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BEGIN SAYS JEWS HAVE RIGHT-TO-LIVE, SETTLE EVERYWHERE ON THE WEST BANK

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Dec. 27 (JTA) -- Premier Menachem Begin reassured West Bank settlers today that Jews have the right to buy land, live and settle all over the Judea and Samaria districts and, in fact, there was no part of the West Bank barred to Jewish settlement.

Begin upheld that position in a speech at Maale Adumim, east of Jerusalem. He reminded his audience that in Samaria there are now 21 settlements where there had been only one when his Ezerked government took office in 1977. He conceded that one Samaria settlement -- Elon Moreh -- will have to go because the Supreme Court's order to remove it "must be obeyed."

However, he noted that the government is working hard and fast to build an alternative settlement at Djebl Kebir a short distance away. Djebl Kebir and Elon Moreh are close to Nablus, the largest Arab population center on the West Bank. Begin stressed that Jews can settle in the Nablus area.

(Egypt reacted sharply to Begin's remarks. A Foreign Ministry official in Cairo said today that they were "contrary to the rules and texts of the Camp David accords and the spirit of the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty" and "an open violation to those agreements.")

Hecklers Berate Begin

According to observers, Begin had intended to make his strong pro-settlement speech yesterday at Kiryat Arba, the Gush Emunim stronghold adjacent to Hebron. But he had hardly begun to speak there when hecklers, reportedly from Rabbi Meir Kahane's "Kach" movement, hoisted him off the platform.

As soon as he entered the yeshiva auditorium in the Orthodox township, Begin was greeted with cries of "traitor" by militants who oppose the peace treaty with Egypt and demand that Israel annex the occupied territories. As he began his speech, there were shouts of "liar" and other epithets from the audience. The hecklers were removed by security men but Begin soon gave up the attempt to deliver his address and left.

THE JEWS OF ZIMBABWE RHODESIA

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 27 (JTA) -- The Jews of Zimbabwe Rhodesia have gained new hope from the recent cease-fire ending the seven-year civil war in that country. They perceive a return to normalcy and "some Jews are very optimistic about the future," M. Hatchuel, president of the Central African Zionist Organization, was quoted as saying in a recent issue of the Zionist Record and South African Jewish Chronicle.

"We hope the cease-fire will be adhered to and that we will see an end to this terrible slaughter. In the meantime, things are continuing as normal," Hatchuel said. "Communal life and organizations are still in full swing and our enthusiasm hasn't been dampened in this respect. Nobody is panicking at the moment or looking to run away. We are carrying on as we used to do."

According to the Zionist Record and South African Jewish Chronicle, there are some 2000

Jews in Zimbabwe Rhodesia, down from a peak of more than 7000 in 1968. Since then, Jews emigrated along with a large part of the general white population, because of the fighting and uncertain political future of the central African nation.

Nevertheless, there has been a significant expansion in communal institutions and facilities of the Jewish community despite a considerable turnover in congregational officials, the newspaper reported. It also noted that the Rhodesian Jewish community, always an affluent one, has been able to cope with the internal difficulties without having to cut back on communal facilities or local needs or its support for Israel, the newspaper reported.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES

THE ANTI-SEMITISM OF KHOMEINI

By David Friedman

NEW YORK, Dec. 27 (JTA) -- A paperback English translation of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's "Islamic Government," which has just been published, clearly shows the Iranian ruler to be anti-Semitic as well as anti-Christian.

The book is based on a series of lectures Khomeini gave in 1969 on what an Islamic government should be. It was translated by the Central Intelligence Agency last year and was declassified just two weeks before the Ayatollah returned to Teheran last Feb. 1. It is published by the Manor Press in New York which calls it "Ayatollah Khomeini's Mein Kampf."

Khomeini's anti-Jewish attitude is displayed in the opening paragraphs of the foreword to the book. "Since its inception, the Islamic government was afflicted with the Jews when they started their counter-activity by distorting the reputation of Islam, by assaulting it and by slandering," he wrote. "This has continued to our present days."

Khomeini then goes on to attack his next villains, the "colonialists" who, he said, "can be considered more evil than the devil and his troops." He is apparently referring to the West European countries and the United States and their activities in the Middle East.

When the Ayatollah was questioned about his anti-Semitism while he was still in exile in France last January, reporters cited his reference to Jewish "counter-activity." He reportedly denied to Western journalists that he was anti-Semitic. While stressing that all ties to Israel would be cut, he said Jews would "enjoy all rights and full religious freedom" in an Islamic republic.

Frequent Attacks Against Jews, Christians

But in his book he frequently attacks both Jews and Christians. "Christian, Jewish and Baha'i missionary centers are spread in Teheran to deceive people and to lead them away from the teachings and principles of religion," he wrote at one point. "Isn't it a duty to destroy these centers?" He goes on to call on the young people to help save Islam. "Here they (Christians and Jews) are killing Islam in the name of religion and in the name of the prophets."

At one point Khomeini attacks the Shah for helping to restore the Al Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem which was set ablaze by a deranged non-Jewish Australian. "The Shah opens a subscription in banks to repair the Al Aqsa Mosque," Khomeini wrote. "In

this manner he fills his pockets and coffers and increases his assets. After the Mosque is repaired, he will have covered all traces of the Zionist crimes." At another point, in urging the rule of Islam, he exhorts: "We must try to liberate the lands of the Moslems in Palestine and other places."

Khomeini's anti-Zionism is also linked with his anti-Westernism, particularly anti-U.S. feelings. Denouncing Iranians who seek to separate religion from government, he declares: "We must first advise such people to abandon their erroneous way, must draw their attention to the danger surrounding Islam and the Moslems and must open their eyes wide to the Zionist danger and to the Anglo-American (colonialist) that supplies the Israeli entity with the mainstays of life."

The Ayatollah's fanaticism is demonstrated throughout the book: "If we attain power, we should not be content with improving the economy and ruling justly among the people but must make these traitors taste the worst torture for what they have done," he wrote.

In an analysis at the end of the translation of "Islamic Government," George Carpozi Jr., a reporter for the New York Post, said that Khomeini has been motivated by revenge since the death of his son which he blames on the Shah. His fanaticism and his overwhelming desire for revenge may explain why Khomeini has refused to release the American hostages held illegally at the U.S. Embassy in Teheran despite the condemnation of the international community.

EXTENSION OF DEADLINE FOR EVACUATING ELON MOREH MAY BE SOUGHT

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Dec. 27 (JTA) -- The government may apply to the Supreme Court for an extension of the deadline for the evacuation of Elon Moreh because inclement weather has slowed construction of the new settlement at Djebel Kebir. Mofittiyahu Drobless, head of the Jewish Agency's Settlement Department, said that there was little chance of completing the work by Jan. 3, the date set by the Cabinet five weeks ago.

Drobless said an additional week or two might be necessary. He said he submits progress reports twice a day to Premier Menachem Begin who has taken a direct interest in the building operation. In an effort to speed it up, Air Force helicopters are lifting heavy earth-moving equipment to Djebel Kebir which is perched on a hill top about six miles from Elon Moreh.

The new settlement is being built by the government, the Jewish National Fund and the Jewish Agency to accommodate the Gush Emunim settlers who must abandon Elon Moreh. The Supreme Court ruled last Oct. 22 that the settlement was established illegally on seized Arab lands and ordered its removal within 30 days. A small portion of the land was restored to its Arab owners last month. But the Cabinet allowed the settlers to remain until the end of the year while the new site was prepared on State-owned land.

The Elon Moreh settlers have pointedly ignored the work being done on their behalf. They insist that they will not leave voluntarily unless the government introduces legislation barring any future legal challenges to Jewish settlements on the West Bank and Gaza Strip. There is little chance that such a measure could command a majority in either the Cabinet or the Knesset. But the government is anxious to avoid a clash between the settlers and the army.

C.O.L. ALLOWANCE AGREEMENT SIGNED

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Dec. 27 (JTA) -- The government and Histadrut have signed an agreement to pay public employees a 25.9 percent cost-of-living allowance next month. Based on average salaries in 1979 -- about IL 14,000 -- the maximum allowance will amount to IL 3550.

The agreement does not apply to the private sector but private employers are expected to go along despite the outcry from industrialists against it. Avraham Shavit, chairman of the Manufacturers Association, said employers recognized the need to compensate workers for the high cost of living but the government's policy of tightening credit has made money scarce. "We simply do not know from where we shall get the money to pay this large allowance," Shavit said.

The credit squeeze is already having its effects on the economy. The foreign trade departments of Israeli banks are indicating a significant drop in import orders. Imported goods in bonded warehouses are not being cleared because importers lack ready cash and cannot get credit. Finance Ministry officials expressed delight, claiming that these developments are the first signs that inflation is being checked. But the Wholesalers Association has reported a decline in sales and retailers are complaining of excessive inventories.

Meanwhile, prices continue to rise and the value of the Pound declines. The costs of water, coffee, instant coffee, plywood and paper material are expected to go up in the next few weeks as is the price of milk. Cheese producers said their shelves are full and the demand for expensive cheeses has decreased considerably.

REFORM MOVEMENT IN ISRAEL DEMANDS RETRACTION FROM GOREN

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Dec. 27 (JTA) -- The Movement for Progressive Judaism said yesterday that it will take legal action for slander against Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren unless he retracts, within 48 hours, a disparaging remark he allegedly made about a wedding ceremony performed by a Reform rabbi. "Legal steps will be taken," said Rabbi Adf. Assabi, director of the Reform movement in Israel, who officiated at the wedding of Karen Dickenstein, 21, and Howard Levin, at Kibbutz Yahel last Sunday. Dickenstein, of Michigan, is a new immigrant

to Israel. Levin, a recent immigrant to Israel, is now doing his army service in the Israel Defense Force. The congregation at the wedding included the young members of the kibbutz, Israel's sole Reform kibbutz, and invited guests.

Goren was quoted as saying that the wedding "never happened" and also of asserting that the Reform rabbi "participated only in the folkloristic parts, not in the halachic parts" of the ceremony.

The Reform group demanded the retraction in a letter to Goren. A similar demand was made in a letter to the Sephardic Chief Rabbi of Eilat, Moshe Hedaya, who was a witness at the wedding and signed the formal marriage documents required by the Ministry of Interior. Hedaya was quoted in the press as declaring that he alone had officiated but had allowed Assabi to read the "ketuba" (marriage contract).

Claims Distortion Of Truth

The letter to Goren was signed by Chanan Meltzer, legal advisor to the Movement for Progressive Judaism. He wrote: "The Israel Movement for

Progressive Judaism condemns the attempt by Chief Rabbi Goren to distort the truth about the Reform wedding ceremony performed Sunday at Kibbutz Yehel. Rabbi Hedaya's role at the wedding was limited to serving as a witness at the invitation of the bride and groom. The other witness was a Reform rabbinical student here.

"It is regrettable that the commendable willingness of Rabbi Hedaya to recognize the legitimacy of a wedding performed by a non-Orthodox rabbi in accordance with halacha should be distorted under the pressure of the Orthodox religious establishment which fears to admit the halachic fact that the movement to which a rabbi belongs has no bearing on the validity of any wedding that he might perform."

WEIZMAN MEETING WITH U.S. OFFICIALS

By Helen Silver

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (JTA) — Israel Defense Minister Ezer Weizman will meet with President Carter at the White House tomorrow afternoon, it was announced here today. Weizman's meeting with Carter, as his meetings with other Administration officials, is expected to focus on Israel's request for \$3.4 billion in military and economic aid for fiscal 1981.

The Defense Minister, who arrived late yesterday afternoon and is expected to remain here for a few days, met for lunch today with Ambassador Sol Linowitz and afterwards with Secretary of State Cyrus Vance at the State Department. Weizman was also scheduled to meet this evening with Defense Secretary Harold Brown at the Pentagon.

The Israeli aid package, submitted by Israel last September, comprises \$1.8 billion in military aid and \$1.6 billion in economic aid, double the amount it received in the previous fiscal year.

Weizman said before leaving Israel that he is hopeful that his talks with Vance and Brown will convince the Administration to increase its ratio of grants to loans. He said that while he understood that the U.S. has its own problems of inflation and unemployment, it "must be aware of the fact that we are partners and Israel's importance to the achievement of peace in the Middle East cannot be overlooked."

REPORT JEWISH HIGH SCHOOLS IN ARGENTINA WILL HAVE TO PROVIDE CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Dec. 27 (JTA) — A World Jewish Congress bulletin issued in Geneva reported that Jewish high schools in Argentina will have to give compulsory classes in Catholic religious instruction. The bulletin said students attending the first two high school grades between the ages of 12-14, will have to attend these religious classes.

Jewish schools in Argentina used to hold special classes in civics during the time allotted for religious instruction but an Argentinian Ministry of Education order dated Feb. 1, 1979, will force them, as of next year, to replace these optional studies with religious teachings. The Minister of Education, Juan Raphael Amadeo, stressed at the time the decree was issued that it would apply to all high schools, public as well as privately owned.

Argentina's Cardinal Paul Primatesta explained that all students in "a Catholic country like Argentina should have some knowledge about the religion of their fellow Argentinians. Many non-Jews attend Jewish high schools which have

an excellent reputation.

VIOLENCE AT AGUDA ISRAEL MEETING

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Dec. 27 (JTA) — Violence erupted at a meeting of the Aguda Israel's Central Committee last Sunday night. MK Shlomo Lorincz, one of the faction's leaders, narrowly escaped injury when he was assaulted by about 100 enraged Gerrer hasidim who came from their Ashdod community with the avowed purpose of demanding his ouster and breaking up the meeting. Lorincz escaped unscathed, but the pushing, shoving and shouting underscored the serious disputes within the ultra-Orthodox party.

The Central Committee met to nominate delegates to the Sixth "Knesset Gedolah" (World Congress) of the International Agudath Israel movement which begins Jan. 7 in Jerusalem. Thousands of delegates from the United States and Europe are scheduled to attend the one-week congress.

But after Sunday night's fracas Lorincz said that he and his Tzeirei Aguda (Young Guard) faction would boycott the congress. Aguda sources told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that Lorincz's mentor, Rabbi Eliezer Shach of Bnei Brak, has also threatened not to attend.

The Gerrer hasids are the strongest faction numerically within the Aguda and their rebbe, Simcha Bunim Alter, is considered the most influential member of the Aguda "Council of Sages." They were offended by two interviews recently given by Lorincz. One appeared in the popular Tel Aviv magazine, Monitin, where Lorincz discussed Aguda politics with editor Nahum Barnea.

Critical Of Context, Not Content

It was not the contents of the interview that bothered the hasids but the fact that Monitin displayed a scantily clad girl on its cover that week and published similar "lascivious" photographs alongside Lorincz's interview. More serious from the Gerrer viewpoint was another Lorincz interview in Haaretz in which the Aguda leader agreed with the questioner's statement that the standard of the "Council of Sages" has declined. According to the Gerrer, he was also less than respectful toward their rebbe.

Lorincz claimed in a radio interview that he never heard of Monitin and certainly had no idea that it purveyed "lascivious" material. He acknowledged acquaintanceship with Barnea who is the Knesset correspondent of Davar. As to the Haaretz interview, Lorincz said all Orthodox Jews agreed that the level of the rabbinate has steadily fallen since the days of the Talmud and the Babylonian "gaonim." He said, "That the rabbis of previous generations were greater than those of our generation no one can deny." But, he insisted, that could not be construed as lack of respect for present rabbinical leaders.

ENERGY WATCHERS ON THE ALERT

TEL AVIV, Dec. 27 (JTA) — Government offices which have always had security guards, will soon be staffed with energy watchers to make sure there is no wastage of light or heat. Following a detailed energy conservation check list that has been distributed to all government offices, the watchers will make sure that, among other things, lights are turned off in all offices, even if the occupants are absent for only a short time. Heating stoves and radiators will be turned on only if the temperature falls below 60 degrees F.

THE JTA DAILY NEWS BULLETIN IN LONDON TO CEASE PUBLICATION JAN. 1

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, Dec. 27 (JTA) -- Beginning Jan. 1 scores of Anglo-Jewish leaders and organizations will cease receiving in their daily mail the bulletin of world-wide Jewish news which has been a feature of this community for over half a century.

The Daily News Bulletin, mainly compiled from the wire services of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, is being terminated because some British Zionist leaders say that they can no longer afford the subsidy of more than 30,000 Pounds Sterling per year needed to keep it going.

It will be the sixth old-established publication to disappear here in the past 10 years, and its closure is a further sign of the wholesale decline of the Jewish press in England. The only survivors are the London Jewish Chronicle, the ultra-Orthodox Jewish Tribune, and four local newspapers in provincial cities.

Reason For Terminating Bulletin

Sidney Shipton, one of the three directors of the JTA London Committee, said that it had only a few hundred paying subscribers and could no longer justify spending money "which would otherwise have gone indirectly to Israel." The Bulletin is also mailed to some private subscribers and non-Jewish institutions.

Shipton, the general secretary of the British Zionist Federation, said closure had been contemplated for some time but the question had come to a head in the last few months because of the stringent financial situation of the Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organization.

The two other directors of the JTA London Committee, are both major contributors to Israeli and Jewish charities. They are Cyril Stein, chairman of Ladbrooke, Britain's giant leisure and gambling group, and Michael Sacher, vice chairman of Marks and Spencer, Britain's top retail chain. Sacher, a member of the Jewish Agency Board of Governors, is also a member of the JTA's world board.

Two senior communal officials expressed sorrow at the impending closure, although they have been loath to criticize the members of the JTA London Committee for taking the decision. Dr. Stephen Roth, director of the Institute for Jewish Affairs, called it "a great blow." Dr. S. Levenberg, a member of the World Jewish Congress International Affairs Committee and veteran Jewish Agency officer, said it was all the more regrettable at a time when Jewish information machinery should be strengthened rather than shut down.

Statement By JTA President

(Martin Fox, president of the JTA, issued the following statement: "In these crucial times it is regrettable that the British Jewish community will be deprived of the only daily news service reporting on Jewish life throughout the world. While we are fully aware of the necessity to institute economies in Jewish organized life due to the world recession and inflationary trends, we believe the continuity of a source of daily Jewish news to the leaders of the British community is of vital import.

"The JTA Board of Directors will explore all possible ways, within our means, to continue servicing the British Jewish community with the

JTA world-wide news service on a daily basis. The closing of the JTA Daily News Bulletin in London does not affect our continued and complete coverage of news events in England and in Ireland."

WASHINGTON STATE U. DENIES ANY ROLE IN AWARD GIVEN TO QADDAFI

SEATTLE, Dec. 27 (JTA) -- Officials of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith here said they were satisfied that Washington State University had "no official role" in a visit to Libya three months ago by a faculty member and graduate students who were part of a group that presented the Martin Luther King Jr. Award to Libya's leader Muammar Qaddafi. Jerome Anches, ADL advisory board chairman, said this assurance was received from Dr. Glen Terrell, president of the State University in Pullman, Wash., in response to a query last October by the ADL regional office in Los Angeles.

Anches and David F. Stahl, Pacific Northwest regional director, acknowledged Terrell's recent response and stated that "it was most gratifying to learn that no state funds were used for this travel and that WSU was not involved in the planning or implementing of this trip."

The matter arose when the ADL learned from information released by the Metro Atlanta Chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) that the Black studies department at Washington State had coordinated the visit of 18 Black Americans to Libya to meet with Qaddafi and present him with the award.

Anches said, in a statement released here, that "Dr. Terrell's response to our inquiry reassured us in the League that our state was not even indirectly involved in the unpardonable awarding of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Award to Col. Qaddafi, the mastermind of the recent outrageous takeover of our nation's embassy in Tripoli. I am pleased that Dr. Terrell clarified the facts concerning this trip and clearly indicated that Washington State University in no way participated or sponsored the actions of those individuals who traveled to Libya in September of this year."

NEW U.S. GROUP TO SUPPORT KIBBUTZIM AND MOSHAVIM

NEW YORK, Dec. 27 (JTA) -- A new national organization, "Friends of Kibbutzim and Moshavim," has been created to provide the American Jewish community a framework in which the challenges and goals of Israel's present day pioneers can be examined and supported.

Sidney Troy, of Lakewood, N.J., who is serving as the group's chairman, said "there are thousands of people in the American Jewish community who have a special relationship to a particular collective community. We hope to involve these people and pool resources for the betterment of the pioneering movement and the American Jewish community. The aims of the organization are designed with parallel thrusts of action both in the U.S. and in Israel. In the U.S., it will promote the philosophy, ideas and values of the kibbutz. It will also assist in the economic, physical, social and educational development in Israel.

Friends of Kibbutzim and Moshavim is being formed under a grant from the Land Settlement Department of the Jewish Agency and is not a fund-raising organization, according to Troy.

REMINDER: There will be no Bulletin dated January 1 due to New Year's Day, a postal holiday.