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ADMINISTRATION SAYS IT FAVORS 'QUIET DIPLOMACY' IN LEBANON

By Helen Silver

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (JTA) -- The State Department said today that the Reagan Administration favors "quiet diplomacy" to achieve its goals in Lebanon and will not discuss the "substance" or "modalities" of that process.

The Department's deputy spokesman, Alan Romberg, disclosed, however, that U.S. special envoys Philip Habib and Morris Draper will be returning to the Middle East shortly, most likely this week. They were recalled to Washington last week for consultations with the President and briefed senior Administration officials on what the State Department described as "progress" made to date.

Habib's mission covers both the situation in Lebanon and Reagan's overall Middle East initiative. Draper has been concentrating on efforts to start negotiations between Israel and Lebanon for the withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon and security arrangements for Israel.

Romberg would not comment today on reports that Secretary of State George Shultz has suggested a "shuttle" by the American envoys between Jerusalem to Beirut to eliminate the issue of venue. Israel has insisted that its negotiations with Lebanon be held in Jerusalem and Beirut. The Lebanese government has refused.

Three-Pronged Plan For Lebanon

Romberg stressed today that "The President has had a plan for Lebanon for some time" which "has three elements; assuring Israel's security; restoring Lebanon's sovereignty throughout the country; and the withdrawal of all foreign forces."

However, he said, "Beyond that, in terms of either substance or modalities about what Ambassador Habib and Draper are going to be doing, we simply are not going to be discussing it, reverting to our previous formality. We think that is the most effective way of proceeding -- through quiet diplomacy."

Shultz, Mubarak Meet In Rome

Romberg had no comment on the meeting in Rome today between Secretary Shultz and President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt. According to reports from Rome, they met at the Egyptian Embassy for 30 minutes to discuss Middle East developments and Mubarak's visit to Washington scheduled for the end of next month. Shultz was quoted as saying, "We discussed developments in the Middle East in which the U.S. and Egypt have such vital interests."

Mubarak told reporters that their talk was aimed at preserving the diplomatic momentum in the Middle East peace process. He maintained that "the whole Middle East question turns on the withdrawal of Israeli soldiers (from Lebanon) and the solution to the problem of the Palestinians."

Romberg also declined to comment on reports that King Hussein of Jordan is coming to Washington next week to prepare to enter the Middle East negotiations. "Our position and hopes are quite clear, and we wait to see where we go with that," Romberg said.

ISRAELI FREIGHTER RESCUES 21 SEAMEN FROM PORTUGUESE TANKER

TEL AVIV, Dec. 13 (JTA) -- An Israeli freighter rescued 21 seamen from a foundering Portuguese tanker in stormy seas west of Gibraltar last night. Capt. Ogen Dadiani, master of the containership Livorno which is operated by the Zim Lines, reported the rescue by wireless to the company's head office in Haifa.

The Livorno, bound from New York to Haifa, was the first ship to answer an SOS call sent out by the Portuguese motorship Bandim, a gas tanker. She picked up 21 seamen who had abandoned their vessel. Two others were rescued by a Panamanian ship.

KIMCHE: ISRAEL'S RELATIONS WITH AFRICAN NATIONS INVOLVE BOTH ARMS AID AND ECONOMIC VENTURES

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Dec. 13 (JTA) -- Israel's resumption of relations with African nations is not based strictly on military aid but encompasses economic ventures as well. David Kimche, Director General of the Foreign Ministry, told the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee today. He said insufficient attention is paid to the economic and commercial elements of these relationships.

Kimche said that as a rule Israel preferred to keep a low profile with respect to its assistance to Third World countries. He declined to answer questions about the alleged selectivity of Israeli assistance, saying he could not discuss such "political issues."

Israel and Zaïre resumed diplomatic relations six months ago which had been broken off by Zaïre during the 1973 Yom Kippur War. Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir recently visited Zaïre where he signed mutual cooperation agreements for agricultural and commercial ventures.

4 TERRORISTS FACE TRIAL IN BOMBING ATTEMPT AT MILAN JEWISH CENTER

By Lisa Palmieri-Billig

ROME, Dec. 13 (JTA) -- The Jewish community of Milan is requesting the status of plaintiff in the upcoming trial of four suspected terrorists accused of detonating a bomb at the entrance to the Jewish Community Center at Via Eupili 8 in Milan on the night of September 29-30. The bombing occurred just nine days before a machinegun and grenade attack on worshippers outside the main synagogue in Rome in which two lives were lost.

Milan police arrested 14 suspects in the community center bombing. The four to go on trial were directly responsible for the act, according to the police. All were identified as members of the "Communists Organized for Proletarian Liberation" (COLP), a group linked to several extreme leftwing organizations and suspected of subversion.

The organizations are "Prima Linea," "Autonomia Operaia Organizzata," and "Nuclei Combattenti Comunista." They are believed to work in tandem with the Palestine Liberation Organization for the purpose of creating panic among Jews, civil chaos and undermining faith in Western democ-

racy, a spokesman for the Rome Jewish community told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

According to the spokesman, "The startling element of these arrests (in Milan) is that this is the first time that an anti-Jewish attempt in Italy turns out to have been organized by an extra-parliamentary leftist group with international connections. There are no precedents here for this and no relations can be drawn with other previous demonstrative anti-Jewish acts."

He added, "The known relationships between Palestinian terrorist groups and extra-parliamentary Italian terrorism leads logically to the supposition that there are reciprocal interests between the two."

The four suspects to face trial are: Cesare Bonetti, Graziano Bianchi and Claudio Cordini, all law students in Milan and in their early 20s; and Claudio La Monica, 23, a student of architecture born in Sardinia but living in Milan.

The other 10 suspects are expected to stand trial at later dates for alleged subversive activities and robbery.

WEST GERMANY CLAMPS DOWN ON TWO NEO-NAZI GROUPS

By David Kantor

BONN, Dec. 13 (JTA) -- A neo-Nazi group that calls for "the liberation of Germany from American and Russian imperialism," maintains contact with officials at the Libyan Embassy here according to information released by the Interior Ministry of Rhineland Palatinate. The group, which operates in Mainz, publishes a periodical titled "We By Ourselves." One of the subscribers is Libya's ruler, Col. Muammar Qaddafi.

West Berlin police, meanwhile, have cracked down on another neo-Nazi group called "German Working Youth." A search of private flats yielded weapons, ammunition, gas masks and propaganda material. The police took action after a Jewish college student was bound and threatened by three fellow students taking a judo course at the police training center in West Berlin.

The anti-Semitic assault was called "unbelievable" by Heinz Galinski, chairman of the West Berlin Jewish community. He urged action against the penetration of Nazi ideas into the Berlin school system.

ABC TO TELEVIEW 8-PART SERIES TRACING WWII AND THE HOLOCAUST

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (JTA) -- Herman Wouk's best-selling novel, "The Winds of War," set in the years immediately preceding Pearl Harbor when the "final solution" was taking shape in Nazi Germany, will be dramatized by the American Broadcasting Co. (ABC) in an 18-hour prime time network television series beginning Sunday, February 6, 1983, the network has announced.

It traces the events and forces that perpetrated the Holocaust and brought the entire world to the brink of destruction, as seen through the eyes of an American naval officer and his family and an American Jewish girl and her uncle. The opening episode which restores on film the long-lost Jewish world of the "shtetl" was filmed in Zagreb, Yugoslavia.

The time is 1939. A Jewish wedding is taking place, witnessed by two outsiders. They are Natalie Jastrow, an American Jew in search of her European roots, played by actress Ali McGraw; and Byron Henry, an American non-Jew, played by Jan-Michael Vincent.

ABC reported that questions were raised about casting an actress surnamed McGraw in a major Jewish role. They were quickly quieted by a reminder that Ms. McGraw's mother was Jewish, according to ABC.

Another member of the cast is Topol, an Israeli actor, who plays Natalie's Polish cousin. Topol is well known to American audiences for his role as Tevye in "Fiddler on the Roof." The film was directed and produced for Paramount Television by Dan Curtis and photographed by ABC cameraman James Globus.

Wouk, who is an observant Jew and one of America's most successful novelists, commented on the production. "Yes, the shtetl is gone. Much of the ritual of the traditional wedding lives on among the religious communities in Israel and among American Hasidim and yeshiva students; but the setting in which it developed and flourished for hundreds of years was destroyed forever by the Germans in World War II," he said.

The opening episode of "Winds of War" will be aired from 8-11 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. The succeeding episodes will be broadcast over a seven-day period.

LIZ TAYLOR ON A 10-DAY PEACE MISSION TO THE MIDEAST

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 13 (JTA) -- Movie queen Elizabeth Taylor announced here yesterday that she is embarking on a 10-day peace mission to the Mideast, during which she said she will meet with Premier Menachem Begin of Israel and President Amin Gemayel of Lebanon. The actress reportedly will leave for Israel in a few days.

"I want to bring a sense of sincere friendship between myself and the people of America to Israel," Miss Taylor said at a press conference here. She also said, "I want to try to create peace between Israel and Jordan." The internationally famous actress pointed out that she "always loved going to Israel" and hoped that she could help revitalize Israel's tourist industry and bring "its friends back to the country."

Miss Taylor, who converted to Judaism in 1959, two months before she married Eddie Fisher, said that during her Mideast trip she will visit a Lebanese orphanage and attend a New Year's eve ball in Tel Aviv. The journey is being arranged by Phil Blazer, publisher of the Los Angeles-based American-Jewish bi-weekly, Israel Today.

NEW SYNAGOGUES, JEWISH CENTER PLANNED FOR PARIS AND ITS ENVIRONS

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Dec. 13 (JTA) -- Paris Chief Rabbi Alain Goldman yesterday inaugurated a new synagogue in the Paris suburb of "Kremlin Bicetre" in the heart of the city's "Red Belt" operated for a generation by Communist municipalities. Several thousand Jews, mainly of North African origin, live in the area.

Goldman said at the inauguration that the new synagogue is part of a general plan which aims at opening synagogues and community centers in all areas "in which Jews live and pray."

Forty synagogues have been built during the last 20 years, Goldman said. The plan provides for the construction of three new synagogues in Paris itself in areas in which Jews have settled only in recent years.

TELLER URGES ISRAEL TO BUILD NUKE REACTORS AGAINST BOMB ATTACKS

BEERSHEBA, Dec. 13 (JTA) -- Nuclear physicist Dr. Edward Teller advised the Israeli government to build both nuclear reactors as deterrents against attacks and a nuclear power plant for the nation's energy needs.

Teller offered these recommendations during a lecture on "Perspectives on the Energy Problem" at the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. The "Father of the Hydrogen Bomb" was in Israel last week to advise the government on its energy needs. Any contemplated nuclear facility would most likely be located in the Negev region and related to the existing desert research projects currently being conducted by Ben-Gurion University as part of the University's overall program of helping to build the region, which constitutes Israel's largest underdeveloped land mass, a university spokesman said.

"If you in Israel want to build nuclear reactors, I think you should as a precaution against aerial bombardment," Teller said. He suggested that the government develop an underground nuclear power station.

The 74-year-old American scientist, who is the chairman of the Committee to Draw-up Nuclear Power Plant Regulations, did not disparage the advantage of coal for Israel. "Through the coming decades, coal will probably play an increasingly important role. The two major drawbacks to coal use," he said, "are the relatively high expense entailed in loading, transporting, and storing the substance, and the pollution it causes. These problems can be overcome."

Teller met with Israel's Minister for Science and Development, Yuval Ne'eman, to discuss plans for a nuclear power reactor.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES BRITAIN AND THE MIDEAST By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, Dec. 13 (JTA) -- Lord Carrington, former Foreign Secretary, is emerging in a new national role as roving Ambassador for Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, who is trying to assert herself as the country's foreign policy leader.

This weekend, Carrington was visiting Tunisia and Jordan for consultations about the Arab-Israeli conflict. Last week, he was in Saudi Arabia. His mission follows the recent decision of Mrs. Thatcher to enlist Sir Anthony Parsons, Britain's former Ambassador at the United Nations, as special adviser on foreign policy.

These moves could have far reaching consequences for Britain's Middle East policy. Traditionally this has been a preserve of the Foreign Office, which contains a large contingent of diplomats with experience in Arab countries giving it a reputation of favoring the Arabs over the Israelis.

Won't Meet With PLO Representatives

Mrs. Thatcher's intrusion into Middle East policy recently came into focus with her refusal to meet an Arab League delegation, headed by Morocco's King Hassan, because of the Arab's insistence on bringing along Farouk Kaddumi of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Although Mrs. Thatcher subscribed to the European Economic Community's Venice Declaration of June, 1980 urging the PLO's participation in Mideast negotiations, she has ruled out top-level contacts with its representatives as long as the PLO withholds clear recognition of Israel's right to exist and adheres to a policy of violence.

To the disappointment of the Foreign Office, the Arab League team preferred to stay away rather than bow to Mrs. Thatcher's conditions. Their visit, already postponed twice, is now being tentatively planned for next February.

Carrington is not Mrs. Thatcher's only roving Ambassador. Last week Lord Chalfont, another former Foreign Office Minister, went on her behalf to Morocco to try to smooth the ruffled feathers of King Hassan, who was to have headed the Arab mission to London.

The Prime Minister's determination to supervise foreign policy stemmed from the Falkland Islands conflict last spring. Mrs. Thatcher blamed the Foreign Office for the fact that Britain failed to anticipate the Islands invasion by the Argentine armed forces.

Although Carrington immediately assumed personal blame and resigned as Foreign Secretary, Mrs. Thatcher seems to have regarded him as the victim of his civil servants' incompetence and on accepting his resignation had hinted he might be recalled in the future. (A press report this weekend says he might rejoin the government when Mrs. Thatcher next reshuffles her Cabinet.)

Thatcher's Intervention Benefits Israel

Meanwhile, the Prime Minister's intervention on Middle East policy is clearly of benefit to the Israelis and Israeli diplomats here have privately welcomed it. Whether or not the Foreign Office's grip will be permanently weakened may depend on the outcome of the next general election which could be held as early as next June.

There are, however, two other aspects of Mrs. Thatcher's rebuff to the PLO. One concerns events in Lebanon and the other is domestic British politics.

Despite her initial outrage over Israel's invasion of Lebanon and the ensuing bloodshed, Britain now increasingly recognizes the benefits brought about by the decimation of the Palestinian militias there both to the government of Lebanon and to Jordan as Britain's favored spokesman of the Palestinians.

On the domestic front, Mrs. Thatcher is aware of the similarities between the PLO and the terrorists in Northern Ireland and the embarrassing inconsistency of holding political discourse with the former while denying it to the latter.

Only last week Mrs. Thatcher's government barred the leftwing Labor leaders of the Greater London Council from entertaining representatives of the Sinn Fein, the political wing of the provisional IRA. But she could scarcely have done so if she herself had recently consorted with the political wing of the Palestinian terrorists. In this affair, Mrs. Thatcher was weighing not the narrow pros and cons of foreign policy but the broader national interest.

SWISS PRESIDENT SEES ROLE FOR HIS COUNTRY IN MIDEAST PEACE PROCESS

By Tamar Levy

GENEVA, Dec. 13 (JTA) -- Former Foreign Minister Pierre Auber, who was just elected President of Switzerland, believes that his country can play an active role in the search for a peaceful solution to the Middle East conflict. Auber, who was elected to a one-year term by the seven member Federal Council, served for many years as president of the Swiss-Israel Friendship Association.

He resigned that position when he was named Foreign Minister in 1978. His election to the Presidency of the Swiss Confederation was strongly opposed by pro-Arab elements who feared he would favor Israel. But their lobbying efforts against his nomination failed. Auber, the son of a pastor, visited Israel several times and makes no secret of his sympathy for the Jewish State. As Foreign Minister he opposed the opening of a PLO office in Berne and refused to receive PLO chief Yasir Arafat.

FOCUS ON ISSUES

TEXAS CHRISTIAN WOMEN ORGANIZE SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL AND JEWS

By Ben Gallob

(Editor's note: This is the first of a series of occasional reports on groups organized by Christian evangelical and fundamentalist churches and individuals in the United States to educate other Christians about the special status of the Jewish people and Israel in the Bible and to raise funds for Jewish and Israeli causes.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (JTA) -- A project organized by two women members of a Baptist church in Amarillo, Texas, has been arranging gatherings of evangelical and other Christians in churches and public halls in Texas cities which have raised hundreds of dollars for Israeli causes and which are forums for efforts to persuade fellow Christians that Jews must be protected as God's chosen people and that believing Christians must support Israel on that basis.

Charlsie Byrd and Virginia Chestnut described the project, "With Love To Israel," which Ms. Byrd reported the two had organized more than three years ago, in a communication to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. Ms. Byrd reported that she and Ms. Chestnut organized the project in March, 1979, when "God awakened us and began to reveal to us by His spirit what He desired us to do for His chosen people."

The letterhead on which she reported the project to the JTA bears the slogan "With Love To Israel," beneath a reproduction of a Star of David, which has, in its center, two cupped hands in prayer position. Within the cupped hands may be seen a tiny geographical outline of Israel. At the bottom of the letterhead is verse 40:1 from Isaiah: "Comfort Ye, Comfort Ye, My People."

Asks Governors To Pray For Israel

Ms. Byrd also wrote that "God then began showing us certain things to do and how to grab onto it. Our first project was to have a tree planted" through the Jewish National Fund for each of the nation's 50 governors. She added that a letter was sent to each governor "exhorting them to pray for Israel 15 minutes a day and support" Israel and the Jews "every way they could."

Reporting that 28 of the governors had responded, Ms. Byrd also reported that trees were planted for President Reagan and First Lady Nancy Reagan and for Vice President and Mrs. George Bush.

She also wrote that the newest activity of "With Love To Israel" was the sending of a letter and a JNF tree certificate to each member of Israel's Knesset and that planting of seven trees had been arranged each for Premier Menachem Begin and President Yitzhak Navon. Ms. Byrd reported that the San Jacinto Baptist Church, to which she and Ms. Chestnut belong, and of which the Rev. David Walker is pastor, "is one hundred percent behind us as we take on different projects to show our love and concern for Israel."

She reported that the church has always helped "by giving members of the church an opportunity to have a part" and "open the doors when we want to show a film or bring special speakers concerning Israel." She added that Walker "has always exhorted the members to have a part in being a blessing to Israel and stresses how God expects us to pray daily for Israel and the leaders and the Jewish people everywhere."

Ms. Byrd stressed that "With Love To Israel" had been developed not "to promote anything but to love and pray for Jews everywhere and Israel daily and to get church members enlightened in how they can be a blessing to Israel." She added that, in stimulating the raising of funds for the JNF to plant trees in Israel, an "excellent opportunity" existed to help make Christians aware that there was much material in the Scriptures about "the restoration of the land."

Ms. Byrd declared that the organization had been approved by Texas state officials as a non-profit agency and that "we have shown our film, 'Apples of Gold,' about seven times "and that the film had been loaned to a Baptist minister in Henderson, Texas, to show "to a large group of pastors at a conference."

She said the minister is the Rev. Wayne Griffith of the East Side Baptist Church of Henderson and that he was working to stage "a rally for Israel next spring, which will include the Jewish community and the Christian community."

Ms. Byrd asserted that through its projects, the organization had sent more than \$1,300 to the JNF. She also said contact had been made with several other churches in Texas which have sponsored tree plantings, so, "altogether, there have been about 550 trees" and about \$2,700 sent to the JNF office in Dallas. She estimated total collections for the JNF through "With Love To Israel" efforts as about \$4,000.

She wrote that the two churches mainly involved in the program are the San Jacinto church and the Trinity Fellowship. She reported that Walker was on television each Sunday morning, that his telecast was seen and heard over a 150-mile radius, and that the pastor "has spoken several times over TV about our part in being a blessing to Israel in the planting of trees." Ms. Byrd asserted that the Trinity church had arranged for the planting of more than 300 trees.

She declared that within a 100-mile radius of Amarillo there are "at least 500 churches whose members have never heard about the planting of trees" in Israel "and why, according to the Holy Scriptures, we are commanded by God to help in the restoration of the land and to pray daily for the 'Peace of Jerusalem'."

She wrote that when "we begin to tell them of JNF and what they are doing, this opens doors for us to tell of the needs in the hospitals, the orphans, the elderly, the survivors of the Holocaust and many others."

"Apples of Gold" is a brochure published in Toronto, which describes a film by that name, produced, according to a note on the back of the brochure, by "Crossroads Christian Communications, Inc., a Canadian non-profit organization," which produced "Apples of Gold" to "show its support for the State of Israel. As a tangible expression of this support, Crossroads has established a fund in Israel to help victims of terrorism. Crossroads donates ten percent of the gross income received through 'Apples of Gold' print sales and television broadcasts to the fund in Israel."

Ms. Byrd reported that the San Jacinto church planned a trip to Israel next June or July with a hoped-for participation of 45 to 50 congregants in the first tour of Israel sponsored by her church. She said she had made her first trip to Israel in 1974 for a five-week visit and her second in June, 1980, when she was accompanied by Ms. Chestnut for whom it was a first visit to Israel.