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Await French Government's Formal Announcement On Future Of Embargo Against Israel

PARIS, July 6 (JTA) -- Official French sources were unable or unprepared to say over the weekend what stand President Georges Pompidou or his Government would take on the embargo on military equipment and spare parts to Israel imposed by former President Charles de Gaulle. No official comment was available on an Israeli Defense Forces radio station report last Thursday that President Pompidou was about to release more than \$50 million worth of 50 Mirage V jet fighter-bombers bought and paid for by Israel but impounded in France for more than two years.

The military commentator in Tel Aviv said the jets would be released in October or November and that the delivery of aircraft spare parts to Israel had been already resumed. He said that once the Mirages had been delivered, France would re-impose the boycott and that there would be no further deliveries of French arms to Israel in the foreseeable future. The commentator described the plan as a compromise to appease pro-Israel elements in France while satisfying orthodox Gaullists who demand that the Pompidou regime continue the embargo.

(The London Times reported from Paris that official quarters described the Tel Aviv report as totally without foundation and as a clumsy attempt by Israeli military circles to exploit the situation arising from the change of Government in France.)

Former President de Gaulle imposed the jets embargo shortly after the June, 1967 Six-Day War. He broadened it to include all military equipment and spare parts after Israel's Dec. 29, 1968 raid on Beirut Airport in retaliation for a terrorist attack on an El Al airliner at Athens several days earlier.

The Pompidou Government meanwhile is under increasing pressure from both pro-Israeli and pro-Arab circles, the former urging an end to the embargo and the latter demanding that it be maintained. The pro-Israeli elements argue that recent events along the Suez Canal make it imperative for Israel to maintain a strong Air Force. They say that the Egyptians may try to establish a beachhead on the canal's east bank and that prompt delivery of the 50 Mirages would forestall such a move which could lead to renewed all out warfare in the Middle East.

Israel's Ambassador to France, Walter Eytan, will meet next Thursday with Foreign Minister Maurice Schumann. Their meeting will be the first high level Franco-Israeli diplomatic contact since the Six-Day War and Israeli circles hope it will help clarify the picture on the embargo. Arab diplomats are also active and are supported by several French corporations that hope to develop profitable business relations with the Arab states.

Israelis Denounce Security Council Resolution Censuring Jerusalem Measures

JERUSALEM, July 6 (JTA) -- Official and public anger and bitterness prevailed here this weekend over the United Nations Security Council's unanimous vote last Thursday to censure Israel "in the strongest terms" for its measures in the former Arab sector of Jerusalem designed to alter the city's status. Political circles said the censure vote came as no surprise in light of the Council's past anti-Israel record.

They said the only possible reaction by Israel was one voiced by the country's chief representative, to the UN, Ambassador Yosef Tekoah. He said, after the 15-0 vote, that the resolution would not affect the annexation of East Jerusalem. "Life cannot stop in Jerusalem; it will continue as it has during the last two years of Jerusalem's rebirth," Mr. Tekoah declared. The same sentiments were expressed today by Foreign Minister Abba Eban, Information Minister Israel Galili, Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem and Sephardic Chief Rabbi Itzhak Nissim.

Mr. Eban, who returned from a visit to three East African countries Friday, said the Security Council's latest action leaves it in a "weakened moral position. It is the Security Council that did not lift a finger when Israel was in mortal danger in 1967 and did not do anything to assist Israel during the war when Israel was threatened with annihilation," Mr. Eban said. "No voices were raised when our houses and synagogues were destroyed. It is the same Security Council which took no action during the invasion of Czechoslovakia, which does not take any interest in the war in southeast Asia and does not do anything about the humanitarian disaster now taking place in West Africa." His latter reference was to the civil war in Biafra.

Mr. Galili called the Security Council's action "the epitome of barrenness which cannot have any influence over the facts established by Israel." Mayor Kollek said the resolution was "detached from realities" and pledged that his administration would continue to work for a unified city. The Chief Rabbi claimed that "the city of Jerusalem was given to the Jewish people by a Force much higher than that wielded by the world's powers."

Israeli diplomatic circles expressed sharp criticism over what they contended was the "anti-Israel attitude" of the British representative, Lord Caradon, during the Security Council debate that led up to the censure vote. Lord Caradon was the British participant in the Four Power Middle East talks which

recessed in New York last week. Israelis here accused him of having expressed pro-Arab bias on several occasions.

The resolution was approved unanimously by the Council after it was modified in private negotiations to delete punitive proposals that would have called for an arms embargo and threatened economic sanctions.

The United States abstained in a preliminary 14-0 vote on a paragraph which called upon Israel "to rescind forthwith all measures taken by it which may tend to change the status of the City of Jerusalem, and in the future to refrain from all actions likely to have such an effect." Charles Yost, United States Ambassador, subsequently voted for the resolution as a whole.

The approved resolution was sponsored by Pakistan, Senegal and Zambia. Algeria withdrew as a co-sponsor because it considered the modified resolution inadequate. The resolution said that if Israel ignored the rescinding order, the Council would "reconvene without delay to consider what further action should be taken." The resolution asserted that all "legislative and administrative measures and actions by Israel which purport to alter the status of Jerusalem, including expropriation of land and properties thereon, are invalid and cannot change that status."

Mr. Tekoah said Israel hoped that Jordan, which took the issue to the Council, would realize that such actions would not bring a solution to the Mideast dispute. Jordanian Ambassador Mohammed H. el-Farra proposed that the Council proceed with "further action," saying that sanctions against Israel were "now the only remaining alternative."

International Panel Endorses Plan For Proposed Jerusalem Park

JERUSALEM, July 6 (JTA) -- An international committee of town planners, architects, historians and art scholars have endorsed plans for the creation of a 600-acre park around the old walled city of Jerusalem. The committee was organized last year by Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem and held its first meeting here last week.

The committee numbers 72 persons from 21 countries. Among the 42 attending its first session here were Prof. Bruno Zevi, a town planner from Italy; Prof. Gaston Wiet, a French expert on Islamic art; Isamu Noguchi, the Japanese-American sculptor and landscape designer; and Sir Isaiah Berlin, the Oxford historian. They agreed on plans for the park which would radically alter the approaches to Old Jerusalem and have a profound effect on residents of the area. The committee insisted that Jerusalem be maintained as a "living city" and not turned into a museum or "stage-setting."

When the experts arrived here last Monday, Mayor Teddy Kollek asked them to forget politics. He noted that Jerusalem has had countless rulers over the last 3,000 years and that it had to be cared for and preserved no matter what the political situation was. Mayor Kollek explained that he organized the committee because the rehabilitation of a city holy to three faiths should not be left to decisions by Israelis alone. The committee members called on their "Moslem brothers" to join the advisory body. But the Arabs declined to accept the invitation.

The proposed park would be designed to set off the city's walls, built under the reign of Suleiman the Magnificent in 1530. In some sections the walls extended 50 feet below the earth and the rubble of centuries. Wherever feasible, they would be exposed to their full height when the park is constructed. Plans for the park, which would cost in the neighborhood of \$3 million, were drawn up by the National Park Authority of Israel. They call for the continued use of stone or stone-facing in construction and retention of traditional forms such as arcades, domes, flattened domes, shingles and metal grillwork. A section of the rehabilitated area would contain hotels and other commercial facilities.

Israel Will Hold Gaza Strip, Information Minister Asserts On Armed Forces Radio

TEL AVIV, July 6 (JTA) -- Minister of Information Israel Galili said in a radio broadcast Friday that he thought it was quite "definite" that the Gaza Strip will remain part of Israel. Mr. Galili, who spoke in reply to questions on a program over the armed forces radio station, emphasized that he was not making an official statement of Government policy. But he indicated strongly that his views, and the Government's, coincide on the future of the 25-mile long strip. He noted that there has been no official statement that the Golan Heights of Syria would remain part of Israel but the Israel Government was nevertheless establishing permanent settlements in that region.

The Gaza Strip was part of the territory of Palestine administered by Britain under a League of Nations mandate from 1921-1948. It was occupied by Egypt during the 1948 Arab-Israeli war. Israeli forces ousted the Egyptians in the 1956 Sinai campaign but later withdrew under pressure from the UN. The Strip was occupied by Israel again in the 1967 war. It contains an estimated 340,000 Arabs including 200,000 refugees in camps. It is the only territory under Israeli occupation since 1967 that has spawned an indigenous sabotage movement.

Israel Museum Acquires Another Dead Sea Scroll--Its Longest--Prof. Yadin Announces

JERUSALEM, July 6 (JTA) -- Prof. Yigal Yadin has announced the acquisition by the Israel Museum of another Dead Sea Scroll, known as the "Temple Scroll." About 30 feet long, it is the longest in Israel's possession. The scroll contains, in Hebrew, rules concerning the Temple, and rules on feasts and kings. Prof. Yadin, the well-known archaeologist, said the scroll had been obtained from an East Jerusalem Arab who deals in antiquities. The reported purchase price; other sources said, was about \$71,000.

French Government Pledges All-Out Effort To Find, Prosecute Orleans Rumor-Mongers

PARIS, July 6 (JTA) -- The French Minister of Interior has pledged that the Government would use every legal means at its disposal to find and prosecute the persons responsible for an anti-Semitic whispering campaign in the provincial city of Orleans last month. The pledge was made by Raymond Marcellin to Pierre Bloch, president of the League Against Anti-Semitism.

The campaign in Orleans was aimed at Jewish merchants who own some of the city's most fashionable shops. The rumors spread by word of mouth alleged that women entering the shops were drugged and sold into white slavery. The allegations had a serious effect on business in Jewish-owned shops, which, according to latest reports, has not yet fully returned to normal. Jews and non-Jews alike were shocked by the campaign which was reminiscent of the blood ritual libels against Jews in the Middle Ages. Many prominent citizens and professional trade organizations have demanded police action. The Minister of Interior told M. Bloch that the French Government "will not accept an attempt to break up French national unity which is based on the respect for the individual."

French Government Represented At Annual Meeting Of Alliance Israelite Universelle

PARIS, July 6 (JTA) -- French Government representatives and foreign diplomats attended the annual general meeting here of the Alliance Israelite Universelle, an organization that maintains a network of Jewish schools in North Africa, the Middle East and the Far East. They heard Eugene Weill, secretary-general of the Alliance, report that it was supporting 79 educational institutions with a total student body of 20,000. It was reported that preparations were under way for the celebration next year of the 100th anniversary of Mikveh Israel, the pioneer agricultural school in Israel which the Alliance founded.

Attending the meeting, under the chairmanship of Nobel Laureate Rene Cassin, were Israel's Ambassador to France, Walter Eytan; France's Ambassador to Israel, Francis Hure; representatives of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Education; Dr. Moshe Avigdor, Israel's Ambassador to UNESCO; Chief Rabbi Jacob Kaplan of France and Chief Rabbi Meyer Jais of Paris.

26th Anniversary Of World War II Deportation Of Jews From Yugoslavia Is Observed

BELGRADE, July 6 (JTA) -- The 26th anniversary of the deportation of Jews from the Hungarian-occupied regions of Yugoslavia during World War II was marked by memorial services in the synagogue at Subotica. Another memorial service was held across the border in Szegeed, Hungary. A gathering at the Jewish cemetery near Subotica was addressed by Dr. Lavoslav Kadelberg, president of the Federation of Jewish Communities of Yugoslavia. He warned that the dangers of neo-Nazism and anti-Semitism still lurked in Europe. The Jewish communities of Subotica, Novi Sad, Sombor, Senta and other towns were decimated by the Nazis. In Szegeed, a memorial monument was unveiled to the former rabbi, Dr. Imanuel Loew.

Prominent Indian Socialist, Who Once Supported Israel, Does Full Turnabout

LONDON, July 6 (JTA) -- A widely respected Indian Socialist leader, who has supported Israel last week lashed out at the creation of a Jewish State in the heart of the Arab world. Jayaprakash Narayan spoke at a symposium on "Palestine." His remarks were published in full in the influential Hindustan Times. He scored the Christian peoples and powers of the West for trying to "salve their conscience" toward the Jews at the expense of the Arabs. "The central fact is that an undisputed piece of Arab territory--Palestine--has been forcibly occupied by foreign people with the active and interested military and political help of great powers," Mr. Narayan said. "The establishment of Israel was a serious affront to the renescent nationalism of Asia and a dagger thrust into its side."

He added that "in spite of their modernism and Socialism, Israelis, in their narrow and tenacious sectarianism are utterly reactionary and backward. Their attempt in this age of secularism--that is of separation of state from religion--to establish a Jewish State cannot be considered by any standard to be progressive or a forward-looking operation." Mr. Narayan said that "to accept the fact of Israel is high international immorality." He advocated as a solution of the "Palestine problem," a "reconciliation between Israel and the Palestinians on the basis of a bi-national state of Palestine in which Jews and Arabs will be equal citizens."

Israeli Military Experts Are Helping Nepal Form Paratroop Brigade

NEW DELHI, July 6 (JTA) -- Israeli military experts are helping the Himalayan Kingdom of Nepal form a paratroop brigade, it was learned here. A number of Israelis are reported to have arrived at Katmandu, the capital, to work out details. Others are expected later and talks are said to be under way for the purchase of Israeli weapons for the Royal Nepalese Army. Traditionally India has been Nepal's main source of arms. But the small nation, which is planning a major reorganization of its defense forces, has decided to pursue an independent course.

New Regiment Being Formed In Singapore Will Use Second-Hand Israeli Tanks

LONDON, July 6 (JTA) -- Singapore, the Asian island state at the toe of the Malay Peninsula, is forming a tank regiment to be equipped with second-hand Israeli tanks made in France, the Financial Times reported. The newspaper said the choice of the French AMX tanks which Israel used for border patrols was influenced by some 20 Israeli instructors attached to Singapore's armed forces. About 30 of 50 tanks purchased from Israel have arrived at Singapore.

They have been refitted for tropical service and may have been armed with 105-millimeter cannons and are capable of carrying guided missiles, the Financial Times reported.

American Jewish Committee Withdraws From Foundation Over Forman 'Reparations' Issue

NEW YORK, July 6 (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee, the only Jewish member of the Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization (IFCO), has quit the foundation over its association with a Negro militant group demanding "reparations" from synagogues and churches. In its letter of resignation, the AJCommittee indicated it was seeking new means to mobilize Jewish support to meet the needs of urban and rural poor.

IFCO serves as a clearing house for contributions from religious groups to organizations representing the poor. Its membership includes 11 Protestant denominations and some Catholic representation. Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, director of interreligious affairs of the AJCommittee, who served as president since IFCO was formed two years ago, and who resigned recently, said the main reason for the Jewish group's withdrawal was the "incapacity" of IFCO to take "a clear-cut position on the revolutionary ideology and racist rhetoric" of the National Black Economic Development Corp., headed by James Forman, which has issued a "Black Manifesto" demanding \$300,000,000 in "reparations" for white mistreatment of Negro Americans. The preamble of the "manifesto" postulates an "armed conflict" and "long years of guerrilla warfare" by blacks to win their demands.

The IFCO board refused to take a position on the preamble and called on member organizations to make contributions to Mr. Forman's organization to carry out programs centered on control of industries by Negroes. Rabbi Tanenbaum said that the board's silence left the impression of AJCommittee assent to the ideology of the "manifesto" and that "we had no alternative but to withdraw."

In discussing plans for other Jewish approaches to aiding the poor, Rabbi Tanenbaum said that consultations were taking place among AJCommittee staff members involved in race relations and urban affairs on proposals to organize a national Jewish ad hoc group modeled on the successful experience of the American Jewish Emergency Relief Effort to aid starving victims of the Nigeria-Biafra war. The AJCommittee took the initiative in organizing the ad hoc committee of 23 major Jewish organizations after Rabbi Tanenbaum met with relief officials in Biafra in July, 1968.

He said AJCommittee officials had been conducting talks with leaders of major Jewish organizations aimed at developing a similar ad hoc Jewish coordinating group to act for the poor in recognition of the "urgency and magnitude" of the urban crisis.

Rabbinical Alliance Raps Dr. Finkelstein For 'Allowing' Doxology In White House Service

NEW YORK, July 6 (JTA) -- The Orthodox Rabbinical Alliance of America today criticized Dr. Louis Finkelstein, chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, for "allowing inclusion of a Christian hymn" in the non-denominational religious service at the White House last Sunday at which Dr. Finkelstein officiated. He was the first rabbi to lead such a service at the White House. The recitation of a Doxology, alluding to the Christian trinitarian concept of God, as part of the service, has evoked criticism. Dr. Finkelstein has said his participation in the service did not constitute acquiescence in the content of the hymn. Dr. Finkelstein has said he knew in advance that the Doxology would be sung. A White House spokesman said after the service that all White House services, though non-denominational, included a Christian Doxology. "That basic form of the service is constant," he said, "even though the faith of the speaker changes."

Rabbi Abraham Gross, president of the Rabbinical Alliance, who says it has 500 members, declared that under Jewish religious law, a Jew may not participate, even in silence, at a service where a Doxology is recited. He asserted that "this kind of distorted religious situation" was made possible by participation of "liberal" Orthodox rabbis in activities with "non-Orthodox clergy" of the Conservative and Reform movements. Dr. Finkelstein's seminary is Conservative.

Rabbi Gross said that the intentions of the White House were honorable. He added that "well-meaning Jews and non-Jews such as the Presidential family" had been led to believe that "there is a Judaism outside of the Orthodox camp and that it was logical to invite a non-Orthodox clergyman to conduct a service which would be a gesture of courtesy to the American Jewish community."

American-Israel Cultural Foundation Reports Its 1968 Spending Exceeded \$1.4 Million

NEW YORK, July 6 (JTA) -- The America-Israel Cultural Foundation reported at its annual meeting last week that it spent over \$1.4 million in 1968 for cultural projects and the training of young artists in Israel. The sum included more than \$285,000 worth of art works and musical instruments on permanent loan to institutions in Israel. The violinist, Isaac Stern, was elected chairman of the Foundation's board of director. William Mazer was elected president.

In his annual report, Mr. Mazer described the "concert circuit," a project of the Foundation designed to bring good music to Israeli towns and settlements and raise the general level of taste. He also said the Foundation, in cooperation with the Helena Rubenstein Foundation, was establishing a program of scholarships for leading artists and art teachers to offer courses in Israel.

Rose L. Halprin Youth Hostel, Named For U.S. Zionist Leader, Dedicated In Israel

TEL AVIV, July 6 (JTA) -- The Rose L. Halprin youth hostel was dedicated at Kibbutz Bohan near Nathanya last week. It will serve Jewish youth from abroad who come to Israel for the "Shenat Sherut", a year of voluntary service. Dr. Israel Goldstein, chairman of Keren Hayesod, spoke at the dedication ceremonies which were attended by local officials and foreign guests. The hostel is named for Mrs. Rose L. Halprin, an American woman Zionist leader who served for many years as president of Hadasah and as chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency.