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Pompidou Says France Not Planning Release Of Mirage Jets To Israel

PARIS, July 10 (JTA) -- President Georges Pompidou said today that France may partially lift its arms embargo against Israel but has no immediate intention of releasing the 50 impounded Mirage V jets which Israel ordered before the 1967, Six-Day War and has since paid for in full. M. Pompidou said any decision to resume French arms shipments to the Middle East would depend upon whether other nations are shipping arms there. He said that if the embargo on Israel was relaxed, it would only be for light equipment and spare parts ordered before former President Charles de Gaulle established a total embargo on Jan. 3, 1968. Gen. de Gaulle embargoed the Mirages the day the war started.

President Pompidou addressed newsmen in the Elysee Palace in his first press conference since being elected. He indicated that his administration would follow the de Gaulle policy of walking a "middle road" between Israel and the Arab states but added that France "must defend her large interests in the area based on her traditional good relations with the Arab nations." He said the aim of French Mideast policy "is not to sell arms but to help reestablish peace." He deplored the escalation of violence in the Mideast, warning that it threatened the Mediterranean power balance and world peace. France, he said, would counsel the two parties to the conflict to "show wisdom" and will seek a settlement that will insure Israel's security and guaranteed frontiers while safeguarding the rights of the "Palestinian people."

Eban Reiterates Delivery Plans For Phantom Jets Are On Schedule

JERUSALEM, July 10 (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Abba Eban assured the Knesset yesterday that preparations for the delivery of 50 U.S. Phantom jet fighter bombers to Israel were proceeding smoothly and on schedule. He said all phases of the agreement with the United States for Israel's purchase of the supersonic warplanes were being implemented without delays or obstacles.

Mr. Eban called on the public not to regard news items attributed to "political circles" as emanating from the Foreign Ministry. He said that some Israeli and foreign journalists often attribute their private views to un-named "political circles." He said there was no substance to rumors of a possible breach in U.S.-Israel friendship in the near future.

Commenting on the Big Power efforts to find a Mideast solution, Mr. Eban said nothing was to be gained by transforming the Two Power and Four Power discussions at one site into a series of private dialogues moving from capital to capital. He said the U.S.-Soviet bilateral talks had reached an impasse because the Soviet Union and Egypt refused to accept American proposals. He said that while the latter were not identical with Israel's views, they contained a number of important peace principles and minimum security conditions which the Soviets and Egyptians have rejected. The Foreign Minister said that despite Moscow's negative reply, the Americans want to continue the talks on grounds that the very fact they are continuing will "keep the lid on" the Middle East.

The Foreign Minister also asserted that Gunnar V. Jarring, the special United Nations Mideast peace envoy, had reached the conclusion that his mission "makes no sense" without a direct meeting of Israel and the Arab states. He made that statement in an interview with the Jewish Observer and Middle East Review to be published tomorrow. Noting that the Jarring mission had been suspended for the Big Power talks, he added that the Four Powers had taken the peace initiative from Israel and the Arabs by introducing the idea of a settlement imposed by external forces which he called a "great error" leading to the loss of "much time."

Asserting that the Big Four talks had created "a dangerous illusion," he said that the status quo was not to the Arabs' advantage "but they have been given an escape route away from the hard choice they must make." He expressed the view that United States officials were beginning to realize they were mistaken in believing that Soviet Russia was the key to Middle East peace. At the moment, however, he added, it appeared that the United States "would like to have another try with the Soviet Union before it despairs completely."

Gromyko, In Address To Soviet Parliament, Reiterates Withdrawal Demand

LONDON, July 10 (JTA) -- Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko reiterated before the Soviet Parliament today Russia's insistence that Israel must withdraw from all occupied territories as a prerequisite for peace in the Middle East. He also proposed in an address to the Supreme Soviet that the Big Powers create a nuclear-free zone in the Mediterranean.

He spoke on the eve of arrival in Moscow of United States Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs Joseph Sisco, who will discuss the Mideast situation with top Soviet officials, probably including Mr. Gromyko in a continuation of the United States--Soviet dialogue which has been underway in Washington for several months. It appeared likely that Mr. Sisco and Kremlin leaders would discuss general disarmament. Mr. Gromyko's proposal for a nuclear-free Mediterranean indicated that the topic of arms reduction probably would be discussed. No Middle East state at present is known to pos-

sess nuclear weapons although it is generally conceded that Israel has the technical know-how to produce them. Israel has said it would stand by its pledge not to be the first nation to introduce nuclear weapons to the Middle East. The U.S. Sixth fleet which regularly patrols the Eastern Mediterranean is nuclear-armed. The Soviets have never said whether the large fleet they now have in the Mediterranean is nuclear armed but many sources believe it is. France is the only nuclear power on the Mediterranean Sea.

Mr. Gromyko also told the Supreme Soviet that the Soviet Union "would like to see the United States take a more realistic position rather than pursue a policy based on temporary considerations" in working out an Arab-Israeli settlement. He maintained that the Arabs were ready to settle but the "Israeli leaders are following a slippery road of unfounded ambition." He emphasized, however, that the rights of all states, including Israel, should be respected.

Israel Returns To Egypt Bodies Of Nine Commandos Killed In Suez Raid

TEL AVIV, July 10 (JTA) -- Israel returned to Egypt today the bodies of nine Egyptian commandos killed in an abortive raid on Israeli positions on the east bank of the Suez Canal Monday. The transfer of the bodies took place at Kantara under supervision of the International Red Cross.

An Israeli spokesman denied a Cairo claim that Egypt had mounted a new commando attack today across the Suez Canal. Cairo asserted that two "reenforced platoons" crossed the waterway and blew up five Israeli gun positions. The Israeli spokesman said "there is no evidence of any crossing and no damage to any of our positions." Cairo also claimed that Egyptian gunners shot down an Israeli helicopter today during a four hour artillery duel.

An Arab saboteur was killed in an explosion near the Banias River in the upper Golan Heights today, an Israeli military spokesman said. The blast damaged a tractor. A second explosion occurred nearby at the same time and an investigation disclosed damage to a meteorological observation post. The saboteur is believed to have been killed when he mishandled the explosives.

Damascus radio said today that Syrian and Israeli troops clashed in the Golan Heights. It claimed that Syrian gunners destroyed an Israeli bulldozer and two heavy machineguns.

Syria Reported To Have Received \$15 Million Arms Gift From Peking

WASHINGTON, July 10 (JTA) -- Syria has received a \$15 million gift of weapons from Communist China, the magazine Al Sayyad reported today, according to a dispatch from Beirut. The magazine asserted that the arms already were deployed along the cease-fire line in the Golan Heights.

Egypt's Suez Attacks Seen Creating New Refugee Problem For Cairo

TEL AVIV, July 10 (JTA) -- The Chief of Staff of Israel's armed forces said yesterday that Egypt has created a serious new refugee problem in the Suez Canal zone by its continuing violation of the cease-fire agreements. Maj. Gen. Haim Bar Lev told a class of newly commissioned officers that up to a quarter of a million residents of Egyptian towns in the canal area have been forced to evacuate because of the fighting which Egypt provokes.

Gen. Bar Lev said Israel had to prepare for a new war because Arab leaders still think that war is the only way for them to "turn back the clock." They are not plotting a full scale war now, he said because they respect Israel's military superiority. However, Gen. Bar Lev warned, Israel will continue to "exact the full price" for Arab violations of the cease-fire agreements. He said the Egyptians are learning that the Nile Valley and the Gulf of Suez are vulnerable. Their oil ports are presently paralyzed, he added.

Israel Signs Pact With ARAMCO For Repair Of Sabotaged Pipeline

JERUSALEM, July 10 (JTA) -- Israel has signed an agreement with the Arabian-American Oil Co. to permit repairs to be made on a section of the Trans-Arabian Pipeline (Tapline), passing through the Israel-occupied Golan Heights, which was damaged by Arab saboteurs last month. The agreement was signed by the Israeli Finance Ministry and provides for the payment by ARAMCO of an undisclosed amount to Israel for damages and water pollution caused by the sabotage.

The agreement also stipulates that the owners of the pipeline will take special precautions to protect Israeli water sources from pollution should the pipeline be damaged again. Repairs are expected to be completed in a month. Tapline carries crude oil from the Saudi Arabian oil fields to Mediterranean ports in Lebanon. Lebanon and Syria are paid royalties for the transit privilege. Israel has made no claim for payment though a section of the line passes through Israel held territory.

Agnon Remains In Serious Condition After Collapse; Hospital Visitors Barred

JERUSALEM, July 10 (JTA) -- Israel's Nobel Laureate, S.Y. Agnon remained in a serious condition in a Jerusalem hospital today following his collapse in his home on Tuesday. Hospital authorities said he was losing consciousness from time to time and was allowed no visitors except members of his family. Mr. Agnon, who will be 81 July 18, was co-winner of the 1966 Nobel Prize for literature.

He was discovered unconscious in his home in the Talpote section of Jerusalem when neighbors, who thought his house was "too quiet," summoned police. Mr. Agnon's wife became ill several days ago and was staying at her daughter's home at the time.

Arab Anti-Isra'el Propaganda In U.S. Making Headway, AJCommittee Reports

NEW YORK, July 10 (JTA) -- Arab propaganda efforts in America have become more professional and sophisticated since the June, 1967 Arab-Isra'eli war and have made "substantial headway" especially among some Protestant church leaders, the American Jewish Committee reported today. The report, titled "Arab Appeals to American Public Opinion Today" said that since June, 1967 Arab propagandists have replaced their former "unselective" approach with more sophisticated techniques aimed at particular audiences such as church groups, the student left and disaffected blacks.

The report said the theme of Arab propaganda has shifted from Biblical and legal arguments against a Jewish State to moral arguments focusing on alleged Israeli mistreatment of Arabs within their borders and the Arab refugee problem. A major target of the Arab propaganda effort has been the churches where anti-Zionism and religious anti-Semitism are employed to sway opinion. Many welfare groups established to alleviate the plight of Arab refugees are susceptible, and accompany their humanitarian aims with hostility toward Israel, the report said. Another major Arab effort is being made to establish ties with the Black Muslim movement and other extreme Negro groups. According to the report official Arab propaganda is disseminated through offices of the Arab Information Center in New York, Chicago, Dallas, Ottawa, San Francisco and Washington, D.C. Additional propaganda activities have been undertaken by the Action Committee on American-Arab Relations, the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Palestine Arab Delegation. On American campuses the main source of Arab propaganda is the Organization of Arab Students which claims more than 8,000 members in 100 chapters in the U.S. and Canada.

Jordan Reported Planning Protest To UNESCO Over Scroll Sale To Israel

LONDON, July 10 (JTA) -- The Times reported from Paris today that Jordan was disputing Israel's claim to the Temple Scroll, the longest Dead Sea scroll yet discovered, and will contest it at the September session of UNESCO in Paris. The scroll was purchased by Israel from a Jordanian antiquities dealer in East Jerusalem known as Kando, after protracted negotiations. The price was not disclosed but the Wolfson Foundation in London contributed more than \$80,000 toward the purchase and the scroll will eventually be known as the Wolfson Scroll, the Times reported. According to the paper, Western scholars have been trying for years to get the dealer to sell the scroll for which he reportedly asked nearly \$250,000.

The Jordanian Government has declared the Israeli purchase invalid. The Amman authorities say that under the 1954 Hague Convention for the protection of cultural property in occupied territories, the scroll could not be sold. Prof. Yigal Yadin, the Hebrew University archaeologist, said the Temple Scroll deteriorated so much while in Kando's hands that parts of it looked like "melted chocolate."

Sapir Reports U.S. Jews Showing Concern For Israel With More Contributions

TEL AVIV, July 10 (JTA) -- Financial contributions by American Jews to Israel are increasing, spurred by the seriousness of Israel's security position which is given prominence on American television, radio and in the press, former Finance Minister Pincus Sapir reported today on his return from a visit to the U.S. Mr. Sapir is Minister-Without-Portfolio.

He said that the sale of Israel Bonds in the U.S. netted \$75 million during the first six months of 1969, compared to \$51 million in the same period of 1968. He reported that he had received a \$3.5 million donation from an American family, whose name he did not disclose, for construction of a maritime school in Haifa. Israel has a maritime college at Acre across the bay from Haifa.

Israel Asks Nigeria, Biafra To Intensify Efforts To End Civil War

JERUSALEM, July 10 (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Abba Eban disclosed today that Israel has asked both Nigeria and its break-away eastern province of Biafra to make stronger efforts to end their civil war but the appeals have been in vain. Mr. Eban spoke in reply to questions in the Knesset. His disclosure was the first that Israel has made direct diplomatic representations in the Biafran situation.

The Foreign Minister said that Israel would continue to provide humanitarian help to Biafra and will continue to let the Nigerian authorities in Lagos know of Israel's shock and indignation over the plight of Biafran civilians.

NEWS IN BRIEF

TEL AVIV, July 10 (JTA) -- Former United States Supreme Court Justice Arthur Goldberg and Mrs. Goldberg were greeted by school children with songs and flowers when they visited a summer camp in Jaffa run by Moetzet Hapoclot, the Pioneer Women's organization in Israel. The youngsters, from settlements in the Beisan Valley, are spending their summer vacation at the sea-side camp. Mr. and Mrs. Goldberg toured other Pioneer Women institutions in Tel Aviv.

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JERUSALEM, July 10 (JTA) -- The Edward Silver Chair in criminal procedure was dedicated by the Hebrew University today in the presence of Judge Edward Silver of Brooklyn, members of Israel's Supreme Court and the ministers of justice and social welfare. President Avraham Harman of the Hebrew University hailed Judge Silver as a "distinguished jurist and Jew." The inaugural lecture was delivered by Prof. Shalev Ginossar, the first incumbent of the Silver Chair.

Weiler Says British Applying 'Sanctions' To Israel With Chieftain Tanks Sale Ban

NEW YORK, July 10 (JTA) -- British "sanctions" are in effect against Israel, Jack D. Weiler, one of the United States' top Jewish leaders, asserted today in an interview. Back from Israel, where he served as chairman of the housing committee during the recent Human Needs Conference there, Mr. Weiler said he and other delegates conferred with Israeli Government leaders.

The modern British Chieftain tanks, for which Israel put in a bid last year, have been denied to her so long as the Big Four meetings on the Middle East continue, he said. The general sentiment among the people and Government of Israel, Mr. Weiler said, in viewing the British Government's refusal to sell the tanks, was that the people of Israel would have to "go it alone" but with the support and backing of the world's Jews.

A priority consideration in this connection is the building of housing for immigrants, he said. At present, according to Mr. Weiler, a real estate developer who headed a small group who built 12,000 housing units in Israel a few years ago, 100,000 families live in slum areas. One fourth of Israel's children live in areas which have no place for study and recreation, he said, adding that 40,000 families are living with four persons in one room. The psychological and social importance of this condition increases enormously, he said, in the face of the Arab threat to Israel's security.

Yet, he said, the 35,000 immigrants per year that Israel expects--the equivalent of an immigration of more than three million in the United States--will need housing. To meet this need, Israel is spending 2.2 percent of its gross national product for housing as compared with comparable U.S. spending of 4.4 percent. Mr. Weiler quoted Foreign Minister Abba Eban as saying to the Human Needs parley that Israel has more problems per square mile and more problems per capita than any other nation in the world. Mr. Weiler said that his committee made specific recommendations for financing the solution to the problem of housing. At least \$200 million will be needed for 1969-70 based on an anticipated immigration of 35,000 in this period, he added.

UJA Announces Plans For Record 14 Fact-Finding Missions To Israel

NEW YORK, July 10 (JTA) -- The United Jewish Appeal announced today that it would conduct a record number of 14 fact-finding missions to Israel between Nov. 2, 1969 and Feb. 22, 1970. The missions, called "Operation Israel," were inaugurated last year with nine one-week programs. According to Edward Ginsberg, of Cleveland, Ohio, UJA general chairman, the missions are designed to provide American Jews with the opportunity to make a one-week first-hand survey of humanitarian programs and needs in Israel supported by funds raised by the UJA. He said the programs allowed the participants to visit areas and installations not normally open to tourists.

Mr. Ginsberg said that two of the missions are planned for "women only" and another will be exclusively for rabbis. Flights to Israel depart on Sunday evenings and return to New York the following Sunday. The participants pay their own expenses.

SCA Rejects Arab Charges, Repeats Criticism Of Security Council

NEW YORK, July 10 (JTA) -- The Synagogue Council of America repeated today its criticism of the United Nations Security Council for alleged "one-sidedness" in dealing with the Middle East. A statement issued by Rabbi Solomon J. Sharfman, SCA president, replied to the Jordanian Ambassador to the UN, Mohamed H. el-Farra, who had accused the SCA and its constituent bodies of being a "Zionist organization." The Council is the coordinating agency for the national rabbinic and congregational organizations of Conservative, Reform and Orthodox Jewry in America. The Jordanian envoy assailed it at the Security Council July 2 because it had condemned the Security Council's unanimous censure of Israel for altering the status of East Jerusalem.

Rabbi Sharfman declared that the Synagogue Council and its constituents were religious organizations whose "overriding commitment is not to any political ideology but to the imperatives that derive from religious faith." Rabbi Sharfman said "It is in fidelity to this religious obligation that the Synagogue Council of America, as a religious agency, condemned the double standard that led certain world leaders and nations comprising the Security Council to censure Israel's attack against Beirut Airport last December while passing in silence over Arab attacks against Israeli planes and lives" and to censure Israel "for measures it has taken to unify Jerusalem."

Memorial Foundation Gives \$132,000 To 132 Scholars For Jewish Studies

NEW YORK, July 10 (JTA) -- Scholarships and fellowships totalling \$132,000 have been granted by the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture for the 1969-70 academic year to 132 students and scholars working in a variety of fields in 10 countries, it was announced today by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the Foundation. The awards are distributed for Jewish study, research and creative work. Of the 132 recipients, 70 are doctoral students preparing for careers in various fields of Jewish scholarship and 62 are independent scholars, research workers and writers. Their countries include Israel, Britain, France and the United States.

Ten-Year Effort Leads Three L.A. 'Social Clubs' To Accept Jews

LOS ANGELES, July 10 (JTA) -- Three "social clubs" which have maintained totally non-Jewish membership policies have yielded to a 10-year campaign of "moral persuasion" from three Jewish agencies and have agreed to accept Jewish membership applications, according to Neil C. Sandberg, regional director of the American Jewish Committee. The Stock Exchange Club, the University Club and the Chancery Club all have "changed their policy of exclusion of Jews voluntarily," Mr. Sandberg reported, "without public exposure and pressure." He added the clubs did so "on moral grounds and because they were persuaded it was the right thing to do." The two assisting Jewish organizations were the American Jewish Congress and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, he said.