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## TASK OF NEW ISRAELI ENVOY WILL BE TO FIND OUT WHETHER THE U.S. IS MOVING AWAY FROM ISRAEL

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (JTA) -- Moshe Arens, Israel's new Ambassador to the United States, arrived here yesterday faced with the task of finding out whether the United States is moving away from Israel and toward the "moderate" Arab states.

The 56-year-old Arens will officially present his credentials to President Reagan at the White House tomorrow. However, since these events are usually just ceremonial it is doubtful whether the new envoy will have a chance to get a full discussion on the problem with the President. This will come when he meets with Secretary of State Alexander Haig, probably later this week.

The former chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee makes his debut as a diplomat at a time when Israelis are confused as to what is U.S. policy toward the Middle East. The confusion has come from conflicting statements during the trips abroad by Haig and Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger from which both returned Saturday night.

A senior official traveling with Weinberger was quoted twice, the latest on Saturday, as saying the U.S. wanted to "redirect" its policy from Israel toward the moderate Arab states. The State Department last week and Haig yesterday denied there was any change in U.S. policy toward Israel.

Most specifically, Arens' first task will be to press Israel's strong objections to reports that Weinberger wants to sell Jordan F-16 fighters and mobile missiles. Congress would have to approve such a sale and it is expected to be as controversial as was the battle last year over the sale of AWACS reconnaissance planes and other military equipment to Saudi Arabia.

### Haig Spells Out U.S. Mideast Policy

In an appearance on ABC-TV's "This Week With David Brinkley" yesterday, Haig said, "Our policy toward Israel has not, and I do not contemplate that it will, change in the period ahead." He noted that this is the "stated policy of President Reagan" who is the "ultimate authority." Haig said he believed that the use of the term "redirect" was "incorrect" and blamed what he called misinterpretation of what the senior official with Weinberger said to the news media.

Haig denied there was any conflict with Weinberger and said that before they left on their respective trips, they had agreed on what would be said on foreign policy issues and Weinberger has been "very close to those agreements."

Haig stressed that although the U.S. remains committed to Israel it does not mean that the U.S. does not want to have "good relationships with moderate Arab states." He said that is what Weinberger's recent trip to the Middle East "was about."

Both Weinberger and Haig pushed American military commitment during their trips. Weinberger obtained an agreement for a joint military planning group in Saudi Arabia and sought a similar group

in Oman. Haig pressed for this type of agreement while in Morocco last week.

However, Weinberger was seen here by observers as going further than the State Department would have liked. This has increased the impression that within the Reagan Administration Haig is more sympathetic toward concerns of Israel than Weinberger who is viewed in some quarters as even being hostile toward the Jewish State.

### EVRON: U.S. - ISRAEL DIALOGUE BEFORE APRIL 26 IS THE BEST WAY TO IMPROVE ATMOSPHERE BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Feb. 15 (JTA) -- Ephraim Evron, Israel's former Ambassador to the United States, said today that the best way to improve the atmosphere between America and Israel was "an intimate dialogue at a high level before April 26," the day Israel completes its withdrawal from Sinai.

Evron, who recently ended his three-year tenure in Washington, analyzed U.S.-Israeli relations as a new crisis loomed over Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger's proposed sale of arms to Jordan. Evron's successor, Ambassador-designate Moshe Arens, who will present his credentials at the White House tomorrow, is under instructions from Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir to convey Israel's deep concern over this as his first order of business in the U.S.

Evron said today that the pro-Arab and pro-Israel camps in Washington were engaged in an endless tug of war and it was impossible to say which side would prevail. In any event, there are no indications here of a possible summit meeting between President Reagan and Premier Menachem Begin in the near future, the sort of dialogue Evron was proposing.

### Cautions Against Applying Labels

The former envoy cautioned against applying labels to the protagonists, since loyalties were not always clear-cut or lasting. He was understood to be referring to Israel's hostility toward Weinberger who is perceived here to be the leader of the anti-Israel camp in Washington. It was Weinberger who proposed the sale of Hawk mobile air defense systems and F-16 jet fighters to Jordan on his visit to that country last week.

Evron said that Israel has not prepared the American Jewish community for the possibility that the paths of U.S. and Israeli interests might diverge after the final withdrawal from Sinai. He said Israel should draw American Jews much closer and explain its positions and problems much more fully and persuasively than in the past.

### FAIRBANKS GOING TO MIDEAST AS HAIG'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE AUTONOMY NEGOTIATIONS

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (JTA) -- Richard Fairbanks will be going to the Middle East this week for the first time as Secretary of State Alexander Haig's special representative for the autonomy talks, the State Department has announced.

The appointment, which was revealed when Haig introduced Fairbanks to Israeli and Egypt-

ian officials during his trip to the Middle East last month, was officially announced last Friday by Department spokesman Dean Fischer. He said that Haig has designated Fairbanks as his special advisor to "undertake special projects." President Reagan has given Fairbanks the rank of Ambassador.

The first of these special projects, Fischer said, "will be to represent the Secretary and assist him by devoting full attention to the ongoing negotiations for Palestinian autonomy in the West Bank and Gaza."

Fairbanks, a Washington lawyer, who was Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations for most of last year, has no experience in the Middle East. His position, reporting directly to Haig, is different than was that of his predecessor in the Carter Administration, Sol Linowitz, who was the President's special representative to the autonomy talks.

However, most observers see in this appointment a demonstration that Haig plans to personally participate in the autonomy talks. Since Haig cannot devote full attention to the talks, and participate in the negotiations in the Mideast in the style of former Secretary Henry Kissinger during 1975, he will have a representative who is able to go to the area and deal with day-to-day negotiations while reporting directly back to him.

#### JACOB GOODMAN DEAD AT 87

NEW YORK, Feb. 15 (JTA) — Funeral services were held yesterday for Jacob Goodman, a veteran leader of the Zionist Organization of America and the Zionist movement, and a member of the Jewish Legion in World War I. He died last Thursday at the age of 87 while vacationing in Safety Harbor, Fla.

An honorary vice president of the ZOA and member of its national executive committee and administrative board, he and his wife, Libby, made possible the acquisition of the ZOA House, the national headquarters in midtown Manhattan, which bears their name. Goodman was a philanthropist and benefactor of other ZOA projects in Israel, notably ZOA House in Tel Aviv and the Kfar Silver educational complex.

Goodman, together with his father, Henry, and brother, Abraham, founded the firm of Goody Products, Inc. of Keamy, N.J., manufacturers of hair care accessories, formerly known as H. Goodman & Sons.

Born in Kiev, Russia, Goodman arrived in the U.S. as a young boy together with his family in 1906. He was an ardent Zionist since his early youth. He belonged to a youth club at the time, known as the Maccabean Zion Club. He volunteered for service with the Jewish Legion in World War I, fighting for the liberation of Palestine from Turkish rule. He spent two years in Egypt and Palestine where he served in the Legion's 39th and 40th Battalions. He returned to New York in October, 1919.

Goodman was a member of the Board of Trustees of the United Israel Appeal; national board of the American Zionist Federation; a founder of the Tarbut Foundation for Hebrew Culture; and president of the Olam Hadash, a Hebrew publication for children. He was active in Alyn Crippled Children's Hospital in Israel, the Jewish National Fund, American Friends of the Hebrew University, and many other organizations.

#### DRUZE ON THE GOLAN STAGE STRIKE

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Feb. 15 (JTA) — Druze residents of the Golan Heights began a general strike yesterday to protest the arrests of four Druze leaders accused of incitement against Israel. They are being held in administrative detention on orders signed Saturday by Defense Minister Ariel Sharon.

The four arrested are Kamal Kanj Abu Salah, a former member of the Syrian parliament; his cousin Suliaman Abu Salah; the latter's son, Kanj; and Mahmoud Safadi. All are residents of Majdal Shams, the largest Druze village in the Golan Heights and leaders of the two major Druze clans in the region. They are Syrian citizens.

Kamal Kanj, sentenced to 23 years imprisonment in 1972 as a Syrian spy, was pardoned a year later in a prisoner exchange deal. He and Safadi were detained four months ago for organizing protests against the distribution of Israeli identity cards to Druze in the Golan Heights.

The strike, though called on short notice, was total yesterday. But several pro-Israel Druze reported for work today. Observers said it appears to herald the beginning of general civil disobedience by the vast majority of the Druze who oppose Israel's annexation of the Golan Heights last December 14. A spokesman for the small pro-Israel Druze faction, remarked yesterday that it was "very difficult to be a friend of Israel these days."

The strike has further worsened relations between Jewish settlers on the Heights and the indigenous Druze population. A spokesman for the Settlers Association demanded a total boycott of Druze who oppose the government. He said they should be denied municipal services and not offered jobs in Jewish enterprises. Israeli security forces patrolled the Heights in force. While shops and schools remained closed, no disorderly incidents were reported.

#### WESTERN NEWS MEDIA ACCUSED OF SLANTING REPORTS ON MIDEAST TO GAIN FAVOR OF TERRORISTS

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Feb. 15 (JTA) — An Israeli official accused leading Western news organizations of slanting reports on Middle East events to curry favor with Palestinian terrorists.

Zeev Chafetz, director of the Government Press Office in Jerusalem, also claimed in an interview in the Jerusalem Post, that American and other Western broadcast media, newspapers and wire services deliberately concealed or played down the murders and manhandling of their own correspondents in the region so as not to offend the terrorist groups responsible.

Chafetz singled out for condemnation ABC television news whose recent documentary on the West Bank infuriated Israeli officials because it depicted harsh measures taken against Arab residents of that occupied territory. Chafetz called the 16-minute segment which appeared on the ABC News "20-20" program a week ago "one of the most malicious, distorted and one-sided programs about Israel shown on any American network in recent years."

According to Chafetz, ABC was "worming its way back into the Middle East" by pandering to Arab terrorism after terrorists murdered one of its correspondents in Beirut last year, allegedly because he had contributed to an ABC film about Palestinian terrorism around the world.

He charged that Reuters, the British news agency, played down the shooting of its Beirut bureau chief, Bemt Debusman, a year ago. He said the shooting

was witnessed by BBC correspondent Tim Llewellyn who himself fell afoul of the Palestine Liberation Organization for his reportage and had to be transferred to Cyprus.

Chafetz contended that the New York Times and Washington Post correspondents were among five Western reporters detained and physically abused by the PLO late last year. But both papers played down the incident and agreed not to publicize it in order to obtain the men's release. Similarly, he said, the International Herald Tribune played down attacks on its correspondent, Joseph Pritchett 18 months ago for his report about Syrian shooting of political prisoners.

#### KNESSET, IN A 88-3 VOTE, OPPOSES SALE OF U.S. ARMS TO JORDAN

JERUSALEM, Feb. 15 (JTA) -- The Knesset, in a display of bi-partisan unity, served notice today that Israel would not tolerate the supply of advanced U.S. weaponry to Jordan. By a vote of 88-3, with six abstentions, it went on record as opposed to the sale of Hawk mobile air defense systems and F-16 jet fighters proposed by U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger who visited Jordan last week.

Addressing the chamber, Premier Menachem Begin appealed directly to President Reagan as "Israel's friend" not to permit such a sale to go through. He recalled that when he visited Washington last September, Reagan assured him that the U.S. was committed to maintaining Israel's "qualitative edge" in the Middle East military equation. Reagan reaffirmed that commitment after the Administration won a grueling battle with Congress to approve the sale of AWACS reconnaissance aircraft to Saudi Arabia last November.

#### Begin Refers To Arab Superiority

Begin referred to the combined quantitative superiority of the Arab States which have refused to join in the Middle East peace process. He noted that Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Syria and Iraq have between them 9000 tanks, 1400 fighter aircraft and 6000 artillery pieces. "Will President Reagan under present circumstances, permit selling to Jordan, a confrontation state, F-16s which could reach our population centers in a matter of minutes?" Begin asked.

He also lashed out at Weinberger for not including Israel on the itinerary of his most recent Middle East trip. The Defense Secretary visited Saudi Arabia and Oman in addition to Jordan, but by-passed Israel.

Shimon Peres, chairman of the opposition Labor Party, warned that the projected sale of mobile missiles and F-16s to Jordan could only aggravate an already tense and complicated situation. "Weinberger did not demand that Jordan turn in the direction of peace. Instead, he offered advanced weapons designed for war," Peres said. Begin contended that Jordan wanted the weapons for the specific purpose of making war on Israel.

#### Dangers Of An Arms Sale

The Knesset debate, called on motions submitted by both coalition and opposition members, followed a Cabinet session yesterday at which Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Defense Minister Ariel Sharon briefed their colleagues on the dangers posed by the sale of sophisticated American arms to Jordan.

This would introduce a "new and dangerous element to the region," Shamir said. "This weaponry would amount to a direct threat to Israel's security and would not only not contribute to peace in the region but would endanger peace," he warned.

Sharon said Arab forces on the eastern front now had 8000 tanks between them and this would increase to 15,000-17,000 in the next 5-6 years. He told the Cabinet that unlike its response to the AWACS sale to Saudi Arabia, Israel now should "act resolutely and in good time to foil a U.S.-Jordan arms transaction." He said Israel could no longer afford to compete in a Mideast arms race because it did not have the money to buy either quantitative or qualitative superiority each time an Arab state expanded its arsenal.

According to Sharon, the projected arms deal would enable Jordanian artillery and ground-to-ground missiles to bombard densely populated regions of Israel without fear of reprisal from Israel's air force because of the Hawk missile system.

#### Says U.S. View Is Unclear

Shamir said he was particularly concerned that the Reagan Administration has not yet publicly dissociated itself from Weinberger's proposals and observed that it was unclear just what the American view was on this issue. Israeli fears were heightened by remarks attributed to a "senior official" who accompanied the Defense Secretary on his Middle East trip that U.S. policy would be "redirected" away from Israel and toward the moderate Arab states.

Although Secretary of State Alexander Haig denied yesterday that any such move was contemplated, the first task of Israel's new Ambassador to Washington, Moshe Arens, will be to find out exactly what the American position is, Shamir said today.

Meanwhile, Sen. John Glenn (D. Ohio) said on his arrival here on a visit last night that he did not believe there has been any change in the U.S.-Israel relationship. Glenn, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, also told reporters at Ben-Gurion Airport that there was nothing final about the proposed arms sales to Jordan.

"Any arms sale like this, even if it is requested or proposed (by the Administration) will have to be weighed very, very carefully. We get sales of that size. They all come before the Foreign Relations Committee and we look at them very carefully," Glenn said.

#### UNKNOWN PERSONS RAISING FUNDS AMONG NOSHRIM IN VIENNA, ROME BY GIL SEDAN

JERUSALEM, Feb. 15 (JTA) -- Deputy Minister Dov Shilansky said that he will personally investigate reports that unknown persons were raising funds for an Israeli institution among Soviet Jewish dropouts in Vienna and Rome, possibly with fraudulent intentions. Shilansky, who is attached to the Prime Ministers Office and is in charge of efforts to prevent dropouts -- Soviet Jews who opt to settle in countries other than Israel -- was responding to a document produced yesterday by Uzi Baram, chairman of the Knesset's Immigration and Absorption Committee.

According to the document, contributions were being solicited for the Fund for the Security of Israel (LIBI) which is used to develop educational facilities for Israel's armed forces. Emigres waiting in Vienna or Rome for immigration to the U.S. or other Western countries, reportedly received the LIBI emblem in acknowledgement of their contributions and thereby enjoyed legitimation by an Israeli institution.

## KIRKPATRICK SAYS UN IS LAYING GROUNDWORK FOR EXPULSION OF ISRAEL

**PALM BEACH, Fla. Feb. 15 (JTA) —** United Nations Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick accused the UN of laying the groundwork for the expulsion of Israel from the world body and warned of "serious consequences" if any further steps are taken against Israel.

Kirkpatrick told the national executive committee of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith that the UN General Assembly resolution adopted February 5 which called for the total isolation of Israel for its annexation of the Golan Heights went "beyond language used at any time in the past against a member state" — including South Africa. South Africa, she pointed out, has been barred from the General Assembly since 1974 but its right to membership has not been challenged.

"Israel's right has been challenged," Kirkpatrick said, "and the groundwork has now been laid for consideration of a proposal for its suspension or expulsion."

In discussing recent UN actions against Israel, Kirkpatrick noted that a joint resolution has just been introduced in Congress questioning further U.S. support for the United Nations if actions are taken to bar democratic member states.

"This says only what our government has reiterated time and again. I hope the display of broad Congressional support for this policy will drive home the message that the United States is prepared to take stern measures if a tyrannical majority continues to push the United Nations down a reckless and self-destructive path."

Kirkpatrick said that the United States contributes 25 percent of the United Nations regular budget — more than the combined contributions of all 86 countries, including the Soviet Union, which voted to condemn Israel for its extension of civil law to the Golan Heights.

The UN envoy quoted Rep. Thomas Lantos (D. Calif.) who introduced the Congressional resolution, as saying "the Congress and the American people are sick and tired of financing the antics of the Libyas and Cubas of this planet."

### Outlines U.S. Strategy

Warning that the United States cannot "tolerate for very long" the present state of affairs at the United Nations, Kirkpatrick outlined what American strategy should be. She said this country must speak at the world body with a "clear, strong voice" and distinguish between friends and foes, letting them know that "words matter" and that anti-American actions could affect bilateral relations with Washington.

"We must say what we think about anti-Americanism, the scapegoating of Israel, the harmful politicization of UN bodies and the perversion of the purposes of the United Nations," she declared.

In remarks made to reporters after her speech, Kirkpatrick called the General Assembly's censure of Israel "sinister" and said it could be compared to the most serious action taken against Israel — the adoption of the "Zionism is racism" resolution in 1975.

## MOYNIHAN WARNS OF INCREASING ANTI-SEMITISM THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

**HOUSTON, Feb. 15 (JTA) — Sen. Dan-**

iel Moynihan (D. N.Y.) warned of increasing anti-Semitism throughout the globe and called on Jewish community leaders "to realize the intent of those who would destroy us before it is too late. Democratic leaders were silent in the 1930s," he said, "and must not be silent today under any circumstances."

Speaking to more than 500 Jewish leaders at the United Jewish Appeal Southwest Regional Conference, Moynihan recalled the infamous United Nations General Assembly resolution declaring Zionism to be a form of racism. Reminding the audience that some 70 votes had been mustered against that 1975 resolution, he stressed the fact that, in the recent General Assembly vote in favor of boycotting Israel, only 21 nations declared their opposition.

Moynihan also cited the UN Resolution of March 1, 1980, holding Israel in violation of the fourth Geneva Convention. He emphasized the outrageousness of that action by explaining that the fourth Geneva Convention makes Auschwitz a crime ... and only Israel has ever been found guilty of genocide under that code.

As further evidence of this "Orwellian inversion of meaning," he noted that "Arab League Ambassador Clovis Maksoud has charged Israel with 'trying to paralyze the United Nations like the League of Nations was paralyzed by Nazi Germany's ... annexation and expansionist policies.'" In the face of this, Moynihan asked how the democracies of the world could be so silent in 1982.

Moynihan was the keynote speaker at the recent three-day conference which drew Jewish leaders from Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas and Wichita, Kansas to examine major issues faced by the worldwide Jewish community and to stimulate the 1982 UJA/Federation fundraising campaign.

A special session of the conference was devoted to the acceptance and signing of a covenant — a proclamation of "One People Indivisible" — by those present, pledging the American Jewish community "to express an ongoing commitment to the unity, strength and continuity of the Jewish people."

## GERMAN UNIVERSITY REJECTS NAMING INSTITUTION AFTER HEINRICH HEINE

**BONN, Feb. 15 (JTA) —** The Council of the University of Duesseldorf voted 44-41 to reject a long-standing suggestion to name the institution after the most famous son of the Rhine city, the poet Heinrich Heine.

The issue came up after years of public debate on how to honor the German poet of Jewish origin, to whom most German intellectuals have a very complex relation. In the past 20 years, several initiatives to name the university after Heine were killed by the Council. But this time observers assumed the vote could go either way because of a major lobbying effort and a tendency to recognize the importance of Heine's poetry.

Although Heine sought to dissociate himself from his Jewish identity, he was never fully accepted by the German establishment. The narrow vote reconfirmed that situation.

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**TEL AVIV (JTA) —** South Lebanese Christian militia commander Major Saad Haddad was admitted to a hospital in Haifa Sunday night. Haddad, hospitalized several times in recent years, was found to be suffering from general exhaustion.