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## ISLAMIC STATES AT THE UN WANT SECURITY COUNCIL TO IMPOSE ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST ISRAEL

UNITED NATIONS, Aug. 6 (JTA) — The Islamic group of states yesterday approved a move to call upon the Security Council to request of UN member states that they impose sanctions against Israel, including interruption of economic relations and the severance of diplomatic relations, in response to the Knesset decision last week proclaiming united Jerusalem as Israel's capital. The 40-member group prepared a draft resolution, which is expected to be debated in the Council shortly, that would declare the Knesset's action null and void. Diplomatic sources said there was little doubt that the United States would veto the measure.

Pakistan, which is the chairman of the Islamic group, submitted last Friday a request on behalf of all its members for an immediate meeting of the Council on the Jerusalem issue. The three Islamic states which are members of the Security Council — Bangladesh, Niger and Tunisia — are expected to sponsor the formal resolution. Council President Vasco Pereira of Portugal has been holding daily consultations with the other members about the Pakistani proposal for a meeting.

The draft approved by the Islamic states would have the Council reaffirm that "all legislative and administrative measures and actions taken by Israel, the occupying power, which have altered or purport to alter the character and status of the holy city of Jerusalem are null and void and must be rescinded forthwith."

## Saudi Arabia And Iraq Issue A Warning

Some UN member states have suggested that if the U.S. vetoes the resolution economic reprisals might be taken against the U.S., implying a possible new oil embargo.

According to reports from Riyadh, Saudi Arabia and Iraq said today they would sever economic and political ties with any country which accepts united Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. The official Saudi press agency reported that an official communique was issued after talks today between King Khalid and Iraqi President Saddam Hussein which stated: "The two sides agreed to sever all political and economic relations with any country which responds to the Zionist entity and retains its embassy in Jerusalem."

The communique added that Iraq and Saudi Arabia value those countries which have withdrawn their diplomatic missions from Jerusalem following the Knesset decision. The communique was issued after Hussein returned home from a 24-hour visit to Saudi Arabia, the first by an Iraqi President since the downfall of the Hashemite monarchy in Iraq in 1958.

## LEADING NUCLEAR SCIENTIST WARNS IRAQ MAY SOON HAVE NUCLEAR BOMB French Uranium Supply Is Helping Baghdad By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Aug. 6 (JTA) — One of France's foremost nuclear scientists has warned that Iraq might have a nuclear bomb in a few years from now. The scientist, Francis Perrin, is the former head of France's Atomic Energy Commission and

the man responsible for creating the French atomic bomb.

Perrin said in an interview yesterday with a French newspaper that the quantity of uranium supplied by France along with the assistance in technicians, equipment and training facilities should enable Baghdad to have a nuclear-striking force of its own by the mid-1980s.

The scientist warned that any small or medium sized country could be tempted to use the bomb as a form of blackmail. He added, "fortunately for Israel and the rest of us, Israel has the atomic bomb already and would probably not give in to any nuclear blackmail."

Perrin was in charge of the French nuclear commission at the time of Franco-Israeli cooperation in this field and is one of the world scientists best informed on Israel's own atomic research and achievements.

## BEGIN'S REPLY TO SADAT SENT TO EGYPT

JERUSALEM, Aug. 6 (JTA) — Premier Menachem Begin's response to the letter by President Anwar Sadat of Egypt asking for "clarifications" from Israel so that the autonomy talks can be resumed was sent to Egypt today by a special emissary. Copies of Begin's response were also sent to President Carter who had also received a copy of Sadat's letter to Begin.

A government spokesman said that Begin in his response pointed out that Israel continues to adhere to the Camp David agreements and rejects the allegation by Egypt that Israel is placing obstacles in the way of the autonomy talks. According to the spokesman, who declined to divulge the contents of Begin's response, the Premier wrote, "He who writes as Sadat does that the legislation of the Knesset on Jerusalem is null and void, his own words have no value." The Knesset last Thursday voted 69-15 making united Jerusalem the capital of Israel.

## BI-PARTISAN BLOC OF SENATORS SUPPORT WORLD BANK AND IMF REJECTION OF PLO DEMAND FOR OBSERVER STATUS By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6 (JTA) — A bi-partisan bloc of half the U.S. Senate membership is expressing support to the directors of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for rejecting the Palestine Liberation Organization's demand to have observer status at the meetings of the two institutions.

Led by Sens. Howard Metzenbaum (D, Ohio) and Robert Dole (R, Kansas), members of the bloc have signed a letter to World Bank president Robert McNamara commending his "leadership on this issue." A copy of the letter, dated Aug. 5, is to be delivered to McNamara later today after additional Senators are given an opportunity to sign it before the Senate goes into recess until Aug. 18. Names of Senators from 42 states were on the letter at noon today.

In a separate communication to other Senators, Metzenbaum and Dole denounced Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, saying they were using political conditions to influence support for the PLO. Copies of both the letter to McNamara and the Metzenbaum-Dole communication were obtained by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

"We believe that the board acted correctly in refusing to grant international legitimacy to an organization that represents no state, espouses terror as a political method and has as its stated goal the destruction of Israel, a member nation of both the World Bank and the IMF," the Senators wrote McNamara. "In addition we want to share with you our concern about press reports that nations friendly to the PLO have brought financial pressure to bear upon the World Bank and the IMF in order to secure a reversal of the decision of the bank's board July 25.

The Senators also told McNamara that the U.S., the "mainstay" of the bank and the IMF, "has scrupulously observed the principle that multi-lateral financial institutions must be able to operate without political interference. We believe that any such conditions imposed from any quarter will inevitably erode the credibility and the effectiveness" of the two institutions. The U.S. is understood to have contended strongly to the directors to oppose PLO recognition.

In a separate communication to Senate members, Metzenbaum and Dole said that "in retaliation" for the bank's rejection of the PLO demand, "Saudi Arabia and Kuwait have reportedly imposed a 'freeze' on their cooperation with the World Bank which has meant postponement of a \$402 million Saudi loan and withdrawal of a Kuwaiti commitment to underwrite \$86 million in West German bond purchases."

The two Senators told their colleagues that to accord observer status to the PLO "would in effect recognize as legitimate the PLO's methods, programs and ultimate objectives."

#### Concerned With The Larger Implications

"But aside from the questions of the PLO," the Senators added, "we are concerned about the larger implications of this attempt by financially powerful nations to attach political conditions to the participation in World Bank and IMF programs. As our nation has long recognized, any such conditions imposed from any quarter will inevitably erode the credibility and the effectiveness of these important multi-lateral institutions."

At the World Bank, JTA was informed that the institution's board of directors acted on a move by the PLO for observer status at the annual meeting of the bank and IMS in Belgrade last year. The eight-member joint committee on credentials became deadlocked in a 4-4 vote on the issue in November in Paris.

Last month, the directors of the institution decided to recommend to the governors, who are finance ministers or heads of central banks, that they considered defining more precisely what an observer is for the institution's meetings, and that meanwhile the observer list that prevailed at the Belgrade meeting continue at the institution's next annual meeting in Washington Sept. 30-Oct. 3. That list excludes the PLO.

The governors of the two institutions, each of which has about 135 nations as members, include the U.S., United Kingdom, France, Germany and Japan, and 15 others selected by the remainder of the members.

#### ISRAEL'S AIR FORCE HAS NOT BEEN AFFECTED BY BUDGET CUTS

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Aug. 6 (JTA) -- Gen. David Ivri, commander of the Israel Air Force, said that the readiness of Israel's air defense arm has not

been affected by severe budget cuts which have, among other things reduced the flying hours of Israeli pilots.

In a recent report, Ivri cited the strength and efficiency of the Air Force. At the same time, he warned of the growing air combat and defense systems of Israel's enemies on the eastern front.

Ivri disclosed that the Air Force has made operational the Hughes M.D.-500 helicopter which has been put into service this year as an anti-tank weapon. He said this serves to close the armor gap between Israel and its eastern front foes whose combined tank force is larger than Israel's. The American-made helicopter carries four "tank killer" missiles on its fuselage and costs one-third the price of the Cobra helicopter.

#### Absorbing American Jets

Ivri said the Air Force can compliment itself for the speed with which it absorbed the American F-16 jets, almost 18 months ahead of schedule. This was necessary because the cancellation of orders by Iran allowed the planes' manufacturer, the General Dynamics Corp., to deliver the F-16s to Israel earlier than planned.

Israel also plans to replace its Kfir jet interceptors, designed and manufactured by Israel Aircraft Industries, with a second generation Israel-made plane, the Lavie, in years to come.

The Air Force has been engaged in several large-scale operations during the past year. These include partial evacuation of the Sinai airfields, redeployment at existing airfields in Israel and preparations to take over the three new air bases being built in the Negev, two financed by the U.S., which will become operational when Israel completes its evacuation from Sinai by the end of next year.

The Air Force also saw combat action last year when in June and September, 1979, it engaged in skirmishes with Syrian aircraft over Lebanon and shot down nine Syrian MIG-21s.

#### Challenge From Hostile Neighbors

But, according to Ivri, Israel still faces a challenge from its hostile neighbors. He said that Syria has greatly increased its air force and its anti-aircraft defenses. Its anti-aircraft batteries are triple the size they were at the time of the Yom Kippur War and Syria also has heavy transport planes, provided by the Soviet Union.

In Ivri's view, Jordan has become the main threat in the air. Its air force has been re-equipped with modern planes and it has an infrastructure of airfields, some still under construction. One is opposite the Araba section of the Negev and the other opposite the Dead Sea.

Jordan also has a large number of improved Hawk anti-aircraft missiles which may give it a sense of security, Ivri said. It has a contract with France for additional missiles of various types. Iraq, the third confrontation state, is also beefing up its air force.

#### BEGIN CANCELS ADMINISTRATIVE DETENTION ORDER AGAINST KAHANE

JERUSALEM, Aug. 6 (JTA) -- A six-month administrative detention order against Kach leader Rabbi Meir Kahane was cancelled today on a direct order by Premier Menachem Begin acting in his capacity as Defense Minister. The order was originally issued by Ezer Weizman last May while he was still Defense Minister following information that Kahane initiated a "serious illegal action." The specifics of this action were never revealed. Under recent Israeli regulations detention orders must be renewed

every three months.

Despite Begin's order Kahane was not released from jail where he is serving a concurrent seven-month sentence for holding an illegal demonstration at the Hebrew University two years ago. Kahane is soon to face another trial on charges that he disrupted the public order and prevented a soldier from carrying out his duties during a demonstration in Nablus.

#### BEHIND THE HEADLINES

#### THE PALPABLE LONELINESS OF ISRAELI DELEGATES AT THE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

By Sharyn Perlman

(Editor's note: This is one of several interviews the Jewish Telegraphic Agency conducted with leaders of American Jewish women's organizations who attended the world conference of the United Nations Decade for Women in Copenhagen last month.)

NEW YORK, Aug. 6 (JTA) — A disappointed and disenchanted Bernice Tannenbaum returned from the United Nations Decade for Women Conference in Copenhagen last month. "I was appalled by the bias of those in the chair, the secretariat, the United Nations special agencies, and by the lack of ordinary proper procedures," she told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in an interview. Tannenbaum, president of Hadassah, represented the World Jewish Congress as a non-governmental organization with consultative status at this international conference.

"I came (to the conference) hoping that it would not be politicized and we would talk about world issues," but "the PLO was there in full force, they busted up whatever meeting they were not happy with" and "astentatiously walked out in droves" whenever a member of the Israeli delegation spoke, continued Tannenbaum.

The chairmen did not delegate equal time to snuff Arab propaganda leaving Jewish observers "seething because we were angry about what we were hearing and had to be passive," explained Tannenbaum.

Speaking on the isolation felt by the Israeli delegation Tannenbaum said that "from the first meeting we sensed the palpable loneliness of the Israeli delegation" consisting of about 15 members. As Jewish leaders "our presence was vitally important in combatting that loneliness and injecting our voices into the forum. We provided that morale-building element which they needed so much. We created our own entity on the spot," joined by many members of the U.S. delegation, to discuss how to stop the politicization of the conference.

This group of Jewish leaders was headed by a steering committee — characterized by Tannenbaum as a "little UN of Jewish women" — with two Americans and one representative each from Switzerland, Finland, Holland, England, France, Denmark and Canada.

#### Role Of U.S. Delegation

The American delegation had a good relationship with the Jewish women, according to Tannenbaum, and met with Jewish leaders for briefings almost every day. A cautious mood at the beginning of the conference was dispelled by directives from Washington to maintain a "firm stand on the question of Zionism and the fact that funds should not be channeled through the PLO," continued Tannenbaum.

"The fact that Israel is an ally of the U.S. was underscored by many of the delegates," she said, praising the U.S. for remaining "absolutely firm to the very end."

Jihon Sadat, wife of the Egyptian President, had several private meetings with Chava Hareli, Israel's Ambassador to Norway, according to Tannenbaum. "The Egyptians were warm and proper until Mrs. Sadat left" at which time they kept "a low profile," she said. Despite Mrs. Sadat's words on behalf of Israel, the official Egyptian delegation was directed to vote for adoption of the final "Plan of Action" with its condemnation of Israel.

#### Danish Community Was Stalwart

Amid all the isolation, Tannenbaum reported, "the Danish community was stalwart, both Jews and non-Jews." Danes equate anti-Israel sentiment with anti-Semitism, a phenomenon with which they are not familiar, Tannenbaum observed. To counter pro-PLO propaganda, about 100 Danes, Jews and non-Jews, demonstrated in front of the building housing the conference wearing yellow Stars of David on their arms, carrying Danish and Israeli flags, and singing Hatikva, Israel's national anthem. Within minutes they were joined by other conference delegates singing Israeli songs.

#### Some Positive Effects

Despite the constant politicization of the conference, there were some positive effects. According to Tannenbaum, these include "the contact and interaction of women from different societies," the "healing atmosphere of the Danish community," and "the fact that the U.S. delegation was so firm in its commitments and ideals" in trying to redirect the conference towards its original goals.

When asked if the women's conference attained the set goals, Tannenbaum replied, "most delegations' goals were not achieved" because "the agenda was turned around by the injection of these extraneous issues." She added that the PLO, however, was "very successful" in achieving their goals because the PLO "did not come to talk about women; their goal was completely political."

Tannenbaum stated that there were those present at the conference who felt "there was no point in having another conference in five years" at the conclusion of the UN Decade for Women, and added regretfully, "I am not sure what purpose is served."

(Tomorrow: Esther Landa, former president of the National Council of Jewish Women, who was part of the official U.S. delegation to the conference in Copenhagen.)

#### RABIN UNDER FIRE FOR LECTURE

TEL AVIV, Aug. 6 (JTA) — Yitzhak Rabin, who is going to visit Argentina next week as a guest of the Jewish community and who will lecture at a forum of the Argentine armed forces national staff college in Buenos Aires, has come under fire by the youth section of the Labor Party which is demanding that he cancel the lecture.

The youth section claimed that Rabin, by lecturing before the armed forces staff, will legitimize a military dictatorship which has been responsible for the disappearance of thousands of Jews in Argentina. So far, Rabin has refused to cancel his lecture. Following his six-day visit to Argentina, Rabin will go to New Orleans to address the national convention of the Jewish War Veterans. The former Premier is then expected to spend a few days in Washington, where he was Israel's Ambassador before becoming Premier, prior to returning to Israel.

**SPECIAL TO THE JTA****THE JEWS OF HAITI**

By Ben Frank

(Part I Of A Two-Part Series)

**PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti, Aug. 6 (JTA) —**

According to the cold statistics, there are only 45 Jewish families in Haiti, but the dynamics, the people, the will to survive as a community is an untold but easily discovered story by those who take some time out from enjoying this excellent vacation spot to look beneath the surface.

True, there is no synagogue, though there once was one 200 years ago. True, there is no official rabbi, though one flies in from Miami occasionally for Bar Mitzvahs and weddings.

But this is one of those Jewish communities in the world where the Israel Embassy helps Jews live as Jews, and remain as Jews. Here, Israel indeed plays a vital role in providing ties to 150 Jews in this heart-of-the-Caribbean country of more than five million.

It is the Israel Embassy, located at 8 Berthe St., which has become the focal point of Judaism in Haiti. Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services are held at the Embassy as well as the Purim ball, Chanukah party, the Passover seder and the Israel Independence Day celebration.

"In effect, I am the rabbi," said Ambassador Zvi Loker, a veteran Israeli diplomat and scholar who was born in Yugoslavia. In an interview, Loker said that there are more than 150 persons who come to services during the High Holidays.

**Haiti Is Loyal To Israel**

Even for a diplomat, the Ambassador warmly cites the friendship of Haiti towards Israel. It voted for Israel in the partition vote of 1947; it voted against the Arab-Soviet-sponsored Zionism/racism resolution; and it has an embassy in Jerusalem.

"Haiti has been loyal to Israel," Loker declared, adding, "We are looking for friends wherever we can find them." He said that the Haitians like Israel "for they say we were brave in war against numerous odds and they have a sympathetic interest in us."

Israel, of course, is well known here for the agricultural development of the Jewish State. For years, Israel's agricultural experts have been coming to aid this underdeveloped country. Israeli experts have helped Haiti with terracing and improved agricultural methods. This is but one more example of how the Jewish State assists other nations, and the Haitians have not forgotten it. Haiti is beginning to make headway in economic development and outside cooperation is desired.

To the Israelis and those who come here, Haiti's tantalizing tastes and smiles, its warm sun, its French and Creole flavor and flair give the appearance and feeling of being in a large country, rather than an island. It is the size of Maryland and contains more than 10,000 square miles replete with cool mountains and varied scenery.

**Israelis Visiting Haiti**

Besides the diplomats and the agricultural experts, there are even a few Israelis who live here and who have married Haitian Jews. Some in the community read the international edition of the "Jerusalem Post" and even a few copies of the Hebrew daily, "Maariv" circulate here. Hebrew is in evidence in some shops. This writer saw the Hebrew word, "Shalom," prominently displayed in the "Shalom Art Gallery," makers of batik and

located in the garden suburb of Petionville.

Albert Silvera, owner of the luxurious El Rancho Hotel, noted that besides many American Jews visiting Haiti, there have been some Israelis staying at his first-class establishment, including, he said, Ruth Dayan.

It is the Israel Ambassador, however, who is the focal point even of inquiries to future development of Jewish tourism to this country. He related how Orthodox groups from the U.S. have approached him for information about this exotic spot in the Caribbean in order to bring kosher food, as well as ritual arrangements to Haiti.

Jewish leaders told this writer that Haitians welcome Jews. "There is no such thing as a Jewish problem," they added. David Bigio, a Jewish leader here, described his country: "No crime, no violence, no drugs, no kidnapping, peace in the streets."

It was in the 1930's and 1940's that the Jewish population reached its peak, about 300 persons. Now, there are less, but the community here will survive. "Our roots are too deep," Bigio said, quickly adding, "there is Jewish life in Haiti; the Jewish community is alive."

(Tomorrow: Part Two)

**SOVIET JEW RELEASED FROM HOSPITAL**

**NEW YORK, Aug. 6 (JTA) —** After numerous protests, Kiev activist Vladimir Kislok has been released from a psychiatric hospital where he has been held since mid-July; it was reported here today by the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry. The SSSJ said that the Chicago Action for Soviet Jewry learned of Kislok's release today in telephone calls to both the hospital and to Kislok's father. The 45-year-old metallurgist, who has been refused an exit visa to Israel since 1973, has been a target of particularly vicious KGB harassment, according to the Chicago group.

Meanwhile, the SSSJ and the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews reported that Jewish emigration from the USSR "took an Olympic leap downwards" in July, plummeting to a year's low of 1205. This was more than 30 percent below June's exit rate and only 28 percent of the 1979 monthly average. Some 900, or 75 percent of the July exiles did not go on to Israel.

**U.S. - ISRAEL TOURISM INCREASING**

**NEW YORK, Aug. 6 (JTA) —** Tourism from the United States to Israel increased by 21 percent last June, a month during which most trans-Atlantic destinations were reporting a marked drop in American tourist arrivals, according to Israel Zuriel, Israel's Commissioner for Tourism to North America. Twenty-three percent more Americans arrived in Israel by air in June than in the same month of 1979. During last June, 14 percent more tourists from all countries of the world visited Israel than in June 1979. Almost 150,000 Americans have visited Israel during the first half of 1980.

Zuriel pointed out that despite the rising cost of vacations everywhere, Israel's comparatively lower hotel costs, combined with an Apex or charter airfare make the country an extremely good value for U.S. travelers. "Moreover," he continued, "the opening of the Egyptian-Israel border and the expansion of air services between Tel Aviv and Cairo are bringing more and more Americans to Israel." Increased tourism to Israel from the U.S. is expected to continue throughout 1980 as tour operators and airlines announce extended and new charter programs to Israel and reduced scheduled air fares, Zuriel said.