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## Report Israel May Boycott United Nations Security Council Following Syria's Election

JERUSALEM, Oct. 21 (JTA) -- Two Israeli newspapers reported today that Israel may boycott the United Nations Security Council because of the election of Syria to it yesterday.

The reports in Haaretz and Davar came in the wake of the statement by Foreign Minister Abba Eban that Israel would "reconsider her stand" toward the Council if Syria was elected and until it frees the two Israelis detained since the Aug. 29 hijacking of a Trans World Airliner to Damascus.

Haaretz reported that it was likely that Israel would not appear before the 15-member Council under present conditions either as a plaintiff or to answer charges made against her by other states. Official sources in Jerusalem have said in recent days that "a nation which so openly flouts international law and usage cannot sit in justice on others." Both papers reported that there has been no Cabinet decision on a boycott and that the announcement of a boycott may be delayed.

(Ambassador Yosef Tekoah said at the UN that the election of Syria "does create the question of whether there is any justification for us to participate in the Security Council under such circumstances." When Mideast questions are before the body, Israel and the Arab states invariably participate in the debate but those Arab states not on the Council, as well as Israel, do not have the right to vote. The lopsided pro-Arab weight of the Council has long been a target of Israeli criticism, and Jerusalem has ignored resolutions which it regards as biased.)

The 126-member General Assembly gave Syria 101 votes, enabling it to take the Asian bloc seat being vacated by Pakistan on Jan. 1, 1970. Syria will remain on the Council as a non-permanent member for two years.

Syria is still technically at war with Israel, as is Algeria which is leaving the Council after a two-year stint. The Israelis had been campaigning to either block the election of Syria or to gain an impressive number of abstentions.

Of the five principal candidates sponsored by geographical blocs for Council membership, Syria received the fewest number of votes. The others named to the Council, which is charged with maintaining international peace and security, are: Poland, 121 votes; Burundi, 118; Sierra Leone, 117; and Nicaragua, 103.

The new Council will include five member states which do not have diplomatic relations with Israel -- Russia, Poland, Spain, China and Syria. The present Council has six such members. Some Israelis feel that with the departure of Pakistan, Senegal and Algeria, the balance of the Council may be slightly less unfavorable to them. In a scattering of other votes, for Council membership, Israel, Jordan, Iraq and Egypt received one each. Lebanon and Tunisia received two. The balloting was secret.

## Wives Of Israelis Held In Syria See Thant, Miss Brooks, Lindsay, TWA Head

New York, Oct. 21 (JTA) -- The wives of two Israelis detained in Syria since the Aug. 29 hijacking of their Trans World Airlines jet continued today to try to create United States public pressure for their husbands' release. Mrs. Shlomo Samueloff and Mrs. Saleh Muallem met with Mayor John V. Lindsay and with F.C. Weiser, president of TWA whose plane was taken to Syria by two members of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. The two women met yesterday with United Nations Secretary General U Thant and Miss Angie Brooks of Liberia, president of the General Assembly.

Mayor Lindsay, after meeting with Mrs. Samueloff and Mrs. Muallem for 10 minutes, issued the following statement: "I am completely in sympathy" with them. "Every consideration of humanity and civility requires that the UN take forthright action to insure that their husbands will be returned to their homeland and families immediately."

A TWA spokesman refused to disclose the nature of the conversation between the women and Mr. Weiser, saying it was "privileged." He indicated, however, that TWA is continuing to "do all it can on the scene" in Damascus to effect the release of the Israelis. He indicated that two top ranking TWA officials are there, including Richard Wilson, vice president of the company's European region. TWA is also continuing to work with other international aviation bodies, he said.

Meeting newsmen after the UN appointments under the auspices of the Israel Mission to the UN, the women said that they had been assured by Mr. Thant that he would continue his efforts to free the men. Miss Brooks has sent a personal appeal on their behalf to Syria's President Nureddin al-Atassi but so far has received no reply.

Israel has rejected a Syrian offer to free the men if two captured Syrian pilots were released,

claiming that a bad precedent would be set if two illegally detained civilians were traded for military prisoners held legitimately under international law. Mrs. Samueloff, asked if she favored such a trade, replied, "We want our husbands back, but you cannot buy off a thief."

In a related development, Rabbi Israel Miller, chairman of the American Zionist Council, sent a telegram to Secretary of State William P. Rogers urging him to "renew the strongest efforts" to effect the Israelis' release. "The failure of the Syrian Government to release these men is an action of callous disregard of human rights, inflicting needless punishment on innocent citizens," the wire said.

### **Israel Says Americans Serve In Armed Forces Of Lebanon, Jordan And Saudi Arabia**

JERUSALEM, Oct. 21 (JTA) -- An Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman claimed today that Americans holding dual citizenship were serving in the armed forces of Lebanon, Jordan and Saudi Arabia and that there are 1,500 American citizens residing on the West Bank.

He said the Arab charge that the U.S. was encouraging American citizens to fight for Israel, which was based on the fact that the U.S. does not automatically revoke the citizenship of Americans serving in armed forces of friendly states, was a "smokescreen alibi" for Egypt where Soviet advisors direct Egyptian military activities on the front lines.

The spokesman said the Arab accusations were a continuation of the false charges voiced by President Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt and King Hussein of Jordan, at the time of the Six-Day War, that U.S. planes were aiding the Israel Air Force. Diplomatic sources here nevertheless expressed "astonishment" that the U.S. seemed to be apologizing to the Arabs instead of attacking Arab motives in the case.

### United States Faces Further Difficulties On Issue Of Military Service

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Oct. 21 (JTA) -- The United States apparently is having little success in its efforts to convince the Arab states that it is not encouraging American citizens to serve in the armed forces of Israel. The U.S. permanent representative to the United Nations, Ambassador Charles Yost, sent his second letter on the subject to the president of the Security Council today.

Assistant Secretary of State Joseph J. Sisco explained to the envoys of 10 Arab states at a special meeting in Washington yesterday that, under a 1967 Supreme Court decision, Americans may serve in the armed forces of any non-hostile nation --- not only Israel --- without automatically forfeiting their citizenship.

The points made by Mr. Sisco were reiterated in Mr. Yost's letter. He stated that some Americans may be serving in the Israeli Army but this situation could apply to certain Arab armies as well. He stressed that far from encouraging U.S. citizens to serve in foreign armies, the U.S. was discouraging them from such activity. Mr. Sisco also said no U.S. military personnel were serving the Israeli armed forces in any capacity.

The Yost letter was in reply to a second letter to the Security Council from the Egyptian representative, Ambassador Mohammed el-Zayyat. The Egyptians lodged a protest with the Security Council last week following reports that a U.S. Embassy official in Tel Aviv stated that Americans who became Israeli citizens and served in her armed forces would not automatically lose their U.S. citizenship.

That Embassy statement, made in reply to a reporter's question, was an explanation of the 1967 Supreme Court ruling on the question of dual citizenship. Cairo claimed that it was "proof" that Americans were fighting for Israel and were being encouraged to do so. Similar charges were made by the Governments of Jordan and Libya. The Libyan Ambassador to the UN, Wahbi el-Bouri, protested to the Security Council today against American serving in Israel's Army.

Ambassador el-Zayyat said in his second letter that "the legal measures (the 1967 Supreme Court decision) referred to... clearly opens the door for American citizens to fight under the Israeli flag." He said "such a serious development, in the opinion of my Government, can lead only to further escalation and disturbing repercussions in our area." Mr. Sisco warned in Washington yesterday that such "distorted charges seriously impair efforts to create an atmosphere in which a just and lasting peace in the Middle East can be achieved."

(In Jerusalem yesterday, Israel's Foreign Minister Abba Eban called Arab charges that Americans were fighting for Israel "grotesque propaganda." He told a press conference that the number of Americans in Israel's armed forces was insignificant. Military authorities have estimated it at between 80 and 100.)

The State Department has reportedly started an internal discussion of methods of dissuading young American Jews of draft age from enlisting in Israeli armed forces. Suggestions are being sought from the U.S. Selective Service System. According to informed sources, efforts may be made to discourage young American Jews from emigrating to Israel because their military service there might "embarrass" Arab-American relations.

### Libya Claims Americans Are Training Israelis For Combat At Wheelus

LONDON, Oct. 21 (JTA) -- Libya's official newspaper, Al Thawra, accused the United States today of training Israeli combat pilots at the Wheelus Air Force base near Tripoli.

## Willy Brandt, New West German Chancellor, Was Long An Opponent Of Nazis

BONN, Oct. 21 (JTA) -- Willy Brandt, the first Socialist to head a West German Government since the Nazi rise to power began in 1930, was elected Chancellor of the Federal Republic today. The Bundestag, West Germany's lower house, elected him by 251 to 235 votes, only two votes over the 249 required for election.

Unlike his predecessor, former Chancellor Kurt Georg Kiesinger who once belonged to the Nazi party, Mr. Brandt, 56, fought against the Nazis while still in his teens and was on the Nazis' wanted list when World War II broke out. Mr. Brandt, head of the Social Democratic Party (SPD), served as Foreign Minister in the Kiesinger coalition Government. His party won 224 Bundestag seats in last month's elections. These, along with 30 won by the Free Democratic Party, were sufficient to form a new coalition depriving Chancellor Kiesinger's Christian Democratic Union of power for the first time in 20 years.

Mr. Brandt was born in Lubeck in 1913 as Herbert Karl Frahm, the illegitimate son of a salesgirl, a fact that he has never concealed. He was a militant Socialist at the age of 17. He participated in street battles against Hitler's Brownshirts and was once tried and acquitted for fighting the Nazi gangs. When Hitler took power in 1933, he fled to Norway where he assumed his present name. Mr. Brandt made his living as a journalist on Scandinavian newspapers. During the Nazi occupation of Norway, he was arrested but was mistaken for a Norwegian soldier, released and fled to neutral Sweden. After the war he covered the Nuremberg war crimes trials for Swedish newspapers. He re-entered German politics shortly after the war and was Mayor of West Berlin before joining the Kiesinger Cabinet.

## Israel Will Be Expected To Reduce Tariffs, Make Concessions To EEC, Sharaf Says

JERUSALEM, Oct. 21 (JTA) -- Israel will be expected to reduce tariffs and make other concessions in return for preferential treatment from the European Common Market, Finance Minister Ze'ev Sharaf said yesterday. Mr. Sharaf addressed the Consultative Committee on the Protection of Locally Manufactured Goods. The Council of Ministers of the Market authorized negotiations for a preferential trade agreement with Israel last Friday.

Mr. Sharaf said Israel would be asked to reduce its tariffs on all imports, abolish export subsidies, and do away with taxes that discriminate against imported goods.

## Dr. Goldstuecker, Refugee From Czechoslovakia, Reappointed By British University

LONDON, Oct. 21 (JTA) -- Dr. Eduard Goldstuecker, the Czech Jewish intellectual and writer in exile, has been reappointed visiting professor of comparative literature at Sussex University for another year. Dr. Goldstuecker, who headed the Czech Writers Union before the 1968 Soviet-led invasion of his country, has been on leave from Charles University in Prague of which he was vice chancellor. He was closely identified with the liberal Dubcek regime and fled to England after the Warsaw Pact forces occupied Czechoslovakia.

## Canadian Professor Urges Rights Unit Probe Of Arab's Charges Of Discrimination

TORONTO, Oct. 21 (JTA) -- A Jewish professor at York University has urged the Ontario Human Rights Commission to open a full investigation into charges brought by a Lebanese-born instructor that he was denied a position at the university only because he is an Arab and a Marxist. Dr. Harold Kaplan, chairman of York's political science department, was one of the targets of charges by George Hagggar that he was discriminated against by "Zionists" and others.

Hagggar, who was formerly employed by York and several other Canadian colleges, is an active propagandist for the Arab cause. He claimed that when he applied for a position at York he was informed that the university could not have on its faculty anyone who would be in conflict with the Jewish community.

Dr. Kaplan maintained that Hagggar was not denied a job on racial or political grounds. He said that over 30 professors had applied last year for the three posts available in his department.

## Vice Mayor Plans Exchange Program Between Vienna And Israeli Symphony Orchestras

VIENNA, Oct. 21 (JTA) -- An exchange program between the Vienna Symphony and Israeli Symphony orchestras is being mapped out, according to Mrs. Gertrude Sendner, vice mayor of Vienna and the city's commissioner for cultural affairs.

She said that in the first stage of the exchange, a young Vienna concert-master will go to Israel in exchange for a young Israeli concert-master who will come to Vienna. This exchange will begin next January. During the 1970 season, Mrs. Sendner said, it is also hoped to exchange guest performances. In 1972, the Vienna Symphony will leave on its second tour of Israel.

## John D. Raynor Elected Chairman Of Reform-Liberal Rabbis' Council In Britain

LONDON, Oct. 21 (JTA) -- Rabbi John D. Raynor has been elected chairman of the Council of Reform and Liberal Rabbis, a group established in Britain last year to speak for liberal Judaism in this country. Rabbi P. Slevin Goldberg was elected vice chairman and Rabbis Sidney Brichto and Hugo Gryn have been elected members of the executive committee. Rabbi Raynor is a former vice chairman of the council of senior ministers of the Liberal Jewish Synagogue. Rabbi Brichto is executive vice president of the Union of Liberal and Progressive Synagogues and chairman of its rabbinic conference.

**JTA President Robert H. Arnow Announces Election Of Morris L. Levinson To Board**

NEW YORK, Oct. 21 (JTA) -- Election of Morris L. Levinson, New York industrialist and Jewish civic leader, as a member of the board of directors of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was announced today by Robert H. Arnow, JTA President. Mr. Levinson is president of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York and treasurer of the national UJA. He is a vice president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds and a trustee of the United Israel Appeal and of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York. Mr. Levinson has been a director of the Fund for the Republic, Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions in Santa Barbara, Cal. since 1963 and trustee or director of numerous Jewish and non-Jewish educational institutions.

**Brooklyn 'Jewish Press' Denounces Defense League's Rabbi Kahane, Former Editor**

NEW YORK, Oct. 21 (JTA) -- Rabbi Meir Kahane, national chairman of the self-styled Jewish Defense League, has been denounced by the weekly Jewish newspaper he formerly edited, Rabbi Sholom Klass, publisher of the Jewish Press, an Orthodox-oriented tabloid published in Brooklyn, today dissociated the paper from Rabbi Kahane and other leaders of the JDL. He accused Rabbi Kahane of making the JDL a "personal political club" and waging "a campaign of vilification" against Mayor John V. Lindsay. According to Rabbi Klass, Rabbi Kahane was asked to resign as editor of the Jewish Press because he gave more time to JDL affairs than to his duties on the paper.

Under Rabbi Kahane's editorship, the Jewish Press published bitter attacks against Mayor Lindsay. Rabbi Kahane has continued these attacks in paid advertisements by the JDL in the New York Times accusing the Mayor of responsibility for an alleged "wave of terror" against Jews in ghetto communities and tolerance of Black anti-Semitism.

Rabbi Klass claimed today that his paper "felt duty-bound to present all sides in the Mayorality campaign." While the Jewish Press has endorsed no candidate, Rabbi Klass expressed satisfaction with a program outlined by Mayor Lindsay for aid to yeshivas and Talmud Torahs in poor neighborhoods. The Jewish Defense League has been denounced by most major Jewish organizations in the city for "rabble rousing" and vigilante tactics.

A spokesman for the newspaper said it would publish an announcement of its views on page one of this week's issue. He said that originally the newspaper gave extensive coverage to the JDL because it felt that the organization's "aims and purposes were good."

**New York State Official Urges Jews To Work For Restructuring Of Urban Community**

GROSSINGER, N.Y., Oct. 21 (JTA) -- A New York State official has urged the Jewish community to redirect its resources away from the "shadow-boxing of anti-Semitism" and to bend its efforts to restructure the urban community as a whole. Dr. Jack Sable, director of the New York State Office for Community Affairs, spoke at the opening of the annual convention of the Yeshiva University's Women's Organization here.

He called for the establishment of an "umbrella" organization sponsored by all Jewish agencies and educational institutions that would function as a "human renewal agency." He said it should concern itself with elderly Jews who cannot leave the inner city due to limited finances and contacts; with strengthening afternoon and all-day educational programs for thousands of youngsters who want a secular and spiritual education; caring for religious institutions which do not have the resources to continue their operations; and expanding cultural life for those who cannot travel long distances to major centers of entertainment.

A former president of the New York City Board of Education charged today that proponents of community control of public schools were trying "to drive from the school system principals and teachers of the Jewish faith to make way for the selection of Black replacements." Mrs. Rose Shapiro claimed that the school decentralization issue had caused a "religious polarization" in the city and alleged that anti-Semitism was at a "critical level" because civic leaders had not cried out earlier against extremists in the Black Power movement.

In delivering her charges in a speech at the convention, she urged the Jewish community to support teachers, supervisors and parents, both Black and white who are the victims of Black extremists. She said that "while meeting the legitimate demands of the Negro community we should not surrender to blackmail."

**Argentina Promises To Probe Jewish Complaint Of Arab Attempt To Sow Discord**

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 21 (JTA) -- The Argentine Government has promised to investigate Jewish complaints that Arab propagandists were attempting to sow discord between Argentine Jews and Arabs in provincial cities. The complaint was made by the DAIA, the central representative body of Argentine Jewry, which sent a delegation recently to the Minister of Interior, Gen. Francisco Imaz. They charged that the propagandists were using advertisements in local newspapers to incite Arabs against their Jewish neighbors.

Gen. Imaz said in a letter to the DAIA that "our national Government, according to the historical traditions of our people, guarantees and encourages, by all useful means, respect for the spiritual values of those who live on our soil -- nationals or foreigners-- towards open co-existence without distinctions of race or religion. The concern brought to our attention by the Jewish community shall be treated with the diligence and consideration deserved by human rights."