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LIKUD CRITICIZES REAGAN PLANS TO MEET WITH PERES AND EGYPTIAN By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Sept. 7 (JTA) -- A controversy erupted in the political community here Wednesday over President Reagan's plan, reported here Wednesday, to host Israel's Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismat Abdel Meguid for a dialogue in the United States later this month.

The meeting reportedly is to take place in New York, where Peres, Meguid and Secretary of State George Shultz will be attending the United Nations General Assembly.

In Washington, spokespersons for both the White House and the State Department said they could not confirm that such a meeting would take place. But Israeli sources told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the meeting is to take place Sept. 26 and that Reagan himself will be present.

With the general elections only 50 days away, Likud Housing Minister David Levy, who holds the rank of deputy premier, termed the plan "political irresponsibility" and spoke of a "gimmick," implying that Peres and Reagan had somehow arranged the session to help Labor's election chances. Peres is the Labor Party leader.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, more circumspect in his style, also made it clear that he disapproved of the proposed meeting, saying: "It should be remembered that the election is at hand."

Levy charged that Peres had set up the meeting "behind the premier's back" and had not even informed Shamir. Some unnamed aides to Shamir were quoted as saying that Peres had actually initiated the meeting in order to boost his party's prospects.

Spokespersons for the Labor Party rejected the Likud criticism out of hand and lambasted Likud's "cynicism." Peres himself was quoted as saying that nothing, not even the imminence of elections, ought to be allowed to interfere with the peace process or with efforts to pursue it.

Peres' aides, speaking not for attribution, said the meeting was an American initiative that had, "as usual when a peace effort is launched, elicited hysterical reactions from the Likud."

These Labor aides also noted that their party had not carped at Shamir's planned private working visit to Hungary later this month -though that too could have been criticized as electioneering.

ARAFAT WON'T ADDRESS EUROPEAN BODY, BUT WILL MEET WITH TOP E.C. LEADERS By Yossi Lempkowicz

BRUSSELS, Sept. 7 (JTA) -- Yasir Arafat will not address the 518 members of the European Parliament during his visit to Strasbourg next week.

But the Palestine Liberation Organization chairman is expected to hold important meetings with the president of the parliament, Lord Plumb of Great Britain, and top European Community officials.

Arafat will come to Strasbourg on Tuesday as a guest of the Socialist bloc in the European Parliament. He will meet several pro-Arab members of parliament before addressing a news conference on Wednesday.

According to PLO officials, Arafat is likely to make important declarations during his visit.

The chairman of the Socialist bloc on Tuesday defended his role in initiating the Arafat visit, the first by a PLO leader to an E.C. institution.

In a letter to the president of the European Jewish Congress, Theo Klein, and to leaders of the France-Israel Alliance, Rudi Arndt of West Germany expressed his "understanding" for what he called the "emotional indignation" surrounding the Socialists' invitation to Arafat.

But he asked the Jewish leaders to respect his group's position that discussions with Arafat may serve the cause of peace and justice in the Middle East.

He reminded the Jewish groups that European Socialists had previously met with Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres. He said the Socialists are "for Israel's right to exist" and

"are defending peace and freedom for the Israelis."

Demonstrations Planned

The Jewish groups have criticized the Socialists' initiative "to invite the leader of a terrorist organization." French Jewish organizations have announced plans to demonstrate in Strasbourg on Tuesday, the second day of Rosh Hashanah, when Arafat arrives.

A Jewish group in Strasbourg has announced an anti-Arafat demonstration in the form of a commemoration service for the victims of PLO terrorism.

In Bonn, meanwhile, well-informed diplomats said that Foreign Minister Karolos Papoulias of Greece will meet with Arafat, but not in Papoulias' capacity as chairman of the European Council of Foreign Ministers.

The diplomats said Tuesday that other European Council members blocked an Athens initiative to make the meeting a major breakthrough by labeling it an encounter between the PLO leader and the chairman of the council.

Instead, Papoulias will meet Arafat under a bilateral framework.

Last June, Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou, a firm supporter of the Arab cause, vowed to E.C. ministers that he would launch a major initiative for an Arab-Israeli settlement.

The representatives of Greece are currently holding the rotating chairmanship of European political institutions.

(JTA Bonn correspondent contributed to this report.)

YOUNG WOMAN WHO BEFRIENDED ARABS IS VICTIM OF MURDER IN WEST BANK By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Sept. 7 (JTA) -- This is the story about the price of naivete -- the story of a young woman who believed that human beings are above all humans, and not necessarily Jews and Arabs

She had no doubts. She was so convinced that relations between the two peoples are only a



function of how they treat each other, how they talk to each other, that she had set herself no barriers.

Ziva Goldovsky, 18, used to have as many Palestinian friends as she had Jewish friends in the radical leftist circles in which she had spent most of her youth in Holon.

At the height of the Palestinian uprising, she traveled freely in the West Bank, hitching rides with Arab cars, socializing with Palestinian youths and eventually falling in love with one.

"Nothing will happen to me," she promised her worried parents. "I know them, I know how to talk to them." The parents tried to convince her that although they respected her liberal views, she should be more cautious. But she would not listen.

On Aug. 13, her body was found, totally burned, on a farm near the industrial zone of the Arab town of El-Birch, some 20 miles north of Jerusalem.

At first, rumors spread that this was the body of a Palestinian boy killed by the security forces. Then it was believed that the victim was a Palestinian girl.

It took further investigation and laboratory tests to reveal the actual tragedy: that the farm near El-Birch was to be the last stop on the journey of a young Jewish woman who was a victim of her own belief in the good of humankind.

Two Suspects Arrested

On Wednesday, police announced they had solved the murder, after a lengthy investigation in a hostile environment. According to a police communique, two suspects have been arrested in connection with the murder, both known for their contacts with the victim.

One of them confessed that he killed the young woman. Another is suspected of having helped the prime suspect to remove the body and burn it. The prime suspect reportedly led the police officers to a place where they found keys, a purse and documents belonging to the victim.

Ziva Goldovsky was raised in Holon, far away from the scene of violence. But coming from a liberal home, she became politically involved, engaged herself in pro-Palestinian activities and made a number of acquaintances with Arabs.

She supported the Palestinian uprising, and was enraged at the almost daily reports of violent encounters between the security forces and the local population. She had faith that once political differences are set aside, there would be no justification for fear.

According to the police version of the murder, reportedly based on the prime suspect's own confession, Goldovsky's last encounter with an Arab began with a minor exchange, as she and an Arab friend took a walk deep into remote areas of the farm.

A Tragic Altercation

The Arab -- not the young man she was romantically involved with -- began with remarks on her immodest attire, then charged that she was an agent for the security forces. When she denied this, he said: "Prove it."

Goldovsky asked: "How can I prove it?" Said the Arab: "Get me a pistol."

She replied: "I will not give you a pistol so that you can shoot Jewish children.'

This prompted the suspect to slap the young woman in the face.

Goldovsky apparently still believed, even at this gesture of violence, that straight talk could do it. "My parents have never slapped me," she told her friend, "and neither will you."

But the suspect then allegedly pushed her down, strangled her and eventually struck her head with a heavy rock. He then called a friend, and together they burned the body.

NGO MEETING CALLS FOR PEACE CONFERENCE By Tamar Levy

GENEVA, Sept. 7 (JTA) -- The fifth United Nations meeting of non-governmental organizations concluded its session here on the question of Palestine with a call for the early convening an international peace conference on the Middle East.

The call was contained in a 17-point final declaration that expressed admiration for. "the determination of the Palestinian people in the struggle for independence and the securing of their own state.

In the declaration, the NGOs drew attention to "the murderous intensification of the daily and continuing suffering and oppression of the Palestinian people since December 1987."

SECOND DOCTOR HELD IN BRIBERY RING By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Sept. 7 (JTA) -- A second doctor has been arrested in connection with the extortion ring that obtained exemptions from army service for Israelis in exchange for bribes.

The Petach Tikva Magistrates Court Wednesday ordered Dr. Gideon Bialistok of Tel Aviv held in custody for eight days. He is a plastic surgeon and ear, nose and throat special-

The court on Tuesday ordered Dr. Yosef Blatt, an orthopedic surgeon, held in custody. Blatt's private clinic now bears a sign saying "Clinic Closed Until After the Holidays. Happy New Year -- Dr. Blatt."

The doctors allegedly provided false medical reports that enabled Israeli citizens to obtain exemptions from either reserve or regular army service, both of which are mandatory in Israel.

The civil police are now investigating a small number of private citizens who served as intermediaries between the several hundred reservists or inductees alleged to have given bribes and army officials who accepted them.

Meanwhile, military police are continuing to investigate Israel Defense Force personnel who may have been involved in the extortion ring. One of the senior army officers implicated is a brigadier general, according to unconfirmed reports Wednesday.

NEO-NAZI PARTY CAN'T RUN IN BERLIN By David Kantor

BONN, Sept. 7 (JTA) -- The neo-Nazi National Democratic Party is not welcome in West

The Allied military commanders have banned the NPD from participating in the January 1989 elections for the town parliament. The NPD was not permitted to hold its convention in West Berlin or any other gatherings.

This was in line with longstanding Allied policy to prohibit any neo-Nazi activities in West Berlin.

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ITS HEAD ACCUSES RELIGIOUS ISRAELIS OF TURNING MAJORITY FROM RELIGION

NEW YORK, Sept. 7 (JTA) -- In a sharply worded address, Dr. Ismar Schorsch, chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary, accused Israel's religious right of repelling the majority of Israelis from religion and of fostering a "messianic mindset" among Israeli leaders.

In addition, Schorsch expressed his support for a land-for-peace formula as a solution to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

Schorsch delivered his remarks Wednesday at the opening of a two-day Conservative movement conference on Zionism, at the seminary's main campus in New York.

His keynote address demonstrated the increasing assertiveness of Conservative leaders in confronting the religious parties in Israel, who have made clear their intention to deny legitimacy to non-Orthodox Jewish movements.

The Jerusalem Rabbinate relented last month in attempts to deny a Conservative youth hostel

its kosher classification.

But religious forces in Israel continue to press for a "Who is a Jew?" amendment to Israel's Law of Return that would effectively delegitimize Conservative and Reform rabbis.

Schorsch told the conference that "It is preferable to drop the Law of Return" rather than agree to the proposed amendments. "Israel must not permit itself to be progressively recast in the image of an East European shtetl," said Schorsch.

A solution to that "nightmarish prospect." he said, would be to require military service for all qualified Israeli yeshiva students, who may currently gain exemptions, and to require that all state rabbis and rabbinic judges have university degrees in addition to their religious training.

Noting that a majority of Israelis are not religiously observant, Schorsch said Israelis are "secular by choice, but also in part by lack of choice."

'Catastrophic Failure'

Schorsch, calling for religious pluralism in Israel, said there has been a "catastrophic failure of Orthodoxy to expose some 80 percent of Israeli society to even a modicum of religious vocabulary, study and observance."

Schorsch also blamed elements on the religious right for blocking a peaceful settlement to the Palestinian crisis.

In endorsing а land-for-peace formula, Schorsch harkened back to the original United Nations plan to partition the country into separate Jewish and Palestinian states.

"That long-retarded step forward offers a glimmer of hope for a political settlement," he said.

Schorsch also said Conservative Jews are fearful of a "political rupture" in Israel.

Political culture of Western democracy has been subject to a "rising tide of contempt," he said, "among certain right-wing circles and all too many young people."

He singled out the militant right-wing views of Knesset member Rabbi Meir Kahane, comparing him with French right-wing leader Jean-Marie Le Pen, whose ultra-nationalist views have been strewn with anti-Semitism.

"Jews cannot denounce Le Pen in France and back Kahane in Israel," said Schorsch.

The conference concludes Thursday.

ITALIAN WOMEN'S DELEGATION URGES BETTER ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN DIALOGUE By Ruth E. Gruber

ROME, Sept. 7 (JTA) -- A delegation of Italian women, just back from a fact-finding trip to Israel, says it believes a peaceful settlement to the Palestinian uprising in the administered territories can be found only if both sides engage in urgently needed dialogue.

The group of about 60 women included college professors, psychologists and several parliamentary deputies.

"There is great urgency on the part of both peoples to achieve peace," said Parliament member Bianca Guidetti Serra.

The Italian participants said that Palestinian women balked at their desire to hold joint seminars with Palestinian and Israeli women.

University instructor Elisabetta Donini said Palestinian women told them, "We live in a situation that is too unequal. The Israelis have a state; we do not.

"We Palestinians are representatives of a people: the Israelis who disagree with the repression are few and not representative of their people."

Laura Cima, a Green Party member of Parliament, was critical of the Israeli soldiers, who "sharply attacked us with clubs, tear gas and shots from firearms" during a demonstration

outside the Dhahiriya prison in the West Bank. However, another delegate, Labor leader Alessandra Mecozzi, said, "I understand the paranoia of the Israeli soldiers. I noticed in many

of them shame and embarrassment." The Italian women also demonstrated with the Israeli pacifist group Women in Black.

Participants said they were able to meet informally together with both Palestinian and

Israeli women. Nevertheless, separate final documents were issued from the formal meetings the Italian women held with the Palestinians and Israelis.

Both documents stressed a conviction against violence and repression and the will for peaceful coexistence and mutual respect.

Psychologist Carla Ortona of Turin, the only Jew in the Italian group, said the trip was not an easy experience for her.

"I understand the hatred of the Palestinians toward the Israelis, but this makes me suffer as a Jew," she said.

"Certainly the State of Israel has the right make mistakes like other states and to exist all the same," Ortona continued.

"But the Israeli policy seems to have entered a blind alley. And it's as a Jew that I feel I must rebel against it."

FIFTH ISRAELI CASE OF POLIO DIAGNOSED

TEL AVIV, Sept. 7 (JTA) -- A fifth suspected case of polio was reported in Israel on Tuesday, the third such case in 48 hours.

These latest cases follow confirmation last week of two diagnoses of the disease.

The most recent suspected incidence is that of a 17-year-old girl from the Israeli Arab township of Fureidis, north of Hadera.

The girl was admitted to the Carmel Hospital a week ago, complaining of fever and muscular weakness

Laboratory tests are being carried out to determine the exact nature of her illness.

LEBANESE HIJACKER HAMADEI SAID TO HAVE KEPT IN CONTACT WITH IRAN By David Kantor

BONN, Sept. 7 (JTA) -- The young Lebanese man who has told a Frankfurt court he helped hijack a TWA jet in June 1985 maintained contacts with the Iranian government and possibly acted on instructions from the Moslem fundamentalist regime.

News of a possible Iranian connection to the hijacking, in which an American Navy diver was killed, emerged Tuesday, when telephone conversations between Mohammed Ali Hamadei and his brother, Abbas Hamadei, were read aloud in the courtroom as part of evidence brought by the prosecution.

The West German prosecutor has been trying to prove Hamadei's involvement in the killing of the American, Robert Dean Stethem. Hamadei has denied murdering Stethem, whose body was thrown out of the plane onto the tarmac at Beirut Airport.

The trial has attracted much attention, as it is seen as a test of Western powers' resolve to fight international terrorism. Bonn rejected a request to extradite Hamadei to the United States to stand trial there, promising to impose a proper penalty on Hamadei if convicted.

When Hamadei admitted complicity in the hijacking this summer, he had said his motive was to fight Zionism and to force the release of hundreds of Arabs from Israeli prisons.

But he not only continued to deny any complicity in the murder but also said he had not had contacts with Iran, and refused to give any information about the other hijackers.

Hamadei and his family are believed to form a group in a Lebanese town that is responsible for the kidnapping of a West German businessman.

The Bonn government faces the difficult task of trying Hamadei for the hijacking while attempting to free the hostage, Rudolf Cordes, who was allegedly kidnapped in retaliation for Hamadei's arrest.

The West Germans subsequently arrested Abbas Hamadei in connection with the kidnapping. He led them to a cache of explosives near the German-French border.

TWO SUPPORTERS OF LE PEN OUIT OVER CRUDE PUN ON CREMATORIA By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Sept. 7 (JTA) - The right-wing National Front of Jean-Marie Le Pen was seriously weakened Wednesday when two prominent members announced their resignations in protest of Le Pen's "racist statements and autocratic methods.

The two, Francois Bachelot, a physician, and Pascal Arrighi, former dean of the Marseille Law School, represented the so-called "respectable of the party and had been trying to use conventional methods to promote their ideas.

The National Front stands on a platform opposed to immigrants in France, most of them North African Arabs. Le Pen has been accused of anti-Semitism, a charge he has denied.

Last week, however, he made his second derogatory reference to the killing apparatus in the Nazi death camps.

In a crude play on words, Le Pen referred to a political opponent, Michel Durafour, as "Durafour-crematoire." The French word for

crematorium oven is "four crematoire."

His remark came in the context of an overall insult to Durafour, recently named minister of public service in the Socialist government of President François Mitterrand. Le Pen also called Durafour an "imbecile" and a "sod."

Last September, Le Pen angered Jews and others with his comment that the gas chambers

were a "minor footnote to history."

French Justice Minister Pierre Arpaillange announced Saturday evening that legal action will be brought against Le Pen for "insults to a member of the government."

Bachelot said he was shocked by Le Pen's comments and expressed his compassion for the Jewish community of France.

Jewish Group Behind Burglary

Political observers credit the personal prestige of Bachelot and Arrighi for a large share of Le Pen's success during the spring presidential elections, when he scored more than 14 percent of the popular vote in the first of two rounds.

Many French voters refused to believe that "everything could be evil" with the front while it enjoyed the backing of such prominent men, political analysts said.

On Tuesday, the two men were censured by the front's political committee for having rapped Le Pen's latest declaration, in which he made the coarse pun.

Le Pen himself urged the committee to "tolerate no rebellion within our ranks" and asked the front's members to back his statement.

In the meantime, the right-wing leader may have suffered another blow; an underground Jewish organization assumed responsibility Wednesday for a burglary carried out in Le Pen's Paris office.

The Jewish Defense Organization, which has already struck at extremist right-wing and racist movements, said it had carried out the burglary and was in possession of important confidential files, which it said will be released in due time.

KOLLEK INVITES KOHL TO VISIT JERUSALEM **By David Kantor**

BONN, Sept. 7 (JTA) -- Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek invited Chancellor Helmut Kohl of West Germany on Tuesday to visit the holy city and said here Wednesday morning that the German leader might come sometime in December.

A spokesman for Kohl said the chancellor definitely wants to come to Jerusalem, but that a

visit would depend on his schedule.

Kollek extended the invitation during an hour-long chat with the chancellor that focused on a fountain, now being built, that the West German government has donated to Jerusalem.

The fountain is a creation of Gernot Rumpf, a German artist. Kollek would like to see Kohl dedicate it sometime at the end of this year.

Kollek also met here with Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher and several other highlevel officials.

The Jerusalem mayor said that his discussions focused on how to improve the overall situation in Jerusalem through contributions to specific social, educational and other betterment programs.

Kollek's visit was made at the invitation of the Adenauer Foundation, an organization allied with the Christian Democratic Party that is involved in education projects in Jerusalem.