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## Eban To Visit Paris For Talks; Mirage Delivery Deadlock Believed On Agenda

JERUSALEM, Aug. 25 (JTA)--Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban will visit Paris at the end of this month for talks with French Cabinet members, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said tonight. This will be the first visit by an Israeli Cabinet member to France since just before the 1967 June war when Mr. Eban reportedly sought to enlist France's backing for a possible Israeli strike to reopen the Tiran Straits which were blocked by Egypt in May.

Relations between France and Israel, which had been close in preceeding years, deteriorated almost overnight when the 1967 war erupted and President Charles de Gaulle announced France was suspending plans to deliver Mirage jet planes which Israel had contracted and later paid for, and which remain undelivered. The issue of the planes was expected to be one of the main items in the Paris talks, sources said. Diplomatic sources indicated that Mr. Eban may see Prime Minister Maurice Couve de Murville but nothing was known about any Eban meeting with Gen. de Gaulle. Political observers here have noted that French official statements directed against Israel have been less vehement in tone than in previous months. The Paris visit was arranged through diplomatic channels and also was based in part on Mr. Eban's conversations with other European foreign ministers in recent months.

## Four Israeli Soldiers, Four Civilians Injured In New Jordan Shooting

TEL AVIV, Aug. 25 (JTA)--Four Israeli soldiers were wounded and four civilians were injured in a day-long artillery duel between Israeli and Jordanian forces in the Beisan area which ended at sundown today. The fighting climaxed the third successive day of sharp duels between Israelis and Jordanians across the cease-fire demarcation line in which both sides used machine guns, mortars, tanks and field artillery. A military spokesman said that Israeli artillery had delivered a heavy blow to Jordanian positions. He also reported that Jordanian fire had damaged the electric system of Ashdot Yaacov as well as a number of buildings. The settlers were forced to remain in bomb shelters throughout the day. Observers saw smoke rising from the Jordanian positions.

According to Israeli military announcements, the Jordanians started the week-end fire fight late Thursday afternoon with a mortar attack on Israeli units in the Neveh Ur area. Israeli return fire silenced their positions but the mortar attack was resumed at around midnight against Maoz Chaim, again drawing Israeli return fire. Another Jordanian attack was reported at about the same time against Kfar Ruppin and Ashdot Yaacov. The Jordanians resumed firing Friday morning, aiming at the Yardenia area. Intermittent attacks continued through Saturday. Israeli gunners scored direct hits on Jordanian positions in Haharayim, Shiekh Houssein, Manshiyeh and the Shiekh Mouhamed agricultural school which Jordanian soldiers had turned into a base.

## Israeli Planes Shower Jordan Towns With Leaflet Warnings To Terrorists

TEL AVIV, Aug. 25 (JTA)--Israeli aircraft dropped leaflets over Jordanian territory yesterday morning which warned terrorists to drop their arms and urged the civilian population to refuse to cooperate with guerrilla bands and thus avoid exposing itself to retaliation by Israeli forces. The leaflets were first reported by Amman radio which announced that the Government had instructed its United Nations representative to lodge a complaint with the Security Council against Israel's violation of Jordanian air space. The leaflet flights were confirmed by Israeli authorities today.

The leaflets which dropped in a paper shower over Amman and other Jordanian towns noted pointedly that they could easily have been bombs. Those addressed to terrorists training on Jordanian soil claimed they were being used as pawns by the Arab Government and warned that 400 guerrillas have been killed by Israeli forces since the end of the Six-Day War. The marauders were further warned that if they wanted to stay alive they must discard their arms and extend their hands in peace. Jordanian civilians were told in the leaflets that saboteurs had taken refuge in their midst because the people of the West Bank refused to cooperate with them.

## London Sources Say Talks To Release El Al Plane, Passengers Near Agreement

LONDON, Aug. 25 (JTA)--Diplomatic sources here said over the weekend that Algeria and mediators acting for Israel were near agreement on release of the hijacked El Al airliner and the still detained 12 Israeli passengers and crew members. The sources said that the release of the plane and the Israelis could be expected soon because mediation moves, conducted mainly by Italy, were nearing a successful close.

(Foreign Minister Abba Eban reported to the Cabinet in Jerusalem today on Israel's continuing efforts to obtain release of the plane and the 12 Israelis, but the Government spokesman declined to give any details. Contacts continued to be mainly through United Nations Secretary-General U Thant. No news has been received on the issue from Algeria and Government sources said all they knew about a French crew having examined the hijacked airliner was from press reports.)

(In Washington, it was reported from Algiers that Air France technicians had been permitted to service the hijacked airliner and that it was now in flying condition.)

(In Los Angeles, Yosef Saphir, Israeli Minister Without Portfolio, told a press conference that the 12 Israeli crew members and passengers of the hijacked airliner would soon be returned to Israel but that the Algerians would probably keep the El Al airliner. Asked about precautions taken by Israel against similar hijacking of airliners in the future, the visiting Liberal party leader said steps were being taken to safeguard Israeli pilots and passengers but declined to give any details.)

### **Soviets Reported Moving More Air, Naval Units To Mediterranean**

CHICAGO, Aug. 25 (JTA)--Authoritative Administrative sources arriving here for the Democratic National Convention reported today that Soviet Russia was moving additional naval and air units to the Eastern Mediterranean, presumably to be based in Egypt. The sources indicated that Washington believed the move could have ramifications in the Middle East crisis although it was ostensibly directed against Yugoslavia which supported the liberal regime of deposed Czech Communist Party chief Alexander Dubcek and has denounced the Soviet occupation of Czechoslovakia.

Leading Democratic senators briefed by President Johnson and others in recent days acknowledged here that Washington was deeply concerned with these developments. But, they indicated, the Administration's initial response appears to be to avoid a confrontation by ruling out closer U.S. identification with Israel which Secretary of State Dean Rusk believes would cause an automatic alignment of all Arab states behind Russia and shatter U.S. diplomacy throughout the Moslem world. One prominent senator said that the chance of White House action on the sale of F-4 Phantom jets to Israel was injured rather than improved by the new mood of United States caution arising from the Czech crisis.

### **Report Israelis In Czechoslovakia Having No Trouble Leaving**

JERUSALEM, Aug. 25 (JTA)--Foreign Ministry sources said today that Israeli citizens in Czechoslovakia have been free to leave since the Soviet occupation and that many have done so without difficulty. Israel's interests in Czechoslovakia, with which it has had no diplomatic ties since the June 1967 war, are handled by Sweden. The Swedish Embassy in Tel Aviv reported today that no Israeli citizen had sought Swedish help in Prague. The sources also said that Czech nationals stranded in Israel — Jewish and non-Jewish — were welcome to remain during the crisis, even if their visas have expired, but added that no applications had been received for visa extensions. Israel's position on the Soviet takeover was contrasted with Egyptian, Syrian and Iraqi support of the invasion.

A scheduled weekend meeting at Kfar Massaryk, near Haifa, of stranded Czechs was transformed into a mass demonstration of Israeli solidarity with the Czech cause when 500 Israelis joined the 60 Czechs at the gathering. The Czechs set up a bureau at Kibbutz Shomrat in western Galilee, another settlement developed by settlers from Czechoslovakia, to facilitate aid to the new refugees. A Jewish Agency absorption department representative promised all Czechs who decided to remain until they could return safely to their homeland that they would be cared for and get housing and jobs if necessary.

### Histadrut, World Jewish Congress Express Solidarity With Czechs

GENEVA, Aug. 25 (JTA)--Israel's labor movement expressed today its solidarity with the people of Soviet-occupied Czechoslovakia. Aharon Becker, secretary general of the Histadrut, Israel's labor federation, sent a plea to the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions to "alarm and arouse the free labor movement and world public opinion" for the return of freedom to Czechoslovakia. The World Jewish Congress made a similar appeal for Czech independence.

Mr. Becker's message, which carried the endorsement of the Histadrut Executive Committee, was one of numerous expressions of sympathy for the Czech people, and abhorrence of the Soviet act, to come from Jewish leaders. Dr. Nahum Goldmann, speaking for the World Jewish Congress of which he is president, issued a statement "to the people of Czechoslovakia" informing them of "the sense of shock and profound sympathy felt by Jews at the tragedy which once again has befallen their country." The WJC message recalled the suffering of the Czechoslovakian people under the Nazi occupation and said, in that connection, "the Jewish people note with particular indignation the employment of East German troops among the present invaders of Czechoslovakia!"

Mr. Becker's message also appealed to "the peoples of the Soviet Union and their workers to extend their hands to a policy of sincere coexistence that will ensure peace, independence and prosperity to humanity."

### U.S. Jewish Groups Denounce Invasion, Demand Soviet Pullout From Czechoslovakia

NEW YORK, Aug. 25 (JTA)--The Soviet bloc takeover of Czechoslovakia was condemned today in statements by B'nai B'rith, the Synagogue Council of America and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

In a telegram to President Johnson commanding U.S. Government action in bringing the crisis before the United Nations, B'nai B'rith president Dr. William A. Wexler said that "in the melancholy" of the invasion there was also visible in the Czech resistance "the unyielding persistence of man's determination" to be free. Rabbi Jacob Rudin, SCA president, said in a statement issued jointly with the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and the National Council of Churches that the invasion made mandatory "a voice of protest." The UAHC called the invasion a setback to world peace hopes.

## Nablus Arab Women Hold March Backing East Jerusalem Victims Of Rioting

JERUSALEM, Aug. 25 (JTA)--About 200 Arab women marched through Nablus yesterday in a demonstration of solidarity with East Jerusalem Arab residents who were the targets of Jewish mobs reacting to the Aug. 18 grenade explosions which injured 10 Israelis in downtown Jerusalem. The women carried placards demanding the release of Arabs arrested in connection with the grenade incidents and also protested the Jewish settlement of the West Bank regions of Samaria and Judeaea. The march was generally peaceful but warning shots were fired when the women started to converge on the military government compound. The marchers then went to the town hall to present their petition to Mayor Hamdi Canaan with the request that he submit it to the military governor.

Leaders of East Jerusalem Arabs cancelled a rally planned for Friday in protest against the riots. The cancellation followed a meeting between Arab leaders and Israeli police and security officials. Virtually all East Jerusalem merchants kept their shops closed Thursday in what amounted to a general strike protesting the mob action against East Jerusalemites. That action was deplored in a joint statement issued Friday by seven Israeli political parties. The statement warned that the mobs who invaded East Jerusalem beating up Arabs and smashing windows were playing into the hands of organized saboteurs and terrorists who want to disrupt Arab-Jewish co-existence in unified Jerusalem. Signatories of the statement were the Israel Labor Party, Gahal, the Liberal-Herut alignment, Mapam, the Independent Liberal Party, the Israel Communist Party, the National Religious Party and the Agudat Israel.

## Cabinet Decides To Allow Three Orthodox Jews To Remain In Hebron

JERUSALEM, Aug. 25 (JTA)--The three Jewish settlers in Hebron whose residence permits had been revoked by the military governor for disobeying his orders will be allowed to remain, the Cabinet decided today.

Defense Minister Moshe Dayan, who had approved the original expulsion order, proposed that the settlers be allowed to stay after they sent a letter of apology to him and pledged that in the future they would obey all orders of the military government while proceeding with what they regard as their main obligation: reestablishing a Jewish settlement in Hebron and building a yeshiva there.

The basis question of settling Hebron, part of the territory assumed as a result of the Six-Day War, June, 1967 war, is still to be decided by the Cabinet, government spokesmen stressed.

## HIAS Disputes Claim Of Egypt Chief Rabbi That 500 Arrested Jews Released

NEW YORK, Aug. 25 (JTA)--The United Hias Service disputed today a statement attributed to the Chief Rabbi of Egypt, Haim Douek, that the 500 Egyptian Jews arrested in the aftermath of the Six-Day War all have been released. According to Gaynor I. Jacobson, executive vice president of the world-wide migration service, there are still an estimated 250 prisoners being held in the Tourah prison near Cairo. This information, he said, had been substantiated by the International Red Cross.

Rabbi Douek's statement appeared in a recent edition of the North African weekly magazine "Jeune Afrique," published in Paris. According to Mr. Jacobson's information the prisoners were being released regularly until Dec. 15, 1967 and since then only five have been released. It is not clear why the Egyptian authorities stopped freeing the prisoners, he said, adding that in many cases, the wives and children of the prisoners still live in Cairo and Alexandria.

More than 1,000 Egyptian Jews have been helped by Hias to resettle since the Six-Day War. Just last Saturday 39 arrived at the port of Piraeus, Greece. They were en route to Italy and from there will join relatives in Western countries, the Hias official said. There are less than 1,500 Jews left in Egypt; before the 1956 Suez crisis there were 80,000.

## U.S. Seeks To Revoke Citizenship Of N.Y. Woman Who Hid Nazi Past

NEW YORK, Aug. 25 (JTA)--The Justice Department has moved to revoke the American citizenship of a Queens housewife identified by Nazi-hunter Simon Wiesenthal as a former member of the SS who served as a wartime supervisor in two Nazi death camps. A denaturalization application, which could lead to deportation, was filed in Federal District Court in Brooklyn. It charged that Mrs. Russell Ryan of Maspeth, Queens, was a "cruel, brutal and sadistic woman who beat and tortured defenseless prisoners" in the Ravensbruck camp in Germany and at the Maidenak camp in occupied Poland.

The application also charged that, in applying for citizenship, Mrs. Ryan had concealed the fact that she had been convicted in 1949 by an Austrian court of torturing camp inmates for which she was sentenced to three years imprisonment and confiscation of her property. The application, culminating an investigation started in 1964 when Mrs. Ryan was identified as Hermine Braunsteiner by Mr. Wiesenthal, declared that if she had disclosed the fact of her conviction, "she would have been barred from lawful admission into the United States for permanent residence and from naturalization."

## Sharef, Gen. Rabin To Address Israel Bond Emergency Conclave In Sept.

NEW YORK, Aug. 25 (JTA)--Zeev Sharef, Israel's new Finance Minister, and Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin, will address the Emergency Conference of the State of Israel Bond Organization, Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, Israel Bond vice-president, has announced. The conference will meet here for three days, starting Sept. 6. The conference will be attended by more than 350 community leaders of the United States and Canada and will initiate efforts for the Israel bond campaign during the fall of this year.

## NYU Sends 'Explanation' Of Hatchett Appointment To 160,000 Alumni

NEW YORK, Aug. 25 (JTA)--Dr. James M. Hester, president of New York University, has defended the appointment of John F. Hatchett as director of the school's new Afro-American Student Center. The former Harlem teacher has been widely denounced as anti-Semitic. At the same time, Dr. Hester disclosed that the university, in an unusual action, had explained the Hatchett appointment in a letter to its 160,000 alumni, more than a third of whom are estimated to be Jewish.

The alumni mailing included a statement by Mr. Hatchett that "I am not an anti-Semite" and declaring that his controversial article in a 1967 issue of the Afro-American Teachers Forum was meant to be an attack on the "establishment" and not on "Jews because they are Jews." The article blamed "the Jews who dominate and control the educational bureaucracy of the New York public school system" for alleged lack of progress by Negro pupils. It was assailed as "black Nazism" in a joint statement from the American Jewish Congress, the Catholic Inter-racial Council and the Protestant Council, and criticized by other Jewish and civil rights groups.

Dr. Hester, in an interview with the New York Times, upheld Mr. Hatchett's disclaimer of anti-Semitic intent, saying that if he thought the Harlem teacher was an anti-Semite "in the classic sense, we could not keep him in the position." On Aug. 9, Dr. Hester had announced that, acting on advice from former Supreme Court Justice Arthur Goldberg, the university would not cancel the appointment. Mr. Goldberg's advice was requested by Dr. Hester and arranged by McGeorge Bundy, Ford Foundation president.

Dr. Hester said, in the interview, that he did not think Mr. Hatchett was prejudiced against Jews "as an ethnic group" but rather that his controversial article was meant to be critical of "what he considers to be the Establishment in the public schools." Dr. Hester added that he thought "it is true that there is a preponderance of Jewish teachers and administrators" and that it was to this that Mr. Hatchett had referred. Asked why the new director should have found it necessary to name any ethnic group, Dr. Hester said that Jewish teachers were organized in a Jewish Teachers Association and that "in this way they have drawn attention to the fact that they are Jewish teachers." The NYU head added that he could understand how Mr. Hatchett could make such a reference to Jews "when there is an organization that calls itself the Jewish Teachers Organization."

Dr. Hester also said that "in a system in which teachers are organized — the Jewish teachers, the Catholic teachers — and in which a preponderance do happen to be Jewish, I could understand how someone might make such references and at the same time not be anti-Semitic." Dr. Hester was critical of the description of the Hatchett article as "black Nazism," asserting that "we have a very serious responsibility" to be "quite precise" in dealing with such "inflammatory issues."

### Rep. Podell Urges New York University To Dismiss Hatchett As 'Racist'

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25 (JTA)--Representative Bertram L. Podell, New York Democrat, has urged New York University to dismiss former Harlem public school teacher John F. Hatchett on the grounds that he was a racist and urged the appointment of another director of the university's Afro-American Student Center. In a statement here, the Congressman assailed Mr. Hatchett as the author of an article charging "the Jewish people of New York with responsibility for lack of progress of Negro children in the city's schools." He called the Hatchett appointment "an affront to the thousands of Negroes in our city who are impeccably qualified to direct the new center but are not afflicted with racist doctrine."

### JWV Assails Hatchett Appointment As 'Affront' To All Americans

HOLLYWOOD, Fla., Aug. 25 (JTA)--The Jewish War Veterans of the United States, at its convention here, called the appointment of John F. Hatchett to head New York University's Afro-American Student Center "an affront to Americans, black and white, who strive to erase bigotry from our national existence." The sharply worded resolution adopted by the veterans' group also criticized former Supreme Court Justice Arthur Goldberg for what it termed a "casual whitewash" of the appointment. Mr. Goldberg had advised NYU to stand by the appointment.

## Dr. Samuel Margoshes, Zionist Pioneer, Jewish Publicist, Dies At 81

NEW YORK, Aug. 25 (JTA)--Funeral services were held here today for Dr. Samuel Margoshes, Yiddish journalist, lecturer and a Zionist leader who died here Friday at the age of 81. Dr. Margoshes served for many years as public relations director of the Jewish National Fund in America. A memorial service will be held at JNF New York headquarters tomorrow. Dr. Margoshes was born in Galicia, studied at Columbia University and received a doctorate in Hebrew letters from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in 1916. He had been associated with the Day-Jewish Journal, one of New York's Yiddish dailies, from 1923 until the time of his death as a columnist, editorial writer and editor-in-chief. He was a frequent contributor to Anglo-Jewish Yiddish and Hebrew periodicals here and abroad.

A member of the Zionist Actions Committee, Dr. Margoshes helped initiate the boycott against Nazi Germany when he was vice president of the American Jewish Congress from 1935 to 1939. He was widely known as a pioneer in the advancement of Jewish culture in this country and was associated with many literary, Zionist and political groups. He served as president of the World Congress for Jewish Culture and as vice president of the Jewish Writers Union.