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SNAGS, MISUNDERSTANDINGS AMONG ISRAELIS SEEKING TO VISIT SINAI

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, April 26 (JTA) -- Bureaucratic snags and misunderstandings created some confusion among Israelis interested in visiting Sinai on its first day under full Egyptian control. The Egyptian Consul at Eilat said Israeli visitors could obtain visas at the border crosspoint at Taba just south of the town.

But according to Voice of Israel Radio, Egyptian officials at Taba would admit no Israelis into Sinai because they have not received the proper visa stamps from Cairo. The Israeli and Egyptian interior ministries have not as yet declared the Taba border crossing officially open. Two other border crosspoints, at Rafah and Nitana, were not opened yesterday as scheduled.

An Egyptian patrol in northern Sinai came upon a group of Israelis who crossed the border inadvertently. When the Israelis failed to heed orders to halt, the Egyptians fired into the air. The incident was resolved through the intervention of an Israeli liaison officer.

Egypt, meanwhile, reportedly rejected an Israeli request to continue operating a natural gas well in the Yamit region near the former settlement of Sadot. Gas production ceased at noon yesterday and the equipment was dismantled before the well was handed over to the Egyptians. Although the Israeli operators offered to rent the field, they were told that was not possible under Egyptian law.

CABINET TO CONSIDER MOTION OPPOSING DISMANTLING JEWISH SETTLEMENTS AS PART OF ANY FUTURE PEACE AGREEMENT

JERUSALEM, April 26 (JTA) -- A motion declaring that Israel will refuse to dismantle Jewish settlements as part of any future peace agreement is expected to be approved by the Cabinet at its regular weekly session next Sunday and sent to the Knesset for ratification. The motion, introduced by Education Minister Zevulun Hammer of the National Religious Party, was warmly welcomed by Premier Menachem Begin who promised to bring it before the full Cabinet.

It is in line with Defense Minister Ariel Sharon's order of the day issued yesterday on the completion of Israel's withdrawal from Sinai. Sharon declared that with that withdrawal, "Israel has now reached the red line of its concessions... We shall turn to increasing and consolidating our settlements on the Golan Heights, in Judea, Samaria and the Gaza District."

The Ministerial Settlement Committee decided yesterday to establish seven new settlements on the West Bank and Golan Heights. The decision made at a joint meeting with World Zionist Organization representatives, approved the establishment of a new regional center in the northern Golan Heights, five new settlements in various parts of the West Bank and an urban settlement, to be known as Neot Adamim, in the Bethlehem region.

UNREST CONTINUES ON WEST BANK, GAZA

JERUSALEM, April 26 (JTA) -- Curfews were imposed on the Israel-held section of Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip and in several towns on the West Bank as a result of widespread unrest yesterday and today. Rafah lies athwart the international boundary between the Gaza Strip and Sinai. The southern section of the town was handed over to Egypt yesterday as Israel completed its withdrawal from Sinai.

The divided town was the scene of violent anti-Israel demonstrations in recent weeks. They erupted anew after the Egyptians raised their flag in their sector of Rafah and continued this morning. Tubas and Kabatiya on the West Bank were placed under curfews today. In Tubas crowds attacked the local police station but were driven off by Israeli troops.

Israeli forces disarmed student demonstrators in Ramallah and El-Bireh north of Jerusalem after the students burned tires and hurled rocks at soldiers. A border police patrol was attacked with rocks in Ramallah. The attackers were driven off by shots fired into the air.

PAKISTAN BARS EUROPEAN COMMISSION BECAUSE ITS CHAIRMAN IS JEWISH

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, April 26 (JTA) -- Pakistan has barred a European Parliamentary commission from entering its territory and meeting with Afghan refugees because the head of the commission is a Jewish deputy associated with Israel. The European Parliament in Strasbourg said it cancelled the visit which was due to have gone to Pakistan this week.

The group barred from Pakistan is chaired by Paris Gaullist Deputy Gerard Israel, secretary general of the Alliance Israelite Universelle. He is also one of the lay leaders of the Council of Major Jewish Organizations in France (CRIF).

Pakistan informed Belgium, whose Foreign Minister currently heads the European Economic Community's Council of Ministers, that it will not permit Gerard Israel to enter because of his "close links with Israel." Belgium tried through its ambassador to Pakistan to have the decision shelved.

When Pakistan refused, the European Parliament decided to cancel the mission altogether. Several deputies have asked Western European governments to reconsider their financial help and humanitarian assistance to the refugee camps in Pakistan.

VOTE PENDING IN UN ON MEASURE CALLING FOR ISRAEL'S SUSPENSION

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, April 26 (JTA) -- A sharply worded draft resolution calling for the suspension of Israel from the United Nations and for total isolation of the Jewish State in the international community will be introduced tomorrow for a

vote in the General Assembly.

However, last minute changes to soften the harsh language of the resolution were under consideration today. The Assembly is currently holding a debate on the "Palestinian Question," to be concluded by tomorrow's vote.

The draft uses the most explicit language to date in an effort to expel Israel from the deliberations of the General Assembly. It calls on that body "to review Israel's status in the United Nations in the coming 37th session" of the Assembly next September.

The draft also declares that "once again Israel's records and actions confirm that it is not a peace-loving member-state and that it has carried out neither its obligation under the Charter nor its commitment under General Assembly Resolution 273 of May 1949." Resolution 273 was the measure under which Israel was accepted to the UN.

The draft resolution also calls on all states to sever diplomatic relations with Israel, to suspend all economic ties and to refrain from selling arms to Israel. It also requests total Israel withdrawal from all occupied territories and calls for the establishment of a Palestinian state.

In addition, the draft also "condemns the United States" for vetoing Security Council resolutions against Israel. The latest U.S. veto took place last Tuesday in the Council on a resolution condemning Israel for the shooting on the Temple Mount April 11 during which two Arabs were killed and 30 persons were wounded.

U.S. JEWISH LEADERS MARK ISRAEL'S FINAL WITHDRAWAL FROM THE SINAI

NEW YORK, April 26 (JTA) -- The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations called on the Reagan Administration "to adopt a Middle East policy that rewards only those states willing to live in peace with Israel."

The statement by the Presidents Conference, signed by its chairman, Howard Squadron, and Yehuda Hellman, its executive director, was one of many by American Jewish organizations and leaders marking the completion of Israel's final withdrawal from Sinai yesterday.

The Presidents Conference hailed the move as "an heroic act of faith" and noted the immense sacrifices of strategic security, natural resources and financial investment that it entailed. "We salute the leaders of Israel for their commitment to the peace process. We honor the courage of the people of Israel for placing at risk their own lives and the lives of their children in the search for peace," the statement said.

"We call on our government, as a full partner in the peace process, to insure that Israel's sacrifices for peace will not be in vain and to adopt a Middle East policy that rewards only those states willing to live in peace with Israel."

Sacrifices Should Be Evident

Rabbi Joseph Sternstein, president of the American Zionist Federation, said in a statement on the withdrawal: "That true and tangible sacrifices were made by Israel in her quest for peace should be readily evident to all people of good will. The Sinai peninsula was occupied at the cost of much bloodshed, and Israel paid a bitter price of young lives in obtaining the security of her defense in Sinai... Now, we watch apprehensively to see

whether the world at large and in particular our own government will fully appreciate what has happened."

Jack Spitzer, president of B'nai B'rith International, hailed Israel's withdrawal from Sinai as "more than a triumph of the Camp David process, but a triumph of hope over history." He noted that despite uncertainty and fear, Israel "has agreed to return to the vulnerability of 15 years ago in the hope that when President Hosni Mubarak (of Egypt) and before him, President Anwar Sadat, said 'no more war', they meant it for their Egypt no less than the Egypt of the future."

Maynard Wishner, president of the American Jewish Committee, said Israel's withdrawal from Sinai demonstrates "the power of the much maligned" Camp David accords toward developing a comprehensive peace in the Mideast. He added:

"Now is high time to recognize what a valuable tool the accords can be for bringing peace between Israel and the Palestinians if only the latter choose to use them. Had they decided to do so from the outset rather than follow the PLO chimera of the eventual destruction of Israel, the Palestinians would already be well into the Camp David transition period. They already would be negotiating the final status of their own self government in the West Bank and Gaza."

In a resolution adopted by the American Jewish Congress at its biennial convention, Premier Menachem Begin of Israel and the people of Israel were hailed for completing "one of the most magnanimous political acts in modern history, a courageous, unequalled contribution to peace." Squadron, AJ Congress president, said, in introducing the resolution: "We hope this peace will endure and flourish and that other Arab countries will follow Egypt's example."

An Example for Other Nations

The Rabbinical Assembly, representing 1,200 Conservative rabbis in the U.S., Canada and overseas, opened a four-day meeting at Kiamesha Lake, N.Y. with a prayer that Israel's "sacrifice for peace" will not be in vain. Rabbi Seymour Cohen, the outgoing president of the rabbinical organization, expressed hope that Israel's action would encourage the nations of the world to fulfill their responsibility to continue the Camp David process and that the U.S. in particular continues to serve as an instrument for peace throughout the world.

Ivan Novick, president of the Zionist Organization of America, declared: "As the Jewish nation bids Shalom to a Sinai that they have nurtured and scrupulously cared for, let the world give the full credit to honest negotiations made possible by the courageous leadership of Israel and supported by a people true to the Zionist ideal that seeks to live with their neighbors in a peaceful world."

Rabbi Joseph Tabachnik, president of the Chicago Board of Rabbis, said: "The entire world must recognize the concrete sacrifices being made by Israel in the interest of peace. The immense risks to its own security, as well as the imposition of enormous financial burdens and the anguish to its well-being, must not be ignored or taken for granted by other countries. Now that Israel has honored its commitments, hopefully the other Camp David conditions for peace and reconciliation will be speedily fulfilled."

Moshe Baram, a former Labor Minister in Israel, addressing the Jewish Labor Committee's biennial convention here, predicted that the turn-over of Sinai to Egypt "would open a new chapter of peace for Israel." He observed: "Despite the problems that will beset us, we will have peace, I predict, with all of our Arab neighbors. In spite of the efforts of some Arab states to paint us as villains before the world and the UN, we desire peace and we will work toward peace."

Rabbi Sol Roth, president of the Rabbinical Council of America, said "it is time for prayer that the dimensions of Israel's sacrifice may be appreciated by its Camp David partners, that Israel's devotion to peace may be understood and acknowledged by the world community...and that Israel's great sacrifice will ultimately lead to harmonious relationships with its neighbors."

WEINBERGER MAY SOON VISIT ISRAEL BUT NO DATE HAS BEEN SET, AS YET

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, April 26 (JTA) -- Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger said today that he hoped to be going soon to Israel but that no date has been set as yet for his first visit to the Jewish State.

Answering questions at a luncheon of the Overseas Writers, Weinberger denied an Israeli report that a possible visit next month has been blocked by National Security Advisor William Clark. The Defense Secretary said that although he was attending the NATO defense ministers meeting in Brussels next week, the State Department felt there was not enough time to make the preparations for a visit to Israel. He said an effort would be made to find a time convenient to both him and the Israelis.

Weinberger was invited to Israel last November 30 by Defense Minister Ariel Sharon when the two officials signed the Memorandum of Understanding on Strategic Cooperation here. But Weinberger, who had been expected to go to Israel when he visited Saudi Arabia, Oman and Jordan in February, did not schedule a stop in Jerusalem, reportedly because of U.S. pique at Israel's annexation of the Golan Heights.

View of the Memorandum of Understanding

The Memorandum of Understanding was suspended by the U.S. at the time because of the Israeli action. But Weinberger said today that there was a "misunderstanding" on the status of the memorandum. While he did not explain the exact status today, he said he believed the difficulties would be straightened out soon.

However, Weinberger said that efforts to meet the Soviet threat to the Middle East was still part of U.S. policy. He said the strategic agreement with Israel was aimed at only a threat to the Mideast from the Soviet Union and not at any country or groups of countries in the region.

But Weinberger said Israel's withdrawal from Sinai yesterday was the "first step" in a series of steps toward a comprehensive peace in the Middle East. He repeated his often stated position that while the U.S. is pledged to maintain the security of Israel, it needs more than one friend in the Mideast.

Weinberger also indicated that he favors providing Jordan with the F-16 jets and Hawk mobile missiles that the Hashemite kingdom is expected to request. But he said that Jordan hasn't made a

formal request as yet but one might come during the meeting of the U.S.-Jordanian joint military committee in Jordan this week.

Weinberger said he doubted that Jordan could be persuaded to cancel its order of missiles from the Soviet Union which it ordered late last year. But he said it would be "unfortunate" if Jordan had to depend on the Soviet Union as its major source of arms. He warned that a great deal comes in Soviet arms sales in addition to "the owner's manual."

ISRAEL, EGYPT TO GET MORE U.S. ARMS

WASHINGTON, April 26 (JTA) -- The Defense Department announced today that it plans to sell Israel 11 F-15 jet fighters and Egypt 300 AIM-9L sidewinder air-to-air missiles. Congress has 30 days in which it may reject the sale.

The sale to Egypt, which totals \$34 million, also includes 30 training missiles, repair parts and support equipment. The equipment would be used on F-16s which Egypt has already contracted to buy. The Pentagon stressed that the sale would not affect the balance of power in the Middle East.

The \$510 million sale to Israel also includes 11 sets (22) of conformal fuel tanks, six F-100 engines, support equipment and other materials. The Pentagon noted that this was part of the U.S. policy to assure Israel has the means to defend itself within secure borders.

FRANCO-ISRAELI COMMISSION TO MEET AFTER AN 11-YEAR LAPSE

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, April 26 (JTA) -- The Franco-Israeli Mixed Commission, a senior body entrusted with working out joint projects and ironing out difficulties between the two countries, will meet here this week after an 11-year lapse. The commission, set up in the heydays of Franco-Israeli friendship of the early 1960s, will hold a two-day session April 29-30.

The sessions, at the level of Foreign Ministry Director Generals, will be devoted to subjects such as industrial and technical cooperation; the implications of the European Economic Community's enlargement due to the entry of Spain, Greece and Portugal; joint international cooperation, especially in Africa; and the creation of a joint fund for investment purposes.

The 12-member Israeli delegation will be headed by the Foreign Ministry's Director General David Kimche and Prof. Ezra Sedan of the Finance Ministry. It is not known yet who will head the French delegation.

President Francois Mitterand promised during his recent state visit to Israel to reconvene the Mixed Commission as tangible proof of Paris' intention to work out concrete programs for Franco-Israeli cooperation. French officials say Mitterand personally asked the Quai d'Orsay to accelerate preparations for the commission's sessions so as to enable it to start operating without delay.

WASHINGTON (JTA) -- More than 100 men, women and children from the Greater Washington Jewish community demonstrated outside the Soviet Embassy Monday to mark the 51st birthday of Ida Nudel.

SEVERAL THOUSAND RALLY TO DEMAND U.S. KEEP ITS COMMITMENT TO ISRAEL

by David Friedman

WASHINGTON, April 26 (JTA) -- Several thousand persons yesterday filled Lafayette Park across from the White House in a "rally for the conscience of America" to demand that the United States keep its commitment to the security of Israel.

"As Americans we stand just opposite the White House, the heart and soul of America, to express our deep outrage concerning our government's abandonment of Israel and the ideals of America," said Rabbi Avraham Weiss, co-chairman of the Coalition to Stop the American Abandonment of Israel, the rally's organizer.

Rabbi Solomon Sharfman, former president of the Synagogue Council of America and the Rabbinical Council of America, said that "we have come here to appeal to the conscience of America to prevent the dream of Camp David from becoming a nightmare." He said that the U.S. has a "moral commitment to the security of Israel and it should demonstrate this commitment by 'deeds' not 'misguided... even handedness.'"

The persons attending the rally held a few hours after Israel had officially withdrawn from the Sinai, came for the most part from the New York, Baltimore and Washington areas. President Reagan was in the White House at the time but could not hear the speakers. However, shortly before the rally began, several demonstrators held up signs pointed at the White House.

Reagan Urged to Keep Promises

Some of them read: "Israel kept its promises, keep yours, President Reagan"; "Jordan is a Palestinian state"; and, "Weinberger -- America is not for sale." The latter referred to Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger's efforts to sell weapons to the Arab countries. Some of the participants also carried posters from Reagan's 1980 presidential campaign with his name in Hebrew letters on the back of which they printed the sign, "Keep your promises."

Weiss noted that the President last week "led a moving tribute to the Holocaust victims," and declared that "part of the Holocaust is to tell the U.S. government that the best and only memorial to the six million is a strong State of Israel."

Will Make "A Bloody Nuisance of Ourselves"

Weiss said that "the time for seminars, the time for committee meetings is over. We shall, in the words of Howard Squadron, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, make a bloody nuisance of ourselves." He urged the gathering to take a solemn pledge that unlike the situation during the Holocaust, "never, never shall we be guilty of the sin of silence again" and if the Administration's commitments to Israel are not carried out the group will be back again numbering "tens of thousands."

District of Columbia Councilman Jerry Moore, pastor of the 18th Street Baptist Church, a Black leader here, declared that "Israel must not be cast aside in favor of oil... strategic agreements... political policies." Another speaker was the Rev. Isaac Rottenberg, chairman of the National Christian Leadership Conference in Israel. Other participants included Peter Goldman, of Americans for a Safe Israel and Rabbi Haskell Lookstein of New

York.

The Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington urged Washington area Jews to attend the rally but it did not endorse or sponsor it. The Presidents Conference, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee and the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council had advised the local Jewish Community Council that they neither supported nor opposed the rally.

Before the rally, the audience was entertained with Hebrew songs by youngsters from the Hebrew Academy of Greater Washington. The children also led the audience in the singing of the national anthem and Hatikva. After the rally, many of the demonstrators joined the leaders of the coalition in crossing Pennsylvania Avenue and marching past the White House. At the gate, a shofar was sounded and a letter to President Reagan and a Book of Psalms were delivered.

UN CHIEF TERMS ISRAEL'S WITHDRAWAL FROM SINAI A CONSTRUCTIVE MOVE

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, April 26 (JTA) -- Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar said today that "the final Israeli withdrawal from the Sinai is a significant and constructive development." In a statement issued here by his spokesman, the Secretary General added: "It is now essential to seek to resolve the other principal aspects of the Middle East problem, so that a comprehensive, just and lasting settlement is attained."

The Secretary General also issued a report on the condition of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL). He said in the report that the situation in the area "has remained extremely volatile" and that tensions continue in that region.

"While the arrangements for the cease-fire in southern Lebanon which came into effect in July, 1981 have generally held, unresolved tensions have led to the very real danger of widespread hostilities being sparked in the area. It was for this reason, in particular, that I learned with deep concern of the Israeli air strikes into Lebanon on April 21," the Secretary General's report said.

He appealed to all parties in the area "to exercise maximum restraint and to cooperate fully" with UNIFIL. He warned that failure to do so "cannot only lead to breaches of the cease-fire but could also seriously impair the prospects of peace in the region."

At the same time, he announced that Ghana, Ireland, Nepal and Norway have agreed to increase the size of their UNIFIL troop contingents by 221, 70, 30 and 20 men, respectively. He said France has also agreed in principle to a request for an additional 600-man battalion.

BQNN (JTA) -- A plaque in memory of 20 Jewish school children who were murdered by the Nazis after having been subjected to inhuman medical experiments, was dedicated in Hamburg. Wolfgang Tamowski, the city's senior official for cultural affairs, denounced the crime as one of the most brutal of the Nazi regime. One of the murderers is still alive, Arnold Strippel, the SS official said to have ordered the children put to death. The children were hanged on April 20, 1945, shortly before Germany surrendered in order to cover up the effects of the experiment.