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SHAMIR GOING TO CAIRO TO DISCUSS ISRAEL'S FINAL SINAI WITHDRAWAL

By Gil Sédan

JERUSALEM, Feb. 22 (JTA) — Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir will leave for Cairo this evening to discuss preparations for Israel's final withdrawal from Sinai next April 25. His mission, however, is to ascertain what Egypt's political course will be after it is in full possession of the peninsula.

Shamir is going to Egypt at the invitation of Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali and is expected to meet with President Hosni Mubarak, although the latter is presently ill with the flu. The question of Mubarak's visit to Israel is likely to come up. He was originally scheduled to come here in mid-February, though a date was never announced.

The Egyptian Ambassador, Saad Mortada, said on a Voice of Israel Radio interview today that Mubarak would definitely visit Israel before the Sinai withdrawal date. He said the President was a sincere and straightforward man and had he wanted to postpone his visit he would have said so publicly. Shamir is expected to seek clarification on that issue.

Egyptians Are Reassuring Israel

The Egyptians, meanwhile, are going out of their way to reassure Israel there will be no significant policy changes after the Sinai withdrawal. Cairo officials stressed that point to several visiting Israeli journalists who are Arab affairs experts. Recently, Egypt sent a youth delegation to Israel and will host an Israeli youth delegation shortly. Last week the heads of the Israeli and Egyptian television broadcasting authorities signed a cooperation agreement.

Dark Clouds On The Horizon

Nevertheless, other voices are heard which make the Israelis uneasy. The Cairo weekly, *Mayo*, said today that after Israel leaves Sinai, Egypt will embark on a broad diplomatic offensive in the Arab world to stress its commitment to the Palestinian cause. According to *Mayo*, the Israeli withdrawal will give new impetus to the lagging autonomy negotiations.

Meanwhile, Hassan Ali told the Egyptian Parliament today that while Egypt stands by its peace treaty commitments to Israel, its return to the Arab fold was inevitable. "If there are differences between Egypt and other Arab countries, they are differences between brothers and will disappear," he declared. He added, however, that Egypt will not impose conditions and will not accept conditions imposed upon it by any country aimed at changing its policies.

SHARON URGES LOCAL INDUSTRIALISTS TO HELP FINANCE ISRAEL'S WEAPONRY

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Feb. 22 (JTA) — Defense Minister Ariel Sharon urged local industrialists to help finance Israel's next generation of sophisticated weaponry. He urged them to invest in the projected Lavie jet fighter, the new Merkava tank

and a proposed new missile boat. Addressing members of the Manufacturers Association yesterday, Sharon claimed that Israel is an "entire industrial generation ahead" of most Western arms manufacturers. He offered no examples; however, beyond the extraordinary measures taken to protect the crews of the Merkava tank which earned that machine the nickname, "Jewish Mother."

Israel reportedly is running into problems in trying to induce foreign financial participation in the Lavie. American manufacturers are understood to be interested in producing parts for the Israel-designed aircraft under contract, but they have shied away from investing their own funds in co-production rights.

Meanwhile, a seven-member delegation from the McDonnell Douglas Aircraft Co. began detailed discussions with Israel Aircraft Industries, builder of the Lavie, on possible cooperation. The group arrived yesterday and will spend a week in Israel. Representatives of other American airplane manufacturers, including Northrop and General Dynamics, are due here later to discuss sub-contract work on the Lavie.

SOVIET EMBASSY STAFF MEMBER YELLS 'DIRTY JEW' AT B'NAI B'RITH YOUTH

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (JTA) — Some 80 B'nai B'rith youth from the United States, Canada, and England, standing vigil across the street from the Soviet Embassy, came face to face with the ugly side of world reality when a member of the Embassy staff called one of the teenagers a "dirty Jew."

The youngsters were in Washington to attend a B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (BBYO) executive board meeting and briefings by Congressional and State Department officials. They braved a heavy rainstorm to participate in the demonstration for Soviet Jewry. In a spur-of-the-moment display of emotion, the teenagers formed a circle, sang songs and chanted slogans calling for the release of Jewish refuseniks by the Soviet Union.

When Embassy personnel began leaving the building for lunch, Andy Shavel of Buffalo ran over to hand out leaflets. As he approached them, one of the Russians called out, "Watch yourself, you dirty Jew." Shavel, a high school junior, was stunned for a moment. "I tried to reason with him," he said later. "I asked, 'what had our people ever done to hurt you?'" Shavel said the man responded by "yelling at me in Russian. As he got into his car, he stuck his tongue out at me," the teenager added. "I never expected that from a diplomat."

Youngsters Claim State Department Cover Ups

The youngsters were in Washington four-and-a-half days, most of the time discussing issues concerning Jewish teenagers and formulating policy for the 35,000-member BBYO, the largest Jewish youth group in the world.

They also met with an aide to BBYO alumnus Rep. Martin Frost (D. Tex.), with officials of the Israeli Embassy, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee and State Department, and with B'nai B'rith president Jack Spitzer and executive vice president Dr. Daniel Thursz.

At the State Department and the Old Executive Office Building of the White House, the youngsters questioned Administration briefers about President Reagan's Middle East policy. They emphasized the perceived shift to a pro-Arab stance and the U.S. reaction to the Israeli annexation of the Golan Heights.

Debbie Berman, representing BBYO's southern New Jersey region, said that "they (the State Department officials) covered up everything. They didn't want to give us any straight answers." Others characterized the briefings, which officials declared as off the record, as "full of double-talk and mumbo-jumbo."

WEST GERMAN SECURITY SERVICE DENIES EAST GERMANY IS AIDING NEO-NAZI GROUPS IN FEDERAL REPUBLIC

By David Kantor

BONN, Feb. 22 (JTA) -- The Federal Internal Security Service denied yesterday a reported statement by one of its senior officials that East Germany was systematically aiding neo-Nazi groups in West Germany and "planting" neo-Nazi agents in the Federal Republic.

The charge was made by Gerhard Boedden, who heads the anti-terrorist division, during a seminar on international terrorism in Rome last week. Boedden said later that he was incorrectly quoted. But sources here confirmed that Boedden's information was well known to the government but Bonn treated it in strictest confidence so as not to disturb delicate negotiations aimed at improving relations with the East German regime.

The sources said that members of the internal security services have been urging that the matter be brought into the open but were turned down by Interior Minister Gerhard Baum.

Boedden also stated in Rome that the Palestine Liberation Organization was training both neo-Nazi terrorists from Germany and leftist urban guerrillas. The official denial did not refer to that charge but only to the implication of East Germany and the Communist bloc countries in neo-Nazi activities in West Germany. The PLO in fact has been cited in several official documents released by the Bonn government as being involved in the training of neo-Nazis.

The conservative daily Die Welt said yesterday that it had proof that Boedden's charges against East Germany were correct. It noted that Udo Albrecht, a neo-Nazi activist convicted for illegal possession of arms in June, 1981, escaped to East Germany which later rejected an extradition request from Bonn. According to Die Welt, the East Germans sent him to Lebanon.

GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATE IN PA. IS SPEWING ANTI-SEMITIC HATE

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 22 (JTA) -- Eugene Knox, a Shamokin, Pa. dentist with political ambitions who says he is "for Americanizing Zionism and breaking up double loyalty," is sending anti-Semitic mail to prominent persons in the Pennsylvania Democratic Party as part of his campaign for nomination to be Governor.

According to Jewish Exponent staff writer Ian Blynn, Knox has addressed such letters to Edward Mezhvinsky, chairman of the Democratic State Committee, who is Jewish, implying that Mezhvinsky is disloyal and "locked into the power struggle of the International Jewish community and forced to abide by the World Jewish Congress umbrella group of 62 nations."

In 1974, Knox, whose name originally was Konopka, won more than 6,000 votes in his district's Congressional primaries, running second in a field of three candidates. In 1976 he sought the Democratic Presidential nomination.

In his letters to Democrats and others, he refers to Mezhvinsky as a "kosher carpetbagger." He also assailed Philadelphia District Attorney Edward Rendell and Cyril Wecht, a candidate for the Democratic Senatorial nomination.

According to Knox, "All Zionists are expected to support the all-kosher Mezhvinsky-Rendell-Wecht team plus any pro-Zionist such as would vote against selling our airplanes (AWACS) and is an easily controlled lawyer in this Jew-dominated field."

According to the Exponent, Knox is known for his dislike of Blacks and Welshmen as well as of Jews. The paper quoted a source in Shamokin as recalling that a few years ago Knox was involved in a "pushing and shoving match" with the Mayor of Shamokin and a City Council member when they tried to stop him from giving out leaflets alleging a Jewish-Welsh conspiracy.

The Philadelphia office of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith which keeps a file on Knox, said he got into a fracas for attempting to distribute anti-Semitic circulars.

RED BRIGADE DEFECTOR SAYS PLO PROVIDED HIS GROUP WITH ARMS

By Lisa Palmieri-Billig

ROME, Feb. 22 (JTA) -- Antonio Savasta, a Red Brigade defector, has stated under interrogation that the Palestine Liberation Organization provided the Red Brigade with arms and explosives while officially condemning that Italian terrorist organization and disclaiming any connection with it.

According to Savasta, whose revelations were disclosed yesterday, the Red Brigade's military chief, Mario Moretti, arrested in Milan last year, reached an accord with the PLO whereby the weapons smuggled into Italy would be split between Palestinians there and Red Brigade cells.

Savasta said he helped Moretti unload arms smuggled into Italy from Lebanon in 1979 and 1980 aboard a private yacht, the Papago, owned by Dr. Massimo Ghidoni, a psychiatrist in Ancona.

Although other captured Red Brigade terrorists, such as Patrizio Peci, have implicated the PLO in the past, the widely held belief here has been that it was not the PLO but certain "extremist" groups, mainly the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, which supplied the Red Brigade with arms. The PLO propagated that notion and fervidly denied involvement with terrorists active in "friendly" European countries.

According to Savasta, Red Brigade members were angered by the PLO's disavowals but Moretti kept them in line in order to continue the flow of arms from the PLO. Savasta also said that cooperation between the Red Brigade and the PLO was limited to "military" matters because the Red Brigade refused to accept the PLO's position on Israel in its entirety.

POSTHUMOUS AWARD FOR TREPPER

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Feb. 22 (JTA) -- Israel's State Fighters emblem was posthumously awarded to Leopold Trepper, leader of the "Red Orchestra," the Moscow-directed spy network which operated against the Nazis in Western Europe during most of World War II. The medallion was presented last Friday to Trepper's widow, Lyova Trepper by Defense Minister Ariel Sharon at the Har Hamenuhot cemetery where the wartime master spy is buried.

Trepper died last month. He had immigrated to Israel from Poland in 1974 but was officially snubbed by the Israeli establishment because his exploits were on behalf of a Communist organization, not the Jewish resistance. No government representatives or officials attended his funeral.

But Friday's award by Sharon indicated a change of attitude. The ceremony was attended by dozens of former members of anti-Nazi partisans and fighting groups.

HABIB IS EXPECTED TO RETURN SOON TO THE MIDEAST

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (JTA) -- Philip Habib, President Reagan's special envoy for the Middle East, is expected to return soon to the area in an effort to insure that the cease-fire he helped establish across the Israeli-Lebanese border last July will continue. The 61-year-old retired diplomat met at the White House this afternoon with Reagan and Secretary of State Alexander Haig.

Meanwhile at the State Department, spokesman Dean Fischer stressed that "the United States continues to believe in the cessation of hostilities" as being "in the interest of all concerned." He noted that from time to time, the U.S. has been "active diplomatically" in the Lebanese situation, "particularly in times of tension" in order to prevent anything from undoing the cease-fire or developing into a military confrontation. He would not outline what were the U.S. diplomatic activities.

Fischer stressed that "we don't have any relations with the PLO." He was referring to a newspaper report that Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasir Arafat yesterday rejected what was said to be American efforts that he broaden the cease-fire into a general truce.

Arafat reportedly told a rally of his terrorist forces that he would make no commitment beyond the cease-fire agreement not to launch raids from Lebanon into Israel. Israel has charged the Palestinian terrorists with infiltrating from Jordan since the July cease fire.

While noting the U.S. does not deal with the PLO, Fischer said the U.S. has continually stated publicly that "we urge restraint and caution on all who are benefiting from this cease-fire arrangement."

STUDY CITES INCREASING ISLAMIC INFLUENCE IN UNESCO

LONDON, Feb. 22 (JTA) -- A study issued here by the Institute of Jewish Affairs, the research arm of the World Jewish Congress, detects a "steadily increasing influence of the representatives of Islam" at UNESCO and warns of likely Arab efforts to place Jerusalem on the "danger list" of world heritage at the next session of the United Nations body.

The study surveys developments at the recently concluded session of UNESCO's General Conference in Belgrade. In examining decisions taken at the General Conference, the study finds disturbing trends pointing to increasing use of UNESCO as "a forum for parading contentious and partisan views about Israel and Zionism."

Evidence is cited showing a pronounced preoccupation with Islamic concerns and aspirations at the General Conference. On the initiative of the Director General, celebrations were arranged on the occasion of "Hijra" (the anniversary of Muhammad's pilgrimage to Mecca). In another

instance, all meetings were suspended for a day so as to enable participants to observe the Moslem festival of "Al Adha."

A Particularly Serious Concern

Of particularly serious concern, however, was the decision to establish formal relations with the Islamic States Broadcasting Services Organization (ISBO) which, the report notes, "aims, among other things, to make programs for broadcasting that are anti-Zionist and even anti-Semitic."

ISBO, created by the Organization of the Islamic Conference based in Saudi Arabia, describes itself as an agency which seeks "to propagate the call of Islam" through the production and exchange of broadcasting and television programs. But documentation provided by ISBO to UNESCO reveals its dissemination of programs of a politically acerbic nature and smacking of religious incitement.

The stated purpose of one such program dealing with "oppression" of Muslim communities, was "to confront the doctrinal Zionist (sic), racial and colonialist danger threatening the Arab nation." Another production, a radio program, is described by ISBO as "the story of ... the six companions of Prophet Muhammad who defended Islam against the conspiracies of the Jews."

Criticism Is Contradicted

UNESCO's flirtation with ISBO is seen as symptomatic of the same political attitude that the UN specialized agency has adopted regarding Jerusalem. The survey examines recent UNESCO criticism of Israeli excavations in Jerusalem and shows that this criticism in no way accords with independent expert archaeological opinion.

Pointedly, such criticism is in contradiction with the findings of the personal representative of the UNESCO Director General, Prof. Jacques Lemaire, who concluded after a visit to Jerusalem that the archaeological excavations being carried out were "in accordance with current methods and rules." Lemaire also found no evidence to support the Jordanian representative's claim that the character of Moslem cemeteries next to the old wall of Jerusalem had been altered.

HEBREW U. GETS \$300,000 ENDOWMENT FUND

NEW YORK, Feb. 22 (JTA) -- The DeJur Foundation has established with the American Friends of the Hebrew University a \$300,000 endowment fund for the awarding of fellowships to Masters and Doctoral students at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Proceeds of the fund will be used for the cultivation of outstanding young talent needed to ensure Israel the next generation of scientists, according to university president Avraham Harman. He has identified this as a major priority facing the university today. The DeJur Foundation Fellowships will be awarded to Masters and Doctoral students in the area of medical science, in the applied sciences and in the area of agriculture. According to Harman, most graduate students at the University are married and have family responsibilities, making it extremely difficult for them to pursue their studies without significant aid.

"The DeJur Foundation is very pleased to be able to contribute to the solution of a serious problem facing the Hebrew University and Israeli society as a whole," said Benjamin Neuwirth, a vice president of the Foundation. "Israel's very survival has always depended on its ability to make full use of its greatest asset -- the tremendous number of talented and resourceful young people."

Dr. Robert Greenberg is president of the DeJur Foundation and Marion DeJur is a vice president.

ACTION URGED TO ENSURE THAT NUDIEL IS ALLOWED TO GO TO ISRAEL AFTER SHE IS RELEASED NEXT MONTH

NEW YORK, Feb. 22 (JTA) -- Soviet Jewish Prisoner of Conscience Ida Nudel is scheduled to be released next month, after having spent four years in harsh exile in a remote Siberian village, it was reported here by the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry. Ms. Nudel, who will be 51 years old on April 27, first applied for an emigration visa to Israel in 1971.

According to Zeesy Schnur, executive director of the New York Conference, no one can be sure whether she will be allowed to emigrate to Israel upon her release. "As a former prisoner, Ida cannot look forward to an easy re-entry into Soviet life if she is forced to remain in the Soviet Union," Ms. Schnur said. "Ida's greatest wish is to live in Israel and be reunited with her only close living relative, her sister, Ilana Friedman."

Ms. Schnur added: "It is crucial that we communicate with the Soviets, and insist that Ida be given permission to go to Israel at once." She suggested contacting Secretary of State Alexander Haig at the State Department in Washington, D.C., and to Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin at the Embassy of the USSR, 1125 16th Street, Washington, D.C. 20036.

'I Do Not Renounce ... My Actions'

In 1978, Ms. Nudel hung a banner from her Moscow apartment window which stated, "KGB, give me my visa." When agents tore down her banner, she replaced it with others, and finally with a cloth bearing the Star of David. For this, she was arrested, imprisoned and sent into exile -- on charges of malicious hooliganism. Her stalwart support of Prisoners of Conscience, despite all risks, earned her the name "Guardian Angel" long before her own exile.

In a film that showed her life in exile, Ms. Nudel declared: "No matter how I am tormented, how weak I am, how lonely or senseless my present life, I do not regret or renounce any of my actions. We believe our suffering is not for nothing, and this belief keeps us from despair. I believe that some day I will walk up the steps of an El-Al aircraft, and my suffering and my tears will remain in my memory only, and my heart will be full of triumph. God grant that it will happen soon."

FIRST UJA WINTER PRESIDENT'S MISSION RAISES ALMOST \$3.3 MILLION FOR 1982 CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, Feb. 22 (JTA) -- One hundred thirty-three Jewish leaders from 36 communities throughout the United States pledged a total of \$3,287,050 to the regular 1982 United Jewish Appeal/Community campaign, as the first-ever UJA Winter President's Mission ended in Jerusalem a week ago.

According to UJA national vice chairman Bud Levin of St. Louis, who led the five-day event, that total represents a 33 percent increase over 1981 pledges by the same donors of \$2,475,375.

Mission members also pledged an additional \$938,185 for Project Renewal, the social, economic and cultural program to rehabilitate Israel's distressed neighborhoods, raising their total Project Renewal pledges to \$2,469,185.

"There may have been a snowstorm raging outside our hotel heavy enough to cancel the

last day's events," said Levin, "but the gloomy weather did not chill the hearty response of our participants. The graciousness of President (Yitzhak) Navon, who made his way to the hotel through that heavy snowstorm to speak to us, provided its own warmth, and the result was indeed memorable, as was the entire Mission."

Navon told the Mission participants that when he looked back at the distance Israel had covered in the past 34 years, "I think we -- the entire Jewish people -- can be proud. Are we capable of surmounting all our problems? Our history of more than three decades proves that we can."

Highlights Of The Mission

As a highlight of the Mission, Levin singled out the opening dinner, when participants met with 46 new immigrants from threatened Jewish communities throughout the world and heard moving stories of their lives and experiences.

In response, the Mission members drew up and signed a proclamation, later presented to Navon, in which they resolved "to keep in the public eye the plight of those Jews still in darkness, to continue to express our concern for them in every possible way, to remain unsatisfied until we can spend a similar evening with them when they, too, have become free."

Mission members visited settlements in the Negev, where Sinai farming families are being relocated by the Jewish Agency, UJA's major beneficiary. In a special background briefing in Ariel, a settlement on the West Bank, Defense Minister Ariel Sharon told them that Israel would never allow anyone else to defend its eastern boundaries.

Participants toured 22 Project Renewal neighborhoods linked with their home communities to assess progress and strengthen ties. Residents responded with extensive programs of home hospitality. Mission members also visited the homes of prominent Israelis, including Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek, Yad Vashem chairman Gideon Hausner and members of the Knesset.

WORLD JEWISH SOLIDARITY CONFERENCE

JERUSALEM, Feb. 22 (JTA) -- A world "Jewish solidarity conference" will be held here this spring to demonstrate "publicly and clearly" the solidarity of diaspora Jewry with Israel, Leon Dulzin, chairman of the World Zionist Organization and Jewish Agency Executives announced today. He said the conference was called at the initiative of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations and the WZO.

According to Dulzin, some 600 delegates are expected to attend, representing Jewish communities and Zionist and non-Zionist groups from around the world. Partners in the conference include the World Jewish Congress and B'nai B'rith. The gathering has the blessings of Premier Menachem Begin.

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- President Francois Mitterrand of France will meet with Palestinian leaders on the West Bank when he visits Israel next week, the East Jerusalem Arabic daily El Kuds reported Monday. The paper said the French Consulate in East Jerusalem was arranging the meetings. The French Consul General met with Mayor Bassam Shaka of Nablus for that purpose yesterday, El Kuds said. According to the report, West Bank institutions were preparing a memorandum on the treatment of the local population by the Israeli authorities, to be submitted to Mitterrand.