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**RETIRED ISRAELI GENERAL SAYS ISRAEL
SHARES IN 'COLD PEACE' WITH EGYPT**
By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, April 26 (JTA) — A retired Israeli general who has been involved in the military aspects of negotiations with Egypt since 1974, has blamed Israel in large measure for the "cold peace" that currently exists with Cairo.

"Both Israel and Egypt committed a series of political mistakes since the peace agreement (of 1979) and no party can blame the other for full responsibility," according to Brig. Gen. (Res.) Avraham Tamir in an article published in Yediot Achronot today on the occasion of the second anniversary of the Israeli evacuation of Sinai.

But Tamir, who quit the army last week to join the new Yahad Party headed by former Defense Minister Ezer Weizman, appeared to put the lion's share of the blame on Israeli governments. The basic mistake of Israel is that it did not use the peace treaty with Egypt as a tool to continue the peace process, he wrote.

Tamir contended that even at the time of the funeral of President Anwar Sadat, Israel had backed off on some issues with Egypt that it had previously agreed to. Israel could have reached agreement on autonomy for the West Bank without compromising its security, he maintained.

Criticizes Scorched Earth Policy

Tamir, who has served as a senior advisor to former Premier Menachem Begin, former Defense Minister Ariel Sharon and to Weizman when he was Defense Minister, took Israel sharply to task for its scorched earth policy in Sinai which he said was in violation of its undertakings in the 1979 peace treaty.

"Until today I don't understand why they destroyed Yamit," Tamir wrote, referring to the Israeli town and its satellite settlements built in Sinai. "Today we can even say that there was no reason to destroy Yamit. The demolition of the city did not contribute to the peace process, but rather aggravated the relations between the two countries."

He said that in the peace agreement, Israel undertook to leave most of the buildings in the evacuated areas of Sinai intact and to sell the Egyptians everything that could not be moved. "We agreed that we would sell the Egyptians those constructions which we could not remove for close to \$150 million. The intention was to evacuate the city's residents, not to destroy the city," Tamir wrote with reference to Yamit.

He observed in that connection that a Sinai populated with Egyptian civilians could have contributed to the atmosphere of peace.

"Until today, I believe that peace has been an important historic event in the history of the people of Israel," Tamir wrote. "Some Israeli personalities, whom I do not wish to identify, may want to create out of political considerations, a certain uneasiness (over the peace with Egypt) and they sound battle cries. But to my mind, the basis of peace and the end of belligerency with Egypt still exists."

Tamir added that he was confident that the Egyptians do not want to return to "the cycle of wars."

**BACKGROUND REPORT
ELECTION CAMPAIGN STRESSES AND STRAINS**
By David Landau

JERUSALEM, April 26 (JTA) — With Israel's elections less than three months away, the internal stresses and strains that have been long building up within the contending parties are beginning to emerge.

The most visible fissures are in Likud and its coalition partners where some political seismologists predict a splintering of old alliances before the July 23 election date. The opposition Labor Alignment seems relatively quiet but it remains to be seen whether its leadership troika — Shimon Peres, former Premier Yitzhak Rabin and former President Yitzhak Navon — will succeed in bringing a united party to the polls.

The big news this week was the bruising battle within the Liberal Party's Central Committee which selected Energy Minister Yitzhak Modai to head its election slate and Justice Minister Moshe Nissim for the No. 2 spot.

Knesset Speaker Menachem Savidor garnered only seven votes out of 240 in his abortive bid for party leadership and went on to be eliminated entirely from the Liberal slate of 16 assured seats. He will not serve in the next Knesset.

Of 'Deals' And 'Plots'

Nissim, who had hoped to head the Liberals, took his 126-89 vote loss to Modai philosophically. The vote, he said, was "significant" and placed Modai at the "head of the Liberal Knesset faction." But Nissim failed to acknowledge Modai as leader of the party, nor did Minister of Commerce and Industry Gideon Patt, a long-time rival of Modai who was not himself a contender.

Savidor, who suffered not only defeat but indignity, was angry. He spoke bitterly today of "deals" and "plots", claiming that 34 committee members had "assured" him privately of their votes before the balloting began. He said he would consider joining another party.

Two other Liberal MKs dropped from the slate are Dror Zeigerman, a maverick who frequently voted with the opposition or abstained in crucial issues and Zvi Renner, "boss" of the Liberal's workers' faction.

Three newcomers who made the "safe sixteen" are Uriel Linn, recently retired director general of the Energy Ministry; Naftali Nir; and Moshe Meron, the latter a member of the ninth Knesset.

A strong, negative reaction to the outcome of the Central Committee's balloting came today from Mayor Shlomo Lehat of Tel Aviv, one of the country's best known and most popular Liberals. Lehat, who is not running for election to the Knesset, characterized his party's Central Committee as "a bunch of swindlers." He told the newspaper Davar he was referring to the myriad of "deals" and "double-deals" made prior to the voting.

Lehat urged his party to break its 20-year alliance with Herut and stand for election on its own. Even if it wins only 3-4 Knesset mandates this time, the move could mark the beginning of a true centrist-liberal party in Israel, he said.

But Liberal activists are in no mood to accept Lehat's exhortations to self-sacrifice at the polls. They are, however, locked in a potentially divisive quarrel with their Herut partners who recently decided to "review" the 20-year-old Herut-Liberal agreements. The review has been assigned to Deputy Premier David Levy who is to make recommendations with respect to the allocation of Knesset seats within Likud.

It is the contention of many in Herut that the Liberals who hold 18 mandates in the present Knesset -- to 26 for Herut -- are over-represented in proportion to their electoral strength. The Liberals have threatened to break their alliance with Herut if the status quo is tampered with before the elections. Modal reaffirmed today the Liberal Central Committee's refusal to negotiate any changes with Herut.

Dissension In the NRP

The National Religious Party, which has been a coalition partner in virtually every government -- Labor and Likud -- since the State was founded, is also in the throes of internal dissension. Decimated at the polls in the 1981 elections when its Knesset representation was reduced from 12 to six, the NRP now faces a real possibility of dissolution.

Former Deputy Foreign Minister Yehuda Ben-Meir, who, with Education Minister Zevulun Hammer led the NRP's Young Guard faction, announced today that he will not run for re-election to the Knesset on the NRP ticket. He is trying to persuade Hammer to break with the party and run on a new list.

At the root of the NRP's current troubles is the election slate proposed by Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi Avraham Shapiro to bring unity to the divided party and recoup its 1981 losses. Shapiro's list would be headed by Interior Minister Yosef Burg, a veteran party leader now in his seventies who is expected to retire soon after the elections.

The No. 2 spot would go to Rabbi Haim Druckman, a rightwing militant who defected from the NRP last year to set up his own Matzad Party. Should the moderate Burg retire, the NRP would be headed by a politician considered by many to hold extreme hardline views.

Internal Dispute In Aguda

The other religious party in the Likud-led coalition, the Aguda Israel, is also locked in internal dispute. The party is governed by its "Council of Sages." A meeting of the Council today reportedly broke up in disarray, with its aged chairman, Rabbi Simcha Bunim Alter, the Rebbe of Gur, saying he "can't go on any longer."

Alter is pressing for implementation of the principle of rotation in the Aguda Knesset faction. He would have its two veteran MKs, Shlomo Lorincz and Menachem Porush, step down to make room for new blood. Both men have served several terms and are loath to retire. They are supported by other members of the Council and by the deans of leading yeshivas.

Battle In Tehiya-Tsomet Coalition

On the far right, there is a battle for third place on the joint Tehiya-Tsomet election list. Tsomet is a new party founded by former Chief of Staff Gen. Rafael Eitan. Eitan was given the No. 2 spot after Tehiya leader Yuval Neeman, who is Minister of Science in the present government. That was a bitter pill for MK Geula Cohen, one of Tehiya's founders.

She swallowed it, but is now engaged in a battle for third place with Benny Katzover, leader of the West Bank settlers, who is the choice of the party's Orthodox wing.

Meanwhile, a majority of the Labor Party's Central Committee voted last Sunday to preserve the present procedure for selecting Knesset candidates. Under this system, half of the candidates are selected by the party's various regional, moshav, kibbutz and other constituencies and half are nominated by a "selection committee" composed of the party leadership.

Labor's "Young Guard" faction had been pressing for greater "democratization" by allowing the Central Committee to select some of the candidates. They were powerfully opposed by the kibbutz faction and supporters of Rabin.

TERRORIST TRAGEDY AVERTED

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, April 26 (JTA) -- An alert policeman was credited today with preventing another terrorist attack in Jerusalem that could have resulted in heavy civilian casualties.

The officer noticed a suspicious-looking bag in the Givat Shaul quarter on the western outskirts of the city. He summoned police sappers who found that the bag contained a powerful explosive device which they dismantled safely.

The last terrorist assault in Jerusalem occurred on April 2 when three terrorists opened fire and hurled grenades on King George Avenue near Jaffa Road, the city's busiest intersection, wounding 48 persons. Armed civilians at the scene killed one terrorist and captured another. The third was captured by police.

Security authorities praised the civilian population for its swift reaction to these incidents but urged everyone to be constantly on the alert.

MIZRACHI BANK ANNOUNCES A 948 MILLION SHEKEL LOSS LAST YEAR By Hugh Orgel and Gil Sedan

TEL AVIV, April 26 (JTA) -- The Mizrahi Bank, one of the four largest in Israel, announced a 948 million Shekel loss last year, the equivalent of \$5.4 million at the current exchange rate. This compared to a 1.3 billion Shekel (\$7.7 million) profit in 1982.

The annual balance sheet was published yesterday. Bank president Aharon Meir blamed the red ink on the government's economic and financial policies which, he said, drained public confidence in the Shekel and drove investors and customers to the U.S. Dollar. Israel's other major banks will publish their balance sheets in the next few days and all are expected to show a loss, according to banking circles.

The banks have been trying, without success, to persuade the Bank of Israel and the Treasury to reconsider their excess profits tax policy so that banks can present a better picture to customers at home and abroad. The banks claim government policy has created liquidity problems as depositors withdrew Shekels to buy Dollars.

Public confidence in the banks was severely damaged last year by the sudden collapse in the price of bank shares, a favorite form of savings. This occurred after the banks were forced by financial exigencies to stop shoring up the value of their shares.

Israeli wage-earners are also glum. While they will receive a 38.2 percent cost-of-living increment on their April salaries, it will be eroded by the expected 20 percent rise in the consumer price index for April.

Meanwhile, the value of the Shekel continues to decline. The Tel Aviv black market rate today was 200 Shekels to \$1. a 1.8 percent devaluation over the weekend.

A SECOND ISRAELI CHILD HAS A SUCCESSFUL LIVER TRANSPLANT By Ben Gallob

NEW YORK, April 26 (JTA) -- A second Israeli child has been flown to the United States for a liver transplant during the past two months but unlike 19-month-old Chaya Cohen of Netanya, Limor Eisner, a 12-year-old daughter of Holocaust survivors, had a successful transplant in Pittsburgh on April 7 and "is really making a remarkable recovery."

That report on Eisner of Givatayim was made in a communication to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency by Jane Berkey, director of planning of the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh, which has mobilized the resources of the Pittsburgh Jewish community to help the child's parents, Joel and Phina Eisner, particularly the huge costs the transplant operation and post-operative care entail.

Ronald Kottler, executive director of the Jewish Family and Children's Service, told the JTA in a telephone interview that the total cost of Limor's operation and post-operative treatment will range between \$100,000 and \$130,000, a sum totally beyond the resources of the Eisners.

Kottler said that, as of yesterday, about \$67,000 had been raised by a Federation appeal, adding that, so far, more money had come from New York sources than had been raised in Pittsburgh.

Contribution From New York And Pittsburgh

Kottler reported that the Riverside Jewish Center, an Orthodox synagogue in the Bronx, had collected and sent \$25,000 for Limor, who is currently recovering from the transplant, which was performed in Pittsburgh's Children's Hospital. Shaarey Tefilla Synagogue in Manhattan sent \$11,000. New York City's Bikur Cholim agencies have sent a total of \$2,600, so far, Kottler said.

He said total contributions in Pittsburgh so far have totalled around \$10,000, plus \$1,500 collected by Israeli settlers in Pittsburgh, to be used either to meet the hospital bill or for the support of the parents who plan to stay in Pittsburgh until their daughter is ready to be taken home.

The father has been an Egged bus driver in Tel Aviv for 26 years, after entering Palestine illegally in 1947, with his wife. They had three children, a boy and two girls.

Yoram, the son, died five years ago of the same liver disease when he was 17. Doctors say it is rare for two children in one family to have the disease. The mother is recovering in a Tel Aviv hospital from gall bladder surgery and, according to the Federation, hopes to rejoin her husband and the two children in Pittsburgh.

The Egged bus company, Eisner's employer, raised funds for the flight of Eisner and his two daughters to Pittsburgh, where Limor was promptly admitted to Children's Hospital for tests and surgery, with hospital officials indicating confidence the bill would be paid.

Chaya Cohen has been approved for the transplant by the medical staff of the University of Minnesota Hospital and is awaiting a suitable liver donation, according to Rabbi Chaim Zelikovitz of Long Beach, New York. The rabbi was instrumental in setting up a Baby Chaya Fund to defray the cost of the trans-

plant, hospitalization and related expenses. Zelikovitz told the JTA that a March 26 report in the JTA Daily Bulletin had brought in \$40,000, in addition to \$50,000 collected from various sources in Israel.

The Bikur Cholim in Pittsburgh set up a fund for the Eisner girl. Kottler said contributions should be sent to the Transplant Fund, Bikur Cholim Society, 234 McKee Place, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15213.

BONN APPEALS TO USSR TO ALLOW THE RELEASE OF HESS

BONN, April 26 (JTA) -- The government of West Germany appealed yesterday to the Soviet Union to allow the release of Rudolf Hess, Hitler's deputy, who will mark his 90th birthday today in West Berlin's Spandau prison. The appeal came just weeks after Chancellor Helmut Kohl wrote to Soviet leader Konstantin Chernenko pleading for Hess' release.

Yesterday's appeal, in the form of a government statement, said West Germany "knows that the Russian nation paid an especially high price in blood ... during the Nazi dictatorship. These inhuman acts cannot, however, be expiated by imprisoning one man alone for his entire life as a symbol of those terrible events."

Hess, who was captured in 1941 when he parachuted into Scotland, was jailed for life at the Nuremberg war crime trials in 1947 for his role in preparing Nazi Germany's war. Since 1947 he has been in Spandau prison under the control of the United States, Britain, France and the Soviet Union. The three Western powers have agreed in principle to his release but the USSR refuses to agree to his release.

A HEADY VENTURE By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, April 26 (JTA) -- Israel's national beer brewery monopoly yesterday started production of its locally-brewed Budweiser beer which, according to Samuel Dror, the brewery's general manager, is identical to the 108-year-old American original.

Dror said that the new brand was being produced under license from Anheuser-Busch, of St. Louis, which produces Budweiser in the U.S. and which is providing the Israeli brewery with some of the raw materials and some of the secret ingredients they use. Anheuser-Busch experts visited the brewery in Netanya 15 times and it took five attempts to copy the American product until the St. Louis firm gave its final seal of approval for use of its brand name.

Dror said the Israeli brewery has decided to approach the American firm for production permission to forestall any attempt to import Budweiser from the U.S.

Israelis drink little beer in comparison to Americans and Europeans. Average consumption here is 20 quarts a year, compared to 120 quarts annually in the U.S. and 170 in beer-thirsty West Germany as a whole, with a record of 275 quarts in Bavaria where beer drinkers like to keep cool heads.

WASHINGTON (JTA) -- David Kimche, the Director General of Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, was engaged in all-day meetings at the State Department Thursday. He held a meeting in the morning with Lawrence Eagleburger, Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs, and then was Eagleburger's guest at a luncheon at Eagleburger's apartment.

ROLE OF JCCs AS JEWISH EDUCATIONAL AGENCY HIGHLIGHTED IN STUDY BY HUNDREDS OF JEWISH COMMUNAL LEADERS

BOSTON, April 26 (JTA) -- While Jewish Community Centers (JCC) are part of a Jewish educational network, they "are distinctive because they have the ability to appeal to all segments of the Jewish community."

"They are able to stimulate many people who initially come for a specific program to become more involved in the center's Jewish activities and thus broaden their understanding and commitment to the Jewish community."

"Increasingly, many people who are unaffiliated with other Jewish organizations come to JCCs to participate in Jewish education programs such as Jewish holiday workshops, Jewish educational forums, and the like."

These are among the findings of an intensive study which has involved hundreds of leaders of JCCs, Jewish Federations, Jewish education bodies and the rabbinate in 32 communities throughout North America, JWB and other national Jewish organizations.

Morton Mandel, of Cleveland, chairman of the JWB Commission on Maximizing the Jewish Educational Effectiveness of Jewish Community Centers, will present the findings and potential implications of the Commission study at a plenary session tomorrow of the JWB biennial convention at the Sheraton Boston. Arthur Rotman, JWB executive vice president, was study director.

"There is a high correlation," the findings state, "between the existence of rich Jewish educational programming in the center and ... those center leaders affiliated with synagogues who give to their local Federation campaigns and who are determined that their centers should have such Jewish educational programs."

A high correlation was also discovered between effective Jewish educational programming in the JCCs and Jewishly knowledgeable and committed executives and staff members; fiscally sound centers; a warm Jewish ambience in the JCCs, and their "ability to stimulate the desire for Jewish learning, skill in increasing the level of Jewish involvement of individuals and groups, and skill in creating Jewish educational initiatives to meet the needs of Jews to grow Jewishly."

Other Findings Reported

Other findings reported by Mandel are:

* There is a continuing need in North America for Jewish Community Centers and other Jewish institutions to discuss and gain a better understanding about their respective roles in maximizing Jewish educational effectiveness.

* In communities where Federations encourage centers to develop rich Jewish educational programs, this tends to happen.

* For many Jews, JCCs reinforce Jewish education received elsewhere, and for others the JCC is the beginning force for Jewish education.

* "Turf" issues inhibit centers from maximizing their Jewish educational role.

* There is a need for more awareness about centers' present activities and potential impact in the area of Jewish education.

* Also, Jewish Community Centers have a unique capacity to reach out and serve special populations such as the intermarried, the handicapped,

singles, single parents, the elderly, teens and others; JCCs need more Jewish education program models that they can use; Israel can serve as an important educational resource.

Unique Position Of The JCCs

In summing up the findings, Mandel concluded: "Sociologists looking for the factors eroding Jewish life in North America have pointed to such things as the weakening of the family and the decline of the dense Jewish neighborhood."

"The Jewish Community Center is uniquely positioned to strengthen the Jewish family and to be one of the new equivalents of the old Jewish neighborhood. The center, by maximizing its Jewish educational potential, can be a major force in the enhancement of Jewish life in North America."

Among the potential implications of the study are the following:

* Centers should provide "more Jewish educational experiences for their lay leadership through board retreats, Jewish study at committee and board meetings, and encourage participation in Jewish learning institutes."

* When seeking an executive, "the Search Committee of the Center's board should explore with candidates evidence of their Jewish commitment."

* JWB should establish "a national recognition award for Centers which have developed outstanding Jewish learning programs for staff."

* JWB scholarship students should participate "in Jewish learning as part of their required education."

Also, professional and lay leaders of the Center "should continue to meet regularly with leaders of other Jewish institutions in the community in order to explore the Center's function and potential in the area of Jewish education and the opportunities for co-operation."

Locally, centers should relate more actively with bureaus of Jewish education," the study continued. By "developing coalitions with other national agencies, such as the Jewish Education Service of North America (JESNA), Council of Jewish Federations (CJF) and national synagogue bodies, JWB can better interpret the role and potential of the Center in the area of Jewish education."

JWB should "develop a curriculum for Jewish learning and a self-assessment tool for individuals"; and the "use of resources in Israel, through the JWB office in Jerusalem, should be promoted and developed," the study said.

PLO SAYS JACKSON IS THEIR SUPPORTER

BOSTON, April 26 (JTA) -- The Palestine Liberation Organization claims Rev. Jesse Jackson as its supporter. Dr. Riyad Mansour, Deputy Observer for the PLO at the United Nations, referred to the Democratic Presidential hopeful as "that great candidate," stating that "that candidate supports the PLO."

Mansour was speaking at a "teach-in" on Palestinian rights hosted by the Harvard Law School Third World Coalition and the Black Law Students Association. The discussion centered on the premise that there is growing support for the PLO in the United States. Mansour maintained that evidence of this was to be found in Jackson's successes in the Democratic primaries. Actually, he has been running a very poor third to former Vice President Walter Mondale and Colorado Sen. Gary Hart.