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Pres. Pompidou Scheduled To Meet With Conference Of Presidents Delegation

NEW YORK, Feb. 26 (JTA)--A spokesman for the French Embassy here disclosed today that French President Georges Pompidou will meet with representatives of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations when he arrives in New York on March 2. The spokesman told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency "as far as I know a request was made to meet with M. Pompidou and the President agreed." There was no indication of the nature of the scheduled discussion between M. Pompidou and the Jewish representatives. The French President is scheduled to arrive in New York at 12 noon at the United Nations headquarters for a luncheon given in his honor by UN Secretary General U Thant. M. Pompidou will meet tomorrow with a Jewish delegation in San Francisco.

Israel Reports It Shot Down Three Egyptian Migs And Hit Missile Site Near Cairo

TEL AVIV, Feb. 26 (JTA)--Israel claimed today that it shot down three Egyptian MIG-21 jets during a bombing raid on a ground-to-air missile base near Duhmeis in the Nile Delta about 75 miles north of Cairo. A military spokesman said the three MIGs were downed in a dogfight that erupted when a "large flight" of Egyptian planes rose to challenge the Israeli jets. He said all Israeli aircraft returned safely to base after completing their mission. The raid near Duhmeis began at 2:30 p.m. local time. At 11 a.m. another flight of Israeli jets blasted Sam missile sites at an Army camp 19 miles west of Cairo and returned safely to base. No Egyptian planes attempted to intervene in the earlier raid, a military spokesman said. An Egyptian military spokesman said eight Egyptian soldiers were wounded in the morning raid.

The three MIGs downed today brought to 71 the number of Egyptian warplanes reported shot down since the June, 1967 war. Israel has reported also shooting down 17 Syrian planes in that period and concedes the loss of 19 of its own. Egyptian jets attacked Israeli positions in the northern section of the Suez Canal zone today but caused no casualties. Mortars were fired from Lebanese territory at Zariit settlement in Upper Galilee last night but caused no damage or casualties. Saboteurs attempted to infiltrate Kibbutz Hanita in Upper Galilee last night but were driven off by watchmen who opened fire. They left behind a quantity of explosives and other sabotage equipment.

Mrs. Meir Warns Israel Will Take Measures Against Arab Airline Terrorists

LONDON, Feb. 26 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir warned in a BBC television interview today that Israel would take its own measures against Arab terrorists who sabotage airliners if the international community fails to take immediate and stern action. She refused to say what Israel would do, remarking, "Even if I knew I would not tell you."

(The Israeli Defense Ministry reported today that it had "undisputable evidence" of an Arab terrorist campaign against air traffic to Israel. According to a ministry spokesman, a postcard depicting an attack on an El Al airliner and the inscription, "Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine," was received at the ministry several days ago. The card was mailed from Saragossa, Spain. The PLFP claimed credit for the fatal crash of an Israel-bound Swissair jet last Saturday, a claim subsequently denied by spokesmen for the Arab guerrilla coalition in Amman. The postcard reportedly received in Jerusalem claimed that the organization would "tear out Zionism by the roots" and restore Palestine to the Arabs.)

International Pilots' Group Supporting Emergency Air Safety Conference

LONDON, Feb. 26 (JTA)--The International Federation of Airline Pilots Associations (IFALPA) threw its support today behind calls for an emergency international air safety conference to take up not only the technical means for preventing aerial hijacking and terrorist attacks against civilian aircraft "but ways of tackling the political situation which provokes such atrocities." Such a conference may be convened in Geneva, Switzerland next week by the International Civil Aviation Organization. It was urged to do so yesterday by the Swiss and Austrian governments. Swiss and Austrian airliners were targets of Arab terrorists' bombs on flights to Israel Feb. 21. The Austrian airliner landed safely at Frankfurt after a mid-air explosion. The Swissair jet, bound for Tel Aviv, crashed near Zurich carrying 47 passengers and crew-members to their deaths.

IFALPA is an umbrella organization comprised of airline pilots groups in 51 countries with a total membership of 45,000. Its top leadership met here under the chairmanship of Capt. Olag Forsberg, of Finland. A statement was issued after today's meeting urging the emergency air safety conference to discuss methods of preventing "politically motivated attacks on aircraft whether by hi-jacking, sabotage or armed aggression." The IFALPA statement said that if such a conference is to be effective, it must have the full participation of governments, airlines, airport authorities and aviation employees' organizations. Each of IFALPA's constituent associations was asked to press its government to call such a conference or to participate in it. The Federation also urged the most stringent security precautions by all national authorities to ensure the safety of their own aircraft. An IFALPA spokesman said that pilots' representatives all over the world will be able to assess practical security measures taken by various governments as well as steps on a political level by the time its annual conference opens March 11.

He said if by then progress in the two areas was deemed inadequate, IFALPA delegates would discuss independent action by airline pilots, including a 24-hour international strike. Meanwhile stringent security measures prevailed at virtually all British and Continental airports. A number of international airlines, including the largest British carrier, BOAC, maintained bans on cargo and mail service to Israel. A BOAC spokesman said his company hoped to resume mail and freight flights to Tel Aviv over the week-end.

Dr. Goldmann Praises Swiss Government For Calling Air Safety Conference

The ban on such service was widely denounced in Israel and by pro-Israel elements in most countries. But Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, said in a statement here yesterday that "The present emergency measures by some national postal authorities and airlines regarding the transfer of mail and freight to Israel may have been required on understandable grounds of security." Dr. Goldmann added, "The continued interruption of these services would in effect be surrender to and encouragement of Arab terrorists and would harm only the victims of their criminal acts." Dr. Goldmann's statement praised the Swiss Government's initiative in calling for an emergency air safety conference by the ICAO. He said the call "should be affirmatively responded to without delay." The conference already has the backing of the U.S. and other governments.

A member of the Swiss Government was due in Montreal today with the file of its investigation of last Saturday's Swissair disaster. The standing committee on the preparation of a treaty to combat unlawful seizure and hijacking of aircraft will present its report to the governing council of ICAO in Montreal on March 2 for final discussion and adoption of the treaty as a whole.

(Expressions of shock and demands for protection against terrorist assaults against civilian aircraft continued in several countries today. In Buenos Aires, the DAIA, central representative body of Argentine Jewry, sent a message of condolence to the Swiss Ambassador, Antonino Janner. It praised the "calm and responsible attitude adopted by the Swiss Government" in the wake of the tragedy. The message denounced terrorists who attack civilian aircraft and added, "We believe it is necessary to adopt all feasible measures in order not only to avoid a continuation of these crimes but to secure and maintain the safety of commercial air services.) (In Washington, D. C. yesterday, Rep. Jacob H. Gilbert, a New York Democrat, urged Secretary of State William P. Rogers to seek United Nations action on an international agreement barring any nation from assisting or giving asylum to any person or group committing acts of sabotage in international commerce.)

Young And Old Delegates To Zionist Conference Clash Over Ideology And Tactics

JERUSALEM, Feb. 26 (JTA)--The generation gap exploded at the Zionist General Council (Actions Committee) session here last night where youthful delegates demanded a complete revamping of the leadership of the Zionist movement to bring it in tune with the times. They threatened either to walk out of the sessions or disrupt them unless demands for world-wide elections for a new leadership are met by Sunday afternoon. The demands coupled with attacks on the present leaders of the Zionist movement, were made by youngsters representing the whole political and ideological gamut, from the left-wing Hashomer Hatzair to the religious Zionist youth of Bnei Akiva. They were supported in many of their claims by members of the older generation, notably Yaacov Tsur, head of the Jewish National Fund and Avraham Schenker, head of the Jewish Agency's organization and information department.

Youth and student elements disrupted last year's Zionist Council deliberations and almost did it again last night. They attacked the Zionist leadership as "a petrified establishment which has lost its sense of purpose, whose members gather annually to hear themselves speak." Yaacov Tsur's son, Mooky, a kibbutz member, bitterly attacked American Zionism which, he claimed "does not emanate from the desire to help anyone but itself."

Youth Delegates Rebuked By Some For Negative Attitude And Defended By Others

The youngsters were angrily rebuked by some of their elders. Mrs. Rose L. Halprin, of New York, former chairman of the Jewish Agency's American section whose Zionist credentials date back to the 1920s, accused the youth delegates of saying only what should not be done. She said she was willing to meet with them to hear "constructive proposals if they had any." Earlier, Emanuel Neumann, 74 year-old chairman of the American section, rejected proposals that Zionist leaders bridge the gap between the movement and Jewish youth by learning the language of youth and discussing the basic issues with them in their own language. Dr. Neumann claimed that no new ideology was needed. According to him, the problem was "youthful ignorance" and too shallow acquaintance with Zionist ideals.

Mr. Tsur, a 64 year-old Zionist leader who has had a distinguished diplomatic career including a four year term as Israel's Ambassador to France, sided with the youngsters' criticism. He said last night, "I joined a militant movement and it has degenerated into an establishment. It has not begotten new forces. We have closed ourselves in an ivory tower." Mr. Schenker, aged 52 and American-born, said, "I appeal to the Zionist movement to be sufficiently courageous to be reborn. I think that a movement which does not want to become a mere organization must be reborn many times, perhaps once every generation." He said the Zionist movement must attract a new, younger element of leadership and therefore its membership drive must go hand-in-hand with ideological discussions. Murray Winston, an Aliyah representative from Canada, said North American Jews would come to Israel only if they were assured of "elementary demands"--housing and jobs.

Two Israeli Officials To Meet With British Officials On Air Safety Plans

LONDON, Feb. 26 (JTA)--Two top ranking members of the Israel Government are to meet with top British Government officials today and tomorrow to discuss the problem of protecting civil aviation from Arab terrorist attacks and the Middle East situation in general. Foreign Minister Abba Eban is due here tomorrow after a nine-day visit on the Continent. He will see Foreign Secretary Michael Stewart. Deputy Premier Yigal Allon arrived here yesterday on what was described as a private visit. He will meet today and tomorrow with Prime Minister Harold Wilson and other Government officials.

The Deputy Premier addressed a fund-raising meeting of the Joint Palestine Appeal here last night. He said that despite continuing warfare in the Mideast, Israel was continuing with aliyah, social welfare and education projects, but urgently needed the support of diaspora Jewry. Referring to Israel's insistence on direct peace negotiations with the Arabs, Mr. Allon said, "We cannot permit the Arabs to treat us like untouchables nor can we let the world treat the Arabs like the spoiled children of the human race." He said Israelis still hope and believe that the June, 1967 Six-Day War was the last full scale war between Jews and Arabs. "But if they don't want to negotiate, the present situation will have to continue," he said.

Plot To Kill Eban During His Visit To West Germany Revealed By Police Official

BONN, Feb. 26 (JTA)--A plot to kill Foreign Minister Abba Eban during his visit to West Germany was brought to light today by Dr. Fritz Oberere, Police Chief of Karlsruhe. Dr. Oberere told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the plot was revealed to police by a young Arab who telephoned a superior for instructions while he was being interrogated. The call was monitored by police, but no action could be taken against the superior, Dr. Oberere said, implying that the latter enjoyed diplomatic immunity. He said the Arab who was questioned held three passports each in a different name and each issued by a different Arab country. He reportedly told police that the passports were prepared for use by the conspirators. He said the Arab told police of incriminating evidence in a baggage locker. It was subsequently found empty but there had been enough time to remove the contents, Dr. Oberere said.

AJCongress Urges Pres. Pompidou To Refrain From Creating Mideast Arms Imbalance

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 26 (JTA)--The American Jewish Congress here called today upon French President Georges Pompidou to refrain from creating "an arms imbalance that will further fan the flames of conflict in the Middle East." This request, in the form of a letter, was delivered to M. Pompidou on his arrival in this city this evening. Prior to his arrival, a protest demonstration was staged in Union Square to protest France's Middle East arms policy. The letter, written by Joel Brooks, AJCongress Western Regional director, stated that France's massive delivery of arms to the Arab states disqualifies France of "credibility as to her neutrality in the Four Power talks concerned with a just and lasting Middle East peace.

Agudath Israel Protests Sabbath Demonstrations Against Pres. Pompidou

NEW YORK, Feb. 26 (JTA)--A sharp protest against the desecration of the Sabbath by the midwest Jewish groups who have arranged bus transportation early Saturday afternoon for a mass demonstration in Chicago against French President Georges Pompidou Saturday evening, was lodged today by Agudath Israel of America, national Orthodox Jewish movement. In a wire to the Jewish Community Relations Council of Chicago, Rabbi Moshe Sherer, executive president of the organization, declared that "the public desecration of the Sabbath by Jews does more harm to the cause of Israel than the shameful anti-Israel policies of the French Government." Rabbi Sherer called for the cancellation of these plans. A similar protest was lodged with the Community Relations Committee of Cleveland's Jewish Federation by Gerson Adler, president of the Cleveland chapter of Agudath Israel. The demonstration in Chicago, as those that took place in Washington where an estimated 4,000 persons participated, San Francisco and the one planned for in New York when M. Pompidou arrives there on March 2, is to protest the sale of 110 Mirage jets to Libya while maintaining an embargo on 50 Mirages to Israel which has already been paid for.

Dayan Authorizes Playing Of TV And Radio In Army Camps And Canteens On Saturdays

JERUSALEM, Feb. 26 (JTA)--Defense Minister Moshe Dayan has authorized the playing of radio and television sets in Army camps and canteens on Saturdays and holidays despite heated opposition from Religious Party leaders. Hitherto the playing of sets in public places has been forbidden on the Sabbath in order not to offend Orthodox sensibilities. But Gen. Dayan declared that troops who bear the brunt of Israel's defense should not be left without news for 24 hours every week. The proposal, which came from the Army General Staff, was approved by the Cabinet over Orthodox objections.

An American Minister Prays For Forgiveness Of Arabs Who Murdered His Wife

JERUSALEM, Feb. 26 (JTA)--An American Baptist minister prayed to God today to forgive Arab terrorists who murdered his wife Monday. The Rev. Theodore Ertle, of Grandville, Michigan, prayed over the grave of his wife, Barbara, 31, who was killed when Arabs machinegunned a busload of American Christian tourists near Hebron. Mrs. Ertle, the mother of two, was buried at the American cemetery here. "May the Lord remove all bitterness from the heart of the Arab nation and may He forgive the assailant," Rev. Ertle prayed. Israeli authorities cordoned off the area and imposed a curfew after the bus ambush. But no arrests have been made so far. Another American tourist, Leon Holtz, of Brooklyn, N.Y., was killed in a bus ambush in the Hebron area last Dec. 27. Israeli police have uncovered an Israeli Arab terrorist cell in Nazareth and one in Western Galilee. A police chief reported that there were indications of efforts at reorganizing renewed terrorist acts in Israel.

Israel Bonds Conference Opens; 1970 Goal Is To Raise \$90 Million More Than In 1969

MIAMI BEACH, Feb. 26 (JTA)--The determination to answer heightened Arab terrorism with larger economic aid to Israel and increased tourism dominated the opening session today of the International Inaugural Conference for Israel Bonds. The Conference, attended by more than 2,000 delegates from Jewish communities throughout the United States and Canada, will mark the launching of the largest campaign in the history of the Israel Bond campaign with a record goal of \$250,000,000. Samuel Rothberg, National Campaign Chairman, who is presiding at the Conference, emphasized that the 1970 campaign would have to raise \$90 million more in this year than the \$160 million in Israel Bonds that was sold in 1969.

Mrs. Itzhak Rabin, wife of the Israel Ambassador to the United States addressed the luncheon session of the National Womens' Division which featured the world premiere of a new all-Israel Fashion Show. Mrs. Rabin declared that the people of Israel were prepared to make every possible sacrifice to achieve a just peace, but that they looked to the Jews of the rest of the world to help them maintain their economy and to absorb some 60,000 new immigrants who are expected to enter the country this year.

Louis H. Boyar, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Israel Bond Organization, declared that American Jewry will not be deterred from visiting Israel by any acts of violence and that the Israel Bond Organization was planning to arrange numerous delegations from Jewish communities as part of the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Israel Bond campaign. The highlight of the Conference will be an Inaugural Dinner Saturday evening at which Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Allon will be the guest of honor. The Dinner will also be addressed by Mayor John V. Lindsay of New York.

Two Jewish Organizations Call For Action Against Arab Airline Terror

NEW YORK, Feb. 26 (JTA)--The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations today asked Secretary of State William P. Rogers to take "prompt action" against Arab countries "that give support or refuge to Palestinian terrorists." Dr. William A. Wexler, chairman of the Conference, said such sanctions should "include the sealing off from air travel of all such Arab countries" as a way of preventing and punishing in-flight sabotage. He cited the statement by Carl Barch, State Department spokesman who declared Tuesday that all governments in the Middle East have a responsibility for controlling activities of organizations and individuals operating in or from their territories. This declaration makes it clear Dr. Wexler said, "that our country rejects the claim of Arab governments to escape accountability for the acts of terrorists." He added that "this position should now be implemented through prompt action by our government through the International Aviation Organization and directly with other governments."

The Poale Zion-United Labor Zionist Organization called on the international labor movement "to enforce peaceful passage on all airways by refusing to service or fly the aircraft of those countries that continue to shelter and encourage Arab terrorists engaged in hijacking and murder in the air."

The statement, in a telegram sent to a number of labor leaders throughout the world, by Leo Diesendruck, president, said that "only this drastic step can insure the safety of all air travel to Israel and the world."

Brandeis University Offering Post-Graduate Award For Research In Jewish Studies

WALTHAM, Mass. Feb. 26 (JTA)--With the support of a grant from the Charles E. Merrill Trust, the Philip W. Lown Graduate Center for Contemporary Jewish Studies at Brandeis University is offering a post-graduate award for research in Jewish Studies. Professor Leon A. Jick, Director of the Lown Graduate Center, announced that the fellowships, in amounts up to \$5,000, would be available to researchers pursuing work which would contribute to the field of Judaic knowledge. Particular consideration will be given to research which will strengthen the teaching of Judaica in American universities.

Nine Teenagers From U.S. And Canada Participating In International Bible Contest

NEW YORK, Feb. 26 (JTA)--Nine teenagers will represent the United States and Canada at the Eleventh International Bible Contest for Jewish Youth scheduled in Jerusalem on May 11th - the date this year marking the 22nd anniversary of the establishment of the Jewish State. They will be among the almost 100 contestants from all over the world participating in the contest conducted by the World Jewish Bible Society in cooperation with the Department of Education and Culture of the Jewish Agency, Bureaus of Jewish Education in the United States and Canada, and the Gadna Youth Organization in Israel. Of the nine competitors, four are from the Greater New York area; two from Toronto, Canada; and one each from the Detroit, Los Angeles and Philadelphia areas.

Mark Rothko, Pioneer In Abstract Expressionist Painting, Dies At Age 66

NEW YORK, Feb. 26 (JTA)--Mark Rothko, an abstract expressionist painter regarded as one of the outstanding artists of his generation, died here yesterday of self-inflicted wounds at the age of 66. Mr. Rothko was reported to have been despondent because of poor health. The artist was born in Russia--his name was Marcus Rothkovich--and immigrated to the United States with his father, a pharmacist, in 1913, settling in Portland, Ore. He attended Yale University and studied art at the New York Art Students League. His first works were exhibited here in 1929. But it wasn't until the 1940s that he was widely recognized. He was one of the pioneers of the abstract expressionism school of art. Mr. Rothko taught art for most of his life. From 1929 to 1952 he was art teacher at the Center Academy, a Hebrew day school of the Brooklyn Jewish Center.