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BEGIN URGES IRANIAN JEWS TO LEAVE THAT COUNTRY WITHOUT DELAY

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, June 11 (JTA) -- Premier Menachem Begin called on the Jews of Iran to get out of that country as soon as possible and go wherever they choose. "We would prefer, of course, that they come to Israel, but the main thing is that they leave because they are in real danger," Begin said.

He expressed that view at a meeting of the Coordinating Committee of Iranian Immigrants in Israel. The session was chaired by Likud MK Moshe Katsav who noted that Iran permitted the exit of its citizens but under severe restrictions with respect to what property and assets they could take with them.

Begin and Katsav seemed to imply that in view of the recent "judicial" moves against a number of Jews in Iran, Iranian Jews should set aside proprietary considerations and flee while they still can. "They do not seem to realize the danger of their situation," Katsav told reporters after the meeting.

Although many Jews left Iran after the rabidly anti-Israel Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini took power in last year's revolution, many have since returned and the majority of Iranian Jews still live in that country. Katsav blamed the indifferent attitude of Israeli society toward Iranian Jews who came to settle in Israel for the lack of any large-scale immigration from Iran despite the ongoing turmoil there. He said the meeting decided to establish an "emergency group" to stimulate public opinion and private efforts to "save Iranian Jewry."

WHITE HOUSE SAYS AUTONOMY NEGOTIATORS WILL MEET IN WASHINGTON 'TO PREPARE' FOR RESUMPTION OF TALKS; NO DATE SET

By Joseph Palakoff

WASHINGTON, June 11 (JTA) -- The White House announced today that the negotiators of Egypt, Israel and the United States will meet in Washington "to prepare for the resumption of formal negotiations" on autonomy for the West Bank and Gaza. Presidential news secretary Jody Powell said no date has been set for the meeting of Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali, Israeli Interior Minister Yosef Burg, and Special United States Ambassador Sol Linowitz.

"All parties recognize it is essential to pursue negotiations to a successful conclusion as expeditiously as possible," Powell said.

With Jordan's King Hussein arriving Tuesday to see President Carter and the President going to Europe a week from tomorrow, there was some speculation that the negotiators may not meet until after the President's return at the end of June.

Meanwhile, at the State Department, spokesman Hodding Carter said that the absence of reference by Secretary of State Edmund Muskie to the United Nations Security Council Resolution 338 in his Middle East speech Monday, was an "omission." That resolution was adopted after the Yom Kippur War and buttresses United Nations Security Council Resolution 242 that the West European countries now want to modify. The United States has said it will maintain Resolution 242.

Spokesman Carter would not confirm that Muskie had approved the statement made at the State Department yesterday that seemed to indicate the State Department is opposed to any more Jewish settlers living on the West Bank or Gaza. The spokesman said that the statement was "cleared in this building."

SHELI SETTING UP 'UNARMED MILITIA' FOR PROTECTION AGAINST RIGHT-WINGERS

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, June 11 (JTA) -- The leftist Sheli faction announced today that it would set up an "unarmed militia" to protect its members and property against attacks by right-wing extremists. The party's Knesset members, Uri Avnery and Meir Pail, said the militia would carry no weapons but would seek to deter violence by "being present" when required.

The announcement was made after Sheli's party headquarters in Tel Aviv were vandalized and smeared with paint by unknown assailants. The police are investigating the incident which occurred Sunday night. Sheli Knesset members have reported receiving anonymous telephone calls threatening them, their families and property.

Marek Geffen, editor of the Mapam Party newspaper Al Hamishmar, reported a telephone threat last night from a group calling itself "Terror Against Terror," the same group that claimed credit for ransacking the Sheli offices. Geffen said the caller denounced the newspaper staff as "traitors" and warned that they would be "exterminated."

The police are also investigating the complaint of a writer who had a Peace Now bumper sticker on his car. He found his windshield smeared with black paint.

EXPERT ON EAST EUROPE OPPOSES MFN FOR ROMANIA

WASHINGTON, June 11 (JTA) -- An expert on Eastern Europe told Congressmen yesterday that "Rumania has made no fundamental improvement in emigration since last summer's public guarantees to American Jewish organizations" and therefore most-favored-nation trade status should not be extended to that country for another year.

Opposition to MFN status for Rumania was expressed by Jacob Birnbaum, national director of the Center for Russian and East European Jewry, in testimony before the Trade Subcommittee of the House Ways and Means Committee. He contended that the Rumanian authorities have not implemented their promise to the American Jewish organizations that "application forms will be readily available and will be processed expeditiously." He said that the Center's latest information showed that there was no simplification of emigration procedures, no cessation of harassment of would-be exit applicants and a "continued, controlled drop in emigration to Israel" during 1980. He said the average flow of 60-70 emigrants monthly compared unfavorably with last summer's forecast of 150 monthly, and 300-400 monthly during 1973-74 when the Rumanians were seeking MFN under the Trade Reform Act as amended by the Jackson-Vanik Amendment.

Birnbaum disagreed with the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations which recommended yesterday that MFN status for

Romania be extended for one year despite some persistent problems.

SUSPECTS HELD IN SHOOTING OF BORDER POLICEMAN

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, June 11 (JTA) -- An Israeli border policeman shot by a sniper in East Jerusalem yesterday, underwent surgery this morning for a stomach wound and was reported to be in satisfactory condition. The incident occurred in broad daylight near the Herod's Gate, a busy commercial district crowded with shoppers and tourists.

The police have refused to release details of their investigation but it was learned that several of the dozens of suspects rounded up immediately after the shooting are still being held. The majority of them have been released.

Security agencies are also investigating the planting of a heavy anti-personnel mine on a dirt road near the Jewish settlement of Givon on the West Bank north of Jerusalem this week. The mine was safely defused. But that incident and the Jerusalem shooting were seen by the authorities as signs that a new wave of terrorist acts by the Palestine Liberation Organization has begun. The public was warned today to be constantly on the alert for suspicious looking objects on roads and public places and for possibly booby-trapped letters and parcels.

SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS RIGHT TO PROTEST ACTION AGAINST ANTI-ZIONIST UN RESOLUTION AT PUBLIC MALL

NEW YORK, June 11 (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress hailed as "a major victory for civil liberties" a unanimous decision by the U.S. Supreme Court yesterday upholding the right of Hebrew school students to collect signatures at a California shopping center protesting the United Nations anti-Zionist resolution.

The AJCongress had filed a friend-of-the-court brief in support of the public's right to circulate petitions or otherwise peacefully exercise their rights at free speech in privately owned shopping centers. The case -- Pruneyard Shopping Center vs. Robbins -- arose in San Jose, California, when Jewish students at Temple Emanuel, as part of a class project, sought to collect signatures for a petition opposing the UN resolution that condemned Zionism as a form of racism.

Commenting on the decision, Prof. Abraham S. Goldstein of Yale Law School, chairman of the Commission on Law and Social Action of the American Jewish Congress, declared:

"The unanimous decision of the high court is a major victory for civil liberties. A shopping center in contemporary California is the modern equivalent of the Greek agora. We are gratified that the Supreme Court has ruled that First Amendment guarantees must be afforded at these modern day public forums."

The American Jewish Congress brief, in which the Synagogue Council of America joined, was written by Nathan Z. Dershowitz, director of the American Jewish Congress Commission on Law and Social Action, and staff attorneys Victoria B. Eiger and Mark Stern.

SIX ISRAELI GENERALS ATTACK AUTONOMY PLAN AS DANGEROUS TO ISRAEL'S DEFENSE

NEW YORK, June 11 (JTA) -- A group of six retired Israeli generals expressed "grave concern" over Israel's ability to defend itself under

terms of the Camp David agreements and urged the Israeli government to scrap plans for autonomy on the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The generals' statement was released here by the Ad Hoc Committee for Settlement in the Land of Israel. Its organizer, Hadassah Marcus, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that she works closely with the ultra-nationalist Tehiya faction in Israel. She said that on a recent trip to Israel she was approached by the generals who asked that her group release their statement to the American media.

The generals claimed that "the autonomy plan as currently formulated, poses grave dangers to Israel's survival." They said that "Contrary to certain views now being raised in Western Europe and with some support in the United States, it is our considered judgement that without Israel's present borders, the Israel Defense Forces will be unable to safeguard the State of Israel and assure its independence."

The signatories of the statement are Gen. Aharon David; Dan Taner; Benny Peled; Ddn Talkovsky; Avraham Yoffe, and Meir Zoreah.

LABORITES SCORE GAIN IN CIVIL SERVANTS UNION ELECTIONS

TEL AVIV, June 11 (JTA) -- The Labor Party scored a substantial gain in this week's elections held by the Federation of Civil Servants while Likud and its religious bloc coalition partners suffered a loss. Labor garnered 61.6 percent of the trade union's vote, up from 52.2 percent in the last elections.

Likud dropped from 18.9 to 13.9 percent and the religious parties from 13.2 to 11.6 percent. The Independent Liberal Party also fell from 7.9 to 2.8 percent. The Shat faction scored almost two percent, a gain, but the Democratic Movement received less than one percent of the vote, below the minimum required for representation in the union's bodies.

Only about 50 percent of the members eligible to vote cast ballots.

JERUSALEM MUNICIPALITY NOT EVICTING POVERTY SQUATTERS

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, June 11 (JTA) -- About 40 slum families have pitched tents and are building concrete and brick homes on State-owned land south of Jerusalem in violation of the law. But the Jerusalem municipality made it clear today that it is in no hurry to evict the squatters.

"We will not pull the government's chestnuts out of the fire," a municipal source said. The families, who call themselves "Ohelim" -- literally tent-dwellers -- say they are modeling their action on the Gush Enimim. But their motivation is neither religious nor ideological; it is their way of alleviating the acute housing shortage that has plagued Jerusalem for years without any effective relief from the government.

The municipal source agreed that "The housing shortage and soaring housing prices are a national problem" and the Jerusalem authorities will not help the government by quashing this latest demonstration against it. The municipality indicated, however, that it would adhere to the normal legal process once the Israel Lands Authority, which owns the plot of wasteland in the Katamon slum quarter, initiates formal proceedings against the squatters.

The illegal building effort is being financed by independent MK Samuel Flatto-Sharon, a millionaire who had been accused of election irregularities after he won a Knesset seat in 1977. This has created discord among the squatters, some of whom would prefer to do without Flatto's largesse.

POLICE IN MASSIVE SEARCH FOR 8-YEAR-OLD BOY KIDNAPPED FOR RANSOM By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, June 11 (JTA) — Police and troops, aided by helicopters, began a massive search today for eight-year-old Oran Yarden who was kidnapped Sunday but not released after his parents paid the IL 2 million demanded by the kidnapers. The crime is said to be the first of its kind in Israel.

The youngster, son of Penina and Amos Yarden of Tel Aviv, was last seen entering a car in the wealthy Savoyon section. Witnesses said the child was summoned to the car by a khaki-clad man but were not certain whether he entered it freely or was forced. A telephone call to his parents Sunday night said the boy was safe and demanded the money. The police were informed by then but the kidnapping was kept secret to protect the boy's safety. The kidnapers called again Tuesday with instructions.

Plainclothes police detectives followed Oran's father to a place in the countryside near Kfar Saba where he found further instructions to drop the ransom money in an empty barrel at a roadside. He complied, but his son, who was to have been freed within a half-hour never appeared. Police reported that a man dressed in black picked up the money. He was followed by detectives but eluded them. According to the police, they did not arrest the man because they still hoped the child would be released.

For that reason, the search for the kidnapers did not begin until midnight last night.

MEYER LANSKY CAN RETURN TO ISRAEL FOR HIGH HOLIDAYS

JERUSALEM, June 11 (JTA) — Meyer Lansky, the reputed one-time Czar of organized crime in the U.S., will be permitted to return to Israel from where he was evicted in 1972 after being denied citizenship because of his criminal past. Interior Minister Yosef Burg, who ordered his ouster eight years ago, lifted the ban after Lansky, who lives in Miami Beach, expressed a desire to visit Israel for Rosh Hashanah.

Burg said Lansky could stay here for up to one month, according to a report in Yedioth Achronot. He said he decided to lift the ban after obtaining evidence that the alleged racketeer was in poor health.

Lansky fled to Israel in 1971 to avoid trial in the U.S. on tax evasion charges. He was subsequently tried in federal court and acquitted. He applied for citizenship under the Law of Return but the Supreme Court turned him down on grounds that the law did not apply to known criminals. It was feared that Lansky's residence here would attract other organized crime figures to the country.

ILO AGENDA COMMITTEE GIVES PRIORITY TO ANTI-ISRAEL RESOLUTION By Tamar Levy

GENEVA, June 11 (JTA) — The International Labor Organization (ILO) annual conference's agenda committee has decided to give priority to a resolution by Jordan condemning Israel for its settlements policy and calling for a boycott against Israel.

During the debate, Israeli Ambassador Yoel Barzani said "What is at stake here is more than the question of another anti-Israel resolution. It is the credibility and reputation of the ILO. It is its capacity to make a stand against selective morality, political manipulation and intimidation.

It is the respect for law and decency. This spirit of equity and faithfulness to principles and rules has been in the past the source of the ILO's vitality and endurance. It should prove once more strong and resilient enough to have the Jordanian resolution rejected."

The Libyan delegate was particularly violent. He attacked Egypt viciously, was called to order by the President and finally the President of the session cut him short following an uproar in the Assembly.

The Libyan ranted against the "imperialistic plan" to try and erase the Palestinian question from the international scene. He accused Sweden, Senegal, Egypt, Morocco, Italy, France, England, Holland, India, South Korea, Greece, Spain and Portugal of torturing workers in those countries.

KNESSET MEMBERS, FED UP WITH INVECTIVE, SEEK TO RAISE LEVEL OF DEBATE By David Landau

JERUSALEM, June 11 (JTA) — An all-party group of Knesset members launched an initiative today to raise the level of parliamentary debate which has sunk to new lows in recent weeks. The drive is headed by Yosef Sapir of the Shai faction and Deputy Speaker Meir Abramowitz of the Aguda bloc.

It was prompted by the violent rhetoric which has characterized recent Knesset sessions, replete with personal insults, curses and catcalls. The expulsion of members from the chamber has been an almost daily occurrence.

The issue came to a head this week after an exceptionally vitriolic exchange between Uri Avneri of the Shai faction and Justice Minister Shmuel Tamir of the Democratic Movement. At a session last week, Shmuel Toledano of Shai was called an "anti-Semite" by Haim Druckman of the National Religious Party. He in turn called Druckman "nevelah" (carcass).

Monday's Session One Of Worst

Harsh words capped by personal insults are not an unusual occurrence in Israel's boisterous parliamentary chamber. But a limit seems to have been reached on Monday. The principal antagonists were Avneri and Tamir. The immediate issue was a recent anti-government rally attended by prominent Israeli Arabs in Nazareth which gave the Communist Mayor of that town, Tawfik Zayyad, a platform to denounce Israel's continued occupation of the West Bank.

Zayyad, who happens to be a Knesset member of the Hadash Communist Party, repeated some of his remarks and insisted that the Palestinians have a right to fight the "unjust occupation" by force. MK Roni Milo of Herut and some members of the opposition Labor Party attacked Zayyad from the floor. Milo called him "an accessory to child murder at Misgav Am."

Zayyad's statements in Nazareth are under investigation by the Attorney General to determine if they constituted sedition. This may have prompted Avneri to launch an attack on the Justice Minister. He said Tamir was making accusations against the peace camp in Israel which could endanger their lives from groups of right-wing Jewish extremists. Several Knesset doves, including Laborite Yossi Sarid and David Glass of the National Religious Party, have received anonymous death threats recently.

Avneri also claimed that Tamir, a one-time member of the Irgun led by Menachem Begin, never saw action and never served in the army.

Tamir retorted by casting aspersions on the popular, often racy weekly magazine Haalam Hazeh, edited by Avneri. "You are a man who lives

on filth," he shouted, to which Avneri shouted back, "You are an idiot." He demanded to see Tamir's military service card. Tamir alleged that Avneri had once told him that he admired the works of Goebbels, Stalin and Hitler's Mein Kampf. "Disciple of Goebbels," was his characterization of his fellow MK.

Livid with rage, Avneri demanded that the Knesset Deputy Speaker, Meir Abramowitz of the Aguda Israel faction, silence Tamir. But Abramowitz refused, telling Avneri, "You said worse things."

JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS SPLIT OVER COMPLAINT AGAINST GRADUATION EXERCISES HELD ON SABBATH

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, June 11 (JTA) -- Jewish communal organizations are not of one mind as to whether Lynn and Susan Stein, twins of nearby Fairfax, Va., who shunned their high school graduation exercises last Saturday because they were held on the Sabbath, should take the issue to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The American Jewish Congress has joined with the two Orthodox girls in their decision to have the nation's highest tribunal consider their appeal that in the future institutions like Virginia's Woodson High School and the Fairfax County School Board should not hold such events on Sabbath days. However, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington and the National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs (COLPA) see the circumstances from a different perspective.

When Woodson High conducted its exercises last Saturday morning, Lynn and Susan were attending services at the Conservative congregation Olan Tikvah, Fairfax's only synagogue, which is within walking distance of the Stein home. Numerous friends were prepared to boycott the graduation in sympathy but the sisters discouraged them. "This is an event that comes once in a lifetime and you should take part," they told classmates.

Valuedictorian Honors For One Sister

Of the 512 students in the class, 12 are Jewish. Besides the Stein sisters, one other Jew declined to attend the exercises. George Hamil, spokesman for the Fairfax County School Board, informed the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the class had six valuedictorians and Susan was one of them but not Lynn. Hamil said that Lynn had a 4.0 average until she received a "B" in calculus for the last semester that "pulled her down."

Noting that the twins had been trying since last December to get the exercises held on a day other than the Sabbath, their lawyer, Washington attorney Michael Hausfeld, told the JTA that Lynn "devoted so much time to the effort that it had to take its toll somewhere." Hausfeld said that unless the school authorities change their policy so that exercises will not take place on the Sabbath day for Christians or Jews. The girls are prepared to take the issue to the Supreme Court. They have until the end of August to take that action.

The Virginia Supreme Court on May 29, eight days before graduation, agreed with the Fairfax Circuit Court against overruling the County Board which by a 5-3 vote refused to change the date. Woodson's principal and two area school superintendents had previously rejected the twins' appeal.

Traces Of Anti-Semitism

The attention resulting from the issue brought about what The Washington Post described editorially as "traces of anti-Semitism." School authorities said that if threats were evidenced they should have been brought to their attention. Mrs. Evelyn Stein, mother of the twins, told the JTA "I have seven children and I don't want them hurt." The twins are the oldest in the family of Dr. Jerome Stein, a physician who practices in northern Virginia, and Mrs. Stein. JTA was informed by sources close to the case that they know of anti-Semitic remarks by Woodson students and threats that jeering at the graduation against Jewish students would ensue if the graduation were postponed.

When the case was before the Virginia Supreme Court, the ADL, the Washington Council and COLPA suggested through their counsel, Washington attorney Nathan Lewin, that the court rule in support of the girls' complaint but not to defer the graduation since it was so close to its scheduled date. Lewin, who has often appeared in court on behalf of Orthodox Jewish causes, told the JTA that "we hoped for a victory on principle." The three organizations filed their brief with the court on May 27. A hearing was held the next day and the court's denial came the following day.

Opposition Explained

In opposing further court proceedings, Lewin told the JTA that the issue is not like compulsory participation in employment or professional testing that involve the Sabbath. "Attendance at graduation is not an absolute requirement," Lewin noted.

"There is no question the girls will get their diplomas."

As for the twins' view of the legal process, Lynn said: "It's not over. We're not finished. It will never be finished until the date gets changed."

BEGIN SAYS HE IS CONFIDENT LIKUD WILL WIN NEXT ELECTIONS

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, June 11 (JTA) -- Premier Menachem Begin told the Likud Knesset faction that he was confident Likud would win the next elections, scheduled to be held in 1981. But he said he strongly favored the merger of all of the factions comprising Likud into a single party for which he proposed the name "Likud for Israel Party."

According to Begin, the public is fed up with Labor Party leaders Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Rabin and their interminable fight for control of the party. It will reaffirm its trust in Likud next year, he said. He also assured the Likud MKs that the Cabinet members no longer engage in internecine battles but have "turned over a new leaf." At the last Cabinet meeting, he said, there were no raised voices, no exchanges of insults. The four-hour meeting -- brief by Cabinet standards -- was businesslike and efficient, Begin said.

However, there was one jarring note. Herut MK Dov Shilansky deplored attacks by some ministers on Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon, the leading spokesman for a hard line toward Arabs who create disorders in the occupied territories and for massive Jewish settlement of the West Bank. He referred specifically to a private letter written by Deputy Premier Simcha Ehrlich of the Liberal Party to an unidentified member of the party in which he expressed fear that if Sharon had been named Defense Minister he might have engineered a coup d'etat and ended democratic government in Israel. Ehrlich refused to apologize for the letter which was leaked to the press last week.