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BEGIN HAILS OVERWHELMING PASSAGE OF 'JERUSALEM BILL'

By David Landau and Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, July 24 (JTA) -- The Knesset's overwhelming approval of the "Jerusalem Bill" last night was hailed by Premier Menachem Begin who interrupted his convalescence from a heart attack to appear in the Knesset and demonstratively vote for the controversial measure.

He told reporters afterwards that the 65-12 vote for the bill on its first reading was a fitting response to "the New York League of Nations" which "must learn that Jerusalem is David's city and will remain so forever." His scornful reference to the United Nations was intentional. According to Begin, the UN has degenerated "to the level of the League of Nations in Geneva between the wars." It is not a peace-making organization nor a peace-keeping organization. It encourages aggression.

The Jerusalem Bill will be brought before the Knesset for its final two readings next week after which the parliament will adjourn for summer recess. MK David Glass of the National Religious Party, chairman of the Knesset's Legal Committee which has to consider the bill before it goes back to the Knesset for its second and its third and final reading, said in a radio interview today that he would initiate several amendments to the bill, including articles guaranteeing free access to the holy places and economic benefits for all inhabitants of the city.

Many MKs Are Unhappy

Glass said the Knesset should make every effort to complete the legislative process. He acknowledged that many Knesset members are unhappy with the entire initiative but said there was no point in delaying the bill. Although Begin stressed that the bill represented the consensus in Israel, many MKs and others who support its principles deplored its timing as unnecessarily provocative.

Only 77 of the Knesset's 120 members were on hand for last night's vote. A large number of Labor MKs absented themselves to avoid the dilemma of supporting a measure they considered untimely or which violated party discipline. But many Laborites voted in favor of the bill which had the official support of the Labor Party. Yossi Sarid was the only Labor MK who cast a negative vote.

The bill, introduced in May by Gpylo Cohen of the ultra-nationalist Tehiya faction, is intended to be incorporated into Israel's basic law. It declares: (1) Jerusalem is the capital of Israel. (2) The unity and integrity of greater Jerusalem, in its post-Six-Day War borders, shall not be impaired. (3) The President of the State, the Knesset, the government and the Supreme Court shall have their seats in Jerusalem.

(Meanwhile, the State Department today reiterated the U.S. position on Jerusalem in light of the Knesset's approval of the measure. Chief spokesman John Tattner said, "Our position on Jerusalem in general has been stated often before and we have consistently opposed unilateral acts which would seek to change the status of Jerusalem outside of a negotiated settlement.")

EEC REPRESENTATIVE AT UN DEBATE SAYS STATE OF ISRAEL AND RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS MUST BE RECONCILED

By Yitzhak Rabi and Robert Palmer

UNITED NATIONS, July 24 (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Gaston Thom of Luxembourg, speaking on behalf of the European Economic Community (EEC), said today that the two basic realities in the Middle East situation are the State of Israel and the rights of the Palestinian people and that these must be reconciled.

Thom spoke on the third day of the General Assembly's special emergency session to consider the Palestinian problem. His remarks were in sharp contrast to the extreme anti-Israel statements heard in the debates so far. He said that the EEC has followed "with great anxiety" the turn of events in the Middle East and that they believe it is more necessary now than ever before to take an active role in bringing a solution to the Middle East crisis.

Thom recalled last month's Venice declaration by the heads of state of the nine EEC member countries. He said that all nations have the right to live within secure borders. He said that the Palestinian problem was not one of refugees and that the Palestinians had a right to self-determination. The nine member states of the EEC, he added, are convinced that no peaceful solution can be achieved in the Middle East without Israel's withdrawal from all occupied Arab territories.

Says Draft Resolution Will Not Help Peace

Thom said the EEC also believed that any resolution placed before this General Assembly session should refer to Security Council Resolution 242, which -- though flawed because it failed to recognize Palestinian rights -- was still the basis for a Middle East settlement.

He said, however, that the draft resolution currently under preparation here by the Arab states and their supporters "did not appear to be one that will contribute to a peaceful solution." He said that the EEC nine would decide how to vote in accordance with the principles he had enunciated. He added that the precondition of peace was a climate of confidence that avoided all forms of extremism.

Diplomats and observers here said they believed the EEC countries will abstain when the resolution is introduced in the General Assembly.

Soviet Union Issues A Warning

Addressing the emergency session last night, Soviet Ambassador Oleg Troyanovsky sharply attacked Israel and the United States and warned that as a result of Israel's "aggressive" policies, the Middle East has become "a tinder box" which could endanger world peace.

He charged that the U.S. "veto" in the Security Council had prevented the UN from adopting policies that could end the suffering of the Palestinian Arabs. Instead, Troyanovsky said, the U.S. has repeatedly supported Israel in its policy of aggression and territorial expansion.

He accused Israel of plundering the territory of its Arab neighbors for 30 years. Israel's settlement policy on the West Bank could lead to the increase of the Israeli population there to 150,000, he said, and the Israeli authorities have wrongly intensified the process of "legalizing" Jerusalem as

the "undivided" capital of Israel.

The Soviet envoy denounced the Camp David accords. In two years they have failed to decrease tension in the Middle East, he said.

PROPOSED SALE OF 100 TANKS TO JORDAN TO BE PRESENTED TO CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, July 24 (JTA) -- The proposed sale of 100 M-60 tanks to Jordan advanced today when the Defense Department announced that the \$160 million deal will be presented to Congress for approval. The tanks, equipped with night vision devices, are part of a 200-tank package President Carter promised King Hussein of Jordan, during his Washington visit last month, to modernize Jordan's armed forces.

Israel has vigorously opposed the tank sale although Pentagon officials insist it will not affect the military balance in the Middle East because Jordan has promised to phase out its older M-48 tanks. The Administration has claimed that the sale will improve U.S. ties with Jordan and help persuade Hussein to join in the current Middle East peace process based on the Camp David accords. The Jordanian ruler, however, gave no indication when he was here that he has softened his opposition to the Israeli-Egyptian autonomy negotiations.

Congress has 30 days to block the tank sale but sources on Capitol Hill predicted that it will be approved.

SECOND CONVICTED TERRORIST PRISONER DIES WHILE ON HUNGER STRIKE

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, July 24 (JTA) -- A second convicted Arab terrorist on a hunger strike died today in a hospital after food he was forced-fed got into his lungs. He was identified as Mouhamed Haloua, 28, of Gaza, who was sentenced to life imprisonment nine years ago for throwing hand grenades in the center of Gaza killing one Arab and injuring others.

Another prisoner, Ali Mohammed Jaapri, 33, of Jordan, died of the same causes Tuesday. A third prisoner is in a hospital in serious condition.

The three were among 75 prisoners who went on a hunger strike July 14 at the Nafha prison in the Negev demanding better conditions at the prison which opened two months ago to hold convicted terrorists. Twenty-six of those who continued their strike, including the two who subsequently died, were moved to the Ramleh central prison this week. Other prisoners at Ramleh staged a hunger strike yesterday in sympathy with the terrorists but it ended peacefully this morning after 24 hours.

Meanwhile, extra police and border policemen have been sent to Jerusalem to prevent any demonstrations. After Jaapri's death was announced yesterday, Arab women demonstrated through the streets of East Jerusalem clashing with police.

In another development, Gaza Mayor Rashad Shawa has cabled protests to President Yitzhak Navon, Premier Menachem Begin, Deputy Premier Yigael Yadin and the Military Governor of Gaza demanding that the Nafha prison be closed. He said he intends to protest to President Carter and the United Nations about the two deaths.

(Commenting on the death of the first prisoner, the State Department's chief spokesman, John Trainor said, in reply to a question today,

"We have seen reports on that and we are deeply concerned. We are taking up the matter with the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs.")

ARAB LEAGUE OFFICIAL SAYS LEAGUE MEMBERS AND EEC STATES WILL HOLD PARLEY THAT WILL INCLUDE THE PLO

By David Kantor

BONN, July 24 (JTA) -- Chedli Klibi, Secretary General of the Arab League, said here today that the foreign ministers of the Arab League and the European Economic Community (EEC) member states will hold a conference some time this year which will include representatives of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Klibi made the announcement at a press conference at the end of his three-day visit to West Germany. He said the Arab League and the EEC have agreed to renew the Euro-Arab dialogue, but this time on a political level in contrast to the past when the discussions were limited to cultural and trade matters. Egypt, which the Arab League boycotts because of its peace treaty with Israel, will be excluded from the dialogue, Klibi said.

The Arab League official claimed that West Germany always had reservations about the Camp David accords and that they have increased considerably of late. He claimed that the Bonn government is convinced that no peace settlement can be reached in the Middle East without the participation of the PLO. During his visit, Klibi met in Hamburg with Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher and other West German leaders.

REPORT 141 NEW SETTLEMENTS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED IN LAST THREE YEARS

JERUSALEM, July 24 (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organization have established 141 new settlements in the last three years, Matityahu Drobless, co-chairman of the WZO's Settlement Department reported at a meeting of the WZO Executive. According to Drobless, it is "the greatest settlement drive in Zionist history." Only 22 of the 141 settlements are immigrant settlements, he said.

Drobless reported that the settlement plans of seven groups of new immigrants have been delayed by financial difficulties. He also contended that the IL-2 billion allocated by the Housing and Construction Ministry this year for the new settlements is insufficient to cover their needs. The Executive deferred further discussion of settlement problems to a later session.

MAX KADUSHIN DEAD AT 84

NEW YORK, July 24 (JTA) -- Dr. Max Kadushin, professor emeritus at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America (JTS) and an authority on rabbinic thought, died here yesterday. He was 84 years old.

A graduate of New York University, he was ordained in 1920 at the JTS, the leading institution training Conservative rabbis in the United States. Kadushin received a doctorate from the JTS in 1932 and the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters in 1952. He had served congregations in New York and in Chicago and had been associated with the Seminary since 1920.

A prolific writer, he was the author of a number of books, including "Organic Thinking: A Study of Rabbinic Thought" (1938); "The Rabbinic Mind" (1952); and "Worship and Ethics" (1964).

JEWISH GROUPS, PROMINENT WOMEN URGE AN END TO THE POLITICIZATION OF THE WORLD WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, July 24 (JTA) -- The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations and B'nai B'rith have urged the Carter Administration to take the lead in forcefully blocking efforts by the Palestine Liberation Organization and its allies in the Soviet bloc and Third World countries to subvert the United Nations Decade for Women conference currently being held in Copenhagen by transforming it into a forum for anti-Israel and anti-Zionist propaganda.

At the same time, Bernice Tannenbaum, president of Hadassah, sent a letter to President Carter from Copenhagen in which she observed, "We have seen our hope of sisterhood profoundly shaken by a divisive political circus." Mrs. Tannenbaum is attending the Copenhagen conference as a delegate representing the World Jewish Congress which has non-governmental organization status. The conference is scheduled to end July 30.

Urges U.S. To Take Lead

Howard Squadron, chairman of the Presidents Conference, sent a telegram to Secretary of State Edmund Muskie yesterday saying that his organization's 34 constituent members were "profoundly concerned at efforts by the enemies of Israel and peace in the Middle East to politicize the Decade for Women conference. He urged that the U.S. delegation 'take the lead in publicly opposing and in actively lobbying against attempts by the Soviet-Arab bloc to condemn Israel and to channel UN funds for Palestinian women through the Palestine Liberation Organization."

"The PLO and its Soviet-Arab supporters seek to win United Nations' financial support allegedly to meet the needs of Palestinian women. They would also have the conference condemn Zionism, along with imperialism, apartheid, neo-colonialism and racism."

Squadron added: "We urge that our country's delegation to the conference take the lead in publicly opposing and actively lobbying against the inflammatory polemics of the PLO and its co-conspirators in the Arab League, the Soviet bloc and the so-called Third World. Free and democratic nations everywhere look to the United States to play the key role in resisting the anti-Israel cabal in Copenhagen We believe it is imperative that our country's delegation in Copenhagen undertake a major campaign to avert a serious blow to the American national interest, to the Arab-Israeli peace process and to the security of our friend and ally Israel."

Warns Of PLO Subversion

Jack Spitzer, president of B'nai B'rith International, also asked in contacts with the White House that the U.S. instruct its delegation to take the lead in resisting proposals that equate Zionism with racism, provide UN subsidies to the PLO under the guise of helping Palestinian women and other PLO attempts to politicize the Copenhagen conference.

"The PLO and its allies" are trying to subvert the meeting and turn it into a propaganda show "to further the PLO's anti-peace aims," Spitzer said. "B'nai B'rith is deeply concerned about the PLO's cynical exploitation of the

conference."

Tragedy Of Women Distorted

Tannenbaum noted in her letter to Carter, that on "issues relating to the problems of women refugees, Palestinian women are singled out over Afghan, Vietnamese, Ethiopian, Kampuchean and countless other women refugees, thus distorting a tragedy of staggering proportions."

She also stated that once again, at the Copenhagen conference, "the slander originating in 1975 at Mexico City is being revived by Cuba which has introduced an amendment to the Plan of Action calling Zionism an evil to be eradicated along with colonialism, racism, etc."

Tannenbaum praised "the strong efforts of our outstanding United States delegation led by Sarah Weddington," but despite this, the conference "has degenerated into an anti-American, anti-Jewish and anti-Israel diatribe where any ill -- in any part of the world -- is blamed on the United States and/or Israel." She called on the President "to speak out now -- before the conference ends -- to affirm that the policy of the United States is to reject any Plan of Action containing such proposals and slanders."

Internationally Eminent Women Speak Out

In a related development, a group of internationally eminent women, including several political figures, artists, authors and actresses have signed a statement appealing to the participants at the international women's conference in Copenhagen to end politicization of the conference and to "preserve its universal character."

Among those who signed the statement are

Simone de Beauvoir, Louise Nevelson, Madeleine Renaud, Beverly Sills and Bella Abzug. Other women, from the United States, include Colleen Dewhurst, Betty Friedan, Shelley Winters, Ann Jackson, Ann Mearns, Jacqueline Grennan Wexler, Bess Meyerson, Eugenie Anderson and Reps. Beverly Byron (D.Md.), Marjorie Holt (R.Md.) and Margaret Heckler (R.Mass.).

The statement, which was released to the media on an international basis, was initiated in France by a group of women aware that certain agenda items might overshadow the original intent of the conference and turn the event into an explosive political forum. Among the countries represented in the list of signatories are Australia, Austria, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Costa Rica, Denmark, Federal Republic of Germany, Ecuador, Finland, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Norway, Panama, Portugal, Uruguay, U.S. and Venezuela.

The appeal "to all participants," stated: "This conference provides us with the opportunity to make known our views on questions which preoccupy women: social life, equality, education, health and employment. We know that actions are envisaged to use this conference for partisan ends thus diverting it from its initial aims. Politicizations have no place in this encounter. It is to be hoped that this conference, which rallies women from all countries, preserves its universal character."

Nurs Issue An Appeal

In addition, the National Coalition of American Nurses (NCAN) also issued an appeal "to women of all faiths to join hands as sisters in an effort to make the International Women's Conference in Copenhagen what it is supposed to be -- an opportunity for women to dialogue about the women's agenda."

The appeal, signed by Sister Margaret Traxler and Sister Ann Gillen, members of the Coalition's

executive board and delegates to the conference, added, in part: "NCAN deplores the efforts of the PLO to politicize this women's conference in Copenhagen, 1980, as they did in the International Women's Conference in Mexico City in 1975.

"NCAN denounces the PLO terrorists, who presume to speak for the largely silent Palestinian people. The PLO do not even dialogue with all their brothers -- to say nothing of their sisters So far, the PLO has not shown any signs of joining the human family, as they are still pledged to 'liquidate' the State of Israel ...

"Palestinian women are hostages to the perverse nationalistic hatred of the PLO, who demonstrate by their plans for Copenhagen that they dominate their own sisters, using them as pawns in the game of politics, even as they keep them in the bondage of Arab male supremacy. Finally, NCAN urges Palestinian women to share the concerns of all women and to join in efforts to build peace for their people"

JEWISH GROUPS ASK HIGH COURT TO UPHOLD A DECISION REVOKING THE CITIZENSHIP OF A WAR CRIMINAL

NEW YORK, July 24 (JTA) -- A number of Jewish organizations have asked the U.S. Supreme Court to uphold a decision revoking the citizenship of a former Nazi death camp guard who admitted lying about his wartime past.

A friend of the court brief, filed jointly by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, the American Jewish Committee, the American Federation of Jewish Fighters, Camp Inmates and Nazi Victims and the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, pointed out that Fedorenko, in failing to disclose his service as a Treblinka camp guard had avoided an investigation that would have almost certainly barred him from this country. Instead, Fedorenko, a resident of Florida, was able to live in this country for 29 years, avoiding being called to account for his Treblinka activities.

"During the time that Fedorenko was a guard at Treblinka," Seymour Reich, chairman of ADL's Civil Rights Committee, quoted the brief as saying, "three quarters of a million Jews were killed. We speak for these Jews and submit that a just result in this case is vital to insure that their memory and the honor of Treblinka and the Holocaust are not forgotten."

A U.S. district court judge in Florida ruled in 1978 that Fedorenko could keep his citizenship despite his coverup -- which occurred twice, once when he applied for a visa to enter the U.S. in 1949 and the second time, in 1970, when he applied for citizenship.

Fedorenko claimed he didn't know Jews were being killed at Treblinka and denied testimony by six Israeli survivors that they had seen him torture and shoot prisoners there during his one-year service as a guard. He said he had been a farmer in Poland from 1937 to 1942, when he went to Germany to work as a laborer for the duration of the war.

The lower court's decision was reversed by the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, which ordered that Fedorenko's citizenship be revoked. He then appealed to the Supreme Court, where the case will be argued in the court's fall term.

In a statement accompanying the brief, ADL said the "case presents a serious challenge to the capacity of the United States government to fulfill its immigration and naturalization func-

tions, as well as to the process by which Nazi war criminals are brought to justice."

BATTLE OVER COMMERCIAL TV CHANNEL

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, July 24 (JTA) -- A new battle is shaping up between the coalition and the opposition over government proposals to establish a commercial television channel to compete with the present single channel which is State-owned but autonomous. Energy Minister Yitzhak Mordechai is expected to soon propose the new channel to the Ministerial Economic Committee.

Several business groups are known to be interested in bidding for the franchise to operate a commercial channel. If the full Cabinet approves Mordechai's proposal, the Economic Committee will begin to consider bids.

Commercial television has been under discussion for years. The latest move in favor of a commercial channel has come at a time when national television, and to a lesser extent, national radio, are under strong attack by government ministers and coalition Knesset members for allegedly being too negative and down-beat in reporting news of government activities.

Mordechai and Finance Minister Yigal Hurwitz are among the most severe critics of public television's handling of the news and public affairs. Binyamin Halevi, an MK of the Democratic Movement, recently referred to TV news reporters as "criminals" and had to make a public apology.

Labor MKs have charged that coalition attacks on television and radio staff reporters were deliberately intended to boost the chances of Cabinet approval of a second channel. They accused the government of wanting to create a commercial channel to be run by pro-Likud business interests. Moshe Shahal, chairman of the Labor Party's Knesset faction, called for tight Knesset and public control over any second channel to ensure that it does not become a political tool.

SQUATTERS REMOVED BY POLICE

JERUSALEM, July 24 (JTA) -- Mounted police and foot patrolmen forcibly removed about 10 families from the abandoned Arab village of Lifa just outside Jerusalem Tuesday night. One man was slightly injured during the evacuation which was accomplished generally without violence.

The families moved into Lifa without authorization to protest what they said was the government's failure to honor its promise to provide decent homes for slum dwellers. Yamin Swissa, leader of the group, also led the "Ohel Moreh" (tent city) squatters who established themselves on unused State-owned land on the southern outskirts of Jerusalem three weeks ago.

That group, about 40 families from the depressed Katamon quarter, left voluntarily after the Jerusalem Municipality and the Israel Land Administration promised to allocate land elsewhere in Jerusalem for housing young married couples unable to afford homes of their own.

Swissa alleged that the Ministry of Housing and Construction reneged on its part of the bargain to provide the housing. A Ministry spokesman conceded that it did not favor the proposal. He said the Housing Ministry has offered to assist young couples to establish a new settlement in Galilee but would not support an experiment in housing "whose success is doubtful." The Jerusalem Municipality said, however, that it was willing to go ahead with the plan.