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REAGAN ADMINISTRATION STILL UNDECIDED ON LIFTING F-16s BAN

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, July 2 (JTA) -- The Reagan Administration confirmed today that it will complete before July 17 its "review" of whether Israel violated its arms agreement with the United States by using American-made weapons to destroy the Iraqi nuclear reactor June 7.

The Administration also seemed to imply that the future shipment of F-16 jet fighters to Israel depends on its lifting the suspension of delivery of four F-16s imposed June 10. However, all other arms are being delivered as scheduled.

Both the White House and the State Department issued statements today declaring that the review is still going on but "it expects it to be completed before any decision is required on future shipments of F-16s." This means July 17 when six more F-16s are scheduled to be sent to Israel.

State Department spokesman Dean Fischer continued to stress however that any new deliveries of F-16s are not linked with the four planes suspended in June. Sources noted however, that the Administration had originally expected the review to be completed before a decision had to be made on the next scheduled delivery.

Approval Expected

Conceivably, the Administration, which has condemned Israel for the Iraqi raid, could bar all future deliveries of F-16s. Israel to date has received 53 of the 75 F-16s it ordered in 1978. Most observers in Washington expect the Administration to give approval for the 10 planes -- the four suspended in June and the six scheduled to be delivered July 17. But Fischer discouraged all speculation saying to do so would be to "prejudge" the Administration's conclusion of the review.

Fischer insistently repeated that there is no link between the review and the six F-16s and that no decision has been made on whether they will go to Israel as scheduled on July 17. He explained that a decision is needed as a "routine technical matter" even though the delivery date has already been scheduled since once a manufacturer notifies the Administration that a weapon is ready for shipment, an Administration official must sign the release for shipment abroad.

Reviews Continue

Meanwhile, Congress has also been conducting a review of the Israeli raid. Either it or the Administration could cut off arms to Israel. Hearings were held by both the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and House Foreign Affairs Committee following Secretary of State Alexander Haig's notification to Congress on June 10 that "a substantial violation" by Israel of the arms agreement "may have occurred."

Fischer said the Administration is conducting the review by itself, and in cooperation with Congress. He said it is conceivable that Congress could complete its study before July 17 although he denied the Administration was giving Congress a deadline.

Fischer also denied that the Administration was linking its decision on the F-16s to any other event such as the Israeli election, or in an effort to get Israel to lessen opposition to the Reagan Administration's proposed sale of AWACS reconnaissance planes and other military equipment to Saudi Arabia.

BEGIN, PERES BOTH COURT RELIGIOUS PARTIES IN EFFORTS TO FORM GOVERNMENT

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, July 2 (JTA) -- Premier Menachem Begin and Labor Alignment leader Shimon Peres were both trying to put together a governing coalition today in the aftermath of the closest elections in Israel's history. Their efforts were centered on the National Religious Party and the Aguda Israel bloc which, despite their minority status, hold the balance of power in any new government because neither of the major parties won a decisive mandate from the electorate.

According to the latest, but still incomplete vote count, the Labor Alignment will have 50 Knesset seats to 49 for Likud.

Although Begin appears to have much better prospects of forming an alliance with the Orthodox parties, Peres has not given up. Yosef Burg, who remains the titular head of NRP if no longer its all-powerful chief, was due to meet with Peres in Tel Aviv today to see what kind of bargain he can strike with a Labor-led government. Laborite Haim Zadok was also meeting today with his close friend, Avraham Shapiro of the Aguda Israel Party on coalition possibilities.

At the same time, Begin is meeting with Aguda leaders here. He met with Burg yesterday and intimated last night that they had reached an agreement. But Burg was non-committal and more bargaining seems likely. Paradoxically, the NRP which suffered a major defeat in Tuesday's Knesset elections -- reduced from 12 to 6 seats according to the latest vote count -- has emerged in a more powerful political position because it is essential to the formation of a coalition by either Peres or Begin.

Labor Ponders Next Moves

The Labor Alignment agrees that every effort should be made to unseat Begin's Likud. But it is also determined not to seek a coalition "at any price." Alignment leaders seem to be of two minds with respect to how far to go to oust Likud.

Some Laborites argue that an all-out effort should be made because a Likud-Religious coalition could easily survive for a full four year term given their ideological affinities on foreign policy and social issues. They argue further that if Likud is forced into the opposition, it will eventually disintegrate because of internal strains.

But others claim that a narrowly based Likud-Religious coalition will not survive long trying to cope with the immense economic, political and social challenges it faces, such as galloping inflation and the scheduled final withdrawal from Sinai next April. According to this view, Labor is better off in the opposition while Likud and its partners flounder, bringing on early elections that would restore the Alignment to power with a strong mandate.

If Begin does form the next Cabinet, he is expected to face a serious power struggle among his colleagues competing for the most important portfolios. Speculation was rife today that Begin will insist on retaining the Defense Ministry for himself. His office issued a statement this morning declaring that such reports, published in the press, were "unfounded." A spokesman for Begin said the Premier intended to conduct coalition negotiations in two stages and that only after reaching agreements with his partners would he discuss the distribution of Cabinet portfolios.

Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon, an outspoken hawk, reportedly demanded that Begin designate him Defense Minister before the elections. Begin refused. Sharon had been his choice for the post after Ezer Weizman resigned last year but he was opposed by virtually all other Cabinet members because of his extremist views. Begin's associates were denying today that Sharon had been promised the Defense post in the next Cabinet.

If Begin continues to serve as Defense Minister, Mordechai Zipori will probably continue as his deputy. Zipori has made it clear that he would challenge any other candidate should Begin relinquish that portfolio.

The Liberal Party bloc in Likud is expected to insist on one of the key portfolios -- Defense, Foreign Ministry or Treasury. They are unlikely to get the defense post or the Treasury which will probably remain with Herut's Yoram Aridor. In that case, they will demand the Foreign Ministry for Yitzhak Modai who is Energy Minister in the outgoing government.

COMMUNISTS LOST, LABOR GAINED IN ISRAELI ARAB VOTING

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, July 2 (JTA) -- If there was any surprise in Tuesday's Knesset elections it was the strong support Israel's Arab voters gave the Labor Alignment at the expense of Hadash, the Communist front faction sponsored by the pro-Moscow Rakah party. The results in the Arab sector marked the first setback for the Communists there in 22 years.

Rakah won four Knesset seats, down one from the outgoing Knesset while Labor gained almost three seats from Arab votes although there were only two Arabs on the election list. Hadash won 60,000 or 40 percent of the Arab votes and remains the strongest Arab party in Israel. Considering that it had won 51 percent of the Arab vote in 1977, its showing Tuesday is regarded as a major political defeat.

The Labor Alignment won 40,000 Arab votes, 3000 of them in the Communist stronghold of Nazareth. This was an increase of 300 percent over previous elections. According to political analysts, Labor's strong showing among the Arab population was in large measure a protest against the Likud government. But it also indicated that Israeli Arabs ignored directives from the Palestine Liberation Organization to vote Communist and made their choice out of purely "Israeli" considerations.

Three minor independent Arab lists failed to win sufficient votes to gain Knesset representation. Former Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan's Telem party which has campaigned hard in the

Arab sector, polled only 100 votes, all from Negev Bedouins.

The Labor Alignment suffered a defeat among the Druze. According to a still incomplete tally, most of their votes went to Sheikh Jaber Mu'adi, a member of the outgoing Knesset. Likud ranked second among the Druze, the Communists third and Labor fourth.

Druze who had previously supported Labor defected, apparently because of Alignment sympathy with the Arab village of Kufer Yassif which was attacked by Druze villagers three months ago.

U.S. MOVES TO DEPORT CROATIAN NAZI COLLABORATOR

By Kevin Freeman

NEW YORK, July 2 (JTA) -- The Justice Department said yesterday that the government will move quickly to deport alleged Nazi war criminal Andrija Artukovic, Minister of Interior and Justice in the Nazi sponsored puppet state of Croatia during World War II. Artukovic, 81, who resides in Surfside, California, is accused of responsibility for some 200,000 deaths, according to official U.S. government estimates.

Allen Ryan Jr., Director of the Office of Special Investigations (OSI) of the Justice Department said that the Immigration and Naturalization Service in a letter delivered yesterday had directed Artukovic to report to its regional office in Los Angeles by next Wednesday to be handed a deportation order.

He could be legally deported within 72 hours of his appearance at the regional office, but he may file a petition requesting a review of his order by the United States Court of Appeals for the ninth Judicial Circuit which includes California. Such a petition would automatically stay the deportation order.

Deportation Ordered 30 Years Ago

Artukovic has successfully resisted deportation for 30 years. He was ordered deported from the United States in August 1951 and concurrently the Yugoslav government had been seeking his extradition. In 1953, a decision by the Board of Immigration Appeals, determined that Artukovic "was a leading Nazi criminal during the second World War." However he obtained a stay of deportation that has been effective since May 1959 on the grounds that he would be subject to "political persecution" if returned to Yugoslavia.

The order by the Immigration Board yesterday overturned the stay on the basis of a 1978 law which says that Nazi war criminals cannot claim deportation stays on the grounds that they would be subject to persecution.

RHODE ISLAND DECLARES CROSS BURNING, SWASTIKA DAUBING A FELONY

PROVIDENCE, July 2 (JTA) -- A bill declaring it a felony to desecrate property or to defame or terrorize any person or group, has been passed by the State legislature and signed by Gov. J. Joseph Garrahy, making Rhode Island the first state to have such a law on its books, according to the Rhode Island Coalition Against Bigotry, a co-sponsor of the measure.

It was sponsored by the Governor's Office and introduced by Senate Majority Leader Rocco Quattrocchi. It declares in part that "Any person, with the intent of terrorizing another or group of others or in reckless disregard of terrorizing another or group of others or with the intent of threatening any injury to the person, reputation or property of another or group of others ... shall be punished by imprisonment ... for no more than two years or by a fine of not more than \$5000 or by both ..." It defines as felonious acts the burning or desecration of a cross or religious symbol or the dis-

play of "a sign, mark, symbol, emblem or other physical impression, including but not limited to a Nazi swastika on the property of another or group of others."

A second conviction on any of the charges enumerated would carry the penalty of up to ten years' imprisonment and up to \$15,000 fine or both.

Law Enforcement Strengthened

The Coalition Against Bigotry is a group of 32 organizations convened by the National Conference of Christians and Jews at the request of citizens who experienced personal harassment, threats and phone calls from persons identifying themselves as members of the neo-Nazi party and the Ku Klux Klan. Its chairman is Rev. Paul Gillespie and its constituents include the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, the Rhode Island Board of Rabbis, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the American Jewish Committee.

Norman Orodener, vice chairman of the Coalition, noted that "Until now, painting a swastika on a tombstone was merely a misdemeanor; punishment for such a crime was merely a hand slap. Even if the offender was caught, law enforcement agencies could not do much. Now we have given teeth to these agencies."

NO CONFIRMATION SYRIANS REMOVING MISSILES, ISRAELI ARMY SAYS

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, July 2 (JTA) -- Army sources said today they had no information to confirm reports by Christian Phalangist radio stations in Beirut that the Syrians had moved their SAM-6 missiles away from the Zahle area of Lebanon.

The reports followed an announcement that Lebanese army units had replaced Phalangist forces in the Syrian-surrounded town, which might have led to a lessening of tension. It was the presence of the missiles there, following the downing by Israeli planes of two Syrian helicopters, which had sparked the missile crisis.

Prime Minister Menachem Begin has threatened to remove the missiles by force if they are not removed through the quiet diplomacy undertaken by U.S. special envoy Philip Habib, who has temporarily halted his diplomatic efforts.

TOP PLO OFFICIAL INVITED BY SWISS FOREIGN MINISTER

By Tamar Levy

GENEVA, July 2 (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Pierre Auber has invited Farouk Kaddoumi, the foreign policy spokesman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, to pay an official visit to Switzerland this month. Foreign Ministry spokesmen refused to disclose the exact date for "reasons of security."

Auber himself refused to give reporters any details, indicating that the visit is something of an embarrassment to the Swiss foreign policy establishment. Kaddoumi had been invited to Bern in 1979 but cancelled when he found out that the then Israeli Foreign Minister, Moshe Dayan, had been there a week earlier. The PLO and the local Arab lobby have been putting pressure on the government since then to renew the invitation.

There was counter-pressure from Jewish circles not to do so. Auber himself is considered favorably disposed toward Israel. Prior to his election he had served as president of the Swiss-Israeli Friendship Association. But he apparently succumbed to pressure from within his ministry.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said today that "Switzerland, being neutral and wanting to play the role of mediator in the (Arab-Israeli) conflict, it judged it necessary to be in contact with all parties involved in the conflict." Ministry officials reportedly have asked pro-Israel elements to refrain from "holding a campaign against Kaddoumi's visit."

RUE COPERNIC SUSPECT SENTENCED IN JEWEL THEFT CASE

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, July 2 (JTA) -- A Spanish rightwing activist linked to the Rue Copernic synagogue bombing last October 3, has been sentenced to 30 months imprisonment by a Strasbourg court for receiving stolen jewelry. The suspect, German Sanchis Y Bernat, 41, and co-defendant Carlos Darder Garcia, received additional sentences for illegal possession of fire arms.

Sanchis was named by the Paris daily Le Quotidien this week as the terrorist who coordinated the Rue Copernic outrage on "contract" from unknown parties. He has been linked to neo-fascist groups in Spain. While French police agreed there was a "Spanish connection" with the synagogue bombing, they retain the belief that Palestinian or other Arab terrorists were involved.

The Rue Copernic incident was not brought up during the Strasbourg trial. Sanchis and his collaborator were charged with receiving \$500,000 worth of jewelry stolen in Valencia and intended to be used to purchase arms for a fascist group in Belgium.

TA STOCK EXCHANGE REBOUNDS AFTER ELECTIONS

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, July 2 (JTA) -- The Tel Aviv Stock Exchange reported brisk business today -- the first full day of trading after Tuesday's elections. The Exchange opened late yesterday after most Israelis had sat up all night watching the results on television.

Prices started moving upwards in the few hours of trading yesterday, with the upward trend of stocks increasing today. Most stocks rose by between five and ten percent, with some shares up by about 16 percent.

Exchange sources said traders clearly anticipated a business upturn following three months of uncertainty during one of Israel's most undisciplined and wildest election campaigns. Government bonds fell slightly today as investors switched from bonds to stocks.

FIRST MACCABIAD RECALLED ON EVE OF 11th

By David Geffen

JERUSALEM, July 2 (JTA) -- On the eve of the 11th Maccabiad, the Jewish Olympic games, which open July 6, a scholar delving into the Central Zionist Archives here unearthed information linking the first Maccabiad almost a half century ago with early "illegal" Jewish immigration into Palestine.

According to Dr. Yitzhak Avnery, author of a dissertation on illegal immigration from the beginning of the British Mandate until World War II, the Maccabiad held March 29-31, 1932, drew some 25,000 Jewish tourists to the country. During the months of April and May, over 5000 of them faded into the cities, villages and kibbutzim. "This was one of the largest single illegal immigrations of the Mandate period and was a significant addition to the Jewish settlement in Palestine," Avnery said. He recalled that in the early 1930s, the quota on Jews admitted for settlement in Palestine was low. Only 600 were allowed to enter in February and March, 1932. Moreover, potential immigrants had to prove they possessed at least \$5000 in cash or liquid assets to obtain a one-year visa.

D'AMATO PROPOSES FEDERAL LAWS AGAINST VANDALISM OF RELIGIOUS PROPERTY

By Kevin Freeman

NEW YORK, July 2 (JTA) -- Sen. Alphonse D'Amato (R. N.Y.) called on Congress yesterday to speedily enact legislation that would make it a federal crime to vandalize religious property or to intimidate a group or individuals exercising their right to practice religion.

D'Amato, joined by Rep. Mario Biaggi (D. NY) and members of the Jewish community, declared at a press conference in front of the U.S. Courthouse at Foley Square that "what we are dealing with here is a basic human right ... something that is guaranteed by the Constitution ... the right to worship uninhibited."

The Religious Freedom Protection Act, co-sponsored by D'Amato in the Senate, would include fines of up to \$10,000 or imprisonment of up to five years or both to persons convicted of defacing or destroying religious articles. In a case of bodily injury inflicted on another party, convicted persons could be fined up to \$15,000 or serve up to 15 years in prison.

Important To All

According to D'Amato, the legislation is in response to recent reports of an alarming upsurge in anti-Semitic threats and violence in this country. He pointed out however, that this is not just important to the Jewish community but to "all other religious communities who have too long tolerated criminal acts of those who deface and destroy religious property." He said federal participation to deter such criminal activity was essential to secure the right of religious freedom in this country.

Biaggi whose bill has been pending before the subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee since February said that these acts of violence "clearly are not given the kind of serious attention required." Federal laws will provide both a deterrence factor and certainty of prosecution, Biaggi said.

According to records kept on file here by the New York Police Department, there have been 340 bias related incidents since last December. These include burglaries of religious houses of worship, property damage to synagogues and churches, and other similar crimes.

Malcolm Hoenlein, executive director of the Jewish Community Relations Council said, "An attack against a synagogue or a church is not just another everyday event. Such attacks shake people's confidence in their communities and leave deep psychological scars." Hoenlein noted that acts of religious vandalism are "not just a Jewish problem, not just a Christian problem, but an American problem."

JEWISH GROUPS PROTEST 'COMMENTARY' STAND ON ANTI-SEMITISM IN ARGENTINA

NEW YORK, July 2 (JTA) -- Chanting slogans and carrying signs denouncing anti-Semitism in Argentina, 100 people picketed the American Jewish Committee building and the offices of its publication, Commentary, yesterday. They were protesting what they perceived as Commentary's and the AJCommittee's failure to acknowledge the seriousness of the problem of anti-Semitism in Argentina, and their unwillingness to take an aggressive stand against it. The protesters were particularly concerned with Commentary's sup-

port of the Reagan Administration's foreign policy, and its support of right-wing military regimes such as that in Argentina. No one at the AJCommittee was immediately available for comment in response to inquiries by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

The rally was prompted by the current debate within the Jewish community over Jacobo Timerman's book "Prisoner Without a Name, Cell Without a Number," which alleges widespread official anti-Semitism in Argentina. The demonstration was initiated by the Jewish Socialist Bund-Tsukunft, and endorsed by a number of Jewish and non-Jewish organizations, including The Generation After; the Anielewicz Circle; Hashomer Hatzair; Habonim; the Brooklyn Chapter of the New Jewish Agenda; and the New York local of the Democratic Socialist Organizing Committee.

GROUP FORMED TO HELP CHILDREN OF DUTCH NAZIS

By Henriette Boas

AMSTERDAM, July 2 (JTA) -- A new group has been formed here to help the children of World War II Dutch Nazi collaborators who are said to be experiencing social and psychological problems derived from their parents' activities for which they were in no way responsible.

The prime mover behind the "Working Group NSB Children"--the NSB was the wartime Dutch Nazi party--is a Protestant clergyman, the Rev. Arie Klamer, who asserts that children invariably suffer for the misdeeds of their parents. According to Klamer, known as the "Radio Pastor," a great deal of attention has been paid in Holland to the problems of second generation Jews, the children of Nazi victims and Holocaust survivors, who have experienced problems of adjustment because of their parents' traumatic experiences.

On the other hand, the problems of the offspring of Dutch Nazis have been completely neglected, he said. Although these children, now adults, were not responsible for the attitudes of their parents, they are still frowned upon by society and have psychological problems.

HIGH COURT TELLS GOVT. TO STOP JAMMING 'PIRATE' TV

JERUSALEM, July 2 (JTA) The Supreme Court has ordered the Communications Ministry to desist immediately from jamming commercial television broadcasts emanating from the ship Odelia outside Israeli territorial waters. The Ministry was given two weeks to show cause why it should not comply.

The court acted on the complaint of a Tel Aviv resident who claimed that the government was illegally interfering with the reception of broadcasts transmitted from sources not under its control. The government has not licensed the Odelia to broadcast to Israel. TV viewers in the Tel Aviv area who tune in to its ultra high frequency (UHF) channel to see a film, find the signal distorted by official government programs.

A bill pending in the outgoing Knesset to declare so-called "pirate" broadcasts illegal is in the committee stage. But the government is expected to ban Israeli manufacturers and distributors of foreign-made goods in Israel from buying commercial time on the Odelia. The ship, operated by a group of foreign investors, began commercial broadcasts to Israel earlier this year.

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NEW YORK (JTA) -- The National Conference on Soviet Jewry reported Thursday that a total of 866 Jews left the Soviet Union in June, the lowest number for any single month this year except January when 850 departed.