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## BURG GOES TO WASHINGTON FOR TALKS WITH EGYPTIANS, U.S. ON RESUMING PALESTINIAN AUTONOMY NEGOTIATIONS

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, June 29 (JTA) — Interior Minister Yosef Burg, Israel's chief negotiator in the autonomy talks, left for Washington today for a series of meetings aimed at re-starting the negotiations which were suspended by President Anwar Sadat on May 15.

He is to meet with Egypt's principal negotiator, Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali and U.S. special Ambassador Sol Linowitz Wednesday and Thursday in what has been described as an attempt to reach agreement on a date for resuming the stalled talks. Burg and Ali are also expected to meet with Secretary of State Edmund Muskie and possibly with President Carter.

Burg, who departed with the good wishes of Premier Menachem Begin and the Cabinet, was disturbed by what he claimed was a pre-talks "atmosphere" engendered by Egypt to put Israel "on the defensive." He attributed this to a leak to the Israeli media last week of what he said was an uncrystallized Israeli plan for security arrangements on the West Bank after autonomy was implemented. The plan drew negative reactions from Cairo and Washington. Burg denounced the leak and said those responsible should be punished.

The initial Egyptian response, voiced by Ali Friday was that the reported Israeli plan was a "contradiction to Camp David." But after consultations with Sadat, the Egyptian Foreign Minister told reporters yesterday that Egypt would "wait and see" if there was a change in the Israeli attitude.

## Security Plan Outlined

The leaked plan calls for Israeli forces to withdraw from towns and other Arab populated areas of the West Bank but to remain close by to intervene in case of disorders. The army would continue to be deployed along all strategic roads and junctions. It would occupy the Jordan Valley and high ground in the Samaria district. Its movements would be entirely free and at the sole discretion of Israel with no reference to the Arab self-governing authority.

Jewish settlements on the West Bank would be linked together by Israeli armed forces and Israel would continue to control the air space over the territory. There would be an overall reduction of Israel's armed forces on the West Bank as stipulated by the Camp David agreements.

In a radio interview Friday, Burg described the purpose of his mission to Washington as "re-threading the needle after the cotton has broken." He stressed that he was not authorized to enter into any substantive negotiations during his trip.

In an interview published in Haaretz today, Burg said he did not know what proposals the other side would want to raise when the talks are resumed and therefore he would adopt a flexible approach. His main assignment, he said, was to fix a date for a formal resumption of the autonomy negotiations, to work out a timetable and to determine which issues were to be discussed and at what levels of committees and subcommittees.

## JEWES NOT TO BENEFIT BY NEW GERMAN COMPENSATION PLAN

By David Kantor

BONN, June 29 (JTA) — Jews are not expected to be among the beneficiaries of a 150 million Mark special foundation the Bundestag will ask the government to create to compensate "hard core" cases of Nazi victims who have received no reparations under previous laws and agreements. According to financial sources, the monies will go primarily to German Gypsies and victims who immigrated into West Germany from Eastern Europe after 1969, the cut-off date for claiming reparations.

Jewish claims still pending will be paid through the New York-based Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany which is expected to receive a total of 440 million Marks from the Federal Republic over the next several years in a "final financial gesture" toward Jewish Holocaust victims. The Bundestag has earmarked 50 million Marks in its current budget for that purpose.

The decision to call for a new foundation was supported by the Social Democratic Party-Liberal coalition. The opposition Christian Democratic Union abstained. One CDU member, Franz-Heinrich Krey, observed that the plan failed to honor a decision in December, 1979 by all three factions to link the final round of reparations payments to Nazi victims with the financial claims of Nazi civil servants of the Hitler era for pensions and other back payments. The Social Democrats and Jewish organizations have attacked the linkage for equating "the fate of the victims and their oppressors."

## HISTADRUT AGREES TO 7.5 PERCENT HIKE

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, June 29 (JTA) — A new wage agreement calling for an immediate 7.5 percent increase in wages retroactive to April, was ratified by the Histadrut Executive today. The agreement was signed Friday by Histadrut and the Manufacturers Association representing employers. Another 7.5 percent wage hike will be paid later in the fiscal year, probably in October.

In addition to the wage boost, workers will receive a 17.9 percent cost-of-living allowance which will raise their total income by 26.7 percent next month. This will be made possible by adjusting the income tax tables to the new C.O.L. index.

With the retroactive pay increase for April, May and June included, salaries in July will rise by IL 10,000. The government is expected to approve the same rates of increase for public service employees although it may try to create some differential between production workers and service workers.

## BEGIN URGES AMERICAN JEWS TO OPPOSE ARMS FOR ARABS

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, June 29 (JTA) — The week-long meeting of the Zionist General Council, placid and routine for the most part, ended Thursday with an impassioned appeal by Premier Menachem Begin to American Jews to fight Carter Administration plans to sell advanced weaponry to Jordan and Saudi Arabia and a bitter, jarring debate over Israel's settlement policy in the West Bank.

Begin, who delivered the closing address Thursday night, said Israel was deeply concerned by

Saudi Arabia's demand for sophisticated equipment that would enable its F-15 combat jets to attack targets in Israel, and also by the American intentions to provide Jordan with modern M-60 tanks. There has been no American decision so far on the Saudi request which includes extra fuel tanks to increase the F-15s' operational range.

Begin warned that if the Saudi planes are so equipped, they could wreak havoc on Israel's population in case of war. "We would shoot down many of them but you can't down them all," he said. With respect to Jordan, he said that country was already receiving British Chieftain tanks and the addition of U.S. M-60s to its armored force would pose serious problems for Israel.

The debate on the settlement issue indicated how deeply the controversy runs. At the end, both sides could claim a partial victory. But Leon Dulzin, chairman of the World Zionist Organization and Jewish Agency Executives, made it clear that the debate was academic because the WZO is committed to build settlements wherever the government tells it to regardless of the sentiments expressed by the General Council.

The debate developed into a shouting match. Voices were strident and tempers were hot. On one hand, the Likud coalition delegates, headed by Mattityahu Drobless, co-chairman of the WZO settlement department, was forced to withdraw a motion calling for the WZO to concentrate on settlements in "areas of sparse Jewish population," obviously a reference to the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The Likud forces realized the motion would be defeated.

But Likud won a narrow victory when a Labor Party motion to give priority to settlements in Israel proper -- Galilee, the Negev and the Arava district -- was narrowly defeated, 60-54. The first vote, by show of hands, was inconclusive and each side demanded a roll-call vote. By then, however, a number of the 170 delegates had left the hall.

#### No Effect On WZO Policy

Dulzin noted that whichever way the vote went, it would have no effect whatever on WZO policy. He explained that the WZO is obliged by contract to implement the settlement policy of the Israeli government, irrespective of which party heads it. The WZO settlement department will build settlements regardless of what resolutions the Zionist General Council may adopt, he said.

Another controversial draft resolution to require Zionist leaders abroad to settle in Israel after serving two terms in office or relinquish their leadership roles, was quietly buried under strong pressure by Hadassah and other veteran Zionist groups.

The "young guards" of the various factions had backed the resolution and it was supported by a number of Israeli newspapers. But the older generation of the WZO leadership, both in Israel and abroad, had it effectively shelved by referring the draft to the Constitution Committee. The same committee had reported earlier in the week that a similar resolution adopted by the 29th World Zionist Congress was "unclear and vague" and therefore could not be implemented until it was "clarified."

There was a departure from usual practice at the closing session when Max Fisher, chairman of the Jewish Agency Board of Governors, addressed the Zionist Council. He sharply criticized the politicization of the WZO along party lines.

## CABINET FAILS TO REACH DECISION ON CUTTING MILITARY BUDGET

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, June 29 (JTA) -- The Cabinet failed to reach a decision today on a disputed additional cut in the defense budget and referred the matter back to the Ministerial Economic Committee which meets again tomorrow in another attempt to resolve the issue. At stake is between IL 1.5 billion which Finance Minister Yigal Hurwitz wants to trim from defense expenditures this year in addition to the IL 7 billion cut agreed to a week ago and accepted, albeit reluctantly, by the defense establishment.

The Defense Ministry raised strenuous objections to any further curtailment of its budget and was supported by Premier Menachem Begin who is serving temporarily as Defense Minister. Last week, Chief of Staff Gen. Raphael Eitan warned that the proposed cuts would affect national security and the government "could not" allow them. A senior military source said that when the army accepted the IL 7 billion reduction it was understood to be the final one and the basis for rational planning by the armed forces.

The Cabinet, in effect, approved in principle the IL 5.4 billion overall cut in the State budget. But it called on the Ministerial Economic Committee to determine how the economies will be apportioned among the various ministries. Hurwitz expressed hope that the budget deliberations would be completed tomorrow. He said he was slowly "losing my patience" but he told reporters that this was not a threat of resignation.

Hurwitz had implied several times in recent weeks that he might quit unless the budget is reduced to a size compatible with his war on inflation. At today's Cabinet session, Begin warned his ministers to be more cautious about resignation threats. He said almost all of them have made such threats, except himself.

#### ALEXANDER BRIN DEAD AT 87

BOSTON, June 29 (JTA) -- Funeral services were held Friday in Brookline for Alexander Brin, editor and publisher of the Jewish Advocate of Boston, who died Wednesday after a lengthy illness at the age of 87.

Brought to this country from Russia by his widowed mother at the age of 11, Brin went to work as a newsboy to help bring over his sister, Sarah and his younger brother, Joseph. Winner of an essay contest sponsored by Mayor John Fitzgerald, grandfather of President Kennedy, he was given a job as office boy on the Boston Herald and within three years became a staff reporter.

A dramatic series of articles by him on the Leo Frank case in Georgia attracted the attention of Louis Brandeis, then a Boston attorney, who asked Brin, then 21, to become editor of the Advocate, succeeding Jacob de Haas, a former secretary to Theodor Herzl.

While editor of the Advocate, he served longer on the Massachusetts Board of Education -- 39 years -- than any other member. He was the first Jew to become chairman.

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- There have been new "important" developments in the kidnapping case of Oran Yarden, the 8-year-old Savyon resident, kidnapped this month, Interior Minister Yosef Burg told the Cabinet Sunday. No further details were available, but Burg said this time the police have found a "real lead" and are making an effort to conclude the investigation.

## JDC OPENS NEW ISRAEL HEADQUARTERS AS SYMBOL OF CENTRALITY OF JERUSALEM TO JEWISH PEOPLE

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, June 29 (JTA) — The Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) formally opened its new Israel headquarters here today. It was described by Ralph I. Goldman, executive vice president of the world-wide social service organization as "a positive statement for us of the centrality of Jerusalem to the Jewish people."

JDC president Donald M. Robinson referred to the new headquarters complex, on what is now being known as "JDC Hill," as "visible evidence of the bonds that join us and of our common destiny," Premier Menachem Begin, who was supposed to have headed a group of Israeli dignitaries to the inaugural ceremonies, was unable to attend because of pressing political matters. He sent his wife, Aliza, as his personal representative. His message, prepared for the occasion, was read by Welfare Minister Israel Katz.

In it, the Premier recalled the JDC's work in pre-war Europe, which he had known "at first hand." He noted that he follows closely the JDC's work in Israel, "especially with the aged and handicapped and with community centers." The Premier's message also mentioned the JDC's role in the post-war "bricha" — the efforts to move Jewish concentration camp survivors through war-ravaged Europe to Palestine before the State of Israel was founded.

Katz also thanked the JDC for its efforts in Israel, speaking on his own behalf and for the government. After the inaugural ceremonies, President Yitzhak Navon and his wife, Ophira, hosted the guests at a festive reception. Mrs. Navon noted that as a child psychologist by profession she had worked for many years in JDC projects involving hard-of-hearing pre-school children.

In addition to Katz, the government was represented by Health Minister Eliezer Shostack. Jack Weiler, chairman of the JDC board and a veteran American Jewish leader, affixed a mezuzah to the door of the headquarters building, flanked by Sephardic Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef and Aharon Greenbaum, head of the JDC's cultural activities in Israel.

### New Director Takes Office

The inauguration marked the assumption of the office of director of the JDC in Israel by Zev Hymowitz, succeeding Harold Tobe who has retired and will return to the U.S.

Robinson noted that the JDC has invested more than a quarter billion dollars in programs in Israel since 1914, the year it was established to meet the needs of Jews in Palestine. This was part of the JDC's total expenditures of \$1.2 billion over the years, Robinson said.

The new Israel headquarters will house all of the agency's administrative apparatus along with its Brookdale Institute for Gerontology, "Eshel," the association for development and planning services for the aged and its other programs in Israel. The low, modern-style building was designed by Yaacov Rechter and is located at the entrance to the Hebrew University campus at Givat Ram.

Goldman observed that "It is hard to tell from looking at this building all the activities that go on here, activities affecting all parts of the population all over the country. In that sense, it is a reflection of the JDC and its work in Jewish communities around the world," he said.

### \$10.7 Million For Activities In Israel

Of a world-wide budget of \$25.5 million this year, \$10.7 million will be spent in Israel, the executive vice president said. JDC in Israel is involved in more than 100 different programs and, in cooperation with the authorities and with voluntary groups, was a catalyst for social betterment in Israel, he said. Robinson said the Israel-JDC relationship was helping place Israel's achievements in the realm of social services "high as models of man's humanity to man."

Participants in the ceremonies included the JDC's board, its Israel area committee, headed by Patricia Gantz of New York City and Barbie Weinberg of Los Angeles and delegates of the Jewish Agency Board of Governors meeting here, including United Jewish Appeal leaders.

### PATROL KILLS MURDER SUSPECT

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, June 29 (JTA) — A young Arab wanted for the murder of an Israeli security agent, was shot and killed by an Israeli patrol in Nablus last night. The suspect, Besam Mouhamed Habash, 21, who lived in the Balta refugee camp near Nablus, had worked for the Israeli secret service, Shin Bet.

But he turned against Israel and, last Wednesday killed his Israeli control agent, Moshe Galan, and stole his gun. The murder touched off a massive manhunt for Habash. The Balta camp was put under curfew and a house-to-house search was conducted without results. Last night, an Israeli patrol in Nablus noticed a man acting in a suspicious manner. When approached and asked for identification, he pulled out a gun and fired. The patrol returned the fire, killing him.

Habash had been employed by Shin Bet for some time and was credited with providing information that led to the capture of at least one terrorist gang. It is not known why he turned against Israel and killed his control.

### ISRAELIS GOING TO MOSCOW MEETING

TEL AVIV, June 29 (JTA) — The Israeli Olympics Committee voted today to send a three-man delegation of junior sports officials to Moscow to participate in the international sports federation conferences there although the boycott of the Olympic Games by Israeli athletes remains unchanged.

The vote was 12-4 to sustain the boycott but to send a three-man delegation to the conferences in the Soviet capital. That decision angered Yitzhak Kaspi, a senior member and honorary secretary of the IOC who argued that the boycott of Moscow should be total or not at all. Kaspi expressed his views after deliberately abstaining from the vote. According to the rules, abstainers are allowed to explain their reasons. Kaspi heads the Israel-Maccabi sports organization.

He had already made his position clear last night when he said he would demand that the boycott decision by the IOC last month be reversed. Although Kaspi had supported the boycott at the time, he said he changed his mind after learning that the U.S. and West Germany would send delegates to the sports conference in Moscow which will be held during the Olympics.

"It's either a boycott or not. If there is a boycott it is a boycott against Moscow irrespective of whether it's sports on the field or sports in the conference room," he said. "Had I known that the Americans would participate in the conferences I would not have supported the boycott."

## POLL FINDS AMERICANS WANT U.S. TO CONTINUE WORKING WITH ISRAEL, EGYPT FOR PALESTINIAN AGREEMENT

NEW YORK, June 29 (JTA) -- Only 20 percent of the more than 50,000 participants in a "Great Decisions 1980" opinion poll, sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association (FPA) indicated they wanted the United States to press Israel "for enough concessions on Palestinian rights to bring about comprehensive negotiations between Israel and its neighbors," including Jordan, Syria and Lebanon as well as Egypt.

Described as its "nationwide foreign policy discussion program," the association declared that the more than 50,000 ballots received since the May 1 deadline was "the highest number of ballots received since the nationwide annual opinion ballot was instituted in 1976." Eight areas of foreign policy, each with a variety of opinions, were listed in the 1980 ballot, one being "the Mideast and the Gulf."

The FPA reported that "a clear majority, 56 percent favored a policy of working with both Egypt and Israel toward an agreed formula on Palestinian rights, pressing both sides when necessary to promote agreement." The FPA reported that 19 percent "favored letting Egypt and Israel work to resolve the problem at their own pace." Two percent wrote in opinions, the content of which the report did not disclose, and three percent selected more than one option, the FPA reported in its special ballot issue.

### Want More Direct U.S. Role in Persian Gulf

The FPA report declared that "the more assertive foreign policy mood of most participants was visible with respect to the most volatile of recent foreign policy areas, the Persian Gulf." On a ballot listing three options, 41 percent preferred "to see the United States play a more direct role than hitherto in maintaining the region's security and favored increasing U.S. military capabilities for this purpose." Only 24 percent would accept the building up of military capabilities "of friendly powers in the region and only 18 percent would have the United States limit its commitments in the region to the present level."

On an issue of special concern to Israel and its friends, who fear United States pressure on Israel to win favor with the Arab oil-producing nations, and given the likelihood that "in the short run" the United States will "continue to be dependent on OPEC for at least some of its supplies," the FPA asked participants to choose among several options.

A majority of respondents, 57 percent, chose "the middle alternative" which was to "make no concessions but rely on economic and political pressure," while 28 percent chose to make concessions and six percent "opted for military action, if necessary."

### ANDERSON SAYS HE WAS MISTAKEN ON 'CHRISTIAN NATION' AMENDMENT

PHILADELPHIA, June 29 (JTA) -- Rep. John Anderson (R-Ill.), who is running as an independent candidate for the Presidency, told representatives of the Jewish community here that he was mistaken when in 1961 and 1963 he sought a Constitutional amendment to declare the United States to be a "Christian nation," Al Erick, editor and David Gross, news editor, of the Jewish Exponent report.

Anderson cited his opposition to the school

prayer amendment, which he said former California Gov. Ronald Reagan, the likely Republican candidate, supports, as representative of his views on church-state issues.

The Republican Congressman, who was here to gain a place on the Pennsylvania ballot by mounting a petition drive, met with representatives of the Jewish community and the two Jewish Exponent editors during his two-day visit. He sought to assure them that he is not a "spoiler," but a serious candidate for the Presidency.

### Favors Quiet Diplomacy

Turning to the search for peace in the Middle East, Anderson said he favors "a quiet diplomatic effort rather than public proclamations. We must keep the election theatrics out of Middle East diplomacy," he said.

Anderson, who has spoken critically of Israel's settlement policy in the past, asserted that no purpose is served by a noisy media debate about its merits. This too he would relegate to the realm of quiet diplomacy.

On the question of Jerusalem, Anderson said moving the U.S. Embassy there from Tel Aviv must wait for the completion of the peace negotiations. The candidate's position on a possible Palestinian state is that "A Palestinian state in the traditional sense would simply be a precursor to another war. There must be a new diplomatic formulation under which the Palestinian people can enjoy their rights, can feel in charge of their own destiny, but without an army and without an independent foreign policy. There is no right to start another war."

Turning to the latest requests for U.S. arms by Jordan and Saudi Arabia, Anderson said, "Flooding the area with arms is not the way to peace. To simply give in to Saudi Arabia and Jordan on arms without exacting a price -- their cooperation in the peace effort -- makes no sense."

### GERMANS ARREST NEO-NAZI GROUP

By David Kantor

BONN, June 29 (JTA) -- The West German General Prosecutor has charged six members of an extreme right-wing group called "Braunschweiger Gruppe" with an attempt to revive neo-Nazism and the Nazi Party, which is banned in the Federal Republic. The six are also charged with planning to kill political personalities and judges and with plans to bomb public buildings and the fence on the border between East and West Germany.

The neo-Nazis are being tried in the town of Celle in Lower Saxony. A representative of the General Prosecutor himself is handling the case which indicates how serious it is considered by the Federal authorities. The names of the accused are Paul Otte, 56; Wolker Heidel, 26; Oliver Schreiber, 22; Hans-Dieter Lepzin, 37; Wolfgang Sachse, 37 and Heinrich Eismann, 61.

LONDON (JTA) -- Shlomo Glickstein of Ashkelon, who last week was the first Israeli to ever win a match at the Wimbledon tennis tournament, was defeated Friday in his second match in three sets by Bjorn Borg, who has won the British tournament for the last four years.

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- Some 50 families living at the West Bank settlement of Givon, north of Jerusalem, cut themselves off Sunday from the Gush Emunim movement. They formed a new village committee, and said they intended to run their affairs independently.