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Airline Pilots Federation Will Pressure Algeria To Return Passengers, Crew, Plane

LONDON, July 25 (JTA)--The International Federation of Airline Pilots Association will attempt this week to apply pressure to the Algerian Government for the release of 12 Israeli passengers and 10 crew members of a hijacked \$6 million El Al airliner being confined in Algeria. The Association told the JTA that the two emissaries, leaving for Algeria on Friday, will tell authorities there bluntly that if the pilots and passengers are not released forthwith, Algeria would be boycotted by federation members -- in other words, international airlines would not be able to fly to Algeria. The emissaries will be Capt. J.J. O'Grady of Ireland, Association vice president, and Capt. O.L.A. Forsberg, a Finnish pilot who is a member of the Association council. Algerian pilots do not belong to the Association, but Israeli pilots do.

London newspapers, meanwhile, carried strong editorials today demanding an end to air piracy. The Daily Express said instant international action must be taken to end hijacking and said Algeria's airline, Air Algerie, should be banned from every airport within jurisdiction of governments who supported the International Air Transport Association (IATA). "The airlines of any nation failing to cooperate in this should also have their membership of IATA ended and should be denied landing rights," the Express asserted, adding that there is no question of tolerating protracted negotiations in order to put right a "gross violation of international law."

(Meanwhile, the Israeli Government continued using every available diplomatic means to get the passengers, crew and plane out of Algeria. She reportedly was seeking aid through Britain, Holland, Belgium, Denmark and Switzerland. France turned down her request for intercession. There is hope in Government circles that these countries would suspend air service to Algeria if she refuses to free the Israelis and the plane.)

(Algeria was ready to release the five women -- including two hostesses -- and children who were aboard the airliner, according to a report received in Washington.)

Tekoah Confers With Dr. Bunche; Setback To Peace Seen

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., July 25 (JTA)--The United Nations continued today to be a focus of efforts by Israel to obtain the release from Algeria of the Israeli passengers, crew and El Al airliner hijacked Tuesday by Palestinian Arabs. Israel UN Ambassador Yosef Tekoah conferred on the problem today with Dr. Ralph Bunche, Undersecretary-General for Special Political Affairs, who is acting on behalf of vacationing Secretary-General U Thant. The latter is being kept informed of developments on the hijack question, an Israeli source said today. It was reported that Mr. Thant believes that all the UN resources have not yet been exhausted in helping to get the airplane back.

The Israeli source said that Mr. Bunche, as well as members of the Security Council, expressed concern that the hijack episode may cause a setback to Middle East peace-seeking efforts. Dr. Bunche reportedly expressed concern that Israel might call a Security Council meeting on the hijacking issue and that the consequences of the meeting might adversely affect the peace mission of UN special envoy Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring, who is continuing his mission at UN headquarters.

Dr. Bunche is also keeping in constant contact with the Algerian mission, headed by Ambassador Tewfik Bouattoura, who is this month's Security Council president. When Dr. Bunche and Mr. Bouattoura conferred yesterday, the Algerian reportedly delivered a statement which Algerian Foreign Minister Abdelaziz Bouteflika made in Paris yesterday.

"It is normal that Algeria wait to determine the ins and outs of this affair before defining its position. Algeria is a sovereign nation and respects international morality. It is this morality which will write an end to this affair," Mr. Bouattoura reportedly said, denying that Algeria was involved in diverting the flight.

The Israeli source said that Mr. Thant believes that every day that passes without a solution of the hijacking affair worsens the situation. While conferring with Dr. Bunche, Mr. Tekoah also expressed Israel's concern about the situation in Biafra, conveying to him information about a Knesset resolution, passed Wednesday, urging international action to end the suffering of the Biafrans. Mr. Tekoah suggested that Mr. Thant convene the heads of appropriate UN agencies and functioning committees to help aid the Biafrans. Mr. Tekoah told Dr. Bunche that Israel's interest in the starving Biafrans -- whose plight stems from the civil war with Nigeria -- is a matter of "humanitarian" concern in Israel especially in light of Israel's experience with genocide during World War II.

There have been no changes in this week's El Al's timetable of flights despite the airline's loss of one of its key planes, an El Al spokesman told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in Israel today. According to the spokesman, it's "business as usual." There have been no noticeable cancellations and the Israel airline is using chartered planes to cope with its "highest ever" volume of traffic to and from Israel, the official stated.

Italy Not Taking Firm Position On Location Of Plane When Pirated

ROME, July 25 (JTA)--Although it was not yet certain exactly where the hijacking of the El Al plane en route to Israel took place Tuesday, sources in Rome stated today that "it is more than probable that it was over Italy." The Italian Foreign Ministry reportedly said it believed the act took place outside Italian air space, but was apparently not sure — or at least adamant — about its position. The Foreign Ministry did affirm that it was "not impossible" it would intervene in the dispute "as friends both of Algeria and of Israel."

Israeli Government sources reportedly have determined to their satisfaction that the plane was seized while still in Italian air space. If so, the sources say, the hijackers would be liable to prosecution in Italian courts and the Government of Algeria liable as an accessory to the act. It was reported that authorities in Rome assume that the plans for the hijacking of the El Al Boeing were laid there, and a thorough investigation of the incident is being demanded by the press and public figures.

Israeli, With Austrian Passport, Ate Picture Showing Him With Dayan

TEL AVIV, July 25 (JTA)--An Israeli passenger on the hijacked El Al Boeing on its way to Lydda Airport, who was among those flown to Paris from the Algiers airport because he had kept an Austrian passport, described here today how he had quietly eaten piecemeal during the flight to Algiers a picture of him and Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Dayan which he feared would cause his detention.

Dr. Jacob Low of Zichron Yaacov had been on his way home from Tokyo where he had attended an international conference. After the Arab terrorists took control of the airliner over Italy, Dr. Low began eating the photograph and managed to finish the "meal" before the plane was landed at Algiers airport. Because of the Austrian passport, Algerian officials considered Dr. Low a foreign national and released him. He flew back to Israel this morning.

Dr. Low related that the passengers who were flown to Paris saw the crew of the Boeing 707 for the last time when the crew members passed by near a window of the room in which the departing passengers were held. He asked one of the crew whether Israel knew about the hijacking and added that one of the hostesses nodded. He also reported that the passengers and crew had been divided into three groups by their Algerian captors — the crew, Israelis and holders of foreign passports.

Israeli officials said an examination of the Boeing's manifest and passenger list indicated that three of the passengers were unaccounted for and that they presumably were the hijackers.

One was named Fazal, who had an India passport. Another was named Shimiyou, with an Iranian passport, and the third was named Gachkoob with an India or Iranian passport. Officials said that it appeared that at least one of the three was a former resident of Jaffa. The terrorist who captured the plane's cockpit was reportedly a Syrian Air Force officer.

See Nasser Taking Position That His Forces Not Ready For Another War With Israel

LONDON, July 25 (JTA)--Egyptian President Nasser's warning to his Arab followers at home and throughout the Arab world to exercise patience so that a victory over Israel would be won "in the end" was believed today to reflect his apparent belief that his military forces were not ready for another war now and would not be ready for some time.

Mr. Nasser told King Hussein of Jordan that the Egyptian armed forces would not be completely rebuilt from their shattering defeat in the 1967 Six-Day War and ready for a new battle with Israel, according to a New York Times report from Cairo. The Times report cited "unconfirmed" information that when Mr. Nasser was in Moscow this month, Soviet leaders told him it would take as much as five years to prepare the Egyptian military machine for another war with Israel.

(The Nasser speech was described in Tel Aviv last night by Israel Defense Minister Moshe Dayan as having made it clear that Israel's alternatives were not "territory or war" but "war or peace." Gen. Dayan also told the meeting of army industrial workers that the Nasser speech, made to his Arab Socialist Union Party, constituted "the most extreme expression" of the severity of the Arab-Israel struggle.)

Israeli Planes Drive Off Three Egyptian MIGs That Penetrated Sinai Peninsula

TEL AVIV, July 25 (JTA)--Israeli Air Force planes today drove off three Egyptian MIGs which penetrated the Sinai Peninsula at the Israeli-held Suez Canal. All Israeli planes returned safely to base.

Harry S Truman Peace Center Board Of Trustees Holds Inaugural Meeting

JERUSALEM, July 25 (JTA)--The 15-member Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Center for the Advancement of Peace held its inaugural meeting here today to lay down the constitutional framework for the center, which is expected to open sometime next year under Hebrew University auspices.

Members of the board include former Ambassador Avraham Harman, President of Hebrew University; Prof. Nathan Rotenstreich, university rector; Samuel Rothberg, chairman of its Board of Governors; and Arthur J. Goldberg, former United States Supreme Court Justice and Ambassador to the United Nations.

Other board members include Louis H. Boyar, Gen. Nathaniel Goldstein, Philip Klutznick, Max M. Low, Joseph Mazer, David Noyes, and Abraham Wechsler of the U.S., and from Israel, David Horowitz and Ernst D. Bergman, Don Patinkin, and Zvi Werblowsky.

Tekoah Says Legal Experts Doubt Juridical Validity Of UN Resolutions On Middle East

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., July 25 (JTA)--Legal authorities on international affairs have begun to express doubts about the juridical validity of United Nations resolutions on the Arab-Israel conflict, according to Yosef Tekoah, Israel's UN Ambassador.

These authorities have also expressed doubt about the "moral and political import" of such resolutions, he said, adding that the authorities "point out that many of the resolutions on the Middle East situation lack in equity and fail to take into consideration Israel's legitimate interests and rights."

These statements were made by Mr. Tekoah in a speech delivered this week in Washington at a dinner of the American Friends of the Hebrew University. The speech was delivered on his behalf by Mrs. Tekoah because the Ambassador was obliged to stay in New York to deal with the El Al hijacking issue.

Mr. Tekoah made the point that the pursuit of peace in the Middle East depends not only on a permanent balance of arms between Israel and the Arab states but also upon a "moratorium on General Assembly and Security Council debates and decisions concerning the Israel-Arab problem...as long as Israel is denied in the UN the right of full equality with other member states."

Mr. Tekoah observed that the international law specialists said the UN resolutions did not treat Israel equally or consider her "legitimate interests and rights" in "the past" and are not likely to do so in the "future."

"It is obvious, for instance, that a resolution which would deny Israel the right to end the 20-year Arab war by a treaty of peace, or insist that Israel should surrender to the Arab boycott and acquiesce in the Arab refusal to negotiate with it on the basis of equality, would be devoid of legal effect," he said.

Mr. Tekoah asserted that "for some years now Israel has been deprived of the basic right of UN members — the right to equality. Barred by Arab pressure from elected office in the General Assembly, deprived of its right of representation on the Security Council, Israel's interests have frequently been unceremoniously dismissed as a result of Arab numerical pressure and the Soviet veto. "The Security Council, for instance, has reached a point at which it has become incapable of censuring even the murder of Israeli civilians by Arab attackers," he said. It is these circumstances, he said, that have lead international law authorities to question the "juridical validity" of UN resolutions.

If Israel cannot ensure a "full balance of arms," the Arab states, Mr. Tekoah said, "might become encouraged in the thought that the time has come for another round in the war against Israel. In any event they would be encouraged in their hostility toward Israel and strengthened in their refusal to make peace with us. "This would happen also if Israel were confronted by inimical international action," he said, alluding to the Arab strength at the UN that enables it to muster effective anti-Israel support and action. Only agreement between the parties to the Middle East conflict can bring peace about, Mr. Tekoah said. "Debates in the UN organs and resolutions adopted by them have tended to deepen the conflict and heighten the tension."

Dutch Auschwitz Committee Protests Release Of S.S. General Wilhelm Harster

AMSTERDAM, July 25 (JTA)--The Dutch Auschwitz Committee has formally protested to West German Chancellor Kurt Georg Kiesinger against the release last week of former S.S. General Wilhelm Harster. Gen. Harster, 63, who was chief of Hitler's Holland security policy during World War II, was sentenced Feb. 24, 1967 to 15 years at hard labor for his role in the deportation and eventual deaths of some 82,454 Dutch Jews, among them Anne Frank, the 15-year-old girl whose diary of her days in hiding became world famous.

Gen. Harster was freed under a law which allows release after two-thirds of a sentence was served. Although Gen. Harster had formally served only a little more than a year, a Munich court judge accepted as time served the eight years Gen. Harster had been held before sentencing in 1967.

Argentine Rightist Leader Says Would Hang Jewish Leaders If He Could

BUENOS AIRES, July 25 (JTA)--A threat of hanging for two Argentine Jewish leaders was made in an article today in the weekly "Panorama" by Augusto Moscoso, leader of the right-wing extremists Guardia Restauradora Nacionalista. The rightist leader was quoted as declaring that "if some day I am able to influence this Government, I assure you that the least I will do is hanging in the Plaza de Mayor Isaac Goldenberg and Leon Perez." Dr. Goldenberg is president of the DAIA, the representative central body of Argentine Jewry. Mr. Perez is an Argentine Zionist leader. The plaza is a square in front of the Government House.

World Jewish Congress Voted Consultative Role In UNESCO

PARIS, July 25 (JTA)--The World Jewish Congress was elected to membership in the standing committee of international non-governmental organizations in consultative relation with UNESCO at the organization's 11th conference here. Dr. F.L. Brassloff, legal advisor of the WJCongress' Geneva office, represented his organization.

British Jewish Board Asks Jewish Aid To Colored Groups In Britain

LONDON, July 25 (JTA)--A resolution to "extend the participation of the Jewish community in the integration and welfare of the colored people in this country" was adopted at a conference of leading Jewish organizations convened here by the Board of Deputies of British Jews.

Senate Unit's Amendment Urges Sale Of 'Supersonic' Jets To Israel, Omits Phantoms

WASHINGTON, July 25 (JTA)--The Senate Foreign Relations Committee today incorporated into the Foreign Aid Bill an amendment calling upon the President to sell supersonic planes to the State of Israel. The action, in response to State Department pressure, eliminated a House-approved amendment to the bill which called upon the President to sell 50 Phantom jet fighter-bombers to Israel.

The new wording stated that "it is the sense of the Congress that the President should take such steps as may be necessary as soon as practicable...to negotiate an agreement with the Government of Israel providing for the sale by the United States of such number of supersonic planes as may be necessary to provide Israel with an adequate deterrent force capable of preventing future Arab aggression by offsetting sophisticated weapons received by the Arab states and to replace losses suffered by Israel in the 1967 conflict."

Although the substitute wording eliminated reference to the Phantom jet fighter-bombers, it did refer specifically to "supersonic" aircraft. The Douglas Skyhawk jets provided to Israel under a previous agreement are subsonic and obsolescent. No supersonic military jets have been sold to Israel by the U.S.

The substitution had the effect of lessening the strength of the House wording which said that the President "shall" sell the Phantoms to Israel. The new phrasing indicated to the Executive Department, however, that the Congress wanted the President to provide supersonic jets to Israel at an early date. The measure added momentum to the campaign for the sale of the 50 Phantoms sought by Israel.

Czechs To Celebrate Jewish Millenium; Prague Considering Establishing Ties With Israel

WASHINGTON, July 25 (JTA)--Czechoslovakia plans a festive celebration of the 1,000th anniversary of Jewish settlement and is considering resumption of diplomatic relations with Israel, Czech diplomats today indicated to Washington correspondent, Milton Friedman, of the JTA.

The Embassy of Czechoslovakia, in an apparent display of a new, independent policy toward the world Jewish community, invited the JTA correspondent to a diplomatic reception tendered by Ambassador Karel Duda. It was the first time since June 5, 1967, when the Six-Day War erupted, that a JTA representative was invited to any Communist nation's Embassy reception.

Czech diplomats indicated their desire for friendly relations between their country and world Jewry. While cautious responses were given on the possible resumption of ties with Israel, the Czechs suggested that the matter was under active consideration. Soviet diplomats at the reception noted the presence of the JTA correspondent. The Russians have insisted on a rigid anti-Israel policy by the Communist bloc nations.

Assail Appointment Of Negro, Who Attacked Jews, To New York University Position

NEW YORK, July 25 (JTA)--Two Jewish organizations denounced today the appointment of John Hatchett by New York University as director of a new student center. Mr. Hatchett is a former Harlem school teacher who charged last November that Negro pupils in New York City public schools were being "mentally poisoned" by Jews. The criticisms were made in separate statements by the American Jewish Committee and the American Jewish Congress, the latter organization urging the university to reconsider the appointment.

The New York chapter of the American Jewish Committee protested the appointment in a telegram to Chancellor Alan Cartter. The university announced that Mr. Hatchett had been named director of the Martin Luther King Jr. Afro-American Student Center. The AJCommittee said that "a man who, in his public statements appeals to racial and religious hatreds," sullied his credentials and the institution and also "the memory" of Dr. King.

David Haber, chairman of the AJCongress Metropolitan Council, urged the Chancellor to reconsider the appointment, declaring it would be a "tragedy" if the center was placed under direction of "a person who has attacked Jews as a race." The former Harlem teacher declared in an article in the Afro-Asian Teachers Forum that Jews "dominate and control the educational bureaucracy of the New York public school system and their power-starved imitators, the black Anglo-Saxons."

Edward M.M. Warburg Named Head Of Fund Honoring Memory Of Charles H. Jordan

NEW YORK, July 25 (JTA)--Edward M. M. Warburg, former chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, has been named head of the Charles H. Jordan Memorial Fund in honor of the late executive vice chairman of the JDC who was found dead in Prague last year, while on vacation, Louis Broldo, JDC chairman announced today.

Mr. Jordan's body was found mysteriously in the Vltava River in Prague on Aug. 20, 1967 and the circumstances of his death are still being investigated. According to Mr. Warburg, the Memorial Fund will provide scholarships and fellowships in the fields of social work and communal organization mainly, in connection with the Paul Baerwald School of Social Work in Jerusalem and related disciplines at the Hebrew University.

Isaac Shalom Dead At 80; Aided Jewish Children In Moslem Countries

NEW YORK, July 25 (JTA)--Isaac Shalom, a leader in many phases of Jewish philanthropic work, especially ones relating to Jews of the Moslem countries of North Africa and the Middle East, died here yesterday at the age of 80. He was a Brooklyn resident. He was active in the Ozar Hatorah movement which has provided educational facilities for some 20,000 Jewish children in Moslem countries.