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**Czechoslovakia to admit individual tourists from Israel** (Text) Members of a Czechoslovak National Front delegation who visited Israel as the guests of the United Workers Party, said that individual tourists from Israel, not only groups, will soon be allowed to enter their country. Our correspondent Shlomo Raz was told that the delegation members also promised to examine the possibility of exchanging research delegations between Israeli and Czechoslovak universities. The National Front is the umbrella organisation uniting the country's public bodies. (Israel home service 1700 gmt 24 Apr 89)

### SPLA LEADER MEETS UNICEF DIRECTOR IN SOUTHERN SUDAN

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Text of report

A Radio SPLA correspondent, accompanying the Chairman and C-in-C, reported that the SPLM/SPLA Chairman and C-in-C, Comrade John Garang de Mabior, met Mr James P. Grant, the Executive Director of UNICEF and a personal representative of the UN Secretary-General responsible for Operation "Lifeline Sudan". Mr Grant was accompanied by several of his aides. On the SPLM/SPLA side, the meeting was attended by two other high command members, Cdr Lam Akol Ajawin and Cdr Lual Ding Wol and other officials.

The meeting took place on Sunday, 23rd April 1989, in an undisclosed location [see note below] in the liberated areas inside the Sudan. The meeting lasted about three hours and covered all aspects of operation "Lifeline Sudan". Mr Grant briefed the SPLM/SPLA Chairman and C-in-C extensively on operation "Lifeline Sudan", including work accomplished, that still to be done, and the various relief corridors.

On his part, the SPLM/SPLA Chairman and C-in-C, Comrade John Garang de Mabior, highly complemented and thanked Mr Grant for his selfless commitment and personal efforts to make Operation "Lifeline" a success and to save the lives of thousands of southern Sudanese in need, displaced by natural disasters and war. The Chairman and C-in-C asked Mr Grant to extend the deep appreciation of the movement's leadership and the gratitude of the people of south Sudan to the UN Secretary-General, governments, organisations and all people of goodwill who have contributed or who will contribute to operation "Lifeline". The Chairman and C-in-C then reviewed the various corridors with Mr Grant. These corridors include: (1) the railroad route to Aweil; (2) the Nile barges route to Malakal and from there to Nasir; (3) the road to Wau through Raga; (4) the Uganda-Nimule-Torit road; (5) the Uganda-Nimule-Juba road; (6) the Uganda-Ikotos-Torit road; (7) the Kenya-Kapoeta-Torit road; (8) the Kenya-Kapoeta-Torit-Juba road; (9) the Uganda-Kaya-Yei-Juba road; (10) possibilities through Ethiopia and; (11) air routes in general.

Of these 11 possible corridors the Chairman and C-in-C, Comrade John Garang de Mabior, assured Mr Grant that there should be no difficulty on seven of them, on corridors

numbers one, two, four, five, six, seven and eight as above, but difficulties are likely to be encountered on the remaining four possible corridors.

These are: (a) the road to Wau through Raga. This road is heavily mined and is a contested road. (b) Similarly, the Uganda-Kaya-Yei, Juba road is heavily mined and is a contested road. (c) With respect to routes through Ethiopia, there are simply no roads from western Ethiopia to southern Sudan. During the dry season vehicles move across country. Now the rains have started and the SPLM-SPLA Chairman and C-in-C, therefore, ruled out this possibility as impractical. Instead, he urged the UN and other concerned relief organisations to increase services to the more than 300,000 Sudanese refugees in western Ethiopia and to stockpile supplies in the refugee camps as they become cut off from the rest of Ethiopia during the rains.

(d) With respect to air routes, the SPLM/SPLA chairman and C-in-C, Comrade John Garang de Mabior, said this will need to be discussed on a case by case basis since the SPLM/SPLA has no way of monitoring. With the rail, barges and roads (?which) pass through SPLA areas, relief supplies for the population in SPLA areas will be dropped off along these routes. But with the air routes this was (?difficult). However, the Chairman and C-in-C did not rule out air routes. Only verification procedures need to be worked out. In these and all other matters Cdr Lam Akol Ajawin will work out details.

The SPLM/SPLA Chairman and C-in-C, Comrade John Garang de Mabior, expressed satisfaction and felt that maximum use of the agreed corridors would enable Operation "Lifeline Sudan" to successfully accomplish its humanitarian mission to deliver badly needed relief to all affected areas of southern Sudan. The Chairman and C-in-C assured Mr Grant that the movement will do all it can to facilitate the work and success of Operation "Lifeline Sudan", and in this connection the Chairman and C-in-C, Comrade John Garang de Mabior, complimented, despite differences, the government of Prime Minister Sadiq al-Mahdi for their co-operation in Operation "Lifeline Sudan" and, on this, the movement will find ways and means to make it easier for the government to assist operation "Lifeline Sudan".

The meeting ended on very positive notes from both sides and all expressed optimism that Operation "Lifeline Sudan" is already succeeding and all pledged to do whatever is necessary to make Operation "Lifeline Sudan" 100 per cent successful. The Chairman and C-in-C, SPLM/SPLA, Comrade John Garang de Mabior, assured Mr Grant that the relief operation should be open-ended instead of the one month people talked about. As long as people are in need, the movement will facilitate relief to reach them wherever they are. The meeting ended with a very warm handshake and pictures taken.

[Note: Suna (in Arabic 1400 gmt 25 Apr 89) reported: (Excerpt) Khartoum, 24th April [date as received]: The Executive Director of UNICEF, Mr James Grant, who is the UN Secretary-General's representative in charge of the emergency relief operation, Lifeline, will return to Khartoum on 10th May to brief the Prime Minister on his meeting this week with SPLM Chairman, John Garang, at Kongor [600

miles south of Khartoum in Upper Nile region] in the south. This was disclosed by the relief co-ordinator, Mr (?Brian Onup) who said that Grant's meeting with Garang touched on the difficulties facing the relief operation. Onup said that Grant communicated [words indistinct] the government's concern over the relief operation and spoke about its efforts to achieve peace in the country. Grant also said that the Prime Minister, Mr Sadiq al-Mahdi, believed that the movement's current military operations and its hostile broadcasts are harmful to relief operations, the peace efforts and the convening of the constitutional conference. . . ]

### SUDAN: IN BRIEF

**UN starts sending relief to Torit** (*Excerpt*) Nairobi, 24th April: The UN has started sending in food relief to the town of Torit (in Equatoria province) from Uganda after the suspension of the transport of foodstuff to Kapoeta through Kenya due to last week's attack by unknown people on a relief convoy between Torit and Kopoeta. Aircraft have already started flying in the 1,000 t of food relief to reach southern Sudan before 30th May, while lorries are already bringing food relief into Torit from Kampala.

Mr Diane Wethers [as received] an information official of Operation Lifeline told Suna that the emergency operations through Kenya would resume next week, from Lokichoggio (northern Kenya) through Pibor and Pochala (southern Sudan). . . (*Suna in French 1545 gmt 24 Apr 89*)

**Prime Minister criticises Islamic Front demonstrations** (*Excerpt*) Khartoum, 23rd April: Sudan's Prime Minister Sadiq al-Mahdi stated today that the issue of Islamic Shaari'ah, which the National Islamic Front is demanding be applied in Sudan, was settled by the Sudanese constituent assembly. Commenting on the demonstrations being organised by the National Islamic Front, he said that any attempt to open other fronts like this will harm the national public interest. He said that any act that disturbs security will be contained. . . (*MENA in Arabic 1417 gmt 23 Apr 89*)

(*Excerpt*) Khartoum, 23rd April: During its five-hour meeting today under Prime Minister Sadiq al-Mahdi, the Sudanese Council of Ministers heard a report from Interior Minister Mubarak Abdullah al-Fadil and the capital's mayor, Majdhub Talkhah, on the demonstrations that the National Islamic Front (NIF) staged for the past 10 days and the incidents that accompanied these demonstrations, which harm the public interest and almost led to sectarian sedition in the country. The Council of Ministers appealed to all citizens and political forces to exercise self-restraint and not to respond to the NIF marches. This way, they will maintain the unity of the internal front; maintain the homeland's safety, security, and stability; and continue the peace process with southern Sudan. . . (*MENA in Arabic 1638 gmt 23 Apr 89*)

**Delegation visits Egypt to explain latest developments on south** (*Excerpt*) Cairo, 24th April: A delegation representing the Sudanese parties led by former Foreign Minister Muhammad Tawfiq arrived in Cairo this afternoon. Upon the Sudanese delegation's arrival, Muhammad Tawfiq

said that he brought a message for President Husni Mubarak from Ahmad al-Mirghani, head of the Sudanese State Council. The head of the Sudanese delegation said the delegation would meet a number of senior Egyptian officials to explain the recent developments in Sudan, which led to the emergence of the national front government under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Sadiq al-Mahdi. Regarding the situation in southern Sudan, Muhammad Tawfiq said that the Sudanese government is waiting for a "written response" from John Garang's movement in the south after it was officially informed by the Sudanese ministerial peace committee, which visited Addis Ababa recently, of the Sudanese government's approving the peace initiative for the south. He said that after the response is received, another meeting will be held with Garang's movement to agree on the details pertaining to the date for convening the Sudanese national constitutional conference and to agree on its agenda. . . (*MENA in Arabic 2040 gmt 24 Apr 89*)

**Southern Council responsibilities allocated** (*ME/0438 A/8 - Text of poorly-received item*) The Southern Council yesterday at 1030 held its first meeting in which a number of issues were discussed, including the distribution of ministerial [as heard] portfolios. These were allocated as follows:

Angelo Beda, Chairman of the Southern Council; David Bol, Minister of Police and Administration; Sapana Jambo, Minister of Finance; Dr Toby Maduot, Minister of Health and Relief Affairs; Johannes Yor [Akol] Minister of Information, Relief, Public Service and official spokesman of the Council; Uthwan Dak, Minister of Agriculture; Fr Nereo Lope, Minister of Commerce and Supply; Joseph Wol Modesto, Minister of Education; Joseph Okello, Minister of Transport;

Advisers to the council are: Paul Oth [Jok], adviser for [words indistinct] affairs; Anthony Leju adviser [words indistinct]; (?Manawah) Aligo Danga, adviser for economic [words indistinct] (*Omdurman home service 2243 gmt 24 Apr 89*)

**Armed forces claim destruction of SPLA camp** (*Text*) Khartoum, 22nd April: Eighty-five rebels were killed in an attack launched on Friday [21st April] by the Sudanese armed forces against a rebel camp at Watt in Upper Nile province. According to an armed forces general command communique issued in Khartoum on Saturday, the camp was completely destroyed. Two Sudanese soldiers were wounded in the attack, the communique added. (*Suna in French 1550 gmt 22 Apr 89*)