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Soviet, Arab Diplomats Tell United States Israeli Withdrawal Is Price Of Settlement

WASHINGTON, June 25 (JTA) -- Soviet and Arab diplomats have told the United States that Israel must withdraw to the armistice lines that existed before the June, 1967 war as the price for a Middle East settlement, it was learned from reliable sources today. The Soviet charge d'affaires, Yuri Tcherniakov, told Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, Joseph Sisco, that Israel must make a phased withdrawal from the occupied territories in order to bring about tacit Arab recognition of Israel, international guarantees of Israeli shipping rights, and a return of United Nations peace-keeping forces to Sharm El Sheikh and other strategic points, the sources said.

Mr. Tcherniakov was summoned to the State Department yesterday as U.S. concern mounted over the recent escalation of violence in the Middle East. The meeting was described by the department as a continuation of the bilateral Soviet-American talks on the Mideast that Mr. Sisco has been conducting with the Soviet Ambassador, Anatoly F. Dobrynin. The Soviet reply to the latest American proposals on the Middle East crisis was not disclosed. But informed sources said it reflected the contents of the joint communique issued in Cairo June 13 by Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei F. Gromyko and President Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt after three days of consultation between them. Mr. Gromyko reportedly brought U.S. proposals to Col. Nasser who rejected them and reportedly told the Soviet diplomat that Egypt insists on the unconditional withdrawal of Israeli forces from all territories occupied in the 1967 war.

Jordanian diplomats reportedly notified the State Department today that Jordan was asking the Security Council to "debate and act against Israel's efforts to annex East Jerusalem." King Hussein reportedly informed the U.S. Ambassador in Amman that Jordan expected American support in pressuring Israel to withdraw.

(Communist diplomatic sources in London today confirmed reports of a hardened Soviet-Arab line on the Mideast. They said the USSR and Egypt have rejected an American proposal that would have permitted Israel to retain the Golan Heights and East Jerusalem. They said Moscow rejected any Arab territorial concessions and insisted on a total Israeli withdrawal to the pre-June, 1967 lines.

(In return, according to the Soviet plan, the Arabs would recognize Israel, Israel would be granted free navigation through the Suez and the Gulf of Aqaba, and a Four Power guarantee would protect the security of all Mideast nations. The Soviet plan was said to have emerged from the Gromyko-Nasser talks. According to the sources, the plan also provided for an international peace-keeping force to be provided by the Big Powers or by the United Nations.)

Washington Post staff writer A. D. Horne reported today that some U.S. officials have discerned certain changes of position and indications of flexibility in the Soviet reply to American Mideast proposals. Mr. Horne wrote that the officials believe the Soviet reply, presented to Secretary of State William P. Rogers on June 17, "goes beyond any previous Soviet note on a number of specific points. It is being studied for signs of "bargaining room" that Mr. Gromyko may have won from President Nasser, Mr. Horne said. He reported that the Soviet reply agreed to a phased Israeli withdrawal matched stage-by-stage by Arab political concessions and that while it spoke of final boundaries based on those that existed before the 1967 war, "the language used is more flexible than before."

(Cairo Radio denounced President Richard M. Nixon this week for inviting Israeli Premier Golda Meir to Washington and charged that the Nixon Administration's Mideast policy was "clearly Zionist" in character.)

Eban Says Big Four Talks On Mideast Have Not Made Progress

JERUSALEM, June 25 (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Abba Eban said today that information at the disposal of the Israel Government showed that no progress has been achieved at the Four Power talks on the Mideast going on in New York. He said Israel would continue to impress upon the U.S. Government its view that direct Arab-Israeli talks are the only way to settle the conflict. Mr. Eban spoke at a press conference on the eve of his departure for East Africa to visit Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda at the invitations of their Governments.

He said that information received by Israel through diplomatic channels confirmed reports that the latest Soviet reply to U.S. Mideast proposals faithfully reflected the joint Gromyko-Nasser communique. That document, Mr. Eban noted, demanded Israel's withdrawal to the armistice lines that existed before the June, 1967 war and made no mention of points raised by the U.S. and Israel such as a just and lasting peace, direct negotiations at some stage, secure and agreed boundaries, free Suez Canal navigation, an international settlement of the refugee problem, and recognition of the Straits of Tiran as an international waterway.

Mr. Eban said the reported failure of the Four Power talks was compounded by the negative results they have produced--new flare-ups along the cease-fire lines by which the Arabs seek to create an artificial sense of urgency. Referring to his East Africa trip, Mr. Eban voiced hope that Ethiopia will soon appoint an ambassador to Israel. He observed that since the re-opening of the Tiran Straits

in June, 1967, Israel's trade with East Africa has increased considerably. He said Israel's interest in Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda is demonstrated by the presence in those countries of hundreds of Israeli experts who advise them on agriculture, building, administration and other subjects. Asked to comment on the recent French election, Mr. Eban said Israel was waiting for President Georges Pompidou to announce how and when France's "dialogue" with Israel can be resumed.

Golda Meir Opens Second World Economic Conference For Israel, Devoted To Investment

JERUSALEM, June 25 (JTA) -- Premier Golda Meir today formally opened the second world economic conference for Israel, a sequel to the international economic conference convened here in April, 1968, by her predecessor, the late Premier Levi Eshkol. Israel's Finance Minister and Minister of Commerce and Industry, Zeev Sharef, told the assembled businessmen from the U.S. and other countries that their deliberations should focus on the question of investment, just as last year's meeting was concerned mainly with exports.

Mr. Sharef outlined several new laws just passed by the Knesset to encourage foreign investment by offering incentives to investors. The Israel Corporation Law, passed yesterday, sets up a \$100 million holding and investment company to finance new industrial ventures and provide capital for the expansion of existing ventures. Another bill provides for accelerated amortization on industrial equipment for income tax purposes. And a third eases the way for mergers and amalgamations of related industries by allowing the parent companies to write off losses of subsidiaries against their own gains.

Mr. Sharef said the optimism of the delegates to the 1968 economic conference was partly justified by the results of the past year. He said that Israel's exports rose considerably but that they were offset by spiraling imports, largely for defense purposes. He said that in addition to defense spending, Israel spent over \$175 million a year for immigrant absorption needs.

Heads of various regional committees set up at the 1968 conference reported yesterday on progress made to date. Victor Carter of Los Angeles, chairman of the U.S. regional committee, disclosed that 49 projects representing a \$56 million investment by American firms have been approved since last year's conference. He said the projects have brought U.S. businessmen into "living contact" with Israel's economy and opened a "new and historic partnership."

Francois Pereire, chairman of the European regional committee, said 40 investment ventures had been made final so far within the purview of his group and 20 more were in various stages of completion. Samuel Rothberg of Peoria, Ill, chairman of the finance committee, mentioned four projects with which his own firm, Israel Investors Corp., is associated. They are a plant for the manufacture of leather clothing whose staff has doubled and exports tripled during the past year; a machine tool corporation; the General Education Corp.; and the Israel Tractor Corp.

Israeli Security Forces Continue Search For Saboteurs Of Haifa Oil Pipeline

HAIFA, June 25 (JTA) -- Israeli security forces continued their search for saboteurs who blew up an oil pipeline near the Haifa refineries yesterday. It was the first Arab strike at a major industrial target inside Israel since the June, 1967 war and two Arab guerrilla organizations claimed credit for it. Police rounded up 169 suspects yesterday for questioning but later released all but 55 of them. A single stick of dynamite was found on the sandy stretch spanned by the pipelines which link the oil refineries with the fuel jetty in Haifa port, five miles away.

Police said footprints were found indicating that the explosives were planted by one man. They said the saboteur may have been brought to the area by car and are checking on vehicles seen in the area. Roadblocks and checkpoints have been set up on the approaches to Haifa and in other parts of the country.

The loss of fuel oil--about 1,000 tons valued at \$55,000 poured into the Kishon River after the blast--is negligible. Neither Israel's domestic fuel supply nor its petroleum exports were affected. The oil carried by the damaged 12-inch pipe was for bunkering ships calling at Haifa port. The pipes are expected to be repaired and in service by tomorrow.

The psychological impact of the act far exceeded the damage done. The Haifa refineries, the center of Israel's growing petro-chemical industry, is one of the most heavily guarded areas in the country. It is located far from the borders--some 12 miles south of the Lebanese frontier and about 30 miles west of the Jordanian line. Penetration of the area was a coup for the saboteurs. In Cairo and Beirut today El Fatah spokesmen claimed that their forces had carried out the mission. That claim was disputed in Amman where the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine alleged that their commandos did the job.

Observers here said the sabotage of the pipelines may herald a change of tactics on the part of the Arab guerrillas whose targets heretofore have been civilian. The most recent was a narrow street leading to the Western Wall in Old Jerusalem where three 10-pound bombs exploded injuring six persons last Friday.

Israeli Jets Strike Twice At Military Positions In Jordan

TEL AVIV, June 25 (JTA) -- Israeli Air Force jets struck twice at military positions in Jordan today. Planes bombed and strafed guerrilla positions near Addisaya for 25 minutes this morning.

Begin Transportation Service For Brooklyn Jews Who Live In High Crime Rate Areas

NEW YORK, June 25 (JTA) -- A communally-endorsed, privately-owned enterprise to provide door-to-door transportation for Jews throughout Brooklyn on an around-the-clock basis will start operations tomorrow with three cars driven by young Orthodox Jews, the president of the company said today.

The enterprise was organized to response to the need for such a service stemming from the reluctance of drivers of regular taxicabs to enter some areas of Brooklyn with high crime rates where many Jews live. Moshe Kahan, who quit a job with a Brooklyn car rental service to organize the Shomrim Car Service with two other Orthodox Jews as partners, said that a single telephone number had been established at the firm's headquarters in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn. The telephone is manned by the three partners 24 hours a day. Its existence is being publicized in local English and Yiddish media and by posters being placed in 1,000 synagogues, stores and other public facilities throughout the borough, Mr. Kahan said.

The president said that the service was created after months of discussions with Jewish communal leaders. Under New York City law, such a car service may operate as a private enterprise provided its drivers do not pick up passengers on the street. Mr. Kahan said calls to the company's number will be relayed to the radio-equipped Shomrim cars which will be stationed throughout the borough. He said the firm hopes to have 10 cars in operation by the July 4 weekend.

All drivers of Shomrim cars will be Sabbath observers and most of them will be yeshiva graduates, he added. The service will not operate on the Jewish Sabbath and holy days. Fares are set as close as possible to regular taxi fares and they will not be higher than such fares, he said. Drivers will work on commission. The company buys and owns the vehicles. Mr. Kahan said he and his partners had sufficient access to financing to assure the purchase by the firm of all cars needed to meet whatever demand develops and that there would be no problems in obtaining additional drivers.

NPD Leader Accuses Bonn Of Encouraging Foreign Jewish Apprehension About Elections

BONN, June 25 (JTA) -- The chairman of the ultra right-wing National Democratic Party (NPD) accused the West German Ministry of Interior today of encouraging Jewish organizations abroad to send in resolutions condemning his party. He alleged that the ministry was also soliciting reports from German Embassies abroad pointing to apprehension in foreign countries over the prospects of possible NPD entrance into the Bundestag after next fall's elections. A spokesman for the Interior Ministry denied the charges leveled by Adolf von Thadden. He said, "It is not necessary to alarm people abroad about the NPD because they are alarmed already." The spokesman said Mr. von Thadden was looking for excuses in case his party fails in the elections.

But the leader of the party, which has been widely condemned as neo-Nazi, was optimistic over the NPD's election prospects. At a press conference today, he predicted it would get eight to 12 percent of the vote which would give it 40-60 seats in the Bundestag. He disclosed that eight military officers and four soldiers from the ranks would run for election on the NPD list.

Mr. von Thadden claimed that the NPD has 40,000 members, recruited 1,200 new ones during the month of May alone and was exerting sufficient influence in West German politics to force Chancellor Kurt Georg Kiesinger's Christian Democratic Union and its Bavarian affiliate, the Christian Social Union, headed by Finance Minister Franz Josef Strauss, to lean further to the right.

The right-wing party leader outlined plans for a massive election campaign that will include a personal "whistle stop" tour from Aug. 23 to Sept. 27, the day before the elections. He said the party would produce three election newspapers of 15 million copies each, huge posters with photographs of himself and would hold 92 election rallies all over West Germany. "If the cities will not lend us their town halls, we will hold our meetings out of doors. We are prepared for everything," Mr. von Thadden said. He said the NPD's election strategy would include appeals to the peasants and those Germans thrown out of East Germany by the Russians.

Montreal Community Takes Steps To Integrate French-Speaking North African Immigrants

MONTREAL, June 25 (JTA) -- The local Jewish community is making efforts to integrate more than 12,000 French-speaking North African Jews who have come to Quebec Province from various Arab countries in the hope of preserving their French culture. But the integration is not easy. Most Montreal Jews are English-speaking and of Ashkenazic origin while the North Africans are Sephardim--Oriental Jews--and lack a place of worship where they can attend religious services in their own tradition.

To try to ease the transition from an Oriental environment, two Moroccan Jews have been appointed to act as liaison between the established Jewish community and the newcomers. Haim Hazan, a teacher, will head the new Francophone department of the Allied Jewish Community Service, the central body for the coordination of Jewish health and welfare programs. James Dahan, a social worker, will work within the YMHA to develop programs for the French-speaking Jews. A welcoming committee will be established to familiarize the North African immigrants with local conditions on such basic matters as schools, rents and the monetary system.

Dr. Finkelstein Invited To Conduct Services Sunday In White House East Room

WASHINGTON, June 25 (JTA) -- The White House announced today that Dr. Louis Finkelstein, chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America (Conservative) in New York, will preside Sunday at religious services in the East Room. The sacred music will be furnished by Christ Lutheran Church here. The rabbi's participation marks the inclusion of Judaism as one of the faiths involved in the series of interfaith services.

Rabbinical Council Proposes Program To Halt Flight From Changing Neighborhoods

FALLSBURG, N.Y., June 25 (JTA) -- The Rabbinical Council of America proposed today a three-point program to halt the flight of Jews from changing neighborhoods--a national conference of all Orthodox leaders on the subject, to be followed by a meeting with leaders of all faith communities, and additional meetings with Negro and Puerto Rican leaders both on a national and street-to-street level.

The proposal was made by Rabbi Zev Segal of Newark, N.J., president of the Orthodox rabbinical group, and Rabbi Bernard L. Berzon, first vice-president, at the organization's 33rd annual convention. Both rabbinical leaders said that halting the deterioration of neighborhoods "is not only a religious but a moral imperative." They deplored the demand of black militants for "reparations" from churches and synagogues for injustices suffered by the Negro.

Rabbi Segal pointed to a recent survey by a committee of the Rabbinical Council which showed that Jewish neighborhoods are the most likely to be those into which Negroes and Puerto Ricans move and that the tendency of Jews is to abandon their homes and move elsewhere. The study also showed that the greatest resistance to abandonment comes from the Orthodox Jews of the neighborhood.

Rabbi Berzon added that one of the most important dimensions of the problem resulting from changing neighborhoods has been that because "Orthodox residents are the last to leave, they, therefore, are exposed more than others to the conflicts which seem to result inevitably from change." The two officials also said that from the Jewish religious viewpoint, "the problem is very great. It is a fact that in our large metropolitan centers it has been the Jewish neighborhoods which have changed primarily into black ghettos."

They added this has meant the abandonment of countless Jewish religious and educational institutions. The Orthodox Jew is forced by the nature of his religious commitment to live close to his synagogue so he can walk to worship on the Sabbath, they said. Moving from one neighborhood to another, or to the suburbs, has resulted in the expenditure of millions of dollars for new institutions--money that could be used for other essential purposes, including the betterment of urban areas, they noted. The purpose of the national conference he proposed, Rabbi Segal told the parley, is to "devis[e] means whereby we can mitigate the effects of neighborhood changes as well as preserve our institutions."

Reconstructionists Hear Appeal For Support For Blacks, Needy Whites

PORT JERVIS, N.Y., June 25 (JTA) -- Affluent, liberal, upper middle-class American Jews were urged today to respond more sympathetically to the needs of both black Americans and lower middle-class ethnic whites who are only "one rung of the ladder" above the blacks. The appeal was voiced by Irving Levine, director of urban planning for the American Jewish Committee, at the annual convention of the Federation of Reconstructionist Congregations and Fellowships here.

He suggested that Jewish groups initiate city planning proposals, support creative programs for police-community relations and police professionalization, advocate increased tax deductions for lower middle class families with children, and universal higher education.

"We must join forces so that the economic pie available will become larger and thus avoid black-Jewish confrontations," he said. "We must prove as a lie the charge that the small Jewish businessman in the ghetto is an aggressor...He is also the victim of a restrictive social and economic system. On the other hand, we must develop such standards as will deny honor and status to any Jew who profits from bigotry and exploitation."

College students participating in the gathering called on the Reconstructionist Movement to reassess traditional Jewish teachings on sex so that they could offer a guide to Jewish youth on questions of personal morality. One student claimed that traditional Jewish law was "repressive and frequently irrelevant" and said "young people can take no guidance from it in its present form."

Chaplain Serving Air Force In Japan Is Named Visiting Professor At Jesuit Institution

SAN FRANCISCO, June 25 (JTA) -- The only Jewish chaplain serving with the U.S. Air Force in Japan has been named a visiting professor at Sophia University in Tokyo, one of the largest Jesuit institutions in the Far East, it was reported here today. Capt. Victor M. Solomon, of Bridgeport, Conn., will teach psychology at the university's international division. Capt. Solomon was ordained at Yeshiva University. He is currently a member of the faculty of Sacred Heart University in Bridgeport, a Jesuit institution, and is on a three year leave of absence for Air Force duty.

235 Americans And Canadians Emigrate To Israel, Record For A Single Group

NEW YORK, June 25 (JTA) -- A record number of 235 American and Canadian Jews, two-thirds of them under 30 years old, left in one group this week to settle in Israel, according to Avraham Frank, director of the Israel Aliyah Center here. The emigrants included 203 persons in 47 families, plus 32 individuals. It was the first time in the history of American aliyah that family groups outnumbered the individuals, Mr. Frank said. The group, which is sailing to Israel, included 38 professionals, 16 skilled and semi-skilled workers and eight teachers. Eliezer Kroll, head of the American desk of the Jewish Agency's aliyah department, said over 6,000 Jews from the United States and Canada will settle in Israel in 1969.