chef will arrive from Tel Aviv to prepare special Israeli lunches and dinners.

CAMBODIAN RELIEF CAMPAIGN BEGUN BY SCA IN SYNAGOGUES THROUGHOUT U.S.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4 (JTA) -- Declaring that "We dare not postpone even for one minute our role in helping to prevent Holocaust II which threatens to become a reality in Cambodia," Rabbi Arthur Elyveld, president of the Synagogue Council of America (SCA), announced that several thousand Conservative, Orthodox and Reform congregations throughout the nation have joined together in a Cambodian relief campaign.

Rabbi Bernard Mandelbaum, executive vice president and the new director of the SCA's Institute for Jewish Policy Planning and Research, said more than \$10,000 has been sent to the SCA in the last few days. The SCA is the national coordinating agency for the Conservative, Orthodox and Reform rabbinic and congregational organizations.

At the invitation of Father Theodore Hesburgh, president of Notre Dame University, Mandelbaum participated in two White House meetings with President Carter and First Lady Rosalynn Carter to rally American support for the Cambodian Relief Campaign. At the White House meetings Mandelbaum referred to the deep concern of Jews for the tragic events in Cambodia.

"Having lived through the Holocaust, Jews especially want to help prevent the danger of Holocaust II in Cambodia," he declared.

Mandelbaum said that "many in the Jewish community, as in America generally, want to do something to help, but they don't know where to turn. The Synagogue Council of America is inviting all to participate in this vital cause."

Heading the drive for the Synagogue Council of America is Stephen Cohen, chairman of the SCA's Task Force on International Affairs. He has called on all members of the SCA plenum, as well as supporters of the SCA, to send their own contributions to the SCA and to urge others to contribute to Cambodian relief.

ISRAEL KARATE TEAM IN U.S. TO PROTEST BEING BARRED FROM GAMES IN JAPAN

By Haskell Cohen

NEW YORK, Dec. 4 (JTA) -- The Israeli karate team visiting the United States in what it terms a political protest visit because it had been barred from the International Championship Meef currently being held in Japan, has completed two bouts against American teams.

The first bout last week in Miami, saw the Israeli team, led by two South Africans, Dennis Hanover and Sidney Feiga, who is president of the Israel Karate Federation, defeat the American team, the United States Select Team, four to two. Playing before the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) convention in Las Vegas last week, the Israeli team bowed to a U.S. karate group, three to seven.

Feiga pointed out that the International Olympic Committee members were present at the AAU convention for the Las Vegas bout to get an idea as to whether or not karate should be introduced, for the first time, at the next Olympic Games which will be held in Los Angeles during the summer of 1984.

More than 1000 people were in attendance in Miami, with the majority of the people turning out to protest the action taken by the Japanese in cancelling an invitation to Israel to compete this week. Feiga said he felt that from a political point of view, the current tour of the Israel karate

team is more successful than anything in protests ever before, as far as the welfare of Israel is concerned.

"Jews all over Florida and in Las Vegas actually feel they are a part of us and that they are helping in a strong Zionist cause by joining in our political protest move," Feiga said. "We are giving out droves of placards and pamphlets describing what has transpired so far, our being barred from international competition is concerned due to the pressures exerted by the Arab League nations."

In addition to the work of Hanover and Feiga, the two best Israeli players are Yoram Yechezkel, probably the top performer in Israel, and Mickey Erez, who was paralyzed fighting in the Yom Kippur War. He was wounded early in battle and the left side of his body was completely paralyzed, forcing him to stay in a military hospital for more than a year-and-a-half. Due to his excellent performance in perfecting the art of karate, he has developed his body to the point where now only his left leg shows any signs of paralysis. The Israelis will appear in New York City on Dec. 9 at a site to be announced shortly.

DEMAND TRIAL DATE FOR EX-NAZI

By Mark Gottlieb

CLEVELAND, Dec. 4 (JTA) -- About 40 demonstrators representing the Cleveland Jewish Activists Coalition marched to the Federal Courthouse here yesterday to demand that a trial date be set in the case of John Demjanjuk who is accused of having obtained his American citizenship by concealing his Nazi past.

The Ukrainian-born Demjanjuk, 59, was officially charged by the U.S. government in August, 1977 with having participated in atrocities while he was a guard at the notorious Treblinka extermination camp during World War II. An employe of the Ford Motor Co., he has lived in the Cleveland area since 1952 and presently resides in a spacious ranch-style home in Seven Hills, a suburb heavily populated by people of Ukrainian and Polish descent.

The demonstrators representing three local groups -- The Ethic, Chavurah and Betar -- carried signs reading "Justice Cannot Wait" and "Nazis Must Be Brought to Trial." A spokesman for the Chavurah group, noting that charges were brought against Demjanjuk more than two years ago without a trial date being set, accused the U.S. government of "showing great insensitivity in this matter." Another demonstrator said, "We want this trial to take place while the witnesses (many of them death camp survivors residing in Israel) are still alive and capable of testifying."

MEXICO CITY (JTA) -- The Rene Cassin Human-Rights Award was established here by the Central Jewish Committee and its bi-monthly publication Tribuna Israelita which is celebrating its 35th anniversary. The prize, named after the late international jurist, diplomat, author and winner of the 1968 Nobel Peace Prize, will be awarded yearly for the best article on human rights written by a Mexican.

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- Deputy Premier Simcha Ehrlich has been named to "monitor" decisions of the Cabinet to see to it that they are expeditiously implemented. He will carry out that task with the assistance of the Prime Minister's Office staff and the Cabinet secretariate and is empowered to question other ministers, directors general of the various ministries and lower echelon officials, the Cabinet decided last Sunday.