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CABINET RAPS WEIZMAN'S APPEARANCE WITH CARTER; CALLS IT INTERFERENCE IN THE U.S. ELECTORAL PROCESS

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Oct. 28 (JTA) -- The Cabinet issued an official statement in the name of Premier Menachem Begin today expressing "deep regret over MK Ezer Weizman's interference in the U.S. democratic electoral process."

Weizman, who is visiting the United States, was the guest of President Carter on the Presidential plane, Air Force One, on a campaign flight to Cleveland yesterday and has openly supported Carter's bid for reelection. (Related story from Washington, p. 3.)

The Cabinet's statement, in effect a censure of the former Defense Minister, reflected outrage in Israeli political circles over what they regard as unseemly behavior by a Knesset member traveling abroad.

Weizman himself, in a Kol Israel Radio interview broadcast here today, expressed no regret for taking the plane ride or supporting Carter. He said he accompanied the President "because the President invited me." When the interviewer observed that his public support of Carter's reelection was "unprecedented" for an Israeli political figure, Weizman retorted that it was "always good to be the first."

He said that Carter has been very helpful in the peace process from Israel's viewpoint and that for Israelis who regard the peace process as a positive thing to deny Carter's role would be "ungrateful." Asked about the possible effects of his words and actions on Republican Presidential candidate Ronald Reagan, Weizman said he was sure Reagan would have appreciated the words if they had been said about him. "But I don't know him" (Reagan), Weizman said.

Across-The-Board Negative Reactions

Cabinet ministers, from hard-liners to moderates, were negative in their reactions to the conduct of their former colleague. References were made to Weizman's purported "irresponsibility" and "impetuousness." Likud hawk Moshe Arens, chairman of the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee, went on the radio today to blast Weizman's performance as harmful to Israel.

"The sooner it is forgotten in the U.S. the better it will be," Arens said. He said that as a Knesset member, Weizman is not free to act as he chooses because regardless of party or political views, any Knesset member traveling abroad represents Israel.

Before today's Cabinet meeting, Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir was quoted as saying he was "astounded" by Weizman's behavior. After the session, Finance Minister Yigal Hurwitz, a hard-liner, told reporters that Weizman shouldn't "stick his nose into the affairs of another country." Minister of Commerce and Industry Gideon Patt, a moderate, termed Weizman's conduct "folly."

The Cabinet's statement observed that it was a "great precept" that the citizens of one democratic state must not interfere in the democratic processes of another such state. "Israel continues

to uphold this precept. The citizens of the U.S. and they alone will elect their President as they see fit," the Cabinet said. It also expressed gratification that "all Americans, regardless of party, support Israel and its security."

Assess Consequences Of Weizman's Support

Sources close to Begin speculated that Weizman's public support for Carter might backfire in the U.S. if the voters resented a partisan stand by a foreign political figure. Those sources suggested that undecided voters might turn away from Carter as a result. Some Cabinet ministers said privately that Weizman's prospects for a political comeback in Israel have been seriously damaged.

Weizman, who was an active participant in the September, 1978 Camp David conference and later in the negotiations for the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty, resigned from the Cabinet last spring in a dispute with Begin over policy. He is rumored to be planning a political comeback as leader of a center party that would oppose Likud in next year's Knesset elections.

UNDERSTANDINGS REACHED BETWEEN NAVON, SADAT; GETS CABINET'S OKAY

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Oct. 28 (JTA) -- The Cabinet today endorsed a series of understandings reached between President Anwar Sadat and President Yitzhak Navon in Cairo to speed up the normalization process between Egypt and Israel. Navon, on a state visit to Egypt, cabled Premier Menachem Begin on his meeting with Sadat yesterday and asked for government approval of the two Presidents' mutual declaration of intent and desire to push ahead with various facets of normalization.

Sources here said the understandings encompassed tourism, commerce, culture and agricultural cooperation. Sadat, among other things, apparently agreed to abrogate earlier announced Egyptian plans to apply more stringent entry requirements for visitors, especially foreign pilgrims seeking to fly from Eilat into Sinai and visit the Santa Katherina Monastery.

The two Presidents also resolved to reactivate agricultural development projects inside Egypt which have been discussed before but which have not advanced much beyond the planning stages. Sources close to Begin said all the understandings were in fact reiterations of past understandings. "We hope this time they will be implemented," these sources observed.

But at the same time, the sources flatly dismissed press speculation that the Premier was peeved or otherwise offended at Navon's involvement in such matters. On the contrary, the sources said, Begin continued to regard Navon's visit to Egypt as a marked success and relations between the Premier's office and the President's office were "excellent."

MOYNIHAN; U.S. ABSTENTION IN UN ON ANTI-ISRAEL MEASURES IS ACQUIESCENCE

By David Friedman

NEW YORK, Oct. 28 (JTA) -- Sen. Daniel Moynihan (D. NY) declared here last night that for the United States to abstain in United Nations Security Council resolutions against Israel "is to acquiesce."

"I have been disappointed that we seem to be letting the Security Council degenerate into the conditions of the General Assembly," Moynihan, a former United States Ambassador to the UN, said. He was responding to questions from Rabbi William Berkowitz at Congregation B'nai Jeshurun's "Dialogue 80" series.

Moynihan explained that in the 1970s the democracies, which now number about 35 countries, lost their majority in the General Assembly. He said the same thing appears to be happening in the Security Council even though the U.S. as a permanent member of the Council can veto any resolution.

In the last nine resolutions on Israel in the Security Council the U.S. "inexplicably voted for one," (later disavowed by President Carter); vetoed one and abstained seven times, Moynihan said.

Says Democratic Party Not Keeping Promises

The last time was Aug. 20 when the Council condemned Israel for the Jerusalem Law. Moynihan said the right to choose a capital was the very essence of sovereignty. He added that he wrote the plank in the 1976 and this year's Democratic Party Platform calling for the U.S. to move its Embassy to Jerusalem. He said he won't do it again because his party is not keeping its promises.

Coincidentally, earlier in the day, at a meeting of clergymen from throughout the U.S. at the headquarters of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith in support of Israel, Robert Hunter, director of Middle East Affairs for the National Security Council, said that President Carter has promised that the U.S. will from now on veto all "one-sided resolutions."

Hunter said that in the Aug. 20 debate, Secretary of State Edmund Muskie warned the UN Security Council that this was the last time the U.S. would abstain on such resolutions. The White House official pointed to a statement by Carter last Friday that, "Whenever in the future the United Nations is misused or abused on Israeli-Arab issues with malicious, unfair and one-sided resolutions, we will oppose them and in the Security Council we will veto them."

Hunter also said that the U.S. has recently prevented moves to seek Israel's ouster from the General Assembly and UNESCO and to give the Palestine Liberation Organization observer status at the International Monetary Fund and World Bank meeting. He said the U.S. has voted against anti-Israel resolutions such as at the recent World Conference of the UN Decade for Women in Copenhagen.

Efforts To Deny Israel's Legitimacy

Moynihan told the several hundred persons in the audience at the Manhattan congregation last night that he became a defender of Israel because when he entered the UN as U.S. Ambassador in 1975 he discovered that "Israel was being defamed in exactly the terms that the Jews of Nazi Germany and Poland were attacked." He said he found the "very same Goebbels' lie" in the "Zion is Racism" resolution adopted by the General Assembly.

The New York Senator said in tracing the origins of this attack he found it in a two-part article in Pravda in 1971 in which it was charged that Jews were not the victims of the Nazis but their

"collaborators." He said since then there have been efforts to deny Israel its legitimacy as a state referring to it only as the "Zionist entity."

Noting that Israel is constantly accused of violating the Fourth Geneva Convention, Moynihan explained that this convention was adopted after World War II to condemn the way the Nazis had moved Jews from throughout Europe to the extermination camps. The only country ever found guilty of violating this convention is Israel, Moynihan said, and yet, he charged, the U.S. abstains on resolutions that include references to this Convention.

Berkowitz and Moynihan ranged over a wide variety of subjects. When Berkowitz asked for a thumb-nail sketch of the four Presidents for whom he worked, Moynihan replied: "Kennedy knew too little, Johnson knew too much, Nixon knew the wrong things, and Ford didn't know what the question was."

When Moynihan was asked about former Israeli Defense Minister Ezer Weizman accompanying Carter on his campaign trips yesterday, the Senator replied, "Israeli generals should keep their noses out of American politics." He added, "If that goes for Ezer Weizman it damn sure goes for the Ayatollah," an apparent reference to reports that the Ayatollah Khomeini is attempting to use the American hostages held in Iran to manipulate the U.S. elections.

11 NEO-FASCISTS GET JAIL TERMS

By Lisa Palmieri Billig

ROME, Oct. 28 (JTA) -- Ten neo-fascists who led an anti-Semitic demonstration at an Italian-Israeli soccer match in Varese on March 7, 1979, have been sentenced to three years' imprisonment and the leader of the group to three years and six months.

The trial and the sentence marked the first time an Italian court has applied the law prohibiting "apologia of genocide." The Public Prosecutor, Giovanni Porqueddu, categorically rejected the defense attorney's attempt to minimize the demonstration as "mere sports fanaticism."

The Union of Italian Jewish Communities which joined the prosecution's case and was represented by its own attorney, Aldo Lo Zito, won an additional penalty in the form of a fine. The sum, to be decided by the court, will be set aside for the purpose of sending groups of young people to visit the sites of World War II concentration camps.

According to the prosecutor, the anti-Semitic demonstration at Varese was far more serious than a "simple fascist gathering." The only possible legal definition of what took place that day was "apologia of genocide," he said. He noted that the defendants raised huge blue and white crosses in the stands as they shouted slogans such as "Hitler taught us that Jew-killing is no crime" and "ten, a hundred, a thousand Mauthausens," a reference to a notorious Nazi concentration camp.

Porqueddu said the demonstration was organized and clearly was not the work of impassioned sports fans but had "a precise propagandist, political and apologist (for genocide) character." Lo Zito, speaking for the Jewish community, said: "We do not want persecutions or excessively high penalties, only that with this sentence the young people are made to understand that certain ideologies are insane and must be rejected for being extremely dangerous."

He added: "Such demonstrations must be abolished in order to avoid Italian Jews organizing themselves in self-defense in the same way as French Jews are now doing. Jews should not be forced to defend civil liberties. There is a law for that."

WEIZMAN DRAWS FIRE IN WASHINGTON

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28 (JTA) -- Former Israeli Defense Minister Ezer Weizman, campaigning in the U.S. for President Carter's reelection, has drawn angry comments here. A White House spokesman, however, indicated pleasure at Weizman's appearance yesterday on Carter's plane while he was campaigning in Ohio.

Weizman, now a member of the Knesset visiting the U.S. as a private citizen, has made no contact with the Israel Embassy here. An Embassy spokesman said Israel's position is that Weizman is acting in a personal capacity, that he does not represent Israel in any way and that the Israel government's policy is not to become involved even by implication in this and other elections.

Not Without Precedent

At the White House, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was told by a spokesman: "We are quite pleased to have him, of course. His action speaks for itself. It is a personal thing for himself. Obviously, he feels the President is a great friend of Israel and wants to repay him for what he did for Israel by speaking for him. This is the first time an Israeli of his stature has done this but it is not without precedent. Zimbabwe's Prime Minister, Robert Mugabe, made an outright endorsement of the President on his visit here."

The general media here barely noticed Weizman's presence on the President's campaign plane. The only report was contained in a Washington Post story which noted that the President, campaigning in West Virginia and Ohio, was accompanied by "an unusual ally in a Presidential election" -- Weizman. The New York Times referred to Weizman as "a surprise guest among the local politicians accompanying Mr. Carter aboard Air Force One."

While some Jewish activists supporting the President's reelection recalled the criticism of Yitzhak Rabin who openly supported the reelection of President Nixon in 1972 when Rabin was Israeli Ambassador to the U.S., none had good words for Weizman. The closest note of tolerance for Weizman's action came from a source close to the White House.

"I don't like it at all," the source said. "But it is not an unreasonable thing for Weizman who is so active to express his view. It is crude and politically damaging to Carter for his (Weizman) being on the campaign trail. I feel ambivalent about him because the Administration is being savaged on its record on Israel and I can see how he wants to say the Administration has been good for Israel."

SPECIAL INTERVIEW: RABBI OF BOMBED PARIS SYNAGOGUE SAYS SITUATION OF FRENCH JEWRY IS COMPLICATED

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, Oct. 28 (JTA) -- Rabbi Michael Williams of the Rue Copernic Temple in Paris, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency here today that he is visiting the U.S. to make American Jewry "understand how complicated" the situation of French Jewry is "and why we have to keep a balance between a low profile and acting courageously when we need to."

The 36-year-old English-born Reform rabbi, who arrived here Sunday for a one-week visit, discussed the effects on French Jews of the Oct. 3

bomb attack on his synagogue. In an interview with the JTA at the headquarters of the World Union of Progressive Judaism, he warned that "It is possible this kind of thing will happen again" and "Jews will have to be courageous."

Williams said another reason for his visit is "to ask for financial help for the security of my synagogue and other synagogues in Paris." He said the attack on Rue Copernic which took four lives was not an isolated incident but the culmination of a series of anti-Semitic acts. He said that in the opinion of French Jews, anti-Semitism is the latest phenomenon in France which has its moments of crises and therefore there was little surprise and little panic by members of the synagogue at the time of the bombing.

The rabbi said that the Middle East policy of the French government, which he described as "anti-Israeli" and "sympathetic to the Arabs," contributed to the revival of anti-Semitism in France. But he stressed that the French government itself is not anti-Semitic.

According to Williams, who is married to a French woman and moved to Paris from England five years ago, one of the factors that undermines the status of French Jews is that they are not considered by French society to be "real Frenchmen."

No Easy Solution

"There is no easy solution for the status of Jews in France," he said. Because of these factors the Jews must exercise "a high degree of discretion and courage." He stated that he would say "to my fellow French Jews" that when they encounter violence "I am for Jewish self-defense but not for Jewish aggressiveness or high profile propaganda" because "it is counter-productive and can cause a backlash" in the context of French society.

Asked about anti-Semitism in England, Williams said he had not encountered it personally but was aware that it exists. Only in France, he said, have "I experienced hiding my true identity at times." He said the feeling among French Jews nearly a month after the synagogue bombing is that "they are more nervous and more apprehensive" but "they are more proud for the way they have reacted." He said that in the aftermath of the attack, French Jews are more united on a personal level but not in an organizational or community way.

DEALING WITH A TAXING SITUATION

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Oct. 28 (JTA) -- An anonymous leaflet distributed this week in ultra-Orthodox neighborhoods of Jerusalem suggests a very effective way to deal with income tax officials: kill them on the spot. The leaflet was distributed following clashes between local residents and representatives of the tax authorities. The ultra-Orthodox refuse to pay taxes because they do not recognize the Zionist State.

The leaflet, signed by "Those robbed and tortured in Zionist captivity," described the income tax officials as "a group of armed robbers." It charged that the tax money is used to finance all sorts of "heresies." Therefore, the authors of the leaflet suggest, "it is by the rule of Torah ... that one is entitled to kill those people without trial."

LATE BULLETIN: WASHINGTON (JTA) -- The Justice Department Tuesday moved formally to deport Archbishop Valerian Trifa. It filed legal papers ordering the head of the Rumanian Orthodox Episcopate of America to appear before an immigration judge in Detroit on Nov. 18.

ATLANTA JEWISH COMMUNITY RALLIES TO FIND MISSING BLACK CHILDREN AND THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR DEATHS OF 10

ATLANTA, Oct. 28 (JTA) -- The Jewish community here has rallied to aid in the search for four missing Black children and in efforts to find the person or persons responsible for the deaths of 10 others. The Southern Israelite reported. A number of Jewish individuals have already been involved in these efforts. Max Rittenbaum, president of the Atlanta Jewish Federation, has called for a community-wide commitment.

"Our compassion and sympathy go out to the families of these children and we are determined to help get to the bottom of this tragedy," Rittenbaum said. The Federation's Community Relations Committee (CRC) has contacted youth groups of Atlanta's synagogues and temples and various other Jewish youth organizations.

Larry Bogart, the CRC's chairman, said "They have all expressed a desire and willingness to cooperate in aiding the families and children to prevent any further crimes and in searching for any leads to solve these mysterious disappearances."

Several Jewish businessmen have volunteered to provide food and drinks for searchers over the next few weeks. Vacant lots and other out-of-the-way places are being investigated. Rabbi Alvin Sugerman, of the Atlanta Temple, called on his congregants "to participate in the reward fund and to talk to their friends in the Black community to let them know that they did care and we are one community." The Southern Israelite reported.

CHRISTIAN GROUP PRESENTS \$500 AS "MODEST CONTRIBUTION" TO ISRAEL

CHICAGO, Oct. 28 (JTA) -- A \$500 check was presented several days ago to the Consul General of Israel to the Midwest, Moshe Gilboa, by Pastor Dave Newcomb on the Faith Bible Chapel in Janesville, Wisc. as a token of friendship towards Israel. The contribution was made during a special reception which was held by Gilboa for the popular Israeli kibbutz folk singing group, The Gevatron, which performed before a standing room only crowd here.

The Gevatron consists of 18 men and women who are members of Kibbutz Geva. They sang old and new Israeli and Yiddish songs, accompanied by audio-visual presentations showing the difficulties, hardships and the development of their kibbutz and the Yisrael Valley.

Gilboa invited the Shekinah Singers, a Christian choral group from Janesville, whose spiritual leader is Newcomb, to The Gevatron concert. The Christian group, which has visited Israel and has given concerts in the United States in support of Israel, reciprocated by presenting a special program of Israeli and American songs in behalf of Israel.

Froud To Be Israel's Partner

At the end of the performance, Newcomb said: "We are thankful to be partners to the message of Israel which we wholeheartedly support. We are aware that the Jewish people throughout generations and Israel today have always been the scapegoats sacrificed by vicious movements and elements both as individual Jews as communities and now as Israelis. We believe Christians have to support the State of Israel

which represents the Judeo-Christian concept and stands in the confrontation line between good and evil."

Newcomb then presented the \$500 check which he termed "a modest contribution" by the Shekinah Singers "as a token of identification and sympathy for Israel." Gilboa expressed thanks for the gesture and emphasized that in view of the revival of neo-Nazism in France, other European countries and Latin America, and the demonstration Oct. 19, by neo-Nazis in the Chicago suburb of Evanston, it was encouraging to have Christian support for Israel and the Jewish people.

CJF ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF THE 1980 SMOLAR AWARDS

NEW YORK, Oct. 28 (JTA) -- Recipients of the 1980 Smolar Award for Excellence in North American Jewish Journalism, conferred by the Council of Jewish Federations, are: Gary Rosenblatt, of the Baltimore Jewish Times; Martin Levin, Winnipeg Jewish Post; Robert Konigel, Baltimore Jewish Times; David Sonin and Zev Ben Shlomo, Hadassah Magazine; and Jacobo Timerman.

The Smolar Awards, named in honor of Boris Smolar, editor-in-chief emeritus of the JTA, is to honor outstanding achievements by journalists whose work appears in English language newspapers and magazines covering Jewish communal affairs and issues. Entries are judged by the CJF Smolar Award Committee, chaired by Saul Wiener of Richmond and comprising lay and professional leaders.

Rosenblatt, editor of the Baltimore Jewish Times, won in the Human Interest category for articles dealing with the Chavurah movement, leadership development and Jewish humor. Levin, editor of the Winnipeg Jewish Post, won in the Opinion category for editorials dealing with Holocaust commemoration, "Jews and the Russian [k]on," and the nature of sovereignty.

Konigel, a free lance writer who is contributing editor of the Baltimore Jewish Times, won in the category of Public Affairs for articles dealing with a Baltimore error and the legacy of H.L. Mencken. Sonin and Ben Shlomo won in the Magazine category for articles in Hadassah Magazine on the Jewish Brigade in the Lithuanian Division of World War II. Sonin and Ben Shlomo are with the London Jewish Chronicle.

Timerman, the former editor of the Argentinian newspaper, La Opinion, received a Special Citation. His articles have appeared in a number of Jewish publications over the past years.

WASHINGTON (JTA) -- Republican Presidential candidate Ronald Reagan said that he would ask "some experienced Democrats such as" Sen. Henry Jackson of Washington and Sen. Richard Stone of Florida to serve on his foreign policy transition team should he be elected next Tuesday. A press statement released by the Reagan-Bush Campaign Committee Monday said the team would monitor and assess international developments through inauguration day, Jan. 20. Among those on the team are Gerald Ford, Gen. Alexander Haig, Richard Allen, Henry Kissinger, Howard Baker and Prof. Eugene Rostow.

WASHINGTON (JTA) -- A series of events to commemorate the work and philosophy of Ze'ev Vladimir Jabotinsky, the Jewish statesman, soldier and poet, is being planned by Greater Washington Jewish leaders in observance of his centennial. Harry Hurwitz, Israel's new Information Minister here, met with some 50 people at the Israel Embassy to discuss the program.