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BEGIN: ISRAEL GIVING HABIB MORE TIME BUT THERE IS A LIMIT

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, June 1 (JTA) -- Premier Menachem Begin said today that Israel was giving U.S. special envoy Philip Habib more time to find a peaceful solution of the Israeli-Syrian missile crisis but "there is a limit." He said that Habib's mission to date had achieved no "practical results."

Habib returned to Washington last Wednesday for consultations after three weeks of shuttle diplomacy between Israel and Arab capitals. He is expected to return to the Middle East some time this week.

Speaking to reporters here, Begin insisted that Israel does not want to go to war with Syria because it is a peace-loving nation. However, he said if Syria attacks, Israel will respond. He said Israel was exercising patience and was not setting any deadline for Habib to resolve the crisis.

But, he added, "There is a limit. I won't say what that limit is but it is impossible to carry on talks back and forth without any practical results." He noted that the Syrian SAM-6 anti-aircraft missiles remain in Lebanon and Habib has not been able to get a commitment from the Syrians that they would not fire them at Israeli planes.

Disputes Sadat On Jerusalem

Begin commented at length on President Anwar Sadat's assertion over the weekend that the Palestinians had rights in Jerusalem. He said it cast a shadow on Israeli-Egyptian relations. Begin and Sadat are due to meet Thursday at Sharm el-Sheikh in southern Sinai. The meeting, their first in 16 months, was requested by Begin.

He said today, however, "With all due respect, my friend, President Sadat, should not have made such a statement." He interpreted Sadat's remark as a call for the re-division of Jerusalem although the Egyptian leader said today that he opposed such a step. "We will never accept the idea," Begin said. "Sadat himself told me that he asked for what he termed Arab sovereignty over Jerusalem. We will never accept that. There is one sovereign in Jerusalem, in its entirety -- Israel," Begin said.

U.S. WON'T SAY WHETHER IT SENT MESSAGE TO PLO URGING RESTRAINT IN LEBANON

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, June 1 (JTA) -- The State Department refused to publicly say today whether it had sent a message to the Palestine Liberation Organization through United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim urging restraint in Lebanon.

David Passage, a State Department spokesman, said that because of "the delicate nature of the situation in Lebanon and the delicate nature of the negotiations" being conducted, the United States was unwilling to "be specific about the contacts" it has been having over the situation in Lebanon.

But Passage stressed "I am neither signalling a change in policy on this (the PLO), nor has

there been a change of policy." The U.S. policy on the PLO since 1975 has been that it will not have any contacts with the PLO until it accepts Israel's right to exist and UN Security Council resolutions 242 and 338.

A UN spokesman said Friday that Secretary of State Alexander Haig had sent a message to Waldheim, asking him to contact the PLO and urging it to exercise restraint in Lebanon.

Hints Contact Left To Waldheim

A State Department source said today that the message to Waldheim probably did not contain a specific message to the PLO but rather referred to all parties concerned in the Lebanese crisis. The source also said that it was expected that Waldheim knew that one of the parties he should contact was the PLO.

The U.S. has said from the beginning of the current Lebanese crisis that the PLO has been contacted by parties which have influence with it.

Meanwhile, Passage deplored the fighting that has broken out in Lebanon in the last two days, specifically mentioning the exchange of artillery fire in Beirut yesterday and the reported shelling by Col. Saad Haddad's Christian militia force in South Lebanon of the Beaufort Castle today. "This continued and indiscriminate bloodshed should be stopped immediately," Passage said, reading from a written statement.

Passage said the violence in Beirut was particularly bloody and served "no useful purpose other than the killing of people." He said the U.S. has urged the people who have contact with and influence over the various parties involved to urge the maximum restraint in Lebanon.

No Comment On Begin's "Time Limit"

Passage refused to comment on a statement by Premier Menachem Begin today that there was a time limit for Israel to wait for the Syrians to remove their SAM-6 anti-aircraft missiles from Lebanon. Philip Habib, President Reagan's special envoy to the Middle East, said Friday after reporting to Reagan on his three week mission in the area, that he had not been given any deadline by any of the leaders of the countries he visited. Passage said that Habib will return to the Middle East sometime this week but that no firm date or travel plans had been set. Habib said last week that peace over Lebanon was "achievable."

MOYNIHAN VOWS 'FILIBUSTER' AGAINST AWACS SALE TO SAUDI ARABIA

NEW YORK, June 1 (JTA) -- Sen. Daniel Moynihan (D. NY) pledged yesterday to filibuster in the U.S. Senate against the sale of AWACS to Saudi Arabia. Addressing the 68th annual meeting of the National Commission of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith here Moynihan declared: "While I have voice, there will not be such a bill passed in the U.S. Senate -- in the South, they call it a filibuster. In the north it is referred to as extended debate."

At the same time, he warned that the Syrian missile crisis stems from a deliberate Soviet attempt

to test the resolve of the Reagan Administration. Referring to the controversy over the sale of AWACS to the Saudis, the Senator told the ADL meeting that Saudi security needs can be satisfied through the use of American-owned and operated AWACS which are already based in the region. He said that American efforts to deliver sophisticated offensive equipment to the Saudis for use with F-15 planes they already possess constitutes "violation of a commitment made to the U.S. Senate" at the time of the sale of the planes that there would be "no enhancement."

Nevertheless, he went on to say, the Reagan Administration is "the most sympathetic" to Israel of any Administration "in recent memory."

Report Card On Reagan Administration

Speaking at an earlier session, Nathan Perlmutter, ADL director, told the commission that the Reagan Administration's "balance sheet" on issues relating to Israel has significant "plusses." But, he added, the Administration's planned sale of AWACS reconnaissance planes and enhancement equipment for the 62 F-15s sold to Saudi Arabia is a "minus" which will continue to be opposed.

He listed as "plusses" the Administration's "plain-spoken description" of the PLO as terrorist; its expulsion of the Libyan Mission in Washington, "in stark contrast" to previous government "waffling;" and authorizing Israel to sell military equipment to allies, "a consequential boon to Israel's economy."

Other "plusses" Perlmutter listed were sparing Egypt and Israel from deep federal budget cuts; rejecting the "false notion" that the Palestinian issue is the keystone of peace in the Middle East; and the Administration's rejection of the "European initiative," which he called a "euphemism for both oil thirst and for the entrapment of Israel."

Perlmutter also said U.S. plans for a multinational force in the Sinai is "a plus for peace." He lauded the "refreshing" U.S. representation in the United Nations.

HIGH TENSION REPORTED IN DAMASCUS

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, June 1 (JTA) -- A high state of tension was reported in Damascus today with many of the roads leading to the Syrian capital blocked by army patrols. United Nations officers returning to the Golan Heights from Damascus have reported heavy troop concentrations west of the city.

They said everyone approaching the area was stopped and thoroughly searched. Syrian troops on the Golan Heights were also reported to have strengthened their positions. They have dug trenches and laid minefields, the reports said.

Maariv reported today that the Soviet Union recently sent large quantities of arms and ammunition to Palestine Liberation Organization units in Lebanon. The U.S. is keeping Israel informed on the terrorist arms build-up in Lebanon, the newspaper said.

ISRAELIS SAY SLAIN PLO REP. WAS VICTIM OF PALESTINIANS

BRUSSELS, June 1 (JTA) -- The Israeli Embassy flatly denied today an allegation by the local office of the Palestine Liberation Organization that the Israeli secret service was involved in the murder of the PLO's representative in Brussels, Naim Khader, this morning. Khader, 41, was shot five times by a lone gunman as he was walking from his home to his office.

The Embassy, retorting to the PLO charge, suggested that Khader was the target of a rival Palestinian organization. "We know that the different Palestinian movements kill each other," an Embassy statement said. It noted that two Jordanians of Palestinian origin were recently tried and convicted by a Paris court for the murder of a PLO official, Ezzedine Kallak, in August, 1978.

Khader, who has headed the PLO office here since it was established in 1976, was the seventh PLO representative killed in the past 10 months. Three were slain in Paris, one in Nicosia, Cyprus and one in Kuwait. Belgian sources said Khader was known as a "moderate" and had been one of the first to condemn last year's terrorist attack on a group of Jewish children boarding a bus for a summer camp in Antwerp. He had also denounced the bombing of the Rue Copernic synagogue in Paris last October.

Meanwhile, the French Foreign Ministry issued a communique condemning Khader's murder and expressed Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson's "deep personal grief." Cheysson, a European Economic Community (EEC) commissioner before becoming Foreign Minister, had been on close personal terms with Khader.

KEVIN FREEMAN JOINS JTA EDITORIAL STAFF

NEW YORK, June 1 (JTA) -- Kevin Freeman, former news writer for radio stations in Boston, has joined the staff of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, it was announced by Martin Fox, president of the JTA. Freeman, 22, will work on the editorial staff as a general assignment reporter.

Freeman was formerly the Public Affairs director of WERS-FM, in Boston, Mass. where he produced daily public affairs broadcasts. With WERS-FM, Freeman served also as news announcer, producer, feature writer and reporter. He worked as a news writer/reporter for WBCN-FM in Boston in 1979. He holds a B.S. degree from Emerson College, Boston where he majored in mass communication.

Freeman is a lifelong resident of New York City and grew up in Belle Harbor, Queens. He lived for two years in Boston before returning to New York to work at the JTA. He has specialized in investigative and news analysis focusing on political and energy related issues involving Israel.

CJC COMBATS KKK ACTIVITY IN CANADA

By Erol Araf

MONTREAL, June 1 (JTA) -- The Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) is in the forefront of a campaign to combat increased Ku Klux Klan activities in Canada.

A new organization, the Federation for Religious Racial and Ethnic Equality (FREE), to fight the growing menace of the KKK, has been formed recently and has a membership of some 130 organizations in the province of Nova Scotia. Ben Prossin, vice president of the CJC, is one of the six member steering committee of FREE.

FREE includes most of the Church denominations in Canada and various ethnic associations such as the black community, and many general community groups, service organizations and representatives of the labor movement.

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WASHINGTON (JTA) -- Jacob Stein of Great Neck, N.Y., a businessman and Jewish community leader, has been appointed Special Advisor to the White House, the White House announced Thursday.

SPECIAL TO JTA
YESHIVA U. SAYS IT CANCELLED
DINNER HONORING U.S. BUSINESSMAN
WHO AIDED CONVICTED WAR CRIMINAL

By Rochelle Saidel-Wolk

NEW YORK, June 1 (JTA) -- Yeshiva University had prepared, through its June 16 corporate dinner here, to honor prominent industrialist J. Peter Grace whose connection with one of the most notorious "desk murderers" of the Holocaust, Otto Ambros, a director of the I.G. Farben Chemical Co. during World War II, has been public knowledge for some time.

A spokesman for the university told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that the dinner was cancelled this morning and that refunds were being made to holders of reservations for the \$150-a-plate affair. But another person identified as a spokesman for Yeshiva University's fundraising department told the JTA that the event has been "postponed." He said he had no idea when the dinner would be re-scheduled.

According to advance publicity, Grace, chief executive officer of W.R. Grace and Co., an international chemical concern, was to "receive the University's Distinguished Service Award for his outstanding leadership in civic and humanitarian endeavors."

There is documentation that Grace has both personally and corporately utilized and interceded in behalf of convicted war criminal Ambros, who for years has been a highly paid consultant of W.R. Grace and Co. According to a January 13, 1980 ABC-TV Network documentary entitled "Escape from Justice: Nazi War Criminals in America," Ambros "was helped in a bid to enter the United States by this man, J. Peter Grace, President of W.R. Grace and Company ... Grace officials confirmed a business relationship between their corporation and Ambros. Today, Otto Ambros does consulting work for W.R. Grace and Company"

Ambros' Record

The ABC script also says: "Ambros was a chemist and director of the notorious I.G. Farben Chemical Company which supplied gasoline and rubber for Hitler's war effort. Ambros is credited with developing a form of synthetic rubber, called buna, and he played a supervisory role in the construction of Farben's buna plant in the Polish village of Auschwitz For his role there, Otto Ambros was convicted of slavery and mass murder and sentenced to eight years in prison."

Ambros served less than three years of his sentence, and then was able to enter the United States through Project Paperclip, a high level intelligence operation begun by the U.S. as early as 1944 to bring German and Austrian scientists and technicians here.

The ABC program presented actual documents to viewers and stated: "This copy of an internal State Department document describes how J. Peter Grace helped Otto Ambros in his efforts to enter the United States. In a memorandum to the U.S. Ambassador to Germany, Grace acknowledges that Ambros was a war criminal. But he adds that in the years he's known Ambros, and I quote here, 'we have developed a very deep admiration, not only for his ability but more important for his character in terms of truthfulness and integrity.'"

As a consequence of individual protests regarding the scheduled dinner to honor Grace, a

spokesman for Yeshiva University told JTA on Thursday that the dinner had been cancelled. "We are not sitting in judgement of Mr. Grace -- that's not our role," he said. "But a lot of us are shocked to discover what we did. There are Holocaust survivors among our top people, and a goodly number of people at Yeshiva University have strong feelings. Until this became unraveled, we had no idea. We feel it is in the best interests of what Yeshiva University stands for to cancel the dinner."

Letter To Lamm

The JTA first learned of the individual protests regarding the honor to Grace from Charles R. Allen, Jr., whom the media has described as the "preeminent authority on Nazi war criminals in America." On May 21, Allen wrote a letter to Dr. Norman Lamm, Yeshiva University President, expressing his shock at the school's announcement of the award to Grace.

Calling Yeshiva University a "center of learning and scholarship" and "a living symbol of intellectual, scientific and artistic gifts which the Jewish people have brought to all peoples," Allen said in the letter, "I protest this award to Mr. Grace Evidence shows indisputably that Ambros was given a special visitor's visa on at least three other occasions (plus the one documented on ABC-TV) in 1968, 1969 and 1971 at the behest of J. Peter Grace."

In addition to the Grace connection with Ambros, Allen cited "recently increased participation in Grace equity by the Flick interests of Germany (the Federal Republic) (See Case V, U.S. Nuremberg War Crimes Trials, for the record of its officials' guilt in war crimes, spoilation, deportation and mass murder, as well as extensive financing of Hitler, the NSDAP (Nazi Party) and Himmler's 'Circle of Friends.')

Allen pointed out further, in his letter to Lamm, that Ambros was Nazi Germany's "authority on poison gas" and I.G. Farben held a majority interest in the company which manufactured and delivered deadly zyklon B gas to the SS.

Others Protest

A substantial corporate contributor to Yeshiva University protested the announcement of the award, and told the JTA: "If the dinner is on, there will not only be a demonstration outside, but a disruption inside, from people who will buy tickets. I feel it is a disgrace for one Jewish organization to picket another one, but it is more of a disgrace to honor this man."

Yeshiva University officials had been in touch with W.R. Grace and Company before their decision to cancel the dinner the JTA learned. A Yeshiva spokesman told JTA that the Grace Company officials claimed Grace had been honored two years earlier by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. Abraham Foxman, ADL Associate Director, "absolutely" denied this claim, adding that the possibility was discussed and vetoed because of allegations of Grace's connection with Ambros.

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TORONTO (JTA) -- The Royal Canadian Mint has been commissioned by the Israel government to strike three commemorative silver and gold coins which will be issued to mark Israel's 33rd Independence Day. The coins are based on the theme "The People of the Book," referring both to the connection with the original books of the Old Testament, as well as modern achievements in Hebrew publishing and printing. The coins carry on the obverse the face value and the state emblem, with the word Israel in Hebrew, English and Arabic, and the date, 5741 according to the Jewish calendar.

JDC RESUMES RELIEF PROGRAMS IN EASTERN EUROPE

By James Rice

NEW YORK, June 1 (JTA) -- In the past year, the JDC has resumed direct programs in the East European countries of Hungary and Czechoslovakia, according to Henry Taub, President of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. In his address to the JDC semi-annual meeting in New York recently, Taub said that the increasing JDC contact with the Jews of Eastern Europe is, in a sense, "an opening of windows, though of course, nothing can compensate for the closing doors and decreased emigration of Soviet Jews in recent months."

He pointed out that less than a year after Hungarian authorities approved the re-establishment of the JDC assistance program, plans have been completed for a kosher kitchen to be dedicated in September which will provide 1,000 meals per day to the aged and needy Jews in that country. In addition the JDC program includes support for a day care center for the elderly, and a kindergarten for Orthodox Jewish children.

In Rumania, he said, JDC's massive program of assistance to the Jews continued in cooperation with Chief Rabbi Moses Rosen, with the full approval of the Rumanian government. Yugoslavia is the only Eastern European country where JDC's assistance program has continued uninterrupted ever since the end of World War II, providing special assistance to the needy among the Jewish population of 7000.

Taub read a letter to the JDC Board meeting from the general secretary of the Czech Jewish community, where JDC only recently was able to reestablish its assistance program after years of absence in which he expressed official appreciation for the funds, religious supplies and kosher foods. For those familiar with the former attitude of the Czech government, this is an amazing turn-around, permitting the official relationship with an American Jewish relief organization, Taub said.

JDC Budget

Most gratifying of all, Taub continued, is the fact that the government of Poland, which forced the JDC to close operations in 1967, has now informed the JDC that they are ready to discuss re-establishing its operations for the remaining 7,000 Polish Jews, the vast majority of whom are aged and ill.

Ralph I. Goldman, JDC Executive Vice President, in presenting the JDC Budget to the meeting said that 33 percent of the operating budget of \$40.3 million was devoted to relief and welfare. Jewish education, he added, is a close second at 23.8 percent; 17% for health services and care for the aged, and the balance for advanced education, manpower training and social development. In addition to the \$40.3 million, most of which JDC receives from the United Jewish Appeal, it is anticipated that the U.S. government will provide approximately \$16.4 million for care and maintenance of Soviet Jewish immigrants awaiting their visas in Rome.

Award to Smolar

The meeting was the occasion for a special award given by JDC to Boris Smolar, editor-in-chief emeritus of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, who was described as JDC's oldest living employee, having commenced his association with the worldwide Jewish relief agency in Poland in 1920,

at the age of 23. At that time, Smolar, at the request of the JDC, provided emergency aid to Jewish orphans whose parents were killed during the post-World War I pogroms.

In making the award to Smolar, the JDC established a special fund to provide an annual Boris Smolar award to a journalism student writing about the situation of Jews overseas.

MENDELEVICH SAYS HE WAS SNUBBED BY WALDHEIM

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, June 1 (JTA) -- Iosif Mendeleovich, the freed Soviet Jewish activist who immigrated to Israel three months ago, said today that UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim "could not find the time to see me." He said that he requested a meeting with Waldheim more than ten days ago.

Speaking at a press conference here, sponsored by Yehuda Blum, Israel's Ambassador to the UN, Mendeleovich said that instead of a meeting with Waldheim, he met here last week with Under Secretary General William Buffum and discussed with him the plight of Soviet Jews and the "cultural and religious persecution" against them.

Mendeleovich expressed disappointment that Waldheim could not see him claiming that he promised his fellow prisoners in Russia to discuss their plight with the Secretary General. Mendeleovich also recalled what he termed "the religious persecution" in Soviet jails -- where his religious articles and prayer books were confiscated as "Zionist propaganda" -- and claimed that this persecution reflected the cultural and religious oppression of Jews all over Russia.

FIVE DRUZE DETAINED FOR INCITEMENT TO VIOLENCE

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, June 1 (JTA) -- Five Druze residents of the Golan Heights have been placed under administrative arrest for five months by the military commander of the area, for allegedly inciting to violence and threatening community members who opted for Israeli citizenship.

They include Sheikh Kamal Kanj Abu-Salah, a former member of the Syrian Parliament who was sentenced to 20 years in prison some years ago, on charges of spying for Syria. He was released after serving one year.

The detention of the five was welcomed by Druze who have taken Israeli citizenship, but it was denounced by nationalistic elements in the community. The detainees are said to have issued a public appeal against Israeli, using phraseology similar to the Palestine Liberation Organization's National Covenant.

U.S. ENGINE TO POWER 2nd GENERATION ISRAELI FIGHTER

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, June 1 (JTA) -- Israel's defense establishment, after months of deliberation, has decided to equip Israel's second generation jet fighter plane, the Lavie, with American-made Pratt & Whitney FV-1120 engines. According to the newspaper Haaretz, original plans called for use of General Electric F-404 engines.

Both American companies were invited to bid for the plane's power plant and both agreed to order work from Israeli factories in return for the contract. The Pratt & Whitney engine is more expensive than the GE but larger and more powerful.

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(Reminder: There will be no JTA Daily News Bulletin dated Monday, June 8 because of the Shavuot holiday.)