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KENNEDY'S UPSET VICTORY OVER CARTER AIDED BY MAJOR ROLE OF JEWISH VOTERS

By David Friedman

NEW YORK, March 26 (JTA) -- Jewish voters played a major role yesterday in Sen. Edward Kennedy's stunning upset victory over President Carter in the New York Democratic Presidential primary. The Massachusetts Senator, however, credited his capture of 59 percent of the New York vote to Carter's 41 percent, as well as his equally surprising victory in Connecticut yesterday, to voter unhappiness with inflation.

The voter turnout in the Democratic primary among Jews, as among all other New Yorkers, was light. But Jews, who traditionally comprise one-third to 40 percent of primary voters here, went 79 percent for Kennedy statewide and 82 percent in New York City.

Robert Strauss, Carter's campaign manager, in conceding defeat fairly early last evening, blamed it on the President's announced budget cuts and "a bad UN resolution which hurt us here." Strauss was referring to the U.S. vote March 1 for the United Nations Security Council resolution condemning Israel's settlement policies which Carter repudiated two days later.

At the White House last night, Presidential Press Secretary Jody Powell also conceded the UN vote as well as the economy hurt Carter in New York. He also noted that many people who supported Carter did not vote yesterday. Observers believe that many Democrats who are unhappy with Carter's policy on Israel and other issues, but do not support Kennedy, stayed home.

Kennedy Cites Other Elements For His Victory

Kennedy said last night that he believed that his victory demonstrated voter dissatisfaction with the economy which has been his major issue, as well as concern about the President's "competency in foreign policy" as demonstrated by his handling of such issues as the UN vote, Iran, Cuba and Afghanistan: Kennedy, interviewed on television, said, in response to a question, that he appreciated the Jewish vote but quickly added that he also did well in non-Jewish areas and had received votes from all ethnic groups in New York.

This was also stressed by New York State Attorney General Robert Abrams, a leading Kennedy supporter in the state. He said that while Jews were expressing their "anger" over what they saw as either a change in U.S. policy against Israel or "incompetence," they were joining the "majority" of New Yorkers who were dissatisfied with Carter's handling of the major domestic and international problems.

Abrams noted that Kennedy also did well in Black areas and among Catholic voters, two groups which had failed to support him in earlier primaries. One commentator noted that if the Jewish voters had split evenly between Kennedy and Carter, Kennedy would still have won in New York because of support from these groups. In Connecticut, where Jews comprise only 10-12 percent of the voters, Kennedy also seemed to do well among all voters.

However, although the economy was Kennedy's major issue, he did make a strong appeal

for the Jewish vote here, attacking the UN vote. Carter's supporters also made a major effort among Jews. Strauss met several times with Jewish leaders in an attempt to reassure them about the President's stand. Vice President Walter Mondale and Mrs. Rosalynn Carter also campaigned extensively among Jews. Mayor Edward Koch appeared in television commercials for Carter saying, while the UN vote was a mistake the President demonstrated his honesty by admitting it. (See related story P.2.)

Breakdown Of Some Voting Districts

But the swing to Kennedy could be seen in Jewish districts throughout New York City. In Manhattan's Upper West Side and Greenwich Village, Kennedy won by wide margins as high as 4-1. But these areas are considered among the most liberal districts in the country and were expected to go for Kennedy even before the UN vote.

However, the same trend was also shown in heavily-populated Jewish areas where concern for Israel is one of the primary concerns of voters. In these areas voters usually support the party stalwarts rather than insurgents, as Kennedy is in this year's race by challenging an incumbent President.

In Brooklyn's Boro Park, Kennedy won 8428 to Carter's 2136. In East Flatbush-Crown Heights, his margin was 9346 to 5212; Sheepshead Bay-Brighton Beach, 12,228 to 3651; and Sea Gate-Coney Island, 10,367 to 3528.

The same situation was seen in Queens. In the Kew Gardens-Forest Hills area, Kennedy won 6845 to 3270 and in Bayside-Douglaston, 5043 to 3736. In The Bronx, in the Riverdale area, the Kennedy margin was 7984 to 3124, and in the Co-Op City area it was 14,152 to 6833. On Long Island, Jewish areas such as Roslyn gave Carter a margin of more than 2-1.

Some Factors In Carter's Loss

Powell said today that the "Jewish voters in New York did not support the President but I don't think that would account for the full margin" of Kennedy's victory. He said Carter may also have incurred losses by his repudiation of the U.S. vote in support of the March 1 UN resolution.

"Those who were against us did vote and those who were for us didn't," he said. He also suggested that the light voter turnout and possibly the heavy rain in New York yesterday also hurt the President. "Certainly the President's decision on a balanced budget and also the UN vote on the Middle East peace process were politically costly," Powell said.

He added, "Quite frankly, there will be other decisions in the anti-inflation fight and in the attempts to keep the Camp David peace process alive that may be politically difficult. The President is prepared to make those decisions and accept the consequences."

Both Kennedy, whose moribund campaign was revived by yesterday's victories in Connecticut and New York, and Carter are now looking ahead to the next primaries, especially Wisconsin next Tuesday, and Pennsylvania April 22 where there are large Jewish populations.

However, although most experts are crediting Kennedy's New York victory to the Jewish vote, many point out that Jews are following the trend of other Democrats. In the Massachusetts primary,

which came three days after the UN vote and the day after Carter repudiated it, Jews gave Kennedy 80 percent of their vote, but this was in Kennedy's home state in which he won. In Florida, two weeks ago, where Carter won, the Jewish vote was 53 percent in favor of Kennedy. But last week in Illinois where Kennedy was defeated and his campaign believed finished, Jews joined the general trend in voting 2-1 for Carter.

KOCH AGAIN HITS 'GANG OF FIVE'

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, March 26 (JTA) -- Mayor Edward Koch repeated today his charges against the "Gang of Five" in the Carter Administration who he said are pushing toward an anti-Israeli policy and were behind the United States vote for an anti-Israel resolution March 1 in the United Nations Security Council.

Previously, Koch identified the five as Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski, Assistant Secretary of State for Near East and South Asian Affairs, Harold Saunders, UN Ambassador Donald McHenry and former UN Ambassador Andrew Young.

Koch repeated his accusations against the "Gang of Five" at a "Symposium on Jews in the Cities" which was held at City Hall. The symposium was sponsored by the Mayor, the World Jewish Congress-American Section, and the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York.

Asked about the chances of President Carter for reelection in view of yesterday's upset victory by Senator Edward Kennedy (D, Mass.) in the New York and Connecticut primaries, Koch said Carter should be reelected but he also should "change his State Department." He said the President must "root out" the effects of the "Gang of Five" on his policy.

Pointing out that he himself does not support Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza, Koch said that the United States should not have joined the "bandits" in the UN by supporting an anti-Israel resolution which might weaken the Jewish State. He identified the UN "bandits" as those countries which "succumbed" to the Arab pressure against Israel. He also said he did not think the "Gang of Five" is anti-Semitic. "They are not evil people."

STATE DEP'T. SAYS KENNEDY WIN WILL NOT INFLUENCE U.S. MIDEAST POLICY

By Joseph Palakoff

WASHINGTON, March 26 (JTA) -- President Carter's defeat by Sen. Edward Kennedy in the New York Presidential primary yesterday will not influence U.S. foreign policy, the State Department said today.

Asked if the results of the voting would affect the American position in the Arab-Israeli conflict, Iran and other Middle East issues, the Department's chief spokesman, Hodding Carter, replied, "No." He said that insofar as the Administration's position is concerned and its policy, Secretary of State Cyrus Vance will testify tomorrow before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee "on where we are and where we think we are to go."

With respect to the assertion that the New York primary results will not influence foreign policy, he remarked, "If each post-election analysis were to create an involuntary reflex on what we do, we'd be twitching every week."

Carter was also asked if the U.S. would veto a resolution in the UN Security Council that would alter Resolution 242 and establish a homeland for the Palestinians. Such a resolution has been suggested by some West European government leaders. Carter said he would not anticipate what might take place. He added: "Our position on the question of 242 is very clear. It has not changed and it will not change. We will deal with any attempt to change it (the resolution) in an appropriate way at an appropriate time. But it is not yet on the agenda."

THE TWO FACES OF THE PLO

VIENNA, March 26 (JTA) -- The Palestine Liberation Organization spoke with two faces yesterday. PLO chief Yasser Arafat was quoted in a newspaper interview here as saying that he has no intention of destroying anything, presumably including Israel. But the PLO's No. 2 man, Salah Khalaf, speaking in Abu Dhabi yesterday, called for a military alliance of the Arab states and Palestinians to confront Israel.

In the interview in Die Presse, Arafat said "I don't have the intention to kill anybody or destroy anything." According to observers here, even such a vague disclaimer marks a change since Arafat avoided such statements during his visit to Vienna last year and on all other occasions. He had praise for Chancellor Bruno Kreisky's Middle East views and said he planned to meet with Kreisky here again in the near future.

Arafat's remarks, however, appeared calculated to reassure the Austrian government that it had acted correctly when it extended recognition to a PLO representative in Vienna earlier this month.

Khalaf, who spoke to Palestinians in Abu Dhabi, said a military alliance between Iraq, Syria, Palestinians and Lebanese leftists against Israel would "enable the Palestinian people to fulfill its fighting objectives in Palestine."

According to Die Presse, Arafat said that King Hussein of Jordan supported a Palestinian state. "I am ready to accept a special relation between Jordan and the Palestinian state," he said, but did not elaborate.

DISABLED ISRAELI YACHT RESCUED UNDER FIRE FROM TERRORISTS

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, March 26 (JTA) -- A disabled Israeli yacht with 11 passengers aboard was rescued by a navy patrol boat as it wallowed in heavy seas several hundred yards off the Lebanese coast under fire from terrorist shore batteries. The incident, which began at dawn Monday, ended yesterday morning when the yacht, Marina, was brought safely to Haifa harbor under tow by a tug and escorted by Israeli naval craft.

The Marina, a sailing vessel with auxiliary engine, left Kishon anchorage on Haifa Bay early Monday on a pleasure trip to Larnaca, Cyprus. Her skipper, Israel Lauber, and his passengers, who included three women, are all amateur sailors.

A clogged fuel line caused the engine to fail when the craft was two hours out to sea. Sails were raised but a gale developed and the yacht made for land in the vicinity of Rosh Hanikra on the Israeli-Lebanese border. A sudden shift in the wind caused her to drift northward in the direction of the terrorist stronghold at Tyre.

Lauber called the Haifa maritime station by radio telephone for assistance. The navy was informed and a patrol boat of the Daboor class rushed to the scene. When it arrived, the Marina was drifting helplessly about 400 yards off shore and

under fire. The naval craft opened fire with its own gun while attempts were made to get a tow line aboard the yacht. The attempts succeeded. The Marina was pulled out of danger and the tow was later transferred to a tug sent north from Haifa.

NO BREAK THROUGH SEEN IN AUTONOMY TALKS RESUMING IN ALEXANDRIA

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, March 26 (JTA) — The autonomy talks between Israel, Egypt and the U.S. will resume in Alexandria tomorrow at the top negotiating level but none of the parties appear to entertain any hopes that a breakthrough will be achieved.

U.S. special Ambassador Sol Linowitz was reported to be especially disappointed by Israel's outright rejection yesterday of the American proposal that it freeze settlement activities until after May 26, the target date for completing the autonomy talks. Apparently he had hoped that Israel would agree to suspend settlements for a specified time as it did during the negotiations for the peace treaty with Egypt.

At that time, Premier Menachem Begin agreed to a three-month freeze. But in his talks with Linowitz this week he was unmovable on the subject and appears to have adopted an increasingly tough line. The theory here is that Begin believes that now is not the time for flexibility and that if he must make concessions, he would do so only as a last resort at his meeting with President Carter in Washington next month.

Begin's uncompromising position was evident in an Israel Radio speech today on the occasion of the first anniversary of the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty. He said it was a prime national duty to reject what he called unjust international demands.

While he did not refer to any country by name, he said certain ones were trying to please "an aggressive and blackmailing element" at Israel's expense and it was Israel's duty not to help such attempts. Begin defended Israel's autonomy plan as the way to peaceful coexistence and security for Israel.

NEW EEC HEAD SAYS UN MAY BE ASKED TO TAKE UP ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, March 26 (JTA) — The new head of the European Economic Community (EEC), Foreign Minister Gaston Thorn of Luxembourg, said here today that the United Nations might be asked to take up the Arab-Israeli conflict, including a redefinition of Israel's security if Israel, Egypt and the U.S. fail to reach an agreement in their autonomy talks by the target date of May 26.

Thorn spoke to reporters at the State Department after meeting with Secretary of State Cyrus Vance. Shortly afterwards, Vance lunched with former Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan of Israel, accompanied by the Israeli Ambassador to the U.S., Ephraim Evron. Dayan did not speak to reporters who waited for him in the State Department lobby. He left for Detroit where he has a speaking engagement tonight.

Thorn said that "no one is trying to change" Security Council Resolution 242 before the May 26 date. After that, however, should an agreement not be reached, West European nations will take the issue to the UN to consider a Palestinian homeland and a "change in the definition of Is-

rael's security." He did not elaborate. Resolution 242 does not define or refer directly to Israel's security but affirms the right of every state in the Middle East "to live in peace within secure and recognized boundaries free from threats or acts of force."

Thorn told reporters, "Even if my Israeli friends say so, it is wrong for the U.S. to do everything" with respect to seeking a settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict. It was understood that Vance told the EEC leader that the Camp David accords constitute the best available formula for a settlement and asked that no action be taken in the Security Council to tamper with that formula, at least before May 26.

2 GERMAN ARMY OFFICERS ACQUITTED

BONN, March 26 (JTA) — A Munich court acquitted yesterday two West German army officers tried on charges involving a 1977 incident in which cadets in a military college sang Nazi songs and shouted "throw another Jew on the fire" as they burned pieces of paper. The court ruled that Col. Edgar Munks and Maj. Hans-Joachim Stabenau should not be held criminally responsible for the incident.

Eleven cadets were disciplined for participating in the Feb. 16, 1977 incident, at which they sang the Nazi Horst Wessel song and exchanged Nazi salutes. Such salutes and the singing of Nazi songs are banned in West Germany. The two army officers denied that they had been part of a cover-up of the 1977 incident.

MEYER BLUMENFELD DEAD AT 74

NEW YORK, March 26 (JTA) — Rabbi Meyer Blumenfeld, a prominent author and scholar, died yesterday at Booth Hospital in Flushing, N.Y., at the age of 74. Funeral services were held at the Kennedy Airport Jewish Chapel and his body was then flown to Israel for burial in the Mt. of Olives in Jerusalem. He was the author of 18 volumes on halacha and the Haggadah. His first volume was published in Poland, where he was born, when he was 20 years old. He was ordained as a rabbi in Warsaw in 1923 and immigrated to the United States in 1927.

Blumenfeld was a prominent Jewish leader in Newark and Maplewood, N.J., for 48 years, holding a number of pulpits. He was a past president of the American Federation of Polish Jews and a vice president of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada. At one time he taught in Yeshiva University in New York City. In 1960 he visited Israel where he was received by President Yitzhak Ben-Zvi.

ISRAELI TO HELP BUILD PEACE MONUMENT

TEL AVIV, March 26 (JTA) — Prof. Alfred Mansfeld of Technion's Faculty of Architecture and Town Planning has been commissioned by Egypt to submit a design for the inter-faith monument to peace Egyptian President Anwar Sadat wishes to build at the foot of Mount Sinai. Mansfeld is one of three internationally known architects selected for the project. He designed the synagogue that will occupy a third of the area set aside for the sanctuary, along with a mosque designed by Egyptian architect A. El Rimaly and a church designed by French architect Pierre Vago.

The three architects presented their coordinated plans to Sadat late last year and received his approval. The entire project is expected to be completed within five years and cost an estimated \$30-\$40 million. The money will be provided by the Egyptian government and other sources around the world.

AS HIAS CELEBRATES ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY, EIZENSTAT SAYS IT IS A 'MODERN MOSES FOR THE JEWISH PEOPLE'

NEW YORK, March 26 (JTA) — Stuart Eizenstat, Assistant to the President for Domestic Affairs and Policy, described HIAS as "a modern Moses for the Jewish people in bondage, helping people reach a land of freedom and land of opportunity." It has, he added, "made America a nation of nations."

Eizenstat offered this assessment in his address to more than 300 world Jewish leaders, government officials, leaders of voluntary agencies and other invited guests at a Centennial Dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria Sunday night to mark HIAS' 100 years of rescue and resettlement service for more than four million Jewish men, women and children. The dinner also honored Max Fisher, a top leader of the American Jewish community, with the "HIAS Liberty Award" which was presented to him by Edwin Shapiro, president of HIAS.

In his address, Eizenstat said that "HIAS has also recognized that freedom is indivisible and that its loss by some threatens its loss to all, so your work in helping resettle Indo-Chinese refugees is particularly meaningful. This year alone, your agency will receive and place 6000 Indo-Chinese refugees throughout the United States."

This, he observed, "is a particularly challenging time for you, as well as our country. Last year, more than 50,000 visas were issued to Soviet Jews, four times the number that were issued in 1976. While this places an enormous burden on you, I know you join me in praying, despite the crisis in Afghanistan, that this flow will continue.... On the eve of Pesach, let me wish you another 100 years of success."

In accepting the award, Fisher stated that "there is no difference between any Jewish leader, because what is our sacred cause? First, to save every Jew that we possibly can and bring him to a homeland where he may live in peace and dignity. Our sacred cause is to save for the generations of the future our great Jewish tradition which has lived so long, and third, to see that the State of Israel is strengthened and becomes a light to the world, a model of what a true great democracy is."

Recalls Role Of HIAS Over The Decades

On the eve of the dinner, Premier Menachem Begin of Israel sent a letter to Shapiro in which he wrote, in part: "I remember HIAS from my childhood days when hundreds of thousands of refugees came back to their home towns only to find most houses burnt or destroyed. It was HIAS who helped to build homes for the homeless."

"Since then, I have always felt a deep sentiment for this Jewish humanitarian organization which assisted so many of our brethren during the wave of mass immigration from Europe to the United States, that miraculous wave which actually saved incalculable numbers of our people from the disaster of the Holocaust. And again, after World War II, HIAS continued its noble work, rendering help to the homeless remnants in many countries."

Also on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of HIAS, Paul Hartling, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, sent a cable from his headquarters in Geneva to Shapiro congratulating HIAS for "the magnificent results achieved" during its 100 years. "Thanks to your efforts," he

added, "millions of uprooted men, women and children have been able to build meaningful lives in their new homelands."

ALLAN BRONFMAN DEAD AT 85

MONTREAL, March 26 (JTA) — Allan Bronfman, a member of the wealthy Bronfman family of Canada, died this morning at his Montreal home at the age of 85 of natural causes. Services will be held Friday at the Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue.

Born in Brandon, Manitoba, he practiced law for several years in Winnipeg where he was first president of the Jewish Orphanage and of the Children's Aid of Western Canada, both headquartered in Winnipeg.

In 1924 he moved to Montreal from Winnipeg, where he joined his brothers, Samuel, Abe and Harry in the distillery and wine field, becoming vice president and director of Distillers Corporation-Seagrams, Ltd. in Montreal, holding similar posts in Calvert Distillers in Amherstburg, Ontario, and a director of Joseph E. Seagram and Sons in Waterloo, Ontario.

Bronfman became national president of the Canadian Friends of Hebrew University in 1944, holding that post until his death. He was also a member of the Board of Governors of the university, and a member of the National Council and National Executive of the Zionist Organization of Canada. He had been a member of the National Council of the United Jewish Relief Agencies.

Bronfman had been a member of the National Council of Boy Scouts and a member of the board of the Association of Paraplegics. He was a member of the Executive Committee of the Federation of Jewish Community Services of Montreal. He had received the Grand Cross del Merito of Malta in 1949, and the Chevalier Legion of Honor from the French government in 1948. He was named Israel Bonds Man of the Year in 1964.

Dr. Leon Kronitz, executive vice president of the Canadian Zionist Federation, said in a statement: "Allan Bronfman was a dedicated Zionist and a devoted Jew, who bore an abiding love for the Jewish people and the Jewish State. He gave tirelessly of himself and his philanthropy to the many causes which enriched Jewish life and strengthened the Jewish State."

COOL ATTITUDE TOWARD ISRAELIS

JERUSALEM, March 26 (JTA) — On the eve of the first anniversary of the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty, Israeli journalists in Cairo are reporting an increasingly cool attitude by Egyptian officials toward Israelis there.

It has not affected the normalization process, however. Representatives of Taha, the government-owned Israel Development Corp., are in the Egyptian capital to meet with President Anwar Sadat on a joint land reclamation project south of Cairo approved by both countries. Another Israeli firm has submitted a request to open a branch office in Cairo and an Egyptian company is planning to import goods from Israel.

Israeli Ambassador Eliahu Ben-Elissar and his wife, Nitzza, are warmly greeted by Cairenes in the streets and shops they frequent. But Israeli television reporter Ehud Yaari reported yesterday that Egyptian officialdom has grown more reserved. Israeli journalists reported from Cairo last week that Ben-Elissar was being shunned by Cairo's diplomatic and social set and that only the minimal niceties required by protocol were observed toward him.