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BEGIN REJECTS FAHD PLAN EVEN IF SAUDI ARABIA RECOGNIZES ISRAEL

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Nov. 16 (JTA) -- Premier Menachem Begin categorically rejected the eight-point Saudi Arabian plan for the Middle East and declared that Israel does not need recognition from anybody.

Addressing the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee today, Begin argued that even if Saudi Arabia was willing to recognize Israel, it would still go ahead with its plans to destroy Israel. "One can also destroy a recognized state," Begin said, recalling that Nazi Germany recognized Poland -- and then invaded it. "Declarations were not enough," the Premier stated.

Begin's statement followed a report yesterday in The New York Times that Gaafar Allagany, Saudi Arabia's acting delegate to the United Nations, said in an interview that the plan offered by Crown Prince Fahd "does recognize Israel.... We are not afraid to say that it does recognize Israel."

Allagany was referring to point seven of the plan which affirms "the right of all countries in the region to live in peace." The plan does not refer to Israel, but it does specifically call for Israel's complete evacuation of occupied Arab territory and the establishment of a Palestinian state with its capital in East Jerusalem. According to a radio report from Riyadh today, a spokesman for Fahd said the Crown Prince disassociated himself from Allagany's reference to recognizing Israel.

Egyptian Autonomy Demands Unacceptable

Turning to the autonomy talks which concluded in Cairo last Thursday after two days, Begin said the Egyptians had once again called for the inclusion of East Jerusalem Arabs among the eligible voters for administrative council under the autonomy plan for the West Bank. In addition, Begin said, Egypt also demanded judicial and legislative powers for that council. He said he would never accept either proposal, but affirmed that the talks would continue until agreement is reached.

The Premier said there was no hurry to conclude the autonomy talks before April, the time set for Israel's final withdrawal from Sinai. He stated that there is no linkage between autonomy and withdrawal and affirmed that withdrawal would be completed as scheduled.

Begin also said he would not initiate a tripartite summit with President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt and President Reagan, although he would be prepared to attend if he were asked to. He said there was no need to attend a summit in which Israel would only be required to make concessions. Turning to the two outspoken doves in the Knesset committee, Yossi Sarid of the Labor Alignment and Dror Seigerman of Likud, Begin said: "We can send these two to do the job." Responding, Sarid said: "Mr. Premier, considering the concessions you made at Camp David, there is no need to replace you."

MANN: RESCUE OF SOVIET JEWS IS PRE-EMINENT TASK OF U.S. JEWS

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 16 (JTA) -- "The rescue of Soviet Jewry is the pre-eminent task of this generation of American Jews," Theodore Mann, chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, told the more than 2,500 representatives from the United States and Canada attending the 50th General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations.

In the near future, Mann said he expects relations between the U.S. and the Soviet Union to improve, particularly with respect to trade, and here is the chance for American Jews to seek assurance that the Reagan Administration will link the issue of Soviet Jewish emigration to any negotiations.

Whether or not American Jews are able to take advantage of this opportunity depends on two factors, Mann observed. "We have got to be certain that the Administration is attuned to our issue and will give it prominence in its negotiations with the Soviet Union," he said, and "the American Jewish community must be seen by the Soviet Union as an important and influential part of the American electorate."

Continuing, Mann said that "Our political power depends upon a perception in Washington that we are united on a certain issue" and that this is an issue "of overriding concern to the community." Representatives and Senators, as well as the President, must "believe that millions of Americans really care about the safety of these two or three million Jews left in the Soviet Union," Mann said. He noted that emigration dropped last month to a decade low and that "there have been more arrests in the last five months than in the last five years."

Four Recommendations For Action

Jacqueline Levine of Metropolitan New Jersey, outlined four recommendations for action by American Jews: Jews and non-Jews must be mobilized for one million signatures on petitions to be presented to Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev concerning the plight of Soviet Jews; "emergency conferences" need to be held to publicize the desperate situation of Jews in the USSR and it is imperative that there be a record attendance at the Women's Plea for Soviet Jewry, planned for next month in communities around the country; it is important that there be visits to Soviet Jews by well-informed American Jewish leaders, along with regular letters and telephone calls to boost the morale of refuseniks; and there must be political action.

"The Soviet Union and the United States are locked in a political contest, and in that contest the Soviet Jews are hostages," Ms. Levine said. "Moscow is our target, while Washington is our instrument." She concluded by stating that "We must raise the level of our voices," along with "the frequency and forces of our activities" to help secure renewed emigration from the Soviet Union.

Echoing the need for American Jewish action on behalf of Soviet Jewry, Dr. Yuri Stern, a former Soviet Jewish activist who emigrated to Israel last April with his wife and two children, said that "without this support, we are lost." He noted that Soviet Jews are not only subjected to discrimination, but to assimilation. Along with drastically slowing emigration,

the Soviet authorities also are suppressing all those who try in any way to live as Jews, Stern said.

FOUR WEST BANK HOUSES DEMOLISHED

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Nov. 16 (JTA) -- Angry demonstrations took place today in Beit Sahour, near Bethlehem, in protest against the demolition of three houses in that town and another house in Ramallah by the Israel Defense Force to punish the owners for throwing Molotov cocktails at IDF patrols and participating in terrorist acts.

The demonstrators claimed that in the past, houses were demolished only in cases in which hand grenades were thrown only from them or their inhabitants were directly involved in acts of terrorism. This was the first time that houses were demolished following the throwing of Molotov cocktails by residents of the towns. The IDF patrols were attacked Nov. 1 and Nov. 10.

The anger in Beit Sahour was particularly intense because the demolition of the houses came as punishment for acts in which no one was killed and because in one of the incidents a cocktail was tossed by a 14-year-old youth. The mayors of Beit Sahour and Bethlehem participated in the demonstrations during which youths burned tires. The IDF did not interfere. Only when an IDF truck was surrounded by Arab demonstrators did one of the soldiers shoot in the air. No one was hurt.

During the hour-long demonstration youths marched around the demolished houses chanting: "PLO -- Israel no." Mayor Elias Freij of Bethlehem, who is considered a moderate, called on Premier Menachem Begin to prevent "the law of the jungle in the territories." Mayor Hanna Al-Atrash of Beit Sahour termed the demolitions "collective punishment" and called on "all men of conscience" in the world and in Israel to prevent such acts.

CANADA TO OPEN EMBASSY IN AMMAN

OTTAWA, Nov. 16 (JTA) -- Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau announced that a Canadian Embassy will be opened in Amman, Jordan next year. He made the announcement at the end of a four-day visit by King Hussein. Until now Canadian interests in Jordan were represented by Canada's Ambassador in Beirut. Jordan has had for a long time an Embassy in Ottawa.

Addressing a press conference here, Hussein stressed the importance of improving bilateral relations with Canada but avoided any direct answers to questions regarding an eventual role for Canada in the Middle East peace process. The king accused Israel of expansionism and attacked it for refusing to grant self-determination to the West Bank Arabs. Hussein spoke yesterday.

DUTCH RABBI CRITICIZES CHRISTIAN CHURCHES OF HOLLAND

By Henriette Boas

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 16 (JTA) -- A leading Dutch rabbi has accused the Christian churches of Holland of maintaining a detached attitude toward Judaism and the Jewish people, even when in sympathy with them. Rabbi Avraham Soetendorp, speaking at a symposium on the 50th anniversary of the Liberal Jewish Congregation, observed that after the synagogue bombing in Ant-

werp last month there was no spontaneous reactions from the churches or any appeal by them to participate in solidarity demonstrations.

Soetendorp's father, the late Rabbi Jacob Soetendorp, had been active in creating better understanding between Christians and Jews. But in recent years, this understanding has become less rather than more, his son declared.

He said that if there is any reaction at all from Christian churches to attacks on Jews it is cool, analytical and aloof. He noted that even the statement by the Council of Christian Churches condemning anti-Semitism lacked any expression of solidarity with Jews. He attributed that attitude to the fact that the Jewish people and Israel are no longer seen as a sign of hope but as a troublesome problem.

In addition, Soetendorp said, the churches view Judaism mainly as an interesting object of study. The new generation of Christians no longer feels any responsibility for the suffering caused Jews by the Nazis and there is now, in several Christian churches, a strong interest in Islam and the Moslem countries because of the large numbers of Turks and Moroccans now living in Holland, he said.

UNITED SYNAGOGUE LEADER CALLS FOR INCREASED JEWISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

KIAMESHA LAKE, N.Y., Nov. 16 (JTA) -- Marshall Wolke, who was today elected president of the United Synagogue of America at its biennial convention here, pledged that his organization will attempt to concentrate in meeting the needs of the "now generation" to increase Jewish religious education for adults.

Wolke, a Chicago businessman who has been active in the Conservative movement for 30 years, defined the "now generation" as those who experienced "the terrible traumas of the 60s and the selfish apathies of the 70s and who are now emerging in the Jewish arena of the 80s."

In calling on the leadership of the Conservative movement to intensify religious education for adults, Wolke declared: "For years we thought we could reach the adults through the education of the children. Perhaps we ought to see to it that we obtain the challenge of educating the young by also educating the parents."

Stating that "only some one who knows what it is to be a Jew can find meaning and purpose in Judaism," Wolke called on the Conservative movement to "intensify the teaching of Judaism, including bible, Jewish history and tradition, through special education courses, seminars and family weekends where people live a Jewish experience."

He said, "The American Jewish community of today is intellectually sophisticated and upwardly mobile. It is exposed to a multitude of ideologies and philosophies. In a world that offers a multiplicity of choices and where contemporary culture argues against positive and committed Jewish identification, the synagogue alone can and must stem the process of attrition that has beset our people. They want the synagogue, but a synagogue that is relevant to the life of today, that responds to the needs of the 80s generation."

The United Synagogue convention opened yesterday at the Concord Hotel here and will conclude Thursday. About 2,500 delegates from the United States and Canada are attending. Wolke, a member of the Board of the Solomon Schechter Day Schools and a member of the Board of Jewish Education in Chicago, succeeds Simon Schwartz as president of the United Synagogue.

At an earlier session, Chaim Potok, noted scholar and author, told the convention that "world Jewry has traded the darkness and degradation of ghetto life for the grit and power and pride of geo-politics."

But Potok warned that "Jews are aware of the resonance of anti-Semitism that lingers like a stench upon our world. But we will continue to be the eternal other, to hold to our vision of things."

Potok, the author of the popular novels, "The Chosen," "The Promise," "My Name is Asher Lev," as well as the recently published "The Book of Lights," received the first Rabbi Samuel Cohen Memorial Award of the United Synagogue of America for outstanding contributions to American Jewish life and literature.

Referring to the recent AWACS debate, Potok said, "I don't think it adds anything to the stature of America to have anyone talking about Jews lobbying too loudly. We complain as Americans about foreign policy, and the Constitution guarantees our right to such questioning." Continuing, he said: "One wonders why Senators don't lament American rifle groups lobbying hysterically against gun control."

Potok said world Jewry is now engaged in an attempt to create for itself a third civilization. He said that the first civilization was 1,000 years of biblical civilization which ended with the destruction of the First Temple. The second was the creative phase of 2,000 years of Talmudic civilization which faded with the ghetto centuries and came to an end with the destruction of European Jewry.

"We are now in an interface between civilizations. And the hope is that the diaspora and Israel will take advantage of this confrontation with modern secularism and rebuild our broken core from treasures of our past and fuse it with the best of secularism and create a third civilization of the Jewish people," Potok said.

NATO LEADER SAYS WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ACCEPT CAMP DAVID

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16 (JTA) -- West European countries support the United States in the belief that the Camp David process still is the best means of achieving peace in the Middle East, Joseph Luns, Secretary General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), said today.

Luns, who spoke with reporters at the State Department after a meeting with Secretary of State Alexander Haig, said that the U.S. "rightly" believes that the Camp David process is the only basis for negotiating a Mideast peace.

He said that some West European countries may have given the "impression" that they wanted to substitute the eight-point plan proposed by Crown Prince Fahd of Saudi Arabia for Camp David. He said that while the Europeans see "merits" in the Fahd plan, they have now come to the "better perception" that the Camp David process should be the only means for working toward peace.

Luns, who said he discussed a variety of U.S.-European issues with Haig, said the Mideast was among the topics discussed. He said he believed the European countries were moving toward participation in the multinational force that will patrol the Sinai when Israel completes its final withdrawal in April.

Britain, France, Italy and The Netherlands have indicated their willingness to participate in the force. But this participation suffered a setback after British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington attacked the Camp David process and supported the Fahd plan while on a visit to Saudi Arabia. Israeli Premier Menachem Begin said that Israel, which like Egypt has a veto on participants, would not

allow any country to join the force if in doing so, it said it supported any other means but the Camp David process.

PARITSKY SENTENCED TO THREE YEARS

NEW YORK (JTA) -- Aleksandr Paritsky, a 43-year-old Jewish engineer and emigration activist, has been sentenced to three years in a labor camp, the National Conference on Soviet Jewry announced Monday. The punishment delivered in a Kharkov court is the maximum sentence possible for the charge he faced: defaming the Soviet state. Paritsky's trial began Nov. 11. He was not allowed to have legal counsel and served as attorney in his own defense.

HABIB MAY RETURN TO MIDEAST, BUT NO DATE HAS BEEN SET

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16 (JTA) -- The State Department, which has been saying that Philip Habib, President Reagan's special envoy for the Middle East, will return to the Middle East soon, still has set no date for his departure.

Department spokesman Dean Fischer said today that Habib will probably go back to the Mideast by the end of this month although no date has been set. He said if the U.S. thought there was an "urgency" which required his departure sooner, he would leave earlier. Fischer stressed that the U.S. is "monitoring the situation very closely" in Lebanon but said there was no urgency there now.

The spokesman conceded that the Arab summit conference in Morocco this month could "conceivably be one of the factors" the U.S. is considering before sending Habib back, "but only one of the factors."

Habib, who retired in 1980 as Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs, was sent to the Mideast by Reagan last May to calm the tension caused by the Syrian placement of SAM-6 missiles in Lebanon and Israel's threat to remove them by force. In July, after Habib helped establish a cease-fire across the Lebanese Israel border, his mission was expanded to include the entire situation in Lebanon.

Israeli Premier Menachem Begin, said recently that while Israel supports the Habib mission, it was promised by the envoy, in Reagan's name, that the missiles would be removed from Lebanon.

Yasir Arafat, chief of the Palestine Liberation Organization, reportedly said in a speech on Saturday that Israel was expected to attack his terrorist forces in Lebanon soon. Arafat also rejected proposals by the United Nations to increase the UN Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) from 6,000 troops to 7,200 and that the PLO forces remove its artillery from the Tyre area.

Fischer seemed to support both UN requests, although he said he had only read press reports of the Arafat statements. "We believe the cease-fire in south Lebanon is in everyone's interest," he said. "We therefore would hope that all involved would be responsive to and supportive of efforts by the UN to strengthen it." He also stressed that respect for the cease-fire included a ban on armed attacks into or from the area of south Lebanon controlled by Maj. Saad Haddad's Christian militia force.

WOMEN RABBIS MOVING UP RABBINIC LADDER IN LATEST PLACEMENTS; 47 WOMEN ORDAINED TO DATE

By Ben Gallob

NEW YORK, Nov. 16 (JTA) -- A growing number of the women who have been ordained as Reform and Reconstructionist rabbis since such ordinations began in 1972 are being placed as "solo" rabbis, spiritual leaders of congregations too small to need more than one rabbi, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was informed in its annual survey on the status of women rabbis in America.

During the past summer, 14 women were ordained as Reform rabbis and four as Reconstructionist -- making the grand total of American women ordained as rabbis 47 -- 37 Reform and 10 Reconstructionist.

Rabbi Joseph Glaser, executive vice president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the Reform rabbinical association, told the JTA that eight of the movement's 37 women rabbis have been placed in solo pulpits, presumably a step up the rabbinical career ladder from the far more typical position of assistant rabbi held by most of the women rabbis.

Two of the 1981 Reform ordainees -- Elyse Frishman of Armonk, N.Y. and Leah Kroll of Woodland Hills, Cal. -- have been named solo rabbis. Frishman at the Reform Temple of Suffern, N.Y. and Kroll at Emanu-El at Elmhurst, N.Y.

The Reconstructionist Ordainees

Two of the 1981 Reconstructionist ordainees found solo pulpits. Rabbi Joy Levitt of Centerpoint, N.Y. is at B'nai Keshet in Montclair, N.J. Rabbi Hava Pell is at Brith Achim in Valley Forge, Pa., a synagogue planning to use solar sources for energy.

The other two 1981 Reconstructionist ordainees are Bonnie Koppel of Brooklyn and Susan Frank of Woodshole, Mass. According to Rabbi Rebecca Trachtenberg Alpert, a graduate of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Philadelphia who is now its director of student affairs, Koppel has a part-time pulpit in Ossining, N.Y. at Congregation Anshe Dorshe Emet. She will also continue to serve as the only woman rabbi in the U.S. Armed Forces, Alpert said. Frank is working at the Rabbinical College and studying for a doctorate at Temple University.

The routine practice of naming women as assistant rabbis began with Sally Preisand who, in 1972, became the first woman to be ordained a rabbi in American history. She was named assistant rabbi at the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue in Manhattan and promoted to associate rabbi before she abruptly resigned, refusing to comment publicly on why she did so.

The Reform Ordainees

Among the 14 Reform women ordainees in 1981, eight have been named assistant rabbis. The one taking a pulpit farthest from home is Soira Karen of Western Springs, Ill., who has been named assistant rabbi of Temple Beth Israel in Melbourne, Australia.

The other Reform women rabbis serving as assistant rabbis and their synagogues are:

Susan Abramson of Boston, Main Line Reform Temple Beth Elohim in Wynnewood, Pa.; Melanie Aron of Cincinnati, Temple B'nai Or of Morristown, N.J.; Helen Ferris of Scarsdale, N.Y., Stephen Wise Free Synagogue; Patrice Heller of St. Louis, Rodeph Sholom, Philadelphia; and Sara Perner of Hollywood, Fla., Temple Beth El in Spring Valley

N.Y. Rabbi Heller was also named educational director.

Lynne Landsberg of Roslyn Heights, N.Y. was named assistant rabbi at Central Synagogue in Manhattan, succeeding Rebecca Prinz, who had been assistant rabbi for three years before accepting a solo pulpit this fall at Temple Beth Am in Teaneck, N.J.

Susan Talve of North Hills, N.Y. and Rabbi James Goodman, both ordained last June as Reform rabbis, married and were named assistant rabbis at Shaare Emeth Congregation in St. Louis. They are the second husband-and-wife rabbinical team serving the same congregation. Sandy Eisenberg shares the pulpit of Conservative Congregation Beth El Zedek in Indianapolis with her husband, Dennis Sasso, also a Reconstructionist rabbi.

Other Reform Rabbis

Among the other new Reform rabbis, Faedra Weiss of Los Angeles is doing graduate work in environmental health at Cincinnati University. Rabbi Sandra Levine of San Jose, Cal., has been named assistant director of the Los Angeles chapter of the American Jewish Committee. Laurie Ruttenberg of Clearwater, Fla., has been named assistant chaplain at Yale University.

Beverly Lerner, who served as one of three assistant rabbis at the Temple in Atlanta, was named to Congregation Or Ami of Richmond, Va., as its first woman rabbi -- a solo pulpit.

Debra Hachen of Cleveland Heights has been named to a solo pulpit at Congregation B'nai Shalom of Northboro, Mass. Rabbi Rosalind Gold, assistant rabbi of Temple B'rith Kodesh in Rochester, N.Y., was named solo rabbi of the Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation in Reston. Joan Friedman, assistant rabbi at Toronto's Holy Blossom Temple, has been named solo rabbi at B'nai Israel in Laconia, N.H.

Preisand, after resigning from the Stephen Wise synagogue, took a part-time pulpit at Temple Beth El in Elizabeth, N.J. and later was named solo rabbi at Monmouth Reform Temple in Tinton Falls.

JDL SAYS IT WAS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ATTACK ON SOVIET ENVOY'S HOME

NEW YORK, Nov. 16 (JTA) -- The Jewish Defense League said yesterday that while it was not responsible for the attack Saturday night on a house used by the Soviet Ambassador to the United Nations, it "applauded all such actions aimed at freedom for Soviet Jewry."

In a statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, the JDL attributed the attack as part of "an escalating campaign by Jewish activists against the growing atmosphere of pogrom in the Soviet Union." Attacks on Soviet personnel and installations will continue as long as Soviet Jews are imprisoned or refused permission to emigrate, the statement said.

According to police reports, some time between 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturday night, about a dozen shots were fired into a glass-enclosed sitting room of a building in the Glen Cove, Long Island compound housing Soviet Ambassador Oleg Troyanovsky. No one was in the house at the time of the attack.

A man saying he represented the JDL telephoned United Press International earlier yesterday and claimed responsibility for the attack. The JDL has staged several protests at the compound used by Soviet envoys to the United Nations.

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JERUSALEM (JTA) -- The 30th World Zionist Congress will open here Dec. 7 and continue for six days, it was announced by the World Zionist Organization.