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Pompidou Says Embargo On Israel Planes Will Remain As Long As Mideast War Continues

NEW YORK, March 3 (JTA)--French President Georges Pompidou told a television news conference this morning that the embargo against French jets to Israel "will last as long as the war does." He also told the conference, held at the Waldorf Astoria shortly before he was scheduled to fly back to Paris, that France did not set out to sell planes to Libya. "We set out to fill a void and Libya did not have the planes. If we did not sell them to her, someone else would," M. Pompidou said he was satisfied with his trip to the United States despite the numerous pro-Israel demonstrations staged in a number of cities across the country. In his farewell news conference M. Pompidou said that he and President Nixon reached a "full understanding" on world problems. Those talks included the situation in the Middle East.

Yesterday, more than 5,000 persons staged a demonstration outside the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, where M. Pompidou was being feted, to protest France's sale of 110 Mirage jets to Libya. Demonstrators massed for four hours in an area opposite the Waldorf, cordoned off by police. They shouted "Pompidou Go Home," and "Boo, Boo, Pompidou." Many carried placards reading "Israel Must Live," "How Many Jewish Boys Are Buried in France? How Many Arabs?," "Equality of Arms in the Mideast" and "Israeli Blood and Arab Oil Don't Mix." Thousands of voices sang the Israeli National Anthem, Hatikvah and young demonstrators danced the hora. Some Jewish leaders noted that the turnout was only half that in Chicago last Saturday, but spokesmen for the AJCongress and the Jewish War Veterans expressed satisfaction with it, the former noting that the total turnout in the series of demonstrations here exceeded Chicago's one.

New York Jewish Leaders Term Demonstration Here Extremely Successful

Richard Cohen, AJCongress associate director and spokesman for the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, called the turnout "excellent, especially in the face of President Nixon's apology." Mr. Nixon, who made an unprecedented appearance at the dinner, substituting for Vice Pres. Spiro T. Agnew, said humorously: "I wanted them (the Pompidous) to see... the United States as a President of the United States saw it. And I must say, we overdid it a bit, as we usually do." He later added that French-American friendship "is so deep and so long that any minor irritation or bad manners or differences are not going to impair it."

David Sidman, executive director of the JWV's New York State division, said he was "very well pleased" with the turnout and was "glad we stood our ground" against White House "pressure" to cancel JWV's pre-scheduled meeting at the hotel. At the meeting, Jerome D. Cohen, chairman of the division's action committee, called on Pres. Nixon to send 50 jets to Israel to make up for France's embargo on 50 paid-for planes.

On Sunday, Pres. Nixon had phoned an apology to M. Pompidou for the Chicago demonstration. Mayor Richard J. Daley of Chicago was critical of Pres. Nixon's apology and declared nothing had occurred in Chicago that required it. Mr. Daley said the demonstrators deserved to be complimented for "the orderly manner in which they exercised their rights as American citizens." Early yesterday M. Pompidou cancelled a scheduled meeting with representatives of major American Jewish organizations. Dr. William A. Wexler, president of the Conference, and Philip Hoffman, president of the AJCommittee, issued a joint statement deploring M. Pompidou's "act of discourtesy." Later in the day, Jewish leaders met with R. Sargent Shriver, United States Ambassador to France, and expressed concern with France's Mideast policy. Spokesmen would say only that Shriver was "diplomatic, cordial, helpful, fair and understanding," and made "excellent suggestions" that left the leaders "less pessimistic." M. Pompidou told Pres. Nixon that the reason he did not keep his date with Jewish leaders was that he felt such meetings can sometimes be useless and counter-productive. He said he did not intend the cancellation as an insult to the Jewish people.

As M. Pompidou was speaking to newsmen at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, airport and city police were conducting a thorough check of his plane after an Air France employee received an anonymous phone call stating "Pompidou's plane will not take off today. There is a bomb on it and it will blow up." An intensive search of the jet airliner failed to turn up any bomb. Referring to the demonstrations, M. Pompidou told newsmen, "I will not conceal there were incidents that will leave a very slight impression in my memory. In respect to Chicago, it is largely the attitude of the municipal authorities rather than the attitude of the demonstrators that struck me." Pompidou reportedly was critical of the Chicago police for allowing demonstrators to get close to himself and his entourage.

Dr. Wexler Says Pompidou Criticized Rallies To Divert Attention From Real Issues

Dr. William A. Wexler, president of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, charged today that in condemning the Chicago and New York demonstrations, Pres. Pompidou had "consciously overreacted" in "a transparent attempt to divert attention from the real issues on which Americans oppose French policy" in the Mideast. Dr. Wexler predicted that M. Pompidou's

visit and its surrounding incidents would actually "strengthen the Jewish community's determination to oppose French policy as threatening the very existence of the Jewish State." "There is a difference between 'politesse' (politeness) and policy," the Conference head observed. The demonstrations, he said, were "temperate and orderly...peaceful and dignified," while recent French actions in the Mideast were 'detrimental' to peace." (In Las Vegas, Mrs. Moshe Dayan, who is visiting this city as part of a 17-city fund raising tour in this country, was reported saying that the pro-Israeli demonstrations during M. Pompidou's visit were justified. She said that while she generally does not favor demonstrations and doubted their value the anti-French Mideast policy demonstrations were different and significant.)

Coffins Containing Remains Of Swiss Airline Victims Buried In Jerusalem

JERUSALEM, March 3 (JTA)--Twenty coffins were lowered into a common grave here today. They contained the segmented remains of what were presumed to have been the 20 Jewish passengers--16 of them Israelis--who died when an Israel-bound Swissair jet blew up and crashed over Zurich on Feb. 21, the apparent victim of an Arab terrorist bomb. The families of the deceased were joined at the mass funeral by President Zalman Shazar, Premier Golda Meir, Cabinet ministers, the Knesset speaker and many Knesset members. Mrs. Meir delivered the eulogy. The coffins were landed at Lydda Airport last night by a Swissair cargo plane. Hundreds of mourners stood on the cold, wind-swept runway as prayers for the dead were recited by Rabbi Shlomo Goren, chief Chaplain of Israel's armed forces, who had accompanied the coffins on the flight from Zurich.

Minister of Transport Ezer Weizman, a former Air Force general, stood with bowed head as the words were chanted amid sobbing from the relatives of the deceased. The coffins, draped in Israel's national colors, were lifted by soldiers on to four Army trucks. The airport siren sounded and a minute's silence was observed by the throng. Rabbi Goren explained later that the coffins contained only fragments of bodies and blood-soaked soil. None of the 47 victims aboard the Swissair plane could be identified positively. The Army chaplain flew to Zurich after the disaster to try to determine which were the Jews. He said there were Catholics, Protestants and one Buddhist aboard the aircraft and that their presumed remains would be buried abroad according to their respective religious rites. In her eulogy today, Mrs. Meir said "Our grief and anger will turn into a great force, both moral and actual, against the murderers and the Arab states who become partners in their crimes by aiding and sheltering them."

Israel Planes Attack Egyptian Positions; Three Israeli Soldiers Wounded Last Night

TEL AVIV, March 3 (JTA)--Israel Airforce planes struck Egyptian positions in the northern and southern sections of the Suez Canal zone today and returned safely to their bases. A military spokesman said the targets were bunkers, anti-aircraft guns and mortar emplacements. There was no confirmation here of a Cairo report that Egyptian jets renewed their attacks on Israeli positions in the canal zone today. Cairo claimed that a number of casualties were inflicted and that flames were seen in the target area. Four Israeli soldiers were injured last night when an Army vehicle hit a mine in the Hatzeva area south of the Dead Sea.

Israeli sappers dismantled an explosive device found in the building occupied by the Upper Galilee regional council at Kiryat Shemoneh, less than two miles from the Lebanese border. Defense Minister Moshe Dayan and Chief of Staff Haim Bar Lev toured the Lebanese border area today and visited Dishon and Moshav Alkosh which have been targets of Arab guerrilla attacks during the past two weeks. An Israeli woman was killed when a house was blown up by saboteurs last week. The local town councils asked Gen. Dayan for more support from the Israel Army and improved defense and security arrangements.

Supreme Court Rejects Request To Examine Draft Exemption For Yeshiva Students

JERUSALEM, March 3 (JTA)--The Supreme Court has rejected a request that the court examine the matter of draft exemption for yeshiva students which had been made by a reserve office, Israel Becker. A three-justice panel held that the applicant had no standing for such a request because he had not established evidence of a conflict between him and the Defense Minister against whom he had sought the order. The applicant had contended that calling of yeshiva students might shorten his active service but the court held he had not provided proof that this would actually be so.

Eban Says He Can't Predict How Anti-Pompidou Rallies Will Affect Franco-Israel Relations

JERUSALEM, March 3 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban said today that he could not predict how Jewish demonstrations against President Georges Pompidou in the United States would affect Franco-Israeli relations. Mr. Eban said that on Israel's part there is a desire to return to the friendly ties that existed before the June, 1967 Arab-Israeli war, but so far this desire seems one-sided. The Foreign Minister talked to newsmen at a press conference following his return from a visit to four Western European countries and Britain. He said European leaders agreed with Israel's assessment that the Soviet Union is not interested in peace in the Mideast but in "controlled belligerency." Mr. Eban said he found general support in Europe for a restoration of the cease-fire but in none of the countries he visited did anyone suggest that Israel withdraw from the cease-fire lines except in the framework of a peace agreement with the Arabs.

Moscow Philharmonic Orchestra Conductor Denounces Disruptions Of Concerts In U.S.

LONDON, March 3 (JTA)--The conductor of the Moscow Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra today denounced Zionist protestors who disrupted performances during the orchestra's recent American tour. In an interview with Tass, Kirill Kondrashin said his musicians were subjected to "acts of hooliganism" by youths who burst on the stage during a concert at Brooklyn College.

French Jews And Non-Jews Concerned Over Pompidou's Chicago Statement On Israel

PARIS, March 3 (JTA)--Serious concern was expressed here today that President Georges Pompidou's reported remark in Chicago that Israel was using racial and religious ties abroad to further its policies might cause latent anti-Semitism in France to "break out in the open." Such fears were expressed today in both Jewish and non-Jewish circles. Editorials in two leading newspapers, *Le Figaro* and *Le Monde*, implied that M. Pompidou's remarks may unwittingly have created a "Jewish problem" in France. Some commentators here said that whatever the President's intent, his words might be interpreted in a way to give anti-Semitism in this country "an aura of respectability."

In an editorial titled "Pompidou and the Jews", *Le Monde* rapped the demonstrators. But it also deplored the President's words "which risk causing, even in France, polemical discussions on the racial and religious origins of individuals which, to say the least, will not contribute to national unity." *Le Monde*, however, agreed with M. Pompidou's analysis that "Israel is a state apart which uses and abuses various pressure groups throughout the world which are formed by religious and racial affinity." *Le Figaro* warned that "behind anti-Zionism lurks the ever present anti-Semitism."

Most French newspapers applauded President Nixon's unscheduled flight to New York yesterday to attend a dinner in honor of President Pompidou and were delighted that he apologized to the French leader for the demonstrations. But the press generally pointed out that demonstrations were a sacred part of American democracy. Several newspapers objected to M. Pompidou's characterization of the demonstrations against him as "a stain on the face of America." They noted that demonstrations against French Mideast policy were expected before the President undertook his journey and that heads of state are expected to exhibit coolness in face of such outbreaks. The right-wing daily *L'Aurore* observed pointedly that "American Presidents know how to appear stoic even when pelted with tomatoes." The paper also remarked that when President Pompidou criticized Israel he should bear in mind that "calls for a holy war did not come from the temples of Jerusalem but from the mosques of Cairo."

Human Rights Commission Discuss Ways To Curb Nazism; Zionism And Nazism Linked

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., March 3 (JTA)--Concern over alleged manifestations of neo-Nazism in West Germany was expressed by Communist bloc spokesmen in the course of debate in the Human Rights Commission yesterday on measures to be taken against Nazism, racial intolerance and the punishment of war criminals. Two Arab delegates contended that there was a link between the Nazi ideology and Zionism. Nikolai Tarassov, of the Soviet Union, criticized the West German Republic for postponing the statute of limitations on war crimes prosecution for ten years but limiting the definition of war crimes to those committed with malice which, he said, was difficult to prove after 20 years. The Polish representative, Edward Sabik, said he was alarmed by the substantial number of votes polled in West Germany's national elections last September by the reputedly neo-Nazi National Democratic Party (NPD). He charged that the NPD program was becoming the program of all right-list parties in Germany.

Rabbi Isaac Lewin, representing the Agudas Israel World Organization which has non-governmental status on the Human Rights Commission, noted that the NPD polled 1,422,106 votes, 4.3 percent of the total compared to the two percent it gained in the 1965 elections. He said that had the results been slightly different, the neo-Nazis might have formed part of the Government. Rabbi Lewin, who claimed that his organization represents more than half of the religious Jews in the world, also criticized the publication of textbooks in West Germany allegedly glorifying Nazism. The Human Rights Commission is considering a draft resolution on Nazism and racial intolerance sponsored by Poland and the Ukraine. Hussein Khallaf, representing Egypt, said ideologies "akin to Nazism" still abound. He said all "twisted" ideologies based on racial discrimination and exclusiveness, such as apartheid and Zionism, deserve universal condemnations. Yaha Mahmassani, of Lebanon said that the world today seemed to condone and tolerate one form of Nazism which, perpetrated by people who had once been victims of Nazism, had emerged on the same racial Nazi foundations and had the same pattern of military arrogance and conquest. His reference was obviously to Israel.

Mayhew Predicts Mideast Balance Of Power Will Shift From Israel To Arab Nations

WASHINGTON, March 3 (JTA)--By the mid 1970's the balance of power in the Middle East will begin to shift toward the Arabs and away from Israel, according to a member of the British Parliament, Christopher Mayhew, who spoke last night at Georgetown University's Graduate Students Association. Mayhew, one of the strongest pro-Arab spokesmen in the House of Commons, said the only way to settle the Israeli-Arab conflict is for the Big Four powers to bring pressure to bear on Israel. "If there is no pressure, there will be no settlement," he said. Mr. Mayhew noted that prospects for peace would improve if only the big powers would refuse to provide additional military aid to countries of the area. Mr. Mayhew also proposed an improved security system for Israel. He called for Israeli withdrawal from the occupied territories, but proposed "a demilitarized zone 10 miles wide, which could be established by the United Nations and patrolled by British and French forces."

The Israelis "have shown little interest in this proposal," Mr. Mayhew said, "since they have no intention of withdrawing to their own frontier. This attitude seems rash to the point of being suicidal." He warned that the U.S. will face a serious dilemma unless a settlement is reached in the foreseeable future. "What will be the reaction of Americans if Israel begins losing ground?" he asked. "Intervention is unthinkable today. But 15 years ago, U.S. intervention in Vietnam was unthinkable. It seemed then that military aid and advice would be sufficient, but now I am beginning to see an uneasy resemblance between the Middle East and the Vietnam situation."

Committee Studying Human Rights In Israeli Occupied Territories Returning To Mideast

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., March 3 (JTA)--The United Nations' special committee to study human rights in the territories occupied by Israel announced yesterday that it will go to the Middle East on March 30 and will visit the territories late April. Israel in the past has refused to admit the committee because of the UN's refusal to instruct it to study the treatment of Jews in Arab countries. The announcement said, "The special committee has scheduled a visit to the occupied territories following its hearings in Cairo, which are expected to conclude by April 22. It continues to hope that the government of Israel will cooperate in making this visit feasible in line with the General Assembly's mandate to the committee."

School Board Cancels Permit For Pro-Nazi Rally Excluding Jews And Negroes

WASHINGTON, March 3 (JTA)--A permit to allow the National Socialist White People's party to hold a "white power" rally at a local high school open to "the general public excluding Negroes and Jews" has been cancelled by the Arlington County school board. Assistant Supt. Howard Bovee said that the party would be notified by registered mail of revocation of the permit and that its \$50 deposit would not be returned. William Pierce, a party spokesman, said the neo-Nazi group would fight the revocation in court. He said he would ask the American Civil Liberties Union to seek an injunction to allow the party to carry out the rally on the planned date of March 7.

School Board Elections Remain Open Later To Avoid Conflict With 'Taanis Esther'

NEW YORK, March 3 (JTA)--Polling places at New York's Community School Board elections, on March 19, will remain open two additional hours, until 9 p.m., in order to avoid conflict with the fast day of "Taanis Esther." According to Rabbi Moshe Sherer, Executive President of the Orthodox Agudath Israel of America, the Board of Elections made this decision after his organization alerted them of the possible conflict that might arise due to the hampered participation of Orthodox Jews. On "Taanis Esther," three days before Purim, Jews assemble in synagogues between the hours of 5:30 and 7 p.m. Community School Board elections are seen as particularly important to Orthodox Jews because the local boards will control a large share of the government funds that go to Jewish day schools.

Catholic Group Calls For Halt To Arab Terrorism In Israel And In The Air

SOUTH ORANGE, N.J., March 3 (JTA)--The Secretariat for Catholic-Jewish Relations at Seton Hall University issued a statement today assailing the continuing and mounting wave of Arab terrorism "on persons living in or travelling to Israel." The statement, signed by Rev. Edward H. Flannery, executive director of the Judeo-Christian Institute at the university, declared that "sympathy must first be extended to the victims of the atrocities and to their loved ones, as well as to the Israeli people that must undergo them."

The statement added that concern must also be expressed for "sufferings of Arab peoples." It noted that "although it is not possible to compare the accidental Israeli bombing of an Egyptian scrap metal factory with deliberate attacks on commercial aircraft, market places, or tourist buses, we must deeply regret such bombing and express profound sympathy for the victims."

(On February 12 Israeli bombers blasted a metal works factory at Abu Zabal, 13 miles north of Cairo killing some 60 civilians and wounding some 70 workers. An Israeli military spokesman said Israel's policy was to hit only military targets in Egypt and if a civilian area was bombed it was due to a "regrettable error.")

The Secretariat letter continued, in part, to state "An unequivocal call must be made upon the Arab countries, first and foremost, to do all in their power to put an end to the callous disregard of moral law and human values...To the degree that they condone or aid the actions of the groups responsible, they make themselves accomplices in their crimes. Call must also be made on the world community in its United Nations Organization and in its various national members. Only concerted action of all countries can effectually prevent recurrences of the atrocities...It is fervently to be hoped that both sides of the conflict will exercise greater restraint and flexibility in the pursuit of peace."

Radicalized Version Of Traditional Passover Haggadah To Be Published In March

NEW YORK, March 3 (JTA)--A radicalized version of the traditional Passover Haggadah that draws parallels between the Biblical liberation of the Jews from Egyptian slavery and the present day struggle for peace, freedom and civil rights, will be published March 23 by Holt, Rinehart and Winston, it was announced today. The volume, titled "The Freedom Seder: A New Haggadah for Passover," was written by Arthur I. Waskow, a member of the board of the National Jewish Organizing Project and a member of Jews for Urban Justice, a Washington-based group committed to ending racism.

In addition to telling the story of the Jewish exodus from Egypt, the new Haggadah contains excerpts from the writings and speeches of Eldridge Cleaver, Martin Luther King, Jr., Abraham Lincoln, A.J. Muste, Ghandi, Hannah Arendt, Henry David Thoreau, Martin Buber and Thomas Jefferson. According to Mr. Waskow, his Haggadah is "unusual for a radical book in that it stands within the religious tradition, praises God, and works through ritual and ceremony. On the other hand, it is unusual for a religious book in that it is openly and joyfully radical."