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U.S. URGES MODERATION, COMPROMISE AT INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CONCLAVE By Edwin Eytan.

COPENHAGEN, July 16 (JTA) -- The United States today appealed to the world conference of the United Nations Decade for Women to show a spirit of moderation and compromise when discussing resolutions, amendments and political proposals.

The co-chairperson of the American delegation, Sarah Weddington, made no mention of the issues to which she referred but it was clear that she was appealing for moderation in what has become the conference's main political issue, the proposal by the non-aligned nations to brand Zionism as one of the major evils of the world. The American delegate, who was speaking in the plenary session, made no direct reference to the Palestinian issue but spoke about the plight of refugees in many parts of the world.

The United States delegation is still actively trying to moderate the tone of the resolution submitted yesterday by India on behalf of the 77 non-aligned and which is due to come before the steering committee tomorrow. The amendment, which calls for providing international aid to be channeled through the Palestine Liberation Organization, was due to come up in one of the two sub-commissions but Western delegations have appealed for time in the hope of obtaining the watering down of the resolutions and amendments.

Atmosphere Heavily Anti-Israel

The politization of the conference, and the parallel meeting of the open forum held at Copenhagen University, is daily increasing. At the forum, which is attended by semi-private organizations and individuals, the atmosphere is heavily anti-Israel. At a session organized by a Danish medical branch of Amnesty International, two alleged victims of Israeli repression were brought to testify about Israeli brutality and torture.

When the Israeli delegates present tried to intervene and to question the witnesses they were shouted down. This sort of process repeats itself several times a day and many of the representatives of the American Jewish women's organizations are permanently attending the sessions at the forum to try and set the record right.

The general sentiment of the American Jewish women present in Copenhagen is one of deep regret. As B'nai B'rith International representative Betty Shapiro told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, "We came here to try and work in closer coordination with other women's organizations throughout the world. The conference's politization and the passions being fanned will make this increasingly difficult."

PROMINENT JEWISH REPUBLICANS VOICE SATISFACTION WITH GOP PLATFORM PLANKS ON ISRAEL, SOVIET JEWRY

By Joseph Polakoff

DETROIT, July 16 (JTA) -- Prominent Jewish Republicans from coast to coast enthusiastically pledged support to Ronald Reagan's Presidential candidacy and voiced satisfaction with the Republican Party's platform planks related to his support for Israel and Soviet Jewry.

They expressed their views to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in an interview yesterday at a special gathering as two of the party's top foreign affairs strategists reemphasized the Reagan outlook towards Israel as a strategic asset against the Soviet thrusts toward the Middle East's oil fields and communication lanes.

In his address to the convention in the Joe Louis Arena here last night, former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger alluded to Soviet diplomatic and military support to the Palestine Liberation Organization. Warning against Soviet expansionism in the Middle East, Kissinger observed that "terrorists are financed and trained by the Soviet bloc" and warned the West would not survive if this is permitted to continue.

In his news conference with some 400 reporters yesterday morning he had stressed opposition to a Palestinian state and to the European Economic Community's suggestion of associating the PLO with the peace process.

Explains GOP Plank On Jerusalem

Between Kissinger's address and his news conference, Richard Allen, Reagan's chief foreign-affairs advisor who served in President Nixon's National Security Council, told foreign correspondents covering the convention that the Europeans' initiative in "the Declaration of Venice" was "not helpful" towards settling Arab-Israeli differences. He stressed American recognition of Israel as a valuable component in the strategy of off-setting Soviet leverage in association with radical Arab organizations.

In line with the Republican platform, Allen spoke of U.S. cooperation with "moderate" Arab states as a Reagan principle. He said the platform does not say Jerusalem should be under Israeli sovereignty since that would be prejudging the issue that, he said, should be decided by negotiation between the parties.

Platform Attacked By Arab American Group

The Republican platform was attacked by the National Association of Arab Americans (NAAA) yesterday at the convention site at a sparsely attended news conference. In a long statement presented by Minor George of Cleveland, a member of the Ohio delegation to the convention and a former NAAA president, the NAAA argued that without dealing with the PLO, as the Republicans have asserted, "the U.S. cannot expect to effect a comprehensive peace in the area."

"The fact that virtually every Palestinian acknowledges the PLO as his sole legitimate representative makes this part of the plank patently absurd," it added. The statement quoted former U.S. Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, James Akins, that "the only Soviet claim to influence in the Middle East is its support of the Arabs against Israeli expansionism."

The NAAA statement that was mainly devoted to Israel policy on the West Bank/Gaza issues came against a background of continuing threats by PLO leaders in Beirut, Damascus and at the United Nations in New York and by the West Bank mayors campaigning in America that "the Zionist entity" will be wiped out.

While the NAAA statement was being made available to about 13 persons attending the NAAA

news conference -- nine of them Jews -- dispatches from Copenhagen reported Leila Khaled, a PLO exponent of terror who was involved in two PLO hijackings 10 years ago, telling the world conference of the United Nations Decade for Women in Copenhagen: "We speak to the world with words, but to the Israelis we speak only with weapons."

Prominent Jewish Republicans

Kissinger was among the guests as leading Republicans here for the convention and delegates to the convention and advisors to party leaders gathered at a private reception at the Detroit Plaza Hotel given by the National Coalition for Reagan. The Coalition's leaders are Theodore Cummings of Los Angeles, a long-time political and social intimate of Reagan, and Max Fisher, of Detroit, a close friend of former President Ford. They are its honorary chairmen.

The honorary co-chairmen are Albert Spiegel and Fred Gottfurcht, of Los Angeles; Eli Jacobs, Maxwell Raab, Rita Hauser and Sen. Jacob Javits and Robert Gintel, of New York; Bud Hockenberry, of Des Moines; Irwin Levy, of Palm Beach; Norman Broman, of Miami; Gordon Zacks of Columbus, Ohio; A. Alfred Taubman, of Detroit; Barney Barnett of Louisville; and Sen. Rudy Boschwitz, of Minnesota.

Cummings, who had backed Reagan in 1976, epitomized the views of virtually all those interviewed when he said "I have all the confidence in the world" in Reagan sticking to his promises as set forth in the Republican platform. Fisher had previously made it clear that he was fully supportive of Reagan's candidacy.

Hauser, who had been in the inner circle of former Texas Governor John Connally who was swiftly rejected by Jewish community leaders, said that Connally, a member of the Texas delegation, did not take part in the drafting of the party's platform and that, as far as she knew, has not commented on its Middle East planks.

ANDERSON: THERE IS JUSTIFICATION FOR ISRAEL'S SETTLEMENTS

By David Kantor

BONN, July 16 (JTA).-- Independent Presidential candidate John Anderson stated that there is justification for Israel's settlements on the West Bank and that they are very clearly related to Israel's security needs. In an interview published in Die Welt yesterday, Anderson said that even President Anwar Sadat saw some justification for the settlements on security grounds and that he himself accepts that approach.

Anderson, a Republican Congressman from Illinois, visited Israel and Egypt last week and was in West Germany this week. He left for France yesterday. According to Anderson, there is no reason why 14,000 Israeli settlers could not live peacefully side-by-side with the Arabs on the West Bank. He noted, however, that the impression he gained during his stay in Israel was that the Labor Party is much more flexible about territorial compromise with the Arabs than Premier Menachem Begin.

The candidate criticized U.S. diplomacy in the Middle East, claiming that it was as much hostage to Arab oil as the 52 Americans held in Iran are hostages. He also suggested that Americans should pay as much for gasoline as Germans pay, which would mean adding more than a dollar a gallon to the present price. He said that even if

he weren't a candidate he would not vote for either President Carter or Ronald Reagan.

HIKE IN CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, July 16 (JTA).-- The consumer price index rose by 4.6 percent in June, the Central Bureau of Statistics announced yesterday. The rise was moderate compared to the 10.2 percent upsurge in May but was, nevertheless, high for this time of the year when large quantities of inexpensive fruits and vegetables are available. It brought the cumulative price index up to 50 percent since the beginning of the year.

The Treasury expressed satisfaction that the index did not go above five percent last month. The opposition claimed the June rise was yet another indication that the government has lost control of the economy. Histadrut Secretary General Yehoram Meshel observed that "this moderate rise is the highest in the last ten years."

Food prices registered a net increase of nine percent although the prices of fruit and vegetables declined by 11.5 percent. They were the only items in the consumer market basket that did not go up in price. Although the Treasury was relieved by the relatively modest hikes, government economists were concerned that further price rises will occur because wage increases due to be paid next month will put more money in the hands of consumers.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME TO BEGIN IN ISRAEL AUGUST 2

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, July 16 (JTA).-- Clocks will be moved ahead one hour at midnight Aug. 2 as Israel adopts daylight saving time as an energy-saving measure. Interior Minister Yosef Burg was forced to implement the change in compliance with a Supreme Court ruling despite his own objections and strenuous protests from the Orthodox religious establishment.

The high court issued its ruling Sunday in response to an appeal by Zeev Segal, an energy conservation expert. It accepted his legal argument that a 1940 ordinance by the Mandatory Government required the government to introduce daylight saving time. Its duration is left to the Interior Minister's discretion.

It will be in effect for about six weeks, until Sept. 15. Energy experts said that 11.1 billion could be saved annually if daylight saving time was in effect from May 1--Oct. 30.

The extra hour of daylight will inconvenience observant Jews who will have to rise earlier for their morning prayers and end the Sabbath later. Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren assailed the court's ruling for encouraging mass desecration of the Sabbath.

Goren said that movie theaters, forced to remain closed until after the Sabbath, will now open earlier and the same would apply to stores and public transportation. Two Aguda Israel Knesset members have introduced private members bills to negate the Supreme Court's order.

GENEVA (JTA).-- The Swiss Israel Chamber of Commerce in their July bulletin stated that imports from Israel to Switzerland during the first five months of 1980 totaled \$111.8 million. This amount is the same as that for the first five months in 1979. Exports from Switzerland to Israel for the first five months of 1980 totaled \$408.7 million, of which \$305.8 million was in uncut diamonds.

U.S. SAYS ISRAEL, EGYPT MADE PROGRESS IN RENEWED AUTONOMY TALKS

By Helen Silver

WASHINGTON, July 16 (JTA) — The State Department claimed today that Israel and Egypt had made "good progress" at their first round of autonomy talks in more than two months which ended in Cairo yesterday with agreement on only three of more than 20 proposed agenda items. The Department's chief spokesman, John Tattner, said the U.S. did not consider the talks disappointing.

"I understand that they (Egypt and Israel) have made some good progress in private talks on legal matters. I do not consider it a setback," Tattner said. The latest round of talks was held on the committee level with the objective of agreeing on an agenda for subsequent sessions. The delegations were headed by Israeli Justice Minister Shmuel Tamir and Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Butros Ghali, co-chairmen of a special committee on legal matters pertaining to autonomy for the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Quarrel Over Jerusalem Status

Tamir and Ghali quarreled publicly at a joint press conference at the close of the talks — as they had at Cairo Airport Sunday before the talks began. On both occasions the issue was the status of Jerusalem which did not figure in the talks themselves.

Ghali charged that the Israelis refused to discuss Jerusalem which he maintained "is an integral part of the West Bank." Tamir retorted that "Jerusalem in its entirety is the capital of Israel and an integral part of its sovereignty" and therefore is not a subject for negotiations in the context of the autonomy talks.

The talks were suspended by President Anwar Sadat on May 8 and were resumed this week only at the prodding of the U.S. last month when the chief negotiators of Israel and Egypt, Interior Minister Yosef Burg, and Foreign Minister Kamal Hassani Ali, came to Washington for discussions with U.S. officials. The legal committee will meet again in Alexandria on July 27 to be followed by a ministerial level meeting of the negotiating teams in Israel on July 30.

Issue Of Uranium For Iraq

On another Mideast issue, Tattner was asked today how the U.S. reacts to the announcement that the French government will supply Iraq with enriched uranium for nuclear reactors. "We are obviously aware of France's cooperation with Iraq in the nuclear field. We have been in conversation with those concerned about it all along," he said, but did not mention Israel or any other country in that connection.

He added, "We do not have any reaction to give you beyond that we have discussed our concerns with the French and other governments. France shares our overall objective of preventing the spread of nuclear weapons and has announced a policy of promoting the use of lower enriched fuels as such fuels become available." Israel has termed the supply of uranium to Iraq as very serious. Israeli government officials have called for energetic action in the areas of diplomatic contacts and appeals to world public opinion in an effort to prevent France from supplying Iraq with the wherewithall to build atomic weapons.

MANN: WEST BANK CONSENSUS AMONG JEWS FOR SECURITY, ONLY

By David London

JERUSALEM, July 16 (JTA) — Theodore Mann, the immediate past chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, contended today that there is a world Jewish consensus supporting Israel's retaining the West Bank for security reasons but not for religious reasons. Speaking at the American Jewish Congress annual Israel-American Dialogue here, which this year is devoted to "Israel and America: The Right to Participate in Each Others Affairs," Mann said:

"There is nothing immoral in Israel's governing 1.2 million Arabs who don't want to be governed by them. The real question is: does Israel remain in Samaria and Judaea because it must do so for its own safety or because it wants to expand its borders for religious reasons? The propriety of having to stay in the West Bank for security reasons is well within the worldwide Jewish consensus. The idea that Israel should stay there in order to make the borders of 'Medinat Yisrael' (State of Israel) coterminous with those of 'Eretz Yisrael' (Land of Israel) is far, far outside that consensus."

Mann spoke out against the Gush Emunim and its influence on the government of Israel. He said, "It is a moral transgression of the first magnitude when those who are unwilling to consider the possibility that they have misread God's message seek political power in order to impose their religious views on others."

Mann contended that while the real obstacle to peace continued to be Arab refusal (apart from Egypt) to negotiate with Israel, it made "all the difference in the world" whether Israel's motivations on the West Bank were security- or religion-based. "The differences are as important to American Jews as they are to Israelis," he said, "and therefore American Jews have both the right and the obligation to speak out about them."

But Israel's chief autonomy negotiator, Interior Minister Yosef Burg, of the National Religious Party, counseled restraint by U.S. Jews in the exercise of this right. He warned that Israel's enemies seize upon outspoken Jewish criticism to use against Israel. According to Burg, criticism should be expressed not in the public press but through "organizational channels that exist in the Jewish world."

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Rep. Robert Drinan (D-Mass.) has called on the Soviet Union to release imprisoned dissident Anatoly Shcharansky now "as a sign of good will and an effort to cool growing East-West tensions" on the eve of the opening of the Olympic Games in Moscow. Drinan joined approximately 100 people at the daily vigil outside the Soviet Embassy here Monday which marked the second anniversary of the sentencing of Shcharansky. Drinan is chairman of the International Committee for the Release of Anatoly Shcharansky. He met the dissident in the USSR in 1975 when Shcharansky served as his guide and interpreter.

BRUSSELS (JTA) — Before leaving Belgium where he was posted as press and cultural attache at the Israeli Embassy, Michale Bar-Yehuda was made an honorary citizen of the town of Tournai-Bar-Yehuda, as a member of the Jewish Brigade during World War II, was among the troops which liberated Tournai in 1945. His successor as press attache will be Yaacov Kenan and Yoav Elion, a secretary at the Israel Embassy here, becomes cultural attache.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES**ISRAEL CONCERNED OVER SAUDI PURCHASE OF ARMS FROM THE U.S.**

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, July 16 (JTA) -- The serious concern expressed in Israeli military circles over Saudi Arabia's huge purchases of advanced weaponry from the United States and especially the Saudi request for equipment that would endow their American F-15 aircraft with long-range offensive capabilities, stems from the perception of the dangers facing Israel on its eastern front.

According to these circles, the American military hardware being accumulated by the Saudis is far in excess of what is necessary to defend that large, sparsely populated country. It makes sense only if the weapons are intended -- as the Israelis believe they are -- to bolster the forces of the Arab confrontation states on Israel's east -- Jordan, Syria and Iraq.

Those countries can, already, field more than 5000 tanks in an offensive against Israel. Moreover, they possess the military infrastructure to absorb large quantities of war materials, including aircraft, delivered from Saudi Arabia. There is, for example, nothing to prevent the stationing of Saudi F-5 combat jets in Jordan which has the facilities and know-how for their operation.

Israeli military sources say there is no conceivable reason why the Saudis need additional fuel pods to increase the F-15 operational range from its present 720 kilometers to over 1600 kilometers unless offensive operations against Israel are intended.

Nor is there any reason why Saudi Arabia would need three times as many laser-guided bombs as Israel possesses or, with a regular army of only 44,500 men, electronic command control equipment capable of coordinating 15 divisions which is -- not coincidentally -- the approximate size of the combined Jordanian-Syrian-Iraqi forces on the eastern front.

Point To Role Of Saudi Arabia

The Israelis point out that Saudi Arabia has supported Syrian, Iraqi and Jordanian forces in the past. Except during the 1956 Suez campaign, the Saudis have sent expeditionary forces and material to the Arab states directly in conflict with Israel.

In the 1967 war, they dispatched a force to Jordan where it remained until 1977. In the 1973 war, the Yom Kippur War, the Saudis sent troops to Syria. In 1974, 1975 and 1977, Saudi forces participated in joint military exercises with the eastern front states and Saudi aircraft were stationed in the host countries.

In the event of a new war against Israel from the east, the Saudis could participate even without sending an expeditionary force across their borders. They are building three major military bases, one of which, Abouk, is only 216 kilometers' flight from Eilat. With added fuel pods and equipment for mid-air refueling, Saudi jets could reach any target inside Israel.

U.S. Intentions Probed

The Israelis grant that U.S. intentions are not to provide the Saudis with means to destroy Israel but to reinforce "moderate" Saudi Arabia so that it can function, along with Egypt, as a firm base for American support of friendly nations in the Middle East and adjoining regions.

But the Americans should ask themselves, Israeli experts on Arab affairs say, whether the massive supply of arms to the Saudis is indeed the best way to achieve that objective or whether it could prove to be a disaster.

These experts fear that the U.S. has not learned the lesson of several decades of military and diplomatic mishaps which resulted from arming and otherwise supporting corrupt or unpopular regimes and rulers. They cite as examples Cuba, Vietnam, Libya and North Yemen where, after the pro-American rulers were overthrown in popular uprisings or coups, the American weapons were used against the U.S. or its Western allies and their interests.

The latest case in point is Iran and many informed Israelis and experts abroad wonder whether the Saudi royal family may not soon go the way of the Shah.

Situation Inside Saudi Arabia

According to these sources, the Saudi monarchy is very unstable and is threatened more from within than from outside elements. The bloody events surrounding the seizure of the Kaaba Mosque in Mecca, the assassinations on personal or religious grounds within the royal household and court and the presence of Moslem religious fanatics who are infuriated by the monarchy's attempts to westernize the country, all pose potential dangers.

The country is volatile because 85 percent of its population is illiterate and 65 percent is ruraly based. Many young illiterates, flowing into the city but finding no work, are ripe for subversive propaganda. Although oil has made Saudi Arabia one of the richest countries in the world, only one percent of its population is employed in the oil industry and of these, half are resident aliens.

Out of 1081 physicians in the country, 938 are foreigners. There is a Moslem Shi'ite minority (the predominant sect in neighboring Iran) centered in the oil producing regions where unrest is said to be rife.

All of these factors make for instability. By arming Saudi Arabia, Israelis say, the U.S. may be providing the very weapons that will soon overthrow the pro-Western monarchy. It is not only Israel's security but American interests that are at stake.

DAVID FEUERWERKER DEAD AT 68

MONTREAL, July 16 (JTA) -- Rabbi David Feuerwerker, scholar and spiritual leader of French-speaking Jews in North America has died of a heart attack at the age of 68. He will be buried in Israel. Messages of sympathy from Pope John Paul II, French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing and from France's Jewish community poured into Montreal. He was widely known in France for his war-time record.

A native of Switzerland, Feuerwerker was Chief Chaplain for the French Armed Forces of the Resistance Movement. His decorations included the French Legion of Honor, the Croix de Guerre and six citations for bravery. He was the recipient of the Grand Prix of the French Academy for his work, entitled "The Emancipation of the Jews of France" and he was awarded the humanitarian Grand Prix by the French Senate. In 1966, after serving as a professor at the Sorbonne in Paris, he immigrated to Canada and later taught Judaism at the University of Montreal.

TEL AVIV (JTA) -- A number of shells landed in Upper Galilee Tuesday following a heavy artillery and mortar duel between Palestinian terrorists and the Christian militia in south Lebanon.