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SHAMIR, ARENS EXPECTED TO FACE HEAVY U.S. PRESSURE TO HALT PREPARATIONS FOR REDEPLOYMENT

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, July 25 (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Defense Minister Moshe Arens are expected to face heavy American pressure to halt Israeli preparations for the redeployment of its forces in Lebanon when they meet with President Reagan and other top Administration officials in Washington.

This is the general appraisal by leading analysts and some government officials following Reagan's invitation yesterday to the two senior ministers to come to Washington. The two are scheduled to leave tonight and remain in Washington for several days. According to Israel Radio reports, some ministers at yesterday's Cabinet session expressed concern that Shamir and Arens would come under pressure in Washington.

No Change in Israel's Position

But Cabinet Secretary Dan Meridor told reporters after the Cabinet meeting, "There is a common goal of Lebanon, the United States and Israel to bring out all the foreign forces, and we hope that this visit will help that goal." Asked whether Shamir's and Arens' trip to Washington would have any effect on the redeployment plans, Meridor said: "The trip will have an effect on what happens in Lebanon, but we still intend to go on with our decision to redeploy our forces."

According to political circles in Jerusalem, the Reagan Administration wants Israel to halt its redeployment until the fate of the government of President Amin Gemayel becomes clear. The circles say that the U.S. believes that the Gemayel government faces a real danger of total collapse and that the purpose of the Syrian-led military and political campaigns against the Lebanese government is to hasten its demise. According to this assessment, an Israeli withdrawal to new lines at this stage might make this development inevitable.

Thus, Israel faces the paradox of wanting to withdraw from its present position by redeploying its forces -- despite objections by the U.S., the Lebanese government, the Phalangists and the Druze in the Shouf mountains.

SENIOR ISRAELI OFFICIALS' TALKS WITH REAGAN ADMINISTRATION WILL CONCENTRATE ON LEBANON SITUATION

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, July 25 (JTA) -- When Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Defense Minister Moshe Arens arrive here tomorrow they are expected to begin three days of intensive talks with the Reagan Administration that will concentrate on Lebanon, particularly Israel's recently announced troop redeployment plan.

State Department deputy spokesman Alan Romberg said that while bilateral issues will be discussed, he expects that Lebanon will be the principal topic with the redeployment issue "an obvious" part of that discussion.

Arens and Shamir are scheduled to meet with Secretary of State George Shultz Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. It is expected that they will meet with President Reagan on Wednesday, although the White House meeting has not yet been officially scheduled. Shamir will return to Israel Thursday night but Arens will stay over for a meeting with Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger on Friday.

The Israeli officials are also expected to meet, either separately or during the meetings with Shultz with Robert McFarlane, the deputy National Security Advisor who Reagan named last Friday to replace Philip Habib as his special representative in the Middle East.

Deny Israelis Were 'Summoned' To Washington

A State Department official today rejected Israeli press reports that Arens and Shamir were "summoned" to Washington to replace Premier Menachem Begin in order to hear the results of Administration meetings last week with Lebanese President Amin Gemayel. The official said that Reagan accepted Begin's reasons for not coming which were "personal" and had invited the two senior Cabinet ministers.

Romberg refused to comment on the U.S. position on the proposed redeployment of Israeli troops in Lebanon. But the Administration is believed ready to ask Israel to postpone the redeployment to give Gemayel a chance to consolidate his country and to allow McFarlane to try his hand at getting Syria to withdraw its troops from Lebanon.

U.S. Critical Of New Lebanese 'Front'

Gemayel made his opposition to the redeployment known last week but it seemed to be based chiefly on his fear that it would give the Lebanese people the impression that it would allow the country to be partitioned. On this point, the Administration took aim today at the decision by three Syrian-backed Lebanese -- Walid Jumblatt, the pro-Palestine Liberation Organization Druze leader, former President Suleiman Franjeh, a Maronite Christian, and former Prime Minister Rasid Karami, a Moslem -- to form what they call the National Salvation Front in opposition to the Gemayel government.

"We hope that parties in Lebanon recognize the importance of national reconciliation behind a strong central government in the pursuit of common national goals," Romberg said when asked about the new group.

"We also emphasize again our hope that senseless violence in Lebanon will end in the interests of furthering the worthy goal of a united, independent and sovereign Lebanon, free of all foreign forces. Continued strife and bloodshed serves no one's interests," Jumblatt has admitted that it was his forces which shelled Beirut International Airport last week.

New Faces Rather Than New Plan

Gemayel's strongest words last week were reserved for Syria as he accused Damascus of reneging on its promise to withdraw its troops once Israel had

agreed to pull out its forces. It is apparent that Gemayel and Reagan agreed to the next step in Lebanon—to concentrate on seeking the removal of the PLO terrorists and Syrian forces. The appointment of McFarlane was admittedly an attempt to put a "new face" on the diplomatic effort rather than coming up with any new plan.

The new face was necessary because Syrian President Hafez Assad refused to allow Habib to come to Damascus after the Israeli-Lebanese agreement was signed May 17. A State Department official noted today that Habib was seen as a "symbol" by Syria of its opposition to American support of the Israeli-Lebanese agreement.

He noted that when Shultz went to Damascus in June he wanted to take Habib along but Habib convinced him that it would be better if he did not accompany him. However, all Shultz obtained from Damascus was continued rejection of the agreement accompanied by the willingness to continue the "dialogue" and the agreement for Syrian-U.S. working teams which have not yet met.

The Administration's hope that Syria will eventually agree to withdraw its troops is based on what they see as Syria's willingness to continue the dialogue. Although McFarlane himself admitted Friday that he has not yet received assurances that he will be welcome in Damascus, Administration officials stressed today that McFarlane expects to go to Syria when he goes to the Mideast, probably next week. When Romberg was asked about whether Syria would welcome McFarlane, he replied, the Administration does "not expect that to be a problem."

GEMAYEL SEEKS UN-SPONSORED REFERENDUM IN AREAS NOW HELD BY ISRAELI AND SYRIAN FORCES

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, July 25 (JTA) -- President Amin Gemayel of Lebanon called today for the United Nations to conduct a referendum in the areas now occupied by Syrian and Israeli troops to determine the attitude of the inhabitants there toward the presence of the troops. Gemayel said he was certain that such a referendum would show that the inhabitants of the areas would support the Lebanese government in its call for the departure of all foreign forces.

Gemayel, who arrived here this morning from Washington where he met with President Reagan and other top Administration officials last week, told a press conference at the Elysee that a referendum is needed "to make the nation's voice heard." He said that "in the occupied area, liberty and democracy are suppressed and the nation's voice is gagged."

He said the Lebanese army is ready to assume its responsibilities throughout the country. The army, Gemayel said, will enter the Shouf mountains region, where Druze and Christian Phalangists have been fighting for the last few weeks, as soon as the Israeli forces leave that area.

Gemayel met with President Francois Mitterrand earlier in the day. They reportedly discussed the possibility of having France participate in a peace-keeping mission in the Shouf mountains. Mitterrand, French sources reported, said the 2,000 French paratroopers now serving with the multinational force could be redeployed to the Shouf area only after the local warring factions—the Druze and the Christians -- agree to support the central Lebanese government's request for the presence of French troops.

The sources also said that before the Mitterrand government commits itself to such a move, it would seek the support of the other three countries participating in the multinational force: the United States, Italy and Britain.

2,000 PEOPLE GREET GEMAYEL IN DETROIT

DETROIT, July 25 (JTA) -- In spite of an announced boycott by nine Arab organizations in the Detroit area and his two-hours-late arrival, President Amin Gemayel of Lebanon was greeted by a hand-picked cheering audience of 2,000 yesterday for his speech in the Masonic Temple auditorium here.

Gemayel blamed Lebanon's current problems on its occupation by Syrian and Israeli troops. He said, "Laughter and song will return to our native land" when foreign troops have left Lebanon. He told the audience that there was no reason for Lebanon to be reborn or rebuilt because "our Lebanon has never been destroyed." Gemayel gave a similar speech in Houston on Saturday.

Ghassan Tueni, Gemayel's national political adviser and publisher of the An Nahar newspaper, told reporters here that the meetings this week between U.S. leaders and Israel's Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Defense Minister Moshe Arens were "crucial" for Lebanon.

Tueni said the U.S. made the "expected statements" last week after Israel announced its plans for a redeployment of its forces in Lebanon, an action the Lebanese fear will lead to a permanent division of Lebanon into Syrian and Israeli spheres.

While there were no demonstrations at the heavily-guarded Masonic Temple, a small group of Arabs gathered miles away at the suburban Dearborn City Hall to stage a protest rally.

FLORENCE DOLOWITZ DEAD AT 94

NEW YORK, July 25 (JTA) -- Funeral services were held today for Florence Dolowitz, a founder and past president of Women's American ORT, who died of a heart attack Saturday at her home in Brooklyn. She was 94 years old.

Mrs. Dolowitz came to the United States from Lithuania at the age of nine. She settled with relatives in Shenandoah, Pa., moving to New York City to attend school. She graduated from Hunter College in 1910. She later taught mathematics in the city schools.

While working with the Davison Society, a group dedicated to helping working people prepare for college entrance examinations, Mrs. Dolowitz met members of the World ORT Union, which provided equipment and training to help less developed areas of Europe.

Convinced that women should play a role in the organization, she called a meeting in 1927 that led to the establishment of Women's American ORT, an auxiliary to the international.

Mrs. Dolowitz served as president of the auxiliary from 1932 to 1937. She continued to serve on the executive committee and as honorary president until her death. She also helped to establish a physics laboratory, named after her late husband, Alexander, in Ramat Gan, Israel.

TWO NEW MEMBERS NAMED TO HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL COUNCIL

WASHINGTON, July 25 (JTA) -- President Reagan has named two new members of the Holocaust Memorial Council. They are Norman Braman, a Miami, Fla. car dealer who is vice president of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation, and William Lowenberg, a San Francisco real estate developer who is president-elect of the Jewish Community Federation.

Braman succeeds Frank Lautenberg who was elected to the U.S. Senate last year. Lowenberg, a Holocaust survivor, succeeds Albert Spiegel who resigned earlier this year as Reagan's unpaid advisor on Jewish affairs.

SWISS TO BAR TERRORISTS SOUGHT BY POLICE FROM ATTENDING A CONCLAVE ON PALESTINIAN RIGHTS

By Tamar Levy

GENEVA, July 25 (JTA) -- Reliable Swiss sources said today that Swiss authorities have decided to bar entry to Switzerland to any Palestinian terrorist, or other terrorists sought by police, who want to attend the Conference on Palestinian Rights in Geneva, even if they have diplomatic passports.

Muammar Qaddafi, the Libyan head of state, has said he would issue such passports to all Palestinian terrorists who want to come to Geneva to participate in the conclave scheduled for the end of August. Officials of Vienna and Paris refused to allow the conference in their cities, citing security problems.

Concern reportedly had been expressed by official sources in Geneva over the prospect of terrorists wanted by Interpol, moving about freely in Geneva under diplomatic immunity. Such fears, according to the report, led Swiss officials to decide that even if a terrorist had a diplomatic passport, he would not be admitted.

Guy Fontanet, the chief of Geneva's police department, had declared that "we will do all that is possible to make sure Geneva does not turn into a second Bekaa valley," a reference to the eastern section of Lebanon, held by Syrian troops and currently the scene of intermittent fighting by groups of Moslems, Phalangists and warring factions of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Some Swiss authorities indicated they thought PLO chief Yasir Arafat plans to come to Geneva to attend the conference, asserting Arafat would be "almost obliged" to be present, unless the current fighting within the PLO makes that impossible.

15 ULTRA-ORTHODOX JEWS GO ON TRIAL

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, July 25 (JTA) -- Fifteen ultra-Orthodox Jews went on trial here yesterday for disturbing the peace but only 14 showed up in court after being released on bail last Friday. A warrant was issued for the arrest of the missing man, identified as Yeshayahu Cohen.

All were arrested following riots in the Mea Shearim quarter two weeks ago against archaeological diggings near the Old City wall. Two of the defendants were charged with assaulting a policeman.

Presiding Judge Miriam Maor, who granted bail after Aguda Israel Knesset members intervened, instructed the accused to stay out of Jerusalem except when the court was in session. They were required to sign a pledge not to participate in any demonstrations for the duration of the trial and to surrender their passports and identity papers.

Maor severely reprimanded Aguda MKs Menahem Porush and Shlomo Lorincz who had promised to guarantee the appearance of all the defendants in court if they were released before the Sabbath. When Cohen failed to report to the police as required Saturday night, Porush and Lorincz declined to sign a guarantee for him. The two Orthodox MKs broke their word, Maor said. They had appealed directly to Premier Menachem Begin to gain the release of the religious zealots.

WZO APPROVES A \$57 MILLION BUDGET

JERUSALEM, July 25 (JTA) -- The World Zionist Organization Executive today approved a \$57 million budget for the WZO, \$1.4 million more than last year. Akiva Levinsky, the treasurer, said the largest increases will be for the departments responsible for bringing young people to Israel.

The youth and hechalutz department received an additional \$400,000, and the two education departments received an additional \$100,000 each. Regarding the aliya department, Levinsky said its budget is open-ended. "If there are more immigrants, there will be more money," he said.

Most of the total WZO budget is earmarked for Zionist education in the diaspora. Some 750 Zionist emissaries comprise education missions overseas. Of these, 450 are teachers and 300 deal with youth and hechalutz in community centers and youth movements.

WJC RELOCATES ITS WORLD HQ TO N.Y., EUROPEAN OFFICE TO PARIS

By Rifka Rosenwein

NEW YORK, July 25 (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress announced that it has moved its world headquarters from Geneva to New York and set up its European office in Paris. Only Dr. Gerhard Reigner, Secretary General of the WJC, and a small staff remain in Geneva, providing representation at the United Nations office there and some involvement in Christian-Jewish relations, according to Israel Singer, executive director of the WJC.

Singer told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the move was made "to reflect the realities" of the world Jewish population. "We're moving for Jewish reasons," he said, explaining that Geneva has one of the smallest Jewish populations in Europe, while Paris has the largest. The world headquarters were moved to New York because that has the largest Jewish population in the world, Singer noted.

He added that the headquarters had remained in Geneva until now because the WJC was "historically" tied to that city. It had operated from there during World War II because of Switzerland's neutral status at that time. Until now, only the American section of the WJC operated out of the New York office.

SOVIETS EXPORT ANTI-ZIONIST PROPAGANDA TO THE UNITED STATES

NEW YORK, July 25 (JTA) -- The National Conference on Soviet Jewry (NCSJ) reported that a new film made by the Soviet government for export abroad, particularly to the United States, links Zionism with Nazism and racism. According to the NCSJ, the film, "Babi Yar; the Lessons of History," is disturbing because it represents an attempt to expand the ongoing Soviet propaganda campaign personified by the three-and-a-half month old "Anti-Zionist Committee."

Narrated in near flawless English and of high technical quality, it was apparently sent out to a wide variety of media outlets, including CBS News, the Simon Wiesenthal Center and private individuals involved in tracking down Nazi war criminals.

The danger of the film, the NCSJ stressed, is that it has been well targeted. Its anti-Zionist message is subtle compared to that in Soviet propaganda geared for internal consumption; only a few telltale lines, uttered in a steady, matter-of-fact tone, are inserted into the roughly hour-long film. They appear, moreover, within the context of repeated admonitions like "Never again," and "We must never forget" -- phrases which strike a chord in any Jew, and doubtless many others in the West.

REAGAN DEPLORES ANTI-SEMITIC ACTS IN NICARAGUA

WASHINGTON, July 25 (JTA) -- President Reagan has deplored anti-Semitic acts in Nicaragua, citing the fact that "virtually the entire Jewish community has been frightened into exile" by the Sandinista regime.

The President made the comment last week at a White House briefing addressed by Rabbi Morton Rosenthal, director of the Latin American Affairs Department of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, and Isaac Stavisky, a member of the Nicaraguan Jewish community who was forced into exile.

According to Rosenthal, Reagan told the briefing organized by the White House Outreach Group on Central America that the repressions against the Nicaraguan Jewish community is the consequence of a "self-proclaimed blood unity between the Sandinistas and the PLO" whose "results are evident for all the world to see and are an evil echo of history."

Text Of Reagan's Remarks

The text of the President's remarks on anti-Semitism in Nicaragua was as follows, according to Rosenthal:

"The results of the self-proclaimed blood unity between the Sandinistas and the PLO are evident for all the world to see and are an evil echo of history. Virtually the entire Jewish community of Nicaragua has been frightened into exile. Their synagogue, which had its doors torched by Sandinista supporters in 1978, has since been confiscated and turned into offices of a Sandinista organization.

"Please share the truth that Communism in Central America means not only the loss of political freedom but of religious freedom as well."

The President's remarks followed statements on the Nicaraguan Jewish situation by Rosenthal and Stavisky before an audience of 250 persons representing various organizations invited to the White House briefing.

No Prior Anti-Semitic Problems

Stavisky, speaking in behalf of the Nicaraguan Jewish community, asserted that Nicaraguan Jews had no anti-Semitic problems until the Sandinistas started their revolution. He said that a favorite tactic was to anonymously phone Jewish homes with warnings that "We are going to get you Jews." The clandestine Sandinista radio announced that the Honorary Consul of Israel would be executed, forcing him to flee one year before the Sandinistas came to power.

The clearest message of Sandinista intentions against the Jewish community, said Stavisky, was the arson attack on the synagogue, in 1978, while Jews were worshipping inside. "This was an especially traumatic experience for members of the Jewish community who were survivors because it evoked terrible memories which they thought they had put behind them when they fled from Nazi terrors and found refuge in Nicaragua."

Rosenthal asserted that the "government dissembled when it justified the confiscation of the synagogue by claiming that it was the property of an individual." Rosenthal produced a deed to the synagogue property showing that the Congregación Israelita de Nicaragua held title.

REFORM WOMAN RABBI GETS CONSERVATIVE PULPIT

NEW YORK, July 25 (JTA)—A Reform-ordained woman rabbi, whose application to become the first Conservative woman rabbi was rejected last April at a convention of Conservative rabbis, has been appointed rabbi of a Conservative synagogue in Clifton Park, N.Y., the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today.

A source at the Rabbinical Assembly (RA), the association of Conservative rabbis, said Rabbi Beverly Magidson was named solo rabbi of Beth Shalom of Clifton Park, effective August 1, her first pulpit. She is leaving her current post as associate director of the Hillel Foundation at Washington University in St. Louis to take the Clifton pulpit.

The term "solo rabbi" is used to refer to a congregation too small to need or to be able to afford more than one rabbi. The Clifton Park congregation is made up of slightly more than 100 families, the RA source said.

Magidson's application to become a member of the RA was rejected by narrow margins in two roll-call votes at the RA 83rd annual convention in Houston last April 12. She was ordained in 1979 by the New York school of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

Beth Shalom is an affiliate of the United Synagogue of America, the central agency for American Conservative synagogues.

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT DONATES \$60,000 TO ASSOCIATES OF BEN GURION U.

By Michael Solomon

MONTREAL, July 25 (JTA) -- The Canadian government has donated \$60,000 to the Canadian Associates of the Ben Gurion University of the Negev toward its sponsorship of the first "Right to Food" conference to be held in Montreal May 25-27, 1984.

The check was presented by Agriculture Minister Eugene Whelan who declared in the House of Commons, "The Canadian Associates of the Ben Gurion University are to be congratulated for taking this initiative." He noted that the conference "is intended to inform the public that hunger can be beaten within the next generation if countries use the means at their disposal."

Whelan, who visited Ben Gurion University in 1979, observed that "the importance of extending food production in the developing countries cannot be stressed too much."

The aims of the "Right to Food" conference are to raise public awareness of the plight of the world's hungry and to identify what has been done and what remains to be done by both governments and non-governmental organizations. Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau is honorary co-chairman of the conference.

CORRECTION

The story about the bi-partisan young political leaders tour of Israel that appeared in Friday's JTA Daily News Bulletin inadvertently omitted the fact that the tour was funded by the Student Division of the World Zionist Organization.