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KISSINGER TO VISIT EGYPT, ISRAEL TO MEET WITH SADAT AND BEGIN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25 (JTA) -- Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger will leave for the Middle East Saturday on what his office described as a long-planned private trip. He is scheduled to visit Egypt and Israel and to meet with President Anwar Sadat and Premier Menachem Begin. He will return Jan. 13.

Kissinger, famous for his "shuttle diplomacy" during the negotiations for the Israeli-Egyptian interim agreements in Sinai in 1975, has been an informal advisor to President-elect Reagan. On Tuesday, Richard Allen, appointed by Reagan to head the National Security Council at the White House, disclosed that Kissinger would have a wide-ranging foreign policy role in the new Administration that would include giving advice and travel.

Kissinger's office insisted that he would not be representing the Reagan transition team formally or informally on his Middle East trip. But it is widely believed here that the trip has the approval of the President-elect and of Secretary of State-designate Alexander Haig.

RIVALRY BETWEEN TWO DUTCH SOCCER CLUBS TAKES ANTI-SEMITIC OVERTONES

By Henriette Boas

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 25 (JTA) -- The traditional rivalry between two leading Dutch soccer clubs, one of them Jewish, has taken on anti-Semitic overtones, it was charged here by the recently formed Foundation for Combating Anti-Semitism in Holland (STIBA). Richard Stein, the Chicago-born chairman of STIBA who lives in Rotterdam, raised the issue in a letter to the director of the Feyenoord soccer club in that city.

Feyenoord's most formidable opponent has been the Ajax soccer club of Amsterdam which is Jewish-owned and has many Jewish supporters. Both teams have been national champions a number of times. Stein pointed out in his letter that Feyenoord fans lately have been singing a song, "Ajax to the gas chambers," and similar slogans. He also charged that the Feyenoord fans are notorious for their unruly behavior at the games.

Meanwhile, in an unrelated development, the clubhouse recently evacuated by the Orthodox Bnei Akiva soccer club in Amsterdam has been taken over by squatters. The team moved to other premises recently in walking distance of the homes of its members. Its old quarters were to be occupied by the Habonim team, but the latter delayed moving in and squatters established themselves in the empty building. Under present Dutch law it is almost impossible to evict squatters if they have been in a building for more than a few hours.

POPE SAYS NO ONE NATION CAN CLAIM EXCLUSIVE OWNERSHIP OF JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Dec. 25 (JTA) -- The Cairo newspaper, Al Ahram, quoted Pope John Paul II Tuesday as declaring in an interview that "No one nation can claim exclusive ownership" of Jerusalem. According to the semi-official daily,

he was responding to a question on the Vatican's view of Israel's law declaring undivided Jerusalem its capital.

The Pontiff was quoted as saying further that "The Vatican categorically rejects the view that it is enough to protect the right to visit the holy places while leaving Jerusalem a united Jewish city under Jewish rule." He reportedly urged Israel not to obstruct attempts to bring peace to the Middle East. He said Moslems and Christians had a duty to work together "to achieve freedom for Jerusalem and restore the Holy City to all religious groups," Al Ahram reported.

The Pope also discussed the status of Jerusalem and the problem of the Palestinian people with Prince Saud al-Faisal, the Foreign Minister of Saudi Arabia, during a private 45-minute meeting in the Vatican this week.

The Pope "reaffirmed the well-known position of the Holy See that it is against any unilateral initiative to modify the political status of Jerusalem and the hope that the Holy City may become a meeting place for faithful of the three monotheistic religions, Christianity, Islam and Judaism," a Vatican communique said.

It added that the Pontiff "also expressed the urgency of an action to resolve with impartiality the problem of the Palestinian people and to preserve the independence, territorial integrity and unity of Lebanon. According to the communique, the meeting between the Pope and Faisal "took place in an atmosphere of deep cordiality and understanding." It was the first time that a Pope met with a member of the Saudi royal family.

KNESSET REJECTS BILL TO RECOGNIZE REFORM JUDAISM MOVEMENT IN ISRAEL

By Hugh Orgel

JERUSALEM, Dec. 25 (JTA) -- A proposal to recognize non-Orthodox trends within Jewry was rejected yesterday in the Knesset by a vote of 42-26. The draft resolution, proposed by Amnon Rubinstein of the opposition Shinui (Change) Party, would have recognized the Reform movement, known in Israel as the Movement for Progressive Judaism, as a religious body on equal footing with the Orthodox rabbis. It would have enabled Reform rabbis to perform weddings and to conduct other religious duties, including burial services, with the aid of the government.

Rubinstein said Israel is the only country in the Western world where rabbis other than those of an Orthodox trend were not allowed to perform religious functions. He said Reform rabbis did not represent merely a minority group but the majority of Jews in the Western world.

Replying for the government, Justice Minister Moshe Nissim asked the Knesset to reject the motion as passage of the law would interfere with the status quo which formed the basis for the establishment of all coalition governments in the past.

GOVERNMENT DEFEATS TEHIYA NO-CONFIDENCE MOTION ON GOLAN BILL

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Dec. 25 (JTA) -- The government

easily defeated a no-confidence motion presented in the Knesset by the ultra-nationalist Tehiya faction yesterday over its refusal to support a proposed bill to annex the Golan Heights. The vote was 56-2 with 42 abstentions by the opposition MKs.

The failure of Tehiya MK Geula Cohen's motion had been a foregone conclusion following the Cabinet's decision Monday not to back her Golan measure. The overwhelming margin was achieved with the cooperation of the Labor Alignment, which decided to abstain, but not before angry confrontations within its own ranks on the Golan issue.

Former Foreign Minister Abba Eban explained why the Labor Party would not vote against the government in this instance: "Whatever our general attitude to the government should be, under no circumstances would the (Labor) Alignment faction give the slightest support for a motion of no-confidence in this specific context," Eban said.

Internal Labor Party Debate

The generally doveish tone of his remarks provoked the anger of Labor's hawkish elements who called for an urgent meeting of the Alignment's Knesset faction. A bitter internal debate ensued which reached a climax in a fierce exchange between hardliner Amos Hadar and doveish Yossi Sarid. The faction stood by its decision to abstain, although the Golan issue clearly divides the party which hopes to topple Premier Menachem Begin's government in next year's elections.

The Likud-led coalition stood fast against the no-confidence motion. Justice Minister Moshe Nissim said the Cohen bill "would have done more harm than good" and observed that "the time is not ripe to take such a step."

Yehuda Ben-Meir of the National Religious Party said there is no need for special legislation because Israel would never give up the Golan Heights. He attacked Eban for maintaining that Israel should keep its options open with respect to the Golan, implying that it be used as a bargaining point in future peace negotiations with Syria, just as Sinai was used in negotiating the peace treaty with Egypt. "We reject every comparison between the Sinai and the Golan Heights just as we reject every comparison between" Sharm el-Sheikh and Jerusalem," Ben-Meir said.

Dayan's West Bank Proposal Also Defeated

In another action yesterday the Knesset defeated an agenda motion by former Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan proposing that Israel apply its autonomy plan to the West Bank unilaterally and without seeking the prior consent of its inhabitants. Begin vehemently opposed the motion, urging the Knesset not to undertake "dangerous one-sided experiments" that deviated from the Camp David accords. The measure was defeated by a vote of 53-37 with three abstentions.

It was the first significant parliamentary initiative by Dayan since he resigned from the government in October, 1979. He said he proposed it because of the slow progress in the autonomy talks and his concern that the Egyptians and the new American Administration might come up with worse alternatives. The vote sparked a minor revolt in government ranks. Likud MKs Ehud Olmert, Zalman Shoval and Itzhak Peretz voted for Dayan's proposal despite Begin's exhortation. They were joined by NRP dove David Glass.

TWO GERMAN TERRORISTS REPATRIATED BEFORE COMPLETING 10-YEAR TERM By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Dec. 25 (JTA) -- Two Germans convicted of terrorist activities in 1979 were repatriated Tuesday before completing half of their nominal 10-year sentences. Their early release was arranged in conversations between Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and West German officials during Shamir's recent visit to Europe, Foreign Ministry circles said yesterday.

Thomas Reuter and Brigitte Schultz, both 30, were brought to Israel and tried secretly, together with three Arabs, in 1976. Sentences on the two Germans, members of a German terrorist group affiliated to the Bader-Meinhoff group, were handed down only at the end of 1979. Even then, news of the trial was kept secret in Israel, until details were published abroad.

According to reports from abroad, they were implicated in a plot to shoot down an El Al plane in Nairobi, Kenya in January 1976. The plot was foiled and the three Arabs due to have carried out the actual attack with Soviet-made shoulder-fired rockets were stopped at the airport before the El Al plane landed. They are now serving 18-year sentences in Israel.

Part of the secrecy surrounding the trial of all five is understood to have been at the request of the Kenyan authorities who cooperated in their detention and handed them over to the Israelis for trial in Israel.

Their release was among the demands put forward by terrorists who hijacked an Air France plane to Entebbe in 1976 from where the hostages were released in the famous Israeli rescue mission. The hostages said after their release their guards at Entebbe had included West Germans.

Schultz and Reuter were sentenced to 10 years in prison, but the term was halved under an agreement between the prosecution and defense whereby their time in prison would be cut to five years in return for written confessions.

WEST BANK MAYOR RETURNS HOME TO A HERO'S WELCOME By Gil Sedan

RAMALLAH, Dec. 25 (JTA) -- Mayor Karim Khalaf, crippled in a car bombing last June, returned to this West Bank town today with a vow to "increase my efforts to establish a Palestinian state headed by the PLO." The mayor, who underwent medical treatment in the U.S. for the past six months, received a hero's welcome from the townspeople.

Israeli forces kept a low profile and did not interfere with the demonstration despite its political nature. Although the Military Government did not permit anybody but his immediate family to greet Khalaf when he crossed the Allenby bridge from Jordan, no attempt was made to disperse the hundreds of Ramallah residents, mostly high school and university students, who massed outside the town hall singing Palestinian songs, waving posters with nationalist slogans and forming the V for victory sign for television and press cameras in anticipation of the mayor's arrival.

When his car drove up, it was surrounded by masses of people cheering, "In the spirit of blood we shall redeem you brother Khalaf." The crowd stormed into the building following the mayor who blew kisses at them. He made a point of stressing that the attempt on his life did not change his views and would not halt his activities.

"I am returning to my office as Mayor," he told reporters after settling down at his desk. "I

promise and I swear that I shall increase my efforts to establish a Palestinian state headed by the PLO." He also expressed confidence that American policy would change in the future and the U.S. would support a Palestinian state.

Khalaf was severely injured when a bomb exploded under his car last June 2, exactly one month after six yeshiva students were murdered in a terrorist ambush in Hebron. On the same day, Mayor Bassam Shaka of Nablus was mangled in a car bomb attack that cost him both his legs. A third bomb, intended for the Mayor of El Bireh, blinded an Israeli Druze police sapper who was trying to dismantle it when it exploded. The attacks have been widely attributed to Jewish extremists. Those responsible have not yet been traced.

Khalaf had one foot amputated. He was treated at Ramallah Hospital and left for Houston, Texas in July for further medical treatment. Shaka, also treated abroad, is due to return to Nablus Sunday.

NEW JEWISH GROUP HOPES TO CREATE PROGRESSIVE-MINDED NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATION By Rochelle Saidel-Wolk

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25 (JTA) --The founding conference of the New Jewish Agenda, attended by nearly 700 participants, opened here last night with a program aimed at creating a progressive-oriented national membership organization that will provide a home for Jews who do not feel at home in the present organized Jewish community, according to Rabbi Gerald Serotta, chairman of the NJA steering committee who delivered the keynote address.

Serotta, associate director of the Hillel Foundation at Rutgers University, stated that "Any New Jewish Agenda must stand with the unique role of Jewish identity as a prism for viewing the world. Through Agenda we have a unique opportunity to repair some of the painful separations in our fragmented Jewish community. These separations have kept us from fulfilling our Jewish destiny of bringing a vision of universal justice to all mankind," he said.

Serotta said that by the time the conference ends on Sunday he hoped it will have accomplished three things: endorsement of a vision for a national membership organization; ratification of interim leadership until elections can be held; and adoption of a Conference Unity statement to give the new organization direction.

Attendance at the conference, at the 4H Conference Center, far exceeded the 500 expected and 300 would-be participants were turned away for lack of space, conference organizers said. The participants are a mix of young and older people from all walks of life.

Terms Coalition 'Crazy and Exciting'

Serotta observed that the delegates represented a "wide political spectrum" and were all the more striking because they ranged from "committed secularist to every flavor of religious outlook--Conservative, Reconstructionist, Reform, Orthodox and the other 90 percent of us who don't use any of those labels."

He called such a coalition "both crazy and exciting," observing that it is an "experiment that can have a profound impact on the life of the Jewish community."

A statement of purpose that accompanied the announcement of the conference noted: "We seek to apply Jewish values in the following areas: American Jewish communal life; mutual responsibilities between Israel and diaspora communities; Israeli society and peace between Israel and its neighbors; American domestic and foreign policy; the role of women and men in Jewish life; concerns related to the Jewish family, nuclear and extended; and relations between Jews and other communities."

U.S. HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL COUNCIL URGED TO RESIGN IMMEDIATELY

NEW YORK, Dec. 25 (JTA) -- The Generation After (TGA), an organization of predominantly children of Holocaust survivors, whose honorary president is Simon Wiesenthal, demanded today that all members of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council resign because of the "shameful chapter in American history, the presence of Nazi criminals in our country." Steven Rober, TGA chairperson, noted that for 35 years, "the United States government has implemented a policy of giving free shelter to vicious practitioners of Nazi genocide."

According to TGA, the issue of Nazi war criminals is not being considered on the Council's agenda "because the Council, incredibly enough, wishes to leave this matter in the hands of the Justice Department." A Council source, who asked not to be identified, conceded that the matter of the war criminals would not be on the Council's agenda for the foreseeable future.

Rober pointed out that "To erect a memorial to the millions of Nazi victims on the one hand, and to allow their murderers to walk around free and to live in splendor on the other hand, is a base hypocrisy and an insult to the memory of the dead eleven million innocent men, women and children and to the entire human race."

The Council, Rober added, "has no moral right to serve this hypocritical purpose if it wants to be the spokesperson for the victims and survivors. In fact, it constitutes a betrayal of the legacy of the Holocaust. One cannot pat the back of the criminal and the victim at the same time."

100 MILLION LIRE CHECK PRESENTED TO ITALY FOR EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

NEW YORK, Dec. 25 (JTA) -- A check for 100 million Lira (about \$108,000) was presented in Rome Tuesday to the Italian government for earthquake relief by HIAS, the Joint Distribution Committee, ORT and the Jewish Agency. Gaynor Jacobson, executive vice president of HIAS, in announcing the gift, stated:

"Since World War II, the people of Italy offered haven and refuge to Jews in flight from persecution. In 1979 alone, over 50,000 Soviet Jews were brought into Italy under HIAS auspices on their way to new homes in the U.S., Canada and Australia."

The donation by the four Jewish organizations was made on behalf of Jews in the U.S. and Israel and also included funds contributed by Soviet Jewish refugees helped to reach the U.S. by HIAS, Jacobson said. Included in the check were personal contributions by members of the HIAS staff in Rome, he said. The funds will be used to provide relief supplies and emergency housing for victims of the earthquake that ravaged southern Italy last month.

There will be no Daily News Bulletin dated January 1 due to New Year's Day, a postal holiday.

WALDHEIM REJECTS CLERICS' REQUEST TO STAGE HUNGER STRIKE IN THE UN

NEW YORK, Dec. 25 (JTA) — United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim Tuesday night rejected a request by three rabbis and two nuns to permit them to stage a hunger strike at the UN on behalf of the American hostages in Iran and four Catholic women murdered in El Salvador.

The request had been made in a telegram to the Secretary General earlier this week in light of the fact that he granted permission to Mayors Fahd Kawasme of Hebron and Mohammed Mithim of Halhoul to hold a hunger strike on UN premises to protest their expulsion by Israeli authorities.

One of the rabbis, Avraham Weiss of the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that Waldheim's response was hand-delivered to him by a UN messenger early Tuesday evening while he was attending a wedding in Brooklyn. It was contained in a letter signed by Clayton Timbrell, Assistant Secretary General for General Services, and stated in part:

"As you are no doubt aware, the expulsion of these mayors has been the expressed subject of three separate resolutions of the Security Council which considered it imperative that the mayors be enabled to return to their homes and resume their responsibilities."

Waldheim's Argument Rejected

Weiss said "I categorically reject" Waldheim's argument. He told the JTA that his group, the newly formed Ad Hoc Committee of Clergy Opposed to Terrorism, will continue to pursue the matter vigorously with the UN. He said it has not been decided yet what form of action would be taken but that it may include further representations to Secretary General's Office and approaches to the U.S. Mission to the UN.

Responding to Timbrell's letter, Weiss pointed out that "The American hostages have also been the subject of numerous resolutions in the UN. The reaction of the Secretary General points to the hypocrisy and double standard of the UN."

Weiss charged that "Two mayors who have encouraged terrorism and are guilty of instigating the murders of two Jews from New York in the attack in Hebron (last May) where six were murdered have been granted unique treatment in the UN while expression of concern for the American hostages has been denied. We will not tolerate nor accept any decision which allows the freedom of demonstration for the two PLO supporters while denying the same right of demonstration for the American hostages and Jews murdered in Hebron," Weiss said.

In addition to Weiss, the Ad Hoc Committee consists of Rabbis Kenneth Hain of Congregation Orach Chaim of Manhattan and Reuven Grader of Young Israel of Scarsdale; and the nuns, Sister Rose Thering, professor of education at Seton Hall University in New Jersey, and Ann Patrick, vice president of the National Coalition of American Nuns.

Mayors End Their Hunger Strike

Meanwhile, the two mayors, who began their hunger strike inside the UN last Friday

following the unanimous adoption of a resolution by the Security Council calling on Israel to permit them to return to their homes, ended their action yesterday. Their decision to do so followed an appeal by Waldheim and U.S. Ambassador Donald McHenry, who is this month's Security Council president, and several Arab delegates. Waldheim told the mayors that he would continue his efforts to have the Council resolution implemented. The mayors said they would continue their hunger strike at an undisclosed place.

In Washington, State Department spokesman John Trattner said the plight of the two mayors had been discussed with Premier Menachem Begin of Israel. The U.S. concern was reportedly expressed by Samuel Lewis, the U.S. Ambassador to Israel, and by Sol Linowitz, President Carter's special envoy to the Mideast.

KOCH ON VISIT TO ISRAEL

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Dec. 25 (JTA) — Mayor Edward Koch of New York, declaring that he was here on "a strictly private visit for pleasure only," toured East and West Jerusalem in a tourist bus today while Mayor Teddy Kollek, sitting in the front, microphone in hand, served as his personal guide. Koch arrived in Israel yesterday after a week's vacation in Egypt.

He visited child care centers, a fire house — where the two mayors donned fire helmets to pose for television and press photographers — archaeological excavations around the Old City walls and the residence of the Greek Orthodox Metropolitan Germanus to convey condolences on the recent death of the Patriarch Benedictus from New York's 300,000 member Greek community. Last night, Koch attended midnight mass in Bethlehem along with thousands of pilgrims in St. Catherine's Church. He and Israeli dignitaries were among the 400 guests invited to the service.

Koch wound up his tour today at the City Hall where he drank a toast to united Jerusalem. "Israel should not bow to international pressure, especially pressure from the UN where they would sell their grandmothers," he told reporters. He said he was sympathetic toward Kollek's idea of Jewish and Arab boroughs in the Old City so that each ethnic group could run its own affairs. Earlier, Koch planted an olive tree in the Liberty Bell Garden. He asked Kollek to send the olives to New York every year for his cocktails.

ISRAEL TO EXTEND PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL FAIRS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 25 (JTA) — The Israel Export Institute will participate in 50 international fairs during the 1981/1982 fiscal year compared to 36 during 1980/1981, according to Institute chairman Yitzhak Weiman. They will include three in Egypt, for Israel's first-ever showing in a former enemy country. They are a book fair, a general fair and a fair for laboratory equipment.

Weiman said about 4400 Israeli firms will display their wares in the international exhibitions, a 10 percent increase over the current year. Equipment and products to be shown include automotive spare parts, airplane equipment, safety equipment, electronics, textiles, building equipment, plastics and packaging, industrial sub-contracting equipment, processed foods, books, furniture, medical and laboratory equipment, agricultural equipment and fashions.