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WOMEN'S CONFERENCE THREATENS TO BECOME VEHICLE FOR ANTI-ISRAEL MEASURES AND RECOGNITION OF PLO

By Edwin Eytan

COPENHAGEN, July 14 (JTA) — The world conference of the United Nations Decade for Women opened here today with the participation of more than 600 delegates from over 100 countries. Officially, the two-week conference was called to promote three major goals: equality, development and peace. It threatens, however, to become a vehicle for anti-Israel propaganda and resolutions and a major world recognition of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The Cuban delegation submitted, just as the conference opened, an amendment to its plan of action, the proposed Women's Ideological Charter, listing Zionism as one of the world's main evils. The PLO delegation, which includes former airliner hijacker Leila Khaled, is also about to be granted official recognition. For the time being, it only enjoys an observer status.

During the two weeks the delegates are to take stock of what advances they have made since 1975, when the UN Decade for Women was launched in Mexico, and to plan what should be done during the next five years. During the world conference in 1975 the majority of delegations adopted the infamous Declaration of Mexico Document which for the first time linked Zionism to racism.

Present here this afternoon were Jihan Sadat, the Egyptian President's wife, world famous writers, philosophers and politicians. The conference was formally opened by Denmark's Queen Margrethe and United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim. Both appealed for world peace but also referred to the plan of action adopted in Mexico in 1975.

Time Set For Examining Palestinian Question

One-and-a-half days, July 23 through July 24, have been set aside for an examination of the Palestinian question. But conference sources told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the subject committee will start examining the plan of action and considering the various amendments. The sources stressed that the committee actually serves as a steering body and that its decisions will most probably be automatically ratified at the plenary session later this month.

The Israeli delegation, led by Israel's Ambassador to Norway Chava Hareli, and the various Jewish women's organizations attending the meeting are constantly meeting with the various Western delegations, and especially with that of the United States, to try and prevent the committee from adopting the Cuban-sponsored amendment.

Jewish sources told the JTA that the Egyptians have refused to become involved and that the American delegation has not as yet shown its full mettle in trying to stop the amendment before it comes up on the committee floor.

The Cuban amendment is supported by the non-aligned nations and the Soviet bloc — some 105 countries. Diplomatic circles believe the move has been prepared and organized by the Soviet Union as a blow to the West and in order

to reinforce its position in the Arab world.

Proposal On Palestine

The proposal on Palestine consists of economic and cultural aid to the Palestinian people to be funneled through the PLO. If adopted, this proposal would not only recognize the PLO as the representative Palestinian organization but would also give it added economic means and turn it into the UN partner for development assistance. Diplomatic sources say that while there is still some hope to block the Cuban amendment, the resolution on Palestine is almost certain to be adopted.

The conference's steering committee is due to start examining both these issues tomorrow morning and both could be adopted in committee by Wednesday or Thursday at the latest. Mrs. Sadat, who addressed a press conference here this morning, refused to say how Egypt will vote. She just said: "We are for peace," and added, "but also against the occupation of all Arab lands."

BEGIN LEAVES HOSPITAL; WILL RETURN TO WORK IN TWO WEEKS

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, July 14 (JTA) — Premier Menachem Begin left Hadassah Hospital today in what his doctor described as a very satisfactory condition after treatment for a mild heart attack he suffered two weeks ago. However, Dr. Mervyn Gottesman said Begin would have to rest at home for another two weeks and continue to take "light medication" before he can resume his regular work load.

On leaving the hospital, Begin told reporters that the Arabs can have "even 20 flags flying in Jerusalem" provided that the Arab states recognize Israel and Jerusalem as its capital. He made that remark when asked to comment on President Anwar Sadat's recent observation that it would be in Israel's interest to have Arab flags raised over the Moslem holy sites in Jerusalem.

Begin also commented on France's sale of uranium to Iraq which he called "a very serious development." Acting Premier Yigael Yadin said on a television interview that Israel has expressed its concern "in diplomatic and other channels" to the French government and was taking other action which he did not specify.

Yesterday, Transport Minister Haim Landau said he would boycott the Bastille Day celebrations at the French Embassy today to protest France's Middle East policies and specifically, its sale of two nuclear reactors to Iraq capable of producing fissionable material for atom bombs. (See P. 3.)

The French deal with Iraq is "very serious" Landau said, adding that France was assuming "a very grave responsibility." Two other MKs, Avraham Shari of Likud and Akiva Naf of the Democratic Movement, also announced that they would not attend the French Embassy reception for the same reason.

U.S. STANDS PAT ON JERUSALEM

By Helen Silver

WASHINGTON, July 14 (JTA) — The State Department reiterated its position on Jerusalem today and said it was not aware that the issue raised difficulties at the autonomy talks between Israel and Egypt which resumed in Cairo today after being suspended for more than two months.

"I'm not aware that the discussions on Jerusalem have hit a snag," the Department's chief spokesman, John Trattner, said in reply to questions. "Our position on Jerusalem is known to both parties to the talks. There was an exchange of letters about Jerusalem at the time of the Camp David frameworks Our position on Jerusalem before a settlement is not to prejudge it," he said.

(It was reported from Cairo today that the talks got off to a shaky start after Justice Minister Shmuel Tamir, heading the Israeli delegation, and Egyptian Minister of State Butros Ghali quarreled publicly over the status of Jerusalem at Cairo Airport.

(Tamir reiterated that united Jerusalem was Israel's capital and Ghali retorted that this was not Egypt's position. Egyptian and Israeli sources reported that the Jerusalem issue was not raised in today's deliberations. Ghali said agreement was reached on an agenda item covering the proposed self-governing council for the West Bank and Gaza Strip under the autonomy plan.)

Trattner said he had no word as to when U.S. special Ambassador Sol Linowitz will return to the Middle East to participate in the autonomy negotiations. Asked about independent Presidential candidate John Anderson's visit to Israel and Egypt last week, Trattner said "I will not comment on the voyages of political candidates." Trattner also said "We are happy to see Prime Minister Menachem Begin out of the hospital."

NEW MISSILE BOAT FOR ISRAEL

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, July 14 (JTA) -- The Israel Navy's newest missile boat was named "Aliya" and launched at the Haifa shipyards last week. Mrs. Ophira Navon, wife of President Yitzhak Navon, performed the honors with the traditional bottle of champagne smashed across the bows as the sleek craft slid into Haifa Bay.

The Aliya is an enlarged and improved version of Israel's Reshet-class missile boats incorporating advanced equipment, most of it made in Israel, which ranks her among the most sophisticated craft of her type in the world. An added feature is the helicopter landing pad and helicopter which she will carry for scouting and other purposes. The Aliya has a normal speed of 42 knots (48.2 mph), compared to the 35 knots of her predecessors.

President Navon, who was on hand for the ceremonies, praised the Haifa shipyards and expressed hope that it will soon be able to return to building merchant vessels for peaceful use.

OIL SHALE FIND PLAYED DOWN

TEL AVIV, July 14 (JTA) -- Energy Minister Yitzhak Modai denied a report today that Israel has discovered oil shale in the Negev capable of meeting the country's energy needs for the next 10 years. A front page story in Maariv yesterday made this claim, saying that large deposits of shale had been found near Arad in the northern Negev. Modai said that while there were deposits in the Negev the process of converting it to oil was expensive. He said it was not yet known whether such a project would be commercially feasible.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ORDERED INTRODUCED IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, July 14 (JTA) -- The Supreme Court ordered Interior Minister Yosef Burg yesterday

to introduce daylight saving time in Israel without undue delay. The 2-1 majority decision also cautioned the Minister not to resort to specious arguments as a pretext not to implement the order.

Representatives of Burg, who is a leader of the National Religious Party, had argued that daylight saving time would save only negligible amounts of energy and would create difficulties for Orthodox Jews because they would have to rise earlier for their morning prayers and the Sabbath would end later. They also said that the summer time could not be effected immediately because airlines serving Israel would first have to reprint their schedules.

But the court's ruling was hailed in most of the media today. It was initiated on an action brought by Zeev Segal, an engineer from Ramat Gan, who has been conducting a public campaign in favor of daylight saving time as a means of saving energy. Energy Minister Yitzhak Modai welcomed the ruling.

SOY BEAN FOUND TO HAVE MEDICAL VALUE FOR DIABETICS By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, July 14 (JTA) -- The ubiquitous soy bean has been found to have important medical value for diabetics, researchers of the Haifa Technion's medical faculty reported today. According to Dr. Yoram Kanter, a senior lecturer in medicine who heads the research team, a by-product of the soy bean, known as sobit, can reduce the sugar content of the blood and is otherwise helpful in diet control.

The product, already available to consumers here, does not replace insulin, Kanter stressed. But taken in small quantities it reduces the after-meals glucose response. Kanter described the research that led to the discovery of this property in soy bean fiber in a paper presented recently at the annual meeting of the American Diabetes Association in Washington.

The research extended over the last three years. Patients with soya extract added to their diets showed a smaller sugar concentration compared with those who were not given the soya.

HIGH COURT ENDS HEARING ON DEPORTEEES; DECISION EXPECTED IN ABOUT A WEEK

By David London

JERUSALEM, July 14 (JTA) -- The Supreme Court ended hearings Friday on the appeal of three West Bank political leaders against their deportation. A decision is expected within a week or so on the demand of Fehed Kawasme, Mohammed Milhim and Sheikh Rajeb Buyud Tamimi against their continued expulsion. Kawasme, who was the mayor of Hebron, Milhim, who was the mayor of Halhoul, and Tamimi, who was the Muslim religious judge of Hebron, were deported in the aftermath of the May 2 terrorist killings of six yeshiva students in Hebron.

Friday's court session focussed on the political beliefs of the three men -- whether they favored the destruction of the State of Israel. State Attorney Gavriel Bach cited precedents to show that persons favoring the dismantling of the State cannot benefit from the remedies of its courts.

Bach produced an affidavit from a Military Government officer attesting that the three men had participated in a demonstration at the Jordan Bridge last Wednesday and shouted slogans such as "Israel is Nazi" and "the land will be redeemed with blood." The lawyer for the appellants, Felicia Langer, claimed that while the three had been present at the demonstration marking Nablus Mayor Bassam Shaka's return they had been silent and not shouted any slogans.

She argued that all the West Bank mayors and most of the inhabitants saw the Palestine Liberation Organization as their legitimate representative — and thus it could not be expected of the three to dissociate themselves from the PLO. She asserted, though, that the three had said and written that they favored a peaceful solution.

A main issue in the case is whether the deportees were entitled to appeal before a special tribunal against their deportation before it was carried out. Bach, for the State, said earlier in the hearing that though the action of the military authorities in not permitting the appeal to be heard before the expulsion was "irregular" and therefore improper, it did not, in strictly legal terms, invalidate the legality of the deportation.

RABBIS REAFFIRM SUPPORT FOR BEGIN'S SETTLEMENTS POLICIES

By Sharyn Perlman

NEW YORK, July 14 (JTA) — Prominent rabbis within the Orthodox Jewish community reaffirmed their support for Premier Menachem Begin's policies regarding settlements at a press conference held here today. The same group sponsored a full-page advertisement in The New York Times recently urging Begin to halt the autonomy talks.

The International Rabbinic Committee for the Safety of Israel (IRCSI), claiming to represent the community and responding to recent media coverage of open opposition to Begin's policies, hailed Begin as "a statesman who is motivated by a sincere desire for peace, and deplore those who assail his leadership and undermine his efforts."

Rabbi Shalom Gold, past president of Young Israel Rabbis and IRCSI co-chairman, said that the committee's foremost concern is the Jews who live in Israel and stressed that "autonomy is a stepping stone to the creation of a Palestinian state, which constitutes a clear danger to the life and limb of each and every Jew in Israel."

Though Gold would not comment when asked about territories already returned by Israel to Egypt, he did say "that any further return of territories places Israel in dire jeopardy." He also reiterated the need for rabbis on the committee to publicize a legal ruling from the Talmud, later codified by rabbinic authorities, to protect the land from conquest by "strangers." The new and old legally established settlements in Judea and Samaria are not obstacles in the way of peace, but rather are the frontline of defense for the State of Israel, he continued.

The committee proclaims "Jerusalem will for all times remain the indivisible, eternal capital of the Jewish people, will never be divided, nor will the flag of any other nation fly from its ramparts," and calls on the American government to resist pressures from countries hostile to Israel when negotiating sales of military equipment which could be used against it.

Leaders In The 'Old Tradition'

Rabbi Zevulun Lieberman, of Congregation Beth Torah of Ocean Parkway, who said he represents the Sephardic community in that area of Brooklyn, and is an active member of the IRCSI, said the organization comprises 376 members who are communal leaders in the "old tradition" and whose purpose is to guide the American Jewish community in their concern for the "safety, welfare and protection" of the three million Jews in Israel. "We are not a political lobby group or pressure group," he continued, saying that he

hoped the committee's views would be made known through the press.

The president of Young Israel Rabbis of America, Rabbi Chaim Wasserman, claimed that recent announcements by prominent members of the Jewish community opposing current Israeli policy has only confused American Jewry and do not represent the majority. He said the task of today's Jewish leaders is to direct these "confused people."

Rabbi Isaac Pupko, of Congregation Beth Torah Damesek Eliezer, chairman of the IRCSI, reminded the audience that today was the first day of the Jewish month of Av, marking the traditional nine days of mourning for the destruction of the Second Temple and other tragedies which have befallen the Jewish people. He reiterated the IRCSI's commitment to an undivided Israel. He also said that Israel belongs to all Jewish people, in all parts of the world, and it is this partnership which enables them to voice their opinions and concerns regarding Israeli internal affairs.

FRENCH ENVOY SAYS GUARANTEES ENSURE NO IRAQI ATOMIC BOMB

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, July 14 (JTA) — French Ambassador Marc Bonnefous sought to assure worried Israelis today that the supply of nuclear reactors and enriched uranium by France to Iraq would not lead to the development of an Iraqi atomic bomb. He said in a television interview that Paris had received "adequate bilateral and international guarantees" on this matter.

Bonnefous was interviewed at his Jaffa residence as hundreds of Israeli and diplomatic guests mingled in the garden for the Bastille Day celebration. The "boycott" of the event announced by Transport Minister Haim Landau did not catch on. Deputy Premier Yigael Yadin and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir were there for the government and Labor Party chairman Shimon Peres for the opposition. All of them said they distinguished between the French people and the principles embodied in Bastille Day on the one hand, and the policy of the present French government on the other.

Premier Menachem Begin, home from the hospital today, termed the uranium supply to Iraq "very serious." Israel TV said the Premier would convene a top-level consultation at his home during this week to decide what actions Israel could take to counter the supply. Peres asserted that a determined and well-organized Israeli political campaign against the supply could yet have fruitful effects.

JERUSALEM (JTA) — President Yitzhak Navon has not yet received an official invitation to visit Egypt, the President's bureau spokesman announced. Navon reportedly expressed surprise over the publication in the Cairo "October" weekly that President Anwar Sadat intended to invite him. He said he failed to understand why the publication preceded the actual invitation. However, it was stressed that if such an invitation arrived here, Navon would certainly accept it.

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The price of bread went up Monday by an average of 310 percent, with the government cutting its subsidy for this product considerably. The large increase was held off for many months, due to the opposition of Premier Menachem Begin, who was against the price hike of such a basic food product which is used mainly by low income and large families. It is the first time in nine months that the price of bread was raised — which in terms of the galloping inflation in Israel meant a considerable loss to the government.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES NOT ALL NAZIS WERE INELIGIBLE FROM ENTERING THE UNITED STATES

By Joseph Palakoff

WASHINGTON, July 14 (JTA) — Membership in a Nazi organization responsible for the deaths of millions in Europe during World War II was not in itself "sufficient grounds" to exclude an individual from entering the United States and becoming an American citizen, the State Department said last Friday.

Putting the responsibility on "an apparent determination at that time" — in the 1950s — by the U.S. Attorney General, the Department said that even membership in the notorious Waffen SS, declared a criminal organization by the Nuremberg trials of 1946, "was not at the time considered sufficient grounds in itself for exclusion."

At the Department of Justice, an astounded official involved in anti-Nazi proceedings, who asked not to be identified, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency: "I didn't think people like that were admitted. I don't know why the State Department did. They knew the facts."

Responding To Questions

The State Department was responding to the JTA which had asked the Department why it granted a visa to Tscherni Soobzokov, now residing in Paterson, N.J., although he had admitted in 1950 when he was asking to enter the U.S. that he had been a member of the Waffen SS, a member of the police force in his native town of Tachumkai, in the Caucasus region of the Soviet Union, and finally, that he had been a member of the North Caucasian Legion, a military unit affiliated with the German forces.

The JTA asked the Justice Department how it was possible for it not to have known about the circumstances over the past 28 years and whether other suspected Nazis were in the U.S. under some protective cover from effective prosecution. The JTA was referred to the Immigration and Naturalization Service which in turn referred the JTA back to the Justice Department. At the State Department the JTA was provided with statements about Soobzokov, who was also known as Abdel Karim Showabzoka. There has been no response yet about cases other than Soobzokov's.

Soobzokov, who was granted citizenship on April 17, 1961, is presently chief of the Purchasing Department for Passaic County, N.J. On Dec. 5, 1979, the U.S. Attorney General's office and the Justice Department's Office of Special Investigation (OSI) served him with a denaturalization notice. The notice accused him of concealing his collaboration with the Waffen SS and his participation in Nazi atrocities in and around Transnistria in the Transcaucasus.

The Justice Department last week dropped its case against Soobzokov after the Central Intelligence Agency revealed he had told it in Amman, Jordan, where he was then residing, of his affiliations with the three organizations and that he had also told the Consular officials at the U.S. Embassy in Amman of his Nazi affiliations and had signed a form to that effect in 1952 as part of his application for an immigrant visa.

When these facts came to the attention of Allan Ryan Jr., director of the OSI, he dropped the case. Since the U.S. had charged that Soobzokov had concealed his connection when he applied for naturalization in 1960, Ryan said, the fact was "he did disclose his affiliations with these

organizations in the course of applying to enter the United States." Therefore, Ryan said, "the law and the evidence leave me no choice" but to drop the case.

Determining Visa Applications

With regard to the practice in 1953 for adjudicating visa applications for former Nazi Party members, a State Department spokesman replied: "On the basis of an apparent determination at that time by the Attorney General, membership in the Nazi Party was not an automatic ground for a visa refusal. Each application had to be considered on an individual basis."

To the question whether the Waffen SS was not declared a criminal organization by the Nuremberg trials, the Department spokesman said: "That is correct. However, while membership in any Nazi organization certainly had a damaging effect on an individual's application, I repeat that it was not at the time considered sufficient grounds in itself for exclusion."

Disappointment And Dismay

Meanwhile, the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NJCRAC) termed the Justice Department's decision to drop its case against Soobzokov "a matter of deep disappointment."

Jacqueline Levine, chairperson of NJCRAC's Committee on Unprosecuted Nazis, stated that the Justice Department's decision "is a reminder once again of the moral failure of our government to screen out potential immigrants who were involved in one way or another with the most monstrous crimes in history."

In the case of Soobzokov, Levine said "we are particularly concerned with the breakdown in communications between the relevant agencies of the United States government and especially the failure of the CIA to make available the information that they had at a much earlier date." She added that NJCRAC is "pleased to note that according" to a statement by Ryan "a new action will be filed if sufficient evidence exists to prove that Soobzokov had taken part in the persecution of any person because of race, religion or political belief. Under the law, such a finding would make Mr. Soobzokov subject to denaturalization."

At the same time, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith charged that U.S. government agencies had permitted a confessed former member of Hitler's SS death squad to enter the U.S. apparently without investigating whether he participated in Nazi atrocities.

Seymour Reich, chairman of ADL's Civil Rights Committee, said the ADL was dismayed by the government's "negligence or insensitivity" which had permitted Soobzokov to enter the country despite his admission. Declaring that "proper investigation" should have been made at that time, the ADL called on the U.S. government to "vigorously investigate" Soobzokov's Nazi activities, and if it is found that he was a war criminal to take new steps to denaturalize him.

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Cabinet Sunday approved the appointment of David Kimche as the new Director General of the Foreign Ministry. He will take over the post Tuesday, replacing Yosef Ciechanover, who has resigned at his own request. Ciechanover, who was an appointee of former Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan, is expected to return to private law practice. Kimche, the British-born former journalist and author, is a senior official of the Mossad, the Israeli intelligence agency, and a personal friend of Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir. He stresses that he is a civil servant and keeps his political views to himself.