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#### ANTI-ZIONIST RESOLUTION EXPECTED TO BE PASSED AT UN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE Reagan Urged To Stand By Pledge To Oppose Attacks On Zionism

NEW YORK, July 9 (JTA) — Five Jewish women, four of them heads of major American Jewish organizations, have sent a telegram to President Reagon stating that they "have just learned that a resolution may be proposed" at the United Nations Women's Decade End of the Decade Conference in Nairobi, Kenya, next week "defining Zionism as an obstacle to development, like racism and apartheid." (Related story, P.4.)

Bernice Tannenbaum, chairman of the World Zionist Organization-American Section and its delegate
to the conference, said the telegram, which had
been sent by the five Jewish women leaders who had
met with Reagan at the White House last August, urged the President to reaffirm a commitment personally
made to the five leaders that the U.S. delegation to
the conference would walk out in the event that an
anti-Zionist resolution is adopted.

In their telegram, the Jewish women urged Reagan "to instruct the U.S. delegation to walk out of any session if such a resolution should be presented and to state that under the circumstances the U.S. will not finance this UN program," The U.S. delegation to the conference in Nairobi will be led by Maur een Reagan, the President's daughter.

The statement released by the White House on August 16, 1984 said: "The President made clear today that He United States will actively oppose any conference agenda item which deviates from important women's issues and calls for the discussion of non-germane, political issues, including any agenda item that could be used as a vehicle to defame Israel ....

"In particular, the President noted that the United States will oppose any agenda item at the Nairobi cor ference which associates Zionism with racism. If, despite our efforts, such an agenda item is adopted, the United States will have no choice but to consider seriously cancelling its participation in the conference."

The telegram to Reagan was signed by Tannenbaum, Frieda Lewis, chairman, WJC-American Section, Charlotte Jacobson, president, Jewish National Fund, Barbara Mandel, president, National Council of Jewish Women, and Midge Decter, executive director, Committee for the Free World.

SUICIDE CAR-BOMB ATTACKS KILL 12 LEBANESE, WOUND 2 IDF SOLDIERS By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, July 9 (JTA) — Two Israeli soldiers were slightly wounded in the first of two suicide carbomb attacks in the south Lebanne security zone today which killed 10 Lebanese civilians and two soldiers of the Israel-backed south Lebanon Army (SLA). The drivers of both cars were killed instantly.

The Israeli soldiers were wounded when a Peugot 504 car, apparently driven by a woman, exploded at the border check post at Ras Bayda on the coastal road The post is staffed by the SLA. According to Israel

Defense Force sources, the Israeli soldiers were there as instructors. Ten minutes later, a car driven by a man was stopped by SLA guards on the road to Hasbiya in the eastern sector of the security zone. The driver left the car to have his papers examined. Suddenly, he raced back to his vehicle and triggered an explosion which killed the soldiers and civilians. Many of the latter were in their own cars which were struck by the blast as they waited in line at the checkpost. Israeli sources said the two suicide attacks were probably coordinated.

#### ISRAEL HIT BY WILDCAT STRIKES By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, July 9 (JTA) — Israel was hit by wildcat strikes today and a three-hour work stoppage by some 60,000 government employes this marning.

The latest rash of labor strife was to protest the government's emergency economic program which has among its elements a three-month wage freeze and dismissals of about 10,000 government and other public employes. Today's round of strikes was not authorized by Histadrut which has been in intensive discussion with the government for the past two days.

Premier Shimon Peres, Finance Minister Yitzhak Modai and Yisrael Kessar, Secretary General of Histodrut, met for the second consecutive day but little progress was reported toward a compromise on the tough economic measures,

Meanwhile, employes of the Israel Electric Corp. and the government-owned Bezek Telephone Corp. walked off their jobs today in strikes called by their respective unions. Seamen of the State-owned merchant marine also struck but their action did not affect Israeli ships at sea or in foreign ports.

## Radio And TV Blacked Out

The electric company operated on an emergency Sabbath schedule. Power stations were staffed by skeleton crews but line repairs and new installations were halted. The telephone strike had the most far-reaching effects. Its engineers operate the radio and television transmitters.

Because of the walk-out radio and television were blacked out except for hourly news bulletins. The same thing happened just a week ago when a 24-hour general strike called by Histadrut last Tuesday all but silenced the media.

The Bezek strike also disrupted telephone service. Breakdowns were not repaired and operator—manned telephones, including the international switchboard were out of service.

Scuffles developed when about 3,000 government employes staged a mass meeting outside the government offices complex in Jerusalem. A group of demonstrators forcibly prevented two opposition Knesset members from addressing the crowd. Police intervened and several arrests were made.

# ISRAEL, WEST GERMANY ARE DISCUSSING SCIENTIFIC, TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION By David Kantor

BONN, July 9 (JTA) -- Israel and West Germany are discussing various avenues of scientific and techno-



logical cooperation including establishment of a joint German-Israel industrial group which each government would assist in research to develop products that could be marketed commercially.

Gideon Patt, Israel's Minister for Science and Development, spoke to reporters after a meeting with his German counterpart, Heine Riesenhuber. He said the amount of aid and the timing would depend on the results of the research. But this was only one of three major areas of scientific cooperation they discussed, Patt said.

He said the two countries are considering a meeting between German and Israeli experts to develop pilot projects to demonstrate how various industries could benefit from the allocation of resources to research. Also on the agenda was the possibility of creating a joint foundation which would make available financial assistance to industries conducting research.

Riesenhuber told Patt that before proceeding, the legal and financial implications have to be studied. The two ministers also discussed possible participation by their respective countries in the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI), popularly known as "Star Wars" which the Reagan Administration claims will provide a defensive shield against nuclear attack, based in outer space.

Patt said the issue of cooperation in the field of nuclear research was not discussed during his visit. He is scheduled to meet with the Prime Minis ters of two federal states -- Bernhard Vogel of Rhineland Palatinate and Franz-Josef Strauss of

Bavaria.

HOMES OF ALLEGED TERRORISTS DEMOLISHED BY AN IDF UNIT By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, July 9 (JTA) -- A large unit of the Israel Defense Force entered the Arab village of Surif in the Judaean hills early this morning and demolished two houses owned by alleged terrorists who reportedly have confessed the murder of an Israeli man and woman two weeks ago. A third building was sealed off and a curfew was im-posed on the West Bank village.

The IDF acted in accordance with the long established policy of destroying the homes or shelters of confessed terrorists. But the early morning raid infuriated the villagers because the two suspects, though said to have confessed, have not yet been brought to trial. The demolitions were car ried out without disturbances.

The murder victims were Meir Ben Yair and Michal Cohen, both of Beit-Shemesh, who were found dead in a car parked in the Massua forest, east of the Etzion bloc of settlements. Both were married, but not to each other, a situation that led police to suspect a crime of passion. Cohen's husband was held as a suspect for several days but was released when his alibi proved out.

The police then turned their attention toward terrorist gangs known to be operating in the region. Despite the arrest of two suspects from Surif, security forces continued their manhunt. Infantry aided by helicopters combed the area and several other

suspects were detained.

There have been several attacks on Israeli buses on the Jerusalem-Hebron highway in recent months and attempted attacks on Israeli vehicles on the Hebron-Yarra road.

EVANGELICAL LEADERS SAY U.S. SHOULD MOVE ITS ISRAEL EMBASSY TO JERUSALEM By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, July 9 (JTA) -- Evangelicals believe that the United States should move its Israel Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, according to Dr. Pat Robertson, president of the Christian Broadcasting Network.

"Tel Aviv is not the capital of Israel," he told 250 college students attending the summer seminar series sponsored by the Political Leadership Development Program of the America-Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) last week. "Jerusalem is the capital of Israel, and has been all the way back to King Solomon.

Robertson, who hosts the television show, "The 700 Club," said that evangelicals acknowledge "the claim of Israel to the land, the integrity of the State of Israel, the right to exist in security in secure borders,

but we believe especially in Jerusalem." Noting that "in a spiritual sense, I consider Jer-usalem my home, "Robertson stressed that "I don't

see Jerusalem as an international city. I think that Jerusalem should be under Israel.

Robertson said the United States must always stand with Israel. "We pray that this nation won't exchange principle, the deeply-held principles that unite our people together, for the expediency of cheap available oil, or for vacations free from terrorist attacks," he declared.

#### R.I. FEDERATION ENDORSES DIVESTMENT TO FIGHT APARTHEID

PROVIDENCE, R.I., July 9 (JTA) -- The executive committee of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island has endorsed the idea of divestiture from any corporation doing business in South Africa which fails to adhere to anti-apartheid standards.

The Federation decried what it considered the oppression of millions of Blacks, and said "the Jewish community cannot be indifferent to the plight of any group anywhere in the world that is denied its basic

rights."

The executive committee said the Federation was reviewing its own investments with the goal of implementing the divestment action. The Federation said it would continue to monitor the situation in South Africa, "assessing the effect of this concept of divestment and taking appropriate action where necessary.

#### MEMORIAL FOUNDATION LAUNCHES PROJECT TO REINFORCE JEWISH IDENTITY IN DISPERSED AREA

RYE, N.Y., July 9 (JTA) -- A pilot project designed to reinforce Jewish identity in dispersed Jewish communities of Scandinavia and France was announced here by the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture.

According to Philip Klutznick, Foundation president, the program will be targeted for persons 25 to 45 years of age since they are the "least involved in Jewish communal life in Scandinavia and France, yet they possess considerable potential for the future of Jewish life there."

The project was announced at the beginning of the meeting of the Foundation's Executive Committee, which is taking place today and tomorrow at the Rye Town Hilton, by Fritz Hollander of Stockholm, co-chairman of the Commission on Dispersed Jewish Communities.

The goal of the project, Klutznick said, "is to create a continuing group dynamic and interchange that will help the participants deepen their knowledge, understanding and commitment to the Jewish community so that, ultimately, they can be integrated into the existing Jewish community and assume

The project will take the form of a series of video films that will focus on "The Jew and His World" from the perspective of Jewish life in dispersed communi-

The Memorial Foundation will initiate the project with a pilot video film on "The Jew and the Family."

Dr. Jerry Hochboum, executive director of the Memorial Foundation, said, "to sustain these dispersed Jewish communities, the vital need is for adequately trained and deeply motivated personnel, Here the Foundation has a freedy achieved notable success,

"In Oslo and Helsinki, rabbis, trained in Israel with Foundation help, have in a short time revived and transformed both the religious and general Jewisł life. Oslo had not had a full-time rabbi in almost 20 years, Israel-trained Rabbi Michael Melchior came and opened the first Jewish kindergarten in Oslo since the Holocaus, revitalized the afternoon Hebrew school and reactivated the Jewish youth groups.

"In Helsinki, Rabbi Ove Schwarz has reorganized the all-day elementary Jewish school, in which close to 85 percent of all Jewish youth in the community are enrolled. Rabbi Schwarz served not only as Helsinki's Jewish spiritual leader but also as its shohet, mohel, Jewish educator and youth worker."

# Other Two New Directions

Service to dispersed Jewish communities is one of the three new directions the Foundation is taking, Klutznick announced: The other two new directions are in the area of informal Jewish education and the stabilization of the Jewish family.

In the area of informal Jewish education, the Nahum Goldmann Fellowship will provide an intensive experience in Jewish learning and living at a three-week summer institute in Europe for the cultural advancement and leadership development of a care fully selected group of outstanding young Jewish men and women in Europe. Goldmann was a founder and president of the Foundation.

In its third new direction, the Foundation announced that it will develop a pilot program to reach "unaffiliated American Jewish families" through Jewish family life education. The Foundation will seek to implement a set of programmatic recommendations developed by Professor Samuel Heilman of Queens College, utilizing appropriate "marketing" techniques to penetrate these types of

#### MORMON ACTIVITIES IN ISRAEL DENOUNCED BY CHRISTIAN OFFICIALS By Gil Sedan

Jewish homes.

JERUSALEM, July 9 (JTA) — Orthodox Jews who bitterly oppose plans to build a Mormon educational center on Mt. Scopus have found new allies among Christian groups who claim the Mormons are not, in fact, authentic Christians.

Representatives of eight Christian denominations held a press conference here this evening to denounce a planned extension of Brigham Young University next to the Hebrew University Mt. Scopus campus and to attack the Mormon Church and its motives in coming to Jerusalem.

Brigham Young University, in Salt Lake City, Utah, seat of the Mormon faith, is named for the Second

Prophet of the church which was founded in the earl y 19th century by Joseph Smith Jr., known as the First Prophet. The Mt. Scopus extension on five acres of land, will contain housing and catering services for nearly 200 students, a 400-seat auditorium for cultural events and classrooms for academic programs.

It was designed by Jerusalem architect David Resnick and Frank Furguson, an architect from Salt Lake City. The project was approved as long ago as 1977 by the Likud-led government of Premier Menachem Begin which was especially solicitous of Orthodox sensibilities, and by the Jerusalem municipality.

#### Real Purpose Of Center

Speakers at the press conference claimed the real purpose of the Mormon center was to proselytize Jews and warned that many young Israelis would be conditioned to leave the country to join the Mormons. This is precisely the argument of the Orthodox establishment, headed by the two Chief Rabbis. It has been vigorously denied by spokesmen for the Mormon Church here.

Dave Hunt, author of several books on religious cults, called the press conference. He and other speakers charged that the Mormons pretended to be Christians but subscribed to beliefs that were far from Christianity. They claimed the offical name of the church, The Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints, was a misnomer and that the Mormon's believe they must take over the world before Jesus can return. Hunt charged that the Mt. Scopus center was part of that plan.

Another speaker, Rev. Jim Cantalon of the Jerusalem Christian Center, accused the Mormons of trying to deceive Israel, But a shade of embarassment hung over the press conference. Last Sunday night, the Mormon Center located in the consular district of East Jerusalem was vandalized. Hunt opened his remarks with a condemnation of the vandals.

#### Mormons Deny Allegations

Mormon representatives were present at the press conference but remained silent. Afterwards, however, Dr. Ellis Rasmussen, former Dean of Religious Education at Brigham Young University, told reporters that he was shocked by the allegations which he said were falsities and holf truths.

The purpose of the academic center on Mt. Scopus is to enable Mormon students to get to know Israel, he said. He reaffirmed the Church's pledge not to engage in missionary activity in Israel.

The Mormon Church in the U.S. has been especially sympathetic to Israel and Jews. Last November, thousands of Mormon school children along with their parents and teachers, gathered in Cedar City, Utah to participate in a "Jewish Week" sponsored by the Southern Utah State College, a Mormon college. (See JTA Daily News Bulletin of November 27, 1984.)

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- A non-surgical method for treating periodontal disease -- the main threat to dental health for adults beyond the age of 18 -- has been developed at the Hebrew University-Hadassah School of Dental Medicine. The method involves inserting a plastic strip saturated with an antiseptic agent into the "pocket" between tooth and gum caused by the periodontal disease. The antiseptic is released from the film over a period of days, and the gums are then able to reattach themselves to the teeth.



#### FOCUS ON ISSUES PREPARATIONS FOR NAIROBI CONFERENCE By Marlene Goldman

NEW YORK, July 9 (JTA) -- More than 200 Jew ish women and men, representing major international Jewish organizations will be going to Nairobi, Kenya, next week in an effort to prevent the United Nations End of the Decade Conference on Women from becoming an arena for anti-American and anti-Israeli and anti-Zionist propaganda. (See story, P.I.)

Organizations in this country and abroad have prepared a host of programs and educational activities to counteract the nefarious propaganda expected at the 10-day conference beginning July 26 from Arab, Soviet and Third World delegates, Preparations by the organizations have been going on for some time so that the strident anti-Israel rhetoric and resolutions equating Zionism with racism, which marked the previous two earlier Women's Decade cor ferences in Mexico City in 1974 and in Copenhagen in 1980, do not occur in Nairobi.

In both the Mexico City and the Copenhagen conference, discussions on the goals and achievements of women all over the world were sidetracked and distorted by divisive political rhetoric and anti-Israel resolutions. But American and West European delegates this year are determined to keep the discussions at the Nairobi conference centered on the goals and achievements of the Women's Decade.

# Divisive Issue Of Palestinian Women

"The governments of the United States and Western Europe have insisted that the conference avoid divisive political issues more appropriately addressed in the UN's political bodies," declared Richard Maass, chairman of the Jacob Blaustein Institute for the Advancement of Human Rights of the American Jewish Committee. "Unfortunately, Arab and Soviet bloc governments seem intent on injecting into Nairobi the issue of Palestinian women, singling it out for special attention despite the many truly problematic situations women face in many parts of the world.

To avoid having the issue of Palestinian women turn into a battering ram against Israel and to place this issue in its proper framework and perspective, Maass announced the publication of a book-length study on Palestinian women in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, written by Dr. Mala Tabory, a legal scholar and social scientist.

The study, which will be distributed by the AJCommittee to participants in the conference, used a variety of sources, including interviews with women in the West Bank and Gaza, according to Sidney Liskofsky, program director of the Institute, to challenge assertions made by the UN Secretariat's Report on Palestinian Women, the background document for discussion of this issue at Nairobi.

# AJC Study Challenges UN Assertions

"The UN report, "Liskofsky said, "unfairly criticizes Israel, and assumes Israel is always to blame for unsatisfactory conditions, real or imagined." The UN report, he noted, "admits that it is not the prod-uct of original or independent research. It relies on prior UN documents, which themselves reflect anti-Israel bias."

The AJCommittee Institute's study found that: \* Since 1967, infant mortality in the West Bank and Gaza has dropped by 50 percent, leaving it 400 percent lower than Saudi Arabia's death rate.

\* Palestinian workers, men and women, are free to join Israel's labor federation, the Histadrut, and a total of 31 unions operate openly in the West Bank and seven in Gaza.

\* Illiteracy among women in the West Bank dropped by 26 percent and in Gaza by 28 percent since 1967, putting these women ahead of women in Algeria, Egypt,

Jordan, Saudi Arabia and Syria.

\* Health services and conditions have undergone extensive improvement in the past 18 years, and the West Bank and Gaza have been freed of malaria.

#### **ADL Plans a Host Of Activities**

In other activities by Jewish organizations at the Nairobi conference, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, which is sending 10 delegates, will stage exhibits, show films and distribute material on themes dealing with education of economically disadvantaged people, combatting racism, developing understanding among peoples, and Israel's contributions to Black

According to the ADL, this will be an effort to put the Middle East and international issues "into perspective and to keep the conference focused on its real agenda -- the achievements of the UN Decade for Women in relation to the issues and problems that concern women all over the world."

#### NCJW Objectives Stated

The National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) is sending three delegates to the conference who will seek to enhance the situation of women in the world, according to Barbara Leslie, Non-Governmental Organization observer to the UN for the NCJW and a delegate to the Nairobi conference. "We are going with great hope but we know it won't be easy," she said. Shirley Joseph, former NCW national vice president and a delegate to the conference, said the objective will be "to keep the work of the conference from being diverted by extraneous politicization." as it was during the Copenhagen conference where women's issues were "distorted by divisive political rhetoric and irrelevant anti-Israeli resolutions.

Joseph added: "We are particularly interested in involving women in decision-making positions globally, and in including women in economic development. Too often, in underdeveloped countries, as they become industrialized, the men go off to the cities to work, and the women are left at home to do back-breaking labor on farms. We would also like to see attention paid to sufficient nutrition for women -- particularly in view of their child-bearing function."

The NCJW will also present its Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) at a conference workshop on early child care. HIPPY is designed to train poor mothers to teach their four-to-six year old children at home skills needed for school success.

## Activities By European Organizations

A booklet, "Prepare Yourself for the Women's Conference in Nairobi," published by the Jewish Women's Organization of Norway in cooperation with the ADL was presented to the 20 Norwegian delegates at a meeting in the Oslo Jewish Community Center and was sent to 95 Norwegian participants and to their counterparts in Sweden and Denmark.

In Holland, a meeting for all women conference par ticipants was called by the Center for Information and Documentation on Israel (CIDI) to prepare them on the subject of the oppression of Palestinian women.