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SHAMIR: EGYPT, JORDAN ARE HARMING CHANCES OF AN ACCOMMODATION WITH ISRAEL BY GETTING CLOSER TO THE PLO **By Yitzhak Rabi**

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 (JTA) — Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir warned last night that by getting closer to the "terrorist PLO," Egypt and Jordan are harming the chance of reaching an accommodation with Israel.

"Egypt and Jordan, which can together lead an Arab camp toward an accommodation with Israel, cannot expect to move any closer to this goal by aligning themselves with the terrorist PLO," Shamir declared at a Yeshiva University convocation at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, where he and Secretary of State George Shultz were awarded honorary degrees.

"Even when the so-called PLO adopts a political program, as it has done in the past, it remains a terrorist group which preaches and practices terror," the Israeli Minister stated. "Forming a league which includes the PLO constitutes a regressive step which is bound to have a negative impact on the fragile foundation for compromise which was erected at Camp David."

A Potential To Strengthen Peace

Shamir said that Israel welcomes the resumption of diplomatic ties between Egypt and Jordan, claiming that the alliance between these two countries "has the potential to strengthen the peace camp among the Arab States." But he repeated that there is no room for the PLO in any future negotiations "because peace and the PLO are mutually exclusive."

Shamir called on Egypt and Jordan "to take the courageous step of entering into negotiations" with Israel "to implement the Camp David accords and to solve the outstanding problems between our countries."

'No Gradations Of Terror'

Praising the United States' firm stand against international terrorism, Shamir said: "There can be no gradations of terror; it is undeniably destructive in whatever form and must be universally castigated and outlawed. What is happening today at Teheran airport is yet another, terrible demonstration of the ugly face of terrorism."

He was referring to the terrorist hijacking of a Kuwaiti airliner, which was stormed last night by Iranian troops that ended the six-day ordeal during which the terrorists killed two American diplomats and beat other hostages.

Shultz also denounced the terrorist hijacking. He said: "The atrocity of the terrorist hijacking in Teheran (is) a brutal challenge to the international community as well as to the most elementary standards of justice and humanity. One way or another the law-abiding nations of the world will put an end to terrorism and to this barbarism that threatens the very foundations of civilized life."

Shultz: Peace Requires A Strong Israel

Referring to the situation in the Middle East, Shultz said the United States believes that "Israel must be strong if a lasting peace in the region is to be achieved." Declaring that the U.S. is committed

to peace through negotiations between Israel and its neighbors, the Secretary of State said: "The Israeli people must be sure of their own security. They must be sure that their very survival can never be in danger, as has happened all too often in the history of the Jewish people. And everyone in the region must realize that violence, aggression and extremism cannot succeed, that negotiations are the only route to peace."

Shamir Requests Increased U.S. Aid

After the convocation, Shamir and Shultz conferred for 75 minutes and discussed bilateral issues. Avi Pazner, an aide to Shamir, said after the meeting that Shamir and Shultz discussed at length Israel's economic crisis. He said that Shamir requested increased American aid and that Shultz was "forthcoming," although the Secretary said that Israel has first to increase its own measures to improve its economy.

Pazner added that Shamir "did not mention numbers" regarding the increased aid Israel wants from Washington. He pointed out that details will be discussed in 10 days when an Israeli economic mission will come to Washington.

Shamir, who flew to Panama for an official visit this morning, was also the keynote speaker at Yeshiva University's 60th annual dinner that followed the convocation. More than \$16 million in cash and pledges were raised during the dinner on behalf of the university.

ISRAEL AGREES TO LEBANESE REQUEST FOR TWO-WEEK BREAK IN NAKURA TALKS

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Dec. 10 (JTA) — Israel agreed today to a Lebanese request for a two-week break in the talks at Nakura and denied that it had set a deadline for progress.

The denial followed media reports that Israeli officials informed Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy that unless the negotiations yielded some progress in the next 10 days, Israel would act unilaterally to redeploy its forces in south Lebanon.

The Lebanese had asked that the talks be adjourned for the Christmas holidays, beginning December 20. Israeli sources said they plan to use the break to assess the negotiations to date and consider future steps. Israel Radio reported today that the hiatus in negotiations might be used by Israel to encourage a mediation effort by France or to persuade the U.S. to become more deeply involved.

Murphy, who is Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs and the Reagan Administration's top aide in the region, was in Beirut today after conferring with Israeli leaders over the weekend. He plans to go to Damascus and then return to Jerusalem. Some sources here said yesterday that Murphy would undertake "shuttle" diplomacy between the three capitals in an effort to get the Nakura talks moving toward progress.

The reports of an Israeli deadline demand apparently arose from what sources here called a misinterpretation of statements that Israel could not wait indefinitely for a successful outcome of the talks with the Lebanese.

The Israeli and Lebanese delegations held their ninth session today at Nakura, under the auspices of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL).

Gen. Amos Gilboa, head of the Israeli delegation, was reported to have again urged the Lebanese to speed up the talks.

The two sides have been negotiating for two months over security arrangements for Israel's northern borders which would permit the Israel Defense Force to be withdrawn from south Lebanon. The talks are deadlocked over the issue of who will be responsible for security on the Lebanese side after the IDF departs.

The Lebanese insist that their regular army take over. The Israelis, dubious of its capabilities, want the immediate border zone patrolled by the South Lebanon Army (SLA), a largely Christian militia which it supports, and an expanded role for UNIFIL further north.

The head of the Lebanese delegation, Gen. Muhammed Al-Haj, told Israel Radio today that the Lebanese army was ready to take over positions up to the Awali River line, the area presently occupied by the IDF, but has not done so until now because of "misunderstandings."

Al-Haj said a unilateral redeployment of Israeli forces would sabotage the negotiations. The U.S. role has not been sharply defined. Murphy was dispatched to the region a week ago after several months' absence. Some sources said that the U.S. is anxious to maintain a low profile to avoid a new embarrassment to the Reagan Administration if the Nakura talks fail.

The Administration was seriously discomfited when the Lebanese earlier this year renounced their May 17, 1983 agreement with Israel which had been brokered by the U.S. with the direct intervention of Secretary of State George Shultz.

SPECIAL TO THE JTA
ADL DEFENDS ITS USE AS A PANELIST
A FORMER CIA OFFICIAL WHO SUPPORTED
U.S. UTILIZATION OF WAR CRIMINALS
By Rochelle Saidel

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 (JTA) — The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has defended its use as a panelist on international terrorism a former deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency who, on the October 18 ABC-TV "Nightline" program, supported American utilization of Nazi war criminals. Dr. Ray Cline was a featured participant last Friday at ADL's news conference on world terrorism. (See December 10 Bulletin).

Abraham Foxman, ADL's associate national director and head of the International Affairs Division, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, in response to a query, that Cline's comments on the television program did not disqualify him from speaking on a subject on which he is an expert.

Foxman said he had communicated his displeasure to Cline, but that Cline's comments on "Nightline" did not "make him a persona non grata" nor "blacklisted forever." Cline's expertise on terrorism is "in tune with what we believe," Foxman said.

Cline's Statement On ABC-TV

Cline, who was the number two man at the CIA from its inception until his retirement in 1969, said on the TV program that accused Nazi war criminal Arthur Rudolph's role in a slave labor camp should be overlooked in return for his later contributions as a missile scientist in the American space program.

In answer to "Nightline" host Ted Koppel, Cline said, "I am inclined to think (Rudolph) should have been recognized as having paid whatever debt

to society his World War II activities deserved because of his very deliberate effort to contribute his science and technology, which was of great genius to the United States and to the strategic defenses of this country in the troubled period after World War II."

Continuing, Cline said, "I feel that it was an exceptional contribution to our security interests and I feel that the moral issue of his particular behavior in the circumstances at the end of the war should not be allowed to offset this enormous benefit which we deliberately sought and got from him. I feel a little sad to see him now deprived of his American citizenship and made to feel a criminal as an old man after all these years of trying to redeem a record which many Germans have tried to redeem."

Two days before the "Nightline" program, the Justice Department had announced that Rudolph, a German-born National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) official, who in 1965 was made director of the Saturn V program that carried the Apollo astronauts to the moon, had quietly surrendered his American citizenship and left the United States for West Germany.

This precluded him from facing charges here that he had persecuted slave laborers at Dora-Nordhausen, a Nazi concentration camp and rocket factory in which one-third to one-half of the 60,000 prisoners in the camp died because of inhumane conditions under which they were forced to work.

To shore up his defense of Rudolph, who managed the slave labor rocket factory, Cline on the "Nightline" program brought up the name of Reinhard Gehlen whom he defended and said he "knew well." Gehlen was the Nazi chief of Wehrmacht intelligence on the Russian front who later ran the CIA's anti-Soviet sabotage operation in Europe. He ran scores of behind-the-lines terror operations against the occupied Soviet peoples, and in particular against the partisans.

Jurist Criticizes U.S. Utilization of Former Nazis

Prof. John Fried, who was Special Legal Consultant to the judges of the United States at the war crimes trials in Nuremberg, said about the U.S. utilization of Rudolph in the space program and about Cline's defense of this: "As a general moral proposition, one should not contaminate oneself by using such malodorous persons. It is very unsavory to use people whose deeds we all condemn. To give the impression that for our defense program we need such people (Rudolph) is to demean U.S. science and scientists."

Brooklyn District Attorney and former Congresswoman Elizabeth Holtzman, who led Congressional efforts to bring Nazi war criminals living in the U.S. to justice, told the JTA:

"I think it is wrong for the Jewish community to give a platform to a person who condones the murders of Arthur Rudolph. Rudolph was involved in working more than 20,000 human beings to death. Cline's statement that Rudolph's expertise was necessary is untrue. Rudolph was not a scientist. Cline's thinking is that the end justifies the means. Under his theory, perhaps no one should have been tried at Nuremberg, and instead they should have been brought here to work on our space program."

Nazi war criminal expert Charles Allen, Jr., who faced down Cline on the "Nightline" program, said of his inclusion in the ADL panel, "I question the competence, motivation and intentions of whomever at the ADL was responsible for selecting Ray Cline as a so-called internationally known expert on terrorism. He was completely exposed on the 'Nightline' program as a blatant apologist for his CIA's utilization of two

major Nazi war criminals, namely Gehlen and Rudolph. If these two aren't international terrorists, I don't know who is."

KNESSET UNIT DEFERS DECISION ON MEASURES THAT WOULD MAKE KAHANE LIABLE TO PROSECUTION FOR INCITEMENT By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Dec. 10 (JTA) — The Knesset's House Committee has deferred a final decision on measures that would make Rabbi Meir Kahane of the extremist Kach faction liable to prosecution for incitement against the Arab population.

Most MKs, from the far right to the far left, favor action to strip Kahane of his parliamentary immunity. But sharp personal and political differences have arisen over the nature and scope of such action and whether or not it should originate with the legislative rather than the judicial branch of government.

A bill to waive Kahane's immunity was formally submitted by Labor MK Edna Solodar and Yossi Sarid of the Citizens Rights Movement (CRM). Solodar has already accused the House Committee of foot-dragging. But the initiative to delay a final decision came from key Labor members of the committee.

Favors Waiver Of Immunity Across The Board

One of them, Shevah Weiss, argued that a Knesset committee should not be granted the power to deprive an MK of immunity. Likud MK Micha Reiser maintained that the initiative should come from the Attorney General.

Geula Cohen of the rightwing Tehiya Party claimed she favored action against Kahane but insisted that the waiver of immunity also apply to leftwing Knesset members who, according to Cohen, endanger State security.

Cohen accused Arab Communist Party MK Tewfik Toubi of being "worse than Kahane." Toubi, a veteran parliamentarian and a highly respected figure, notwithstanding his political affiliation, said it was beneath his dignity to respond to Cohen.

Two Draft Bills Against Racism

The Justice Ministry, meanwhile, is circulating two draft bills against racism to gauge reaction before presenting them to the Knesset. One, an amendment to the basic law, would allow the Knesset to ban from elections any political party which had as a goal the negation of the State of Israel, its security or its democratic character or if it supported racism or served as a front for illegal activities.

The second bill is an amendment to the criminal code which would define racism as the persecution and humiliation of or hostility toward any sector of the population; or incitement of one segment of the public against another; or violent acts against any group because of its race, nationality or religion. The measure would provide punishment of up to two years' imprisonment for anyone who publishes incitement to racism.

Both are far-reaching measures which could lead to the prosecution of Kahane on the basis of his public utterances and the Kach platform. They could apply to others of different political persuasions who the Knesset deems a threat to national security.

The House Committee appears at the moment to be encouraging Attorney General Yitzhak Zamir to press this legislation so that any move to outlaw Kahane would not be the sole responsibility of the committee.

THREE AJC CONGRESS LEADERS ARRESTED AT AN ANTI-APARTHEID DEMONSTRATION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (JTA) — Three American Jewish Congress officials were arrested today during an anti-apartheid demonstration at the Embassy of South Africa. Theodore Mann, AJC president, Henry Siegmán, executive director, and Theodore Bikel, senior vice president, were handcuffed and taken in a police van to a local police station where they were booked and detained for several hours.

The three AJC officials were arrested by Washington police for refusing an order to remain at least 500 feet from the Embassy. Rabbi David Saperstein, co-director and counsel of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC) Religious Action Center, who participated in the protest, acted as the lawyer for the three AJC officials while they were being detained. Another participant in the demonstration was Rabbi Alexander Schindler, UAHC president.

Statement By Five Jewish Participants

The five Jewish officials, who led the anti-apartheid protest, issued a statement which said, in part: "Jewish tradition and historical experience require that we speak out against all forms of injustice We have come to publicly protest and condemn the official government apartheid policy of discrimination and dehumanization which has been imposed upon the non-white majority in South Africa.

"We have come to demonstrate our support for the victims of South African government oppression -- in particular, political prisoners and jailed labor leaders incarcerated for protesting the brutal and savage system under which they live.

"We strongly oppose the Reagan Administration's policy of 'constructive engagement'. This approach has not advanced the cause of true social justice, nor has it mitigated the South African government's regressive racial policies.

"We urge the South African government to release the labor and political leaders still imprisoned as the first step in a dialogue with leaders of the Black community aimed at ending apartheid in South Africa."

NEW BOOK PUBLISHED ON SOUTH AFRICAN JEWRY

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 10 (JTA) — A significant new publication dealing with South African Jewry has been published here. The book, "South African Jewry: A Contemporary Survey," is edited by Prof. Marcus Arkin, director-general of the South African Zionist Federation. It is published by Oxford University Press and is available in all English-speaking countries.

In his introductory remarks, Arkin writes: "Undoubtedly there remains much to criticize in South Africa (including its Jews insofar as they are members of a privileged society which is based on color discrimination); but unless such criticism is based on factual knowledge rather than subjective hysteria, and on an appreciation of the tremendous complexity of the relevant issues, it will serve little purpose.

"Change in South Africa will have to come about through the effective participation of all groups in the process of deciding their joint future. This is also a basic ingredient not only for internal stability, but also for acceptance by Black Africa and for normalization of relations with the rest of the world. In this process, the role of South African Jewry could be vitally important."

RABBIS AMONG WARRIORS

By Albert W. Bloom
(Seventh in an Eight-Part Series)

*Lord, please
help me.
The sea is so
wide and my
boat is so small - Anon.*

—(Chaplain's banner on USS Saratoga)

ABOARD THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER USS SARATOGA, in the Mediterranean, Dec. 10 (JTA)—When the President of the United States gives the heart-rending account of a Jewish chaplain at the scene of the terrorist bombing at the Beirut Marine Barracks to a fundamentalist Christian group, that is headline news.

President Reagan did; and it was.

That Jewish chaplain is Lt. Cmdr. Arnold E. Resnicoff, 38, of Hyattsville, Md., on duty with the U.S. Sixth Fleet here in the Mediterranean, sailing a sea-circuit of more than 30 ships. He was the first chaplain-rabbi assigned to the U.S. Sixth Fleet.

Truly a "Rabbi among Warriors," Chaplain Resnicoff has now been assigned to the prestigious Naval War College, Newport, R.I., for advanced study, a "must" for career officers.

It was little more than a year ago—on Oct. 23, 1983, that the Islamic terrorist bomb-truck in Beirut evaded the security network at U.S. Marine Headquarters to explode under sleeping marines; 241 American lives were lost.

To a shocked civilized world, it underscored vulnerability to terrorism anywhere, anytime.

Beirut Blast Underscored A Crying Need

To Chaplain Resnicoff and his brother chaplains of Christian faith, it underscored the crying need to reach out a helping hand. From that rubble, from the anguish of war and the craziness of conflict, they would try to rescue our common humanity.

"When I found myself staring at the horror of the truck-bomb explosion that day in Beirut, there was an impulse to cry out that we had, indeed, been forsaken," Chaplain Resnicoff recalled.

"Among the first to reach the building after the blast, Lt. Cmdr. George 'Pooch' Pucciarelli, the Catholic chaplain attached to the Marine unit, and I faced a scene almost too terrible to describe.

"Bodies—and pieces of bodies—were everywhere. Screams of those injured or trapped were barely audible at first, as our minds struggled to grapple with the reality before us: a massive four-story building reduced to a pile of rubble . . ."

In the agony, Chaplain Resnicoff lost his "kipah" (the skull cap worn by observant Jews). Chaplain Pucciarelli quickly cut a circle out of his own cap, a piece of camouflage cloth which "became my temporary head-covering," Chaplain Resnicoff recalls.

President Relates Chaplain's Account

Chaplain Resnicoff's account, re-told by President Reagan in his major address before a Baptist convention, recalled:

"Somewhere we wanted those marines to know not just that we were chaplains, but that he was Christian and that I was Jewish. Somehow, we both wanted to shout the message in a land where they were killing each other, at least partially because of the difference in religion among them, that we—we Americans—still believed that we could each be proud of our particular religion, and yet work side by side when the time came to help others."

Chaplain Resnicoff, a young looking Navy veteran, his grim experience having flecked his black hair with gray, has seen much since he received his Conservative ordination from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America (JTS). He pursued his rabbinical studies after having been graduated from Dartmouth.

He was endorsed by the JWB Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy (JWB-CJC), the U.S. Jewish community's endorsing agency for all Jewish chaplains in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Each of the major faiths—Jewish, Catholic, Protestant—has such an endorsing agency in liaison with the Department of Defense, symbols for freedom and religious equality in America.

Chaplain Resnicoff is married to the former Barbara Ann Shore, an attorney. They have one daughter, Malka Sarit, born in August, 1978, in Yokosuka, Japan.

Saratoga Skipper Tells of His Men and Mission

Aboard the aircraft carrier USS Saratoga just outside of Naples, Italy, the ship's commander, Capt. Jack Ready, 45, of

Quincy, Mass., took time from his heavy responsibilities.

In his plain quarters, the Saratoga skipper emphasized that it was the human side—men and women—that makes the Navy. With all the legendary spit-and-polish around, Capt. Ready was warm, friendly, relaxed, strong and positive.

"By paying attention to our human resources, we go to sea and operate with people who are healthy mentally and physically.

"The average age of the men who man this ship (women are not assigned to combat vessels) is 19.8 years. Seventy percent of them are away from home for the first time. A kind of conflict arises within them between home (sickness) and the Navy; 40 percent of them there are under 21," he said.

"Oftentimes when they come home to port" the married ones among the 5,000 men running down the gangplank to shore might find a hundred wives not at the dock.

"There are no letters at sea. That is a problem. And when the letters finally do come in, we know there are problems!"

Problems like these are made-to-order human assignments for chaplains and the Navy Family Service Centers. In the Navy, the men-and-the-mission are one.

'Super Sara' Defends Freedom of Seas

With some 72 planes on her angled flight deck, or stacked below near huge elevators, "Super Sara," as she is fondly known, has as her mission "providing sea-based tactical air power for defense of America's right to freedom of the seas, as well as the protection of U.S. sovereignty," Capt. Ready explained.

"Super Sara" has "an armored flight deck, advanced underwater protection and internal compartmentation to reduce the effects of nuclear or conventional warfare." Her multiple decks are bewildering to the newcomer, like a skyscraper laid sideways, with 17 different levels.

"The officers and men here represent a section of the finest young Americans molded together in purpose, joined with this great ship to form an invincible fighting team," Capt. Ready said.

This day, we also made a little bit of Jewish history aboard the "Super Sara," pride of the Navy. We were formally "piped aboard" the big ship in true Navy tradition.

More important, Chaplain Resnicoff brought a Shofar aboard—the ancient ram's horn which is sounded on the High Holy Days, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Daily, during the preceding month of Elul, the Shofar is blown to sound a call to conscience for the approaching yearly Yom HaDin, the Day of Judgment.

Shofar's Blast Sounds on 'Sara's' Decks

Across the vast decks of "Super Sara"—a good Hebraic-sounding name—over the loudspeaker system went the call of the Shofar, sounded by Chaplain Resnicoff. This same Shofar, ram's horn, in ancient times was also used to call the people to arms in times of danger. "Super Sara" seemed at home with the Shofar.

A religious service led by Chaplain Resnicoff on the flight deck sent prayers winging up over Mediterranean skies. The small Jewish congregation on "Super Sara" percentage-wise turns out in greater proportion to religious services than do the large number of Catholics in the crew.

Chief Chaplain's Office Is 'Top Sacred'

Later we lunched aboard the Puget Sound, a destroyer-tender with the Sixth Fleet, in spanking-sparkling Navy style, with special considerations of salad and fresh fruit for those JWB-CJC and a retired Army colonel; this writer, a retired Air Force officer; my wife Evelyn; and Chaplain Resnicoff on his homeship. The disciplines—military and religious—were not lost on the host naval staff of the flagship, whose chief chaplain's office sports the jocular sign: "Top Sacred."

A few minutes later, Chaplain Resnicoff sounded the Shofar. And, at the afternoon Mincha service, the Navy's Star of David religious pennant flew above the Stars and Stripes.

No flag ever flies above the Stars and Stripes—except the religious pennants of America's three great religions during the respective religious services, "signifying one nation under God."

Chaplain Resnicoff is the same Navy clergyman who once interceded to help Muslim sailors in the Sixth Fleet. They appealed to him to help them avoid eating pork. Natch! Their eggs were fried in pork fat. Like Jews, Muslims are forbidden to eat pork. Chaplain Resnicoff arranged to have their eggs cooked separately in a microwave oven.

A chaplain for all seasons—and servings.

Next: Hypnotic chaplain in Italy