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CABINET VOTES 5-4 FOR \$250 MILLION COMPENSATION PACKAGE FOR THE SETTLERS IN NORTHERN SINAI

By David Landau and Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Jan. 7 (JTA) -- The Cabinet voted 5-4 this morning to approve a 4.4 billion shekels (\$250 million) compensation package for the settlers in northern Sinai. Premier Menachem Begin cast the deciding vote on the issue. Two ministers abstained.

The settlement was hammered out by Deputy Premier and Agriculture Minister Simcha Ehrlich with the settlers of Yamit and Rafah who must relocate when Israel completes its withdrawal from Sinai next April. It was bitterly opposed by Finance Minister Yoram Aridor who reportedly warned after the Cabinet decision that he would demand further cuts in the national budget to pay the added compensation.

The sum endorsed today is 20 percent higher than the ceiling previously set by the Cabinet. Another opponent of the deal, Deputy Premier and Housing Minister David Levy said it "violated all criteria." But Ehrlich, who was backed by Defense Minister Ariel Sharon as well as by Begin, reportedly told his colleagues that the high price was worth paying to ensure a peaceful withdrawal from Sinai.

Northern Sinai was the scene of disorderly protests by the settlers in recent weeks. Houses have been set afire, access roads were blocked and trenches were dug to signal the government that the householders, businessmen and farmers would resist evacuation unless their compensation demands were satisfied.

Begin Wants To Avoid Bloodshed

Begin was said to want to avoid bloodshed at all costs. But he still must deal with ideologically motivated squatters, chiefly Gush Emunim militants from other occupied territories, who have been occupying abandoned houses in northern Sinai with the stated purpose of blocking the withdrawal. So far, the government has made no attempt to prevent their infiltration of the region.

The Cabinet met in Begin's home where the Premier is recovering from a painful hip injury. Aridor argued vigorously that the State could not afford the sum negotiated by Ehrlich. He noted that an industrial worker would have to labor 70 years to save what individual Sinai settlers will now receive. Levy accused the government of surrendering to violence, thereby signaling every other special interest group that violence pays.

Begin defended the large sum on grounds that the economy has improved and Israel's exports are growing. He maintained that "one more good export deal" would pay for the compensation to the settlers. He shared Ehrlich's view that Israel had to pay the price for a peaceful evacuation of Sinai.

But Levy contended that bloodshed was unavoidable even if compensation is paid because force will be needed to remove the squatters who are not seeking compensation but the permanent retention of eastern Sinai by Israel.

REPORT 19 KILLED, 223 WOUNDED IN WEST GERMANY BY NEO-NAZI TERRORISM SINCE SEPTEMBER 1978

By David Kantor

BONN, Jan. 7 (JTA) -- Justice Minister Juergen Schmude disclosed yesterday that 19 persons have been killed and 223 wounded in West Germany as a result of neo-Nazi terrorism since September 1, 1978. He said that in the same period, 631 neo-Nazis were sentenced to prison terms for a wide variety of offenses ranging from murder to the vandalism of Jewish cemeteries and daubing swastikas.

Schmude, who is pressing hard for tightening the laws against neo-Nazi and extreme rightwing activities, said the country's law enforcement agencies can cope with the problem. The Bundestag's Justice Committee is presently studying proposals prepared by the Justice Ministry to close loopholes in existing anti-Nazi laws.

The draft bill is supported by the ruling Social Democratic Party (SPD) but some elements of its junior coalition partner, the Free Democrats and the opposition Christian Democratic Union (CDU), have expressed reservations.

Schmude said most offenses by rightwing extremists were categorized as "criminal agitation" which includes the circulation of Nazi propaganda material banned by law, the public display of Nazi symbols and incitement against Jews and other minorities.

He reported that in addition to the 631 neo-Nazis sentenced, 97 others are awaiting verdicts and the State Prosecutor has prepared indictments against 92 persons. Investigations are underway against 133 suspects. There are 60 rightwing extremists presently in jail, 40 of them in remand custody and 16 are subject to police searches under arrest warrants.

POLAND'S PREMIER, RESPONDING TO PUBLIC CRITICISM, ACTING TO END ANTI-SEMITISM BY HIS MILITARY REGIME

By Ben Gallo

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 7 (JTA) -- A leading Jewish official told a news conference here that Premier Wojciech Jaruzelski of Poland, responding to "a flood of public criticism" is acting to end "the resort to anti-Semitism" by his military regime which imposed martial law in Poland three weeks ago.

Robbi Marc Tanenbaum, director of interreligious affairs of the American Jewish Committee, disclosed this development at a news conference yesterday afternoon at which he and John Cardinal Krol, Archbishop of Philadelphia, denounced the Warsaw regime for attempts to foment anti-Semitism among the people of Poland in its efforts to suppress Solidarity, the country's independent labor movement.

The Cardinal said such attempts "deserve the highest condemnation -- it cannot be condoned." Tanenbaum said the remnant of Polish Jews were being "scapegoated and held responsible for everything that has gone wrong in Poland."

"The most recent report we have now is that Gen. Jaruzelski has begun to take seriously the flood of public criticism of this crude Nazi-like exploitation and has begun these past 24 hours to call upon leaders in the government to try to put an end to the resort to anti-Semitism."

It was announced at the news conference that the Cardinal's statement at the conference was being broadcast to Poland by the Voice of America.

Continuing Contributions From AJCommittee

The news conference was called to announce the first of what an AJCommittee official said would be continuing contributions from the Committee to Roman Catholic relief funds for Poland. The official, Robert Fox, chairman of the Philadelphia AJCommittee, gave Krol two checks—one for \$500 from the local chapter and one for \$1,000 from the national AJCommittee.

Tanenbaum reported that the AJCommittee had learned that leaflets are being posted on walls and handed out on the street in Polish cities charging that Jews were monopolizing the distribution of food, manipulating Solidarity, and that they controlled 80 percent of Polish industry.

He added that the 6,000 remaining Jews in Poland were mainly old "and hardly have strength enough to keep body and soul together." He said many Poles apparently were directly combatting the posting of the anti-Semitic leaflets, tearing them down as fast as they were posted.

Polish Americans Oppose Anti-Semitism

Michael Blichasz, president of the Eastern Pennsylvania district of the Polish American Congress, declared at the press conference that the Congress "stands behind the American Jewish Committee in opposing anti-Semitism."

He said the AJCommittee would join in a Solidarity rally next Sunday, sponsored by the Polish American Congress, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestachowa in nearby Doylestown. A mass for Solidarity will be held at the shrine at which local AJCommittee members will be present as observers.

Blichasz also said a march for peace and justice in Poland will be held January 17, in which the AJCommittee will participate, which will start at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul and proceed to Independence Hall.

Series Of Joint Actions Cited

The news conference here was one of a number of events in which local AJCommittee chapters have joined with American Polish groups, a spokesperson at the Committee's national headquarters reported today in New York.

The spokesperson told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that a check was presented by the Detroit chapter to the Orchard Lake (Michigan) Center for Polish Studies and Culture at a special AJCommittee chapter meeting addressed by officials of the Orchard Lake Center. The amount of the check was not specified.

The Chicago office of the AJCommittee's Institute on Pluralism and Group Identity spearheaded a 50-member multi-ethnic coalition that formally protested the Polish military government's "repressive edicts and actions." The Chicago AJCommittee chapter took part with Chicago Polish leaders in a joint City Hall Chanukah candle lighting ceremony dedicated to Polish freedom, the spokesperson reported.

In New York, the American Polish Congress presented to the AJCommittee a statement vigorously condemning the use of anti-Semitism by the Polish military government. A representative of the AJCommittee's Pittsburgh chapter was a key speaker at a mass rally in Pittsburgh to protest the imposition of martial law in Poland.

In Miami and Long Island, N.Y., Committee chapters sent expressions of support to the local chapters of the American Polish Congress.

The spokesperson said the AJCommittee has been in contact with the Polish American community through the Institute on Pluralism since 1968 when it was founded. In 1979, the spokesperson said, this contact was intensified by the Committee's creation of a Polish Jewish Task Force which has continued an ongoing dialogue with the American Polish community.

UN DEBATE ON THE GOLAN ISSUE

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, Jan. 7 (JTA) — The Security Council, which resumed its debate last night over Israel's annexation of the Golan Heights, was told by Ambassador Yehuda Blum of Israel that it is "preposterous that a state like Syria should be permitted to unleash repeated acts of aggression with the aim of conquering and even destroying a neighboring country (Israel) and then, having been repulsed, should be permitted to come before this Council to invoke international law in a selective and distorted manner."

Ambassador Dia-Allah el-Fattal of Syria, who opened the debate, called on the Council to impose sanctions against Israel, including cutting off economic and military aid. In a sharply worded speech, punctuated with emotional outbursts, the Syrian envoy accused Israel of "deceitful arguments" and "lies" to justify its annexation of the Golan. "We demand sanctions, and only sanctions are the sole avenue left" to deal with Israel's move on the Golan, el-Fattal said, his voice quivering with anger.

U.S. Veto Seen

The meeting last night was a follow up of a Security Council resolution adopted December 17 demanding that Israel rescind its decision to apply its law, jurisdiction and administration to the Golan Heights, a measure which was adopted by the Knesset December 14. The Council's resolution stipulated that if Israel did not comply by January 5 the Council would reconvene to consider taking "appropriate measures" against Israel. Israel ignored the Council's request.

The Syrian insistence on mandatory sanctions against Israel is certain to prompt a veto by the United States, diplomats here said, adding that France and Britain might also vote against an extreme Syrian resolution. The Council is not expected to vote on the issue until next week. The debate continued this afternoon.

Blum, in his address to the Council Wednesday night, said that in applying Israeli law to the Golan, his country acted against repeated Syrian aggression toward Israel. The Israeli move on the Golan "seeks, in the absence of peace or even of negotiations aimed at reaching peace, to normalize the situation in the area in question," Blum declared.

"The Israeli law on the Golan Heights does not in the slightest diminish the rights of the local population including, of course, their property rights and their right to education and religious worship according to their traditions. All these are fully safeguarded," the Israeli envoy said.

Blum concluded by reiterating Israel's willingness, "now as always to negotiate unconditionally with Syria, as with its other neighbors, for a lasting peace in accordance with Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338."

POPE URGES ISRAEL TO WORK HARDER FOR JUST, STABLE MIDEAST PEACE

ROME, Jan. 7 (JTA) — Pope John Paul II called on Israel today to work harder for "a just and stable

peace" in the Middle East, to adhere "to international conventions" and stressed the need for "full respect" of the rights of the Palestinians in the territories occupied by Israel.

Those points were made in a Vatican communique issued following a 35-minute meeting today between the Pope and Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, the first high level contact of its kind since 1978.

The communique stated: "His Holiness underlined the urgent need to intensify efforts to reach a just and stable peace for all people of the region who have suffered and are still suffering so much because of the decades-old conflict. He underlined the necessity that all interested parties take part in the negotiating process, while in the meantime adhering to international conventions, so as to favor dialogue and discussion."

The communique said the Pontiff also suggested that it will be "a useful contribution if the Palestinians of Cis-Jordan and Gaza could enjoy a peaceful existence in full respect for all their rights." The term Cis Jordan was used at the time of the Palestine Mandate to distinguish western Palestine from Trans-Jordan, now the kingdom of Jordan, and in the context of the communique apparently was a reference to the West Bank.

Shamir Describes Israel's Concessions

The communique said the Israeli Foreign Minister described to the Pope "efforts and concessions" by Israel to achieve its peace treaty with Egypt. "The Minister expressed his profound preoccupation about the massive flow of weapons into the region and also recalled the grave problem of terrorism," the communique said. Shamir was also reported to have explained Israel's motivations for annexing the Golan Heights, a move sharply criticized last month by the Vatican newspaper L'Osservatore Romano and the Vatican radio.

According to the communique, the Pope reaffirmed the Vatican's position on Jerusalem which does not recognize Israeli sovereignty over that city. Shamir "illustrated the commitment of the Israeli government for the safeguarding and free access to the holy places for all faithful," the communique said.

The Vatican has never extended diplomatic recognition to Israel. The last Israeli Foreign Minister to meet with the Pope was the late Moshe Dayan who had an audience with the late Pope Paul VI four years ago.

HAIG GOING TO MIDEAST NEXT WEEK TO MAKE A 'PERSONAL ASSESSMENT' OF THE STATUS OF AUTONOMY NEGOTIATIONS

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (JTA) -- Secretary of State Alexander Haig is going to Egypt and Israel next week to make a "personal assessment" of the status of the negotiations for autonomy for the Palestinians of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, the State Department said today.

Haig might then offer proposals to move the talks along, Department officials said. This might also include the naming of a special envoy for the negotiations, although State Department spokesman Dean Fischer said today that no decision has yet been made.

Fischer announced that Haig will be spending one more day than previously announced in the Middle East. Officially, this is to give him

time for consultations with his staff, although apparently it is to allow him to spend more time in Egypt than originally planned. The Secretary will go to Cairo January 12 from Brussels where he will attend a NATO ministerial conference.

Will Meet With Begin, Mubarak

He will go to Israel from Egypt and leave for Washington January 15. He is scheduled to meet in Cairo with President Hosni Mubarak and in Jerusalem with Premier Menachem Begin. Originally, Haig was to have returned to Washington January 14.

The clue to whether a special envoy will be named may be revealed when it is announced who the Secretary plans to take with him on his Middle East trip. The names of those who will accompany him were not available today.

Fischer said Haig met this week with the U.S. Ambassador to Egypt, Alfred Atherton, and the U.S. Ambassador to Israel, Samuel Lewis, who were recalled to Washington to brief him on preparation for his visit to the Middle East. Both envoys reportedly returned to their posts today. Fischer also said that a meeting of the autonomy negotiators, on the working level, scheduled for Cairo this Sunday, was postponed at the request of the U.S. The reason given is that several members of the American team will be accompanying Haig.

When Fischer was asked why Haig is not going to Saudi Arabia in view of the postponement of Crown Prince Fahd's scheduled January 19 visit to Washington, he replied that Haig's trip to the Middle East next week is being narrowly focussed on the issue of autonomy.

MAN BEING SOUGHT FOR ALLEGEDLY LABELING NON-KOSHER MEAT AS KOSHER

NEW YORK, Jan. 7 (JTA) -- A Brooklyn man is being sought on a warrant charging that though he was not qualified to be a ritual slaughterer, he served in that capacity for a major meat distributor and allegedly labeled meat as kosher when it was not, two New York State officials announced today.

Attorney General Robert Abrams and J. Roger Barber, Commissioner of Agriculture, announced the warrant against Abraham Novitzky, 48, who was employed last summer as a schochet at the Great American Veal Company in Newark, N.J.

Rabbi Schulem Rubin, director of the Kosher Law Enforcement division of the State Department of Agriculture and Markets (DAM), said the "implications" of Novitzky's work as a schochet "represent the most blatant perpetration of fraud against kosher consumers in modern history."

Abrams and Barber said both Novitzky and the veal company were charged with misdemeanor violations of the state DAM law for allegedly misbranding a food product. They said Novitzky faces penalties of up to six months in prison and a \$200 fine for each violation. The company could be fined up to \$5,000.

Abrams said his office commenced an investigation after being informed by Rubin that large amounts of non-kosher veal, labeled as kosher, had been shipped by the veal distributor to a kosher butcher shop in Brooklyn. Two shipments of the allegedly bogus kosher veal were seized by DAM inspectors on September 4.

Barber said his department also was pursuing civil administrative proceedings, in cooperation with Abrams' office, against the defendants. He said civil penalties could be as much as \$73,000. Rubin said Novitzky had been employed as a slaughterer for at least two months before the September 4 seizure by the inspectors.

ISRAEL BOND ORGANIZATION PRODUCED \$432,958,900 IN CASH IN 1981

NEW YORK, Jan. 7 (JTA) -- The Israel Bond Organization produced a total of \$432,958,900 in cash in 1981 for Israel's economic development, marking the seventh consecutive year in which its cash receipts have shown an increase over the previous year, it was announced by Sam Rothberg, general chairman.

The \$432,958,900 in cash received by the end of December 31, was the largest annual amount in the 30-year history of the Bond Organization with the exception of the year of the Yom Kippur War (1973), he said. Last year's receipts brought to more than \$5.5 billion the funds channeled by Israel Bonds into Israel's Development Budget since 1951. Of this total more than \$2.7 billion has been repaid by the State of Israel. In 1980 the Israel Bond Organization's sales amounted to \$421,961,000.

Rothberg pointed out that the record results of 1981 were achieved "despite the unusually high interest rates and the unfavorable economic conditions which prevailed in the United States and other free world countries where Bonds are sold."

A New Responsibility

A new responsibility assumed by the Israel Bond Organization in 1981 was the inauguration of a special effort to provide the seed money for the construction of a Canal linking the Mediterranean and the Dead Sea for the purpose of producing hydroelectric power, which would help solve Israel's energy problems and reduce its dependence on imported oil.

"In addition to wide Jewish community support," Rothberg reported, "the 1981 sales reflected a continuing increase in participation by the general community including key elements in business and labor as a demonstration of confidence in Israel's economic future." He expressed appreciation "to the many Jewish community leaders whose devoted efforts were chiefly responsible for the encouraging results of 1981."

Rothberg declared that in 1982 Israel Bonds will play a vital role in helping finance the infrastructure for an expanded program of growth in the Negev which will be Israel's only remaining large area for development after the evacuation of the Sinai is completed in April.

"Proceeds from Israel Bonds will be needed to establish new industries, expand existing urban centers and build new towns in the next few years. Creation of a network of transportation and communication will be required to link new areas of settlement and industrial growth with the rest of the country," Rothberg said.

LABOR ZIONIST SEES WEST BANK ISSUE, PALESTINIAN PROBLEM AS DOMINATING ISRAELI POLITICS IN THE YEAR AHEAD

NEW YORK, Jan. 7 (JTA) -- Yehiel Leket, Secretary General of the World Labor Zionist Movement, said here today that in 1982 "politics in Israel will be dominated by the future of the West Bank and the solution of the Palestinian problem, both of which will come to a head with the planned Israeli withdrawal from Sinai in April."

Leket, who is a member of Israel's Labor Party Executive and a former member of Knesset, said he did not believe there would be national elections this year, nor would a national coalition be formed. He noted, however, that "there is

a strong feeling in the Labor Party to come up with new initiatives regarding the West Bank. Labor's alternative to Likud contains more justice and a stronger basis of negotiation regarding the West Bank."

Leket, who is here for the 25th national convention of the Labor Zionist Alliance, which begins tonight and concludes Sunday, added:

"It is in Israel's interests not to control heavily Arab populated territory and to propose territorial compromise as a basis of negotiations with the Arabs. Israel should be a state with a large Jewish majority and that is impossible if that state includes one and a quarter million West Bank Arabs, residing, living and working within a Jewish state."

Leket, who is 40 years old, and is considered one of the "Younger Generation" leaders of the Labor Party, asserted that the "Labor Party will honor all international agreements, but our interpretation of autonomy is different than Likud which seeks to control all the Arab territories."

MODAI CALLS FOR OFFICIAL INQUIRY

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Jan. 7 (JTA) -- Former Energy Minister Yitzhak Modai demanded an official commission of inquiry to investigate what he said were false and malicious allegations that he had taken kick-backs on oil deals negotiated by the government during his tenure. Modai, a Minister-Without-Portfolio in the present Likud government, appeared on television last night to denounce Labor MK Yehuda Hashai for raising the matter in the form of a parliamentary question.

Hashai's disclosure that the police were investigating charges against Modai became a lead item on television news this week. Modai characterized the broadcast as "blood libel" and said it caused deep suffering to members of his family. He charged that the newscast had failed to stress that the police have found no incriminating evidence against him.

Modai also assailed his Cabinet colleague, Yitzhak Berman, who succeeded him as Energy Minister, for announcing yesterday that a special committee has been named to investigate the whole gamut of oil purchases.

Modai said Berman's timing was deplorable and called his protest that the investigation was not linked to allegations against Modai unconvincing. Earlier yesterday Modai hurled the epithets "scoundrel," "liar" and "low life" at Berman in the Knesset lobby in the presence of other MKs and media reporters.

NEW MOVES ON THE GOLAN

TEL AVIV, Jan. 7 (JTA) -- The government and Golan Heights settlers are following up passage of the Golan Heights law extending Israeli law to the former Syrian area by drawing up plans to bring another 20,000 Jewish residents to the region, it was announced at a press conference yesterday by Shimon Shaves, chairman of the Golan settlers committee.

The newcomers are to be added to existing villages during the next four years, as well as in half a dozen new villages and urban centers to be established there. The Defense Ministry is planning to set up new defense industries on the Golan, while the Tourism Ministry is to develop tourism centers, with the Housing Ministry building new apartments to house the newcomers.