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SOME IDEAS OFFERED BY HABIB FOR AN ACCORD WITH LEBANON SEEN AS ACCEPTABLE FOR MORE CONSIDERATION

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Feb. 28 (JTA) -- U. S. Special Ambassador Philip Habib met with Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir this morning to discuss the latest proposals for an agreement with Lebanon. Israeli sources said some of the ideas Habib brought with him from Beirut were "acceptable for further consideration." But they discouraged speculation that an agreement was near.

Media reports from Beirut over the weekend said an accord was within sight but Israeli sources were not committal on reports that an agreement could be wrapped up by the end of this month. They stressed that much work remained to be done and that key issues are unresolved.

The proposals conveyed to Shamir by Habib today will be taken up at the weekly session of the ministerial steering committee on the Lebanese negotiations. Shamir is reported to have reiterated to Habib Israel's demand that it retain surveillance forces in south Lebanon after the bulk of its army and all other foreign forces have left the country. The Beirut government insists that there be no residual Israeli military presence on its soil.

Shamir has also reported to have pressed Habib for a commitment by Syria and the Palestine Liberation Organization to remove their forces from Lebanon. Habib was said to have replied that the Lebanese government told him the PLO and Syrians have agreed in principle to pull out. Habib is expected to remain here several days for further discussions with Israeli officials.

A GROUP OF PALESTINIANS IN LEBANON ARE READY TO MAKE PEACE WITH ISRAEL

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Feb. 28 (JTA) -- Israel Radio reported today that a group of Palestinians in Lebanon have declared their readiness to make peace with Israel in order to "put an end to what we have been suffering for 34 years."

According to the report, about 70 Palestinians, including professionals and the chiefs of refugee camps, attended a meeting in Sidon yesterday to call for peace with Israel. The leader of the group, who asked not to be identified, was quoted as saying, "Israel, I think, must pay the price for peace. You must give us a chance to go back to living in Israel or to have citizenship either here in Lebanon or anywhere else."

The person was quoted further as saying: "If Israeli officials are really willing to make peace, we are ready and we have the courage to sit down with them and find a solution." He was scornful of the Palestine Liberation Organization "who ran away to Tunis or Algeria or wherever, we don't care."

Meanwhile, Ibrahim Nimr Hussein, chairman of the Committee of Local Arab Councils in Israel, has called on Israeli authorities to ensure the safety of Palestinians in south Lebanon or withdraw from Lebanon

altogether. Thousands of Israeli Arabs have applied for permission to go to Lebanon to visit relatives in refugee camps in the Sidon area where a number of Palestinians have been found murdered in recent weeks.

The Interior Ministry is reluctant to grant permits on grounds that it is not safe to travel in Lebanon. A number of Israeli Arabs have disappeared without trace after entering Lebanon to visit relatives.

Israel Radio reported that the Israeli military authorities in Sidon have warned local political groups there to cease their harassment of Palestinians in and around the town. The radio quoted reliable sources as saying that representatives of these undisclosed groups were summoned to appear before Israeli officers and told that such activities would not be tolerated.

The Israel army is also said to have stepped up its patrols and checkpoints in areas inhabited by Palestinians, to prevent further incidents. According to reports from the area, a group calling itself the Voice of Sidon has been distributing leaflets calling on Palestinians to leave the area and return to refugee camps.

SHULTZ, WEINBERGER WARN THAT DEPLOYMENT OF SOVIET MISSILES IN SYRIA IS DESTABILIZING THE AREA

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (JTA) -- The deployment of Soviet manned SAM-5 long-range surface-to-air missiles in Syria "is a sobering and destabilizing" development which demonstrates the need for the withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon, Secretary of State George Shultz said today.

Confirming that the Soviet-made missiles are being manned by Soviet personnel, Shultz told the Senate Foreign Operations Subcommittee that "there is no indication that we see that they aspire to train Syrians to man these weapons." He added that the U.S. view of the deployment of the missiles has been expressed to the Soviets.

He said the deployment of the SAM-5s in Syria also demonstrates the "importance of pushing and pushing hard" with the withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon and for an overall Middle East peace settlement. "The potential destabilizing impact of the new Soviet missiles only emphasizes the importance of advancing the peace objective which we have had all along," Shultz said.

The seriousness with which the Reagan Administration views the placement of the SAM-5s in Syria, which have a range of 180 miles and places them within striking range of northern Israel, was also underlined by Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger who said in a television interview today that "Syria has become an outpost of the Soviet empire."

Declaring that the SAM-5s are "very effective anti-aircraft weapons," Weinberger, in an interview on the NBC-TV "Today" program, said, "Now there are thousands of Soviet advisors in Syria." The SAM-5s now in Syria mark the first time the Soviets have deployed the anti-aircraft batteries outside the USSR.

Weinberger noted that the missiles are also within striking range of U.S. aircraft operating in the Mediterranean, making the missiles "much closer than they should be ... This makes the Middle East situation more complex."

TENSE SITUATION IN HEBRON

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Feb. 28 (JTA) -- Two Jews were detained by police in Hebron today on suspicion of attacking an Arab vehicle in the center of town with light weapons early this morning. There were no casualties. The suspects were not immediately identified.

They were the first arrested after a series of attacks on Arab targets in Hebron, believed to be in reprisal for the stonings of Israeli vehicles. A bomb exploded outside a mosque in Hebron last Friday, shortly before worshippers ended their prayer services. Unidentified gunmen attacked several Arab buildings near the Jewish religious suburb of Kiryat Arba Saturday night. A four-year-old Arab girl was wounded.

Relations between Hebron's Arab population and the residents of Kiryat Arba have deteriorated recently. An Israeli woman died two weeks ago after being struck on the head by a rock thrown at an Israeli military vehicle in which she was riding on the Hebron-Beersheba highway. An Israeli bus was attacked by rocks on the outskirts of Nablus today. Arab student demonstrators in downtown Nablus threw rocks at Israeli security forces. A curfew was imposed on the Nablus casbah and on a nearby refugee camp.

The police have set up a special investigating unit to look into the recent incidents in the Hebron area. Acting Mayor Mustapha Abu Natshe sent a telegram to Defense Minister Moshe Arens demanding an end to "attacks by Jews against Hebron residents."

'EXTREMIST ELEMENTS' AMONG ISRAEL'S ARABS ACCUSED OF FOMENTING DISCORD

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Feb. 28 (JTA) -- Premier Menachem Begin's advisor on Arab affairs accused "extremist elements" among Israel's Arab population of using a controversy over Arab lands in Galilee to foment discord.

The advisor, Binyamin Gur-Arye, spoke yesterday in response to a protest demonstration in the Arab town of Shfaram Saturday. The Arabs asked the Interior Ministry to rescind the transfer of some 40,000 acres of Arab-owned land to the jurisdiction of Misgav, a new regional council. In an Army Radio interview, Gur-Arye claimed that the measure was taken for planning purposes and did not involve a change of ownership. "There is no intention to confiscate any land," he said.

He promised the Arab villages in Galilee sufficient land to develop for the next 25 years and suggested that those who felt they were wronged should take their case to the appeals committee of the Interior Ministry.

"We know that there are certain political elements who annually commemorate the Arab 'Land Day' on March 30 and they seek a pretext to heat up the atmosphere by artificial means," Gur-Arye charged. "They are trying to organize a day of protests against the State rather than any specific issue," he said. He also

referred to the strong Communist representation at the rally in Shfaram.

WEINBERGER REJECTS ARENS' CHARGE THAT HE IS PRO-ARAB

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (JTA) -- Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger today rejected as "total nonsense" a charge by Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Arens that he is a leading advocate in the Reagan Administration of pro-Arab views toward the Middle East conflict because of his former business ties with the Arab states.

"I would be surprised if he said that," Weinberger said on the NBC-TV "Today" program. According to an Israel Radio report on yesterday's Cabinet meeting, Arens was quoted as saying, "It must not be forgotten that he had business connections with Arab countries in the past."

Prior to being named to serve in the Reagan Administration, Weinberger was head of the San-Francisco-based Bechtel Corp., an engineering and construction firm with extensive business contacts with Arab countries.

Arens also reportedly charged that "the more than 20 State Department officials who served in an Arab country and others asking to be stationed in the area are working to tilt U.S. policy toward the Arabs."

JAILED NEO-NAZIS NOW NOT BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN TERRORIST ATTACKS IN PARIS

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Feb. 28 (JTA) -- French police officials back from Madrid where they interrogated a number of arrested Spanish neo-fascists do not believe they were involved in the terrorist attack against the Paris Liberal Synagogue on the Rue Copernic which killed four people in October 1980. Police sources said the Spanish authorities now also doubt the arrested men were involved in any terrorist attacks outside Spain.

The French are just as sceptical about the participation of the arrested five West German neo-Nazis in the attack on a Jewish restaurant in Paris last summer. A French investigating magistrate, Jean-Louis Bruguiere and several police officers are in London where two of the arrested terrorists are held. One of the two, Walter Kexel, looks somewhat similar to a member of the hit squad which last August 9 attacked a Jewish restaurant in the old Paris ghetto killing six people and wounding 22, but first reports say he does not seem to have been involved in the attack. The French ministry of Justice said, however, that all clues will be followed and all possible suspects will be thoroughly investigated.

ISRAEL'S NEXT PRESIDENT WILL BE ELECTED MARCH 22 AND BE SWORN INTO OFFICE MAY 5

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Feb. 28 (JTA) -- The Knesset Presidium has decided that Israel's next President--its sixth--will be elected by the Knesset on March 22 and will be sworn into office on May 5. He will succeed President Yitzhak Navon who has announced that he will not seek re-election when his term expires in April.

Several Knesset members of both opposition and coalition factions are urging Navon to reconsider. A spokesman for the President replied that his decision was final.

Israeli law requires the Knesset to elect a President not more than 90 days or less than 30 days before the incumbent's term expires. The announcement of the election date today is expected to trigger a new round of political bargaining. There was a flurry of such

activity after Navon announced his intentions earlier this month but it was overshadowed by the repercussions of the report of the commission of inquiry into the Beirut refugee camps massacre.

A number of candidates have been mentioned to succeed Navon. The front runner at the moment appears to be Interior Minister Yosef Burg, a veteran leader of the National Religious Party.

SOME 800 JEWISH STUDENTS BRIEF LAWMAKERS ON PLIGHT OF SOVIET JEWS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (JTA) -- Presidential aspirant Sen. Gary Hart (D. Colo.) urged more than 800 Jewish college students from around the country lobbying on behalf of Soviet Jewry to "make your voices heard" for all persons denied freedom throughout the world. The students were here last week to brief their members of Congress on the worsening plight of Soviet Jewry and to offer concrete ways to help.

The effort was coordinated nationally by the Student Coalition for Soviet Jewry of Brandeis University and co-sponsored by the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations, with assistance from the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry. It was linked with an International Student Solidarity Day for Soviet Jewry on 43 other campuses in the U.S. and activities in Canada, England, Israel and South Africa.

Hart, who served as honorary chairman of this year's gathering, declared that "one of the most important causes, confronting not only the U.S. but mankind is freedom in the Soviet Union, freedom for all people there, and particularly the liberation of Soviet Jews." He called upon the students to expand their concern to other human rights issues as well.

Refuseniks Described As 'Internal Refugees'

Katherine Porter, who with her husband, John Porter (R. Ill.) had recently visited Jewish activists in the USSR, characterized refuseniks there as "internal refugees." Describing the refuseniks' "haunted looks," she said that "we are their only hope." She declared that a "public outcry by students is the only thing that will make changes happen."

Paula Dobriansky of the National Security Council asserted that the Administration accorded the highest priorities to the issues of Soviet Jewish emigration and their right to learn their culture and national language. These matters, she said, are "a major focus" of U.S. policy to the USSR. The White House is "unsatisfied" with the current level of emigration and "displeased" with the harassment and arrest of refuseniks and dissidents.

Hugh Simon of the State Department's Bureau of Humanitarian Affairs called Soviet Jews "a community under attack. The Jews have become a pariah community." As an example, he cited the quota system for Jews in Russian universities, with the effect that Moscow State University now admits no Jews.

Ray Smith of the Soviet Desk of the State Department said there are "few reasons for optimism" for early Soviet changes in policy on human rights. Consequently, he went on, "it is essential to make the Soviet government realize

that America will not stop pressing for change until they do" and that better relations are linked to freer emigration.

Sen. Carl Levin (D. Mich.) urged his constituents to write letters to President Reagan asking why America is sending wheat to the Soviet Union "at the time when we are unable to obtain concessions on human rights."

"We should never sit down with the Soviets without raising the emigration and human rights issue," he declared. "We ought to win some concessions on human rights in return for trade benefits. If we don't (during these negotiations), then we never will."

World Confabs In Jerusalem March 15-17

The student effort in Washington was the first of a series of worldwide demonstrations designed to let Soviet Jews and the Soviet government know that those Jews who wish to emigrate or practice their religion have not been forgotten. The demonstrations will reach a climax on March 15 with the opening of the three-day World Conference on Soviet Jewry in Jerusalem.

Theodore Mann, chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry (NCSJ) said that some 1000 delegates from 30 countries, including nearly 500 American Jewish leaders, are expected to participate in the meeting in Jerusalem.

The conference is a continuation of world meetings that were held in Brussels in 1971 and 1976 under the auspices of national Soviet Jewry groups in more than 20 countries and three international Jewish organizations; the World Jewish Congress, World Zionist Organization and B'nai B'rith International. Mann added that the American organizational sponsors of the third world gathering are the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations and the NCSJ.

ISRAEL PHILHARMONIC VISITING JAPAN

TEL AVIV, Feb. 28 (JTA) -- The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra left today for Japan, to give nine concerts under the baton of its musical director, the noted Indian musician Zubin Mehta. He told reporters yesterday the IPO's first tour of Japan in 23 years was both politically and musically important.

There's not much cultural exchange with Japan... when the whole orchestra goes it's symbolically important," he said, noting that individual Israeli soloists play in Japan and are well received. Mehta noted that "they're very enthusiastic, but they only applaud at the end of the whole concert, so at the intermission you think they don't like you. Then at the end, the roof comes down."

BEN GURION AIRPORT TO LEASE FROM THE U.S. LATEST RADAR EQUIPMENT

TEL AVIV, Feb. 28 (JTA) -- Ben Gurion Airport is to lease from the United States what is regarded as the "latest word" in American radar, now in use in 96 leading U.S. airports throughout the country but, with its ancillary equipment also to be installed, not yet in use in most European countries.

Airport authority chairman Arye Grosbard said three U.S. Federal Aviation Administration officials are already in Israel to train local personnel in use of the new equipment. "Israel's flight safety will be brought up to the highest level in the world," he said.

Because of its greater accuracy and its link with other air control systems, traffic controllers will be able to decrease the present distance between approaching and departing planes within the Ben Gurion Airport control area, increasing the airport's capacity by some 30 percent, Grosbard said.

SPECIAL TO THE JTA FRENCH JEW REVEALS HE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO KILL BARBIE IN LA PAZ By Arnold Ages

TORONTO, Feb. 28 (JTA) -- Michel Cojot, a former executive in one of France's most prestigious banking establishments, has revealed that in 1975 he had the opportunity to kill Klaus Barbie during a meeting in La Paz, Bolivia.

Barbie, who was the gestapo chief in Lyon, France, and assumed the name of Klaus Altmann when he settled in Bolivia after the war, has now been returned to France where he faces charges of "crimes against humanity."

Cojot, born Goldberg, says in his book, "Namesake," recently published by Yale, that he resolved to track down Barbie because during his days as the gestapo chief, Barbie had been responsible for the death of Goldberg's father and many other French resistance fighters, including Jean Moulin, the head of the resistance movement.

In 1975, disguised as a French journalist, Goldberg arrived in La Paz and proceeded to interview Barbie. Barbie expressed astonishment that the French harbored any ill will against him.

"Why so much hatred on the part of the French?" he asked. "Me, I have nothing against them. My son is married to a French woman. I have stayed in touch with members of the Charlemagne Division -- you know, the French who volunteered to join the Waffen SS. I even took pleasure a few years ago, in stopping off at Orly Airport."

'That Wasn't Me'

During the interview which was conducted in Spanish, Barbie told Goldberg that the French in Algeria had engaged in torture more brutal than his gestapo people had done. With regard to the deportation of Frenchmen, including Jews, Barbie is reported to have said:

"That wasn't me, it was Eichmann. I was responsible for the struggle against the Resistance -- in other words against Communism. The anti-Jewish struggle was the work of special commandos who hardly saluted me on arrival and departure."

Barbie told Goldberg that deportation and other orders signed by him was merely bureaucratic paperwork and did not reflect his direct participation in arrests or executions. Barbie ended the interview by accusing Jews of having committed a great injustice by "settling on Arab land."

There was no reply to Goldberg's response: "Would you have preferred that they create their State in Baden-Wurtemberg?"

Was Unable To Kill Barbie

According to Goldberg, the following day, armed with a revolver, he had another meeting with Barbie. Intending to kill the former gestapo chief, Goldberg placed himself in a position where he had the possibility of getting off a clear shot at Barbie. His view was unobstructed and the target unprotected.

At the present moment when he was about to pull the trigger, Goldberg relates that he was unable to kill Barbie for a number of complex psychological reasons, including a haunting quotation from Elie Wiesel that impeded his action: "Every murder is a suicide."

Michel Cojot Goldberg is a freelance management consultant now living outside of Paris.

MONEY DUE TO BRIDE IF MARRIAGE FAILS TO BE LINKED TO CPI

JERUSALEM, Feb. 28 (JTA) -- The Chief Rabbinical Council will seek to link to the consumer price index the sums listed in Ketubahs (religious certificates of marriage) as due to the bride if the marriage fails, Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren said.

Goren made his promise to the Na'amat woman's organization, the sister agency in Israel of Pioneer Women of America. Na'amat had complained that the financial commitment by the groom was not taken seriously because Israel's constant inflation virtually guaranteed that the buying power of any such sum would be far less later, if the wife sought a settlement for a divorce.

An example cited was a pledge in a Ketubah by a newly-wedded husband, at his marriage 12 years ago, to pay his divorced wife 1,000 Pounds when that was equivalent to a month's salary for a well-paid worker. At the present time, 1,000 Pounds would hardly pay for a movie theater ticket.

Goren said the Rabbinical Council would take the needed legal steps to end this "deprivation" of women of their rights.

SIX WRITERS TO RECEIVE 1982 LITERATURE AWARDS GIVEN ANNUALLY BY THE FERNANDO JENO FUND

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 28 (JTA) -- Six writers in Hebrew, Yiddish and Spanish from four countries will receive the 1982 prizes for literature awarded annually by the Fernando Jenó Fund, it was announced here. Each prize amounts to \$500.

The winners, selected by a jury of the Jewish Central Committee's Cultural Commission are: Jacob Meitlis, of London, for his book in Yiddish, "Fun Vain Amol Biz Haint"; Shlomo Strauss-Marko, of Israel, for his Yiddish book, "Poilishe Yidn In Di Welder"; Dr. Yeshayahu Austri-Dunn, of Israel, for his book in Hebrew, "Metushelach"; Menahem Gelehrter, also of Israel, for his Hebrew book, "Tzioni"; Eliahu Toker, of Buenos Aires, for his translation of Yiddish poetry into Spanish; and Alicia Korenbrot, of Mexico, for her essay in Spanish on Maimonides.

The Fernando Jenó Fund was established in 1976 by the widow and children of the late Fernando Jenó, a philanthropist and former president of the Jewish Central Committee of Mexico. The committee will hold a reception on March 2 in honor of the recipients of the 1982 awards.

PURIM IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Feb. 28 (JTA) -- Purim was observed in Israel with less of the usual color and vivacity in the streets which annually marks this holiday. One of the more popular costumes was of "E.T." and at times the streets appeared to have been invaded by extraterrestrials. But there was still a good number of Queen Esthers and cowboys making their rounds.

Youngsters were, in the main, kept at home by their parents because of the unusual cold and dampness, especially in Jerusalem which has witnessed the most snowy winter since 1919. The children attended Purim parties at kindergartens, schools, youth clubs and parents' work places. But there was none of the customary costume parades through the streets.