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EGYPT TELLS BRITAIN NOT TO RUSH INTO EUROPEAN INITIATIVE ON MIDEAST By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, May 29 (JTA) — Egypt has told Britain and Germany not to rush headlong towards a European initiative on the Middle East following the fruitless expiration of the May 26 target date for Palestinian autonomy.

This was made clear during the visit here this week by Vice President Hosni Mubarak during which he met Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington. He had already met President Carter in Washington and Chancellor Helmut Schmidt in Bonn.

Dr. Osama Al Baz, a senior Egyptian Foreign Ministry official involved in the autonomy negotiations, told the press that a European initiative would only be worthwhile, if its timing, wording and content were right and would have to be backed by the United States. Assuming that it should take the form of a United Nations Security Council resolution, Al Baz said that it should not specifically endorse a negotiating role for the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Despite the expiration of the May 26 date, he also thought that the present round of autonomy talks remained "the most viable way of pressing the Israelis on the Palestinian issue." He saw them as a "peaceful confrontation" which forced the Israelis to debate the Palestinian issue among themselves.

At the same time, Al Baz added, Egypt would only resume these talks on condition that Israel refrained from establishing or expanding settlements in occupied territories and froze the bill to make the annexation of East Jerusalem part of its fundamental law.

MAJOR ASSAULT ON ISRAEL'S SETTLEMENT POLICY DUE AT ILO CONCLAVE IN JUNE

By Tamar Levy

GENEVA, May 29 (JTA) — A major assault on Israel's settlement policy in the occupied territories will be launched by the Arab states at the International Labor Organization's (ILO) annual conference which opens here June 2, with the prospects of a prolonged, bitter debate. The issue will pose a serious dilemma for the ILO which seeks to avoid charges of polarization and for the United States which quit the ILO in 1977 after it adopted Arab-backed resolutions aimed against Israel.

A draft resolution, presented by Jordan, calls on the ILO to condemn Israeli settlements in the territories, including East Jerusalem and demands their immediate dismantling. It also calls on member states to stop giving help to Israel that might be used to support its settlement policy and to assist the Arabs in countering the effects of this policy and of the Israeli occupation in general.

The draft was published by the ILO. In a note attached to it, Francis Blanchard, Director General of the ILO, said that while he was critical of Israel's settlements policy, he had not had the opportunity to examine in depth its effects on development and employment prospects for the local Arab population.

Blanchard said there was wide support within the ILO for the principle that the conference

should not consider a resolution condemning a member state unless the allegations against it had been previously investigated through complaints procedures or by a commission of inquiry.

He added that the ILO's legitimate concern with the employment and labor consequences of Israel's settlement policy would most appropriately be expressed through procedures. Blanchard recalled that disregard of due process when the ILO adopted anti-Israel resolutions was one of the reasons the U.S. left the organization in 1977. It rejoined last February saying it was convinced the ILO has mended its ways.

Israeli diplomats here are dissatisfied with Blanchard's position and have accused him of capitulation to Arab pressure. According to the Israelis, the extreme and provocative nature of the draft resolution shows that the Arabs are very sure of themselves and is in fact a strong attack against the U.S. as well as Israel. The question remains whether the Americans will walk out if the resolution is adopted.

TWINS WHO HEAD THEIR CLASS BOYCOTT PROGRAM ON SHABBAT

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, May 29 (JTA) — Lynn and Susan Stein are twin sisters and valedictorians of their graduating class at Woodson High School in Fairfax, Va., but, being Orthodox Jews, they will not take part in the school's commencement exercises June 7 unless Virginia's Supreme Court orders the Fairfax County School Board to hold them on a date other than a Saturday. June 7 falls on a Saturday.

The twins are the eldest of seven children — five girls and two boys — of Dr. Jerome Stein, who practices medicine in the historic city of Alexandria, and Mrs. Evelyn Stein. The family came to Virginia from New York when the twins were infants. Fairfax does not have an Orthodox synagogue. The Steins are members of the Conservative congregation Olan Tikvah which is within walking distance of their home. The twins plan to major in biology in college starting next fall, Susan at Brandeis and Lynn at Haverford.

Washington attorney Michael Hausfeld, who represents the twins, went into the Fairfax County Circuit Court to have the graduation date changed. He told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the court was sympathetic to the girls' position but it held that attendance of students at a graduation ceremony is not mandatory and that the girls will get their diplomas. The case is now before the highest Virginia tribunal.

Need For A Sensitive Policy

The Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington considers that the Fairfax County School Board, which scheduled the commencement should establish a policy on graduation which is sensitive to the needs of Jewish students. "The Council invited the girls to address its leadership as a way of recognizing them for their courage, academic achievement and commitment to Judaism."

In a review of the history of their fight for a date change and in describing their motivation as growing from their strong, positive Jewish commitment, the girls said:

"When society begins to differentiate its members by reason of their sex, their race, or their

religion, then it begins to disintegrate the forces that bind it. When we can no longer tolerate any human being because he or she is a minority, a woman, a Black, a Mexican, a Jew, a Catholic, or an American Indian then we mark the beginning of our own decay. We must have pride in ourselves if we are to remain a proud society. We must stand erect, both as a nation and as individuals. We must learn to tolerate and continue to be tolerant of differences. This is the strength of our democracy.

"We cannot be ashamed of being different and for asking that our differences be accommodated when reasonably practicable. Next Yom Kippur, then, while reciting the Al Het, we should ask ourselves -- have we been ashamed? Ashamed of being different? Ashamed of being an individual? Ashamed of going against conformity? Ashamed of standing up for what we believe? Ashamed of who and what we are? Ashamed of being a Jew? These are things to be proud of. The only thing to be ashamed of, is being ashamed."

SAKHAROV'S SON WARNS EMIGRATION FROM USSR MUST NOT BE SOLELY JEWISH ISSUE

NEW YORK, May 29 (JTA) -- Andrei Semyonov, stepson of Soviet dissident and Nobel Laureate Andrei Sakharov, told the American Jewish Committee at its recent annual meeting that American Jews must support the right of people everywhere to freely emigrate.

Semyonov told the 400 people present that he and his stepfather are concerned about reports of a campaign in Israel to deny help to Soviet emigres who do not wish to go to Israel. He criticized further attempts to separate the issue of Soviet Jewish emigration from the human rights movement.

"We will never achieve truly free emigration from the USSR for the Jews," Semyonov said, "if we do not press for everyone's right to emigrate, if we do not insure the adoption and enforcement of laws guaranteeing this right to everyone." Semyonov immigrated to the U.S. a few years ago and is currently a student at Brandeis University.

Sees 'Increase Of Anti-Semitism'

He stressed that any attempts to make emigration a specifically Jewish issue will hurt Jews trying to leave the Soviet Union, not to mention those who choose to remain. "Any other approach to the Jewish problem in the USSR such as an attempt to consider the right to emigrate as an exclusively Jewish right will lead, and is already leading, to the increase of anti-Semitism," he said.

Meanwhile, he said, Sakharov has been placed under strict confinement in the Soviet Union. The only people Sakharov is allowed to talk with are "my mother and grandmother, his mother-in-law. My mother has been warned many times that the same kind of restrictions as in the case of Dr. Sakharov could be applied to her. If that happens, they will actually be totally cut off from the rest of the world." Defending Sakharov, Semyonov added, "means to be defending all persecuted people in the Soviet Union."

COTLER SEEKS NEW APPROACHES TO JEWISH ISSUES IN CANADA

By Michael Solomon

MONTREAL, May 29 (JTA) -- Irving Cotler, the McGill University law professor and newly elected president of the Canadian Jewish

Congress, has called for new approaches by Canadian Jewry to matters which concern it, such as the presentation of Israel's case to the government and public opinion in Canada and combatting assimilation.

These issues and the future of Jews in a French Quebec were discussed by the 40-year-old jurist in an exclusive interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency here. With respect to Israel, he said, "Part of our problem originates in the way the case was presented to the government and public opinion in Canada. We should advocate the cause of Israel not only because it is a Jewish cause but because it is a just cause. We should explain that Israel is a metaphor for human rights, that it has become the litmus test for democracy, that how it goes with Israel, so it will go with the rest of us. Thus we shall sensitize both the government of Canada and the public opinion, stressing the intrinsic merits of the case," Cotler said.

He added, "I am sufficiently convinced that Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau will respond on the merits of Israel's just cause."

How To Fight Assimilation

According to Cotler, fighting assimilation with the slogan "Jewish education" is an old cliché. "What is needed is a strategy of cross-commitments, networks of Jewish identities, that is an integrated approach to the family, the school, the religion, our camps and retreats; to pump in the Jewish experience wherever a Jewish child goes," he said. "We have to create a Jewish Gestalt -- an ambience one experiences in a very feeling sense. A good deal of the agenda for the eighties claims a greater dedication on the part of all of us which does not cost money. Within the financial means we have, we can get better results."

He said "If there is anti-Semitism in Quebec, there is no trace of it at the government level." He added, "Things for Jews in the Province of Quebec will be different but not necessarily worse."

400 ATTEND 'ARAB NIGHT' AT D.C. PRESS CLUB; EGYPTIANS ABSENT

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, May 29 (JTA) -- The National Press Club's "package" agreement with the Arab League, which includes the Palestine Liberation Organization in its membership, was completed last night with an "Arab Night" extravaganza attended by some 400 persons. While the guest list was not available, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was informed by club staff members that about half the attendance was made up of members of the Arab embassies in Washington and Arab Americans.

The JTA was told that Drew von Bergen, the club's president, had the only list and "he's gone away for a few days." The Arab League's information officer, Morwan Kanafani, who identified himself as a Palestinian, told the JTA that "all the embassies" of the League's member states in Washington were represented, except Egypt. Among those from the Carter Administration present was Paul Costello, assistant press secretary to Mrs. Rosalynn Carter.

During the night, four telephone bomb threats were received at the Press Club but no trace of the caller was reported. Police dogs were used to search the club's ballroom during the day and during the night but nothing was found. In the street outside the Press Club building last night, four men picketed the event, the only sign of protest. One of them, who identified himself as Mike Meir and said he represented only himself, charged that the Arabs were "buying" the press club.

KKK LEADER RUNNING FOR DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION IN CALIFORNIA PRIMARY

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, May 29 (JTA) -- A sequel to the near-victory by an avowed Nazi who sought the Republican nomination for State Attorney General in North Carolina's May 6 primary is the campaign by an avowed Ku Klux Klan leader for the Democratic nomination for Congress in California's primary June 3.

Harold Covington, who at 26 heads the National Socialist Party of America which also is known as the American Nazi Party, drew 43 percent of the vote in North Carolina and carried 45 of the state's 100 counties. However, a former federal prosecutor, Keith Snyder, was chosen by the Republicans over Covington.

In California's 43rd Congressional District, which embraces part of San Diego and communities northward including La Jolla, Oceanside and Riverside, Tom Metzgar, formerly the "grand dragon" and now "state chairman" of California's KKK, is trying to be the Democratic nominee to oppose the incumbent, Republican Clair Burgener who is looking for his fifth term.

While Metzgar is considered a likely winner against "unknowns" competing for the Democratic nomination, the district is overwhelmingly Republican and Burgener, who, incidentally, has a positive record of U.S. aid to Israel, is expected to triumph in November.

Extremists Switching Tactics

Republican leaders have disowned Covington and Democratic leaders have disowned Metzgar and neither want any part of them in their electioneering. The Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies at Yeshiva University in Los Angeles, called attention to party officials in Washington about both candidates. Rabbi Marvin Hier, the center's dean, observed to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that extremists have "switched tactics from howling on the street corners to enticement at the ballot boxes. Indeed there are quite a lot of people in the United States prepared to vote for such racists and anti-Semites and that is a most frightening reality."

Harry Compton, Burgener's administrative aide, told the JTA that Metzgar owns a small television repair shop and was the California KKK's grand dragon before the post was renamed "chairman." Compton said Metzgar "claims it proudly and is campaigning on it." Previously, Metzgar was a member of the American Independent Party but he switched to the Democratic Party last year, Compton said. When he ran for country supervisor in San Diego two years ago he drew 11,000 votes, Compton added.

Les Francis, executive director of the Democratic National Committee, told the JTA that Metzgar "will receive no aid and no comfort from this committee." Francis observed "one of the beauties of our system is that any citizen can run for office whether he is noble or repugnant" but "voters of all parties will reject candidates who espouse policies of racism, anti-Semitism or other perceptions that are antithetical to the concepts of civil and human rights."

After the North Carolina primary, Snyder remarked about the support for Covington: "I am appalled. I really am. I would hope that it's because I just am unknown." Covington, noting the 56,000 who voted for him as "either Nazis or fools," was quoted as saying "most conserva-

tives are closet Nazis. If you scratch a conservative you will find a Nazi underneath just as if you scratch a liberal you'll find a Communist."

Calls For Vigorous, Effective Response

Republican National Committee chairman Bill Brock personally wrote Rabbi Abraham Cooper, director of outreach at the Wiesenthal Center. His letter said: "To each of us who have indelibly learned the lessons of the Holocaust and who are dedicated to efforts to assure the elimination of the forces of hatred that inspire such crimes against humanity, the recent vote in North Carolina was sobering and of urgent concern. It mandates a vigorous and effective response; tempered only by the need to give no further public recognition to the representative of the National Socialist Party."

Brock said that Snyder "was the object of a campaign to confuse him with Covington on the basis of the possible Germanic derivation of his name. We are thankful this tactic was not sufficiently effective, that ignorance did not prevail." Brock added that while "the Republican Party on both the national and state levels has unequivocally condemned the Covington candidacy" and successfully defeated Covington, "this occurrence must serve as a source of inspiration to each of us to redouble our efforts toward the elimination of every vestige of ignorance and malice that provides a fertile seedbed for the development of repugnant ideologies and activities."

WAR AGAINST BUREAUCRATIC RED TAPE

JERUSALEM, May 29 (JTA) -- A group of senior Israeli officials has been working quietly for the past few months under the direction of the Prime Minister's Office, planning a war against one of the country's worst enemies -- bureaucratic red tape. One reform, expected to be instituted before the end of the year, is the issuance of a single identification number (ID) to every citizen.

The one number will replace the jungle of digits that every Israeli must now carry in his head or on his person: army number; tax number; national insurance number; driving license number and many more. All government departments will be plugged into a single national computer at the Interior Ministry which will use the ID number to simplify bureaucratic procedures.

The reforms represent the collective labors of a committee comprised of the director generals of all government ministries. It is chaired by Mattityahu Shmuelwitz, Director General of the Prime Minister's Office. An immediate result of his committee's work will be the distribution shortly of a government pamphlet explaining in simple language the procedures involved in 100 bureaucratic transactions, from obtaining a birth certificate to securing a permit to import a car.

Shmuelwitz is working especially hard to simplify the labyrinthine procedures that foreign investors must endure. He is hopeful that the time involved in consummating an investment in an Israeli enterprise will be reduced to a few weeks from the present waiting period of several months to a year. Under the new plan, the would-be investor will be required to submit his plans to a single office where they will be reviewed by representatives of the relevant authorities. The investor will not be required to make the rounds of various departments to seek approval, an exhausting, often frustrating process which sometimes results in the investor deciding not to invest.

SPECIAL REPORT THE JEWS OF BRAZIL

By Ben Frank

(Part Two Of A Two-Part Series)

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 29 (JTA) — Even for the Jewish community there is something magical about Rio de Janeiro. As Zevi Ghivelder, executive director of the influential popular magazine, *Manchete*, owned by Bloch Editores, put it, "Brazil is the suburb of the world; you pass through London, Paris, Rome, but you come to Brazil." And he quickly agreed that Rio is the "playground" of this suburb.

There is hardly a city in the world which can match the beauty of spectacular Rio: its beckoning, shiny, blue bays and calm ocean, its nearby mountains clothed in rich tropical vegetation and enhanced by the sun, and especially its beautiful beaches, beaches which not only affect the pace of the city, but even the life of organized Jewry.

It is said that the Jews of Sao Paulo, which is the business and industrial center of Brazil, with no beaches, are much better organized than their co-religionists in Rio, because they don't have to compete with the beaches and holiday atmosphere of Rio.

Indeed, perhaps it is because of the nature of this fun-loving city that when Orthodox Jews established a yeshiva, they moved it to the scenic hills of Petropolis, the beautiful town near Rio. They did this because they wanted to avoid the distractions of the city.

Dynamism Of The Orthodox Community

One discerns a certain dynamism among the Orthodox Jews of Brazil. I was told that just before one High Holy Day season, a group of yeshiva students from Brasilia, took the local phone book and literally telephoned every family whose name appeared to be Jewish and called on them to attend services. The community responded.

It takes sheer dynamism and determination to keep alive the kosher restaurant in the Bar Ilan School located at Rua Pompeu Loureiro 48, in Rio. The religious community is determined to offer a full-time kosher facility for the community and visiting tourists.

On Sundays, beginning at about 12 noon and lasting until 3 p.m. there is a buffet which brings together several hundred Jews in a social atmosphere. The building itself is composed of a school, a synagogue, several small prayer halls, club facilities for Bnei Akiva, the kosher dining room and restaurant, and even a bakery making piping hot challahs for the Sabbath.

The Orthodox community here was shocked by the sudden death of the Chief Rabbi of Rio, Rabbi Rachmij Blumenfeld. Wherever I went the grief was expressed by this community for Blumenfeld. Raised in Brazil, he was a "pillar of strength" for the Orthodox groups and especially for Beth Yaakov, commonly known as "Copacabana Synagogue." In the past, many Orthodox Jews would send their children to the U.S. and to Israel to study. But now, they want to establish in Rio an even more young and active native-born Orthodox community.

Carries Out Successful Events

This is a community that unites and puts its shoulder to the wheel to carry out successful events. "When the Jewish community does something, everyone turns out," it is said.

Such was the case with the Rio Jewish community during the Israel Week Exhibition held at the new, luxury Rio Palace Hotel on Avenida Atlantica, in Copacabana. The show, known as "Semana de Israel," ran for five days and displayed hundreds of Israeli export items viewed by thousands of "Cariocas," as the joie-de-vivre residents of Rio are fondly called.

Items ranged from irrigation systems to jewelry, to pottery, to religious goods and kosher foods. There was no admission to the Israel Week Exhibition which included entertainer Mati Caspi. Direct from Israel came two Israeli policewomen to direct traffic in fast-moving downtown Rio and the show was aided by El Al Israel Airlines and Varig Brazilian Airlines. Thousands of persons came each day to the Rio Palace whose three-storey mall of shops attached to the elegant hotel was utilized for the show.

Need For More Communication

My discussions in Brazil with Jewish leaders underscored one fact: there could be more communication between the North and South American Jewish communities; exchange of visits, tours. Ghivelder told me how the community would welcome delegations, journalists, visitors, tourists. It is easy to be isolated here, since Brazil, as noted, is "the suburb of the world."

But, whatever the previous misconceptions Americans have of Brazil, there is no doubt that Brazil in the next two decades will move up even higher as a giant among the nations of the world. In its headlong rush for industrialization, it has the people; the large urban areas; the land and the space (in food exports it is already second in the world only to the U.S.); the know-how (it is already considered a developing nuclear power and though it now imports 85 percent of its petroleum, it has pioneered in gasohol).

It would behoove American Jews to become better acquainted with their co-religionists, the Jews of Brazil, who are playing an important part in this ebullient nation.

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Max Kampelman, Washington attorney who was a political intimate of the late Vice-President and Senator Hubert H. Humphrey, has been named by President Carter to be co-chairman of the U.S. delegation to the review meeting of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe — the Helsinki Commission — to be held in Madrid November 11 after a preliminary session starting September 9. Kampelman, chairman of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, continues to be a key advisor in Democratic Party strategy. Former Attorney General Griffin Bell, of Atlanta, will be chairman of the delegation.

CORRECTION

An article in the May 23 Daily News Bulletin dealing with Jewish emigration from Cuba in the early 1960s stated that Premier Fidel Castro broke diplomatic relations with Israel after the Six-Day War in 1967. Actually, he broke relations with Israel in September 1973 during a meeting of non-aligned nations in Algeria.

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The number of olim to Israel has declined in the first four months of this year, according to the Jewish Agency. Some 1787 olim arrived last month, compared to 2208 in March. The total number of olim this year was 8510, a decrease of 28.4 percent compared to the same period last year.