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NO CHANGE EXPECTED IN U.S. MIDEAST POLICY FOLLOWING VANCE'S RESIGNATION

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, April 28 (JTA) — Cyrus Vance's resignation as Secretary of State and his temporary replacement by Deputy Secretary of State Warren Christopher is not expected to result in any change in President Carter's policies, either toward Israel itself, the Camp David accords or any other factors related to the Arab-Israeli conflict.

This was indicated today by Hodding Carter, the State Department's chief spokesman and a close friend of Vance. Asked by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency what impact Vance's resignation will have on foreign policy matters generally and on the Arab-Israeli situation in particular, he replied: "My own strong sense is that the main currents of policy in every area will be the same."

However, some speculation among White House sources indicated today the possibility that Carter may install an internationally recognized foreign affairs specialist as Vance's permanent replacement in order to enhance the Administration's position in the aftermath of the disastrous failure to rescue the American hostages in Teheran and the deterioration of support for the U.S. in Western Europe.

Kissinger, Jackson Possible Successors

It was even suggested by these sources that Carter may reach into the Republican Party and invite former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger to assume the post vacated by Vance, despite the fact that Kissinger and the Carter Administration have differed sharply on many foreign policy issues. Another possible successor to Vance mentioned by these sources is Sen. Henry Jackson (D. Wash.), who has also differed strongly with Carter on policy toward the Soviet Union.

For the time being, Congressional sources feel, the Administration's policy on Arab-Israeli matters will remain unchanged with such key figures as Assistant Secretary of State for Near East and South Asian Affairs Harold Saunders continuing to be in charge of day-to-day operations in the Middle East.

Robert Hunter, a Middle East specialist in the National Security Council, will also continue to function in that area, and Zbigniew Brzezinski, the President's National Security Advisor, who has consistently taken a tougher position toward Israel than Vance, will continue to advise the President.

The overall consensus among observers here is that Carter maintains close supervision over Middle Eastern affairs and that he will continue his present course with respect to the autonomy negotiations between Egypt and Israel and the Camp David formula for a settlement.

Brzezinski is understood to have urged stronger measures than Vance to wrest concessions from Israel to quicken the pace toward a comprehensive agreement in the Middle East. Vance's role in U.S. Middle East strategy was seen to have been deteriorating. He was regarded as the representative of White House policy, not its initiator.

Although Vance accepted responsibility, in

his appearances before the Senate and House, for the "foul-ups" that led to the U.S. vote for the United Nations Security Council's anti-Israel resolution last March 1, members of both houses of Congress indicated that the true responsibility lay with the White House, not with Vance. Vance also was credited with having done more than any other advisor to the President in helping him achieve the Camp David agreements.

Vance had a cordial working relationship with representatives of the Israeli government here and with leaders of the American Jewish community, even though he presented the Administration's positions on such matters as the inadmissibility of Israel's control over all of Jerusalem, the settlements issue and Israel's activities in south Lebanon.

Christopher, for his part, has not been intimately associated with Middle East affairs since he concentrated on other foreign policy matters. Vance carried the burden of responsibility for the Middle East. Nevertheless, Christopher did have a principal role in the showdown in the Senate two years ago when he testified on behalf of the Administration's proposal to sell F-15 warplanes to Saudi Arabia as part of a military assistance package for Israel and Egypt.

In his letter of resignation to the President, dated April 21, well before the abortive rescue mission in Iran took place, Vance listed the Camp David accords and the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty as among the principal foreign policy achievements under Carter's leadership. Carter accepted his resignation this morning, but did so coldly. His letter to Vance was addressed not to "My Dear Secretary," the usual salutation in such cases, but to "Secretary of State Cyrus Vance." He accepted the resignation with "regret."

Relationship With Jewish Community

In his relationship with the Jewish community, Vance took the unusual step, during his first year in office, of inviting members of the American Jewish press to meet with him at the State Department to discuss U.S.-Israeli relations. He was accessible to members of the American Jewish community, either in groups or as individuals, and directed his subordinates to act likewise.

On such matters as Soviet Jewry, Vance was consistently supportive diplomatically and in his appearances before Congress. At one point, Eugene Gold, former chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, said the State Department could not do any more than it was doing on behalf of Soviet Jews.

ISRAELIS REGRET VANCE'S RESIGNATION

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, April 28 (JTA) — Political sources in Jerusalem described U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance today as a "decent man who understands Israel's situation." Although there was no effort to minimize the differences of opinion which occurred often with the Secretary of State during the long and winding road for the peace and autonomy negotiations, the Israelis recalled the patience and fairness which characterized Vance's treatment of Israel.

Word of Vance's resignation was received here with little surprise. Israeli officials were aware of Vance's inclination not to continue in office. The general reaction here was of regret.

Although Israeli experts on the U.S. blamed Vance for the United Nations Security Council resolution of March 1 condemning Israeli settlements on the West Bank and the U.S. vote in support of it, they noted that there was no indication that other American statesmen would have acted differently.

The contacts between Vance and Israel go back to the 1960s when Vance served as Undersecretary of Defense. He was directly involved with the supply of Skyhawk warplanes to Israel and prepared the background to the supply of the more sophisticated Phantoms in the early 1970s.

ISRAELI ENVOY, AMONG THE HOSTAGES HELD IN COLOMBIA, RETURNS HOME

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, April 28 (JTA) -- Israel's Ambassador to Colombia, Eliyahu Barak, returned home today after a two-month ordeal in the Dominican Embassy in Bogota where he and a score of other diplomats and foreign nationals were held hostage by leftist revolutionaries. The hostages were finally released over the weekend.

Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir was at Ben Gurion Airport to welcome the returning envoy who looked thin but appeared in good health and good spirits. "It's good to be home," he said. "We're glad to have him back," Shamir told reporters.

Shamir said a special team had been working around the clock for weeks to effect Barak's release. He hinted that certain measures Israel took -- which he would not reveal -- had helped gain freedom for Barak and the others. Asked if Barak would return to his post in Colombia, Shamir said that would depend on his discussions with the Ambassador.

DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT REJECTS PROPOSAL TO LEAVE THE COALITION GOVERNMENT

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, April 28 (JTA) -- Deputy Premier Yigael Yadin's Democratic Movement voted 32-6 last night to reject a proposal by the party's secretariate that it quit the Likud-led coalition government. The vote, by the DM's executive, was a victory for Yadin who was supported by Justice Minister Shmuel Tamir against a strong secessionist group.

Yadin argued that the time was ripe for the DM to exert leverage on Premier Menachem Begin if the latter hoped to preserve his shaky regime until the 1981 elections. The DM differs sharply with Likud over settlement policy and economic measures. But its views have had little impact since it joined the coalition in 1978 as the Democratic Movement for Change, then the third largest faction in the Knesset.

Subsequently, about half of the party's members defected to form the opposition Shai faction. In recent months, growing dissatisfaction with Begin's policies built up strong pressure within the DM to break with Likud. Fear that the DM might cease to exist as an independent party if it left the government apparently played a part in last night's vote.

Tamir warned that its defection would open the way for early elections from which the Labor Party would emerge with a 62-seat majority in the Knesset, allowing it to ignore the DM. He pointed to the fate of the Shai faction which was weakened yesterday when two of its leading Knesset members, Meir Amit and David Golomb, announced that they were joining the Labor Party.

SPECIAL TO THE JTA SWEDEN TO HOST TWO EVENTS OF SIGNIFICANCE TO WORLD JEWRY By Gabriel Levenson

STOCKHOLM, April 28 (JTA) -- Sweden will host two events of particular significance to world Jewry -- the international tribunal in the case of Raoul Wallenberg, to be held here May 1-4; and the bicentennial celebration of the Jewish community of Goteborg, Sweden's second largest city, to be held May 9-12.

Elie Wiesel, chairman of President Carter's Commission on the Holocaust, will lead a large delegation of Americans who will fly to the Swedish capital for the hearings to sift new evidence regarding Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat who rescued 30,000 Hungarian Jews from Hitler and who has reportedly been held in Soviet prisons for the past 35 years following his arrest by the Red Army in 1945.

An international panel of jurists and Holocaust experts will meet in Stockholm's People's Hall for the tribunal. The participants include, in addition to Wiesel, Elizabeth Moynihan, head of the American Committee to Free Raoul Wallenberg; Gideon Hausner, prosecutor of Adolf Eichmann and chairman of the Israel Free Wallenberg Committee; Dr. Andre Lvoff, Nobel Laureate in medicine and head of the French Wallenberg Committee; and Simon Wiesenthal, the famed Nazi-hunter from Vienna.

U.S. delegates to the hearing include the chairpersons of the American Wallenberg Committee, Lena Biorck-Kaplan and Swedish-born Rabbi Frederick Werbell. Annette Lantos of San Francisco, a Hungarian-born Jew who was rescued by Wallenberg, will also attend, on behalf of the Hungarian Jewish community in the U.S.

Other panelists who will hear witnesses who have seen Wallenberg alive in Soviet prisons in recent years, include: Greville Janner, British Member of Parliament and head of that country's Wallenberg Committee; Pierre Gregoire, president of the Luxembourg Parliament; and Dr. Yuri Novikov, a Soviet Jewish psychiatrist now living in West Germany. Names of the witnesses have not been released as yet, to protect them from possible persecution.

The four days of hearings will be opened by Ingrid Garde Widemar, Sweden's first woman Supreme Court justice and the head of that country's Wallenberg Committee. At the conclusion of the hearings, there will be a nationwide television broadcast of a new BBC documentary about Wallenberg.

Celebration By Goteborg's Jewish Community

The following week there will be a four-day celebration by Goteborg's small Jewish community, marking 200 years of its existence, with Sweden's King Carl Gustav and Queen Sylvia personally attending a reception and dinner at the Messiah Synagogue. Naima Thankus, president of the community, has announced the city of Goteborg will open a special exhibit on Jewish history in Sweden at the municipal library.

Other events include special services at the synagogue, with the participation of guests from the Jewish communities of the U.S., Scandinavia and other parts of Europe, as well as those representing the government of Sweden and the rabbinate of the Scandinavian countries.

A special guest will be Cantor Joseph Malovany of New York City's Fifth Avenue Synagogue, who will sing both at the Sabbath services and at a special recital in Goteborg's Concert Hall.

JEWISH LEADERS CALL FOR SOLUTION TO AMERICA'S ENERGY CRISIS

NEW YORK, April 28 (JTA)---"The American people have been living in an energy fantasy land for the past 30 years. It is obvious that a greater commitment to the solution of our energy crisis by the American populace is both necessary and vital." This view was expressed by Ivan Novick, president of the Zionist Organization of America, upon his return from a five-day on-the-spot examination of U.S. energy facilities.

Through the efforts of Dr. Zalman Shapiro, a nationally known scientist and chairman of the ZOA Energy Committee, the ZOA sponsored and coordinated an in-depth energy study tour from April 20-25 for 20 leaders of major American Jewish organizations. According to Novick, "A great deal of conflicting information regarding U.S. energy policy has been disseminated to the public at large."

In a statement on behalf of the 20 leaders who represent a constituency of four million Americans, according to Novick and Shapiro, the two ZOA leaders said: "The American Jewish leaders had the opportunity to observe and evaluate, first-hand, our country's energy options, and to reinforce their beliefs in the crucial need to inform the American people of the true status of our country's current methods of large-scale energy production, mainly coal and nuclear."

"In addition, valuable insight was gained in the area of research and development of alternative sources of energy, including the actual availability of wind, solar-electric and synthetic fuel, as well as a wide range of potential long-term solutions. The leaders acknowledged the need for a balanced view regarding immediate and cumulative social and environmental effects and also became aware of the necessary trade-offs that are part of the use of each alternative energy source."

Need For Public Education

A consensus was reached within the leadership group that "it is imperative that our national efforts be directed toward the utilization of energy technology now readily available to us, as well as toward an ongoing program of research and development of new and alternate sources for the future," Novick and Shapiro said.

Shapiro, who played a major role in developing the generator for the first nuclear submarine, and played a major role in developing the nuclear pacemaker, noted "the need for public education concerning our nation's energy crisis is paramount, and the ZOA will continue to be in the forefront of the national educational effort in the energy area. The American Jewish community, as affected citizens, has every reason to be vocal and active on this complex and all-important national issue."

Novick stressed, "This is not a time for silence. In view of the shrinking time frame, this is a time for citizen action and involvement to mobilize our country toward freedom from dependence from foreign energy supplies."

Major organizations represented in the tour included the National Council of Jewish Women, B'nai B'rith, American Jewish Congress, United Synagogue of America, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, Hadassah, Jewish War Veterans of America, National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, American Jewish Press Association, North American Jewish Students Network, National

Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, American Zionist Federation, American Technion Society and the Synagogue Council of America.

The itinerary for the five-day tour included visits to a coal-fired plant and a synfuel facility in Pittsburgh, Pa.; the National Aeronautic Space Agency in Cleveland, Ohio; a nuclear power plant and operator training center in Zion, Illinois; the Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, New Mexico; and the National Reactor Testing Station in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

USSR CRACKING DOWN ON JEWISH EMIGRATION DUE TO HIGH DROPOUT RATE

NEW YORK, April 28 (JTA)---Charlotte Jacobson, chairman of the World Zionist Organization - American Section, told a meeting of its Executive that "the dire prediction of a Soviet clamp-down on Russian-Jewish immigration as a result of a high drop-out rate; has unfortunately become a reality."

The Soviet authorities, she reported, "are refusing to accept the letters of invitation received by Russian Jews, on the grounds that the letter writers are not close relatives. This has had an inhibiting ripple effect not only on the original applicants for immigration who, unlike the former refusenik activists, accept their denials passively, but also upon potential applicants who do not even apply as a result."

The result, Mrs. Jacobson said, "is a devastating decrease in the number of letters requested from Israel by Russian Jews. This is seen in the fact that the once teeming stream of Russian-Jewish immigrants from Odessa has slowed to the merest trickle."

Reporting on the recent meeting in Paris of the Presidium of the Brussels World Conference on Jewish Communities on Soviet Jewry, Mrs. Jacobson said the former refusenik Aleksandr Voronel, now living in Israel, who had favored aid to Soviet Jewish emigrants opting to settle in the United States, publicly conceded that "I was wrong: We have made a terrible mistake in allowing this situation to continue." In fact, she said, Jewish leaders from Belgium, France and Scandinavia strongly criticized American Jewry "for pursuing policies toward the nashrim (drop-outs) which are disastrous for Israel."

CATHOLIC BISHOPS FOR A STRONG ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, April 28 (JTA)---The American Jewish Committee has been assured that "there is a very strong commitment to a strong Israel with secure boundaries" on the part of the official level of the Roman Catholic Bishops in the U.S. In a talk to a recent meeting of the AJC Committee's Interreligious Affairs Commission, held at the Washington Hilton Hotel, Msgr. George Higgins, Secretary for Special Concerns of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, added that there was some disagreement among the Bishops about such details of Israeli foreign policy as West Bank settlements, but said such issues were subject to "constructive debate."

Higgins said that "Many in the Catholic and Christian community still do not understand the deep connection between the Jewish people and the land of Israel." He added that Catholics need help in understanding why Israel is so central in the Jewish community's consciousness. He said that "there is no support whatsoever" for "the obscene rhetoric" in the United Nations attacks on Zionism as racism.

JEWISH COMMUNITY WARNED TO BEWARE OF CAMPAIGN BY A CULT ORGANIZATION

By Arthur Wilner

NEW YORK, April 28 (JTA) -- The Task Force on Missionary Activity of the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York is warning the Jewish community to beware of a new major campaign currently being launched by the cult group, The Way International.

The campaign, entitled, "Take A Stand Caravan - 1980," was initiated in January by the group's founder, Victor Paul Wierille. Their stated purpose, according to the Task Force, is to "Win new people for (their) Power For Abundant Living (PFAL) classes and sign up World Over World (WOW) ambassadors."

According to Dr. Seymour Lachman, chairman of the Task Force, the group is reported to be virulently anti-Semitic. Some of the recommended reading suggested by the sect includes "The Myth of the Six Million," and "The Hoax of the Twentieth Century," both of which attempt to prove that the Holocaust never took place. "This is particularly frightening," Lachman stated, "in light of the fact that among the claimed 50,000 members, many are Jews."

Operation Of Group Described

Potential members are required to take the PFAL classes which, according to a former Way member, "mollify the mind, and prevent (students) from differentiating right from wrong." According to the Task Force, these classes run at a cost of \$200-\$300 per course, and students who fail are encouraged to repeat these courses over and over again.

The Task Force added that members are required to give over their material possessions to The Way, while supporting themselves and paying for the mandatory high-priced classes through part-time work. Those individuals who suddenly find themselves incapable of contributing to the cult are dropped and are often left with lasting psychological problems.

Wierille, a former minister of the United Church of Christ, is quoted by the Task Force as claiming that his is the "accurate version of Christianity," while the other churches are misinformed. According to the group's lawyer, Stephen Cea, the sect is involved primarily in Biblical research and that members teach, but do not recruit or program people. However, according to John Desmond, a former Way follower, corps members, particularly those in the advanced classes, are taught that religious and political leaders not involved with The Way are demon-possessed.

The group, which has its headquarters in New Knoxville, Ohio, is not known to have any congregations or churches. However, according to an article in The New York Times on Jan. 21, the group does have a college in Emporia, Kansas. The article noted that the college reportedly enrolled its student body and faculty in marksmanship and weapons safety classes at Emporia's National Guard. More than 500 people took the 10-hour course, using 22 caliber rifles. The group claimed these to be "merely hunters' safety classes."

The Times also reported that The Way maintains an armed police force at its headquarters, authorized by a judge under a 104-year-old state law providing for security at church gatherings. The group justifies this force as a way to "merely prevent vandalism of its property," The Times reported.

Spreading Anti-Semitic Views

The JCRC's Task Force noted that though the sect was founded in 1942 by Wierille, it has just recently been brought to the attention of the Jewish public. A spokeswoman for the Task Force attributed this to the fact that the group is now touring college campuses, spreading their anti-Semitic views to the general public. A case in point was an incident at the University of California in Berkeley, where two students were thrown out of one of The Way's "Weekend in the World" meetings because they wanted to set up a table to show the Jewish view of the Holocaust.

This year's Way campaign has already appeared in Trenton, New Jersey, and White Plains, New York. The group appeared in Syracuse, New York yesterday and is due in Buffalo, New York today. The Task Force is urging all organizations, youth groups, rabbis, and Jewish community councils to alert their respective members to the dangers -- psychological, religious, physical and financial -- posed by this cultist group.

NEW ZIONIST COALITION FORMED

NEW YORK, April 28 (JTA) -- A "Coalition of Democratic Zionists" has been formed here in order to counteract what its leaders term as "the corruption of Zionism" by the present Israeli government and the "retreatism from original labor principles" by the State of Israel. The Coalition, formed last week, comprises individual members of Habonim Labor Zionist Youth, Hashomer Hatzair, Americans for Progressive Israel and unaffiliated Zionists, according to Steven Berkowitz of Habonim, a founder of the Coalition.

In announcing the group's formation, its leaders made public a "Charter of Reaffirmations: For the Love of Israel; For the Love of Justice and Peace," which is being circulated throughout North America for endorsement and signatures. The Charter calls for, in part, "the preservation of our democratic and humanistic values," "religious pluralism and tolerance," forging a society in Israel "that provides for political and social democracy as well as for economic justice," and "Zionist advocacy of self-determination for the Palestinian people."

CARTER PROCLAIMS JEWISH HERITAGE WEEK

WASHINGTON, April 28 (JTA) -- President Carter, in issuing his proclamation declaring the week of April 21-28 as Jewish Heritage Week, noted that "Jews have been contributing bountifully to the culture and history of our country" since "the Jewish scientists and mariners who helped Columbus reach the New World." He said "the Jewish people have richly endowed America and the American way of life. American Jews have made their heritage -- a heritage of struggle for freedom, knowledge and human dignity -- part of the inheritance of all Americans."

Noting that Jewish Heritage Week is celebrated each spring, Carter said, "This April is a particularly appropriate month because it contains events of special significance to the Jewish calendar -- Passover, the anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, Israel Independence Day, Solidarity Sunday for Soviet Jews and the Days of Remembrance of Victims and Survivors of the Holocaust." The President's proclamation was issued at the request of a joint resolution of Congress. The Jewish Community Relations Council of New York disclosed that it had mobilized Congressional support for the resolution and hailed Carter for signing it.