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DUTCH JUSTICE MINISTER PLEDGES MEASURES AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 17 (JTA) — Justice Minister Jacob de Ruiter told Parliament that he is seriously disturbed by the appearance of anti-Semitic groups in Holland and pledged that his ministry will take strong measures against them.

De Ruiter expressed his concern in the course of a debate on his ministry's budget. He referred specifically to the distribution of anti-Semitic material in Breda in southwest Holland. He said criminal proceedings would be initiated against the parties responsible, if necessary.

The recently formed Foundation to Combat anti-Semitism in Holland (STIBAAD) has alerted all parliamentary factions to the problem. It noted that pamphlets distributed in Breda last May portrayed Israel and Israelis in the manner of Nazi Germany's newspaper, Der Stuermer.

EEC'S MIDEAST INITIATIVE FADING IN THE WAKE OF U.S. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, PERSIAN GULF WAR

By David Kantor

BONN, Nov. 17 (JTA) — Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir began his two-day official visit here today as prospects for the European Economic Community's (EEC) Middle East initiative appeared to fade in the wake of the American Presidential elections and the Iraqi-Iranian war.

The initiative, formally undertaken by the EEC heads of state at their Venice summit meeting last June, will be on the agenda of Shamir's talks with Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher.

It is also due to be discussed at the upcoming EEC summit meeting in Luxembourg Dec. 1. But according to diplomatic sources here, the European effort to broaden the base of Middle East peace talks to include the Palestinians and Jordan, might collapse for lack of American pressure on Israel.

The EEC nations took into account what they perceived would be a major anti-Israel shift in American policy under a re-elected Carter Administration. They believed that this would eventually coincide with EEC moves in the Middle East. The Venice declaration urged that the Palestinians and the Palestine Liberation Organization must be associated with the peace process. The incoming Reagan Administration is considered unlikely to apply pressure on Israel to accept such a formula.

Shift Due to Persian Gulf War

The diplomatic sources here also noted that the Persian Gulf war has shifted European thinking and that new rivalries in the Arab world have made renewal of the Euro-Arab dialogue, originally initiated by Bonn, virtually impossible. There was to have been a major conference of European and Arab foreign ministers, excluding Egypt, to discuss political questions rather than economic ones. It would have amounted to a courting of the Arab rejectionist states by Europe.

Israeli diplomats agree with these assessments of the situation. They believe that much of the steam has gone out of the EEC initiative, which Israel vigorously opposed. They say European opinion is beginning to take note of Israel's long held position that the Arab-Israeli conflict is not the major or sole cause of regional instability or the chief threat to the flow of Middle East oil. With European attention focussed on events in the Persian Gulf, the Arab-Israeli conflict has receded.

The Israelis also believe that the Reagan Administration will not help further the EEC initiative to the extent that a second Carter Administration would have. President-elect Reagan is certainly at odds with the EEC's Venice declaration, as Shamir noted before his departure from Israel yesterday. He observed that European policy-making was bound to be affected by the shift in Washington.

Die Welt last week cited Israeli sources as having said that the new developments would help create a favorable atmosphere for Shamir's visit. In addition to Schmidt and Genscher, the Israeli Foreign Minister will also meet with President Karl Carstens of the Federal Republic.

After his talks here, Shamir will fly to Oslo for a 36-hour visit to meet with Norwegian officials. Israeli sources have described Israel's relations with Norway as "very friendly" but they observed that Israel "cannot afford to take its friends for granted." According to these sources, Shamir will not discuss Norway's long standing reluctance to sell Israel oil from its North Sea fields. That issue, however, is within the purview of Energy Minister Yitzhak Modaí.

ANTI-SEMITISM IN FRANCE: 'THE BEAST IN THE ... UNCONSCIOUS'

By Murray Zuckoff

DETROIT, Nov. 17 (JTA) — Anti-Semitism in France was described here by a French Jewish confessional leader as "the beast that is buried in the French collective unconscious." But according to Bernard Attali, a leader of the Fonds Social Juif Unifié, this latent, insidious anti-Semitism is directed against the corporate body of French Jewry, not against individual Jews.

Attali told several hundred delegates attending a plenary session on anti-Semitism during the course of the Council of Jewish Federations' 49th General Assembly that anti-Semitism in France in the recent period is due to French politics in relation to Israel, the rebirth of an extremist ideology among French new right intellectuals which is garbed in the language of pseudo-science and metaphysical philosophy, and the economic crisis which requires a scapegoat.

"There is a link between economic crisis and anti-Semitism," Attali said. "With inflation, unemployment and uncertainty, there is a search for scapegoats."

Attali noted that it is simplistic to limit the cause of anti-Semitism to France's critical policy toward Israel and its flirtation with the Palestine Liberation Organization. While French official policy toward Israel is based on being "oil-minded" and France is not supplying Israel with military

hardware as it did in the past, "Israel still benefits from the immense reservoir of French friendship," he said. Attali stated that the French Jewish community is taking action to assure that this reservoir does not dry up.

The Impact of Public Discussion

In addition to the anti-Semitism fostered by the economic situation and the new right, another factor is the proliferation of articles in the French press on the nature of Judaism, the Holocaust and anti-Semitism, Attali observed. This has had both positive and negative effects on the French psyche, he said.

Insofar as the issue of anti-Semitism is being publicly debated it constitutes what he termed a "therapy of truth." It also exorcises the dilemma on the part of French Jews as to whether public discussion helps to clarify the issue or provides an arena for the enemies of the Jewish people to insinuate their views with impunity, Attali said. Negatively, the ongoing public discussion has tended to reduce the issue of anti-Semitism to a "banality," he noted.

The present state of mind of French Jewry is one of anxiety and determination, Attali said. However, he stressed, "if the terrorists of the Rue Copernic (synagogue bombing last month) wanted to marginalize us, isolate us, or ghettoize us, they failed" because there was an almost universal condemnation of the bombing in France as well as abroad.

He pointed out that diverse elements -- religious, trade union, socialist, communist and human rights organizations -- drew closer to the Jewish community in their avowal that there must be no more Nazism. Attali said that these elements may have acted for egotistic reasons, to publicize their own views, but there was no question that the general feeling on the part of all these elements was that the defense of Jewish rights was at the same time a defense of human rights.

Nevertheless, Attali warned that "we are only at the beginnings of our trouble. We must prepare ourselves for new trials."

Anti-Semitism Compared to Having the Flu

Unfortunately, the panel discussion that followed was, in the main, an exercise in platitudes, generalizations, nonsequiturs and banalities about the danger of anti-Semitism in the United States and abroad. The grossest pronouncement on the issue of anti-Semitism was offered by Joel Ollander, Assistant Director of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NJCRAC).

When a delegate, during the discussion period, asked the panelists for their assessment of the Moral Majority and other theo-politicians and domestic ayatollahs, and expressed concern that while these elements appear to be pro-Israel but nevertheless seem to bear the potential for becoming focal points for organized anti-Semitism, Ollander observed that anti-Semitism in the United States "is like having the flu; it may be uncomfortable, there may be a fever, it may produce headaches, but not pneumonia" because American society "is basically healthy" and the role of Jews within the society has been established in positive ways.

The danger, Ollander said, is whether the Moral Majority may try to impose its particular stringent ideology on American society and insist that its views are the only correct ones based on their reading of the Bible. Asked by another delegate what kind of flu shots American Jewry needs to avert the fever and headaches, Phil Baum, Associate National Executive Director of the American Jewish Congress, opined that as long as democracy is strong the likelihood of organized anti-Semitism is negligible.

Conventional Anti-Semitism Declining

Baum said it is "a gross error" to identify the Moral Majority with anti-Semitism. He noted that the Moral Majority and the Christian right do not represent "conventional anti-Semitism" and the historical context within which they function is not the same as that which gave rise to classical anti-Semitism and Nazism in this century.

Baum said the new form of anti-Semitism regards the rights of the individual Jew to be above reproach but regards the common rights of the Jewish people as a whole to be non-existent. The anti-Semitism of Hitler, which openly attacked Jews as individuals, is on the decline and is diminishing to a point that it no longer poses a serious threat to the Jewish people, Baum said.

Milton Ellerin, Director of the Trends Analysis Division of the American Jewish Committee, said terrorism "has become a political fact of life around the world, and I don't believe we're immune to it here in the United States." The best antidote to the rise of neo-Nazism "is to make democracy work," he said. "In every aspect of your daily life, create a climate where this poison will not work."

However, the night before, Rabbi Richard Hertz of Temple Beth-El in suburban Birmingham warned the opening plenary session that "we are experiencing it again -- anti-Semitism is back again."

Resolution on Anti-Semitism

A resolution adopted by the Assembly stated that increasing anti-Semitic activity in the United States "must be vigorously combatted" but that acts of violence against Jews and Jewish institutions in the U. S. "have not been as flagrant or numerous as those recorded in Europe." Noting that increasing anti-Semitic activity is "a cause of concern to the Jewish community," the resolution nevertheless stated that this activity is "not linked to a coordinated anti-Semitic campaign."

The resolution "share(d) the judgement of the NJCRAC Joint Program Plan of 1980-81 that most Americans continue to reject overt forms of anti-Semitic activity. We regard the social climate in our country as inhospitable to anti-Semitism and perceive no likelihood of its imminent eruption on any considerable level."

The resolution did not refer to the resurgence of neo-Nazi and Ku Klux Klan activity in the U.S., nor did it refer to the upsurge in the activity of the Moral Majority, the Christian Voice, the Heritage Foundation and the National Conservative Political Action Committee, all of which played a role in targeting Congressmen they considered too liberal for defeat in the recent national elections and have drawn up "hit lists" of Congressmen they want to see defeated in the 1982 elections. Nor did the resolution even call for the need to monitor these organizations.

Referring to anti-Semitic activity in Europe, the resolution expressed solidarity with and support for the

Jews in France and called upon the governments of the United States and Canada "to exert their influence upon the French government to insure the protection of the Jewish citizens of France." The resolution called on all people concerned with a democratic and peaceful world to "take an unequivocal stand against terrorism and resurgent anti-Semitism."

CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM WOMEN'S PARLEY ADOPTS MEASURE SUPPORTING ORDINATION OF WOMEN AS RABBIS

By Rochelle Sidel Walk

KIAMESHA LAKE, N.Y., Nov. 17 (JTA)—A motion supporting the ordination of women to the rabbinate in the Conservative movement was overwhelmingly approved today by the nearly 2000 delegates attending the national convention of the Womens League for Conservative Judaism here. In the first such stand by the women's arm of the Conservative movement, with a membership of 210,000, the delegates voted for the following motion:

"The Womens League for Conservative Judaism supports the proposal that women be accepted as rabbinical school students at the Jewish Theological Seminary culminating in ordination."

The original motion, tabled at the 1978 biennial convention of the Womens League, did not include the last three words contained in the version approved today. These words were added as an amendment following a discussion as to whether the amendment should read "culminating in ordination" or "leading to ordination."

Before the vote, six delegates spoke in favor of the amendment and six spoke in opposition to it. Comments favoring passage included statements on the Jewish concept of social justice and the importance of not eliminating qualified candidates for the rabbinate because they are female. When an opposing delegate remarked that the words "culminating in ordination" were "pushy", another delegate retorted that "A man of quality is never threatened by a woman of equality."

Cohen: Ordination is "Only a Matter of Time"

In an interview before the voting, Dr. Gerson Cohen, Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, who is on record in favor of women in the rabbinate, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that "the ordination of women in the Conservative and modern Orthodox movements is only a matter of time."

He cautioned, however, that "a frontal attack will only split the community" and he expressed fear that a positive vote by the Womens League could stiffen opposition to ordination. Calling himself a religious humanist rather than a feminist, he said he is convinced that women should be ordained. Cohen said a general trend toward conservative reaction in all spiritual matters may slow down the process, but added that he is convinced that approval of ordination will come about "in a couple of years."

According to Cohen, "As more people return to the synagogue and it becomes a part of their lives, they won't want it to be a fossil. The issue will be solved by the climate of opinion, not by halachic canons."

ARMS DEAL WITH CHINA DENIED

JERUSALEM, Nov. 17 (JTA) — Israeli officials today flatly denied a report in Newsweek magazine that Israel selling arms on a large scale to the People's Republic of China. Deputy Defense Minister Mordechai Zipori said the report was "absolutely without foundation." He added that Israel has no commercial agreements with Peking "and certainly not an arms sale agreement." A similarly vehement denial was issued by the Foreign Ministry spokesman.

The Newsweek report said some deals had already been contracted and another worth \$2 billion would soon be secretly signed. It would be Israel's biggest-ever contract, the magazine asserted. The story cited "Middle East sources," according to reports of it broadcast here today.

Earlier this year Israeli officials denied another Newsweek report that Yaacov Neeman, director general of the Treasury, and other top aides had secretly visited China. (By David Landau)

STATE DEPARTMENT REITERATES CARTER-BEGIN-SADAT SUMMIT UNLIKELY

By Helen Silver

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17 (JTA) — The State Department today reiterated President Carter's view that a summit meeting is "unlikely" between himself, Premier Menachem Begin of Israel and President Anwar-Sadat of Egypt.

Asked if there have been any contacts with Egypt in connection with such a meeting following Carter's meeting with Begin here last week, Department spokesman John Trattner replied: "I don't know that there has been any specific contacts on that subject. We have been in touch and we always are with the Egyptians but I don't know that there was any specific discussion of a summit. There could very well have been. I can only describe it as the President described it last week when he said that he thought a summit was unlikely."

Trattner said he had no information as to when Egyptian Foreign Minister Butros Ghali would visit Washington. He had no comment on Begin's remark on the NBC-TV Meet The Press program yesterday that Israel would never "descend" from the Golan Heights. The Israeli Premier did not elaborate nor state his government's position on a bill pending in the Knesset to annex the Golan Heights.

STATE DEPARTMENT SAYS IT DEPLORES ARREST OF VICTOR BRAILOVSKY

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17 (JTA) — The State Department said that the United States deplores the arrest by Soviet authorities of Dr. Victor Brailovsky, a leading Soviet Jewish activist, in Moscow last Thursday.

The 45-year-old cyberneticist, editor of the Jewish Samizdat journal, "Jews in the USSR," was arrested Nov. 13 as some 100 refusniks gathered at the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet to deliver a letter to President Leonid Brezhnev accusing the Soviet Union of violating the Helsinki Accords by refusing to grant emigration visas. The demonstration was scheduled to coincide with the opening of the conference reviewing the Helsinki accords in Madrid.

"We deplore this action," a State Department spokesman told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency after he confirmed that Brailovsky had been charged with "spreading fabrications defaming" the state. The spokesman said the Department will continue to follow developments in Brailovsky's case.

BEGIN SAYS THE PEACE PROCESS AS DEFINED BY CAMP DAVID ACCORDS MUST BE CONTINUED UNTIL IT IS REALIZED

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, Nov. 17 (JTA) — Premier Menachem Begin of Israel said last night that the peace process in the Mideast, as defined by the Camp David accords, "must be continued until it is realized." He rejected criticism from Europe and other countries calling for the suspension of the autonomy talks for the West Bank and the Gaza District as "cynicism".

The Premier made his remarks at an Israel Bonds dinner at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, attended by more than 1,500 guests from major communities across the United States. During the dinner, which honored Jack Weiler, the prominent American Jewish leader, a record total of \$57,500,000 in Israel Bonds was sold. Sam Rothberg, chairman of the dinner, said that the event was "the biggest dinner in Jewish fund raising history in the United States."

In his address, Begin reiterated Israel's stand that Jerusalem is its "united forever and indivisible" capital. He pointed out that for 19 years, when Jerusalem was under Jordanian rule, Jewish shrines and cemeteries were ruined and desecrated. But today, under Israeli administration, Jerusalem is open to men and women of all faiths, Begin said, declaring: "This freedom is guaranteed now forever."

Says Israel Can Defend Itself

Begin said that "Israel, thank God, is strong" and is capable of defending itself against any attack. But he said that Israel spends a staggering amount of money on defense — "more than 30 percent of our GNP" — and this puts "a great burden" on Israel's economy. He noted that Israel is not only the most faithful ally of the free world and the United States "but also the most stable ally of the free world and the United States." Therefore, Begin said, "the free world and the U.S. should be a faithful ally to Israel." Begin concluded his address by calling for Jewish unity and for renewed efforts on behalf of Israel.

The Premier presented the 1980 Golda Meir Leadership Award to Weiler "in appreciation of 40 years of leadership, service and dedication in the spirit and measure of the future of the State of Israel."

SADAT: UNITED ARAB OPPOSITION TO EGYPT BECAUSE OF ITS PEACE ACCORD WITH ISRAEL HAS FALLEN APART

NEW YORK, Nov. 17 (JTA) — President Anwar Sadat believes that the Arab rejectionist front aimed against Egypt because of its peace agreement with Israel has crumbled, little more than a year after it was formed. The "united front" has collapsed, he said in an interview with People magazine this week.

"Look what has happened to them since they cut relations with me. Only 15 months ago they were one united front. Now Iraq and Iran are killing each other off. Iraq has severed relations with Libya and Syria. Saudi Arabia has severed relations with Libya. Can you name two countries who will sit down together in order to make an alliance against Sadat?" the Egyptian leader asked.

Sadat's view of the disarray seems to be borne out by reports from Amman that Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasir Arafat is seeking to postpone the 16-nation meeting of Arab leaders due to open in Amman Nov. 25. So far, only Syria supports delay. Jordan appears eager to proceed with the Arab summit, planned originally to agree on a common economic and political strategy against Israel's West Bank policies.

But the eight-week-old Iraqi-Iranian war has created a schism between the Arab countries. Arafat, who is dependent on inter-Arab unity to achieve his political aims, appears fearful that under present conditions the summit will fail. He is currently shuttling between Arab capitals in the hope of persuading the leaders to abandon the planned meeting for the time being.

What complicates the situation is Syrian and Libyan support of Iran while Jordan has sided openly with Iraq. Saudi Arabia and the other Arab Gulf states are officially neutral but wary of the repercussions of the Islamic revolution in Iran. They are being wooed intensively by Iraq. Iraq and Saudi Arabia reportedly favor holding the summit meeting as scheduled.

HYMEN GOLDMAN DEAD AT 92

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17 (JTA) — Hymen Goldman, a retired Washington businessman and a founder of the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington, died here last Saturday at the age of 92.

Born in Russia, Goldman lived in Canada before coming to Washington in 1907. He was a founding partner of the Standard Cigar & Tobacco Company, a local wholesale tobacco operation, from which he retired in 1970 as chairman of the board. He also was founder and director emeritus of the Macke Corporation.

A longtime leader of the Washington Jewish community, Goldman was president of the Jewish Community Council in the 1940's. He was president of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater Washington in the mid-1960's and was its honorary president at the time of his death. He was vice president of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee and honorary vice president of the Zionist Organization of America and honorary president of its Louis Brandeis Zionist District here.

Goldman was president of the Hebrew Home for the Aged of Greater Washington in the 1940's and 1950's and its honorary president at the time of his death. He was also an honorary board member of both the Jewish Social Service Agency and the Jewish Community Center and a life board member of Adas Israel Congregation.

In 1968, Georgetown University's theology department established a lectureship in Jewish studies in honor of Goldman. His autobiography, "I Could Write A Book," was published in 1974.

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The World Bank and its affiliate for-concessionary lending, the International Development Association, has approved \$57.1 million in loans to Egypt and the Yemen Arab Republic. Egypt will receive \$40.1 million IDA credits for agricultural and vocational manpower training needs and improve the quality of instruction in its formal educational system. Two similar programs are now underway. This program also aims to improve health services by upgrading university instruction in the health sciences. The Yemen Arab Republic will carry out a development project with funds amounting to \$17 million from IDA. The project is expected to benefit some 160,000 rural families.