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Big Four May Try Again To Draw Up Catalog Of Agreements And Disagreements

UNITED NATIONS, March 31 (JTA)--The Big Four powers resumed their Middle East talks today amid speculation by diplomatic sources that the discussions may include an effort to draw up a "catalog" of agreements and disagreements. A spokesman for the United States said he would "not deny" that this catalog would be part of the discussions. At their last meeting, on March 19, the Four Power representatives tried to draw up such a catalog but were unable to come to any agreement, because some of them were prepared to discuss only what they had agreed on while others wanted to discuss both the agreements and disagreements.

Late afternoon the Big Four representatives concluded their discussion on the Middle East, with United States Ambassador Charles W. Yost, the host, announcing that Four Power deputies had been asked to prepare a memo on the talks so far on implementation of the Security Council ceasefire. The deputies, he said, would meet Thursday, and were expected to submit their memo in time for the next meeting of the ambassadors on April 15, at the residence of the new French representative.

The Big Four talks were cancelled last Thursday, the regular day for the talks, at the request of Lord Caradon, the British representative, who said he had a speaking engagement in Canada. The announcement of the cancellation came just before Secretary of State William P. Rogers and Soviet Ambassador Anatoli Dobrynin were scheduled to meet in Washington on Wednesday to confer on the possibility of resuming the Two Power talks. Diplomatic sources in New York contended that cancellations of the Big Four talks was prompted by the meeting in Washington. The sources observed that the Four Power representatives wanted to assess the Rogers-Dobrynin conference. Early last Tuesday afternoon a UN spokesman announced that Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring, special UN representative to the Middle East, would leave his New York headquarters later in the day to return to Moscow. He had come to New York on March 10 to confer with representatives of the Big Four and other "interested parties."

According to diplomatic sources, Dr. Jarring's return to Moscow was partially due to the hard-line attitude adopted by the Soviet representative at the Four Power talks in rejecting a catalog that would spell out agreements and disagreements with the other three powers on Mideast guidelines. Now, diplomats are saying, that Dr. Jarring has returned, the Russians, are showing a greater willingness to discuss a full catalog and ready to make procedural compromises to show that they are not responsible for any roadblocks in the continuing talks. The spokesman for the American Delegation said there is no way of judging at this time whether the projected bilateral talks in Washington would act as a substitute for the Big Four talks. Sources have stated that the Big Four talks which have been taking place weekly, may take place less frequently. The U.S. spokesman said that less frequent meetings may occur but may not be directly motivated by the Two Power talks, but by other, practical considerations.

Sisco And Richardson Going To Iran; Mideast Trip Not Scheduled But 'Possible'

WASHINGTON, March 31 (JTA)--Joseph Sisco, the Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, will go to Teheran, Iran next month for a meeting with the chief of the United States Mission in the Middle East, the State Department announced today. He will leave on April 20 or 21 and will be accompanied by Undersecretary of State Elliot Richardson. State Department spokesman Robert J. McCloskey said Mr. Sisco had no plans to travel in the Middle East before or after his Teheran meeting but added that it was "always possible." However he ruled out the chance that Mr. Sisco would visit Cairo. Mr. McCloskey said the meeting in Teheran was part of the regular regional meetings at which U.S. envoys in a given region consult with senior State Department officials. He said the last such meeting was held in Africa.

Israeli Planes In Two Attacks On Two Egyptian SAM-2 Anti-Aircraft Missile Bases

TEL AVIV, March 31 (JTA)--Israel Air Force jets staged two attacks this afternoon on two Egyptian SAM-2 anti-aircraft missile bases near Mansoura in the northern Nile delta and returned safely to their bases. The first attack took place shortly past noon and the second was launched about three hours later. In an earlier attack today, Israeli jets blasted Egyptian military targets in the central and southern sections of the Suez Canal zone. An Israeli soldier was wounded last night in a Syrian mortar attack on an Israeli position in the central Golan Heights. Israeli forces returned the fire. This morning an Israeli patrol came under fire from Jordan in the Beisan Valley and returned the fire. There were no Israeli casualties.

Security officials disclosed the capture of six Arab terrorists in an encounter with an Israeli patrol several days ago. The disclosure was made last night. The guerrillas admitted under questioning that they planned to commit sabotage in the Nablus area. Reports from Beirut today said Lebanese police are guarding American property there following four rocket and bomb attacks in 24 hours for which the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine claimed responsibility. The targets were the John F. Kennedy Cultural Center, the American Life Insurance Co. and offices of American Airlines in downtown Beirut. Only minor damage was caused. The Palestine Higher Political Committee which represents most of the Palestinian guerrilla organizations denounced the attacks yesterday as "irresponsible acts."

Foreign Ministry Dismisses Russian Charge That Certain Jewish Tourists Spy For Israel

JERUSALEM, March 31 (JTA)--The Foreign Ministry dismissed as "utter fabrications" charges published in the Soviet Government newspaper Izvestia that certain Jewish tourists in the USSR were serving as spies for Israel. A Ministry spokesman said the charge was a continuation of the anti-Israel "smear campaign" that has been going on in the Soviet Union for some time. Izvestia claimed yesterday that an American woman posing as a tourist was an Israeli intelligence agent sent to get secret information about Russia's space program. It identified her as "Feiga Kroun" but did not say when she was in Russia or whether she was arrested. According to Izvestia, the woman sought information about the closed Black Sea port of Nikolayev and the space center at Baikour in Kazakhstan, while visiting Odessa. Izvestia also accused another tourist, identified as "Mr. Dugan," of working for Israel intelligence in Odessa. It accused Israel of recruiting tourists as spies since the Soviet Union broke off diplomatic relations with Jerusalem during the June, 1967 Six-Day War.

The U.S. Accounted For Half Of All Foreign Investments In Israel Last Year

NEW YORK, March 31 (JTA)--The United States accounted for half of all foreign investment activities in Israel during 1969, it was reported in the February issue of Economic Horizons, a publication of the American-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry, released here today. According to an article by Abraham Kiryati, director of the North American division of the Israeli Ministry of Commerce, about 123 American-Israel joint projects were implemented last year representing a total investment of \$108 million. Mr. Kiryati said tourism was the largest foreign-currency industry in Israel in 1969, with a revenue of \$96 million compared to \$82 million in 1967 and \$66 million in 1966. Of 412,360 tourists last year, 146,600 were from the United States and 14,600 from Canada, Mr. Kiryati wrote. He said that 25,000 students came to Israel in 1969, most of them from North America.

According to the Chamber of Commerce, finished diamonds are Israel's best selling item in the U.S. Exports in 1969 were valued at \$75,826,162 compared to \$72,728,880. Next on the list is fashion wear which almost doubled in value between 1968 and 1969--\$8.9 million to \$14.8 million. The Central Bureau of statistics in Jerusalem reported yesterday that Israel's industrial output increased by 18 percent in 1969 compared with 1968. The biggest rise was in electronics where output rose by 60 percent and car production where it grew by 30 percent. Metal, plastics, furniture and machinery production showed a 20 percent growth rate.

Mrs. Meir Says Her Statement That Jews Will Remain In Kfar Etzion Is Cabinet's View

JERUSALEM, March 31 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir said today that her statement that Jews will remain forever at Kfar Etzion reflected the attitude of the Cabinet. Mrs. Meir was questioned in the Knesset on that remark which she made at a police officers graduation ceremony recently. She said that 18 months ago the Cabinet decided to renew the permanent settlement of Jews in the Etzion bloc, a group of settlements established on Jewish National Fund land south of Jerusalem, before Israel's independence. The Etzion bloc was overrun by the Jordanian Arab Legion on May, 1948 and was occupied by Jordan until the June, 1967 Six-Day War. The Government established a new urban center to serve the Etzion settlements and plans to build 70 new housing units there this year.

Supreme Court Rules That Watching TV On Friday Night Is Up To Individual

JERUSALEM, March 31 (JTA)--The Supreme Court told an Orthodox Jew in effect yesterday that he was free not to view television on Friday night but had no grounds to ban viewing by others. The court rejected one of two orders nisi calling on the Broadcasting Authority to show cause why Sabbath television should not be prohibited. The second order, filed by three Orthodox members of the Broadcasting Authority, is pending before the Court. A five judge panel ruled yesterday that an order nisi filed by an Orthodox young man from Tel Aviv had no standing because his privacy was not being invaded. The Court said he could refrain from turning on his set. It said also that the applicant failed to prove his contention that he might have been employed in television if he had not been religious.

Biblical Scholar Contends That The Book Of Isaiah Was Written By Two Persons

JERUSALEM, March 31 (JTA)--A Hebrew University doctoral thesis presented here maintains that the Biblical book of Isaiah was written by two different persons who may have lived 200 years apart. The candidate, a 57 year-old Biblical scholar Yehuda Radday, said his contention was proven virtually beyond doubt by electronic computers that analyzed stylistic and linguistic details in chapters 40-66 of the prophet's work. The tests showed that the chapters were written by a second Isaiah, believed to have lived in the sixth century B.C. Hebrew University professors say the chances are one in 100,000 against the first Isaiah having written the chapters attributed to the second.

Air Mail Service To Israel From Britain And Italy Still Not Normal

JERUSALEM, March 31 (JTA)--Air mail service to Israel from Britain and Italy has not returned to normal since the Feb. 21 crash of an Israeli-bound Swissair jet, believed to have been sabotaged by Arab terrorists. Minister of Posts Elimelech Rimalt reported to the Knesset yesterday. He said air mail from the United States was still lagging to some extent. According to Mr. Rimalt these countries have not completed security arrangements designed to detect explosives concealed in air parcels. As a result, parcels weighing over 100 grams are being sent by sea and other air mail is often delayed because of security checks, he said.

Conference On Soviet Jewry Calls Kazakov's Fast The Conscience For Others

NEW YORK, March 31 (JTA)—The fast of Tzusha Kazakov, a 23 year-old Soviet-Jewish emigre now in its seventh day, was described today as "a demonstration reflective of the oppressive conditions under which three million Jews in the Soviet Union are forced to live." Rabbi Herschel Schacter, chairman of the American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry, called on "all men of conscience" to join in demanding an end to the repression of Soviet Jews that the Kazakov fast dramatizes. Young Kazakov camped outside United Nations headquarters here a week ago and announced that he would go on a hunger strike until Soviet authorities granted exit visas to his family in Moscow enabling them to join him in Israel. The young man was permitted to go to Israel a year ago. He came to New York recently, he said, to arouse world opinion to the plight of his family and other Jews in the USSR. Rabbi Schacter said, "That this young man should feel driven to this desperate means of seeking freedom for members of his family to leave the Soviet Union" should summon men of conscience "to join in demanding that not only his family but all Soviet Jews be granted the freedoms accorded other minorities in that country to worship as they choose, maintain their cultural traditions and perpetuate their deepest human beliefs and leave if they so desire."

Jewish Leadership Of Chile Calls On Soviet Government To End Anti-Jewish Campaign

SANTIAGO, CHILE, March 31 (JTA)—The leadership council of the Jewish community of Chile, representing numerous institutions and civic organizations, adopted a resolution at its meeting here protesting the anti-Jewish campaign by the Soviet government and declaring its solidarity "with our brothers in the USSR." The resolution called on the Soviet government to allow those Jews who wish to emigrate to Israel to do so and to provide those Jews who wish to remain in the Soviet Union with facilities and opportunities to enjoy their culture in Yiddish and Hebrew. "Finally, we call upon the government to end its anti-Jewish campaign which has taken the guise of a campaign against Zionism," the resolution declared.

Jewish Students Hold 12-Hour Torchlight Vigil To Protest Soviet Treatment Of Jews

COPENHAGEN, March 31 (JTA)—Jewish students, protesting the treatment of Jews in Russia, held a 12-hour torchlight vigil in front of the Soviet Embassy here last night and then paraded through the city. There were about 250 participants. The demonstrators tried to present the Russian Ambassador with a copy of a letter written by 18 Jews from the Soviet Georgian Republic demanding the right to emigrate to Israel. The Ambassador refused to accept it.

Moshe Kol Outlines Plans For Tourist Resorts And Program For Investors In Tourism

WASHINGTON, March 31 (JTA)—Moshe Kol, Israel's Minister of Tourism, has announced that tourist resorts would be built at Sharm El Sheikh and Nevebe, both in the military occupation areas. Mr. Kol is in the United States to raise \$20 million in government bonds to finance a government loan program for investors in Israel's tourist industry. The 7 percent bonds are being sold "to American citizens to help give loans to American investors to build hotels for American tourists," he said. The tourist facilities at both Sharm El Sheikh and Nevebe will be rustic, not to say primitive. A U.S. investor is putting some trailers and bungalows and a restaurant that will seat 300 on the spot where Egypt placed the guns that kept the Israelis out of the Gulf of Aqaba. "Two wars started there," Mr. Kol said. "If we can make it a lovely place, maybe one day there will be a peace conference here. Nasser made it popular. We are giving it a better purpose."

The bonds, \$9 million of which have already been sold, are guaranteed by the government. They are valued at \$100 American each, and the minimum purchase is ten bonds. Mr. Kol is here to talk to prospective investors. It is the 13th city on his 13-city tour, which will conclude at the end of this week. Mr. Kol said Israel had 410,000 tourists last year, and expected a 20 per cent increase this year. He said the bombings of the Swissair and El Al planes had not deterred tourists: "This is the best winter Israel has had since it was born." He said safety was not a problem for Israeli tourists. "You can walk in Jerusalem day and night. The U.S. has safe borders and Israel has safe cities." Mr. Kol said that of the 410,000 visitors in 1969, 150,000 of them were from the United States. For Israel, tourism provides the biggest single source of foreign exchange, with 75 percent of tourism earnings remaining in the country.

Judge Bora Laskin Becomes First Jewish Member Of Canada's Supreme Court

TORONTO, March 31 (JTA)—Judge Bora Laskin, 57, just named to the Supreme Court of Canada, is that court's first Jewish member; the highest-ranking Jewish official in Canada's history. His brother, Saul Laskin, is mayor of Thunder Bay, Ont. A member of the Ontario Supreme Court since 1963 and immediately before that a law professor at the University of Toronto, Judge Laskin is an expert on constitutional and legal matters. Born in Port Arthur, Ont., he has been active in Jewish communal life and has served as legal committee chairman of the Canadian Jewish Congress. Among his writings is a textbook on constitutional law. He serves as a governor of York University here. He is described by Justice Minister John Turner as "a rare individual who combines in one person the excellence and achievements of many."

Jerusalem Court Sentences Man To Four Years' Imprisonment For Spying For Jordan

JERUSALEM, March 31 (JTA)—The Jerusalem District Court sentenced Muhammad Hamdan, 39, an East Jerusalemite of Turkish origin, to four years' imprisonment yesterday for spying for Jordan. He was convicted of supplying Jordanian Intelligence with road maps, army albums and information on army camps.

Jewish Anti-Poverty Workers Charge New York Discriminates Against Jewish Poor

NEW YORK, March 31 (JTA)--The New York Association of Jewish Community, Anti-Poverty and Municipal Employees, called upon the City's Human Resources Administration to end a dangerous "double-standard" policy with the Jewish community again finding itself the losers. David Farber, Executive Director of the newly formed grass-roots Jewish group, revealed that the Human Resources Administration allocated a modest budget for advertising the forthcoming poverty elections, in the various ethnic radio and newspapers, but made no provisions for advertising in the Jewish media. "Clearly," Farber declared, "HRA is favoring certain ethnic groups over others in a poverty election of significant consequence. Favoritism is bad for the favored as well as the discriminated and it is a shame that HRA has not yet learned the bitter lesson of not too long ago."

Hyman Dechter, General Counsel for the Association, declared that unless funds are equally allocated to the Jewish media, the Association would go to court asking it to void the elections. Dechter stated that unless all promotion methods connected with the campaign are equally distributed the City would stand accused of favoritism at a time when all concerned citizens are seeking a return to fair play. The Poverty Elections will be held May 5th. It had been scheduled for Saturday but was changed as a result of a petition by Rabbi Sholom B. Gorodetsky, Crown Heights' representative to the City-Wide Council Against Poverty. "In originally scheduling it on the Jewish Sabbath, HRA once again indicated its insensitivity to Jewish needs," Mr. Farber declared. The Association advised the City that thousands of poor Jews reside in the poverty areas, and many of them rely on the daily and weekly Jewish media for their source of news.

Orthodox Rabbi Dismissed By Jesuit College Where He Had Been Teaching Jewish History

SEATTLE, March 31 (JTA)--An Orthodox rabbi has been dismissed, effective tomorrow, from the staff of Seattle University, a Jesuit institution, leaving it without Judaica courses for the first time in nine years. The Administration said Rabbi Arthur A. Jacobovitz's courses in Jewish history and Jewish theology, which had run from 1961 through last term and were to be resumed this September, were being dropped because of a 20 percent budget cut, even though he had been earning only \$500 a term since 1962. The cancellation was made despite Rabbi Jacobovitz's willingness to teach without pay, as he had done his first year at the university. The school explained that teaching gratis was contrary to its policy.

Although there are only seven or eight Jewish students at the 3,000 student, largely Catholic, partially Protestant institution, Rabbi Jacobovitz--whose program of three courses was reduced to two last fall--has had far more than that rally to his cause in the wake of his dismissal. A petition signed by over 800 students--more than voted in last month's campus elections--urges his reinstatement, charging that "discontinuing the rabbi's services would exclude representation of Jewish thought" on the campus. The students noted that the university president had recently found Rabbi Jacobovitz "a competent teacher, a good scholar and an asset to the university." The rabbi also serves as director of the off-campus B'nai B'rith Hillal Foundation at the University of Washington. He could not be reached for comment today.

Congressman Urges Nixon To Halt Military Aid To Belligerent Arab Nations

WASHINGTON, March 31 (JTA)--An Ohio Congressman announced that he is co-sponsoring a resolution calling on President Nixon to terminate all forms of military aid to any belligerent Arab nation or to any nations harboring Arab terrorist groups. The resolution also urges the President to negotiate the sale of jet aircraft to Israel on a cash basis. Rep. Donald E. Lukens, a Republican from Middletown, O., said his resolution was motivated by the fact that the U.S. is training 600 Arab military personnel here and abroad at a cost of \$2 million to American taxpayers. He observed however that "no Israeli officer is receiving military training by the U.S." Rep. Lukens said the Government has not supplied Israel with military or economic aid in the past year, but over the past decade it has given more than \$1 billion in military aid to Arab nations and has supplied less than \$100 million worth of aid to Israel, all of which that country repaid. "It is illogical and infuriating that the U.S. continues to aid and train Arab military personnel while refusing or procrastinating to sell jets to Israel. I am tired of this kind of warped foreign policy," Rep. Lukens said.

ADL Of B'nai B'rith Publishes Material On Judaism For Use In Parochial Schools

NEW YORK, March 31 (JTA)--The publication of the first extensive body of instructional material on Jews and Judaism to be prepared especially for Christian parochial schools was announced today by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. Entitled "Image of the Jews: Teachers' Guide to Jews and their Religion" its purpose, according to the League is "to help the individual (Christian) teacher by providing a basic fund of information and by offering a systematic approach to the study of the Jewish religion." Citing the manual as part of ADL's efforts to aid in Christian-Jewish dialogue, Benjamin B. Epstein, national director of the League, said that "among Christians as among Jews, the lack of knowledge of the others' religion, attitudes, life style and intentions is appalling...It is hoped that this study of Jews and Judaism will lead to greater harmony, better understanding and improved relations between members of the (different) faiths."

Eleazer Lipsky Appointed Chairman Of A Congress International Affairs Commission

NEW YORK, March 31 (JTA)--The appointment of Eleazer Lipsky, lawyer and novelist, as chairman of the Commission on International Affairs of the American Jewish Congress was announced today by Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld, president of the Congress. Mr. Lipsky is the chairman of the board of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency and vice president of the American Jewish League for Israel.