

# EGYPTIAN OFFICIAL DESCRIBES HIS COUNTRY'S PEACE TREATY WITH ISRAEL AS 'FROZEN'

JERUSALEM, April 24 (JTA) -- Concern mounted in official circles here today over an Egyptian minister's description of his country's peace treaty with Israel as "frozen."

Boutros Ghali, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, used that term in an interview published this morning in the semi-official Cairo daily Al Ahram in which he accused Israel of reneging on its commitments to the Camp David accords.

"The Israeli government has reneged on its commitments to the Camp David accords by denying the Palestinians their right to self-determination, annexing the Golan Heights and invading Lebanon," Ghali said. "Peace with Israel is frozen ... Israel's responsibility for this is clear," Ghali said according to Al Ahram.

## Deterioration In Israeli-Egyptian Relations

Israel and Egypt have been in a state of "cold peace" ever since Cairo recalled its Ambassador from Israel in protest against the Israeli invasion of Lebanon in 1982. The normalization process between the two countries has been virtually suspended as have been bilateral negotiations on the Taba border dispute and other issues. The autonomy talks in which Israel, Egypt and the U.S. were engaged have been moribund for nearly two years.

Ghali was quoted as saying that Egypt would not return its Ambassador to Tel Aviv until Israel withdrew completely from Lebanon, ended its settlement-building activities in the occupied territories and acted in a positive manner to advance the peace process.

Israeli-Egyptian relations deteriorated further after Cairo's announcement last week that it would sever diplomatic ties with Costa Rica and El Salvador because those Central American countries moved their embassies from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. Israel lodged a strong protest with Egypt against its decision.

Meanwhile, the visit to Cairo last week by the former Soviet Ambassador to Egypt, Vladimir Polyakov, raised speculation that Egypt is considering the resumption of diplomatic relations with the USSR which were severed by the late President Anwar Sadat.

## ARENS DENIES REPORTS THAT ISRAEL IS MASSING TROOPS IN BEKA VALLEY

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, April 24 (JTA) -- Defense Minister Moshe Arens denied reports from Damascus that Israel is massing troops in Lebanon's Beka valley for an attack on Syrian forces. But he warned the Syrians that if they initiated hostilities against Israel they were bound to be defeated.

Arens, in a radio interview yesterday, said Israel has no intention of attacking Syria. He was responding to Syrian Defense Minister Mustafa Tlas' claim, in a broadcast speech yesterday, that Israel and the U.S. were preparing to attack his country.

Tlas said Syria would repel such an attack with the aid of the Soviet Union and other Arab states. Arens suggested that Syrian war talk was intended to camouflage internal tensions over a possible successor to President Hafez Assad who is believed to be ill. He warned, however, that the need to divert attention from an internal power struggle might tempt the Syrians to warlike adventures.

## ISRAEL IS IN INDIRECT CONTACT WITH SYRIA FOR A NEW EXCHANGE

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, April 24 (JTA) -- Israel is in the opening stage of indirect contacts with Syria for a prisoner-of-war exchange, Defense Minister Moshe Arens disclosed in a radio interview yesterday. He said the contacts were established through the International Red Cross.

"We have the beginning of contacts to reach a prisoner exchange and we hope we will be able to finalize this," Arens said. "We have the impression that there is a general readiness on their (Syrian) side." He did not say whether a POW exchange would be confined to Syria or include the Syrian-backed Palestine Liberation Organization dissident groups.

The Syrians hold three Israeli soldiers captured in Lebanon who would presumably be exchanged for 290 Syrian soldiers held by Israel. Four more Israeli soldiers are prisoners of PLO dissidents and six Israeli soldiers are still listed as missing in Lebanon. There are presently about 2,700 Arabs in Israeli prisons convicted of terrorist acts or other security offenses.

## Supports Army's Claim On Terrorist Hijackers

On another matter, Arens said he had no reason to disbelieve the army's claim that all four terrorists in the April 12 bus hijack were killed or fatally wounded when troops stormed the vehicle to release its passengers who were being held hostage. According to some media reports, one of the terrorists was seen being led away from the bus by plainclothes Israeli security men, apparently unharmed at the time. All four terrorists were buried on April 15.

The implication was that one terrorist was killed after being captured. The army says two terrorists were killed instantly and two others died of their wounds a short time later. Arens said the army was routinely examining the incident and would submit a full report to him shortly.

## ALL-OUT FIGHT PLANNED TO DEFEAT PROPOSITION ON BALLOT IN BERKELEY CALLING FOR U.S. CUTS IN ISRAEL AID

By Ben Gallob

NEW YORK, April 24 (JTA) -- The coordinator of a coalition formed in Berkeley, California, to defeat an initiative for the June 5 California Presidential primary, which calls for cuts in United States aid to Israel equal to Israeli expenditures for West Bank settlements, said today the coalition would wage an all-out fight to garner enough votes to defeat the measure.

John Kaufman, coordinator of the Coalition for Middle East Peace and Justice, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, in a telephone interview, of

the plans of the coalition to gain a majority on June 5 against the initiative, called Proposition E, which is on the local ballot. The proposition includes a proposal for a nuclear freeze.

Signatures necessary to put Proposition E on the ballot to be given to voters in the Presidential primary were collected by an agency called "Tax-payers for the Middle East" (TAPME), which was created by the American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee.

The JTA was told yesterday by Erika Boyd, a volunteer member of the coalition, that TAPME collected 7,000 signatures, though only 5,000 were needed to place an issue on the ballot.

Proposition E declared that "the people of the City of Berkeley call on the United States government to reduce its yearly aid to Israel by an amount equal to what it determines to be the most accurate approximation of what Israel spends annually on its settlements in the occupied territories of the West Bank, Gaza Strip and Golan Heights."

#### Steps To Defeat Proposition E

Kaufman outlined the steps the coalition is developing in its plans to get enough votes to defeat the measure on June 5. He said a direct mail program is awaiting collection of enough funds to finance it.

Next Sunday, he said, volunteers will begin a door-to-door effort to talk against Proposition E to potential voters. He said he hoped at least 50 volunteers would be available for that phase of the campaign. He said the coalition goal had been endorsed by leading local political personalities.

Kaufman said he doubted that supporters of Proposition E believed that it would affect United States policy in the Middle East. He said he felt such supporters were acting from two motives. First, he said, they sincerely believed approval would be a step toward peace and, second, many were planning to vote for Proposition E as a protest against Israel's settlement policy.

Kaufman, asked how many members the coalition had, said it was hard to fix a total because it was a volunteer assemblage. But, he said, the coalition has a steering committee of 50. He described the coalition as nonpartisan and nonpolitical, declaring that its members include Christians and Jews, whites and Blacks.

#### COSTA RICA'S PRESIDENT TO VISIT ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, April 24 (JTA) -- President Luis Alberto Monge Alvarez of Costa Rica will visit Israel shortly, it was announced here today. He will arrive after the new Costa Rican Ambassador to Israel presents his credentials.

Costa Rica and El Salvador announced recently that they would transfer their embassies from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. As a result, Egypt announced last week that it would sever diplomatic ties with both Central American countries.

#### MAN CHARGED IN GRUNZWEIG KILLING GOES ON TRIAL

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, April 24 (JTA) -- Yona Avrushmi went on trial here today, charged with throwing a hand grenade that killed Peace Now activist Emil Grunzweig during a demonstration outside the Prime Ministers Office in February, 1983.

The first witness for the State, Amos Schengaloff, a former police agent, testified that he had

sold the grenade to Avrushmi shortly before the demonstration at which Grunzweig was killed. Schengaloff also admitted that he had received 500,000 Shekels from the police for his part in exposing the suspect.

Avrushmi denies that he threw the grenade. An Israeli soldier, David Shem-Tov, who was arrested as an accomplice, testified that he had delivered a number of Israel army issue hand grenades to Schengaloff. Shem-Tov was not accused of taking part in the attack.

Grunzweig's murder was under investigation for a year before any suspect was charged. The police and security services came under frequent criticism for allegedly dragging their feet.

Interior Minister Yosef Burg, who is in charge of the police, and the police high command came under even stronger criticism for holding a press conference soon after Avrushmi was arrested. They were accused of trying the suspect in public even before he was formally charged and brought to court.

#### RALLIES IN WEST GERMANY

##### URGE THE RELEASE OF HESS

By David Kantor

BONN, April 24 (JTA) -- Dozens of rallies were held throughout West Germany over the Easter holiday urging the release of Rudolf Hess, Hitler's former deputy, who will mark his 90th birthday this Thursday in Spandau prison where he is the last surviving war criminal inmate.

Hess is serving a life sentence. Many of the rallies in his favor had a political character. The participants called for an end to portraying Germany as the country responsible for World War II. While right-wing extremists are very much in evidence in the national campaign to free Hess, many Germans in no way linked to the Nazi ideology have participated.

The federal government has issued several appeals recently for the release of Hess. The three Allied powers -- U.S., Britain and France -- would agree to release him on humanitarian grounds, but the Soviet Union refuses to go along.

West German newspapers, meanwhile, have published detailed accounts of Hess' life in prison with most of the reports aimed at inducing compassion for the aged Nazi.

#### TV DOCUMENTARIES ON HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS AND THEIR CHILDREN

NEW YORK, April 24 (JTA) -- Two documentaries about the gulf between Holocaust survivors and their children are scheduled for presentation on WNET (Channel 13) here before the end of the month.

"Breaking the Silence: The Generation after the Holocaust" will be telecast on WNET Friday (April 27) and will be shown on public TV stations in 156 cities in 48 states and the District of Columbia. Most of the presentations outside of New York City will be shown during the coming weekend, with a few scheduled for the first week in May.

The other documentary, "A Generation Apart," will be shown on WNET on April 30. This documentary was initially shown as a film in motion picture theaters in Manhattan, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Berkeley.

In New York, the showings of "A Generation Apart" was accompanied by a shorter documentary, "The Well," reportedly the first film in Yiddish to be made in the United States in some 30 years.

"Breaking the Silence" portrays a number of survivor parents and their children who are trying to break the silence that has separated them. The

parents are among an estimated 200,000 Holocaust survivors who settled in the United States. Eva Fogelman, a psychotherapist and doctoral student at City University of New York, is writer and co-producer of the documentary.

"Breaking the Silence" was produced by Documentaries for Learning in Boston and distributed by Public Broadcasting Service (PBS).

"A Generation Apart" was made by two children of survivors, Jack and Danny Fisher. Jack Fisher was a filmmaker in Israel when he started the documentary.

"The Well" was written directed and edited by David Greenwald, with English subtitles. It depicts a young Jew from Eastern Europe in 1939 as he gradually becomes aware of the fate awaiting his people. He survives by fleeing to the United States.

#### SOME 1,000 CHILDREN OF HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS TO HOLD CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK CITY MAY 27 TO MAY 29

NEW YORK, April 24 (JTA) -- More than 1,000 children of Holocaust survivors are scheduled to gather here during the Memorial Day weekend, from Sunday, May 27 through Tuesday, May 29, to "demonstrate a commitment to the legacy which we accepted from our parents at the World Gathering of Holocaust Survivors in Jerusalem in 1981," said Menachem Rosensaft, chairman of the International Network of Children of Jewish Holocaust survivors.

Rosensaft, a New York attorney, who was born in Bergen-Belsen, said the principal purpose in holding the conference "is to provide children of survivors with the intellectual and educational foundation which is essential if we are to teach others about the Holocaust."

He pointed out that "It is not enough to know that one's parents were in a ghetto or a camp. In order to speak publicly on the subject or otherwise participate in the numerous Holocaust-related activities, one must know the historical context in which the Holocaust occurred." In addition, Rosensaft said, the children of survivors "have an obligation to educate ourselves about the Holocaust in order for us to be able to carry on our parents' commemorative work of the past 39 years."

#### A Primary Objective Of The Conference

One of the primary objectives of the weekend conference will be to establish contacts among children of survivors from the United States and Canada. Rosensaft said that the International Network currently has the names and addresses of some 6,500 children of survivors in both countries. But there are many more who would no doubt be interested in learning of national and local activities.

"It is important for us to strengthen our collective identity" and to act so as to prevent any recurrence of the Holocaust, Rosensaft said. "We have learned from our parents' tragic experience that the greatest crime is indifference to the suffering of others."

During the past decade, the children of Holocaust survivors have created an international movement. It started when the second generation of survivors met in small groups to share their personal histories, their concerns for human rights and to educate themselves and others. In the mid-1970's the children of survivors, then in their 20's and 30's, decided to break the silence in the family about the past and pledged never to be passive, or allow

others to be passive, in the face of anti-Semitism or any other forms of bigotry and hatred. This was underlined in a statement of purpose issued by the International Network:

"Our central goals are to represent the shared views and interests of children of Holocaust survivors, to perpetuate the authentic memory of the Holocaust and prevent its recurrence, to strengthen and preserve our spiritual, ideological and cultural heritage, to fight all manifestations of anti-Semitism and other forms of racial, ethnic or religious hatred, and to raise our collective voice on behalf of all human beings, Jews and non-Jews alike, who suffer from discrimination, persecution and oppression anywhere in the world."

#### Special Lectures, Workshops And Panels

The weekend conference will feature a special lecture by Elie Wiesel, chairman of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, Rosensaft said. Other scheduled speakers include Gerhart Riegner, co-chairman of the Governing Board of the World Jewish Congress, who, in 1942, as the WJC's representative in Geneva, conveyed to the Allies the first confirmed accounts of the Final Solution; Nazi-hunters Serge and Beate Klarsfeld.

Also, Prof. Yehuda Bauer of the Hebrew University; Prof. Raul Hilberg of the University of Vermont; Dr. Gerson Cohen, chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America; Rep. Sam Gejdenson (D. Conn.), himself a son of survivors; Bruce Teicholz, who worked with Raul Wallenberg in Budapest; and Sam Bloch, president of the World Federation of Bergen-Belsen Associations, who was a partisan in Lithuania during the war.

There will also be numerous panels and workshops on Holocaust-related issues; art exhibits, and programs in Yiddish culture, and a concert in Carnegie Hall. Most of the events of the conference will take place at Town Hall and at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York.

#### EUROPEAN MPs ASKED TO SIGN APPEAL ON BEHALF OF SOVIET JEWS

PARIS, April 24 (JTA) -- Members of the parliaments of 15 European countries are being asked to sign an appeal to the Soviet Union for clemency for Russian Jews who have been jailed because of their wish to emigrate or to propagate Jewish culture.

The appeal was drafted by the Office of the Interparliamentary European Conference. Jean Poperen, chairman of the Office, said it has been circulated to the 15 countries participating in the Conference and will be presented, with the signatures, to the Soviet embassies in each of the countries. The draft already has been signed by 300 members of the Swedish Parliament.

It calls for amnesty for Jews who have been jailed or harassed by Soviet authorities and for the authorities to allow Soviet Jews to emigrate or to practice their religion in the USSR if they wish to without harassment. Poperen noted at a press conference that only 1,314 Jews were allowed to leave the Soviet Union in 1983, compared to 51,328 permitted to emigrate in 1979.

He expressed concern over the decision by Moscow to prolong arbitrary detentions and to repress Soviet citizens who have contacts with foreign countries. The Interparliamentary Conference for Soviet Jews will convene in London on July 3.

## REFORM JUDAISM CLAIMS FIRST FORMAL PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE CONVERSION

By Ben Gallob

NEW YORK, April 24 (JTA) — A variety of programs are being put in place in a movement which Reform leaders claim is the first formal program by a major Jewish religious group to encourage non-Jews to choose Judaism as their "permanent faith."

Approval of such a project was given at the closing session of the biennial assembly of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC), the association of Reform synagogues, held in Houston last November 14.

Delegates voted to create a permanent Commission on Reform Jewish Outreach which Reform leaders said was designed to encourage non-Jewish partners in mixed marriages, and their children, as well as "unchurched" Americans, to convert to Judaism. The delegates acted in response to information that about a third of all American Jews currently marry non-Jews.

For the past four years, a joint task force of the UAHC and the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR), the organization of Reform rabbis, has tested books, study guides, films, introduction-to-Judaism courses, weekend discussions and other methods of helping non-Jews to convert to Judaism.

The convention delegates acted to expand that program and to make it a permanent project in association with the CCAR. David Belin of Des Moines, named commission chairman, said that "Outreach co-ordinators" would be assigned to all 13 regional UAHC offices "to assure that this program becomes a part of every Reform congregation."

### Carrying Out The Plans

At the request of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, the director of the project, Lydia Kukoff of Los Angeles, herself a convert, provided details on how the plans were being carried out as of this spring.

She reported that "we have provided a congregational Outreach kit to every congregational rabbi and Outreach chairperson which tells them in detail how to form their own congregational program."

She said this was in addition to the help the rabbi and the congregational Outreach chairperson receive from the regional Outreach coordinators, explaining that an Outreach coordinator had been assigned to each of the UAHC regional offices.

Kukoff also reported that the commission had developed a video-tape on "Choosing Judaism" and "we are creating a whole variety of resources and materials" to speak "specifically" to the needs of the program.

Another development was creation of "a rich and exciting basic Judaism curriculum which is very relevant to the needs of those considering conversion and interfaith couples." She commented that many Reform congregations have "large numbers of Jews by choice and significant numbers of interfaith couples."

### A Model For A Program

A model for a program has been developed "for unaffiliated interfaith couples" those in which "one partner is Jewish and one partner is not and who are totally unaffiliated with the Jewish community at present," Kukoff said.

"We are developing a model for a discussion group for parents of children who have intermarried,"

she added, declaring that the project's "Introduction to Judaism" classes which serve those who would like to learn more about Judaism not only "are in place throughout the country" but "are growing in size and number."

One of the groups for which the Outreach effort is designed is the general public, Belin had declared. He said this group would be approached with programs to convey the message that Judaism "is a living, meaningful, spiritual religion that welcomes all who wish to embrace it." He added no efforts would be aimed at adherents of other faiths.

In a final report to the UAHC Houston convention, the joint UAHC-CCAR task force reported that the program would have an important impact "on the demographic trends" in the American Jewish community "and could greatly improve the ability of that community" to maintain its present proportion in the total population.

The report urged that the Outreach program be broadened with maximum speed, declaring that "for every year's delay, there are thousands of lost opportunities to reach out to (Jewish) people who are graduating from college, entering adult life, becoming romantically involved with non-Jews and raising families without providing for Jewish education for their child. This is an area where time is of the essence."

## MONDALE HOPES JEWISH COMMUNITY WILL SUPPORT HIM EVEN IF HE 'HOLDS HANDS UP' WITH JACKSON AT DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

WASHINGTON, April 24 (JTA) — Democratic Presidential hopeful Walter Mondale has indicated here that he expects support for his candidacy from the American Jewish community, even if, as one interviewer suggested, he "holds hands up with Jesse Jackson" at the end of the Democratic convention in San Francisco.

"Over the years, I have demonstrated sensitivity on issues of social justice and foreign policy of concern to Jews," said Mondale, a former Vice President, in an interview with editors and reporters of The Washington Post published today. "I think I enjoy their trust."

Mondale also denounced recent statements by Louis Farrakhan, head of the Nation of Islam, as "poison" which "goes beyond the boundary of political rhetoric." Farrakhan, a strong supporter of Jackson's Democratic Presidential aspirations, last month acclaimed Hitler as a "very great man" and has also called for Blacks to ostracize Milton Coleman, the Washington Post reporter who disclosed Jackson's remarks referring to Jews as "Hymies" and New York City as "Hymietown."

### FOOTNOTE ON JACKSON'S CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, April 24 (JTA) — James Zogby, director of the American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, was chosen recently by the Jesse Jackson for President Committee as its advisor on Arab American affairs, it was reported in this month's issue of Boycott Report. The Report, which is issued by the American Jewish Congress, pointed out that there is no comparable advisor on Jackson's staff for American Jewish affairs.