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REAGAN TO MEET WITH JEWISH LEADERS

NEW YORK, Nov. 18 (JTA) -- Jewish leaders comprising the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations have been invited by President Reagan to meet with him tomorrow afternoon at the White House, a spokesman for the conference said here today. Howard Squadron, chairman of the Conference, will lead the delegation.

According to the Conference spokesman, other White House officials due to be at the meeting are Vice President George Bush, White House Counsellor Edwin Meese, White House aide James Baker and National Security Advisor Richard Allen. The spokesman noted that while Reagan has met with individual Jewish leaders or with small groups since his election to office, tomorrow's meeting will be his first with the Conference of Presidents as a group.

The meeting, according to the spokesman, "will deal not so much about the past and the AWACS sale to Saudi Arabia, but about the future." Topics scheduled to be discussed are the Administration's stance on the autonomy negotiations for the West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians, Saudi Arabia Crown Prince Fahd's Middle East plan, the Palestine Liberation Organization, and the fallout from the AWACS debate which had raised the specter of a "Jewish lobby" interfering in U.S. foreign policy and the "dual loyalty" of American Jews.

PREPARATIONS UNDERWAY FOR DEPLOYMENT OF SINAI FORCE

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Nov. 18 (JTA) -- Preparations are underway for deployment of the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO) which will patrol Sinai after Israel's final withdrawal next April although the composition of the force remains "up in the air" for the time being.

Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir met yesterday with the civilian director of the MFO, Ray Hunt of the U.S. and Norwegian Gen. Frederick Bull-Hansen who will be its military commander. They described to him their preparations for deploying the force on March 20 in accordance with the provisions of the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty.

The U.S. is committed to provide more than half of the 2,500-member MFO. The composition of the remainder is not certain, pending final decisions by Britain, France, Italy, Holland, Australia and Canada to contribute personnel. Hunt said those countries could make a very useful contribution to the MFO if they decide eventually to join it, particularly with sophisticated communications and air and sea units.

But Hunt told reporters after meeting with Shamir that the MFO would be able to perform its duties even without the participation of the other Western powers. He said there would be three battalions -- an American one based at Sharm el-Sheikh and one each from Fiji and Colombia. Uruguay has also undertaken to contribute troops.

Meanwhile, Israeli and Egyptian military officers, cartographers and legal experts are busy drawing the future international border line between Israel and Egypt after the evacuation of Sinai is com-

pleted. It will correspond to the old international border dating from the Ottoman Turkish rule. The experts are referring to maps and documents from that era.

Israeli sources said the border would be marked by more than 100 boundary stones set up at equal distances from Eilat in the south to Rafah in the north.

MODERATE ARAB WEST BANK LEADERS CONDEMN TERRORIST AMBUSH SLAYING

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Nov. 18 (JTA) -- Moderate Arab leaders on the West Bank condemned the murder yesterday of Khazem Al-Khatib, 23, and the wounding of his father, Yussuf Al-Khatib, 60, in an assassination attempt for which the Palestine Liberation Organization reportedly has taken credit. The father and son came under gunfire while driving to Ramallah. The elder Al-Khatib is chairman of the Ramallah Region Farmers Association which cooperates with the Israeli military government.

A statement published in the Israeli Arab-language daily Al Anba today said the two men were under death sentence by the PLO "for collaborating with the enemy." It warned that violence between Arabs on the West Bank could bring a repetition of the tragedy of 1937 when hundred of Arabs in Palestine were murdered by rival factions.

The statement was published by the Hebron Region Farmers Association, a group headed by Mustapha Doudin, a former Jordanian government minister who has received death threats from local PLO supporters. Meanwhile, the Palestine News Agency in Beirut said yesterday that the PLO would execute all collaborators with the "Zionist enemy everywhere in the Holy Land."

Israeli security agencies are investigating the attack on the Al-Khatibs, but no suspects have been detained.

BRITISH, GERMAN OFFICIALS DISAPPOINTED WITH FAILURE OF EEC TO AGREE TO TEXT ON SINAI FORCE

By David Kantor

BONN, Nov. 18 (JTA) -- British and German officials have expressed deep disappointment over the failure so far of the 10 member states of the European Economic Community (EEC) to agree on the text of a declaration approving the participation by member states in the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO) which is to patrol Sinai after Israel completes its withdrawal next April. The U.S. will provide the bulk of the 2,500-man force.

The declaration requires unanimity. But Greece, the newest member of the EEC, remains opposed to the formula proposed by the other nine EEC partners which would refer to the Camp David agreements in one part and to other documents, such as the EEC's 1980 Venice declaration on the Mideast, in another. The new Greek government headed by Socialist Premier Andreas Papandreu supports the Venice declaration but is opposed to the Camp David accords. The Venice declaration calls for the association of the Palestine Liberation Organization in the peace process.

Israel has said it would disqualify any country from participation in the MFO that does so on the

basis of any formula other than Camp David. Britain, France, Italy and Holland have indicated a willingness to provide units for the Sinai force but official commitments depend on EEC approval.

British and German officials, meeting here in the course of the regular Anglo-German consultations, said a new round of consultations with Israel and the U.S. would be necessary if Greece does not drop its opposition. They said another attempt would be made to convince the Greeks to accept a formula containing references to Camp David. "If this does not produce the desired results, new ways will be explored," a British diplomat said.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher of Britain and Chancellor Helmut Schmidt of West Germany conferred on the matter today. Both leaders were said to strongly support European participation in the MFO although West Germany itself would not send troops to the region for historical and constitutional reasons. Schmidt praised British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington for his initiatives in various parts of the world, including the Middle East. Carrington supports Saudi Arabia's eight-point plan which Israel has categorically rejected.

LABOR MKs RAP GOVERNMENT FOR 'OVER-REACTION' TO WEST BANK INCIDENTS

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Nov. 18 (JTA) -- The Labor Alignment today sharply criticized the government for what it called "unjust over-reaction" to the wave of anti-Israel protests and sporadic incidents of violence on the West Bank in recent days. Victor Shemtov of Mapam, acting chairman of the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee, has summoned Defense Minister Ariel Sharon to appear before the committee to explain the new policy.

The Labor MKs are disturbed by the harsh punitive measures by the Israeli military, which include blowing up houses of families whose members are accused of participating in acts of violence. One house was demolished in Hebron Monday because a youthful member of the family tossed a Molotov cocktail at a passing bus. The gasoline bomb caused no injuries or damage.

Such measures were reserved for more serious incidents of violence in the past. Shemtov observed that "collective punishment will cause a further deterioration of the situation in the administrated areas. It will tarnish Israel's image and not improve its security."

Sharon told reporters last week that Israel's policy on the West Bank is to treat "gently" those Arabs who cooperate with Israel and to crack down harder than ever on those who do not. Labor MK Yossi Sarid, a party dove, denounced the military measures as "brutality." Michael Bar-Zohar, a member of Labor's hawkish wing, criticized them on grounds that they were ineffective.

Meanwhile, Charlie Biton, a Hadash (Communist) MK, created an uproar in the Knesset yesterday and was tossed out of the chamber after he compared Sharon to Hitler. Deputy Speaker Meir Cohen of Likud's Herut wing, demanded that Biton retract his remarks. Biton refused but agreed to sit down. Cohen ordered him removed and burly ushers escorted him out of the chamber.

STORMY MEETING BETWEEN BEGIN AND 3 YAMIT SETTLERS

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Nov. 18 (JTA) -- Premier Menachem

Begin had a stormy meeting in his office yesterday with three Yamit settlers who are demanding that Israel refuse to complete its withdrawal from Sinai next April as it is required to do under the terms of the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty.

Begin agreed to receive the protestors. One of them, Mischa Mishcon, has been on a liquid diet for 40 days to protest against the impending pull-out. He was carried into the Premier's office on a stretcher, accompanied by two sympathizers. One of the latter, Moshe Aharon, was ordered to leave the room after he angrily accused Begin of "betraying the people of Israel."

Begin reportedly told the three men that he would "not be lectured by you about love of Eretz Israel." He also made it clear that he would not permit government policy to be influenced by hunger strikers, whatever their political persuasion. Mishcon demanded that Begin submit the Sinai withdrawal to a national referendum.

Begin asked Mishcon to end his fast, but he refused. Following the meeting he was taken to a local hospital for an infusion of glucose.

EL AL'S FUTURE REMAINS CLOUDY

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Nov. 18 (JTA) -- The end of the El Al strike, followed by the resignations of chairman Avraham Shavit and his six-man board yesterday, appear to have added a new dimension to the airline's troubles and clouded its future.

While the workers claimed today that their 12-day walkout -- not sanctioned by Histadrut -- achieved its purpose by forcing out the government-appointed management in which they no longer had confidence, others believe the departure of Shavit is a setback to the process of solving the air carrier's serious financial difficulties.

Shavit, an industrialist who heads the Israel Manufacturers Association, is credited with having done much during his two years as El Al's chairman to reduce its debts and set it on the road to financial solvency. Observers fear his departure may have halted and possibly reversed the recovery program he instituted.

'The End Of Feudalism'

But a spokesman for the El Al workers committees said Shavit's resignation marked "the end of feudalism" in the company. Transport Minister Haim Corfu, on the other hand, was reported to be urging Premier Menachem Begin to appeal to Shavit to withdraw his resignation. Shavit has insisted so far that he would not. Arnold Sherman, an El Al spokesman and one of the board members who resigned, said the question was "who is running the airline -- management or workers committees?"

Normal service has yet to be restored and some members of management expressed concern today that the strike and apparent anarchy within the company would frighten off many would-be passengers. The strike ended when workers agreed to proposals by Deputy Premier David Levy, the nature of which are still unclear.

Labor circles charged that Levy's intervention in the dispute without consultations with management undermined the role of Histadrut as a bargaining agent and disrupted the normal system of labor-management relations. Some observers said that was Levy's intention. As Likud's senior representative in Histadrut, he has long sought to reduce the power of the Labor Party-dominated trade union federation, they said.

FAHD'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON DEPENDS ON A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT DATE

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18 (JTA) -- Crown Prince

Fahd of Saudi Arabia, who had been expected to visit Washington next month, may not come here until next year. This became apparent today when State Department deputy spokesman Alan Romberg said the U.S. and the Saudis were "working on a mutually convenient date" for Fahd's visit. It could take place "after the first of the year," he said.

Soon after the Senate approved the sale of five AWACS surveillance aircraft and enhancement equipment for F-15 jets to Saudi Arabia, a Saudi newspaper announced that Fahd would visit Washington Dec. 1. But Romberg stressed today that the report was "erroneous" since a mutually agreeable date has not been set.

A State Department source said later that neither the U.S. nor the Saudis were holding up the visit but that they only have not been able to agree on a date that was convenient both to the Reagan Administration and Saudi Arabia.

REPORT MILITANT KKK ACTIVISTS ARE PLANNING MORE DRASTIC ACTIONS

NEW YORK, Nov. 18 (JTA) -- A significant number of militant Ku Klux Klan activists have broken away from the main bodies and, joined by known Nazis, are planning more drastic action than the standard Klan cross burnings and rallies. That is one of the findings of a six-month long investigation by the American Jewish Committee into current Klan activities. Also reported were:

- * Dissatisfaction with "moderate" Klan leadership, leading, in one instance, to a suspected attempt to bomb The Temple, Nashville's largest Reform Congregation, as well as to a plot to bomb a transmission tower belonging to a TV station supposedly Jewish-owned. Several Nashville Jewish businessmen were threatened with violence.

- * Increasing joint ventures with Nazi groups, one of which led to a charge that six Klansmen and Nazis had murdered five Communist Party workers.

- * The emergence of women in Ku Klux Klan activities. Initially, their presence was detected when a 50-year-old woman was taken into custody in Nashville and another was discovered in a prominent role among Alabama terrorists.

- * Intensification of Klan efforts in West Germany.

Not An Isolated Phenomenon

The breaking off of militant activists from established Klan groups does not appear to be an isolated phenomenon, according to the AJ Committee Trends Analyses unit. In Catonsville, Maryland, Klansmen, unhappy with lack of militancy in the local Klan unit, formed their own group, the leadership of which was taken into custody and charged with intent to bomb the residence of the local NAACP official.

Reports from informed sources, the AJ Committee asserts, indicate that a similar situation is developing in Alabama, where Klansmen contemplate forming an independent group also committed to violence.

Recently, according to the AJ Committee, law enforcement officials in West Germany have expressed concern over the sharp increase in Invisible Empire Knights of Ku Klux Klan activity in Germany, where the Klan is attempting to recruit resident German neo-Nazis to their ranks in areas surrounding U.S. military bases.

UNITED SYNAGOGUE ACTS TO INVOLVE ITS MEMBERS IN THE ZIONIST MOVEMENT

KIAMESHA LAKE, N.Y., Nov. 18 (JTA) -- The United Synagogue of America, the association

of Conservative synagogues, acted today to involve its individual congregational synagogues in the United States in the Zionist movement through a United Synagogue-affiliated Zionist organization which would belong to the American Zionist Federation and the World Zionist Organization.

In a resolution entitled "Conservative Movement Impact on Israel," passed by the nearly 2,500 delegates attending the United Synagogue biennial convention, the United Synagogue empowered its new president, Marshall Wolke, to "develop and implement the means by which the force and influence of the Conservative movement in America can be effectively carried to the World Zionist Organization and to the people of Israel."

According to Simon Schwartz, immediate past president, the adoption of the resolution means the launching of a process whereby individual members of United Synagogue congregations -- unless they choose not to -- would be considered members of the WZO through its projected United Synagogue Zionist organization.

The delegates took note of the existence, within the movement, of Mercaz, the Movement for the Reaffirmation of Conservative Zionism, of which Rabbi Stanley Rabinowitz, past president of the Rabbinical Assembly, the association of Conservative rabbis, is current president.

Historic Nature Of The Resolution

United Synagogue leaders said the resolution was historic because, in 1959, a move to make the United Synagogue part of the WZO was rejected at that year's United Synagogue convention. In 1979, a resolution which would have had the United Synagogue endorse Mercaz as the Conservative movement's Zionist Organization also failed to pass.

Rabinowitz told the delegates he endorsed the resolution and voiced the hope of unity in the Conservative movement's approach to Zionism. United Synagogue leaders and Mercaz officials said they expected to meet soon to discuss such unity.

Schwartz said that because of the resolution "the Conservative movement would have greater impact on the developing policies of the Zionist world and the relationship of Israel with the Diaspora." He noted that it would "broaden the opportunities to present our religious point of view to the people of Israel."

Schwartz added: "I do not see this in any way conflicting or competing with any American Zionist organization. It will add to the strength of the entire Zionist movement."

EIGHT AND FINAL VOLUME OF BIBLICAL ENCYCLOPEDIA TO BE PUBLISHED SOON

JERUSALEM, Nov. 18 (JTA) -- The eighth and final volumes of the Biblical Encyclopedia will be published shortly by the World Zionist Organization-Bialik Institute, ending a 40-year project begun by late Prof. A.L. Sukenik, father of the international prominent archaeologist, Yigael Yadin.

The event was announced at the weekly meeting of the WZO Executive by Avraham Shenkar, head of the WZO's development and services department. The final volume will be followed by an index and a supplementary volume. Yitzhak Taub, director general of the WZO-Bialik Institute said Biblical scholars in Israel and abroad consider the Encyclopedia to be the foremost scientific authority on the subject.

Leon Dulzin, chairman of the WZO Executive, suggested that the Institute now consider publishing an encyclopedia of Zionism on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the Zionist movement.

MANN: SOVIET JEWS BEING 'HELD HOSTAGE' PENDING IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S., USSR

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18 (JTA) -- Jews in the Soviet Union, whose situation can be called "drastic", are "being held hostage" pending an improvement of the "cool" relations between the U.S. and the USSR, Theodore Mann, chairman of the National Conference for Soviet Jewry (NCSJ) said yesterday.

Mann, at a luncheon with reporters at the NCSJ office here, said he expected the condition of Soviet Jews, which was described as in an "emergency" situation, would get worse in the next few months before it, hopefully, improved in 1982. He said an improvement is expected to come about as a result of the renewal of U.S.-Soviet trade relations.

Mann stressed that American foreign policy cannot be based on its effect on Soviet Jewry. But he said President Reagan has assured him that the situation of Soviet Jews will be discussed when the U.S. and the Soviet Union begin trade talks, probably next year.

At the same time, Jerry Goodman, the NCSJ's executive director, stressed that the fate of Soviet Jewry should not have to be tied to U.S.-Soviet relations, noting that it has not always been so.

Mann said there has been a "desensitivation" on the plight of Soviet Jewry in the government, the media and the public. He said this happened even though the situation has changed drastically for the worse in the last few months. He noted that earlier, the problem concerned mainly a few people who were being persecuted for trying to emigrate while now it includes all of Soviet Jewry.

Cites Apparent End Of Emigration

Goodman noted that there has been almost a 90 percent decrease in emigration since 1979 when 51,320 Jews left the Soviet Union. In 1980, the figure was 21,471. Last month, only 368 Jews left the USSR. Goodman called this an "apparent end of emigration, at least for the time being."

He said that there can no longer even be talk of family reunifications since the Soviets have instituted a policy where only first degree relatives in Israel could send affidavits needed for Soviet Jews to emigrate. First degree relatives are now defined as parents, brothers or sisters. Children and grandparents are ruled out, he said. He said that since the major decline in emigration visa approvals, many Jews who would like to emigrate are now afraid even to apply for visas.

At the same time, Goodman said there is an assault on Jewish identification in the Soviet Union with the home study groups being broken up, participants jailed and all Judaic books are being confiscated. He said that Soviet Jews who study Jewish culture usually decide to emigrate because they realize there is no future for Jewish life in the Soviet Union.

"We don't know for a fact whether this evidences a Soviet decision to break the back of the Soviet Jewry movement, just as five, six years ago it did indeed break the back ...", Mann said, "or whether they are simply reacting to American foreign policy and the deplorable state of relations between the U.S. and the USSR at this moment and have made Jews hostages to their goal."

Mann was quick to point out that he was not criticizing President Reagan personally, noting that the President has assured him of his support for Soviet Jewry. Goodman said that Secretary of State Alexander Haig told him he took up the issue of Soviet Jews during his first meeting with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

Goodman also said he saw a hopeful sign in the appointment of Elliott Abrams as Assistant Secretary of State for Human Rights and the renewed commitment by the Administration in support of human rights. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee yesterday voted 10-0 to recommend that the Senate approve the nomination of Abrams.

Goodman also noted that Max Kampelman is continuing as U.S. co-chairman at the Madrid Conference on the Helsinki accords and was saying the same things he said when he served in that capacity under President Carter.

Mann ruled out support by American Jewry to Soviet Jews who come to the U.S. instead of going to Israel as having any effect on the Soviet decision to cut emigration.

HERSCHEL ALT DEAD AT 84

NEW YORK, Nov. 18 (JTA) -- Herschel Alt, a prominent expert on child mental health and welfare, who served for more than three decades as director of the Jewish Board of Guardians, died here Monday at the age of 84.

Born in the Ukraine, Alt came to the United States in 1923 from Toronto, Canada, where he was associated with the Toronto Federation of Jewish Philanthropies from 1917. A graduate of the University of Toronto, Alt worked in child mental health in Los Angeles and St. Louis until the early 1940's, when he joined the Jewish Board of Guardians in New York, now the Jewish Board of Family and Children's services.

Until his retirement in 1965 Alt also served as an adviser on child welfare to the Israeli government and to the World Health Organization of the United Nations.

Alt was also the author of several books, among them "Forging Tools for Mental Health," and "Residential Treatment for Disturbed Children." He also wrote with his late wife Edith Seltzer Alt "Russia's Children," a study of the Soviet Union's child welfare system.

MOVE TO AID VICTIMS OF TERRORISM

BRUSSELS, Nov. 18 (JTA)-- A Belgian Jewish Senator, Jacques Mutkiewitz, announced that he will submit a measure in Parliament which he hopes will be adopted into law enabling victims of terrorist attacks to be compensated by the state similar to compensations now paid to people who suffer from natural calamities and catastrophies. These individuals are compensated for loss of life, limb and property.

Mutkiewitz, who also heads the Antwerp diamond exchange, decided to submit the legislation following two recent terrorist attacks against Jewish community installations. In the most recent attack, two people were killed and more than 100 injured when a bomb exploded in Antwerp outside a small Sephardic synagogue Oct. 20 shortly before Shemini Atzeret services were to begin.

Meanwhile, the ministerial group in charge of school construction projects in the Antwerp area is examining a suggestion to provide adequate funds for equipping Jewish schools with surveillance material needed for their security.