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DRAPER, ISRAELI OFFICIALS HOLD TALKS IN EFFORT TO REACH ACCORD ON WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS FROM LEBANON

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Nov. 2 (JTA) -- U.S. special envoy Morris Draper continued his talks with Israeli leaders today in an attempt to reach agreement on the framework of proposed negotiations for the withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon and security arrangements in south Lebanon.

Draper met with Premier Menachem Begin, Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Defense Minister Ariel Sharon last night. He had another session with Shamir today. Afterwards he told reporters that he thought "we are making progress in overcoming the obstacles to talks aimed at bringing about the withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon. That is the common objective of the U.S., Lebanon and Israel."

But there were indications that the Israeli and American positions do not coincide and there has been unconcealed disappointment in circles here with Draper's stand on specific demands being made by Israel.

The American envoy, who is President Reagan's special Ambassador for the negotiations on Lebanon, has continued to urge the Israelis not to make matters difficult for President Amin Gemayel of Lebanon. Some Israeli sources have suggested that Draper seems to be speaking for Gemayel rather than for the U.S.

Israel's View Of The Issues

It has become evident in recent weeks that the newly elected Lebanese President is trying to distance himself from Israel in order to improve his relations with the other Arab countries and with Lebanon's Moslem majority.

The Israelis strongly oppose the Lebanese position that negotiations with Israel should be conducted at the liaison officers level comprising military commissions, with the U.S. acting as mediator. Israel insists on direct talks by a joint political-military commission.

Israel demands further that the end of belligerency between the two countries must be the first topic on the agenda. The Israelis intend to raise other political issues of principle which they insist must be discussed at a senior political level, not between military officers.

Those issues would include the ways and means to ensure the total withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon and security arrangements to prevent them from ever returning. Israel would leave details of security arrangements in south Lebanon to the end of the negotiating process.

Lebanese P.M. Blasts Israel

In Lebanon, meanwhile, opposition appears to be growing to Israel's continued presence in the country. Prime Minister Shafiq al-Wazzan accused the Israelis yesterday of "paralyzing government functions" in the areas of Lebanon its troops occupy. He also threatened to strip the citizenship of Lebanese officials and civilians in cases of "collaboration with Israel."

According to reports from Beirut, al-Wazzan said the Israeli occupying force was trying "to subvert the local administration and impose normalization by interfering in public affairs." He warned that "People who deal with Israel and thus harm the country could lose their nationality."

Israelis are also upset with Gemayel who returned to Beirut last night from Morocco where he discussed the possibility of enlarging the Multinational Force in Lebanon to include Moroccan units. The MNF is presently composed of Italian and French troops and 1,200 U.S. marines.

Israeli sources promptly rejected the idea of including Moroccans because Morocco is officially in a state of belligerency with Israel. But they seemed willing to consider the deployment of Egyptian units as part of the MNF. (See related story from Washington.)

STATE DEPT. SAYS THERE ARE NO IMMEDIATE PLANS TO ADD MOROCCAN TROOPS TO THE MNF

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2 (JTA) -- The State Department indicated today that no troops from Morocco or other countries would be added to the Multinational Force now in Lebanon until an agreement on the withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon is completed.

Department spokesman John Hughes would not comment on reports that President Amin Gemayel of Lebanon was offered Moroccan troops during his visit to Morocco yesterday. He said there are a "variety of questions that would have to be answered if we get to a point where an enlargement of the MNF is contemplated. I don't think we are at that point."

Hughes explained that Israel and Lebanon, with American participation, are now trying to work out an agreement on the withdrawal of foreign forces and when the agreement is reached, if there is a decision to enlarge the role of the MNF, now made up of U.S. marines and French and Italian troops and confined to Beirut, then that will be the time to study whether additional foreign forces are needed.

At the same time, Hughes said, he "doesn't see any reason why" the U.S. goal to begin the withdrawal of foreign forces from Lebanon by the end of the year cannot be "accomplished."

KOHL IS RELUCTANT TO SPEAK OUT ON THE MIDEAST SITUATION

By David Kantor

BONN, Nov. 2 (JTA) -- Chancellor Helmut Kohl has studiously refrained from public statements on the Arab-Israeli conflict since taking office October 1 because he believes they would have an adverse effect on diplomacy. His reticence on the subject is in sharp contrast to his predecessor, Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, who was often outspoken in his criticism of Israeli policies and frequently stressed the need for a comprehensive solution of the Middle East crisis.

An aide to Kohl, who heads the Christian Democratic Union (CDU), said the Chancellor's approach is that the more said in public about the Middle East

conflict, the less chance there is to resolve it. Kohl knows that any statement on highly sensitive issues would be carefully scrutinized by both Israelis and Arabs. To avoid antagonizing either side keeps open the channels of communication and makes it possible to stay on "speaking terms" with both.

Kohl dodged a question on the Middle East at his first press conference and avoided the Arab-Israeli conflict in his review of world problems in his first address to the Bundestag as Chancellor. Similarly, he did not discuss the subject at the recent Franco-German and Anglo-German summit conferences.

But sooner or later he will have to speak out. Kohl's aide said security for Israel and self-determination for the Palestinians remain the principles of Bonn's Middle East policy. They were laid down in the platform published by the CDU-Free Democratic Party coalition. But the new government's view is that these goals can best be achieved by supporting American diplomatic efforts rather than European initiatives which are unrealistic.

EGYPT COMPLAINS TO ISRAEL OVER OPENING OF HOTEL IN TABA

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Nov. 2 (JTA) -- Egypt lodged a formal complaint with Israel today over the opening of a resort hotel in the disputed Taba area near Eilat. But Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali played down the issue as a "technical" matter involving the final delineation of the border between Israel and Sinai.

The Sonesta hotel opened for business yesterday despite Egyptian protests. A gala formal opening scheduled in two weeks. The Egyptians charged today that the opening breached the Israeli-Egyptian agreement that Taba should remain a no-man's land until the border dispute is settled. That agreement was reached just before Israel completed its withdrawal from Sinai last April.

But according to Israel's interpretation of the agreement, life was to continue normally in the area, including completion of the hotel which was then under construction.

Negotiations over the final status of Taba, a few acres of beachfront on the Gulf of Aqaba, were suspended when Israel invaded Lebanon last June. Israel has expressed willingness to resume them but only on condition that the autonomy talks with Egypt and the normalization process are resumed simultaneously and that Egypt return its Ambassador to Tel Aviv.

Hassan Ali said on a television interview last night that the linkage demanded by Israel was totally unacceptable.

POLL SHOWS LIKUD HAS GAINED, WHILE LABOR HAS DECLINED IN POPULARITY

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Nov. 2 (JTA) -- A public opinion poll taken in mid-October showed that Likud has gained slightly in popularity and the Labor Party correspondingly declined. But a strong centrist third party would be a serious threat to the Likud government, according to the survey conducted by Dr. Mina Zemach for Monitin magazine.

If elections were held now, Likud would win 59 Knesset seats and Labor 40 seats, the poll showed. A similar poll conducted for Monitin in September gave Likud 55 seats and Labor 43. The

other parties registered only minor changes or none at all between the two polls.

But a new centrist party would win 14 seats in elections now if it included on its list former Defense Minister Ezer Weizman, and six seats without Weizman. Most of those gains would be at the expense of the Likud-led coalition, political observers say. Weizman broke with Likud before the 1981 elections because of sharp policy differences with Premier Menachem Begin. He has not been politically active since then.

The latest poll showed a slight drop in the popularity of Defense Minister Ariel Sharon.

SOVIET JEWISH ACTIVIST CHARGED

NEW YORK, Nov. 2 (JTA) -- Feliks Kochubievsky, a Soviet Jewish emigration activist, has been charged under the Soviet criminal code of "circulation of fabrications known to be false which defame the Soviet state and social system," it was reported here today by the National Conference on Soviet Jewry. He faces a maximum penalty of three years' imprisonment or internal exile, the conference said.

The 52-year-old electrical engineer was arrested September 12 as a result of his attempts to establish a "USSR-Israel Friendship Society," which included the publication of a volume which outlined the positive aspects of USSR-Israeli relations. He has been completely isolated from his family as the Soviet authorities have prohibited his wife, in Novosibirsk, and his father in Kharkov, from sending or receiving any letters or packages.

SPECIAL TO THE JTA LEGAL TEST BEGUN IN VIRGINIA ON WHETHER A REAL ESTATE FIRM CAN USE CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS IN ITS ADS

By Ben Gallob

NEW YORK, Nov. 2 (JTA) -- A legal test has been launched in Virginia, at state and federal levels, on whether a real estate firm may use openly Christian symbols in its promotional advertising, in violation of state and federal housing laws banning such discriminatory promotion, on grounds it has a constitutional right to do so in exercise of freedom of religion and freedom of expression.

The action was started by the North Carolina/Virginia regional office in Richmond, of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, Normal Olshansky, regional director, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today in a telephone interview.

The target of the action is Paul Lotz Realty Co. of Newport News, which uses such slogans, in its promotion, as "Christians, Tell A Friend;" "Jesus is Coming;" and that the firm is a member of the "National Christian Referral Service." Olshansky said Lotz uses such material on his business stationery, on billboards and in advertising in two local dailies and several local weekly newspapers.

Olshansky said the ADL office had protested to the media and that the position of the publication officials has been that Lotz says he has the right to sponsor such material and that, until the courts rule otherwise, they will continue to publish such Lotz advertising.

Virginia state and federal laws ban use by real estate firms of proposals which indicate a preference for or limitation of prospective buyers of housing. The agencies involved are the Virginia Real Estate Commission (VREC) and the federal Housing and Urban Development agency (HUD).

Olshansky told the JTA that such real estate advertising is being done by many realtors but that the ADL intends to test its legality before deciding whether to proceed against realtors in other areas of the United States. He said he understands there was no precedent at the state level of a test of the constitutionality of such

real estate promotional methods and that the Richmond ADL action may also involve a first test of such real estate promotion at the federal level.

Lotz filed suit against the VREC and HUD in the federal court for the eastern district of Virginia, asking for an injunction against the state and federal housing agencies, for a ruling on whether the law -- which is identical for both the state of Virginia and the federal government -- was constitutional and claiming that the procedures against his firm by the state and federal agencies were procedurally inappropriate.

The federal court rejected Lotz' appeal for an injunction and held that the proceedings were procedurally appropriate. The court did not rule on the constitutional issue, Olshansky said.

Background Of The Situation

Olshansky said that initially, the real estate commission declined to act on the ADL's complaint, filed in 1980, but last Friday it decided to refer the complaint to the state Attorney General, Gerald Baliles, for action to stop the Lotz company's use of Christian symbols. He said both state and federal fair housing laws ban advertising which "indicates a preference or limitation" of prospective home buyers based on religion, race, sex or national origin.

Olshansky said "it is now up to the Attorney General of Virginia and the United States Justice Department to ask the appropriate state and federal courts to enforce the law."

The VREC reversed itself after Bernard Henderson, Jr., director of the state Department of Commerce, asked the commission to reconsider the ADL complaint. Because of the constitutional issue, Henderson said that the proper route for review of the ADL complaint is through the state Attorney General. Henderson said the VREC does not have jurisdiction over constitutional issues.

Olshansky said the latest action by the VREC amounts to a finding that there is a violation of the state's fair housing law. He added that the Attorney General may now seek an injunction in the state circuit court in the Richmond area.

Olshansky also reported that the case, which had been in HUD's fair housing enforcement division since September, was sent Friday to the HUD Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, with the recommendation that it be transmitted to the office of HUD General Counsel for referral to the federal Department of Justice. Olshansky told the JTA that such action could be expected in about a week.

Firm Asked Local Clergy For Support

Olshansky said the case also involved letters from Lotz to local clergy, asking their support for his use of Christian references in his real estate advertising. He described the letters as "blatantly anti-Semitic." Asked his reasons for that description, Olshansky told the JTA that, in the letters, Lotz equated Judaism with Communism and charged that "the Jews" were involved in some sort of conspiracy against Christians.

Olshansky said that, despite the federal court ruling rejecting his request for an injunction, Lotz notified housing authorities that he was "committed" to continue to use Christian symbols and other forms of religious advertising in the conduct of his real estate business.

Asked what the ADL would do if it lost its fight in the legal arena to force Lotz to halt such advertising, Olshansky told the JTA that ADL

will not drop the fight but will consider what further legal steps it might take.

ISRAEL'S ATTORNEY GENERAL REBUKES CENSORSHIP BOARD FOR TRYING TO BAN CONTROVERSIAL PLAY By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Nov. 2 (JTA) -- The Neve Zedek Theater management, armed with a legal opinion by Attorney General Yitzhak Zamir against censorship, refused today to delete two segments of its controversial production "The Patriot" as demanded by the government-appointed film and stage censorship board.

Instead, the theatrical group is demanding immediate rescission of the ban imposed by the censors on the production and repeal of all censorship regulations aimed at cultural activities. "The Patriot" by Hanoch Levin, a cabaret style revue rather than a play, opened in Tel Aviv last week in defiance of the ban and despite a police warning that they would shut it down. The police did not, however, interfere with the two performances given so far to packed houses.

The censors found the production to be offensive to nationalistic and religious values and other traditions of Israeli society. But Attorney General Zamir, acting at the request of Neve Zedek, sent an implicit rebuke to the censorship board yesterday for imposing the ban. Zamir maintained that censorship was permissible only in "extreme cases."

His opinion did not mention "The Patriot" but listed a series of Supreme Court rulings which favored freedom of expression over censorship unless a direct threat to national security was involved. Zamir, in effect, called for abolition of the film and stage censorship board.

The Board's Complaint

The board, for its part, complained that Neve Zedek was using it to generate publicity for "The Patriot." According to board chairman Joshua Justman, the actual production differed appreciably from the script submitted to the censors. Justman alleged that the playwright himself deleted 40 percent of the original text including scenes the board had found offensive. "We discussed one play and they produced another play," Justman said.

The board offered to lift the ban if two sketches are removed from the revue. One compares children caught in the fighting in Lebanon with children in Nazi concentration camps. The other deals with the sexual activities of an Orthodox couple on Friday night. The Neve Zedek management said today that the two sketches were relatively unimportant in view of the overriding censorship issue.

Some of the most vociferous critics of censorship say the board would have done better to ignore the production and let it die of lack of artistic merit. By imposing a ban they assured it of a long run, the critics say.

Justman said today that he has written to Interior Minister Yosef Burg suggesting an in-depth examination of the need for stage censorship. He said his letter was prompted by the Attorney General's opinion calling all censorship into question. Israel's censorship regulations are a carry-over from those promulgated by the British Mandate authorities in Palestine in 1926.

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NEW YORK (JTA) -- Charlotte Jacobson, Chairman of the Soviet Jewry Research Bureau of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, reported Tuesday that "Jewish emigration has fallen to a frightening low as only 168 Jews arrived in Vienna in October -- the lowest level recorded since emigration began."

EUROPEAN JEWISH LEADERS MAP WAYS TO COMBAT TERRORISM

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, Nov. 2 (JTA) -- Steps to combat anti-Jewish terrorism in Europe and a call for closer cooperation between Jewish communities and their respective governments were agreed on at an emergency meeting here of Jewish leaders.

The heads of 16 European Jewish communities, meeting last Sunday under the auspices of the World Jewish Congress, also heard off-the-record briefings from anti-terrorism officials from the United Kingdom, the United States and France. The WJC's European Branch said it convened the conference because of the recent spate of terrorist attacks against Jewish targets on the continent.

Since March 1979, there have been 153 casualties, including 10 dead, in 12 attacks against Jews in France, West Germany, Belgium, Austria and Italy, it was reported.

Following the October 9 machine-gun and grenade attack on the Rome synagogue in which a two-year-old child was killed and 33 people were wounded, WJC officials raised the issue of the terrorism threat with officials at the European Parliament.

Will Seek Help From Governments

A press communique issued by the WJC said the 30 participants had discussed how Jewish communities could obtain help from their own governments and ensure cooperation between governments. They also discussed ways of strengthening the legal framework "to help combat terrorism internationally."

This, the communique said, "included means by which pressure could be applied to governments to improve their own intelligence gathering procedures and the sharing of information ... to facilitate the capture, trial and punishment of terrorists."

At the same time, it was agreed that Jewish communities themselves should exercise a greater degree of self-protection, although no specific steps were published. Countries represented at the meeting were Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, West Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, The Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and Yugoslavia. Dr. Maurice Grynfolgel of France, chairman of the WJC's European Branch, presided.

ADL URGES PROBE OF REPORTED USE OF UNRWA FACILITY BY PLO

NEW YORK, Nov. 2 (JTA) -- The United States should demand an independent investigation of the reported use of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency's facilities by PLO terrorists in Lebanon, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith said today. Burton Levinson, chairman of the ADL's national executive committee, said that if the inquiry turns up evidence of links between UNRWA and the PLO, the U.S. should withhold financial support for the relief agency.

The ADL's call for an investigation came in the wake of a report issued by UNRWA that one of its trade schools near Beirut was used by the PLO to provide systematic military training for more than 700 students over the past two years.

A resolution calling for the inquiry was passed unanimously at the closing session of ADL's national executive committee, the agency's policy-making body, which met October 28 through October 31 at the Westin Galleria Hotel in Houston,

Texas. By law, the ADL resolution noted, "the United States is prohibited from making contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency unless it 'takes all possible measures to assure' that no funds reach persons receiving military training by the PLO or any other terrorist organizations."

In 1982, \$67 million was provided by the United States for UNRWA operations, according to the ADL. The resolution called for legal action to recover any funds "improperly diverted from public use by ... officers who violated their public trust and those groups or individuals who assisted or abetted such diversion."

REPORT SOME 7,000 PLO TERRORISTS HAVE FILTERED BACK INTO LEBANON

NEW YORK, Nov. 2 (JTA) -- As many as 7,000 PLO terrorists -- almost half the number of those evacuated from Beirut -- have filtered back into Lebanon, an Israel official told the national executive committee of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith at its meeting last weekend in Houston.

Benjamin Netanyahu, minister and deputy chief of mission of the Israel Embassy in Washington, said these terrorists are now redeployed in the Bekaa valley. Another 1,000, he said, are in the Tripoli area of Lebanon. Israeli forces which entered Lebanon to end the PLO terrorist threat to the northern border area, Netanyahu said, expected to deal with a total terrorist force in Lebanon of 10,000 to 15,000.

"But we underestimated the threat," he told the ADL leaders. He said Israeli forces discovered a PLO force estimated at 30,000 with enough weaponry to arm an additional 30,000 terrorists. "In fact," he declared, "we realized we were dealing with a PLO army or a force in the developmental stage of 60,000 to 70,000 -- and it is not improbable to assume that this force could have reached 100,000. That would have meant a complete PLO takeover of Lebanon."

Referring to Syrian forces still in Lebanon, Netanyahu said all indications are that the troops are "prepared" to evacuate the Bekaa Valley. "When they do so," he said, "the thousands of PLO infiltrators under Syrian aegis will probably go with them."

SYMPATHY FAST FOR SHCHARANSKY

NEW YORK, Nov. 2 (JTA) -- A shofar was sounded in front of the Soviet Mission to the United Nations as some 400 students from Yeshiva University and Stern College demonstrated today and yesterday in support of their fellow students and faculty members who began a fast last Sunday in solidarity with the Soviet Jewish Prisoner of Conscience Anatoly Shcharansky.

Shcharansky, who is serving a 13-year prison term, began an indefinite hunger strike in the notorious Chistopol Prison on the eve of Yom Kippur. The actions in front of the Soviet Mission were coordinated by the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry, which has conducted a daily vigil at the Mission since Shcharansky began his fast.

Rabbi Avraham Weiss, of Stern College and the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale (N.Y.), who was in the third day of his hunger strike today, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he will continue to fast "as long as I am physically able to do so. The conscience of the world must be aroused to the tragic plight of Shcharansky." He also said he had received a pledge from Sister Rose Thering of Seton Hall University (South Orange, N.J.) that she and other nuns would also stage a hunger strike.

While the sympathy hunger strike continues in front of the Soviet Mission, classes are also being conducted by other rabbis from Stern College and prayer services are being held.