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French Foreign Minister Tells National Assembly Embargo Will Not Be Lifted

PARIS, Nov. 5(JTA)--French Foreign Minister Maurice Schumann made it clear during a parliamentary debate yesterday that France has no intention whatsoever of lifting the arms embargo against Israel imposed by former President Charles deGaulle. He delivered his remarks during the first full scale foreign policy debate in the National Assembly since President Georges Pompidou was elected to succeed Gen. deGaulle. But two Gaullist deputies took issue with the government's Mideast policy. One advised the Government to reconsider France's pressure for Big Four talks in the area. Another urged the Government to lift the embargo on Israel because "it has not served its purpose."

Mr. Schumann stated that France's Mideast policy was based on the principles of self-determination, respect for international law and a balance of power in the region. He said that in view of those considerations, France continues to urge implementation of the United Nations Security Council's Nov. 22, 1967 Mideast resolution and "will do nothing whatever which would worsen the arms race in the region." The Foreign Minister reiterated his conviction that the only method that could eventually lead to a peace settlement is Big Four consultations. He said he thought some progress had been made toward a settlement by previous consultations. M. Schumann said France believes that any settlement must include an article providing for the internationalization of the Holy Places in Jerusalem so that they are "adequately protected and preserved with free access guaranteed to all."

Arthur Conte, president of the influential Finance Commission, however, took a dim view of the Four Power role. He asked, "Would it not be wiser to isolate the affair rather than internationalize it?" An end to the embargo against Israel was called for by Jacques Claude Marcus who represents the City of Paris in the National Assembly. He also asked the Government to re-examine the Lebanese crisis "which seems to be maneuvered by the Soviet Union and its agents in the area."

French Government Said To Have Resisted Aid To Lebanon In Crisis

PARIS, Nov. 5(JTA)--The French Government, which last spring promised to send troops to Lebanon if that country's political or territorial integrity was threatened, reportedly informed the Beirut regime during the recent crisis not to expect any political or diplomatic assistance from France or other Western powers, and advised it to seek a compromise with the Palestinian guerrillas. Opposition political leaders here claim that France's position on this issue seriously influenced the stand of Lebanon's President, Charles Helou, in its negotiations with the guerrillas.

They said that France's attitude in the Lebanese crisis had been to support the leftist "progressive" Arab regimes. A member of the Pompidou cabinet, Andre Bettencourt, is scheduled to go to Cairo on Nov. 29 for talks with President Gamal Abdel Nasser and to negotiate French aid to the United Arab Republic. M. Bettencourt, who is the minister in charge of the Prime Minister's Office, will reportedly carry a personal letter from President Pompidou to President Nasser.

State Department Declines To Confirm Or Deny Report Of New U.S. Mideast Peace Plan

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5(JTA)--The State Department today would neither confirm nor deny a report in the semi-official Cairo newspaper Al Ahram that the United States had proposed a new Middle East peace formula to Egypt. According to Al Ahram, the formula was to be presented when the Four Powers resume their talks in New York later this month. It gave no details of the reputed plan.

State Department spokesman Robert McCloskey would say only that the United States and Soviet Russia were seeking agreement on a general approach to be presented to the Big Four who were expected to endorse it and forward it to United Nations peace envoy Gunnar V. Jarring to strengthen his renewed efforts to reach an Israeli-Arab settlement.

Al Ahram reported that Assistant Secretary of State Joseph J. Sisco presented the American plan to Dr. Ashraf Ghorbal, head of the Egyptian section of the Indian diplomatic mission in Washington last Friday. There has been no Egyptian Embassy here since Cairo severed diplomatic relations with the U.S. during the June, 1967 Six-Day War, and India has been handling its affairs.

(Speaking on television in Israel yesterday, Foreign Minister Abba Eban said he did not know of any such plan.)

Sees Russians Playing Double Game--Keeping Tensions High, But Opposing Mideast War

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5(JTA)--Russia is deliberately trying to keep tension at a high level in the Middle East, but not high enough to make a new outbreak of general war there inevitable, Washington Post correspondent Anthony Astrachan reported from Moscow today. According to Mr. Astrachan, Moscow is playing a tricky game of inciting war fever by blatant propaganda ploys on the one hand and trying to dampen it by quiet diplomacy on the other.

Neither the Russians nor their Arab clients appear to want a new full scale war with Israel because they are not prepared for it. But Moscow believes it can reap political advantage in the Middle East and embarrass the United States by abetting new crises and then claiming credit for having helped settle them through its diplomatic intervention, Mr. Astrachan said.

The correspondent noted the Lebanese crisis as a recent case in point. "When the United States issued a warning against intervention in Lebanon, apparently intended for Israel, the Soviets and Arabs chose to interpret it as directed against them," Mr. Astrachan wrote. "Soviet Ambassador (to the U.S.) Anatoly F. Dobrynin then tried some quiet diplomacy. He was cited as the source of reports that Moscow wanted to cool the Lebanese crisis and did not want to see the guerrilla groups, whom it could not control, get out of hand."

But if a new modus vivendi is reached in Lebanon, "The Soviet Union will actually have contributed to restoring peace--and created new tensions at the same time in the form of a more militant Lebanon that allows the guerrillas a free hand. Some observers think that weighs heavier than Soviet talks about restraining the guerrillas," Mr. Astrachan reported.

The Soviets, in fact appear to be courting the guerrillas as a possible way to control them, the correspondent said. He cited recent statements in support of the Palestinian commandos fight against Israel by a Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman, Leonid Zamyatin, and Alexander Shelepin, a member of the Politburo.

Mrs. Meir, Other Labor Leaders, Striving To Reconcile Opposing Factions

JERUSALEM, Nov. 5(JTA)--Premier Golda Meir and other Labor Party leaders are making strenuous efforts to reconcile two diametrically opposed political factions in order to put together a broadly based national coalition Government that can govern Israel for the next four years.

The left-wing Mapam, which entered a political alignment with Mrs. Meir's Labor Party earlier this year, is flatly opposed to a full coalition alliance based on common policy with the right-wing Gahal (Herut-Liberal) alignment. Mapam adheres to Marxist Socialism on the home front and takes a moderate line toward the Arabs and the occupied territories. Gahal is economically conservative and takes a hard line toward the Arabs. It emerged from the Oct. 28 national election as the second strongest party in Israel and is demanding Cabinet representation commensurate with its strength in the Knesset.

Mapam said it would agree to Gahal's participation in a national Government which it would consider to be an emergency body but pointed out that its allegiance to Cabinet policy covers only security, foreign policy and budget matters. Gahal has demanded four portfolios in a new Cabinet, at least two of them in first line "social" and "economic" ministries. It has also demanded certain changes in the policies of the outgoing Government and on several points of internal policy.

The Labor Party's political bureau deliberated for over five hours yesterday and nominated Mrs. Meir as its candidate to head the next Government. The Premier reportedly stated that she would not abandon the political alignment with Mapam for the sake of getting Gahal to join her Cabinet. The Party decided to delay negotiations with Gahal until its difficulties with Mapam are resolved. The Mapam political committee will meet tomorrow.

The situation was further complicated today by the collapse the Labor Party's coalition government in Tel Aviv, Israel's largest city. That shaky edifice, put together under Laborite Mayor Yehoshua Rabinowitz, lasted for 40 hours. It was based on a Labor majority of one seat in the 31-member City Council--that of the Ben Gurion-State-list's sole candidate, and included the Independent Liberals and the small Orthodox faction, Agudat Israel. The Orthodox National Religious Party, a member of the old Tel Aviv coalition, was piqued over not having been invited into the new city government. Only the last minute intervention of Labor Party Secretary general Pincus Sapir prevented the religious bloc from passing a resolution to start negotiations with Gahal and the Ben Gurion list for a new coalition excluding Labor.

In order to save Tel Aviv for Mayor Rabinowitz, the Labor Party is expected to court the NRP even more strenuously on the Cabinet level. It was reported today however that the Labor Party threatened to rescind its ban on Sabbath television broadcasts if the NRP joined Gahal in an anti-Labor Tel Aviv coalition. Earlier this week, the Orthodox politicians exacted at least a temporary ban on Sabbath TV from the Labor Party's governing council as their price for joining a national coalition. Israel's nationally owned television system was supposed to begin broadcasts on a seven-day basis this Friday. This has been postponed. But the Israel Broadcasting Authority has bitterly protested the Labor Party's decision on the issue and its director and several members have threatened to resign if they are over-ruled by the Cabinet. The Broadcasting Authority is a quasi-public body whose members represent Government bodies, but it is supposed to function independently under Israeli law.

President Zalman Shazar began consultations last Saturday with representatives of the various factions and will decide next week which party he will ask to form a new Government. It is a foregone conclusion that he will designate Mrs. Meir's Labor Party. The official election results are to be gazetted on Friday.

Egyptian Commandos Cross Suez Canal, Kill 2 Israelis, Wound 2; Jets Strike Back

TEL AVIV, Nov. 5(JTA)--Egyptian commandos crossed the Suez Canal and ambushed an Israeli armored patrol this morning under cover of an Egyptian mortar attack. Israeli Air Force jets attacked the Egyptian mortar positions in the afternoon.

All planes returned safely to their bases. An Israeli military spokesman said two Israeli soldiers were killed in the ambush, two were wounded and one is missing. The attack occurred at about 8 a.m. local time. Two other Israeli soldiers were killed by Egyptian fire along the canal yesterday, one in the northern sector near Kantara and the other near the southern end of the waterway.

Soviet Yiddish Magazine Pays Tribute to Jewish Writer Stalin Purged

LONDON, Nov. 5(JTA)--The works of a Soviet Jewish poet liquidated in the Stalin purges and the recent translation into Hebrew of the Georgian epic poem, "The Man in the Tiger Skin", were hailed in the current edition of Sovietish Heimland, the only Yiddish periodical published in the USSR.

The magazine just received here, contained an article marking the 80th anniversary of the birth of Ascher Schwartzman. It referred to his "martyrdom" but did not go into details. A lengthy article praised the translation of the Georgian poem which has just been published in Israel, an event marked by the Georgian journal, "Leninets." The article quoted the translator, Boris Gaponov who said he had "tried all the way to convey Rostavelis' rhythm as well as his ideas because this is a poem of great harmony which would have been lost if the harmony was not conveyed in the Hebrew version." Mr. Gaponov is presently working on a Hebrew anthology of Georgian poetry, Sovietish Heimland reported.

Youth Group Bids Kosygin Proclaim Amnesty for All Political Prisoners

SYRACUSE, N.Y., Nov. 5(JTA)--The Upstate Council of Youth for Soviet Jewry has written to Premier Alexei Kosygin urging him to declare Nov. 7, the anniversary of the Russian Revolution, as a day of amnesty for all political prisoners. The letter called specifically for the release of 10 Jews and non-Jews reportedly held in Soviet jails or prison camps for publicly protesting against Soviet policy toward Jews or against the occupation of Czechoslovakia.

The letter also urged "the immediate release of all other Soviet citizens unjustly imprisoned for similar offenses and the immediate release for all persons arrested for seeking to emigrate to Israel. We urge that for all who wish to emigrate, the road for reunion with their families be opened," the letter said.

Analysts Find Jews Voted In New York Along Economic, Not Ethnic Lines

NEW YORK, Nov. 5 (JTA)--New York's Jewish voters, the largest ethnic group in the city, split sharply in the voting yesterday between victorious Mayor John V. Lindsay and defeated Democratic candidate Mario Procaccino, most political observers agreed today. The election results effectively demolished the concept of a "Jewish vote" in the metropolis.

In other citywide contests, former Controller Abraham D. Beame, running on the Democratic ticket was elected Controller, receiving the biggest vote cast for any candidate in the municipal elections. Sanford D. Garelik, who resigned as Chief Inspector of the New York Police Department to run for City Council President with Mr. Lindsay, was elected as the Republican-Liberal candidate. Both Mr. Beame and Mr. Garelik are Jewish and made a strong impact on the Jewish community.

The New York Times declared that the closeness of the election "seemed to result from the fact that Jewish voters - the city's largest group of voters - divided in unpredictable patterns, sometimes favoring Mr. Lindsay and sometimes favoring Mr. Procaccino." The New York Post said that the election "completed the trend - which had emerged in recent years - toward a complete fragmentation of the Jewish vote along income lines in all the boroughs."

According to a sample polling taken by the Columbia Broadcasting System of men and women after they had voted, New York Jews who went to the polls gave 44 per cent support to Mr. Lindsay in his reelection bid, 44 per cent to Mr. Procaccino and 12 per cent to State Sen. John Marchi, the Republican-Conservative candidate.

The New York Daily News said that Mayor Lindsay made a good showing in the Jewish districts of the city with 43 per cent of the ballots. In an appraisal of the factors contributing to the Lindsay victory, the paper noted that the Mayor got "political mileage" from the visit here of Prime Minister Golda Meir of Israel last month.

A National Broadcasting Company analysis showed that Mr. Lindsay got 62 per cent of the high-income vote, only 32 per cent of the middle-income, and 63 per cent of the low-income vote. That the Jewish vote may have divided along these economic lines was indicated by the fact that in the generally upper and middle-class, heavily Jewish area of Forest Hills, in Queens, Mr. Lindsay received 56.3 per cent of the vote. In less affluent Jewish neighborhoods, like Sheepshead Bay and Coney Island, Brooklyn, Mr. Lindsay ran behind Mr. Procaccino.

This pattern was not universally followed, however, the New York Times pointed out, noting that in the Grand Concourse section of the Bronx, Mr. Lindsay received a greater vote than he did four years ago and ran even with the Democratic candidate in what was considered a Democratic stronghold.

Prof. Ravitz Leads Field of 18, Will Be President of Detroit City Council

DETROIT, Nov. 5(JTA)--Prof. Mel Ravitz, of Wayne State University was reelected Tuesday to the Detroit City Council with the highest vote of any candidate and will become President of the Council in January. Another Democrat and liberal leader, Carl M. Levin, running for office for the first time, came in third among the 18 candidates for the nine Council seats. He is the brother of State Senator Sander Levin, Democratic minority leader in the State Legislature.

In the nonpartisan mayoralty contest in which Wayne County Sheriff Roman Gibbs defeated Richard Austin, a Negro, Jewish voters were in both camps with a large liberal Jewish element supporting Mr. Austin.

Congressmen Fear Terrorists May Unleash Germ Warfare Against Israeli Cities

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5(JTA)--Concern that Arab terrorists may unleash germ warfare against Israeli civilian population centers has been voiced in Congressional circles. Experts on chemical and biological warfare (CBW) said that it is possible that some extremist Arab group might try to introduce bacteriological agents into the water supply of Tel Aviv and other urban areas and that the possibility of retaliation in kind did not exist because of Israel's "humanitarian principles."

One expert who asked not to be identified by name said that if he were a resident of Tel Aviv, he would make sure that El Fatah prisoners and other Arabs drank from the same taplines as Jews. He said that only the fear of poisoning their own people deterred the Vietcong from poisoning the water and food supplies of Saigon.

The issue of CBW in the Mideast arose following the disclosure by Rep. Robert W. Kastenmaier, a Wisconsin Democrat, that Egyptian military officers had been given CBW training by the U.S. Army in the U.S. four or five years ago. Rep. Kastenmaier charged in a letter to Secretary of the Army Stanley Resor last month that the Egyptians were among more than 500 foreign military specialists from 36 countries who received the training. Later the Egyptians used poison gas against civilians and Royalist forces in Yemen. The mustard gas was supplied to Egypt by the Soviet Army.

A member of Rep. Kastenmaier's staff said that the Congressman was still unable to get from the Administration a complete list of all Arab officers from various countries being trained here in various military specialties including CBW. It was assumed that no Egyptian officers were trained in the U.S. since Cairo severed diplomatic relations with Washington during the June, 1967 Six-Day War.

Congressional circles also expressed concern that Egypt might use poison gas to dislodge Israeli forces from their positions on the Suez Canal. They felt, however, that this was not likely because the Israelis could retaliate with chemical warfare against Egyptian military targets.

Rabbi Sees Latin American Jewish Life Better Than U.S. In Some Respects

NEW YORK, Nov. 5(JTA)--A leader of the Conservative rabbinate reported today that Jewish religious life and Jewish education in Latin America is "in many cases superior to what may be found in the United States." Rabbi Wolf Kelman, executive vice president of the Rabbinical Assembly, reported on a visit he and five other Conservative rabbis made to Mexico, Venezuela, Brazil, Peru and Argentina last summer. He addressed the heads of the development department of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

Rabbi Kelman said his group found that American-trained rabbis assigned to posts in Latin America had "revolutionized" Jewish religious life there. "Ten years ago, there was not a single U.S.-trained rabbi in any of the five countries we visited," he said. "Today there are 15, most of them graduates of the Jewish Theological Seminary."

Rabbi Kelman said that the elementary and secondary Jewish education received by children in each of the five countries was "not only the equal of, but superior to, anything available to most Jewish children in the U.S. and Canada." He reported that a far higher proportion of children and young people up to the age of 16 receive a Jewish education than in the U.S." He cited 90 percent attendance in the five countries compared to 30 percent attendance in this country. "We in this country have much to learn from our brethren below the border," Rabbi Kelman said.

In another development, the Seminary announced the appointment of Gershon D. Cohen to its faculty. Dr. Cohen is a professor of history and director of the center of Israel and Jewish studies at Columbia University. According to Dr. Louis Finkelstein, Chancellor of the Seminary, he will occupy the post of Jacob H. Schiff Professor of History beginning July 1, 1970.

100 American Jewish Community Leaders Arrive In Israel For Week's Study Mission

TEL AVIV, Nov. 5(JTA)--One hundred American Jewish community leaders arrived here on a one-week study mission sponsored by the United Jewish Appeal. The group was headed by Paul Zuckerman, of Detroit, national chairman of the UJA's "Operation Israel." The visits will be repeated over the next four months with different groups of Jewish leaders arriving each week. The new arrivals held a joint meeting with the UJA's Young Leader-ship Mission that came to Israel earlier. Both groups were briefed on the country's problems and economic needs.

New University Will Be Set Up In Beersheba, Will Have Variety of Faculties

JERUSALEM, Nov. 5(JTA)--A new university that will incorporate various research institutions and organizations in the Negev region will be established in Beersheba, it was announced by the ministerial committee on science and technology headed by Deputy Premier Yigal Allon. Plans for the university call for faculties of technological and natural sciences, a faculty of humanities and a school for supplementary instruction in the social and educational sciences. The university will also embrace the Beersheba Institute for Higher Learning which is sponsored by the Haifa Technion.

JWV Asks New York Police For Special Anti-Vandalism Patrols

NEW YORK, Nov. 5 (JTA) -- The New York State Commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States called on Police Commissioner Howard R. Leary today to provide special patrols on a continuing basis to protect synagogues, churches and cemeteries against vandalism. Jerome N. Nisman referred to last Sunday's desecration of Congregation B'nai Jacob in Brooklyn in a telegram to Commissioner Leary. He said, "Whether these vile acts are blatantly anti-religious or acts of malicious mischief, the fact remains that they do occur continuously. Only special patrolling of such institutions will discourage the warped perpetrators of such despicable acts."