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PERCY RAPPED BY OTHER SENATORS FOR HIS VIEWS ON A PALESTINIAN STATE

By Helen Silver

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (JTA) — Sen. Charles Percy (R. Ill.), who said he favors a Palestinian state headed by Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasser Arafat, was sharply reminded by Senatorial colleagues that such an entity is specifically opposed in both the Republican and Democratic party platforms and is contrary to U.S. foreign policy.

Percy, who will become chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in the next Congress, was taken to task yesterday by Sen. Bob Packwood (R. Ore.) and by three Democrats, Sens. Howard Metzenbaum of Ohio, Carl Levin of Michigan and Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts.

Their comments were elicited by cabled reports from U. S. Ambassador Thomas Watson in Moscow that Percy had told Soviet leaders there last month that he favored a Palestinian state federated with Jordan but headed by Arafat who wants to be "a chief of state before he dies." The classified cables were leaked to the media over the weekend.

Packwood, who like his three Democratic colleagues, is a strong supporter of Israel, warned that "Any plan for a Palestinian state on the West Bank is presumptuous, arrogant and wrong. It's not the road to peace, it's the way to war."

At Variance With U.S. Policy

Metzenbaum, in a speech on the Senate floor, declared, "I do not believe that the Soviet Union, the PLO or anyone else can reasonably take the Senator's remarks as anything more than they were intended to be — an expression of a personal position that is at variance with our long established foreign policy. Anyone who doubts this nation's position need only read the platforms of our two major political parties."

Metzenbaum quoted at some length from the 1980 Republican platform, noting that it stated "with respect to an ultimate peace settlement (in the Middle East) Republicans reject any call for involvement of the PLO as not in keeping with the long term interests of either Israel or the Palestinian Arabs" and "We believe the establishment of a Palestinian state on the West Bank would be destabilizing and harmful to the peace process."

Statement by Kennedy

Kennedy, in a statement issued by his office, said: "The recent conflict between Iraq and Iran and the increased tension between Syria and Jordan should remind us that the Palestinian problem is not the central cause of turmoil and instability in the Middle East today."

"Moreover, the core and crux of the Arab-Israeli problem lies with the failure of the Arab nations, except for Egypt, to recognize both Israel's existence and its need for secure, defensible and recognized borders. The 1980 Democratic and Republican platforms both oppose the creation of a Palestinian state. The U.S. must make abso-

lutely clear that we will never pursue a foreign policy which undermines the security of Israel."

Hits Move to Compromise U.S. Position

Levin, who also spoke on the Senate floor, said: "To discuss the development of such a (Palestinian) state before the PLO has taken even the most minimal step toward peace is to encourage the continuation of present PLO policy whereby it receives international recognition in exchange for nothing. Indeed its terrorist acts are continuing and the situation is polarized even further."

"It must remain the policy of the U.S., as it is of Israel, to be willing to sit down and talk with anyone who is willing to recognize Israel's right to exist in peace and security. To reverse that policy or to stray from it is to compromise U.S. opposition to terrorism and our commitment to peace."

VEIL WARNS ISRAEL NOT TO LEGISLATE ANNEXATION OF THE GOLAN HEIGHTS

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Dec. 10 (JTA) — Simone Veil, the President of the European Parliament, warned Israel today not to go ahead with legislative initiatives calling for the annexation of the Golan Heights. An annexation law would cause great damage to Israel's ties with Europe, the French Jewish stateswoman said before emplaning for home at the end of a four-day high-powered visit here. Veil added that she hoped the damage caused by the Jerusalem law would not be repeated.

At a press conference yesterday held by members of a delegation of the European Parliament who visited Israel along with Veil, delegation chairman John De Courcy Ling said the European Community's "Venice Declaration" last June calling for the Palestine Liberation Organization to be "associated with" the peace efforts, was the result of "legitimate impatience on the part of Europe with the Camp David process."

Delegation member and longtime staunch supporter of Israeli Erik Blumenthal of West Germany, a member of the Christian Democratic Party, used the term "legitimate frustration" to describe the Europeans' feeling toward the outgoing U.S. Administration.

Delegation members stressed that it was definitely not Europe's intention to undermine or impede the Camp David process. De Courcy Ling also said that a large body of legal opinion in Europe believed that Greece should raise the level of its diplomatic ties with Israel to that of full ambassadorial level before joining the European Economic Community on Jan. 1. (See related story P. 4.)

Earlier, former Foreign Minister Abba Eban had told the delegation that the EEC at Venice had thrown away its bargaining leverage over the PLO by issuing the document favoring the PLO's association with the peace process only two weeks after the PLO in Damascus had reiterated its resolve to liquidate Israel. "You cannot change the Palestinians' stand by pretending the change has already happened," Eban said.

FLAP OVER VISIT TO ISRAEL BY SOUTH AFRICAN OFFICIAL

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Dec. 10 (JTA) — The visit of Owen

Horwood, the Finance Minister of South Africa, to Israel, caused a loud verbal dispute in the Knesset Security and Foreign Affairs Committee today.

The Labor Alignment opposition charged that the government was giving the visit too high a profile. Government coalition members retorted that every friend of Israel does not have to have his credentials checked. "Our international status does not allow us to choose our friends," some said.

Shai Knesseter Amnon Rubinstein told Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir that South Africa has become a symbol of a detested regime. Whoever holds open relations with that country, Rubinstein said, harms his own interests. Labor Alignment Knesseter Yossi Sarid said he failed to understand what was the consideration which pushed Israel to make friends with "the family of lepers in the international community."

Avraham Katz and Yosef Ram of the Likud said, on the other hand, that the world is full of hypocrisy and that in such a world Israel should not be singled out to be the sole high-minded nation.

Shamir responded forcefully that Israel is opposed to the South African apartheid system and has always said so publicly. But he seemed to be taken aback by the negative reaction to the visit of Horwood. He noted that such visits should always be taken with due regard for proportion.

Israel's Trade with South Africa

Horwood arrived in Israel Monday for talks with Finance Minister Yigal Hurwitz. It is a return visit to that by former Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich to South Africa two years ago.

Horwood arrived with a team of 20 experts and officials. Trade between the two countries has grown significantly in the past few years. Israel's exports to South Africa totalled \$48 million in 1979, while imports reached \$156 million according to the International Monetary Fund. Last year the deficit was only \$42 million.

Israel was expected to press the South Africans to step up their investment in this country to narrow the growing trade gap. The principal items bought from South Africa are steel and iron products, sugar, tobacco and paper. South Africa buys Israeli machinery, metal products, chemicals and electronic products.

DULZIN SAYS JEWS ARE DETERMINED TO FIGHT ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 (JTA) — Jewish communities are concerned with growing anti-Semitism in Latin America and Europe, but "the silent Jew of Babi Yar and Kristallnacht is no more," Leon Dulzin, chairman of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization Executives, said here.

Dulzin, who is in New York for a series of meetings with the top echelon leadership of the United Jewish Appeal, came here directly from an international meeting in London with some 90 of the foremost Jewish leaders from 13 countries. He said that the meeting in London "displayed a Jewry that is courageous, determined, able and concerned with anti-Semitism and ready to fight back. The Jew today, appropriately for this Chanukah season, has the spirit of the Maccabees and the grit of Entebbe."

The vigorous and united response of French Jewry to the bombing of the Rue Copernic synagogue in Paris in October "is direct evidence of how the spirit and bravery of Israel, as shown in its war to win independence, and in 1956, 1967 and 1973 to preserve it, has influenced and strengthened diaspora Jewry as well," Dulzin said.

While in the United States the Zionist leader will participate in joint meetings of the Jewish Federation and the UJA in New York; of the UJA in Cleveland, Cincinnati, Los Angeles; and at a regional conference in Orlando, Fla. In New York he will also meet with the WZO-American Section to discuss the WZO Board of Governors meeting that will convene in Israel next February.

Gratified With UJA Campaign

Dulzin expressed gratification with the progress of this year's national UJA campaign. "I am impressed with the devotion, the dedication and the ability of the American Jewish leadership," he said. "Their outstanding efforts are producing a considerable increase over last year's receipts at this time. The American Jewish community has risen to the serious economic challenge to the well-being of Israel."

Dulzin said that one of the problems he will discuss with American Jewish community leaders is "the catastrophic fall in Soviet Jewish emigration." He noted that in the last two months the number of Soviet Jews permitted to leave "has been cut almost to the vanishing point, and it is with heavy heart that I say that the very future of emigration is now endangered."

EXHIBITION ON JEWISH COMMUNITY IN EARLY AMERICA OPENS IN CAPITAL

By Helen Silver

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (JTA) — A new exhibition titled "The Jewish Community in Early America: 1654-1830" will have its formal opening here tonight at the Museum of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). Former President Ford and his wife Betty will perform the opening ceremonies at which the former President will be the principal speaker.

Washington reporters attending a press preview and luncheon yesterday were the first to view the exhibit which reflects the graceful lifestyle of many of the Jewish settlers of the period covered, their contributions to colonial America and to the Revolution. On display are paintings by outstanding American artists, art objects and historic documents.

All of the items were loaned to the DAR Museum by museums in Newport, R.I., New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Norfolk, Charleston, S.C., and Savannah, Ga. cities in which early Jewish immigrants established communities and deep roots.

The exhibit includes five portraits by Gilbert Stuart, including one of Abraham Tauro, and a Thomas Sully portrait of Rebecca Gratz. Some of the best works of the famed colonial silversmith, Myer Myers, are also on display along with ceramics, samplers, costumes, furniture and jewelry.

The idea for the exhibit originated with John Loeb Jr., a New York investment banker and philanthropist who is a direct descendant of one of America's earliest Jewish families. He conceived it as a way to honor his grandmother, the late Adeline Moses Loeb who was a member of the DAR. It is the first major loan exhibit to be held at the DAR Museum and the first on a Jewish subject.

The exhibition will be open to the public beginning Thursday, Dec. 11 and will continue through March 15, 1981. The DAR is also sponsoring a parallel lecture series. The lectures will be given each Sun-

day afternoon in January. The DAR Museum is located at 1776 D St. NW. It will be open Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and on Sundays from 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Admission is free.

ROTHSCHILD: ANTI-SEMITISM IN FRANCE TODAY IS MUCH LESS OF A PHENOMENON THAN IN THE 1930s

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 (JTA) — Baron Guy de Rothschild, president of the Fonds Social Juif Unifié (FSJU) in France, said today that anti-Semitism in France is presently much less of a phenomenon than the anti-Semitism French Jews experienced before 1939. What is new about the recent anti-Semitic incidents, he said, is that they are manifested through violence, "habitual daily violence," while the anti-Semitism of the 1930s had its "normal" expression through verbal and written declarations.

De Rothschild, speaking at a press conference here sponsored by the Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), rejected out of hand any allegations suggesting that the French government is anti-Semitic in any way or that the French government's tilt toward the Arab position in the Arab-Israeli conflict has anything to do with the anti-Semitic wave that has been sweeping France.

"In my opinion the French government is in no way anti-Semitic," de Rothschild stressed in response to a question. "There is no question that the French government is not anti-Semitic and condemns anti-Semitism." He cited efforts by French authorities in recent years on behalf of Soviet and Syrian Jews.

French Government Not Anti-Semitic

While France's Mideast policy "ontagonizes us and irritates us," the French Jewish leader declared, it in no way can be considered anti-Semitic or anti-Zionist. "The policy of the French government is anti-Israel government policy — it is not anti-Israel," he said, adding: "It is not for the destruction of the State of Israel."

In reply to another question as to whether the pro-PLO policy of France encouraged anti-Semitism in that country, de Rothschild said: "I don't think that the pro-PLO policy of France contributed to anti-Semitic acts. I never found any evidence" for these charges.

Referring to the Oct. 3 bombing of the Rue Copernic synagogue in Paris, de Rothschild said that he knows, through reliable "sources," that the French police have made all possible efforts and used all means to try to apprehend the perpetrators. He characterized the synagogue bombing, which claimed four lives, as a "terrorist" act.

In his opening statement before the question-and-answer period, de Rothschild concentrated on the challenge facing the French Jewish community of integrating the bulk of north African Jews who settled in France in recent years. He said that efforts in housing, jobs and education on behalf of those Jews are shared by the JDC and the French government.

Noting that the Jewish population in France is about 700,000, the third largest Jewish community in the west, de Rothschild described the Jewish immigrants from north Africa as

mostly "young, energetic and quick-tempered who are ready to demonstrate for Israel."

LIV ULLMAN VISITS ISRAEL

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Dec. 10 (JTA) — Israel tends to be biased about outpourings of support from visiting celebrities. There are so many celebrities — and their enthusiasm so often seems to wane once they leave the country.

The visit here of Norwegian film and stage star Liv Ullmann, which ended Tuesday, seems to have been a notable exception. She captivated her audiences, and the broader Israeli public, with her emotional but obviously sincere professions of deep identification with the Jewish State.

Ullmann came to Israel as the guest of Hadassah, accompanied by the organization's new president, Frieda Lewis, to participate in events commemorating the 120th anniversary of the birth of Henrietta Szold, founder of Hadassah.

At the gala banquet held at the Hadassah Hospital on Mount Scopus, Ullmann sang in Yiddish a Chanukah song which she had originally sung at the age of 18, in her first major stage role, that of Anne Frank. Before her first song, she told the guests, "I will probably be so moved that I will cry by the time I reach the second line, so please help me."

Sure enough, her voice broke with tears but the audience joined in the song, some in Yiddish and some in Hebrew, and Ms. Ullmann recovered to finish it. Then she and Mrs. Lewis linked hands and led the guests in a hora that wove its way between the tables.

Presenting Ms. Ullmann with the Henrietta Szold Silver Medal and a scroll, Mrs. Lewis said: "Liv Ullmann talked to us in the language of the heart. This mission has been lit for us by this incandescent woman, whom we will always remember and cherish."

Deeply moved, Ullmann replied, "I didn't expect this thank you, thank you for making me a member of the Hadassah family and of Israel. Whatever I do in my life, I promise you that I will wear this medal and I will remember."

Gave Children Chanukah Presents

Earlier, Ms. Ullmann and Mrs. Lewis accompanied the mission on a visit to the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center, where they visited the children's department. Ms. Ullmann went from bed to bed giving every child a Chanukah present, a radiant smile and a hand with which to play. She spoke to the parents of the sick children. In the Hadassah Hospital parents are allowed to be with the children by day and nights. All the children and parents alike responded to her warm personality.

At the Yad Vashem, Holocaust Memorial, Ms. Ullmann laid a wreath to the fallen and kindled the eternal light. Slowly they made their way through the museum of man's inhumanity to man. Ms. Ullmann, who was devastated by what she saw, commented:

"The last words that Anne Frank wrote in her diary as she looked through the little window that gave her her only glimpse of the world and she heard the footsteps of the soldiers coming to take her away, were, 'somewhere there is good in every human being.'"

Continuing, Ms. Ullmann said that Anne Frank was 15 years old at the time. "When we look at what was done to the Jews and think of what happened to Anne Frank, it is hard to believe this, and yet I do cherish the belief," she said.

NIA REPORT SHOWS PROJECT RENEWAL HAS MADE DRAMATIC PROGRESS SINCE ITS START OVER A YEAR AGO

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 (JTA) — Project Renewal, the Israel-diaspora partnership undertaking aimed at the rehabilitation of slum areas in Israel and the general improvement of the quality of life for their residents, has made dramatic progress since its start over a year ago, according to a report delivered here today.

The report was presented by Jane Sherman, chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on Project Renewal of the United Israel Appeal (UIA), at the UIA annual meeting at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. The Ad Hoc Committee was created by the Board of Directors of the UIA on May 30, 1979, to study and make recommendations on all aspects of Project Renewal that are the responsibility of the UIA.

"The accelerated pace of Project Renewal is dramatically demonstrated by three pieces of statistical information," Sherman's report said. "In August of 1979, approved allocations amounted to only \$323,000; as of October 1980 it has risen to over \$34,000,000; in August, 1979, allocations for only four neighborhoods had been approved; as of October 1980, allocation for 52 neighborhoods have been approved representing 534 separate projects," Sherman reported.

"In addition, over \$2,000,000 has been approved for national Project Renewal programs."

The principal responsibilities of the UIA for Project Renewal programs and projects are authorization and allocations and fulfillment of legal requirements to supervise and monitor these undertakings. In addition, the Ad Hoc Committee maintains a direct liaison relationship with the United Jewish Appeal (UJA) Project Renewal Committee which has responsibility for establishing and recommending criteria for national fund-raising.

Meeting Six Requirements

Sherman noted that the UIA is committed to authorize Project Renewal allocations only after six requirements are met. They include approval by local neighborhood steering committees in Israel; consultation with local Federations in the U.S.; approval by the Interministerial Committee, the Jewish Agency Treasury and the UIA in Jerusalem; and "notification of UJA and 'twinning' Federations."

"These careful procedures, we hope, will provide local communities with confidence in the integrity of their 'twinning' neighborhood programs and will encourage the immediate transfer of local Project Renewal funds to the National UJA," Sherman said.

The report noted in that connection that "For varying reasons, some Federations have been holding up their cash collections." It urged the trustees and community representatives "to use your influence in assuring the prompt remittance of urgently needed funds. Otherwise, the UIA will be compelled, unnecessarily, to borrow at current high interest rates."

The report specified certain matters of concern dealt with by the Ad Hoc Committee in the past year. These included "growing administrative expenses that the Jewish Agency Renewal Department has been incurring for direct service

to Project Renewal neighborhoods" that, in some instances, "led to cuts in other important Jewish Agency programs. At our meeting last month we formally adopted a motion to establish the principal of local community responsibility on an equitable formula basis for administrative expenses incurred in Israel in serving Project Renewal programs. We are now developing a fair share system."

The report praised Yechiel Admoni, newly appointed director general of the Jewish Agency's Renewal Department, for developing a comprehensive restructuring of the department's overall operation which includes careful monitoring procedures.

A Plan Under Discussion

Sherman reported that the Committee has met several times with the Joint Distribution Committee staff to discuss their involvement in Project Renewal communities where they carry out programs of service to the elderly, develop professional manpower resources and community center programs. "We have also clarified technical questions regarding housing matters."

Sherman reported that a plan now "in the discussion state" would merge the Project Renewal committees of the UIA and UJA respectively. "There is a significant overlapping of membership between our two committees," the report noted. "The UJA sends us a continuous flow of information and Project Renewal Funds from local Federations. Beyond all this is ongoing informal communication between both laymen and professionals."

The report warned that "the failure of Project Renewal could do irreparable harm not only to the critical needs of the neighborhoods but could be damaging to our core UJA campaigns as well."

It added, however, "We believe that the UJA and the UIA together with our local communities working in full cooperation with Mr. Admoni and the Board of Governors Committee headed by Jerold Hoffberger, can guarantee the success of Project Renewal and thereby significantly narrow the gap in Israel between the haves and the have-nots."

Meyerhoff Is Honored

Joseph Meyerhoff, a founding officer and life trustee of the UJA, received a scroll of honor from Jack Weiler, the noted Jewish communal leader. Meyerhoff was honored "for his years of dedicated service and thoughtful leadership to his community, the development of Israel, and the advancement of the Jewish people."

SHAMIR CALLS FOR CLOSER TIES BETWEEN GREECE AND ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Dec. 10 (JTA) — Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir called on representatives of the European Parliament yesterday to make the Parliament's voice heard "on the question of Greece's diplomatic relations with Israel."

Greece, which is to enter the European Economic Community (EEC) Jan. 1 as a full member, does not have full diplomatic relations with Israel, but only relations at the ministerial level. (This is one level below that of full ambassador and plenipotentiary.)

Israel has long pressed the EEC governments to demand of Greece that it raise its ties with Israel to full ambassadorial level — in line with all the other nine EEC states. Now, Shamir expanded that call to embrace the European Parliament, which sits in Strasbourg, France, and which comprises members of political parties of all the EEC countries. Shamir told the parliamentarians that it was in Israel's crucial interest to maintain a close dialogue with the EEC states and to expand friendship and understanding with them.