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GREEN PARTY TO DEBATE CHARGES THAT IT HAS ANTI-SEMITIC TENDENCIES

By David Kantor

BONN, Dec. 25 (JTA) -- A spokesman for the opposition Green Party announced that its Bundestag faction will hold a special debate on Israel and the Middle East next month at which charges that the party has anti-Semitic tendencies will be thoroughly aired.

The Greens at the moment are embarrassed by their choice of author Luise Rinser as their candidate for President of the Federal Republic, a symbolic rather than political office. Key members of the party's Bundestag faction have said privately that they had not read Rinser's books, particularly one titled "Mirjam," which is said to contain anti-Semitic overtones.

Her negative views about Jews and Judaism became an issue in the Israeli media, and the Israel Embassy here is taking a closer look at alleged anti-Semitism within the Green Party, which grew out of a movement of pacifists and ecologists in recent years.

The Greens apparently were impressed by Rinser's record of opposition to the Nazi regime and brushed aside evidence that she was initially pro-Nazi. During the Nazi era her writings expressed admiration for Hitler. But she had a falling-out with the party and was jailed.

Rinser gained prominence in post-war Germany as a leftwing author who stressed feminist issues, the search for peace and the need to protect the environment. But leftwing intellectuals detected anti-Semitism in her writing, for example her claim that her studies of the origins of Jewish thought revealed some of the worst evils of modern society. The Greens apparently missed this, or preferred to disregard it when they selected her as their candidate for the Presidency.

Party Member Refused Entry Into Israel

The party is also involved in a bitter controversy over its delegation, now visiting the Middle East, which the Israeli Ambassador here labeled "anti-Semitic."

One member of the delegation, Brigitte Heinrich, who is also a member of the Parliament of Europe, was refused entry into Israel when the delegation arrived there today, via Jordan. According to a report from Tel Aviv, Heinrich was stopped at the Allenby Bridge and returned to Amman.

According to Israel's Deputy Foreign Minister Roni Milo, Heinrich was banned because she served a 21-month prison sentence for aiding Palestinian and German terrorists. She was convicted by the high court in Karlsruhe of smuggling arms to terrorists in West Germany.

RABIN SEES LITTLE HOPE IN NAKURA TALKS, SAYS CABINET WILL SOON HAVE TO CONSIDER UNILATERAL OPTIONS

By David Landau

Yitzhak Rabin sees little hope for success in the Israel-Lebanon military security and withdrawal talks being conducted under United Nations auspices at Nakura. Accordingly, he told the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee today, the Cabinet will shortly have to consider unilateral options.

According to Rabin, the dim prospects are traceable to Syria, which is dictating the Lebanese government's positions. The Syrians have in fact hardened their positions in the last two weeks, he said. The Nakura talks adjourned December 20 for a two-week Christmas recess and are scheduled to be resumed on January 7.

Cites Three Options

Rabin told the Knesset committee that the Cabinet will have to choose from three options: to maintain the status quo in south Lebanon; to redeploy the Israel Defense Force to shorter lines, midway between the Israeli border and the Awali River; or to withdraw the IDF entirely from Lebanese soil. Reports leaked from the committee meeting said Rabin did not indicate which option he preferred.

Premier Shimon Peres intimated in two separate statements last week that he would advocate the total withdrawal of the IDF to the international border.

He said he would not favor a temporary redeployment. His statements triggered objections from Likud quarters. At today's meeting, the Foreign Affairs and Security Committee split along party lines. Likud and Tehiya strongly opposed total withdrawal. Labor Party and Citizens Rights Movement MKs on the other hand forcefully pressed for an early and complete pull-out of the IDF from Lebanon.

PERES CONFIRMS RECEIPT OF SHULTZ LETTER SAYING HE WOULD NOT SUPPORT ISRAEL'S REQUEST FOR MORE U.S. AID UNLESS IT HAS ECONOMIC RECOVERY PLAN

By David Landau and Hugh Orgel

JERUSALEM, Dec. 25 (JTA) -- Premier Shimon Peres confirmed today that he had received a letter from Secretary of State George Shultz making clear that he would not support Israel's requests for increased U.S. economic aid unless and until the Israeli government produced a comprehensive economic recovery plan.

Peres, addressing Central Bureau of Statistics officials, said it should serve as a warning bell. He said that Shultz complimented the government for doing more to help the economy than its predecessors. But at the same time, the Secretary of State pointed to grave dangers close at hand "unless we act faster and do more," Peres said.

Shultz's letter had been the subject of media reports. According to the media, Shultz sent a three-page letter to the Premier after the first round of meetings of the Joint U.S.-Israel Economic Group in Washington at which Israel formally submitted its request for increased aid.

Israel is seeking \$4.1 billion in U.S. military and economic aid for the fiscal year 1986, which begins next October 1. This is \$1.5 billion more than the \$2.6 billion Israel will receive during fiscal 1985, all of it in grants.

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The media reports said Shultz's letter advised Peres that his government would have to demonstrate that the increased aid will be put to good use and will not simply fuel inflation. American officials have been demanding a detailed economic plan from Israel to justify its new requests.

Haaretz reported that while Shultz acknowledged to Peres that the unity government has indeed slashed its budget, more remained to be pruned. He urged "structural changes" in the Israeli economy, Haaretz said, meaning apparently that the State must stop funding uneconomical businesses and projects.

According to Haaretz, Shultz counselled a steep drop in living standards in Israel and greater autonomy for the Bank of Israel, the country's central bank, so that it could restrain the printing of money to cover budget deficits. The authority to print money presently rests with the Treasury.

Israel Radio reported today that official figures for 1984, slated to be published at the end of the year, would show an eight percent decline in living standards and a substantial narrowing of the balance of payments gap.

Haaretz, in its report, quoted an unnamed economist as saying that to follow Shultz's formula would result in tens of thousands of Israelis unemployed. The Finance Ministry has expressed anger and astonishment that Shultz's letter was leaked to the press.

Freeze Package Appears To Be Producing Results

So far the government has been moving slowly with economic reforms for fear of triggering high unemployment. But the three month wage-price freeze package instituted in November appears to be producing results.

Last Sunday, the Central Bureau of Statistics published, for the first time, an interim cost-of-living index covering the first two weeks in December. Normally, the c.o.l. index is published monthly and covers the entire economy. The interim report instead was a breakdown of the various components of living costs from which the monthly index is compiled.

It showed, according to economists, that the freeze is working satisfactorily. They noted that the c.o.l. increased by an average of 2.5 percent in the two-week period and that most of the rise was a carry-over from the pre-freeze period last month.

Food prices rose by only 0.6 percent. Clothing, footwear and household furniture increased in price by about two percent. Education, recreation and entertainment costs rose by the same amount, far less than in the pre-freeze period.

While doctors raised their fees by seven percent despite the freeze, the cost of dental care dropped by about two percent in the two-week period. If no special price increases are allowed, economists believe that the c.o.l. index for December will increase by less than 10 percent, the first time this year that the inflation rate will be single digit.

EBAN WOULD LIKE THE U.S. TO EMBARK ONCE AGAIN ON AN ERA OF 'CONTROLLED ACTIVISM' IN THE MIDEAST
By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Dec. 25 (JTA) — Abba Eban, the former Foreign Minister who currently chairs the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee,

would like to see the United States embark once more on "an era of controlled activism" in the Middle East.

The time has come for the U.S. to take new initiatives in the region, Eban said in a weekend radio interview. "The U.S. seems now to be much less disposed to enter the arena than it was a few years ago." He conceded that many Israelis would prefer no new American initiatives. However, the Israeli diplomat said, "My own feeling is that we gained a great deal from American activity in the five years from 1974 to 1979."

He enumerated the five agreements concluded in that period between Israel and its neighbors through U.S. mediation: the disengagement agreements with Egypt and Syria after the Yom Kippur War; the Sinai interim agreement with Egypt; the Camp David agreement; and finally the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty signed in 1979.

Suggestions For U.S. Activity

"I think it is about time for the wheel to turn into an era of controlled activism," Eban said. He suggested in that context that the U.S. help Israel "mediate a settlement in Lebanon such as would enable us to move out of Lebanon without endangering our security, if they (the Americans) would develop their relations with Syria to that end; if they would work for a more warm human content in relations between Egypt and Israel and if they would then investigate the possibility of an Israeli-Jordan negotiation on the basis of (UN Security Council) Resolution 242."

Eban said American activity, in that order of priority, "would be more useful than for all of us to sit back and do nothing." He added, "I have a traumatic recollection which tells me that periods of diplomatic inactivity usually end in war and do not end in peace."

Eban said there was nothing in the Labor-Likud unity coalition agreement to prevent the government from implementing the national consensus for disengagement from Lebanon.

He observed that every week Israel stayed in Lebanon seemed to increase the rancor of the Shiite Moslems, the majority population in south Lebanon. "We seem to have exchanged PLO rancor for a rancor and a hatred which is even more intense, because instead of a few thousand PLO people we have three quarters of a million Shiites and a great danger they will become our enemies. It is therefore very urgent to find an exit" from Lebanon, Eban said.

Dr. Clinton Bailey, a Tel Aviv University authority on the Shiites, said he thought Eban's analysis was essentially correct but that Shiite hostility toward Israel was not necessarily a permanent phenomenon.

MUBARAK: WOULD WELCOME MEETING PERES

JERUSALEM, Dec. 25 (JTA) — United States Congressman John Kasich (R. Ohio) was due to arrive here today after two days in Egypt which included a 75-minute meeting yesterday with President Hosni Mubarak. Describing their meeting as "very open and very candid," Kasich was quoted in reports from Cairo as saying that Mubarak told him that he welcomed a meeting with Israeli Premier Shimon Peres.

According to Kasich, a member of the House Armed Services Committee, Mubarak seeks a gradual improvement in relations between Israel and Egypt, and welcomes meeting with Peres some time next year.

Kasich indicated that Mubarak would prefer, however, that such a meeting produce what he described as "some kind of results." Egyptian officials have let it be known that the border dispute with Israel over the Taba region should be resolved before any meeting between Peres and Mubarak.

Egypt maintains that Taba, a tiny strip of beach on the Gulf of Aqaba near Eilat, is part of Sinai. Israel, meanwhile, in an effort to settle the dispute, has proposed joint administration of the area pending final determination of its legal ownership through the processes of conciliation and arbitration set forth in the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty of 1979.

INSTITUTIONS IN ISRAEL GET FORD FOUNDATION GRANTS

NEW YORK, Dec. 25 (JTA) — The Van Leer Institute in Jerusalem and Neve Shalom will receive grants totaling \$225,000 from the Ford Foundation aimed at fostering improved Israeli-Arab relations, the Foundation announced here.

The Foundation will provide Neve Shalom, a village near Jerusalem, with \$75,000 for its School for Peace, an educational center in intergroup relations. Neve Shalom, or Oasis for Peace, is where Arabs, Christians and Jews have, according to their statement of purpose, "joined together to provide a living example of co-existence in a pluralistic society."

In an effort to develop new educational programs in Israel to reduce ethnic divisions in Israeli society, the Foundation announced a grant of \$150,000 to the Van Leer Institute, a private group that prepares curriculum materials and trains teachers in their use.

A Ford Foundation grant last year to the Van Leer Institute was used to evaluate and supplement texts currently used by Jews and Arabs in primary and secondary schools and to develop materials on language, culture, literature and intergroup relations.

A 'Vital Need' Cited

In making the announcement, the Foundation noted that at present, "Arab school children are required to study such subjects as Jewish immigration to Israel, Hebrew and Jewish Scripture. Jewish children, on the other hand, do not study Arabic, Arab culture or the basic tenets of Islam."

Furthermore, the Foundation cited an Israeli Education Ministry paper that said state intervention to further understanding is a "vital need," adding that "in the absence of an appropriate education, directed on a national scale, it is possible the relationship between Jews and Arabs may further deteriorate."

The grant announcement to Neve Shalom and its School for Peace pointed to specific problems facing those teachers, principals and others who attend the school for training and informal socializing. While "they leave with a greater feeling of tolerance and mutual respect for the other group," the Foundation added:

"Many graduates find it hard to handle the suspicion and hostility they sometimes encounter when they return to their local communities. The lack of follow-up programs leaves the graduates feeling frustrated and isolated." The grant, in turn, is designed to address this problem by enabling the school to develop ongoing Arab-Jewish groups in selected communities and to train people to lead them in discussion groups, research and recreational activities and Arab language courses.

The Foundation has also provided recent grants totaling \$258,130 to five groups in Israel and the U.S. also aimed at fostering improved Arab-Israeli ties. They are: Association for Civil Rights in Israel; City University of New York; International Center for Peace in the Middle East; Israel Foundation Trustees; and New Outlook magazine. (By Kevin Freeman)

DIVORCE RATES UP IN ISRAEL

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Dec. 25 (JTA) — Divorce rates in Israel have risen to 1.3 per 1,000, resulting in a three-fold increase in single-parent families in the past decade to 12,000 — 89 percent of them headed by women.

These statistics were cited by Nitza Ben-Dor, who lectures on social work at Tel Hai College, in an address to a symposium on divorce and children held recently at Haifa University.

Ben-Dor told the symposium that the recent past has witnessed drastic changes in divorce patterns — with a big drop in divorces occurring during the first year of marriage and an increase in later divorces by couples with children. The higher Israeli divorce rate, however, is still below the 5.5 per 1,000 in the United States and 2 to 3 per 1,000 in Western Europe, Ben-Dor said.

ISRAELI HIGH COURT UPHOLDS RULING NOT TO HOLD ELECTIONS IN THE WEST BANK AND GAZA STRIP

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Dec. 25 (JTA) — The Supreme Court yesterday upheld a ruling by the military authorities administering the West Bank and Gaza Strip not to hold local elections in the territories.

The issue was brought to the court by the Arab village of Dura in the Hebron region which petitioned to elect its local officials. The justices described as legitimate the concern expressed by the military authorities that any elections on the West Bank might be used as a political tool by the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The last municipal elections in the territory, held in 1976, brought to office Arab radicals and nationalists identified with the PLO. They replaced the traditional Arab leadership which had been cooperative with Israel.

Under the Likud-led government, most of the elected Arab mayors and town councils were deposed. Some were replaced by Arab appointees not under the influence of the PLO. In the larger Arab towns, the elected mayors were replaced by Israel Defense Force officers.

The new Labor-Likud unity government would like to replace these officers with Arab appointees. So far, however, it has been unable to find competent people willing to take office and risk charges of collaboration with Israel.

LATE NEWS BULLETIN

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Knesset voted 58-36 in secret ballot Tuesday to restrict the parliamentary immunity of Rabbi Meir Kahane, Kach Party leader. The Knesset move will bar Kahane from entering Arab villages to exhort the residents to emigrate. During the three-hour debate preceding the vote, many MKs likened Kahane's policies to those instituted against German Jews by the Nazis. The Kach Party advocates the expulsion of all Arabs from Israel and the occupied territories.

UIA ANNOUNCES ALLOCATION OF \$316,279,805 FOR JEWISH AGENCY PROGRAMS INCLUDING PROJECT RENEWAL

NEW YORK, Dec. 25 (JTA) — The United Israel Appeal, the major beneficiary of United Jewish Appeal funds, announced at its recent annual meeting of the Board of Trustees the allocation of \$316,279,805 in fiscal 1984 for programs of the Jewish Agency for Israel, including funds for Project Renewal.

Programs assisting the movement of Jews from Eastern Europe, Ethiopia and other countries of distress, received the bulk of these funds; \$45,551,528 was expended by the Jewish Agency's Department of Immigration and Absorption, and \$38,424,763 was paid for the education of refugee and other children in Youth Aliya institutions, it was announced. The UIA received income of \$334,622,000 last year, an increase of almost \$37 million over the previous year.

Irwin Field of Los Angeles, who was re-elected UIA chairman, in his report to the meeting underlined the excellent relations between the UIA and the U.S. State Department. "Constructive contacts with Washington have led to fruitful cooperation in the rescue of endangered Jewish communities," he said.

During the past 11 years, UIA has received \$265,615,000 in grants from Congress, administered by the State Department, for the movement and initial absorption of refugees from Eastern Europe and other countries, the Trustees were told. For fiscal 1985, this Grant in Aid has been increased to \$15 million, \$2.5 million above last year, to help in the increased costs of absorbing Ethiopian Jews who have arrived in Israel.

Field announced a stepped-up effort to communicate with the American Jewish giving public the accountability procedures of the UIA.

A special film entitled "The Building of a Nation" was produced this year. In 1985, a monograph written by Zelig Chinitz, UIA director general in Jerusalem, will be published. Entitled "A Common Agenda," it provides a detailed review of the evolving partnership between Jewish communities of Israel and the U.S. in the Reconstituted Jewish Agency and highlights the role played by the UIA in the Agency's governance.

A history of the UIA, since its inception in 1925, is being written by Dr. Ernest Stock of the Hebrew University and will be distributed in the fall of 1985.

In other reports, it was announced that in 1984 the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and UIA reconfirmed their partnership in the annual fund-raising campaign of the national UJA. A contract signed between officials of the JDC and UIA allocates campaign income among the programs of both organizations.

UIA Trustees were also informed that UIA is responsible for \$150 million in borrowing from American banks to provide necessary cash for services in Israel. The global debt of the Jewish Agency, of which this borrowing is a part, was reduced by \$22,446,482 in 1984 as a result of economies, the collection of past due UJA pledges, and the sale of UIA-owned "subsidized" housing in Israel, it was reported.

A First In New Jersey: KOSHER HOTEL ADMITS HAVING NON-KOSHER FOOD ON ITS PREMISES WITH INTENT TO SERVE IT TO DINERS By Ben Gallab

NEWARK, N.J., Dec. 25 (JTA) — State officials reported yesterday that an Asbury Park commercial facility is the first kosher hotel in New Jersey to admit having non-kosher meat on its premises with intent to serve to its diners. A fine and costs were imposed.

James Barry, Jr., director of the state Division of Consumer Affairs, said the Asbury Metropolitan Hotel Company, which operates the hotel, had admitted possession of non-kosher meat, with intention to serve, after a division inspection at the hotel last August 30 found 10 pounds of non-kosher hamburger patties on the premises.

Barry signed an administrative action consent agreement between the division and the hotel company under which the company was penalized with a \$2,000 civil penalty and \$500 in costs. The agreement, said state Attorney General Irwin Kimmelman, was negotiated by his office.

The hotel company, Barry added, promised to comply with regulations in the future and to permit inspection of the hotel by the state division at all times when its officers, agents or employees are in the hotel, regardless of whether the hotel is open to the public.

Says Kosher Food Fraud In N.J. Is 'Appalling'

Barry said that the extent of kosher food fraud in New Jersey was "appalling." The Division of Consumer Affairs, he said, has collected more than \$28,000 in penalties for misrepresentation of non-kosher food as kosher since legislation signed by Governor Thomas Kean made this a violation of the state Consumer Fraud Act and created a state Kosher Foods Enforcement Bureau. The legislation went into effect April 2.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency was told that other violators have included butcher shops, catering facilities and a delicatessen. The division, Barry said, will enforce the law to the maximum extent "to protect all consumers who willingly pay higher prices for kosher products."

Howard Wigder, special assistant to Barry and chief of the enforcement bureau, declaring that the costs of kosher food fraud are not only economic, said it was necessary to consider, as well, "the emotional stress placed upon the people who live by the dietary laws" who thought "they had been served kosher food when they had not."

\$10,000 EMERGENCY CONTRIBUTION TO AID ETHIOPIA FAMINE VICTIMS

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 25 (JTA) — A special \$10,000 emergency contribution to aid famine victims in Ethiopia has been granted by the Jewish Community Endowment Fund here, with the unanimous approval of the Jewish Community Federation of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin and Sonoma counties.

The funds will be utilized by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee which, along with Catholic, Protestant and non-sectarian agencies, has been providing humanitarian assistance to disaster victims in Ethiopia and other countries. To date, the JDC has shipped 70 tons of new clothing, cloth and medical supplies valued at \$500,000 to Ethiopia.