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LINOWITZ SAYS AUTONOMY ACCORD BETWEEN EGYPT, ISRAEL IS 'ACHIEVABLE'

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 (JTA) -- Sol Linowitz, who was President Carter's special envoy to the Middle East, stressed today that an autonomy agreement between Israel and Egypt is "achievable" because, he asserted, there are "no unsolvable problems."

Linowitz, who returned 10 days ago from a "private" visit to Egypt and Israel, said that both Premier Menachem Begin and President Hosni Mubarak are determined to seek an autonomy agreement because they believe there is no alternative to the Camp David process.

Answering questions from reporters at a breakfast press conference sponsored by Foreign Policy magazine, Linowitz said the Israelis "recognize" that if the Camp David process is allowed to fade and die, any other plan, such as the proposals by Crown Prince Fahd of Saudi Arabia or the initiative by the European Economic Community (EEC) countries, will not be as favorable to Israel.

Says Mubarak Wants Peace Process To Continue

As for Mubarak, who arrives here this afternoon for talks beginning tomorrow with the Reagan Administration, he wants to prove to the Arab world that Egypt does not just want the return of Sinai but is seeking autonomy for the Palestinians of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, Linowitz said.

He said that when he met with Mubarak in Cairo last month, the Egyptian President assured him that he wants to continue with the peace process. He said Mubarak stressed that Israel did not sign the Fahd plan or the European initiative but only the Camp David accords.

Linowitz said the April 25 date when Israel is scheduled to complete its withdrawal from Sinai "is a good date to shoot at" for an autonomy agreement but "not directly relevant to the autonomy negotiations." He said there is no deadline for such agreement.

At the same time, Linowitz maintained that if Israel and Egypt and the U.S. worked out an agreement, the Palestinians of the West Bank and Gaza Strip would join in. He said in that case they would inform the Palestine Liberation Organization that they planned to participate in the autonomy, just as they did when they wanted to participate in the West Bank mayoral elections despite PLO opposition.

Critical Of Reagan Administration

Linowitz, who said he speaks to Secretary of State Alexander Haig "from time to time," was mildly critical of the Reagan Administration for not giving major attention to the autonomy negotiations until Haig's two trips to Israel and Egypt last month. He said he had advised the Administration in January, 1981, to name a replacement for him immediately, something the Administration was reluctant to do. He said the alternative would have been for Haig to involve himself directly in the negotiations, similar to former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's shuttle diplomacy.

Linowitz reserved judgment on Haig's decision to appoint a special representative, Richard Fairbanks, who until recently was Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations and has no experience in the Middle East and would report directly to Haig. But Linowitz warned that now that the Administration has given the autonomy talks "high priority", it "cannot now relegate it to an unimportant position."

Meanwhile, Haig told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee today that Reagan has approved naming Fairbanks to work full time to help Israel and Egypt move ahead on the autonomy issue.

Cites Five Issues Involved In Autonomy Talks

Linowitz said that, as was the case when he ended his tenure as special ambassador, 80 percent of the problems have been solved for an autonomy agreement. He said the same five issues he outlined in 1980 still remained to be solved.

The first three issues are the need to protect Israel's security in the autonomous areas, water rights and the question of public lands, including Jewish settlements on the West Bank. Linowitz said that the Israelis have adhered to the assurances given him that only four more settlements would be established on the West Bank. He said that while there has been a "thickening" of existing settlements, the population of those settlements has not increased as much as some people believe.

The fourth issue is the powers of the self-governing authority, with Israel insisting that it have only administrative powers while Egypt is asking for it to have legislative authority. Linowitz said a way to get around this was not to attach any adjective to the description of the authority. The fifth problem, which Linowitz called the most difficult, is over Egypt's demand that East Jerusalem Arabs be allowed to vote for the self-governing authority.

Israel rejects this because it fears the voting rights could challenge its sovereignty over Jerusalem. Linowitz has proposed that East Jerusalem Arabs vote in Bethlehem. Begin has rejected that proposal.

Linowitz had some advice for the Israeli Premier based on the inscription at the Museum of the Diaspora in Tel Aviv: "Remember the past, live in the present, trust the future." He said Begin fears the future because he sees change as endangering Israel's security. "If you are going to have peace, you have to have trust," Linowitz said. He said Israel should learn from the changes it has already experienced in its relations with Egypt that change is the only way to bring about peace.

PLO OFFICE IN BUDAPEST IS GRANTED DIPLOMATIC STATUS

PARIS, Feb. 2 (JTA) -- The Palestine Liberation Organization office in Budapest has been granted diplomatic status, according to the official Hungarian news agency, MTI. News reports from Budapest said that PLO chief Yasir Arafat, who is on an official visit to Hungary, today held talks with Prime Minister Gyorgy Lazar and Foreign Minister Frigyes Pula. Last October the Soviet Union announced it was giving official diplomatic status to the PLO office in Moscow.

FUROR OVER SWISS-ISRAELI CONNECTION

By Tamar Levy

GENEVA, Feb. 2 (JTA) -- The disclosure that more than two years ago Israeli military pilots were invited here to train Swiss pilots to fly Mirage jet fighters has touched off a furor. The Defense Ministry held a press conference to deny charges that Switzerland's traditional neutrality had been compromised and explained that the Israelis were called upon because of their long experience with the French-made aircraft.

According to the account published last week in the Zurich daily, Tagesanzeiger, the Israeli flight instructors flew joint training missions with Swiss pilots in 1979 and 1980.

The Defense Ministry approved the arrangement but failed to inform the Foreign Ministry or the foreign affairs committee of Parliament. The matter was raised in Parliament where Socialist deputies demanded an end of any military links with Israel on grounds that Israel was technically in a state of war.

Explanation By Swiss Officials

The Defense Ministry explained at its press conference that Swiss instructors wanted to learn from the Israelis' experience with Mirages and noted that Israel and Switzerland are similar topographically. Both countries are small with narrow air corridors. The Ministry stressed that Swiss pilots accompanied the Israelis on Mirage flights so there was no question of Israeli military flyers being allowed to roam Swiss air space alone.

The Defense Ministry emphasized that the quality of the Israeli instructors was the first consideration, and this applied to its recent decision to purchase anti-tank missiles and other weapons from Israel. Switzerland wants the best armaments possible and the nationality of the seller is not relevant, the Ministry said.

Thirty Arab Ambassadors met in Bern Sunday, at the urging of the Iraqi Ambassador, to consider lodging a protest with the Swiss government against military cooperation with Israel. It is not likely to have much success as it comes two years after the event.

HEALTH MINISTER APPROVES CONTROLLED USE OF ISRAELI-DEVELOPED ANTI-CANCER DRUG

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Feb. 2 (JTA) -- Health Minister Eliezer Shostak has announced that he is giving the green light to the medical profession for the controlled use of the Israeli-developed anti-cancer drug, DMBG, denied to Reuven Maayan, a terminal cancer patient, because of legal complications.

Maayan died Saturday, a day after the Supreme Court, to which he had appealed for permission to be given the drug, issued its decision upholding the ban on legal grounds.

Shostak said he was giving the go-ahead order at the express request of Premier Menachem Begin, who was reportedly deeply moved by dramatic and emotional radio and television interviews with Maayan only days before his death.

But the Weizmann Institute of Science, where the drug is being tested, said yesterday its researchers thought it was still too early to license the drug for human use, as a number of animal experiments still remained to be completed. But an Institute scientist said the drug appeared not to be dangerous. It has reportedly been administered to several cancer patients abroad.

VICTIMS OF NAZISM SEEK HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL FOR N.Y.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2 (JTA) -- City officials were reminded that "New York City today numbers among its citizens more survivors of the Holocaust than any other city in the world" but still lacks a proper memorial to the victims 40 years after those events.

The need for a New York City Holocaust Memorial Center that would also serve archival and research functions, was stressed by Richard Beriman, the New York State Housing Commissioner, and others who appeared at a hearing of the Mayor's Holocaust Memorial Task Force here yesterday. Beriman appeared in his capacity as chairman of the Jewish Community Relations Council's New York Holocaust Commission.

The Holocaust Memorial Task Force was established by Mayor Edward Koch last July to determine what kind of memorial should be created, where it should be located and what it would cost. The Task Force will create a special committee to see the project through.

Herbert Rickman, a special assistant to the Mayor, stressed that the memorial would not be paid for out of city funds. "The funding will come from the Jewish community, the community as a whole," he said, noting "the city's dire fiscal constraints." The hearing was presided over by George Klein, Task Force chairman.

Would Preserve The Memory Of The Six Million

Beriman said the proposed memorial would "preserve at one and the same time the memory of the six million martyrs, the record of their deaths and the legacy of the flourishing civilization that was so bestially destroyed."

He observed: "It is almost beyond comprehension that today, 40 years after those dark days of destruction, in this great city of ours, this cosmopolitan world capital, home to more Jews than any city in the diaspora and the very heart and center of American Jewish life, there is still no proper memorial to the martyrs of the Holocaust."

Beriman added, "We envision a Memorial Center that will draw on its documentary resources for a continuing series of exhibits that will have an educational and emotional impact on the public and especially on our school-age population, and would visually enhance the educational experience that the present New York City Holocaust curriculum provides."

FIRE GUTS JEWISH MEN'S CLUB

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 2 (JTA) -- A five-alarm fire gutted the Concordia-Argonaut Club, a Jewish men's social club here early Sunday morning, causing more than \$2 million in damages. No one was injured. According to the preliminary report filed by San Francisco Fire Department investigator George Alboff, the fire was started when an unattended hot plate ignited adjacent combustibles in the third-floor dining room. There is no suspicion of arson. The Argonaut Club dates from 1853. It merged with the Concordia Club in 1939. The club has 900 members. Marvin Nathan is president.

MUBARAK BEGINS OFFICIAL VISIT

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 (JTA) -- Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak will make his official farewell remarks tomorrow only about an hour-and-a-half after he is welcomed to the White House by President Reagan.

A senior Administration official briefing reporters on the Mubarak visit to Washington, which starts this afternoon, said the Egyptian leader would be officially welcomed to the White House by Reagan and the two

Presidents would then meet alone for one-half hour and then in a larger group for another hour. Mubarak and Reagan will again meet alone for about 10-15 minutes before the state dinner at the White House tomorrow night.

There will not be a second day meeting between the two Presidents as there was when Mubarak's predecessor, Anwar Sadat, Israeli Premier Menachem Begin, and King Hussein of Jordan visited Reagan at the White House last year. One senior official said this was a "new pattern" for state visits to have only one day of meetings at the White House. But another official said that this was an existing policy in which about half of Reagan's visitors had only met with him for one day.

The official briefing reporters said that the Mubarak visit would demonstrate "continuity" in Egyptian-American relations. He said that although this was Mubarak's first official visit to Reagan since assuming the Presidency of Egypt after Sadat's assassination last year, he had met Reagan when he had come here last spring as Egyptian Vice President.

MAN FACES TRIAL FOR IMPERSONATING A RITUAL SLAUGHTERER AND MISBRANDING AS KOSHER NON-KOSHER MEAT

By Ben Gallo

NEW YORK, Feb. 2 (JTA) — A spokesman for the New York State Attorney General's office reported today that Abraham Novitzky, 48, of Brooklyn, charged with impersonating a ritual slaughterer (shochet) and misbranding as kosher non-kosher meat, is free on \$5,000 bail after being arrested in Hoboken, N.J. He faces trial in a Brooklyn, N.Y. criminal court February 25. If convicted, he could be fined \$200 and sentenced to six months in jail.

Nathan Riley, the spokesman, said Novitzky was arrested in a Hoboken telephone booth on January 20 while talking to New York State Assistant Attorney General John Ryan about the charges.

Riley said that, on January 22, Novitzky pleaded guilty to charges of failure to pay bills against him of \$1,000. Novitzky ended the case by pleading guilty in a Flemington, N.J. court to a specific disorderly persons charge and paying the \$1,000.

At that time, Riley told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Novitzky surrendered to New York authorities and was returned to a Brooklyn criminal court to face charges of mislabeling as kosher veal that was not kosher. Criminal Court Judge Jerome Becker offered Novitzky 30 days in jail in return for a guilty plea. Novitzky refused and Becker put him on bail for \$5,000. He was released on bail to face trial February 25. Riley said it is not yet known which judge will hear the case.

Background Of The Case

The original warrant, issued at the request of Attorney General Robert Abrams and J. Roger Barber, New York State Commissioner of Agriculture, charged that though Novitzky was not qualified to be a shochet, he served in that capacity for the Great American Veal Company of Newark, N.J. last summer when he allegedly misbranded what the warrant called a substantial amount of veal.

Abrams said his office started an investigation after Rabbi Schulem Rubin, director of the Kosher Law Enforcement Division of the Department of Agriculture and Markets (DAM), informed him that substantial amounts of non-kosher veal, labeled as kosher, allegedly by Novitzky, had been shipped

by the veal company to a kosher butcher shop in Brooklyn.

Two shipments of the allegedly bogus kosher veal were seized by DAM inspectors last September 4. Riley said the single count on which Novitzky faces trial was based on that seizure.

Riley said the veal company was forced into bankruptcy last October by the charges and is still operating, though on a much reduced scale. He said the company no longer sells kosher meat of any kind. Riley said the company faces a single count charge of misbranding, with a possible fine of up to \$5,000, when its case will be heard simultaneously with that against Novitzky on February 25.

SUPER SUNDAY WAS INDEED SUPER

NEW YORK, Feb. 2 (JTA) — The United Jewish Appeal-Federation of Jewish Philanthropies Campaign reported today that a tabulation of preliminary results of last weekend's Super Sunday indicates that some 21,675 New Yorkers contributed \$2,063,532 in pledges to the 1982 UJA-Federation Campaign.

These contributions were the results of calls by an estimated 2,230 telephone volunteers working in shifts from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at six centers in New York City, Long Island, and Westchester.

The volunteers manned 560 telephones, attempting to reach 200,000 Jewish households in the metropolitan area. They were seeking contributions of \$500 and under from previous UJA-Federation contributors as well as persons who had never given to the campaign. The goal of Super Sunday was to raise \$2.8 million in a single day, to obtain monies early in the year that could be put to work immediately before they are eroded by continuing inflation.

Although Super Sunday's overall goal was not achieved, its chairmen, Daniel Andron and Linda Feinstein, explained that the results were nevertheless encouraging. The current economic recession, they said, had taken its toll on the ability of New Yorkers to contribute to the campaign. However, an analysis of the results show that the number of first-time gifts (those from new contributors) had risen sharply. More than \$228,000 was raised from new contributors this year, compared to \$38,000 during last year's Super Sunday. The Super Sunday New York effort was part of a nationwide Super Sunday telephone drive in more than 144 Jewish communities across the country.

EGGED HALTS BUS SERVICE IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Feb. 2 (JTA) — Attorney General Yitzhak Zamir has ordered an immediate investigation of the Egged bus cooperative management's strike against the government. The bus co-op, which has a virtual monopoly of service all over Israel, halted bus service in Jerusalem about 7 p.m. last night.

It acted to force the government to hand over funds for buses purchased a year ago which Egged says the government promised to pay for. The government responded by stopping all subsidies to Egged until it had a written pledge from the management not to halt service again. Egged spokesman Gideon Talmor warned the government to withdraw that ultimatum or face a suspension of bus service countrywide.

Transportation Minister Haim Corfu said if there was a bus strike, his ministry would operate the busses under an emergency public transportation plan. Meanwhile, the Attorney General intends to press legal charges against the Egged management and executives for violation of the terms of their franchise.

FIRST WOMAN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE GREATER NEW YORK UJA

NEW YORK, Feb. 2 (JTA) -- Elaine Winik has been elected president of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York, the first woman to hold the position since the philanthropic organization was founded in the grim days of Nazi persecution in 1938. She succeeds Stephen Shalom, who held the presidency for three years.

In her capacity as president, Mrs. Winik will supervise the distribution of tens of millions of dollars derived from the effort of the UJA-Federation, the UJA fundraising arm in New York, to agencies helping approximately two million people throughout the world, from new arrivals in Israel to the aged in rapidly disappearing Jewish communities of Eastern Europe.

Mrs. Winik, who has devoted much of her life to philanthropic service, becomes the second woman to take over a top leadership post in New York Jewish philanthropy. In July, 1980, Mrs. Laurence Tisch was named president of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, beneficiary of the UJA-Federation organization. The Federation is the largest local voluntary organization of its kind in the world and UJA of Greater New York occupies a position of equal stature in service to Jews on a world-wide scale.

The network of agencies supported by UJA includes The American Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS), New York Association for New Americans (NYANA), the JWB and ORT. Their involvement covers every conceivable human need.

Involved In Many Activities

Mrs. Winik, whose reputation is as one of the most active and effective workers in UJA's 43-year history, has held or continues to hold an array of volunteer posts. She is associate general chairman of the 1982 UJA-Federation campaign, a trustee of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, a member of the executive committee of the JDC and has served as both chairman and president of the National UJA women's division.

Mrs. Winik, whose parents were founders of the UJA after Kristallnacht in 1938, said she hopes to strengthen the organization's ties with other leading Jewish philanthropies, including the National UJA and the Council of Jewish Federations nationally and the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies locally. She plans an extensive effort to involve people who are on the periphery of Jewish communal life. "Once we bring them in," she said, "they will take part in what we are doing."

Mrs. Winik also is New York chairperson of the Campaign Development Committee, a special agency created by the Council of Jewish Federations and the National UJA to work with demographic data on New York area Jews to determine what the real capacity of fund-raising in New York and other communities might be.

Mrs. Winik, who has travelled to Israel 42 times since 1950, is an "honorary citizen" of the Israeli town of Dimona, the first to be so named. A high school there came about largely through her efforts.

CONGRESSMEN TO BREZHNEV; STOP CAMPAIGN AGAINST SOVIET JEWS

NEW YORK, Feb. 2 (JTA) -- A total of

109 key members of the House of Representatives have sent an urgent letter to Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev, protesting the "extraordinary acceleration" of the Kremlin's campaign against the Jewish cultural movement in the Soviet Union as well as the 90 percent slash in the rate of Jewish emigration in recent months, according to the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry (SSSJ).

The legislators said they were "greatly troubled by reports of a systematic campaign of harassment and intimidation directed against Jewish culturalists, with the apparent intention of destroying the Jewish culture movement," including "arrests, interrogations and imprisonments. Many Jewish study groups and seminars have been closed down." The signers also declared that they were "deeply disturbed by the steep decline of exit visas."

The letter was initiated by Rep. Stephen Solarz (D. N.Y.), chairman of the Asian and Pacific Affairs Committee, in cooperation with the Center for Russian and East European Jewry and the SSSJ, the SSSJ reported. Copies of the letter were sent to President Reagan and Secretary of State Alexander Haig, who were urged to persist in their intervention with Soviet authorities to cease their assault on Soviet Jews.

Several resolutions on these issues directed to both Brezhnev and Reagan are also being prepared in the Senate and House under the auspices of Sens. Claiborne Pell (D. R.I.) and Rudy Boschwitz (R. Minn.), and Rep. Patricia Schroeder (D. Colo.) and Christopher Smith (R. N.J.).

ONLY 290 JEWS LEFT USSR IN JANUARY

NEW YORK, Feb. 2 (JTA) -- The sharp downward trend in Jewish emigration, which fell to its lowest point in a decade in 1981, continued into the new year as only 290 Jews arrived in Vienna in January, it was reported here by the National Conference on Soviet Jewry. The monthly average of Vienna arrivals over the past six months hovers near 380, the Conference said, referring to emigration from the USSR.

SOL GRANEK DEAD AT 71

TORONTO, Feb. 2 (JTA) -- Sol Granek, a Canadian businessman who became executive director of the United Israel Appeal and resident Canadian representative to the Keren Hayesod in Jerusalem, died at the age of 71 while visiting Florida.

Born in Poland, Granek was brought by his family to Canada at the age of nine. The family settled in St. Catharines, Ontario. He became active in local and national Jewish communal life as an executive committee member of the Canadian Jewish Congress and president of the Ontario section of the Zionist Organization of Canada.

In 1961 Granek relinquished his business enterprises and became national executive director of the UJA in Canada and moved to Montreal. He later moved to Israel where he headed the Canadian office of Keren Hayesod where, among his other assignments, Granek helped Canadian immigrants to obtain loans. He recently retired.

In 1950 Granek visited the remaining Displaced Persons camps in Europe as well as Joint Distribution Committee installations. In 1956 he participated in study missions to Jewish communities in North Africa.

CORRECTION: An article about the Jews of France who advise President Francois Mitterrand incorrectly identified Leon Blum, Rene Mayer and Pierre Mendes-France as Presidents of France. They were Premiers.