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MOYNIHAN ASSERTS THE U.S. WILL MOVE ITS EMBASSY IN ISRAEL FROM TEL AVIV TO JERUSALEM

By David Friedman

NEW YORK, Aug. 12 (JTA) -- Sen. Daniel Moynihan of New York stressed to the Democratic National Convention last night that a Democratic Administration will fulfill the pledge in the party's platform to move its embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem and to maintain the security of Israel.

Noting that there are "those who will not accept" the peace achieved between Israel and Egypt, Moynihan declared: "May we suggest they read the platform of the Democratic Party, for here we speak in perfect confidence for the whole nation. 'Jerusalem,' the platform declares, 'should remain forever undivided . . . Jerusalem is 'the capital of Israel.' We will move our embassy there."

"And let those who would come in arms against the wall of Jerusalem understand that we, too, are on those walls. We are not about to commit our strength to protecting the rich societies of that region whilst permitting the destruction of free ones."

As Moynihan was speaking, the delegates in the hall were just learning that Sen. Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts had withdrawn his candidacy for the presidency and was now backing President Carter.

The Kennedy announcement, which surprised many of his supporters, came about two hours after the convention decidedly rejected his efforts to remove a requirement in the rules that delegates vote on the first ballot for the candidate for whom they were elected in the primaries. The 1936-1990 vote made it a certainty that Carter would receive more than the 1666 votes required for renomination tomorrow night.

Arab American Group Attacks Moynihan

In Jerusalem today, Israeli Premier Menachem Begin sent Moynihan a telegram thanking him for his "warm words" on Jerusalem. But at a press conference in New York today, the head of the National Association of Arab Americans (NAAA) called Moynihan's remarks a "radical escalation" of what he termed an already "unbalanced" position by the Democratic Party in support of Israel.

James Sams, NAAA president, said that Americans understood that Moynihan's remarks were campaign rhetoric. But he said these statements are taken seriously abroad and "undermine" the United States position in the Middle East and elsewhere.

Sams said that the same thing was true for the Middle East section of the Democratic Party's platform which the convention was scheduled to adopt without any opposition today. He said the platform now reads like a "statement of Israeli aspirations and Israeli policy" rather than U.S. policy. He said it will have a damaging effect on U.S. policy in the Arab world and on the U.S. efforts to achieve a comprehensive peace agreement in the Mideast. He noted that the Republican platform was also "unbalanced" in favor of Israel.

Sams said he was particularly concerned

about a new rule that the Democratic convention was about to adopt requiring the Presidential candidate to sign a statement of support for the policies outlined in the platform. He said that if Carter signed it he would be going against some of the principles of his own Administration. He was apparently indicating that if Carter signed the policy statement he would be required to move the U.S. embassy to Jerusalem, even though official U.S. policy has been that the status of Jerusalem must be decided through negotiations.

The rule, however, was worked out by the Carter and Kennedy forces earlier this week, principally to ensure that whoever was named the Presidential candidate would support the economic sections of the platform.

Outlines NAAA Mideast Platform

But Sams noted that if Carter was to go along with the platform position to move the U.S. embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem this would cause many Arab states to carry out their threat to break off relations with the U.S. He said the NAAA calls for a different Mideast platform which would declare that the "United States must remain free and unfettered in its efforts to achieve Middle East peace in order to be true to the American national interest and to the needs of all the American people."

The NAAA's proposed plank would also state: "We believe that all the principal parties to the conflict must be full participants in diplomatic negotiations. Israeli Jews and Palestinian Arabs have legitimate rights and interests which require equal respect and recognition by the world community, including the right of self-determination achieved by Israel and still denied to the Palestinians."

MORE THAN 10 PERCENT OF DELEGATES TO DEMOCRATIC CONCLAVE ARE JEWISH

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, Aug. 12 (JTA) -- About 400 delegates, or more than 10 percent of the 3381 delegates to the Democratic National Convention which opened here last night are Jewish, according to figures gathered by the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC). This compares with 93 delegates, or about five percent of the 1994 delegates at the GOP convention last month in Detroit, who were Jewish.

Officials of AIPAC, who held a reception here last night honoring the Democratic members of the 96th Congress attending the convention, said that their survey of the convention delegates showed that Jews are among the members of 32 state delegations, while Jews were among the members of only 26 state delegations at the GOP convention.

The largest number of Jewish delegates, a survey by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency showed, are in the New York delegation, with 97 Jews out of 282 delegates. Another large contingent of Jewish delegates -- 45 -- is part of the 306-member delegation from California.

FORMER NAZI WINS GOP NOMINATION FOR SEAT IN CONGRESS FROM MICHIGAN

DETROIT, Aug. 12 (JTA) -- Gerald Carlson, a former member of the local Nazi Party and self-proclaimed white supremacist leader, has won the Republican nomination for the U.S. Congress to represent Michigan's 15th District.

Carlson won 55 percent of the recent vote in

defeating James Cagill, a public safety commissioner in Woodhaven who campaigned hard and spent about \$30,000 in his unsuccessful bid for the nomination. Carlson will oppose Cagill—who has said he will be a write-in candidate -- and Democratic incumbent William Ford in the general election.

Carlson dropped out of the local Nazi Party in 1978 and founded the National Christian Democratic Party, which he described as a splinter "political party for white Americans," soon after. He gained publicity when his organization began playing a taped telephone message calling for the banning of Blacks from Dearborn and Dearborn Heights. Carlson listed his address as Dearborn on his Congressional nominating petition.

Many Republican leaders were stunned and upset by their party's choice. "This guy is a total jerk," said Pat Ganzberger, 15th District Republican Party chairman. "No, he's not our candidate. No, I'm not going to support him. I'm going to support James Cagill as a write-in."

Carlson reportedly had been a member of the National States Rights Party, the Ku Klux Klan, the John Birch Society and the American Independent Party before joining the Nazis. He abandoned these groups because "they weren't making headway for me," Carlson said recently.

U.S. NAZI-HUNTER GETS NEW POST

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (JTA) -- Martin Mendelsohn, a leading Nazi-hunter in the U.S. Department of Justice who was shifted from his investigatory duties in January following a policy dispute, has been appointed to the staff of the House Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and International Law that is charged with examining federal government activity regarding alleged Nazi war criminals in the United States.

Mendelsohn was named as a counsel to the subcommittee by its chairperson Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman (D. NY), who indicated through a staff aide to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he will be primarily responsible for investigating why criminals were allowed to enter the United States and remain undisturbed in this country for some 35 years. These questions remain basically unanswered, the aide said.

Holtzman, "delighted" that Mendelsohn joined the staff, said "he is one of the few people in the United States with the knowledge and experience to conduct such a historical inquiry." Mendelsohn said: "This is an opportunity for us to learn the causes for this unconscionable situation. We may find evidence of conspiracy, complicity, incompetence or nothing at all. The investigation has no pre-conceived biases. We are merely interested in the truth."

Mendelsohn was relieved of his duties as deputy director of the Office of Special Investigation in the Department of Justice's criminal division following a dispute between him and its new director, Walter Rockler. The dispute created a storm between a number of Congressmen and the Justice Department. Rockler resigned about two months later and returned to private law practice after holding the position less than a year. Rockler has been replaced by Allan Ryan who was not involved in the dispute.

VANDALS INVADE JEWISH NURSERY SCHOOL

RIO DE JANEIRO, Aug. 12 (JTA) -- The

Brazilian Jewish community was shocked by the vandalism by two unidentified persons who invaded a nursery school in the Jewish quarter of Bom Retiro in Sao Paulo, and wrecked the school. The nursery, maintained by the Jewish philanthropic organization, Ofidos, takes care of 130 poor children, none of them Jewish, Mondays through Fridays.

The vandals invaded the nursery when it was closed last Saturday or Sunday. They destroyed the piano, a television set, dolls, the tables and desks. They smeared the walls with swastikas and obscenities. One undestroyed doll wastef left by them with the inscription "death to the children."

Jewish community leaders believe the vandalism was an organized anti-Semitic act and the possible beginning of more anti-Semitic activities. The police department has launched an investigation, but some in the Jewish community recalled that none of those who committed anti-Semitic acts over the past years in Sao Paulo and the southern province of Rio Grande do Sul have been found.

The vandalism in the nursery school occurred at the same time as unidentified persons were destroying newsstands where leftist and opposition weeklies in general are on sale. Police believe that an extreme rightwing group is involved. (By David Markus)

DULZIN CRITICIZES PLANS TO MOVE THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Aug. 12 (JTA) -- Leon Dulzin, chairman of the World Zionist Organization Executive, has joined the critics of Premier Menachem Begin's decision to move his office to East Jerusalem. Speaking at the weekly session of the WZO, Dulzin called the decision "a great folly" and criticized Cabinet members for "not having the courage" to oppose it.

The issue was raised by Dr. Maurice Jaffe, representative of the World Conference of Synagogues and Kehilot and director general of Heichal Shlomo Synagogue, who asked that the forum discuss diaspora criticism of Israel and the country's image in the diaspora. Jaffe charged that five members of the WZO Executive were among the 56 American Jews who signed the open letter to Begin last June based on a Peace Now newspaper advertisement criticizing Israel's policy in the occupied territories.

No official communique was issued on this exchange in the Executive, but Dulzin reportedly said that although he did not want to elaborate on the issue of moving the Prime Minister's Office to East Jerusalem "diaspora Jewry would react." Members of the Executive reportedly responded by saying that "diaspora Jewry will not decide the location of the Prime Minister's Office."

The Herut faction reacted strongly: "Dulzin's statement is an act of folly, which should not be voiced by any Zionist and certainly not by the chairman of the Zionist Executive."

RUMANIAN LEADER REPORTED PLANNING A NEW MIDDLE EAST INITIATIVE

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Aug. 12 (JTA) -- President Nicolae Ceausescu is planning a new Middle East peace initiative involving a meeting between himself and Premier Menachem Begin of Israel and President Anwar Sadat of Egypt to try to unlock the freeze in the Mideast peace negotiations. Such an initiative was reported from Warsaw today by Arye Zimuki, Yediot Achronot's political correspondent.

Zimuki based his report on a conversation with Rumania's Chief Rabbi, Dr. Moses Rosen, who is in

Warsaw attending an international convention on the Hebrew language, the first such convention held in an Eastern European country. However, political circles in Jerusalem said today that they are not aware of a new Mideast initiative by Ceausescu.

Zimuki reported that Ceausescu may also try to meet with other Mideast leaders as part of his initiative. Recently he met with Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasser Arafat and Egyptian Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs Butros Ghali was expected in Bucharest today with a personal message from Sadat to Ceausescu explaining Egypt's position in the current autonomy talks deadlock.

According to Zimuki, Rosen told him that the initiative was specifically mentioned in a meeting last week the Rumanian President had with him and Rabbi Arthur Schneier, spiritual leader of the Park East Synagogue in New York City and president of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation.

A Jewish Telegraphic Agency report from Bucharest last week said the meeting, which took place at Ceausescu's summer home in Neptun on the Black Sea, dealt with various international problems, specifically with the situation in the Mideast. It was also reported that the talks included plans Ceausescu said he had for a Mideast initiative and which would require the support of world Jewish organizations in order to succeed.

Political circles in Jerusalem said today that the Rumanian President in the past did raise the possibility of exerting his influence to keep the peace talks going but always emphasized that he would not act contrary to the Camp David peace agreements.

U.S. MAINTAINS THAT JERUSALEM LAW IS NOT AN INSURMOUNTABLE OBSTACLE TO THE AUTONOMY NEGOTIATIONS

By Joseph Palakoff

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (JTA) -- Refusing to comment on the correspondence exchanged between Israeli Premier Menachem Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat in which the status of Jerusalem is a central issue, the State Department today said the issue "must be determined in later negotiations." But John Trattner, Department spokesman, reiterated that Israel's action proclaiming undivided Jerusalem as its capital is "certainly an obstacle but not insurmountable" in the autonomy talks.

"We would like to move ahead so we can reach the point where we can negotiate" the autonomy talks, Trattner said in reply to a question from the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that asked for clarification of the Department's own view regarding Jerusalem in the West Bank/Gaza autonomy talks suspended by Egypt despite the Camp David agreement.

"There is some sort of common agreement" to discuss Jerusalem "at a later stage," Trattner said. "Regardless of whether it's (Jerusalem) in the Camp David agreement, Jerusalem is one of the problems this process seeks to settle." Jerusalem is not mentioned either in the Camp David agreement or in the Egyptian-Israeli treaty. It is a subject of side letters to the agreement. Egypt's Parliament on April 1 and July 1, prior to the Knesset proclamation of the Jerusalem Law July 23, adopted measures legislating East Jerusalem as Arab.

JEWISH GROUPS PROTEST VENEZUELA'S PLAN TO MOVE ITS ISRAEL EMBASSY

NEW YORK, Aug. 12 (JTA) -- The Jewish Community Relations Council of New York (JCRC) and the Jewish Community Council of Metropolitan Boston (JCC) met with representatives of the Venezuelan government in their respective cities to protest the decision of Venezuela to move its embassy in Israel from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv.

Five members of the JCRC met with Venezuela's United Nations Ambassador Nava Carillo. Speaking on behalf of JCRC's 29 member agencies, Rabbi Israel Miller, vice president of JCRC, asked Carillo to convey to his government the deep concern felt by the Jewish community and by many non-Jewish Americans that this decision "was not proper" and would have an effect far more serious than Venezuela perhaps had meant it to have.

Prof. Richard Stone, of Columbia University Law School, pointed out that because Venezuela's embassy had been in Jerusalem for the past 22 years, "this decision, even in isolation, would have a very damaging effect." Jacob Kovadloff, the American Jewish Committee's Latin American affairs director, cited a statement that appeared the same day of their meeting in a Caracas newspaper from former Venezuelan Foreign Minister Rene De Sola describing how he had assured Golda Meir in 1969 that Venezuela would never give in to pressure to move its embassy. Hana Stern, the JCRC's international affairs director, noted that Venezuela had resisted Arab pressure in 1958 when it decided to move its embassy to Jerusalem.

The JCC, in a letter to Marcial Perez Chiriboga, Venezuela's Ambassador to Washington, noted that "the consequences of this decision may well lead to international tensions." The letter, signed by JCC president Clifton Helman, also stated: "It would appear that your government's decision represents a gratuitous slap at Israel and a case of ingratiating oneself with the Arab bloc in OPEC. I regret to add that it does not reflect well on Venezuela's independence of thought. As for Israel's current wish to formalize the fact that Jerusalem is its capital even while it maintains an open city for all religions, etc., certainly Venezuela cannot quarrel with that."

Countries which maintain their embassies in Jerusalem are: Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Haiti, Guatemala, The Netherlands and Uruguay.

CONCERN OVER LATIN AMERICAN JEWS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 12 (JTA) -- Recent political developments in Central America have severely upset local Jewish communities, it was reported here to a meeting of the Israel Directorate of the World Jewish Congress by Rabbi Hershel Klapisch, principal of the Albert Einstein School in Panama and head of Panama's Jewish community.

He pointed to the revolution in Nicaragua, violence in El Salvador between the leftwing and government forces, Cuba's increasing influence in Central America and improved relations between Central American countries and Third World countries as the main factors in the deteriorating situation for Central American Jews.

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- Television personality Dinah Shore headed a star-studded cast of American and Israeli singers and other entertainers who recently performed at a benefit concert in the Jerusalem Theater with all proceeds, some 1,000,000 Pounds, going to the Hebrew University Student Aid Fund.

ONE OF THE DARKEST DAYS RECALLED: THE NIGHT OF THE MURDERED POETS

NEW YORK, Aug. 12 (JTA) -- Twenty-four of the Soviet Union's leading Jewish writers, poets, artists, musicians and actors were executed in Moscow's notorious Lubianka Prison on Aug. 12, 1952. That event came to be known as "The Night of the Murdered Poets."

"Some of those executed were among the more than 400 outstanding Jewish artists who were rounded up in the winter of 1948-1949 and exiled, with their families, to the Gulag," Burton Levinson, chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, recalled today on the 28th anniversary of the tragic event. "Most of them died in labor camps, leaving three million Jews without teachers, creative leaders and communal institutions."

August 12, 1952 "was one of the darkest days in the struggle for Jewish survival and freedom in the Soviet Union," Levinson said. "Today 28 years later, we are reminded that there are many in the USSR who are still oppressed and enslaved because they are Jews. Anti-Semitism, in many guises, is increasingly pervasive."

As an example, Levinson noted that the rate of Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union to Israel and to other nations has been slashed to about 40 percent of its 1979 level. Furthermore, emigration procedures imposed upon applicants are becoming increasingly more difficult. Nevertheless, he said, thousands of Soviet Jews continue to display remarkable courage and tenacity.

Cites Token Gestures

In commemoration of "The Night of the Murdered Poets," Levinson said "we are reminded that the suppression by Soviet officials of Jewish culture and religion still persists. Today, any vestige of Jewish culture in the USSR is merely a token gesture." A case in point, he said, is that not one Jewish school or class has been permitted for over 30 years. "Just recently, however, a token Yiddish school was allowed to be opened in remote Birobidzhan," Levinson reported. "Even if it begins to function, it is in an area thousands of miles from any Jewish population center."

Continuing, he said that despite the estimated two million people who have declared themselves as Jews, living in the Soviet Union, only one limited edition Yiddish newspaper is printed in Birobidzhan; and one Yiddish magazine is published in Moscow, with a heavy overseas subscription list. With no formal outlet to obtain Jewish education, Jews gather for seminars and unofficial classes in available apartments, studying Hebrew and Jewish culture, often using primitive, homemade texts.

NEVER TOO LATE FOR A MITZVAH

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Aug. 12 (JTA) -- It is never too late to carry out a mitzvah, said Ivan Alexandrovitz of Jerusalem, a recent olah from the Soviet Union, and asked doctors at the Shaarei Zedek Hospital to be circumcised.

The doctors could not hide their surprise -- after all, Alexandrovitz is 85-years-old -- but went ahead and performed the operation. The unusual Brit Mita was performed by veteran Jerusalem mohel, Rabbi Yosef Weissberg. Surgeons and rabbis gathered in the operating theater and Weissberg said: "He is the oldest nimol since Abraham the Patriarch, who was circumcised at the ripe age of 99."

The patient was released from the hospital yesterday after four days of rest and was described as "very pleased" with the operation. Alexandrovitz was given only a local anesthetic. He was conscious during the operation and heard the rabbis recite the usual prayer for the soul of his late mother and father in the circumcision prayer.

Alexandrovitz arrived in Israel from the USSR only six weeks ago. He grew up in a Russian children's home and was not circumcised. Though later in life he became a religious Jew, he was unable to undergo circumcision because Soviet hospitals do not circumcise adults.

LEGAL PROCEEDING PENDING AGAINST ISRAELI REPORTER FOR WASHINGTON STAR By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Aug. 12 (JTA) -- Legal proceedings have begun against the Israeli correspondent for the Washington Star, David Halevy, in connection with the story he wrote last week claiming that Israel's chief of security services (Shin Bet) had handed in his resignation because Premier Menachem Begin had obstructed an investigation by the Shin Bet into the bombing incidents last June on the West Bank in which two mayors were maimed and an Israeli police sapper was injured.

Attorney General Yitzhak Zamir, who ordered the legal proceedings, said Halevy, who is now in Washington, may have violated Israel's laws governing censorship and state secrets by revealing the name of the Shin Bet chief in his Washington Star story. Violation of the state secrets law is punishable by up to 15 years in prison.

The Shin Bet chief made it clear since the story was published that Begin did not in any way obstruct the investigation and that he had told Begin he wanted to retire at the end of his tour this year long before the June bombing incidents. Halevy, in his story, said the security chief had first broached the issue of resigning, not retiring, on June 4, two days after the bombings, in a meeting with Begin and that there is a written report of that meeting. However, there is no record of that alleged meeting nor any written report about it.

BEGIN CONGRATULATES SADAT

JERUSALEM, Aug. 12 (JTA) -- Premier Menachem Begin sent a cable of congratulations today to Egyptian President Anwar Sadat on the occasion of the conclusion of the holy month of Ramadan. Sadat had spent the past week at Mt. Sinai in meditation. In the cable, Begin expressed the hope that God would grant full success to the efforts to achieve peace in the Middle East so that both the Israeli and Egyptian people could relate to each other as good neighbors.

Meanwhile, according to a report from Cairo, Usama al-Baz, one of Sadat's closest advisors and a Foreign Office undersecretary who has been closely involved in the peace negotiations, told reporters in Cairo yesterday that Egypt was not giving up its peace effort with Israel because Israel proclaimed undivided Jerusalem its capital. "We are not giving up on them (the Israelis)," al-Baz was quoted as saying. "I would not say the situation is hopeless."

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- More than 3000 Jewish athletes from all over the world have registered so far to participate in the 11th Maccabiah Games to take place in Israel July 6-16, 1981. Dr. Yisrael Peled, chairman of the World Maccabi, told the World Zionist Organization Executive Monday. He noted that this is the largest number of participants, and registration is not yet over.