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HERZOG STRESSES EDUCATION, ALIYA AS 'HEART' OF ZIONISM IN ADDRESS TO WZO COUNCIL

By Cindy Kaye

JERUSALEM, June 14 (JTA) -- President Chaim Herzog of Israel declared here today that "Jewish education and aliya must be at the heart of the Zionist movement's concerns."

Herzog spoke at the opening session of the annual three-day meeting of the World Zionist Organization's General Council, the WZO's policy-making body between the quadrennial World Zionist Congresses. The sessions will be followed by the annual Jewish Agency Assembly which opens here next week.

Herzog observed that "Doubts have arisen among various elements of Judaism about the centrality of the State of Israel in the Jewish world. Because of this," he said, "any move to strengthen Jewish consciousness and to encourage aliya is welcome."

Greetings were also delivered by Leon Dulzin, chairman of the WZO and Jewish Agency Executives, and Ephraim Even, chairman of the Zionist Council. Even said the "rejuvenation of the Zionist movement" is the crucial theme of this meeting.

Fisher Urges Changes

The agenda includes Zionist goals and objectives, aliya and Jewish education. Another topic is the relationship between the WZO and the Jewish Agency. Max Fisher, of Detroit, chairman of the Jewish Agency's Board of Governors, expounded on that issue in his remarks to the Zionist Council, calling for "some structural and operational changes" in both bodies.

"The Jewish Agency is devoted primarily to Israel, though its structure reflects community organization patterns of the diaspora," Fisher explained. "The WZO, in its operations, is largely devoted to the diaspora yet only loosely identified with diaspora leaders and institutions, especially in North America."

"No one denies that every organization has its share of competition, rivalry and good old fashioned politics," Fisher said. He made it clear however that the "status quo" could not continue. "If we are to work together more productively, it is imperative that we make some structural and operational changes in the WZO and Agency," he said. He called for changes in the operations of Zionist organizations in the name of greater world-wide Jewish unity.

GERMANS TO TALK TO U.S., ISRAEL BEFORE SELLING ARMS TO SAUDIS

By David Kantor

BONN, June 14 (JTA) -- The government said today that it will consult with Israel and the United States before making a final decision on arms sales to Saudi Arabia. It confirmed, at the same time, that Chancellor Helmut Kohl and Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher have discussed arms sales with Saudi officials.

Kohl was reported to have met secretly with the Saudi Defense Minister, Prince Sultan Abdul Aziz, several weeks ago and Genscher met with the Saudi

Ambassador in Bonn. Both meetings were related to the Saudi interest in purchasing the German Leopard II tank and other advanced weapons systems.

Peter Boenisch, a government spokesman, said further discussions would be held. He indicated that a decision is not likely until after Kohl visits Israel and Saudi Arabia next September. He noted that the governing Christian Democratic Union (CDU) favors arms sales abroad but wants to keep them limited.

There has been speculation here that Israel might drop its objections to a West German arms deal with Saudi Arabia if Israel also received German weaponry. But Boenisch said he knew nothing of any Israeli requests to buy German arms. The Bonn government apparently is trying to work out an arrangement whereby both Saudi Arabia and Israel will benefit from cooperation with West Germany. The daily Die Welt reported that a high ranking Bonn official went to Jerusalem several days ago to consult with the Israeli government.

REDEPLOYMENT IN LEBANON BEING CONSIDERED BY Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, June 14 (JTA) -- Deputy Foreign Minister Yehuda Ben-Meir said today that the U.S. has not applied any pressure on Israel to hold to its present lines in Lebanon. Speaking on Voice of Israel Radio of his recent meetings with Administration officials in Washington, Ben-Meir said he was not "aware of any American opposition to a possible -- I stress possible -- redeployment of Israeli forces in Lebanon." (See story, P. 3.)

There has been considerable speculation in recent weeks that Israeli forces might be pulled back to the Awali river line, defining the 28-mile security zone in south Lebanon, in order to reduce casualties.

Maariv reported today that Premier Menachem Begin and Defense Minister Moshe Arens have already decided to redeploy the army within a matter of weeks. Ben-Meir said he was unaware of any such decision and stressed that it would need the approval of the entire Cabinet. The Cabinet is scheduled to discuss the issue shortly.

He repeated the statement he made during his visit to Washington: "The government of Israel did not ask American permission when it sent the IDF into Lebanon and it doesn't need anyone's permission if it wants to bring the IDF back from any part of Lebanon." He added however that if and when Israel decided on a possible redeployment, it would be done with prior consultation and coordination with the governments of the U.S. and of Lebanon.

The U.S. reportedly has been urging Israel to stand fast in Lebanon and not remove any incentive for Syria to agree to pull its own forces out of that country. The Americans were said to be playing on Israel's concern that any area evacuated by its troops would be occupied by the Syrians and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

'CLOSER CONSULTATIONS' URGED

By Helen Silver

WASHINGTON, June 14 (JTA) -- Sen. Paul

Laxalt (R. Nev.) called last night for "closer consultation" between the United States and Israel, saying that past confrontations over policy decisions "should have been quietly resolved between two nations whose interests and people are so intertwined."

Laxalt, who is President Reagan's closest personal friend in Congress, said: "I know the President is interested in seeing this closer consultation and I am sure Israel's government feels the same way.... It is time that we get on with it -- let's start talking more."

Speaking to about 1,000 persons attending the 24th annual policy dinner of the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) here, Laxalt warned that it is "dangerous and counterproductive to send misleading signals about our resolve and our intentions that could precipitate a most unfortunate miscalculation by Israel's enemies."

"We cannot have a yo-yo or roller coaster relationship with an ally and expect others, friends or foes, to consider us steadfast," Laxalt said. "Israel, for its part, must realize that we might not automatically approve everything that she does."

Polarization Not Central Problem

Laxalt, general chairman of the Republican Party, described Israel as "a fiercely dedicated, strategically and valuable ally" that understands the dimensions of the Soviet threat in the Middle East. "To say that the central problem in the Middle East is the Arab-Israeli conflict and at the heart of that conflict is the Palestinian problem... I am convinced that premise is wrong."

Sen. Christopher Dodd (D. Conn.), meanwhile, speaking at the same dinner, called Israel "a bonafide ally" that "should be treated as such. I don't believe it serves us well or our cause to play games with an ally. We can have our debates and disagreements but it is those fundamental values of those prominent issues that bind us together particularly in our hour of need for allies," Dodd said.

Dodd Stresses Senate Support

Dodd assured the delegates that his colleagues in the Senate would guarantee Israel's security. He said the U.S. must continue to work for the withdrawal of all external forces from Lebanon, adding, "I would hope that our European allies would join with us and Israel in calling for Syrian withdrawal from Lebanon." He called on "moderate Arab powers" in the Middle East that "are truly committed to peace" to come forward and make a joint effort toward peace in the Middle East.

Meanwhile at the closing luncheon today of the 3-day AIPAC conference, House Majority leader Jim Wright (D. Tex.) assured 1300 delegates that the U.S. "will stay with you even when there may be superficial difficulties and differences that arise between Israel and the United States."

Wright, who substituted for the ailing House Speaker, Thomas O'Neil (D. Mass.), who was the scheduled speaker, said: "Our relationship is permeated by so deep and fundamental a common cause and shared experience that those differences are as passages in the night and that our relationship will endure."

BEREAVED MK STAGES HUNGER STRIKE TO PROTEST ANTI-WAR DEMONSTRATORS By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, June 14 (JTA) -- A Likud MK who lost a son and a brother in the Lebanon war began a hunger strike in front of the Prime Ministers resi-

dence today. He said he was protesting against anti-war demonstrators who have been appearing there daily for the past seven weeks holding up signs with the latest Israeli casualty figures in Lebanon.

The MK, Meir Cohen-Avidor, denounced the protestors for using the "blood of fallen soldiers" for political purposes. His action reflected angry exchanges in the Knesset today where Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir charged the opposition with responsibility for Israeli deaths in Lebanon and infuriated Labor Alignment MKs demanded an apology and made counter-charges of their own.

A debate on the conduct of the war in Lebanon is on the Knesset agenda for tomorrow. But the issue of making political capital out of casualties exploded in the chamber this morning. Israel army fatalities in Lebanon reached the 500 mark over the weekend, with more than 2,700 soldiers wounded since the war began a year ago.

Shamir charged that the opposition's persistent criticism of the government's performance in Lebanon was responsible because it signaled Syria and the Palestine Liberation Organization that Israel was losing its resolve. Because of this "slander," he said, "Syria and other Arab countries will say to themselves that Israel will soon collapse and withdraw unconditionally from Lebanon so why bother to reach an agreement with her?"

Labor Replies To Shamir Attack

Victor Shem-Tov of Mapam accused Shamir of "verbal hooliganism" to silence critics of the government's failure in Lebanon. Labor Party chairman Shimon Peres said Labor did not blame the government for the casualties but held it responsible for waging a war that deviated from the national consensus.

Labor Party Secretary General Haim Bar-Lev told Shamir, "Your comments were an incitement to violence and you should take them back." MK Michael Bar-Zohar dubbed Shamir "The minister of incitement."

But Shamir stood fast, charging the opposition with using the Lebanon issue because the political situation has improved as a result of the government's actions. Likud's Ronni Milo accused the Alignment of "breaking the spirit of the people" and asked the Laborites how they would like it if the families of fallen soldiers in the Yom Kippur War demonstrated in front of their homes.

Meanwhile, Knesset Speaker Menachem Savidor said he would ask the House to refrain from involving the fallen soldiers in the political debate when it opens tomorrow.

DOCTORS ON HUNGER STRIKE

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, June 14 (JTA) -- Government-employed doctors, in their 105th day of a strike for salary increases, are resorting to new pressures to force an adamant Treasury to comply with their demands. About a dozen doctors at the Soroka Hospital in Beersheba began a hunger strike today. It is expected to spread quickly to hospitals in Safed, Nahariya and other parts of the country.

The doctors have also begun a tactic intended to make it more expensive for the government to resist their demands than to comply. They are admitting patients to already overcrowded hospitals who, ordinarily, would not be hospitalized. They are prescribing expensive medications not necessarily required and ordering a long series of costly tests.

Those measures were normally reserved for seriously ill patients and emergency cases. By applying them to large numbers of patients, the doctors are defying long standing administrative orders to hold down expenses and not strain hospital budgets. The doctors claim their

patients are now receiving better medical care than ever. But the patients themselves are being forced to wait in queues to receive the extra attention from the severely overburdened skeleton staffs manning most government hospitals.

The Health Ministry has taken no action against the doctors on grounds that decisions to hospitalize patients or prescribe specific tests have always been in the province of the attending physicians.

ISRAELI OFFICIAL STRESSES NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE ON REDEPLOYMENT OF ISRAELI TROOPS

By Helen Silver

WASHINGTON, June 14 (JTA) -- An official at the Israel Embassy here said today that "for the time being there is absolutely no decision" by Israel for a partial, unilateral redeployment of Israeli troops in Lebanon. "There is absolutely no pressure from anybody on Israel," the official added in the course of briefing reporters on the situation in Lebanon.

He acknowledged, however that "the idea of a partial, unilateral redeployment of forces was raised in Israel." He charged that Syria is "now trying to sabotage the agreement between Israel and Lebanon by putting physical pressures on members of the Lebanese parliament to prevent ratification of the treaty." However, he said, "We expect ratification" by the Lebanese parliament.

The official said that the "mere presence" of Soviet advisors in Syria "and the missiles now in the area convey the impression that the Soviet Union is supporting all the negative steps taken by the Syrian government." "According to the official, the Syrians "probably misread Israeli public opinion" and "they think they will create enough pressures inside Israel to create a situation in which the Israel government will have to withdraw unilaterally and will not act in conformity with the agreement."

He said the Syrians "also try to create pressures on Israel's allies, doing everything possible to prevent a Syrian withdrawal from Lebanon."

The official added: "It seems Syria at this stage does not intend to withdraw but we are in close contact with the American Administration to try to do everything possible. We do hope the problem will be resolved and enough pressure will be put on Syria that they will withdraw from Lebanon."

IRAQI PROPOSES IRAN END WAR TO JOIN FORCES AGAINST ISRAEL

By Tamir Levy

GENEVA, June 14 (JTA) -- War talk intruded on the International Labor Conference here today when the Iraqi Labor Minister proposed to his Iranian counterpart that Iraq and Iran end their 33 month-old conflict and join forces to fight "the Israeli enemy that has been flouting international law and committing crimes in Palestine."

His remarks drew a sharp response from Ambassador Ovedia Soffer, the Israeli delegate who observed: "The Iraqi government is known for its persecution of Kurds and other minorities. Of course, its Ambassador's appeal from this forum that the Iraqi-Iranian war should stop in order to start another war against Israel gives

him the right to preach to the rest of the world on the subject of war."

Soffer also challenged the Syrian delegate "to inform us who is responsible for obstructing the implementation" of the agreement concluded between Israel and Lebanon last month for the withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon. "Perhaps he would like to explain the reasons for his government's stubborn refusal to cooperate ... his government's refusal to respect the strong wishes of the government and people of Lebanon," Soffer said.

Meanwhile, the Iranian Labor Minister, Mohamed Mahallati, said in an interview published in the daily La Tribune de Geneve, that "Israel has to disappear as a Zionist state, and only bearing this in mind can the Palestine Liberation Organization work hand-in-hand with the revolutionary forces in the region." Mahallati was commenting on the recent mutiny by PLO hardliners against Yasser Arafat. He suggested that this development was "the consequence of the fact that some in the PLO have forgotten that there can be no reconciliation with Israel."

JDC INCREASED HELP TO JEWS AROUND THE WORLD IN 1982

NEW YORK, June 14 (JTA) -- The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) increased its efforts last year to aid Jewish communities overseas, according to the 1982 annual report released this month by the organization. "Aside from JDC's programs for Jews and Jewish communities overseas, programs involving welfare, health and education, the JDC has been playing an increasingly vital role on the world scene," JDC President Henry Taub said in a separate statement.

The 1982 report covered the activities of the JDC in its program of rescue, relief and rehabilitation.

In his introduction to the report, Ralph Goldman, executive vice president of the JDC, said that programs helping "hundreds of thousands" of people in around 30 countries "totaled \$43.1 million in 1982, of which \$37.8 million came from the United Jewish Appeal supported by the Jewish federations and welfare funds." Other contributions came from the United States Refugee Program and from Jewish communities in Canada, Europe, South America and South Africa, he added.

Returned To Poland

He also noted that the JDC resumed operations in Poland last year, where a small Jewish community of elderly men and women, most of them survivors of the Holocaust, still remains. The JDC has also returned to Czechoslovakia and Hungary in recent years, he said.

Taub pledged in his statement to become even "more deeply involved in support of Jews and Jewish communities in Israel, North Africa, and Eastern and Western Europe in 1983."

ANTI-ZIONIST COMMITTEE BLASTED

NEW YORK, June 14 (JTA) -- Bernice Tannenbaum, acting chairman of the American Section of the World Zionist Organization, said the Soviet Anti-Zionist Committee is a "palpable and blatant Soviet propaganda tool. It has been artificially concocted by the Kremlin to counteract and cover up condemnation of the USSR's program of Jewish spiritual and cultural repression and the almost complete cessation of Soviet-Jewish emigration.

"This calumny together with Soviet government interference with the delivery of mail to potential Jewish emigrants" are orchestrated by Moscow.

**SPECIAL INTERVIEW
BRANDEIS PROFESSOR VOICES ALARM
AT BITTERNESS OF JEWISH DEBATE
SINCE ISRAEL WENT INTO LEBANON**
By Arnold Ages

TORONTO, June 14 (JTA) -- A Brandeis University professor, who specializes in rabbinic thought, voiced alarm here at the bitterness in the debate among Jews which has emerged with special vehemence since the Israeli invasion of Lebanon a year ago.

Marvin Fox, director of the Lown School of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies at Brandeis University, indicated in an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that Brandeis has not been spared the rancor which has pervaded the American university scene. Fox, in Toronto as Beth Tzedec's "Scholar-in-Residence," said spokesmen for Peace Now are strongly represented on the Brandeis campus and their influence can be felt in much of the discussion on the Mideast.

During the last campus campaign for the United Jewish Appeal members of the Peace Now coalition on the Brandeis campus wanted to circulate materials through which the Brandeis fund-raising effort would dissociate itself with the Begin government. Fox indicated that he had personally intervened to persuade his associates not to include such a disclaimer.

Hostile To Begin

The Brandeis professor, who spent much of his early academic career at Ohio State University, feels that the Peace Now forces are made up primarily of Begin-haters who are unable to accept the fact that the Labor government is no longer in office.

Asked if the Peace Now movement has influenced the thinking of students on the Brandeis campus, Fox replied:

"The first thing that you have to understand is that Peace Now represents the 'positive' wing among the forces critical of Israeli society. There are other Jewish academics who are far more hostile."

Fox says that during a recent visit to the campus of Brandeis University by Noam Chomsky, the linguist, who has written the preface to a book by the notorious French historian Robert Faurisson, a book denying the factuality of the Holocaust, Chomsky was confronted by well-informed Jewish students who heckled the anti-Israel academic mercilessly. On the other hand, noted Fox, Meir Kahane had also spoken recently on campus and had been cordially received by the Brandeis students.

Polarization In Israel

A frequent guest in Israel where he has lectured in several universities, Fox expresses some anxiety about the polarization of feeling in that country. He described the explosiveness of the situation in the following way:

"During my last trip to Israel I was invited to a gathering of distinguished Israeli academics. The evening was an especially congenial one and the talk very elevated and non-controversial. There was not a hint of discord among the group.

"Then as we were about to leave and were standing at the door someone made an innocuous remark of a political nature and within seconds the atmosphere became volatile. Everyone began shouting.

"One of my colleagues said to another: 'When you say things like that you are sticking a dagger into the back of every soldier in Zahal.' The bitterness of the debate was all the more shocking when compared

to the convivial discussion that had occurred during the evening. When we finally left I asked my host who was driving me back to the hotel why he had not participated in the heated exchange at the door.

Vehemence Expressed

"My host, who is a distinguished professor of humanities at the Hebrew University said to me that he has learned to keep his mouth shut because every time he has participated in discussion he is cut short with the remark that he has an American passport.

"At this point I asked my colleague the following question: Assuming that every one of Begin's aims had been realized as a result of the invasion of Lebanon, what would you say to that?

"Whereupon my host, normally the most rational of people, began to scream at me in a manner not unlike the way his colleagues had been shouting at each other at the gathering. Such is the nature of political discourse in Israel today."

Alarmed by this unfortunate development in Israel, Fox feels that the situation in North America has been affected by the Israeli scene. He indicated that at some American campuses anti-Israel forces, composed largely of Arab students working in concert with other groups, have made the university an unsafe place for Jewish students. The anti-Semitic quotient is inordinately high on those campuses.

DAIA VOICES DISMAY OVER 'DISAPPEARED'

NEW YORK, June 14 (JTA) -- The DAIA, the representative body of Argentine Jewry, has expressed "dismay" over the recent assertion by the Argentine authorities that the thousands of persons who have "disappeared" in recent years should be presumed dead, and called for clarification, the World Jewish Congress reported today.

The DAIA (Delegacion de Asociaciones Israelitas Argentinas), which represents the largest Jewish community in Latin America stressed that it shares the "anguish" of the relatives of disappeared persons of Jewish origin. Its six-point statement, released here by the WJC, affirmed "the Jewish tradition of respect for the sanctity of human life" and its "categorical repudiation of all expressions of violence."

It noted that through the years, the DAIA had received "the insistent pleas of parents and relatives of disappeared persons of Jewish origin" and it fully shared "the natural feelings of any parent or relative in a similar situation, regardless of creed."

"It is indispensable that this chapter in our history be fully elucidated in order to obtain the reconciliation of all the inhabitants of the land and achieve a fruitful dialogue among them; for this we feel that, in order to be legitimate, any act aimed at contributing to social harmony must take place within the framework of the National Constitution and the concordant legislation," the DAIA statement said.

It urged "the furtherance of action to prevent the recurrence of any state of violence in the country, whatever its cause, and voices its ardent wish for the peaceful development of the Republic, predicated on the democratic and pluralistic coexistence of all its inhabitants, protected by appropriate laws precluding all acts of injustice."

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- The 20th of Tammuz, the anniversary of the death of Theodor Herzl will be celebrated as the "Day of Zionism," starting next year, it was announced here by the World Zionist Organization's General Council. Premier Menachem Begin has endorsed the idea.