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GROUP OF WORLD AFFAIRS EXPERTS CALL ON U.S. TO REASSESS ITS POLICY TOWARD THE UNITED NATIONS

NEW YORK, March 16 (JTA) — A group of prominent international affairs experts, including three former Secretaries of State, issued a report today calling for the United States to reassess its policy toward the United Nations within the framework of American foreign policy goals.

The report, titled "The United States and the United Nations ... A Policy for Today," was issued by the Ad Hoc Group on United States Policy Toward the United Nations. The group, which is headed by Morris Abram, former U.S. Representative to the UN Commission on Human Rights, first presented its report to Jeane Kirkpatrick, U.S. Ambassador to the UN, at a private meeting. It was later made public at a press conference in Abram's office.

Urge U.S. To Work Outside The UN

While stressing that "our interdependent world needs the UN" and the principles enunciated in its Charter, and that it continues to be in the American interest to use the UN as a significant foreign policy forum, the group urged that the U.S. be prepared to "act alone" or with others outside the UN, in light of deterioration in the capacity of the world organization to deal impartially and effectively with questions of world concern.

The UN system, with some good works in the cause of peace, economic and social betterment and human rights, also reflects — and occasionally aggravates — the dangerous international environment in which the U.S. finds itself, the report stated.

UN 'Politicized Behavior' Cited

It noted that UN activity has been increasingly marked by "politicized behavior" and a "tyranny of the majority" that keeps it from functioning effectively in accord with the UN Charter.

In reviewing major substantive areas of UN concern — international peace and security, the Middle East, international terrorism, human rights, and arms control — the group of experts singled out the "strange failure" of the UN to endorse the Camp David agreements and complained that the UN agencies and conferences were "seriously compromised" by the interjection of extraneous issues, "notably attacks on Israel."

Recalling early hopes that the UN's programs in the health, labor, science, culture and other specialized and technical areas would be insulated from interstate "high politics," the report urged that the U.S. consider not attending, or withholding financial support from specialized agencies or conferences whose purposes have been compromised by extraneous issues. It singled out the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) as "the most troubling."

The report stated that the UN human rights agencies still have a long way to go in correcting the selective morality that concentrates on violations in a few countries only and ignores others, "Neither authoritarian nor totalitarian regimes should be permitted to subscribe formally to international human

rights standards while violating them in practice," the report declared, adding that the defense of human rights should be a permanent part of the U.S. foreign policy agenda.

The report concluded by noting that the UN's "moral integrity is its most precious resource," and the U.S. should help make clear that the organization's "strength lies in a reputation for fairness, objectivity and effectiveness," without which it cannot command respect.

The signers of the report included three former Democratic Secretaries of State, Dean Rusk, Cyrus Vance and Edmund Muskie; former U.S. Ambassador to the UN Henry Cabot Lodge; former U.S. Representatives to the UN Commission on Human Rights Rita Hauser, Philip Hoffman and Jerome Shustack; former U.S. Ambassador to Italy Richard Gardner; and former Counselor of the State Department Matthew Nimetz.

Seymour Finger, director of the Ralph Bunche Institute, served as rapporteur, and Sidney Liskofsky, program consultant to the American Jewish Committee's Jacob Blaustein Institute for the Advancement of Human Rights, served as coordinator for the Ad Hoc Group.

EGYPT, ISRAEL SEEKING COMPROMISE ARRANGEMENT FOR MUBARAK'S VISIT

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, March 16 (JTA) — Israel and Egypt appeared today to have found a way to resolve a boundary dispute and may be working for a compromise arrangement over President Hosni Mubarak's projected visit to Israel. The visit "will be on," Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali told reporters after a two-hour meeting with Premier Menachem Begin which he described as "friendly and cordial."

Hassan Ali brought Begin a message from Mubarak which, according to Israeli sources, expressed a desire to go ahead with his visit. Begin was quoted as calling the Egyptian President's letter "very friendly." Mubarak was to have come to Israel this month but refused to include Jerusalem on his itinerary because of repercussions in the Arab world. The Israeli government has taken the position that he must visit Jerusalem or not come at all.

Hassan Ali said today that Mubarak referred to the visit in his message to Begin and that its timing and itinerary would be "discussed and decided later." He did not say how the Jerusalem dispute might be resolved but indicated that the visit probably would not take place before April 25 when Israel completes its withdrawal from Sinai. The 25th of April is "not a target date for anything," Hassan Ali said in reply to a reporter's question.

The Egyptian Foreign Minister and Deputy Premier is here for high-level talks with Israeli officials on normalization of relations between the two countries and to try to settle outstanding problems related to the withdrawal from Sinai. One issue is the old international boundary line between Sinai and Israel which is in dispute at several points along its 143-mile length. Defense Minister Ariel Sharon said today that the differences over

the border in the Taba region near Eilat "will be solved." He spoke after Hassan Ali and his party met with Begin and top Israeli policy-makers. Israel Radio reported later that a "way" had been found to reconcile the differences and would be disclosed in a joint statement to be issued before Hassan Ali returns to Egypt tomorrow.

The border dispute at Taba involves some 600 yards of territory. It is important because the way it is solved will determine whether a resort hotel complex will be on the Israeli or Egyptian side of the line.

Hassan Ali told reporters after his meeting with Begin that "technical differences of points of view" still remained on several matters and would be the subject of further discussion. He and Sharon chaired a meeting of the Israel-Egypt Joint High Commission on normalization today. The Egyptian minister also met separately with Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Interior Minister Yosef Burg; Burg heads Israel's autonomy negotiating team. Hassan Ali told reporters that both sides have "agreed to give new momentum to the autonomy talks in the near future."

ARENS CITES CONCERN IN ISRAEL OVER ARAB PERCEPTION OF U.S. ROLE

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, March 16 (JTA) — Israeli Ambassador Moshe Arens declared last night that there is concern in Israel about the growing perception among the Arab states that they can continue to receive United States' arms and other aid while continuing a "policy of belligerency to Israel."

Arens told the more than 1,500 persons from across the country attending the third annual United Jewish Appeal Young Leadership Conference, that it is his job as Ambassador to reverse this perception. He said the U.S. Mideast policy has always been based on a strong Israel and a U.S.-Israeli "partnership."

In response to Arens, Steven Greenberg of metropolitan New Jersey, co-chairman of the conference sponsored by the UJA Young Leadership Cabinet and Young Women's Cabinet, said the participants went back knowing the necessity to convince the American public that support of Israel is not only good for Israel and Jews, but also for Americans.

Arens spoke at an Israel buffet dinner at which Sens. Alan Cranston (D. Cal.) and Bob Packwood (R. Ore.) were honored for leading the fight last year against the sale of AWACS and other arms to Saudi Arabia. Arens said the two Senators were "heroes" for their "unrelenting commitment and support for Israel."

Cranston and Packwood were given statuettes of the late Israeli Premier Golda Meir with the inscription declaring that they were "dedicated to the humanitarian ideals of Golda Meir and for continued support of the people of Israel."

The young Jewish leaders attended the banquet after an afternoon in which they visited Capitol Hill and met with Senators and Representatives. The banquet, which included dancing to Israeli music, was the entertainment highlight of the three-day conference which ends today. The conference has been packed with workshops and lectures on every aspect of the problems facing Jews in the U.S., Israel and elsewhere. Last night, blue and white balloons hovered over every table and a blue and white banner on the ballroom wall proclaimed "One people indivisible," the theme of the 1982 UJA campaign.

GROUP IN MUNICH DEMANDS BAN ON ALL NEO-NAZI ORGANIZATIONS

By David Kantor

BÖNN, March 16 (JTA) — A Munich group called "Stop the Nazi Terror" has demanded that the Bavarian state government and the federal authorities impose an immediate ban on all neo-Nazi organizations, particularly those engaged in paramilitary training.

A spokesman for the group, which was formed after the 1980 Munich Oktoberfest bombing, warned at a press conference today that neo-Nazi and paramilitary organizations are still operating in Bavaria and at least four are registered in Lower Saxony. The Bavarian neo-Nazis are based in Rosenheim and Neustadt, he said.

Police have confirmed that the Rosenheim organization has been active since 1978. It consists mainly of youths aged 14-20 who receive paramilitary training and have been involved in scores of Nazi propaganda activities and vandalism of Jewish cemeteries.

Meanwhile, Karl-Heinz Hoffmann, leader of the outlawed "Wehrsportsgruppe Hoffmann," remains in custody pending trial for the murder of a Jewish publisher in Nuremberg last year. Hoffmann was arrested in Frankfurt when he returned from a visit to Lebanon where he was hosted by Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasir Arafat. Police have confirmed PLO ties with Hoffmann's neo-Nazi group which is suspected of having perpetrated the Oktoberfest bombing.

KIRKPATRICK: UN'S OBJECTIVE IS TO 'ISOLATE AND DENIGRATE ISRAEL'

NEW YORK, March 16 (JTA) — Jeane Kirkpatrick, the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, declared here that the UN "has effectively been eliminated as a useful mediator in the Middle East conflict" because its "objective is to isolate and denigrate Israel."

Addressing 300 government, business and Jewish community leaders at the seventh annual Conference on Social Concerns sponsored by the Agudat Israel of America yesterday, Kirkpatrick said she saw no UN role in Middle East peace negotiations. "The time a Ralph Bunche could work on behalf of the United Nations for peace between Israel and the Arabs has long passed," she said.

According to the American envoy, the atmosphere in the General Assembly indicates that "the objective is to isolate and denigrate Israel and ultimately to undermine its political legitimacy." She claimed that "a secondary objective is to isolate and undermine the United States" and "a related objective is to frighten away from association with Israel any country which might be disposed to befriend her."

Draws Analogy With Frank Lynching

Kirkpatrick drew an analogy between the lynching in 1915, in Georgia, of a Jew, Leo Frank, for a murder he did not commit and the "resurgence of anti-Semitism in the world" today. She compared the neutral nations to Alonzo Mann, the 83-year-old eyewitness who knew another man had committed the crime for which Frank was murdered, but kept silent.

Kirkpatrick declared: "Like Alonzo Mann, they are intimidated. Perhaps they need oil, or petrodollars, political and economic support or are afraid they'll be targeted by this and that terrorist group."

The envoy told the Agudat Israel group: "We share common understandings and common values. We also share a conviction that what happens in the UN matters to these common values and understandings."

"The United Nations cannot survive if it does not live by its own rule, since membership is supposed

to be decided in the Security Council where the U.S. can cast a veto," she said. She expressed doubt that the UN could survive a "flagrant disregard of its charter and constitution." She also denounced the policies of the Soviet Union toward Jews as "a gross and persistent abuse of human rights."

Reagan Policies Of Concern To Jews

Another speaker, Dr. Seymour Lachman, Dean and Professor of History of Education at City University, New York, said the Reagan Administration's new approaches to domestic, foreign and defense policy were of deep concern to the American Jewish community and were making them wonder whether the new direction "was indeed working."

Rabbi Menachem Lubinsky, director of Government and Public Affairs of the Agudath Israel, urged the Administration "to plan the national agenda as part of a full partnership between government and communities."

At a special awards ceremony, Rabbi Moshe Sherer, president of the Agudath Israel of America, presented the organization's 1982 "New Horizons" award to Anthony Gliedman, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development.

SQUADRON SAYS THERE IS NO ONE IN THE WHITE HOUSE WHO UNDERSTANDS ISRAEL AND APPRECIATES ITS FEARS

NEW YORK, March 16 (JTA) — Howard Squadron, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, believes there is no one in the White House who "really understands Israel," appreciates its fears and recognizes why it is prepared to engage in preemptive military strikes.

While "there is great sympathy for Israel" in the Reagan Administration, "there is no comprehension that Israel is in any real danger, and no willingness to accept Israel's own evaluation of its danger," Squadron said in an interview last Sunday night on L'Chayim, a "radio-magazine" program hosted by Rabbi Mark Golub on WMCA.

He attributed the absence of understanding to a lack of "foreign policy experience" in the White House. According to Squadron, the only top level Administration people who do understand these matters are Secretary of State Alexander Haig and Jeane Kirkpatrick, the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations.

Says Israel Might Launch Preemptive Strike

Squadron said there was an increasing possibility that Israel would launch a preemptive strike into south Lebanon as the date for its withdrawal from Sinai approaches because of the arms build-up in Syria, possibly in Jordan, and in southern Lebanon.

"That could happen, not because the Syrians attack, but because the Israelis decide that the build-up of forces is so frightening, and that the United States and the French and the British and the Germans and whomever else, by providing weapons to the immediate Arab world surrounding Israel, are presenting such a threat to Israel that Israel has to do something," Squadron said.

He said that if the Israelis perceive that the U.S. "cannot defuse the situation, as with the Palestine Liberation Organization in south Lebanon, then the U.S. will 'have to expect the Israelis to do something about it — and they have to back them up, not get worried about it.'"

On the other hand, "if the U.S. was not accelerating the concerns of the Israelis by supplying arms and by threatening to supply more arms, it would be possible for the U.S. to say to Israel, 'Don't take this action. We are going to see to it that nothing comes of this.'"

Castigates The Pentagon

Squadron contended that there are "many people" in the Pentagon who are "prepared to disregard Israeli sensitivities ... who consider Israel not so much a strategic asset, except in time of war, but a strategic liability that is a burden."

He accused Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger of conveying "that Pentagon view to the White House, because he's got a close longtime personal relationship with the White House people." According to Squadron, "What you have is foreign policy being formulated both at the Pentagon and at the State Department with each of the formulations having an equal opportunity to become foreign policy."

Squadron also expressed the view that while President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt will seek to reestablish relations with the rest of the Arab world, "he says he will not do so under any circumstances at the expense of Camp David or peace with Israel," and "I do believe him."

S.F. ADDED TO CITIES WITH HOLOCAUST MEMORIALS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

SAN FRANCISCO, March 16 (JTA) — San Francisco has been added to the small number of cities with Holocaust memorials on public property. The planned memorial will be financed by public contributions. The San Francisco Recreation and Parks commission has approved a site in front of the Palace of Honor in Lincoln Park, which overlooks the Golden Gate Bridge.

Rhoda Goldman, chairman of Mayor Dianne Feinstein's Committee for a Memorial to the Six Million Victims of the Holocaust, said the memorial monument will be in the form of a massive sculpture.

Although planning for the memorial began some time ago, fund-raising was postponed until the Lincoln Park site was confirmed. Mrs. Goldman said the Mayor's committee estimated the project would cost about \$750,000.

She said \$150,000 would be raised within the Holocaust survivor community in the Bay area. The rest will be raised through 36 individual gifts of \$15,000 each, a plan based on the Talmudic legend of the 36 "just men" who always live on earth.

Mrs. Goldman said the committee has proposed that the monument be not "just a statue, but an environment; not just a monument to the horror of the past, but a reminder of the hope of the future."

Six noted artists and sculptors have been invited to submit monument designs. Mrs. Goldman expressed hope the project would be completed within the next two years. She said the committee also would seek to raise at least \$250,000 for an educational program for Bay area public and private schools.

In addition to being a memorial for the Holocaust victims and focal point of the educational project, the sculpture will be a "legacy" to San Francisco, a gift of a public art object with more than one purpose, Mrs. Goldman declared. She said the educational project will be organized to seek to show Bay area students how the Nazis tried to wipe out entire peoples solely because of what they were.

ATLANTA JEWISH COMMUNITY FEELS JUSTICE WAS DONE IN THE EXONERATION OF A JEWISH LYNCHING VICTIM

ATLANTA, March 16 (JTA) — The Jewish community here was unanimous in expressing the feeling that justice has prevailed in the disclosure last week that a Jew who was lynched nearly 70 years ago was not guilty of the crime for which he was found guilty and subsequently murdered, by a frenzied mob.

Leo Frank, a supervisor of a local pencil company, was convicted in 1913 of killing a 14-year-old girl, Mary Phagan, who worked at the factory. But last week, Jerry Thompson and Bob Sherborne, reporters for the Nashville Tennessean, broke the story that Phagan had been killed by the janitor of the factory, Jim Conley. This information was provided by 83-year-old Alonzo Mann, who at the time of the girl's murder was an office boy at the pencil company.

Thompson, who earlier had infiltrated the Ku Klux Klan for 16 months and later wrote an inside account of KKK activities for the Tennessean, and Sherborne spent more than six weeks on the Frank story, often working 20 to 22 hours a day.

Want To See Frank Cleared Officially

Vida Goldgar, editor of The Southern Israelite, wrote in this week's edition of the newspaper that the Jewish community here would like to see Frank's name cleared on the official record in view of Mann's disclosure.

Ted Fischer, chairman of the Atlanta Jewish Federation's Community Relations Committee's steering committee, said that even after 70 years, "it is of vital interest to the Jewish community that an atmosphere of cooperation and justice prevail and that in a case such as this, where new and important information has been received, it should be given due consideration because such information allows us to build a better society with justice for all," Ms. Goldgar reported.

She wrote that the committee, responding to the broad interests and concerns which have been expressed within the Jewish community, is formulating plans to attempt to set the record straight for both the Jewish and general communities.

The Most Malicious Villain

Stuart Lewengrub, the regional director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, was quoted by Ms. Goldgar as saying: "I still believe that of all the villains in this tragedy, the one who was most malicious and bears the greatest responsibility for the (court) verdict and the lynching was Tom Watson. And it is a shame that his statue is so prominently displayed at the capital. It is a monument to the kind of racial and religious bigotry which hopefully is a thing of the past."

Watson, through his publication, the Jeffersonian, "played on the fears, hatreds and prejudices to bring about the frenzy of anti-Semitism" that swept through this city following the murder of Phagan, Ms. Goldgar wrote.

Sherry Frank, director of the American Jewish Committee chapter here, said she was "relieved that this historic injustice is being rectified." She added that the Nashville Tennessean's "endless pursuit of truth" challenges "leaders throughout our state to clear Leo

Frank's name once and for all." Rabbi Alvin Sugarman of the Temple, of which Leo Frank's uncle, Moses Frank, had been a founder, was quoted by Ms. Goldgar as saying: "Even though it is years late in coming, Mann has come forward and shown his worth as a human being ... he has chosen not to go to his grave holding back something that works for justice, namely, the truth."

'An Innocent Man Was Lynched'

In their first public appearance since breaking the story, last week in a 10-page special news section under the headline, "An Innocent Man Was Lynched," reporters Thompson and Sherborne recounted details of their investigation at a meeting of the AJCommittee Atlanta chapter.

Thompson explained that the story was significant to a newspaper in Nashville, far removed from Atlanta, because a number of events were shaped by the tragedy: the rise of the KKK; the formation of the ADL; Hugh Dorsey, the prosecutor of Leo Frank, went on to become governor of Georgia; and Watson's political power increased and he rode the wave to a seat in the U.S. Senate.

From the tragedy, Thompson continued, the political career of Governor John Slaton, who commuted Frank's sentence, was sacrificed and he was driven from Atlanta for many years. Thompson likened the mob which marched on the governor's mansion after he commuted Frank's sentence to pictures he has seen of Kristallnacht in Nazi Germany, Ms. Goldgar reported.

It was also recalled that it was the AJCommittee's first president, renowned Constitutional lawyer Louis Marshall, who provided both funds and legal advice in the ultimately futile efforts to prove Frank's innocence. Thompson and Sherborne said that what matters most is that "once and for all it (Mann's disclosure) confirms what many people have believed for almost 70 years" — that an innocent man was lynched.

JEWISH AGENCY WORKERS CONTINUE TO DISMANTLE BUILDINGS IN YAMIT AREA By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, March 16 (JTA) — Laborers employed by the Jewish Agency, mostly Arabs, continued today to dismantle buildings and equipment in farm settlements in the Yamit region of northern Sinai without incident. Soldiers sent to protect the workers from possible assaults by militants opposed to Israel's withdrawal from Sinai had little to do as greenhouses and farm implements at Ugda village were disassembled for relocation in Israel.

The Jewish Agency is concentrating its dismantling efforts on Jewish settlements closest to the Israeli border. They want everything removed from that region by April 25, the Sinai pull-out deadline, so as not to facilitate the settlement of Egyptian civilians near the border.

Yamit, the largest Israeli town in Sinai, is being left to the last. It is there that members of the Stop the Withdrawal movement and their followers are digging in for what they vow will be the last-ditch resistance should the army attempt to remove them.

The Yamit settlers are concerned chiefly with the compensation they will get from the government for relocating. Matityahu Schmuelevitz, director general of the Prime Minister's Office, assured a group of Yamit businessmen today that the compensation bill now in the Knesset Finance Committee will not supersede previous agreements reached with the government.