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CARTER SAYS SADAT WANTS TO CONTINUE THE PEACE PROCESS

By Helen Silver

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 (JTA) -- President Carter declared last night that Egyptian President Anwar Sadat has assured him that he wants to continue the Egyptian-Israeli peace process. The President said this reassurance was contained in a very important message from Sadat given him at the White House yesterday by Egyptian Vice President Hosni Mubarak.

Carter had declined to reveal the contents of the Sadat message when he spoke to reporters after his meeting with Mubarak in the morning. His disclosure was made before 1200 people attending an Israel Bonds dinner at the Washington Hilton Hotel at which Lane Kirkland, president of the AFL-CIO, was presented the 1980 Golda Meir Leadership Award for "his many years of leadership, service and dedication" in support of Israel.

Carter stressed that United States support for Israel was a "true partnership" not just a large country helping a smaller one. "I have been privileged as President to help in forging that true partnership between the United States and Israel, a partnership built not on the superiority of one of the partners, but on the common interest goals and values of both nations and peoples."

Ephraim Evron, Israel's Ambassador the U.S., presented the Golda Meir Award to Kirkland, saying it was "in recognition for his many years of devoted and unremitting effort to help realize Israel's hope for a future of peace and economic security, and as a symbol of the American Labor movement's unflagging support for Israel and a Jewish homeland which goes back 70 years."

Thomas Donahue, secretary-treasurer of the AFL-CIO and dinner general chairman, told the guests representing labor, industry, the Washington political community and the academic world, that \$13.5 million in Israel Bonds were bought in honor of Kirkland. Carter, in his speech, congratulated Israel Bonds on its 30th anniversary and for having passed the \$5 billion mark in Bonds sales.

SHAMIR: ISRAEL WILL NOT ACCEPT EUROPEAN MIDEAST PEACE INITIATIVE

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Dec. 3 (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir of Israel made clear his country's continued opposition to any peace initiative in the Middle East undertaken by the European Economic Community (EEC). He told reporters at a press conference here today that Israel did not and could not accept the Common Market countries' stand on self-determination for the Palestinians or a change in the status of Jerusalem.

Shamir, on a five-day private visit on the invitation of the French United Jewish Appeal, spoke in the aftermath of the EEC's summit meeting in Luxembourg Monday and yesterday at which the nine member states decided to renew contacts with the Middle East states in search of a solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict. The meeting did not produce anything similar to the EEC's Venice

declaration of last June which stressed that the Palestine Liberation Organization must be associated with the Middle East peace process.

But the decision to continue the initiative implied that the Venice declaration remains its basis. Shamir warned that EEC statements such as the Venice declaration and the communique issued in Luxembourg "risk encouraging (Arab) extremists and increasing regional tensions."

He said Israel cannot accept West European proposals for its withdrawal to its 1967 borders nor can it entrust its security to foreign guarantees. The EEC initiative will be pursued under the direction of The Netherlands Foreign Minister, Christoph van der Laan, who succeeds Luxembourg Foreign Minister Gaston Thorn as chairman of the EEC Council of Ministers.

Shamir stressed that Israel wants to maintain a dialogue with all EEC member states. "We want to increase our meetings, explain our positions and try to reduce divergences. We want to develop good relations with all EEC member states in spite of differences on political stands," he said.

Hectic Schedule of Meetings

Shamir is scheduled to meet with President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing tomorrow. Giscard reportedly played an important role in the Luxembourg decision to continue the EEC's Middle East initiative which many diplomatic observers believed had faded as a result of the American Presidential elections and the Iraqi-Iranian war. Shamir met earlier in his visit with French Foreign Minister Jean Francois Poncet.

Today, he met France's outgoing Chief Rabbi, Jacob Kaplan and his successor, Rene Sirat, who will assume the office of Chief Rabbi on Jan. 1. He also conferred with members of the Representative Council of Major Jewish Organizations in France (CRIF) and addressed various Jewish and Zionist groups. He is due to meet tomorrow with Egypt's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Butros Ghali, who is in Paris.

ISRAEL 'REGRETS' TURKEY'S MOVE AT DOWNGRADING DIPLOMATIC TIES

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Dec. 3 (JTA) -- Israel expressed "regret" today at Turkey's move to reduce the level of diplomatic relations between the two countries. The Foreign Ministry confirmed reports from Ankara that the military government there decided to lower the rank of its senior representative in Tel Aviv from Minister to Second Secretary and has asked Israel to do likewise.

Turkey's move, a belated reaction to the "Jerusalem Law," followed the closing of the Turkish Consulate General in Jerusalem by the previous civilian government of Suleiman Demirel. Foreign Ministry officials here said that Israel's Minister in Ankara, Dr. Ya'acov Cohen, would be returning home "in a matter of months." They said it was still unclear whether the Turks would insist on the withdrawal of the Israel military attaches at the two legations.

Informed sources said the Turkish decision had been more or less expected for the past several weeks. Israel, they said, had not sent any special envoy to Ankara to try and head it off but had enlisted the help of friendly third parties who brought their influence to bear on Turkey and perhaps prevented an even more serious rupture.

Turkey and Israel have never had ambassadorial level links, but ever since 1949, they have been represented in each other's country by diplomats holding the formal rank of "Charge d' Affaires A.I." (ad interim). In Israel's case, most of these diplomats have in fact been selected from the highest echelon of the foreign service since Ankara was considered a particularly important post. Both countries have until now maintained medium sized legations in the other country. Presumably now the number of diplomats in the two legations, and not merely the rank of the senior ones, will be reduced.

Efforts to Establish Policy

In the 1950s and 1960s Israeli governments worked quietly but steadily to build up what was called the "periphery policy" -- that is, fostering ties with the three major non-Arab states on the borders of the Middle East: Turkey, Iran and Ethiopia. In the wake of radical changes in the two latter countries, and in the wake -- apparently -- of heavy Arab pressure on Turkey, not a great deal remained of that ambitious policy. Nevertheless, some Israeli observers refuse to slip into despondency. They insist that the underlying confluence of interests which made the "periphery policy" a reality in the past still exist in the present and could gain expression once again in the future.

In practical terms of day-to-day diplomacy, Turkey's decision will mean that henceforth the Israeli Charge d' Affaires in Ankara will be a Second Secretary. The same will apply to Turkey's representative in Israel.

SWISS SOCIALIST PARTY INVITES PLO TO PARTICIPATE IN ITS ASSEMBLY

By Tamar Levy

GENEVA, Dec. 3 (JTA) -- The Jewish community is surprised and disturbed by the Swiss Socialist Party's unexpected invitation to David Barakat, the Palestine Liberation Organization's representative accredited to the United Nations here, to participate in its annual assembly. Many Swiss Jews are active members of the Socialist Party which has, in the past, supported Israel unconditionally.

While Barakat made no speech at the Socialist gathering, the fact that he received a formal invitation to attend puzzles political observers. They are speculating as to whether the approach to the PLO delegate indicates a shift in the Socialist Party's attitude toward Israel.

Foreign Minister Pierre Auber is a member of the Socialist Party. Prior to his nomination as Foreign Minister he was president of the Swiss-Israeli Friendship Association. Many Swiss Socialist leaders have visited Israel in the past and some have sent their children to stay at kibbutzim. The Socialist Party adopted a resolution at its assembly to give financial help to liberation movements in the Third World.

First Face-to-Face Talks in 2 Years: ISRAEL SEEKS TO REASSURE LEBANON THAT IT RESPECTS ITS SOVEREIGNTY

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Dec. 3 (JTA) -- Israel sought to reassure Lebanon this week, in the first face-to-face talks in more than two years, that it fully respects Lebanon's "sovereignty and territorial integrity." Two Lt. Colonels of the Israel army and a Foreign Ministry diplomat conveyed

that message when they met with Lebanese army officers Monday under UN auspices at Ras Nakura, headquarters of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) on the Israel-Lebanese border.

Informed sources said the atmosphere at the meeting was "very good, very relaxed." After a half hour of formal discussions the two teams lunched together, joined by the chairman of the session, the chief of staff of the UN Truce Supervisory Organization (UNTSO). The UN apparently hopes to arrange further such meetings in the future.

In the meantime, both the UN and the Israeli side are treating Monday's meeting in a low key despite the months of meticulous efforts that went into preparing it. Presumably this is to avoid incurring hostility from Syria or other Arab extremist quarters.

The Lebanese, moreover, are reporting the meeting as a reactivation of the long-defunct Israel-Lebanon Mixed Armistice Commission (ILMAC) rather than as a direct, semi-political encounter between the two sides. At the very outset of the meeting, in fact, the Lebanese officers took the position that this was a session of the ILMAC.

The Israelis, for their part, maintain their position that ILMAC is not merely defunct but actually deceased, having died with the outbreak of the 1967 war along with all the other Mixed Armistice Commissions (MACS). The MACS between Israel and each of its neighbors, were set up under the 1949 armistice agreements.

Significantly, the UNIFIL communique issued Monday night which reported the meeting did not refer to ILMAC even though an earlier Security Council resolution had called on the UN Secretary-General "to reactivate ILMAC." The UNIFIL communique merely said that "representatives of the Israel army and the Lebanese army met... (and) exchanged views about the present situation."

Apparently, this text was agreed upon in advance. Israel had categorically refused to attend the meeting if it was to be billed as a session of the ILMAC. Israeli sources say that Lebanon's interest in a formal revival of ILMAC stems from Beirut's belief that a return to the UN-ILMAC-pre-1967 regime would somehow help it to extend its authority up to the border. In addition, the UN's status would be enhanced, which Lebanon sees as a favorable development.

In the course of the meeting on Monday and the "exchange of views about the present situation," the Israeli side argued that it was not Israel, nor Maj. Saad Haddad in south Lebanon, who were responsible for the difficult situation in the border area. The root cause was the internal turmoil and weakness in Beirut itself, and the consequent license afforded the various Palestine Liberation Organization groups to ride roughshod over Lebanese sovereignty.

TEL AVIV MAYOR HELD HOSTAGE BY RESIDENTS OF HATIKVA QUARTER

TEL AVIV, Dec. 3 (JTA) -- Mayor Shlomo Lehat and several members of the Tel Aviv City Council were being held hostage by a group of slum-dwellers this afternoon in the Mayor's office on the 12th floor of the City Hall.

Police and fire brigades rushed to the scene. Police officers were trying to convince the invaders to release the officials and threatened them with jail if they did not.

Lehat had an appointment with the group from the depressed Hatikva quarter. About 40 of them showed up. As soon as they entered his office they pulled hammers, nails and chains from their pockets and proceeded to nail the doors shut and barricade them. Their motive was not clear. The Hatikva residents sang and danced for a time but when the police indicated they took a serious view of the matter, the room became silent.

EXCLUSIVE TO THE JTA: RESOLUTION ON PALESTINIANS

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 3 (JTA) — The General Assembly, which is debating the Palestinian issue, is expected to vote Friday on a draft resolution calling for the establishment of an independent Palestinian state; the withdrawal of Israeli troops from all occupied territories, including Jerusalem; and the return of the "displaced" Palestinians to their homes and property.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency obtained today the text of that resolution and three other drafts that are to be voted on which, among other provisions, declare that the Camp David accords have "no validity" in relation to the future of the Palestinian people. The major resolution states, in part, that the General Assembly "Expresses its grave concern that no just solution to the problem of Palestine has been achieved and that this problem therefore continues to aggravate the Middle East conflict, of which it is the core, and to endanger international peace and security;

"Reaffirms that a just and lasting peace in the Middle East cannot be established without the achievement, inter alia, of a just solution of the problem of Palestine on the basis of the attainment of the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people, including the right of return and the right to self-determination, national independence and sovereignty in Palestine, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and principles of international law;

"Stresses the basic principle that the future of the Palestinian people cannot be discussed in their absence and, therefore, calls once more for the invitation of the Palestine Liberation Organization, the representative of the Palestinian people, to participate in all efforts, deliberations and conferences on the Middle East which are held under the auspices of the United Nations, on an equal footing with other parties;

"Endorses the recommendations of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People contained in paragraphs 45 to 48 of its report and draws the attention of the Security Council to the need for urgent action thereon;

"Reaffirms the inalienable rights of the Palestinians to return to their homes and property in Palestine, from which they have been displaced and uprooted, and calls for their return;

"Reaffirms also the inalienable right in Palestine of the Palestinian People, including:

(a) The right to self-determination without external interference, and to national independence and sovereignty; (b) The right to establish its own independent sovereign State.

"Demands the complete and unconditional withdrawal by Israel from all the Palestinian and other Arab territories occupied since June 1967, including Jerusalem, in conformity with the fundamental principle of the inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by force.

"Further demands that Israel should fully comply with all United Nations resolutions relevant to the historic character of the Holy City of Jerusalem"

TERRORIST BASES STRUCK

JERUSALEM, Dec. 3 (JTA) — Chief of Staff Gen. Raphael Eitan said today that Israel's

policy of surprise strikes at Palestinian terrorist bases in Lebanon has resulted in a substantial reduction of terrorist activity against Israel.

Eitan spoke on television after the latest preemptive raid by Israeli forces in Lebanon. Last night a sea-borne Israeli force struck what were described as Palestine Liberation Organization positions on the Lebanese coast 25 kilometers south of Beirut and 70 kilometers north of the Israeli borders. The raid was one of the most northerly penetrations of Lebanon ever carried out by Israel.

At least six terrorists were killed and, according to reports from both sides, many were wounded. Eitan said Israel's policy is to hit the terrorists before they can plan and organize actions against Israel. He stressed that the policy was not one of retaliation but of preventive action.

CHANUKAH MARKED AT CITY HALL

NEW YORK, Dec. 3 (JTA) — A torch kindled at the tomb of the Maccabees near Jerusalem was presented to Mayor Edward Koch of New York yesterday as the holiday of Chanukah was celebrated at City Hall.

In the presence of Consul General of Israel Yosef Kedem, Ms. Ronit Batson, a vivacious 18-year-old Israeli handed the torch which had been carried in the Zionist Organization of America Chanukah torch relay from Kennedy Airport to City Hall to Koch.

Ms. Batson, a member of the Maccabi Tzair movement in Israel, pointed out that Chanukah symbolized "spiritual and physical freedom." In his talk Koch noted that "when we strike a blow for freedom for ourselves, we do it for others."

Members of Masada — the youth movement of the ZOA ran the 26-mile route. Each youth carried the torch for about 100 yards and passed it on to another youth. At a special ceremony during the day, torches for various Jewish communities in the U.S. were lit. Torches were sent to Union, Elizabeth, and Trenton, New Jersey; Philadelphia, Pa.; Baltimore, Md.; Toronto; Chicago; Minneapolis and St. Paul; Washington, D.C. and other cities.

ROMAIN GARY DEAD AT 66

PARIS, Dec. 3 (JTA) — French Jewish writer, former diplomat and war-time soldier, Romain Gary killed himself last night at his Paris home. He was 66 years old. He had been depressed since the suicide last year of his former wife, American actress Jean Seberg. Gary was convinced that Seberg, who divorced him several years ago, had been hounded to her death by the FBI.

Born in Vilna to a Jewish mother, Gary came to France as a boy. When the war broke out he was serving as a pilot with the French Air Force and was one of the first officers to join Gen. Charles de Gaulle's Free French. He served throughout the war with the French army and in 1945 entered the diplomatic service and at one time was French Consul General in Los Angeles. He wrote over a dozen books in several of which the Jewish content was foremost.

Several of his books have been filmed, including "Roots of Heaven" and "Promise at Dawn" in which Moshe Dayan's son, Assaf, played one of the leading roles. Gary was a warm supporter of Israel and regularly visited Jerusalem where he had many friends.

LONDON, (JTA) — The Greater London Council Wednesday paid homage to the memory of Chaim Weizmann, Israel's first President, by unveiling a plaque on a house where the former Zionist leader lived in 1917, when Britain issued the Balfour Declaration.

300 AT KINDLING OF 30-FOOT MENORAH OPPOSITE THE WHITE HOUSE

By Helen Silver

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 (JTA) -- About 300 people attended the kindling of the 30-foot menorah in Lafayette Park opposite the White House yesterday afternoon, marking the beginning of the eight-day Chanukah festival. They heard a message from President Carter who referred to "the hard won freedom of modern day Israel" and the denial of freedom to Jews in the Soviet Union.

The menorah lighting ceremony, in its second year, was initiated by Rabbi Abraham Shemtov of Philadelphia, a national director of the American Friends of Lubavitch. He was on hand yesterday to thank White House aide Stuart Eizenstat, who represented the President on the occasion, for his help in bringing the project to fruition. Eizenstat's son, Brian, 9, kindled the first candle and recited the blessings. Also present were White House Jewish affairs advisor Alfred Moses and Israel's Ambassador to the U.S. Ephraim Evron who brought greetings from the State of Israel.

Metropolitan Opera tenor Jan Peerce sang traditional Hebrew songs. The Kol Chaim band of Washington, a group of Hasidic musicians, played Hebrew and Yiddish melodies. Entertainer Alan King served as master of ceremonies.

In his message, which was read by Eizenstat, Carter observed that "Chanukah was the world's first celebration of freedom. It reminds us of the hard won freedom of modern day Israel, a freedom which must be secure each and every day. Chanukah is a testament to the Jewish people's continuing belief in righteousness, justice and God."

The President added: "We must not forget that there are Jews in the Soviet Union and around the world who are denied the basic human right to kindle a menorah or practice their religion at all."

MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR CANCER RESEARCH PROGRAM PLANNED FOR ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Dec. 3 (JTA) -- Plans to create a multi-million dollar research program in Israel directed toward the conquest of cancer were outlined by Dr. Daniel Miller, president of the Israel Cancer Research Fund, and president and director of the Preventive Medicine Institute at the Strang Clinic here.

Addressing the first annual dinner dance of the Fund, Miller said Israel offers unique scientific resources. It has the largest proportion per capita of professional, scientific and technical workers and the second largest number of people with academic degrees in the world, he said.

Miller noted that the combination of trained personnel and diverse cultural, social and behavioral patterns of the population offers a remarkable opportunity to study genetic, ethnic, cultural and psychological influences on the development of cancer. Yet the entire budget for cancer research in Israel last year was under \$300,000, he said. The result of such underfunding, Miller added, has been the diversion of young, talented, well trained scientists to other fields.

"What Israel needs," Miller declared, "is to create a new major peacetime industry, a large scale cancer research program which can

successfully harness its considerable scientific talents and take advantage of its diverse population to shed new light on the causes and treatment of cancer."

Major Aid in Achieving Goal

Major aid in achieving this goal is beginning to be provided by the Israel Cancer Research Fund which hopes to provide several million dollars annually towards cancer research in Israel by the end of this decade, Miller said.

Founded only five years ago by a coalition of American and Canadian scientists and businessmen, the Israel Cancer Research Fund is already one of the major sources of funding for recently graduated post-doctoral cancer scientists in Israel, according to Miller. To date more than 55 fellowships have been granted to promising young investigators by the Cancer Fund. Each investigator receives \$10,000 to \$15,000 annually for a period of two to three years to support his/her studies during the critical first years of laboratory work, he said.

Miller explained that the Israel Cancer Research Fund is now embarking on the second phase of its program, to secure funding for longer term support of those seeking to establish careers in cancer research. For this purpose a million dollar endowment fund is being established which together with annual gifts will form the basis for a sustained grant program.

Miller estimated a \$10 million endowment will be needed to create the National Cancer Institute of Israel, envisioned as an "institute without walls." The institute will support and coordinate cancer research throughout Israel without bearing the heavy cost of building and maintaining its own physical plant, Miller said.

OSWALD MOSLEY DEAD

LONDON, Dec. 3 (JTA) -- Sir Oswald Mosley, whose black-shirted British Union of Fascists was involved in bitter street fighting with Jews and leftwingers during the 1930s, died at his home near Paris last night at the age of 84. An admirer of Hitler and would-be "fuhrer" of Britain, Mosley was detained as a security risk during World War II and afterwards lived in France.

Mosley founded his fascist movement in 1932 after 12 years as a Member of Parliament, first as a Conservative and later as a Laborite. His affinity for the Nazis who came to power in Germany a year later marked him as a menace to British democracy and a danger to British Jewry. After the war Mosley claimed he was not anti-Semitic and had fought Jews in self-defense because they wanted Britain to go to war with Germany.

During the 1950s and 1960s, Mosley attempted to revive his Fascist Union from exile but he was displaced by a new wave of younger generation racist groups. Mosley was related by marriage to Unity Mitford who idolized Hitler and shot herself when Britain declared war on Germany in 1939.

U. S. NOT AWARE OF MISTREATMENT OF BLACK HEBREWS IN ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 (JTA) -- The State Department said that it was not aware of "any mistreatment" of the Black Hebrews living in Israel. Department spokesman John Trottner, replying to questions about the allegation by syndicated columnist William Raspberry that the Black Hebrews are being harassed by the Israeli government, said "We are very much aware of the Black Hebrews living in Israel. We have taken steps to remain in close contact with them and to see that their situation remains reasonably safe and secure, not because there is any threat but simply because they are American citizens who are living in that country and we look out for them, as we look out for any American citizens who are residents that we know about."