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LINOWITZ MORE HOPEFUL THAT THE AUTONOMY TALKS CAN BE RESUMED

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Sept. 2 (JTA) -- U.S. special Mideast envoy Sol Linowitz appeared more hopeful tonight after two long days of talks in Israel than he had been when he arrived here Sunday. Concluding a second lengthy meeting with Premier Menachem Begin, the envoy told waiting reporters that he has "hope we have made some progress towards resumption" of the suspended autonomy talks. But he would "not know whether this is going to occur" until he had met with President Anwar Sadat in Alexandria tomorrow.

Begin said the envoy would take to Egypt a paper containing ideas on how to resume the talks. Israeli sources insisted later that Israel had not "paid a political price" for a resumption, and that the key to a resumption was still in Sadat's hands.

There had been earlier reports that Linowitz was pressing Israel for some "gestures" that would help Sadat justify a resumption despite his (Sadat's) own repeated assertions that there is no point resuming the negotiations until after the American Presidential election.

'Gestures' By Israel Pondered

Linowitz himself, during his visit here, has expressed concern over the intention to move the Premier's office to East Jerusalem and over the proposal currently under discussion in the political parties to apply Israeli sovereignty to the Golan Heights. Apparently he would like to be able to tell Sadat that neither of these actions is imminent. But it was unclear tonight whether in fact Israel had given any such explicit or implied commitment.

There were reports, too, that a "gesture" by Israel in the form of commuting sentences of jailed Palestinian terrorists would be a welcome message that Linowitz could deliver to Alexandria.

Some high Israeli policymakers went even further, suggesting that Israel consider a "gesture" on the Jerusalem holy places, giving Egypt to understand that Israel would be prepared to countenance Moslem or Arab rule/control over the two mosques on the Temple Mount.

But it seemed tonight that this idea had not gained wide acceptance in top government circles -- and particularly not with Begin. Sources around the Premier reiterated their view that Egypt deserved no special concessions from Israel for having unilaterally suspended the talks several times. Egypt, these aides said, ought not to be provided -- at Israel's expense -- with "a ladder on which to climb down."

Linowitz told the reporters that Begin had "obviously given careful thought" to the ideas he had exchanged with him during the three-hour session yesterday. Today's meeting lasted another 90 minutes. He said it had been agreed that certain things would be done to improve the atmosphere, but would not give details.

Despite this relative upswing in the U.S. envoy's mood, some of the top Israeli autonomy negotiators continued tonight to doubt the success of his mission. These negotiators contended that Sadat plainly had no wish to resume the negotiations at

this time but preferred to await the outcome of the U.S. Presidential elections, anticipating heightened pressure on Israel after November, especially if President Carter is reelected.

NEW YORK AND HOUSTON FIRMS FINED IN ARAB BOYCOTT CASES

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2 (JTA) -- Two New York City freight forwarders and a Houston consultant and engineering company have agreed to pay fines for allegedly violating the U.S. laws against the Arab boycott of American companies discriminating against Israel, the U.S. Department of Commerce has announced.

The Department's International Trade Administration said that the Pace Company Consultants and Engineers Inc. of Houston, Texas, has agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$5000 for an alleged violation. The Department charged Pace with having complied with the request from the government of Kuwait that it has "no dealings whatsoever with Israel."

The Rue Forwarding Company was fined \$3000 and the Milton Snedeker Corporation was fined \$1000. The Snedeker firm was involved in the sale and shipment of goods to Libya from New York to a Libyan buyer that included a statement that "the manufacturer is a U.S. factory and that there is no Israeli partnership or the like." The Rue concern was involved in two separate transactions with a buyer in Kuwait and Dubai. Rue certified that the goods were not of Israeli material or origin, the Department reported.

The three companies fined were charged with violations in 1978. While neither admitting nor denying the alleged violations, the firms agreed to pay the civil penalties and to establish certain internal procedures to insure their further compliance with the law, the Department said.

According to a Commerce Department letter to John Doshier, Pace Company president, which was made public by the Department, Pace was engaged in 1978 in the "bidding and subsequent sale of a study conducted by its Houston, Texas facility to the government of Kuwait" when the violation occurred. The Pace Company was asked by the government of Kuwait to "furnish a statement" specifying "that you have no dealings whatsoever with Israel." The Pace Company twice after that, in 1978 and 1979, replied that it "acknowledges that no business of any nature is presently conducted with Israel," the Department reported.

FOCUS ON ISSUES-- THE NEED TO LOOK HOMEWARD

By Murray Zuckoff

NEW YORK, Sept. 2 (JTA) -- Hardly a week goes by without some anti-Semitic incident taking place in some "civilized" traditional liberal Western country, let alone the Soviet Union and Arab countries. Rarely do these incidents merit more than one-column headlines on the inside pages of major newspapers in this country and abroad. Rarely, if ever, do newspapers bother to report anti-Semitic incidents in this country.

The major headlines and news reports in the media deal with social upheavals in Poland; Iran, Afghanistan and Latin America; the Presidential

race; urban tensions; racial violence, individual violence; military budgets; and economic afflictions in industrialized nations.

The gangs of ruthless and evil men who commit anti-Semitic deeds would just as soon have it this way. Their nefarious acts can thus go unnoticed and unchallenged. Fortunately, American Jewish leaders keep abreast of anti-Semitic incidents taking place abroad and duly make their protestations to the ambassadors or consulate officials of the countries where these incidents occur. Unfortunately, however, too many Jewish leaders sit on their hands and do little to mobilize public opinion against the growth of anti-Semitism, especially neo-Nazism in this country.

To be sure, some do get off their hands long enough to issue vivid press releases expressing "dismay" or "concern," presumably on the theory that the anti-Semites can be crushed by the sheer weight of the numerous press releases. Presumably, too, they feel that American Jews are too well ensconced in the metabolism of the American socio-economic system for anti-Semites to ever develop into an effective mass movement.

Erroneous View Of Incidents

Too many American Jewish leaders appear to view anti-Semitic incidents as sporadic, ephemeral and incidental to the American way of life. They appear to work on the hypothesis that America is immune to concentrated anti-Semitism in the form of neo-Nazism and that America is an exception to the social laws which govern the formation and growth of Nazism.

They seem to ignore the fact that anti-Semitism is spawned, encouraged; reinforced and nurtured by economic instability, mass dissatisfaction with the prevailing socio-economic-judicial system, a disoriented and leaderless government, a feeling of helplessness on the part of large masses of people to bring the system into line with their needs, and social tensions between ethnic and racial groups.

Too many Jewish leaders ignore the fact that Nazism, pernicious anti-Semitism, will not come to power in this country under the leadership of goose-stepping, swastika-dangling, sieg heil-shouting neo-Nazis who would be laughed out of court as "kooks" and "sickies." Nazism will not be introduced in this country by Hitler-like clones but by men attired in sartorial splendor carrying attache cases bulging with "scientific" theories about the Jewish bankers and Jewish publicists who control or seek to control the economy and the media of this country.

An Anti-Semitic Front

Far too many Jewish leaders expend precious energy trying to determine which group is most dangerous to American Jewry: the KKK; the ultra-conservative evangelicals, the New Right or the neo-Nazis. The fact is that all these groups, organized along the lines of giant conglomerates, are equally dangerous. They cross-pollenate their views, their resources and their organizational staffs, constituting in effect an anti-Semitic front.

Many of these groups are far more subtle and restrained in their anti-Semitic propaganda than their counterparts during the 1930s, and many of them disguise their anti-Semitism by referring to the "menace of Zionism." The many faces of the anti-Semitic front constitute a division of labor to attract different segments of the population to their genocidal goal. And all this is taking place precisely as the United States tends toward more

conservative outlooks in its domestic and foreign policies.

The growth of the anti-Semitic front has a broader base and wider appeal today in this country than did groups like the Black Legion, the German-American Bund and the Liberty Lobby of the 1930s. When, these groups and others like them could incite and reinforce racial and ethnic tensions and hatred but could not sustain them because of their strident propaganda and their identification with Nazi Germany.

The anti-Semitic front of today, with its sophisticated, almost subliminal approach to anti-Semitism for the most part identifies itself with "American tradition." At the same time, more Americans express greater tolerance of "hinge groups," Nazi Germany is largely a blur in the memories of most people, Nazis appear to have the only coherent, cohesive and consistent analysis of the cause of America's social malaise and its solution.

A Host Of Developments

The fact that the anti-Semitic front, including neo-Nazism, can take hold in this country can be charted by a host of developments, including:

• KKK leader David Duke has appeared on more than 600 television and radio talk shows in the past two years.

• So-called sociologists like William Shockley, Arthur Jensen and Edward Williams, among others, are reviving racial theories and getting their works published in prestigious journals.

• Historical revisionists are flooding the market with books that contend the Holocaust was a myth.

• A new publication, Institute for Historical Review, published in Torrance, California, advertises in a flyer soliciting subscriptions that armed with this journal "patriotic Americans can now see through the war-mongers' hyperbole. We can spot the same interventionist formulas being dusted off and wheeled out yet again. We can learn to identify the 'planting' of stories in daily newspapers." It then calls attention to such "in-depth investigations" by contributors to the journal as: "The fictitious 'Holocaust' and its role as a Zionist propaganda weapon; The absurdity of 'gas chambers'; Anne Frank's diary -- a fake."

• The January 12, 1979 Waxman poll found that 51.1 percent of the people it polled were not opposed to Nazi groups being given permits to march.

Neo-Nazis And The New Right

The National Caucus of Labor Committees (NCLC) and its electoral front, the U.S. Labor-Party (USLP), has an estimated membership of 2500, cells in 33 cities, election machinery in more than 12 states, a national press and an estimated budget of over \$2 million. In the 1978 elections the USLP, which has declared war on the "Jewish lobby," international bankers, Jews in the U.S. government, and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, fielded 72 candidates in 17 states; more than any other minority party and polled 8-30 percent of the votes in local and national elections.

Lyndon LaRouche, who heads the USLP and is running as a Presidential candidate, ran in the Democratic Party primaries in a number of states. In the California primary he received 50,000 votes or 2 percent. He has received \$327,864 in federal matching grants for his 1980 presidential campaign. The USLP has a corporate-style headquarters in Washington, intelligence and political operations in 26 foreign cities, newspapers in several languages, and an international telex system. The NCLC and the USLP are financed by LaRouche's multi-million dollar

Compucon Technologies Corporation with an estimated revenue of \$3.5 to \$5 million. A 1979 Compucon sales brochure listed among its clients AT&T, Mobil Oil, Colgate-Palmolive and Bristol-Meyers.

Gerald Carlson of Dearborn, Michigan, a former member of the local Nazi Party and a self-proclaimed white supremacist leader, won the Republican nomination for the U.S. Congress to represent Michigan's 15th District. Carlson, who won 55 percent of the vote, reportedly had been a member of the KKK, the National States Rights Party, the John Birch Society and the American Independent Party before joining the Nazis.

The New Right, a loose coalition of old-line extremist groups like the KKK and the John Birch Society together with political fund-raising groups like the National Conservative Political Action Committee, think-tank outfits like the Heritage Foundation and fundamentalist religious-political groups like The Moral Majority. From only a handful of groups that, according to the Congressional Quarterly, raised some \$250,000 in the 1972 campaigns, the New Right is now an ultra-sophisticated network of 60 organizations that may directly and indirectly pour some \$30 million into the 1980 campaign.

Reports from around the country indicate a steady increase in the number of synagogue and cemetery desecrations and swastika and-Nazi slogan daubings on public buildings.

American Nazi leader Harold Covington received 43 percent of the vote in the North Carolina Republican primary for Attorney General last May.

KKK leader Tom Metzger won the Democratic nomination for Congress in California's 43rd District.

More people reportedly are indifferent to the Justice Department's efforts to locate and deport former Nazis now living in this country and contend that these people should be left alone and in peace.

Scant Attention To Developments In The U.S.

Too many Jewish leaders take note of these developments but brush them aside as "flukes," "troublesome," and "a passing phenomenon." Like Hitler's aborted Munich beer hall putsch in 1923? Many of the Jewish leaders are more involved with developments that take place abroad than with those that take place at home. Certainly, it is imperative to address oneself to the plight of Jews in Iran; in Syria; in the Soviet Union; in Argentina; in Brazil; in Turkey; in Central America.

It is good to have a long-range view of anti-Semitism and to urge Jews in those countries to make aliyah. It is also good to have a broad view of international developments as they might affect the well-being of Jews around the world. It is also necessary to deal with assimilation, intermarriage, federal aid to parochial schools, quotas; prayers in public schools, aiding victims of floods and other natural disasters.

But the most dangerous of all developments taking place in this country is getting scant attention from Jewish leaders. The task of developing policies that can quarantine all the anti-Semitic elements is imperative. And this requires more than an occasional statement of rebuke; it requires a massive and concerted campaign to mobilize public opinion against these groups and insist demands that the law enforcement agen-

cies ferret out and prosecute all those responsible for anti-Semitic actions and programs that lead to these actions, irregardless of the imbecilic liberalism practiced by the American Civil Liberties Union regarding these racists and neo-Nazis.

If legal suits can be instituted against individuals for slander and libel, then certainly legal steps can be taken to curtail the slander and libel practiced by neo-Nazis and their ilk against Jews. For too long a time, American Jewish leaders have focussed their sights abroad to see how they can help Jews there. It is perhaps time for them to look homeward.

U.S. APPROVES SALE TO IRAQ OF MARINE ENGINES TO OUTFIT WARSHIPS

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3 (JTA) -- Without giving explicit reasons, the State Department confirmed today that while it has allowed the sale of eight marine engines to outfit warships for Iraq, it has blocked the sale of five Boeing aircraft designed for civilian passenger use by the government of Baghdad.

When State Department spokesman John Trattner was asked about this "terribly perplexing" situation, where the U.S. approves a military contract but suppresses a civilian sale, he replied that the two matters were made "on the basis of determination" in the Department.

Congressional critics hailed the decision against the sale of the Boeings as a major victory. Rep. Millicent Fenwick (R, N.J.) and Sen. Richard Stone (D, Fla.) led the efforts to stop the sale. These Boeings can be converted into military transports. The engines for the warships were sold to Italy which has the contract to build four freighters for Iraq. While the Carter Administration has softened its position against Iraq in recent months, Iraq is still identified as a "terrorist nation."

UNIVERSITY ACCUSED OF BIAS

By Mauffice Samuelson

LONDON, Sept. 2 (JTA) -- Exeter University, which has received considerable support from Arab governments, has been accused of barring Israeli academics from a conference on Saudi Arabia last month. Two senior Israeli scholars and an Israeli postgraduate student at the London School of Economics had requested to attend the conference. They said they were told their presence would be embarrassing.

They are Prof. Haim Shaked, dean of the Faculty of Humanities at Tel Aviv University, professor of Middle-East history and director of the Shiloah Center for Middle East and African studies; Dr. Joseph Nevo, a lecturer at Haifa University; and Joseph Kosmir, a graduate at the London School of Economics who is writing a thesis on Saudi Arabia. The conference, which had been organized by Exeter University's Center for Arab Gulf Studies, had been attended by Prince Abdullah al-Saud, a prominent member of the Saudi royal family.

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- A parity committee of the government and the Jewish Agency will try and solve the crisis in the absorption centers, according to a decision by the coordinating institute, operated jointly by the two bodies. The decision to form the parity committee was raised by Premier Menachem Begin at a special session of the coordinating body which was devoted to the issue. Committee members are Finance Minister Yigael Hurwitz, Absorption Minister David Levy; Agency treasurer Akiva Levinsky, and Agency immigration and absorption department head Raphael Kotlowitz.

SPECIAL TO THE JTA THE PASSING OF A FOLK HUMORIST

By Rochelle Sidel Walk

ALBANY, N.Y., Sept. 2 (JTA) -- "Remember: 'All those who didn't eat chicken don't get dessert,'" I chided Sam Levenson last March. Telephoning him to set up an interview after his United Jewish Appeal appearance here, I had unwittingly interrupted his dinner. He began the conversation with: "Do I disturb you when you're eating your chicken?" Recalling one of Levenson's most famous lines, I had the pleasure of turning it on its creator.

When I met Levenson the next morning, his generally somber mood disappointed me. He was more philosophical than funny. Familiar with his jokes since childhood, I expected an up-beat and amusing encounter. After Levenson died of cardiac arrest last Wednesday at the age of 68, I realized his insights into the serious side of Jewish life in America in 1980 are perhaps as great a legacy as his humor.

Concerned About Future Of Judaism

"I'm more of a teacher than I used to be," the pudgy comedian told me. "This is not a time for jokes." Discussing "brilliant Jews who have lost their heritage," he seemed deeply concerned about the future of Judaism in America.

"Cultures are like a palette," he explained. "When you mix them all together you get a mish-mash. It's enough already. I know where I belong, where I want to belong -- as a responsible defender of my people," he emphasized. He defined a Jew as a person "willing to follow the destiny of the (Jewish) people."

Levenson said his humor worked because it was "intentionally authentic" and truly represented what he was thinking about. "Jewish humor is falsified when it could be other ethnic humor," he said. "And I try not to have a victim. No one suffers, or the idea suffers. My stories come out of the life we lead." I seek out deliberate aspects of my private life that other people have experienced. I find it works; I see nodding heads. The whole purpose of art and humor is to seek out the common denominator in people.

"The family is the best common denominator. Hardly anyone didn't have one," Levenson quipped, his humor seeping through his gloom. "I love Jewish mothers. They're a maligned race," he continued. "In all human relationships there is no greater love than a mother's love for her children." In another humorous aside, he added: "There are two times when a child is busy kicking... during the fifth month (of pregnancy) and at age 14."

Nature Of Jewish Humor

Asked to define Jewish humor, Levenson said: "Jewish humor comes from being what we are. Future humor will depend on how Jewish we remain -- whether there are Jewish entertainers, or entertainers who happen to be Jewish." He condemned the type of humor that presents a "negative, self-destructive, anti-Semitic view of Judaism."

"Often the subject is not Jews, but we use it against ourselves," he added. "For example, the subject is resorts, so we use Miami and pick on Jews. In my humor, the Jew is victorious and no one can down him. I don't permit myself, in humor, to demean the Jewish people. I use our greatest contributions to arts, science, culture.

Judaism has to be protected."

Cause For Pessimism

Levenson said his pessimism was caused by the life-style in America today, which he summed up as "plastic lunch." "When we were poor, there were fewer things to eat up our time. With more success, we have less time," he explained. "In our house the emphasis was on reading books. Kids today need more education in values and what they mean." He described psychiatry as "an idea that didn't succeed," and suggested it be replaced by old-fashioned "sachet" (common sense).

Levenson grew up in a household that was financially poor, but rich in inspiration for his unique humor. He said his mother indeed told him and his seven siblings to say they didn't like chicken, assuring enough food for company. This was followed by: "All those who didn't eat chicken don't get dessert."

As Levenson talked, he seemed nostalgic for this simpler world of his childhood. "I didn't eat in a restaurant until I was 25," he told me. "My mother didn't trust anything she didn't make herself. That included meatballs, pants and children."

In his last book, "You Don't Have to Be in Who's Who to Know What's What," Levenson said English is lacking a word "to describe a totally mature human being, who can with joy rather than conflict express the essence of being at one and the same time masculine, feminine, paternal, maternal, whose strength showed through tenderness; who can see any member of the human race as 'bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh,' who espouses the cause of Human Lib."

The Yiddish word, Levenson explained in his book, is "mensch." "To call a person a 'real mensch' is to pay him or her the highest tribute. Sam Levenson was a real mensch."

U.S. WANTS TO SUSPEND DIALOGUE BETWEEN TOP PENTAGON OFFICIALS AND ISRAEL'S DEFENSE MINISTRY

TEL AVIV, Sept. 2 (JTA) -- The United States has advised Israel that it would like to suspend the strategic dialogue that is carried on between top Pentagon officials and the Israel Defense Ministry.

The U.S. has explained that the suspension is due to the illness of senior members of the American team. But Israeli sources believe that the U.S. fears that a continuation of the meetings may present a roadblock to the fast-developing military cooperation between the U.S. and Egypt as well as with other Arab countries.

The talks have been held every three months with the U.S. team headed by Assistant Secretary of Defense Andrew Marshall and the Israeli group headed by Deputy Defense Minister Mordechai Zippori. The discussions were of a strategic nature rather than tactical. The Israeli government has officially refused to comment on the suspension.

AMSTERDAM (JTA) -- Eytan Rann, Israel's Ambassador to The Netherlands, refused to open an exhibit of Israeli theater and costume designs in Maastricht in the southeast in protest against Holland's decision to move its embassy in Israel from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv. Instead, Rann sent the Israel embassy's cultural attache, Gershom Zohar, to open the exhibition. In his address at the exhibition Zohar emphasized that Jerusalem is the united capital of Israel with freedom for all religions. Rann's refusal and Zohar's statement were widely reported in the Dutch press.