

BEGIN, SHAMIR WARN ISRAEL WILL REJECT PARTICIPATION IN MFO BY ANY EUROPEAN NATION WHICH DOES NOT AFFIRM CAMP DAVID IS BASIS FOR MFO

By David Landau and Hugh Orgel

JERUSALEM, Nov. 5 (JTA) -- Premier Menachem Begin and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir have warned in separate statements that any European nation that agrees to participate in the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO) for Sinai without affirming that it is doing so within the framework of the Camp David agreements and the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty will not be acceptable to Israel.

Begin declared today, "We warn London and other capitals well in advance that they should not talk about the Venice declaration (of the European Economic Community in June, 1980) or any other declarations. The Multinational Force is being established to ensure Israel's security under the Israel-Egypt peace treaty and the Camp David accords. We shall not agree to any contingent taking part unless this Camp David commitment is clearly understood," he said.

Begin spoke at a mass gathering in Eilat marking the opening of that resort town's winter tourist season. Shamir, addressing the Knesset yesterday, insisted that the MFO which is to patrol Sinai after Israel completes its withdrawal next April, must be "solely on the basis of the Israel-Egypt-U.S. agreement within the framework of Camp David." He said that countries which wanted to join the MFO but made announcements deviating from that basis would be "disqualified."

EEC May Endorse Fahd Plan

Foreign Ministry officials were reluctant to say today that under Shamir's criteria Britain would be "disqualified." British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington who visited Saudi Arabia this week, has repeatedly said for the record that British participation in the MFO would be "not associated with Camp David."

Carrington in fact was quoted as repeating that statement in Riyadh last night, after Shamir's warning in the Knesset. A Foreign Ministry spokesman here said that "If and when Britain officially announces its participation (in the MFO) Israel will then examine" the terms of its participation.

Observers here said Shamir's warning was intended mainly to head off -- or moderate -- an evolving EEC statement on the Middle East which the European Common Market nations plan to issue simultaneously with the announcement that several member states would participate in the Sinai force. Britain, France, Holland and Italy are expected to be the European participants.

It is expected here that the EEC statement will re-endorse the Venice declaration and possibly support Saudi Arabia's eight-point peace plan. The Knesset this week categorically rejected both. According to Israeli officials, Shamir wants to make it clear that Israel would not accept EEC participation in the Force with "strings attached."

EGYPTIAN MINISTER WELCOMES EUROPEAN PARTICIPATION IN MFO

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Nov. 5 (JTA) -- Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Boutros Ghali welcomed today "West European participation" in the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO) which will patrol Sinai after Israel's withdrawal next April.

Ghali, who met earlier with President Francois Mitterrand, said such a participation "is symbolic" of European support for the current peace process. France, Britain, Italy and Holland have said they will provide troops and logistical support for the 2,500 man force.

The Egyptian Minister, who attended a 30-nation Franco-African summit conference here brought Mitterrand a personal message from Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak. Ghali conferred with Mitterrand for 30 minutes. He also met with Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson. It is believed he renewed the late President Anwar Sadat's invitation for Mitterrand to pay a state visit to Egypt next year.

No Change Without Israel's Agreement

Ghali told reporters in reply to questions about the Saudi Arabia eight-point peace plan presented last summer by Crown Prince Fahd, "We never pretended to have a monopoly for a peaceful solution. We have no objections to other initiatives. But," he stressed "there can be no alternative (to the Camp David process) without Israel's agreement."

Ghali said he did not discuss the Fahd peace plan, which Israel has flatly rejected, with Mitterrand. The French President said last month that France "sees certain positive items" in the Saudi proposal. Other West European countries, such as Britain and Italy, have expressed support for the Saudi plan while continuing to back the Camp David agreements.

SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS CLOSURE OF WEST BANK UNIVERSITY

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Nov. 5 (JTA) -- The Supreme Court today upheld a Defense Ministry order shutting down Bir Zeit University near Ramallah on the West Bank which the Israeli authorities say is a hotbed of Palestinian nationalist activity. The institution was closed yesterday after two days of disturbances on the campus and faculty and students were ordered to leave the premises immediately.

The high court's ruling rejected an appeal by the university against the closure. However, the justices advised the Defense Ministry that it must state just how long Bir Zeit is to remain closed. The court implied thereby that if the period is too long it would be prepared to hear another appeal.

Defense Ministry sources said today that strong measures had to be taken against the university and indicated that it would be closed for a long time. It was shut down for several months last year following similar campus unrest and was allowed to reopen only after the university authorities committed themselves to prevent student demonstrations.

Gaby Baramky, vice president of the university

charged today that his institution was being made a scapegoat, noting that demonstrations had occurred at other schools which remained open.

Students Demonstrate On Golan

Meanwhile, disturbances flared on the Golan Heights today where Druze high school students being taught Hebrew and other Israel-related subjects demonstrated against their teacher. They claimed that the instructor, an Israeli Druze, insulted them and marched on the school. They were turned away at a roadblock but shouted anti-Israel slogans before returning to their villages.

GENERAL STRIKE HITS EL AL

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Nov. 5 (JTA) -- El Al, Israel's national airline, was embroiled in a labor dispute today after a prolonged period of relative calm on the labor front. Employees announced a general strike, the immediate effect of which was to force cancellation of an evening flight for London.

The action came as a surprise. The workers had agreed only this morning to call off a "rule book" slowdown which had been underway for several days to protest the airline management's alleged failure to put the carrier's troubled finances in order. A spokesman for the employees said they had achieved their aim of calling the government's attention to the situation.

Only hours later, however, the union called a meeting of all workers committees after learning that management intended to dismiss 18 flight engineers as of January 1 because new aircraft entering service made them redundant. The general strike was called without ratification by Histadrut. The trade union federation is trying to negotiate a settlement with respect to personnel made redundant by the introduction of new equipment.

SUPREME COURT RULES ABU-HATZEIRA MUST FACE TRIAL

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Nov. 5 (JTA) -- The Supreme Court ruled today that Welfare Minister Aharon Abu-Hatzeira can be brought to trial without prior action by the present Knesset to strip him of immunity as a Knesset member. A five justice panel decided 4-1 to reject Abu-Hatzeira's argument that his re-election to the Knesset last June 30 restored his immune status which had been lifted by the previous Knesset.

The minister, who heads the Tami faction, a partner in Premier Menachem Begin's coalition government, is charged with embezzlement and theft in connection with his administration of a charitable fund when he served as Mayor of Ramle in 1976-77. His trial, interrupted pending the outcome of his appeal, will resume in Tel Aviv district court on November 20 with Judge Victoria Ostrovsky-Cohen presiding.

SURVEY FINDS NO FUTURE FOR YOUNG JEWS IN QUEBEC

By Michael Solomon

MONTREAL, Nov. 5 (JTA) -- A report submitted to the board of directors of the Hillel Students Organization here states that a "significantly high group" of Jewish university students have decided to leave Quebec because of economic and political factors.

Mel Himes, chairman of the Hillel Committee assigned the task of assessing the future of young

Jews in Quebec, placed the number who plan to leave the province at between 30-40 percent. The report has not yet been adopted by the board.

The study noted that the political climate in Quebec is a major factor in the exodus of young people and that Quebec's economic decline is forcing university graduates to look for employment elsewhere. Himes said "Quebec does not fit into most students' future plans."

He observed that "In the medium to long run, few Jewish students are committed to staying in Quebec. Students accurately perceived Francisation as a process to replace English employees with French ones. Because of the decline in the non-French population, traditional avenues of professional employment have completely disappeared," Himes said.

CARRINGTON'S VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA SEEN TO HAVE WIDENED IMPASSE OVER MIDEAST PEACE PROCESS

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, Nov. 5 (JTA) -- Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington, was returning home today after a two day visit to Saudi Arabia in which he tried to broaden the basis of Middle East peace negotiations by involving Arab countries which oppose the Israeli-Egyptian peace agreement.

Before he left Saudi Arabia, both he and his hosts claimed that important progress had been made. Prince Saud Bin Faisal, the Saudi Foreign Minister, said that his country would ask this month's Arab League summit meeting to back the eight-point peace plan elaborated by Crown Prince Fahd.

Saudis Will Seek Geneva-Style Conference On Mideast

The next stage, he told journalists in Riyadh would be to obtain a resolution of the Security Council involving the Palestine Liberation Organization in the peace process followed by an international conference under the Security Council's auspices. Since the Soviet Union is a permanent member of the Council, this, like the long moribund Geneva conference would bring the Russians back into the Middle East peace negotiations.

Carrington, who went to Riyadh in his capacity as president of the Council of Ministers of the ten European Economic Community (EEC) countries, also claimed that the visit was a success. He went to Saudi Arabia claiming that the Saudi peace plan contains an implicit offer to recognize Israel if the West Bank was turned into a Palestinian state ruled from East Jerusalem.

While not necessarily supporting all the Saudi conditions, Carrington regards the proposals as worth exploring. As Britain is a member of the Security Council, it is to be assumed that he endorsed Prince Fahd's scenario for organizing a UN conference.

In the short run, however, Carrington's visit appears to have emphasized rather than minimized the difficulties of broadening the peace negotiations. Far from reconciling the Saudi Arabian peace plan with the Camp David Israeli-Egyptian peace agreement, the Carrington visit has highlighted their incompatibility, since Premier Menachem Begin regards the Saudi plan as a formula for Israel's liquidation.

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JERUSALEM (JTA) -- The recent President's Mission of Keren Hayesod contributed \$3 million dollars to the United Israel Appeal, Dr. Avraham Avihai, chairman of Keren Hayesod told the Zionist executive Monday.

AJCOMMITTEE LEADERS REPORT ASSURANCES OF EGYPT'S COMMITMENT TO PEACE PROCESS WITH ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Nov. 5 (JTA) -- President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt has assured a group of visiting Americans that the Egyptian people no less than his government stand squarely behind fulfillment of the peace treaty with Israel. He expressed confidence that the Israeli government is determined to complete the steps remaining to be carried out under the peace treaty and said the doubters, proven wrong before, will be proven wrong again when Israel completes its withdrawal from Sinai next April.

Mubarak offered his views in more than an hour's conversation with a delegation of leaders of the American Jewish Committee, headed by Maynard Wishner, AJCommittee president. A report of the meeting was telephoned to AJCommittee headquarters here yesterday from Cairo.

Sees Other Arab States Joining Process

The Egyptian leader was quoted as saying, "The people of Egypt as well as the government are committed to peace forever, as Prime Minister Begin and I pledged together, and we shall not be deterred from carrying out the Camp David process." He said that any other approach "lacks reality," the AJCommittee reported.

Mubarak was also reported to have said he was convinced that in time other Arab states would recognize the value of Egypt's example of pursuing direct negotiations with Israel. In that connection he said the implementation of the peace treaty terms, such as Israel's withdrawal from Sinai seven months from now, would have positive effects on the attitude of other states in the region. He noted that the normalization of ties between Egypt and Israel were proceeding at a faster rate this year than last year and would accelerate further next year, the AJCommittee report said.

SPECIAL TO JTA AMBASSADOR BLUM SAYS SAUDI PLAN DOES NOT IMPLY PEACE WITH ISRAEL By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 5 (JTA) -- Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations Yehuda Blum sharply attacked Saudi Arabia's eight-point peace plan last night, charging that the plan "instead of supporting direct peace negotiations among the parties, attempts to impose upon them its own dictates."

Appearing before students at Brandeis University, near Boston, the Israeli envoy charged that the Saudi plan, which calls for total Israeli withdrawal from the territories occupied in 1967, including East Jerusalem, and the establishment of an independent Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital, "is nothing but an attempt to dismember the State of Israel in stages."

Referring to the part of the program which affirms the right of all the countries of the region to live in peace, Blum pointed out that the Secretary General of the Arab League, Shezly al-Kliby and Crown Prince Fahd of Saudi Arabia, who presented the eight-point peace plan last August, have already stated openly that this does not imply the recognition of Israel.

"When Arab rejectionist states refer to 'countries of the region' they do not include the State of Israel in the definition of the term countries, since Israel in their view, is 'a deformed entity'," Blum said.

Continuing, the Israeli Ambassador stated, "Saudi Arabia has interfered with the peace process since its inception. Saudi Arabia continues to call for a holy war, or Jihad, against Israel and supports and finances the PLO, acting as its international agent. The sole purpose of the so called peace plan," Blum declared, "is to undermine the Camp David accords and Security Council Resolution 242."

U.S. MAINTAINS IT RESTORED 'CONFIDENCE' AND 'TRUST' WITH JORDAN DURING HUSSEIN VISIT

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5 (JTA) -- While the Reagan Administration failed to convince King Hussein of Jordan to join the Camp David peace process, it maintained today that it had restored the "confidence and relationship of trust" that has traditionally existed between the United States and Jordan.

A senior State Department official, in briefing newsmen about Hussein's four-day visit to Washington, noted that relations between the United States and Jordan had been "very cool" during the Carter Administration, although he did not mention that the reason was Jordan's opposition to the Camp David process. Hussein left today for Los Angeles after a working lunch at Blair House with Secretary of State Alexander Haig.

The senior official said today that during Hussein's talks with President Reagan and other members of the Administration, both confirmed support for the achievement of a Middle East peace based on United Nations Security Council Resolution 242. The official quickly added that 242 is also the basis for the Camp David talks which, he stressed, was the framework for the United States efforts to achieve peace in the Middle East.

Stresses U.S. Adherence To Camp David

The official maintained that the Camp David talks are the only method the United States is using to achieve peace in the Middle East. He refused to make any comment on the Administration position on the eight-point peace plan proposed by Prince Fahd of Saudi Arabia but suggested looking up previous Administration statements which said there were some positive elements in the Fahd plan but other points were ones to be negotiated. He said neither the Fahd plan nor the initiative proposed by the European Economic Community (EEC) were American plans.

"We have not been trying to do anything but to continue our commitment to Camp David," he said. The official disclosed that Jordan has agreed to buy an air defense system from the Soviet Union, reportedly SAM-6 missiles. He said that the United States is the major arms supplier for Jordan and that the purchase from Soviet Russia could "complicate" this ongoing supply relationship. But the official seemed to imply that the United States understood the need for Jordan to buy the air defense system from the Soviets.

He said also that although Hussein expressed concern about what he considered a threat from Israel, the U.S. believes Jordan's main worry is a threat from Syria.

Jordan turned to the Soviets because it wanted a mobile air defense system, the official said. The United States has only been willing to offer a stationary system to prevent its being used against Israel. The official said the U.S. considers the West Bank occupied territory. He noted that the Camp David agreements required that three years after the autonomy agreement goes into effect, negotiations will begin about the future status of the territory.

700 NEW YORKERS PROTEST TERRORISM AGAINST JEWS IN WESTERN EUROPE

NEW YORK, Nov. 5 (JTA) -- Public officials, religious leaders and members of the diplomatic corps joined over 700 other New Yorkers at a memorial gathering at the Fifth Avenue Synagogue in Manhattan yesterday to protest acts of terrorism against Jewish communities in Western Europe.

Sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) of New York and its 30 member agencies, the program memorialized the victims of the October 20th synagogue bombing in Antwerp, as well as those maimed and killed in a series of attacks on Jewish communal institutions in Paris, Vienna, Antwerp, Rome and other cities over the past 12 months.

JCRC President Laurence Tisch, who presided at the gathering, called for "a reawakening of conscience by decent people the world over that may result in sterner government action by our own country and by the international community against those who have displayed so little regard for human life and the fabric of our civilization."

Silence Contributes To Terrorism

Howard Squadron, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations deplored the fact that anti-Semitism "is no longer unfashionable, as we discovered in the long AWACS fight. When the UN adopts anti-Zionist resolutions and Europe and the third world stands silently by", Squadron said, "we know they are talking about us and contributing to an atmosphere that allows synagogues to be attacked. Every threat to Israel threatens Jews everywhere. We must therefore give the world the message that there is no distinction -- being Jewish is being Zionist and supporting and defending Israel, and the world will just have to live with that," he said.

N.Y. State Attorney General Robert Abrams called the Antwerp bombing "another blow at humanity that is part of an upsurge of anti-Semitism and anti-Jewish violence in many parts of the world, including here in the United States." New York City Council President Carol Bellamy cited the hate mail received by many Senators prior to last week's AWACS vote as indicative of the "anti-Semitism that still exists just beneath the surface of American life. In Antwerp two weeks ago," she said, "we saw old demons in new clothing. We must assure that our collective voice is heard -- be it a bombing in Antwerp or vandalism in Brooklyn -- because silence and inaction can only be interpreted as tolerance," she said. City Comptroller Harrison Goldin called the day's gathering a way to tell the world that Americans see terrorism as an affront to civilization.

Rep. Charles Rangel (D-L-R-N.Y.) called on New Yorkers "to continue to hold hands and see to it that hatred and intolerance do not become contagious."

Belgian Consul Reassures Jewish Community

Ambassador Baron de Vieschauer, the Consul-General of Belgium, noted that his Prime Minister had voiced "what every Belgian feels -- indignation at this senseless murder," and had assured the Jewish community his government would do all it could to safeguard its security and intended to take part in any international initiative to oppose all kinds of terrorism.

Ambassador Naftalie Lavie, the Consul-General of Israel in New York, lamented the fact that Israel had had to learn to deal with terrorism "and warned the world about it, but in vain." Tolerance of terrorism, whether voluntary or induced by fear, can only encourage further terrorist acts, Lavie said.

Rabbi Judah Washer, President of the New York Board of Rabbis, recited psalms for the victims of the recent attacks.

SECOND 'ZIONIST CARAVAN' STARTS TOUR OF THREE WESTERN STATES

PHOENIX, Ariz., Nov. 5 (JTA) -- The second annual Zionist Caravan, a travelling road show determined "to bring a touch of Israel, a taste of Zionism, to Jews and everyone else who wants to listen," left this desert metropolis this week for a month-long sweep of 16 communities in three western states. Known officially as the "Israel Scene Mobile", the project is sponsored by the World Zionist Organization's information department, the American Zionist Federation, the Jewish National Fund and the American Zionist Youth Foundation.

The Caravan consists of two vehicles equipped with the latest in English language films, music, audio-visual programs, exhibits and literature pertaining to Israel and Zionism. Accompanying it this year are five young Americans who have immigrated to Israel.

Co-directors of the project are Steve Leibowitz, 30, and Jon Medved, 26. Leibowitz explained that the purpose of the Caravan is to bring the Zionist message to places "where the more established Israelis on the lecture circuit don't frequently reach." He said that "In visits of rarely no more than 48 hours, we try to get people excited about Zionism and plant seeds in people's minds about their potential place in Israel."

Themes In Focus

Medved said that "This year, we are focusing on two themes in particular. We want to involve as many people as possible formally within the Zionist movement whichever specific organization they might wish to associate with. Secondly, we want to state the facts and put the lie to the outrageous myth that Zionism equals racism."

In addition to Phoenix, the Caravan will visit Tucson, Ariz.; Las Vegas, Nev.; San Diego and Los Angeles, Calif., and Los Angeles suburbs; Orange County, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, San Jose, the San Francisco Bay area and Sacramento. It will terminate in Los Angeles December 8.

Last year's Caravan visited 22 cities in nine southern states. According to its directors it reached over 10 million people through radio and television coverage in addition to direct contact with some 6000 Jews and Christians.

QUEBEC SENDS FIRST TRADE MISSION TO ISRAEL

By Michael Solomon

MONTREAL, Nov. 5 (JTA) -- The first official trade mission from the Province of Quebec to Israel left for a 10-day visit to Israel yesterday. It is headed by Philippe Vaillancourt, Economic Counselor to the Quebec government's Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

The purpose of the mission is to explore opportunities for trade with Israel, joint ventures and the exchange of information in the fields of high technology, construction, electronics, plastics, telecommunications, medicine and industrial equipment. The trade mission was organized by the Quebec Office for External Trade in cooperation with the Israel Trade Mission in Montreal.