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BEGIN AND SADAT TO MEET IN SOUTHERN SINAI JUNE 4 TO DISCUSS BILATERAL ISSUES, MIDEAST SITUATION

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, May 29 (JTA) -- Premier Menachem Begin and President Anwar Sadat will meet June 4 at Ophira (Sharm el-Sheikh) in southern Sinai for a discussion of bilateral issues and the Middle East situation in general, it was announced here today. The meeting, their first in 16 months, was suggested by Begin and promptly accepted by the Egyptian leader.

The announcement surprised even senior government officials since it was generally believed that such meetings would not take place before the June 30 Knesset elections. According to an official communique, Begin's invitation was conveyed to Sadat by Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon who visited Egypt last week. Begin confirmed the June 4 date and place in a telephone call to Sadat this morning. The two men have met nine times previously since Sadat initiated the Egyptian-Israeli peace process with his dramatic visit to Jerusalem in November, 1977.

Sources here said the Sharm el-Sheikh meeting would be a "tour d'horizon" of issues between the two countries and the Middle East. They are expected to discuss the continuing peace process, the normalization of relations and the creation of a multinational force to police Sinai after Israel completes its withdrawal in April, 1982. A matter of immediate concern, the Israeli-Syrian missile crisis, is considered certain to be on their agenda.

ISRAELI PLANES DESTROY MISSILES IN LEBANON, HIT TERRORIST CAMP

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, May 28 (JTA) -- Israeli planes today attacked and destroyed Libyan-manned SAM-9 missiles on the Lebanese coast south of Beirut which had earlier fired at Israeli aircraft on a reconnaissance flight over the area, an Israeli army spokesman announced. No Israeli planes were hit in either the reconnaissance or the bombing sorties and all returned safely to their base, the army announcement said.

It was the first time Israeli planes had been in action since President Reagan's special envoy Philip Habib started his shuttle mission to the region three weeks ago.

The area of today's raid was said to be the Palestine Liberation Organization-held region around Damour, some nine miles south of Beirut, where Achmed Jibril's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine -- General Command is based in an isolated area away from civilian housing. Their camp was among the targets of today's raid, in addition to the missile sites.

Syrian aircraft did not try to intercept the Israeli aircraft on either flight. The coastal area involved is at the other side of Lebanon where Syrian-manned missiles are sited in the Beka valley and along the Syrian-Lebanese border. Observers noted that the raid took place the day after Habib left the region for consultations in Washington.

TURKISH AIRLINES SUSPENDING ITS FLIGHTS TO ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, May 28 (JTA) -- The Turkish national airline has announced that it is suspending its flights to Israel, amid uncertainty whether the step is being taken for economic or political reasons. The recently-published timetable showed a planned increase from one to two flights a week. Last year the airline had a profitable passenger rate on its Istanbul-to-Lod route.

The airline says it has decided to suspend its Israel flights for economic reasons, but some officials here note that, in addition to its favorable income from Israel flights, it is inaugurating flights to Libya and the Persian Gulf. El Al presently operates two flights a week to Istanbul and is due to increase these to three a week next month.

BEGIN: PEACE TREATY WITH EGYPT HELPED ISRAEL MEET A POTENTIAL THREAT FROM SYRIAN MISSILES

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, May 28 (JTA) -- Premier Menachem Begin boasted last night that because of Israel's peace treaty with Egypt he had to mobilize only a few hundred reservists in the continuing missile crisis with Syria. He told an election rally in Rehovoth that if Israel had not been at peace with its neighbor to the south a massive call-up would have been necessary.

"If we did not have the peace treaty with Egypt today we would already have mobilized the reserves, both in the south and the north because of the dispute with Syria," Begin said. "We did not mobilize even one army unit -- only a few hundred people -- there was no need."

But in a television interview last night, Chief of Staff Gen. Rafael Eitan indicated that the army has taken far more extensive measures than the Premier disclosed to meet a potential threat from Syria. He said "appropriate preparations" were being made "for a possible clash with Syria" but did not elaborate.

He said Syria's intentions at this point are "still not completely clear." They might be planning a war of attrition against Israel or to support renewed terrorist activities by the Palestine Liberation Organization, Eitan said. "We are watching the changes (on the Syrian front and in Lebanon) and are making the appropriate preparations to meet them," he said.

Eitan confirmed reports that several hundred Libyan soldiers are assisting the PLO in Lebanon and said they would be treated the same way terrorists are treated if encountered in a clash. Deputy Defense Minister Mordechai Zipori said today that Israel had "the proper answers" for the Syrian military build-up. "Dealing with Syria is no problem for the army and one can foretell the outcome," he told Jewish settlers in Hebron.

GOVERNMENT PUTTING BRAKE ON JEWISH SETTLEMENT IN HEBRON

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, May 28 (JTA) -- The government will put a brake on Jewish settlement in Hebron. Deputy Defense Minister Mordechai Zipori who vis-

ited the West Bank town today said that for the time being there will be no more settlements there. His statement came on the heels of protests by local Arabs that Jews were continuing to occupy property despite a Cabinet decision to the contrary.

The Cabinet agreed to halt all settlement work in Hebron pending a debate on the issue by the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee demanded by Deputy Premier Yigael Yadin. But acting Mayor Mustafa Abdul Nabi Natshe complained to the Military Governor, Manoaah Zehavi yesterday that surveyors were working in the old Hebron market place. Premier Menachem Begin said this week that he "did not know" of such work.

Jewish settlement in Hebron began two years ago when a group of women and children from neighboring Kiryat Arba, a Gush Emunim stronghold, took over a building in the heart of the Arab town that had once served as a Hadassah center. The squatters ignored government orders to evacuate the site and the government eventually acquiesced to the take-over.

More recently, two other buildings in Hebron were occupied by Kiryat Arba families on grounds that they had always been owned by Jews. One was unoccupied and the other was taken over when the lease of its Arab occupants expired. According to Military Government sources compensation was paid to the Arabs.

Meanwhile, Natshe appealed to the Supreme Court today for an interim order to ban his expulsion from the West Bank. He said that he and members of the town council were summoned to the Military Governor this week and warned that if they organized a commercial strike to protest Jewish settlement or held a press conference they might find themselves "outside the municipality and perhaps even further away."

Natshe has been acting Mayor since Mayor Fahd Kawasme of Hebron was deported a year ago following the ambush slaying of six yeshiva students in Hebron. He told the Supreme Court that he feared he, too, might be deported "at any moment."

KISLIK SENTENCED TO THREE YEARS IN LABOR CAMP

NEW YORK, May 28 (JTA) -- The National Conference on Soviet Jewry (NCSJ) has just learned that long-term Kiev refusenik, Vladimir Kislik, was this week sentenced to three years in a labor camp. The charge on which he was convicted is thought to be "malicious hooliganism," Article 206 of the Criminal Code, but this has not been confirmed.

Kislik was arrested on March 19 as he was leaving a Purim party and accused of allegedly "attacking a woman." Fellow refuseniks and friends say that such a charge is absurd. The 46-year-old doctor of physics has been the target of constant KGB harassment since he applied to emigrate to Israel in 1973. Last year he served four weeks in jail for alleged "petty hooliganism."

Deteriorating Climate Reported

Recent reports to the NCSJ illustrate the deteriorating climate for Jewish rights activists and refuseniks. In a private Leningrad apartment on May 17, a seminar on Jewish history was invaded by uniformed policemen and KGB agents. The seminar was dispersed and several of the participants arrested.

Some were interrogated for a few hours and later released; one was charged with "hooligan-

ism" and sentenced to 12 days in prison. Refusenik Evgeny Lein was charged with "resisting a policeman." He is awaiting trial in Leningrad prison.

U.S. MOVING AGAINST EX-NAZI

WASHINGTON, May 28 (JTA) -- The Justice Department is seeking to strip a German-born, California resident of U.S. citizenship for having concealed his membership in the Nazi Party and the Gestapo. The Department charged yesterday that Otto Albrecht Alfred von Bolschwing, 72, who became a U.S. citizen in 1952, illegally obtained citizenship by lying about his Nazi activity.

In a complaint filed in U.S. District Court in Sacramento, the Department said von Bolschwing, of Carmichael, had worked with Adolph Eichmann in planning programs of persecution and forced immigration of Jews. Eichmann was captured by Israelis in Argentina in 1960 and executed in Israel in 1962 after a long trial.

The Justice Department charged that von Bolschwing was not a person of good moral character because of his participation "in the Nazi policy of racial, religious and political persecution ... and because he procured his citizenship by concealment of material facts."

CUMMINGS NAMED ENVOY TO AUSTRIA

WASHINGTON, May 28 (JTA) -- Theodore Cummings of Los Angeles, a long-time member of President Reagan's inner circle before Reagan became President, was named yesterday Ambassador to Austria, where he was born.

Owner of a retail food chain in southern California, which he sold in 1959, Cummings is now a California civic leader, philanthropist and investor. His standing with Republicans was dramatized in February 1980 at a silver dinner tribute to his 25 years of service to the Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. The guests included Reagan, Henry Kissinger, Gerald Ford, Edmund Brown and Alan Cranston (D. Cal.).

Cummings and Max Fisher, the Detroit Jewish leader, served as honorary chairmen of the National Coalition for Reagan, founded shortly after Reagan's nomination. As the first Jewish trustee of the University of California, Cummings fought the conditions attached to a huge Saudi Arabian grant. He has contributed to a variety of Jewish causes and led campaigns for Israel Bonds.

MARGULIES IS INTERNING AT JTA

NEW YORK, May 28 (JTA) -- The Jewish Telegraphic Agency's summer intern program began its 11th year this week, it was announced by Martin Fox, president of the JTA. The continuation of the program was made possible this year by special grants from JTA Board members. The program provides on-the-job training for young people interested in Jewish journalism, Fox pointed out.

The year's intern is Marian Margulies. She was formerly an editorial assistant/reporter for The Reporter in Binghamton, N.Y., and public affairs assistant producer at WSKG in Endwell, N.Y. She is a freelance writer and photographer, specializing in human interest and Jewish-related issues. Recently, Ms. Margulies completed a course on multi-image productions at the New School for Social Research and produced a show in the interim.

She resided in Israel for three years and studied communications at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem for two of those years. Ms. Margulies, who is 23 years old, received her BA in Hebrew literature and language from SUNY Binghamton and plans to continue towards an MA in psychology at the New School in the fall. She is married to Hune Margulies, a native of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

U.S. WELCOMES SADAT-BEGIN MEETING

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, May 28 (JTA) -- The United States welcomed today the announcement by Premier Menachem Begin and President Anwar Sadat that they will meet next week and expressed hope that their meeting might help defuse the current tension over Lebanon.

At the same time, the U.S. said that Israel's air raid today on Libyan-manned anti-aircraft missiles at a Palestinian base in Lebanon would have no effect on the mission of President Reagan's special envoy, Philip Habib, to calm the situation in that country.

State Department spokesman Dean Fischer said that while he had no details of the agenda of the Begin-Sadat meeting, it was "almost inconceivable" that they would not discuss the situation in Lebanon. "One would hope that it might make some contribution to defusing the tension" there, Fischer added.

Air Strike Won't Affect Habib Mission

The spokesman also said that he had no details of the Israeli air raid to knock out the Libyan missiles and knew nothing of a second raid on a Palestinian base near Beirut. He said, however, that the U.S. "continues to urge maximum restraint on all the parties concerned."

Fischer said the air strike did not affect Habib's mission which, he noted, was to ease the tension in Lebanon between Israel and Syria. He explained that the Israeli air raid was in an area of Lebanon not occupied by Syrian forces. "We do not believe the Israeli action today is necessarily related to our efforts to defuse the tension," he said.

Habib, who was sent to the Middle East three weeks ago to prevent the Israeli-Syrian dispute over the missiles from escalating into war, was recalled by President Reagan for consultations yesterday and is expected in Washington late today. He will report to the President some time tomorrow. Habib is scheduled to return to the Middle East next week.

ORT SETS PRECEDENT BY ENTERING U.S. JEWISH DAY SCHOOL SYSTEM

NEW YORK, May 28 (JTA) -- ORT (Organization for Rehabilitation through Training), for more than 100 years the vocational and technical education program of the Jewish people, will make a precedent-setting entrance into the Jewish day school system of the United States by participating in the new Jewish High School of south Florida that will open its doors to students in September, 1981.

This was announced jointly by Beverly Minkoff, national president of Women's American ORT, and Sidney Leiwant, president of the American ORT Federation, whose respective organizations will co-sponsor ORT's new venture.

Mrs. Minkoff said that the new high school, to be located in North Miami Beach, "will draw both financial support and student body from the southern Florida counties of Broward and Dade." It was the result of planning, she said, "by the Central Agency for Jewish Education in the area." She stated that the school, "a joint project undertaken by the Community Federations involved and ORT," would seek to "pursue excellence in Jewish and academic studies as well as to provide science-based technological education."

Leiwant observed that ORT, in addition to its full-fledged country networks around the world, "has been involved in Jewish day school education for some time." He cited Israel, Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Italy, Bolivia and Ireland as "countries of such involvement" and pointed out that in Santiago, Chile and Lima, Peru, "ORT is a major partner in operating the local day schools, each of which has a student body of more than 1,000 and spans the gamut from the elementary grades through high school."

The entry of ORT into the Jewish day school system of the United States, he said, "reflects a World ORT perspective of increasing participation on the part of ORT in Jewish day school movements as still another means of contributing to Jewish life."

Mrs. Minkoff stated that ORT would "be involved in the new school's division of science and technology and serve as a major educational resource through the employment of its educational and pedagogical expertise. Special ORT seminars, lectures, projects and student exchanges will be arranged and ORT will use its know-how to integrate modern technology into the teaching and learning aspects of the entire school."

Mrs. Minkoff said that some "eighty students, boys and girls of all ideologies in Judaism, are expected to enroll when the school opens. Within three years, she observed, "the school's enrollment is expected to reach over 250."

Leiwant stated that Dan Sharon, who heads the World ORT Union's technical department, has been a consultant in planning and setting up the new school's curriculum. Rabbi Louis Herring will serve as the institution's principal; Richard Levy, of Miami, is president of the school board. Instrumental in the various stages of the project's materialization within ORT was Ruth Eisenberg, Bramson ORT Technical Institute, and American Presence Chairman of Women's American ORT.

YEAR LONG CELEBRATION FOR OLDEST SYNAGOGUE IN WESTERN HEMISPHERE

CURACAO, May 28 (JTA) -- A year long celebration to mark the 250th anniversary of the continuous use of the synagogue building of Congregation Mikve Israel-Emanuel began here on Passover, April 19 and will culminate in March 1982, it was reported by L. Capriles, chairman of the 250th anniversary celebration committee, and J.S. Taytelbaum, president of the Congregation. The Jewish community here was established 330 years ago. Both the synagogue and the congregation are the oldest in the Western Hemisphere.

The first stone for the present building was laid in 1730. Two years later, on the first day of Passover (15 Nisan, 5492) the synagogue building was officially consecrated. It was the fourth synagogue building to be used by Congregation Mikva Israel-Emanuel.

In 1982 celebrations will highlight many local and international events. The issuance of a special series of postal stamps by the Netherlands Antilles Postal Authority and of a gold coin by the Central Bank are being planned. A symposium will be held March 21, 1982 featuring internationally recognized scholars on Western Sephardim. In addition, the World Union for Progressive Judaism will hold its governing council conference here, "thus adding further international recognition to this important celebration for Jews throughout the world, Capriles and Taytelbaum said."

BEHIND THE HEADLINES ON THE RIGHT TRACK

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, March 29 (JTA) -- The railroad was the stepchild of the Israeli economy for the first two decades of its history, just as it had been in the five decades which preceded it. The first railroad in the Middle East was built with Jewish capital in 1892, to link the port of Jaffa with Jerusalem.

But from then until 1916 the Turks, and from 1916 to 1948 the British Mandatory authorities, used the railway network only for military logistics purposes, to "control Palestine."

It was this reason which led the Jewish yishuv to build up such a strong network of cooperative road transport services, for both passengers and freight.

Only in recent years has a serious effort been made to lay down and operate a modern rail service, partly because of the vast amounts of minerals now being moved to the ports for export from the Negev, and more lately because of the ever-rising costs of fuel for road haulage.

Israel Railways is now in a position to build new lines quickly and efficiently. But the engineers and planners are now held up by budgetary restrictions.

"We have to work at less than half speed, spreading over three years the work we could do in just over one year, because of the budget," according to Israel State Railways general manager Zvi Tsafiri.

Railroad's Latest Project

The railroad's latest project is construction of a new 21 kilometer (13 mile) line and rebuilding another 27 kilometer stretch on the old coastal line built by British Gen. Allenby in 1917, to afford a direct link from Kiryat Gat to the port of Ashdod, shortening the existing roundabout route by 35 kilometers and avoiding the bottleneck of the Mandatory Lydda junction marshalling yards.

The work is made essential by the planned doubling of Negev mineral exports, mainly potash and phosphates, from 2.5 million tons to 5.1 million tons within the next three years.

The railway engineers and planners are proud of their work teams, made up of Arabs, veteran Israelis and new immigrants, mainly from the Soviet Union.

"We have sent our people abroad to study modern methods. They come back home, to improve on what they have learned and we are already exporting our new know-how and technical improvements to our former teachers in West Germany and elsewhere," they say.

While the State Railways do the planning and actual rail laying themselves, earthwork construction of embankments and bridges is farmed out to 10 private contractors, working under railroad engineers control and supervision. The new "Heletz" line will cost \$25 million, but because of the budget the work must be spread over three years.

Process Of Laying Rails

Construction could be completed in less than that, and the laying of the rails is well under that. "And so we are forced to work on laying rails at half-a-kilometer a day instead of the kilometer a day we could really, and then for only 42 days to lay tracks on embankments and roadbeds the contractors have taken 18 months to complete," according to Kalman Slutzker, the chief engineer.

The actual rails, imported from France, are laid on monoblock reinforced concrete ties (sleepers) made in Ashdod and laid down in groups of five, at the exact distance required by an Israeli invention. The complete 18-meter rail and tie section is then lifted aboard flatbed rail trucks and sent to the end of the line where they are lifted and moved forward, connected up and the train moves on another 18 meters.

To watch the operation is like viewing a film of the American West, with Israelis taking the place of far larger numbers of Chinese workers.

Another innovation is the on-spot welding of the rails into lengths of about one mile, to afford a smoother ride with less wear to the rolling-stock.

"Look at this form for the welding," says the engineer in charge. Even the Americans have to import them from West Germany. But we have improved on the German model and now produce our own forms in our own workshops."

It will be nearly another two years before the minerals start rolling along the new line. But the railroad engineers are already beginning to plan the fulfillment of their main dream -- the Negev railroad to Eilat.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA HIT BY NAZI SLOGANS, SWASTIKAS

TAMPA, Fla., May 28 (JTA) -- The University of South Florida's campus was vandalized by anti-Semitic slogans and swastikas recently, it was reported by the Jewish Floridian. The incident, earlier this month, was the first in more than a year.

According to the Jewish Floridian, the swastikas and Nazi slogans were found chalked on a blackboard and on the back of chairs in the Business School's auditorium. USF Police Chief believes that the latest incident was "minor" and unrelated to the 40 anti-Semitic incidents which occurred on the campus and at the homes of USF professors between 1977 and last year.

Joseph Busta, the university's vice president for public affairs, had decided just a few days before the latest incident to vacate a reward fund established in 1979 to attract tips on who the anti-Semitic vandals might be, the Jewish Floridian reported. He said he has now decided to abandon his proposal to return the more than \$4,000 in the reward fund.

In addition to the swastikas, the slogans included, "Sons of Hitler," and the last names of several famous Nazi leaders -- Rudolf Hess, Heinrich Himmler and Hermann Goering. The "Sons of Hitler" slogan was used by an anonymous caller when he made death threats to several university professors in 1979.

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TEL AVIV (JTA) -- Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon said that Egypt had so far bought \$22 million worth of agricultural produce from Israel, and other sales of chemical fertilizers worth another \$10 million is about to be concluded. Sharon was addressing a press conference following his return from a five-day visit to Egypt, during which he discussed joint Israeli-Egyptian agricultural projects, including the establishment of cattle ranches and irrigation networks.

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TEL AVIV (JTA) -- A young tractor owner and operator was killed and the truck driver with whom he was travelling to arrange repairs to his tractor was wounded when a grenade was thrown at them as they were travelling near Gaza Tuesday. The driver said he noticed a man standing beside the road with his hand behind his back. As they came level with him the man threw something which the driver thought was a stone into the cab.