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Sen. Scott: U.S. Planes To Israel Contingent On Outcome Of SALT Talks

WASHINGTON, May 21 (JTA)--Sen. Hugh Scott, the Republican Senate Minority leader, said today that the sale of more jets to Israel was being held up because President Nixon was using them as a "bargaining point" in the Strategic Arms Limitation talks (SALT) with the Soviet Union in Vienna. He said the talks now seemed to have a 50-50 chance of success and credited the improvement to the delay in selling additional jets to Israel. The Pennsylvania Republican spoke at the second plenary session of the American Jewish Congress' national biennial convention here. He spoke informally and extemporaneously when he told his audience that President Nixon had referred to Israel as a "client of the U.S. in the same way that Egypt is a client of the Russians." Continuing, Sen. Scott said, "Eban (Israel's Foreign Minister Abba Eban) doesn't like that. He thinks it's condescending. But it is okay to be condescended to a little if you get the planes."

According to the Senator Israel will get the planes. "In the past I have had a pretty good batting average," he said, adding that he guaranteed that "there will be jets on long term credit for Israel." At one point he told his audience, "I have given you no oratory, just conversation to bring you up to date. You trust me and I trust you." Sen. Scott was scheduled to meet privately with Foreign Minister Eban today after they lunch with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Mr. Eban met with Secretary of State William P. Rogers and other State Department officials, yesterday to argue Israel's case for more jets on the grounds that growing Soviet military involvement in Egypt shifted the balance of power and posed a serious threat to Israel and Western interests. Sources here said Department officials were "hesitant" in accepting Mr. Eban's argument. While Secretary Rogers and other top policy-makers were said to concur in large degree with Israel's estimate of the situation, they are not convinced that the proposed sale of more Phantom jets to Israel was the most effective response.

Jarring May Resume Peace Mission If Big Four Can Arrive At 'Interim' Agreement

UNITED NATIONS, May 21 (JTA)--As the Big Four deputies continued to meet today in an effort to finish their report on the progress of the Big Four talks by the next Four Power parley Tuesday, speculation mounted here that this report, if approved by the Big Four, might be a sufficient basis for recalling Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring to his Middle East peace mission. Diplomatic sources said here today that Dr. Jarring might resume his mission even if an "interim" agreement can be reached on the progress of the talks. The basis for this feeling, sources said, lies in the fact that British Ambassador Lord Caradon favors a continuation of the talks despite the reported "intransigence" and spirit of "non-cooperation" shown in the past few weeks by the Soviet Ambassador. The Four Powers, sources observed, are currently confronted with the question of whether to continue talks on the basis of what they have agreed upon so far or wait for wider areas of agreement. "Lord Caradon is for the first even if it has to be of an interim character," sources said. "This may be enough to recall Dr. Jarring for his mission, but of course, it is up to him to judge if the report warrants it."

Sources said Lord Caradon's position on continued talks, one of the more hopeful signs that might encourage Dr. Jarring to return to his mission, was contained in his speech to the Security Council on Tuesday during the debate on Israel's incursion into Lebanon. He said then, "We should keep uppermost in our minds the aim of reaching agreement. We should not impede or frustrate the discussions going forward in the Four. We should seek to facilitate and accelerate those discussions." Continuing, Lord Caradon declared: "We should encourage the Four to proceed with all speed, with a greater sense of conciliation and urgency, to report as soon as possible on their deliberations to the Secretary General (U Thant). Then we can hope that Ambassador Jarring will soon renew his consultations with both sides. Only by that means can the hope of a peaceful settlement be kept alive." Lord Caradon also noted, during his Security Council speech, that progress may not be easy, "but I have always advocated that agreement should be relentlessly pursued."

When Dr. Jarring left New York in March, a UN spokesman said he would return to his UN headquarters "within a few weeks, or sooner, if developments warrant it." During his return here, Dr. Jarring consulted with representatives of the Four Powers, Arab states and Israel. Informed sources said at that time that he had exhausted all possibilities and explored every possible avenue without receiving any encouragement that a renewal of his efforts to bring Arabs and Israelis together for negotiations would have any chance of success. Now, in view of a possible "interim" agreement among the Big Four, diplomatic sources feel developments warrant his return to UN headquarters where some guidelines for his peace mission will be available.

Diplomatic sources also said today that the Big Four deputies, who also met Monday, and who may be meeting again between now and next Tuesday, worked amicably despite the acrimony expressed by their ambassadors during the Security Council debate. They emphasized, however, that the amicability referred to "tone" rather than to "substance." According to diplomatic sources, Britain worked behind the scenes during the Security Council's meetings to soften the resolution Syria sought to introduce which would have included sanctions against Israel. The final resolution to condemn Israel, was seen by diplomats as a relatively mild reprimand. It nevertheless satisfied both the Arab states and the Soviet Union - which voted for it - although the United States abstained from voting and Israel,

which has no vote on the Security Council, termed it one-sided and Syrian inspired. The result of Britain's effort to tone down the final resolution, thereby making it acceptable to more Council members, tended to make the Four Powers more amenable to further talks, sources said.

Israel, N.Y. Times, London Guardian Critical Of UN Resolution Condemning Israel

JERUSALEM, May 21 (JTA)--Israel officially advised British Ambassador John Barnes today of its "disappointment" over Britain's vote for Tuesday's Security Council resolution censuring Israel for its May 12-13 incursion against guerrilla bases in Lebanon. The government's attitude was conveyed to Mr. Barnes by Gideon Rafael, director general of the Foreign Ministry, who met with him on various matters today. Israeli officials said the meeting had been arranged prior to the Security Council vote and was mainly concerned with topical questions of mutual interest. (The New York Times in an editorial today described the latest Security Council resolution condemning Israel as another in a series of "one-sided propaganda gestures (that) are not only futile but...undermine the credibility, and therefore the utility, of the world organization as an instrument for peace in the Middle East or anywhere." The Times noted that the resolution failed to refer to "the guerrilla blows that provoked the Israeli reaction," and observed the "more constructive path" would have been approval of the Finnish proposal for resumption of the Jarring peace mission. That motion never reached a vote.)

(In London, the Daily Telegraph, agreeing editorially today with United States UN Ambassador Charles W. Yost that the resolution was "unbalanced," criticized British Ambassador Lord Caradon for "woolly" thinking in voting for it. "Israel's desperate plight demands a more virile argument," it said. The editorial added that as a result of Soviet intervention in the Middle East the Big Four talks "make less sense than ever." It insisted that "the more Russia builds up Egypt's strength the more are the Israelis driven to defensive counter-action, and the less, as a result, can they contemplate giving up an inch of Sinai, which alone gives them the necessary room for aerial deployment... The Arabs can take innumerable defeats and survive, but every Israeli knows that his country can only lose once.")

Mine Explosion Kills Israeli Soldier, Injures One; Soviet SAM-3 Missiles Found Faulty

TEL AVIV, May 21 (JTA)--An Israeli soldier was killed and another was injured when a mine exploded today near Kuneitra in the Golan Heights. Two Israeli soldiers were wounded by Egyptian artillery fire across the Suez Canal last night. Israeli return fire scored hits on Egyptian vehicle concentrations and other targets on the canal's west bank. A military spokesman said the canal zone was relatively quiet during the night. He said Egyptian artillery fire was on a much reduced scale. (Diplomatic sources in London reported today that faults had been discovered in the first test firings of the latest Soviet-made anti-aircraft missiles, the SAM-3, being deployed in Egypt. The reports said the nature of the faults was unknown but they have caused considerable concern among the Russians who are installing the missile launchers and who will operate them.)

The body of Segal Ackerman, the engineer of the sunken Israeli fishing trawler Orith, was washed ashore near the Bardawill lagoon yesterday. Ackerman and two other crewmen abandoned the vessel after it was hit by an Egyptian missile boat off the northern Sinai coast a week ago. Ackerman was wounded in the attack and died. His funeral will be held in Tel Aviv tomorrow. Israeli soldiers entering the armed services today are as brave and willing to accept hardships and dangerous assignments as their brothers in the past. But nowadays they ask more questions, want to know more about why they are fighting and refuse to accept mere slogans that were acceptable by soldiers in the past, according to Col. Itzhak Arad, the Army's chief educational officer. Col. Arad told newsmen at a press briefing that the Israel Army seeks to provide new recruits with more than military training. He said it tries to get the soldiers to identify themselves with their missions, the armed forces and the state.

Nasser Acknowledges Soviet Pilots Flying Armed Planes Over Egypt; More Advisers Due

BONN, May 21 (JTA)--Pres. Nasser said in an interview published yesterday in the newspaper "Die Welt" that Soviet pilots were flying planes over Egypt and that the planes were armed. But he evaded a question as to whether Soviet-driven Egyptian planes had clashed with Israeli jets. Col. Nasser made his comments in an interview with Danish TV correspondent Ole Sippel and excerpts were printed in the West German newspaper. "All the world wants to know whether we have Russian pilots," he said. "Now the voices of Russian pilots are not new in Egypt. People have heard them for three years." He said the Soviets were "training our own pilots." His replies left open the question as to whether the Soviet airmen were only taking part in training missions with armed planes or were actively flying operational missions, as Israel has charged. In reply to the question about clashes between Soviet and Israeli pilots, he said "That is the \$20,000 dollar question as one says in the United States. I do not know. Perhaps the military knows." He said the number of Russian military advisers were not "as many as the American newspapermen have written." Western sources have estimated that there are between 6000 and 10,000 such advisers in Egypt. He did say Egypt was "always receiving new advisers for new equipment." He said the Soviet Union had not asked for political reciprocity for its help.

Kosygin Concedes Arab States Receiving 'Extensive Aid' From Soviet Union

LONDON, May 21 (JTA)--Soviet Premier Alexei N. Kosygin acknowledged yesterday that the Arab states were receiving "extensive aid" from the Soviet Union so "they can successfully defend their legitimate national rights." He declared, however, that the Soviet Union "is consistently working to have the earliest political settlement in the Middle East." Mr. Kosygin's statement, distributed by Tass, the official Soviet news agency, was in reply to a letter sent to him by the chiefs of state of Turkey, Iran and Pakistan who held a non-Arab Moslem "summit" meeting at Izmir, Turkey two weeks ago. Their letter, dated May 7, was also sent to the heads of the Western powers. The three leaders

appealed to them to "insure undelayed withdrawal of the Israeli armed forces from the territories occupied by them in June, 1967." They said, according to the Tass version, that "this would be fully in compliance with all provisions of the Security Council resolution of Nov. 22, 1967. The need of such action is becoming ever more pressing now." According to Tass, Premier Kosygin replied that the Soviet government agreed "with the demand expressed by you that it is necessary to have undelayed withdrawal of the Israeli armed forces from the Arab territories." The reply continued, "It has to be stated with regret that there are still serious obstacles on the road toward relaxation of the tension and toward establishment of a lasting peace in the Middle East. It is well known that the Israeli government frustrates all the efforts aimed at a political settlement of the Middle East crisis."

Seven Vilna Jews Appeal To Mrs. Meir And UN For Right To Emigrate To Israel

LONDON, May 21 (JTA)--Seven Jews from Vilna, capital of Soviet Lithuania, have sent a letter to United Nations Secretary General U Thant, Premier Golda Meir of Israel and the chairman of the UN Human Rights Commission demanding their right to emigrate and settle in Israel, "the land of our ancestors." The letter, made public here today, stated that the signatories had applied repeatedly to Soviet authorities for exit visas but were refused without explanation. "This has driven us to appeal to you, to world public opinion to help us and hear our plea," they wrote. The signatories gave their own home addresses in the letter and listed the names and street addresses of relatives in Israel they said they wanted to join. The letter said in part, "Few Jews now remain in beautiful Lithuania and this green country has turned into the mute grave of 300,000 Jews massacred--87 percent of the Jewish population before World War II. Even the Jewish language inscriptions have been erased from the mass graves. No kaddish (prayer for the dead) or yiskor (memorial prayers) are permitted nor are Jews allowed to gather on the anniversary of the massacre. This is in what Jews for five centuries called Yerushalayim Delitta--the Jerusalem of Lithuania." The city of Vilna, which was part of Poland before World War II, was once regarded as the most important center of Jewish culture and scholarship in Eastern Europe.

Stangl Trial Resumes; Former Death Camp Commandant Describes How Victims Were Tricked

DUSSELDORF, May 21 (JTA)--The trial of Franz Paul Stangl, former commandant of the Treblinka and Sobibor death camps in Poland, resumed here yesterday after a week-long recess called when the defendant became ill. Stangl, 62, a former SS officer, admitted that the SS trained death camp personnel before sending them on assignment. He said he had volunteered for police duty in Poland and was first sent to Sobibor, where three gas chambers were installed. Stangl, who was tracked down in Sao Paulo, Brazil, in 1967, is charged with responsibility for the deaths of 400,000 persons. He has pleaded that he merely did his duty as a commandant following orders. His trial is expected to last four months. The former SS officer told the court that accomplices dressed as rabbis greeted Jews at a fake train depot at Treblinka and assured them it was only a half-way station. The "depot" was actually the Treblinka receiving room, fitted with misleading ticket counter and clock, he admitted. "But the clock was only painted on," he said. "It always said three o'clock."

2000 Protest Bombing Of Jewish Community Center; Urge Government Find, Punish Criminals

BUENOS AIRES, May 21 (JTA)--Two thousand persons assembled in the bomb-damaged Jewish community center in La Plata yesterday to denounce anti-Jewish violence and demand that the government exert more energy toward finding and punishing the persons responsible for the bomb outrage. The community center was heavily damaged by an explosion last week. Two members of its maintenance staff were slightly injured. Speakers at the protest meeting included Pedro Gravier, president of the La Plata Jewish community; Enrique Mindling, of the local youth organization; Nehemias Resnitzky, vice president of the DAIA, central representative body of Argentine Jews, and Simja Sneh, representing the Argentine Federation of Jewish Communities.

Arab Propaganda Machine Appears Split; Fear Left-Wing Takeover; Israeli Denounces Israel

TORONTO, May 21 (JTA)--The formidable Arab propaganda machinery in Canada appeared to be split today following the election of George Haggag, a leftist political science professor from Jordan, as the new president of the 80,000-member Canadian Arab Federation. The group's annual convention at London, Ont., was boycotted by former members of its executive committee who feared a left-wing take-over. Sponsorship of the convention was left to the local committee and attendance was much smaller than anticipated. Prof. Haggag was joined in his denunciation of Israel and other alleged enemies of the Arabs by a dissident Israeli citizen, Issi Cohen, who lives in Boston. Mr. Cohen said he represented an Israeli socialist organization which opposes Zionism and imperialism (Matzpen). He compared Israel to South Africa.

Students Volunteer To Work As Stevedores If Israeli Ports Become Strike-Bound

JERUSALEM, May 21 (JTA)--About 200 Hebrew University students volunteered today to work as stevedores at Israel's ports if they become strike-bound again. The students distributed leaflets stating their support for Maj. Gen. Haim Laskov, former Israeli Chief of Staff, now chairman of the National Port Authority. They assailed Yitzhak Ben Aharon, recently elected secretary general of Histadrut, who has been in dispute with Gen. Laskov and has demanded his dismissal. About 2000 other students have signed the statement of support. Israel's two major seaports, Haifa and Ashdod, have been plagued by recurring labor trouble for the past two years. Ashdod, a new port south of Tel Aviv, is heavily automated. It has been the scene of prolonged strikes by longshoremen who object to the new work rules. This has brought Histadrut into conflict with the semi-autonomous Port Authority. Hebrew University students said "Laskov's only sin is that he trying to ease labor relations and honor signed contracts on the basis of honesty and mutual fairness."

Dr. Wexler Terms Magazine Article On B'nai B'rith A Distortion And Filled With Innuendos

WASHINGTON, May 21 (JTA)--An article claiming that the B'nai B'rith was used as a "front" for political activities on behalf of Israel and Soviet Jewry in violation of federal laws was labeled "distortion" by the organization today. The article appeared May 18 in *The National Observer*, a weekly newspaper published by the Dow Jones Co. which is widely read by American businessmen. A B'nai B'rith spokesman said the charges were answered by Dr. William A. Wexler, national president of the fraternal and service organization in a letter to the editors of *The National Observer*. Dr. Wexler wrote that the "false charges and innuendos" were taken from pre-trial depositions of a "disgruntled employee" without reporting that "the same pre-trial court record revealed that every one of the plaintiff's material allegations is denied under oath."

The writer of the article, Lawrence Mosher, quoted at length from documents filed with the Federal District Court in Washington in the case of Saul Joffes, former secretary general of B'nai B'rith's International Council, who is suing B'nai B'rith executive vice president Rabbi Jay Kaufman, for libel. A spokesman for the organization said the employee was dismissed after filing the million dollar libel suit. Mr. Joffes had been employed by B'nai B'rith for 22 years. Dr. Wexler noted in his letter, according to the B'nai B'rith spokesman, that allegations similar to those made in *The National Observer* article had been publicly rejected at the United Nations last February when an Arab-Soviet bloc sought to expel B'nai B'rith from its 22 year-status as an accredited non-governmental body. Dr. Wexler wrote that "the plain purpose" of the Arab-Soviet bloc at that time "was to punish B'nai B'rith for its effective support of Israel and its campaign against anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union and the persecution of Jews in Arab lands."

JDL Leaves Synagogue It Seized; Rabbi Condemns JDL Actions As Inimical To Soviet Jews

NEW YORK, May 21 (JTA)--Some 50 members of the militant Jewish Defense League ended without incident last night an occupation of the Park East Synagogue in Manhattan which they had taken over earlier in the day with the announced intention of staging a three-day "Liberation Seder" for Soviet Jewry. The Orthodox synagogue was chosen because it is directly across the street from the Soviet Mission. Rabbi Arthur Schneier said the peaceful exit came after he read to Rabbi Meir Kahane, leader of the JDL, a statement approved during the afternoon at an extraordinary meeting of the synagogue board. Rabbi Schneier said the JDL members did not interfere with the entrance into the synagogue of the board members. The statement declared that the synagogue had "a long record of deep concern for and responsible activity in behalf of our brethren in the Soviet Union but we strongly condemn this takeover of a House of God for the purpose of irresponsible actions." The statement also said that "not only were we not informed of their intention to take over our building but we do not approve and strongly dissociate ourselves from violent protest."

Rabbi Schneier told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the JDL had not asked for permission to enter the synagogue and had pushed aside executive director Julius Lifshutz when he protested their entry. "They invaded the building like thugs," he said. The JDL members installed a loudspeaker, aimed at the Soviet Mission, to beam their demands for Soviet Jews at mission members. Rabbi Schneier said police had not been called in at any stage, though there were a number of policemen guarding the Soviet Mission. He told the JTA that, based on his personal knowledge of the situation of Soviet Jewry, he considered "violent actions" like the JDL takeover of the synagogue and the "breaking up of concerts" featuring Soviet artists "extremely harmful" to Soviet Jews. Rabbi Schneier said that he returned just a few weeks ago from a visit to the Soviet Union. He is president of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation, an interfaith group and he has visited the Soviet Union with Christian members to study the situation of Soviet Jews.

Program Launched For Hebrew Day Schools In Cities With Large Jewish Student Population

GREENFIELD PARK, N.Y., May 21 (JTA)--Seminary deans and nearly 350 Hebrew Day School educators, psychologists, psychiatrists, and Hebrew scholars conducted a four-day convention marking the 25th anniversary of the first Conference on Day School education ever held in North America. The convention charted a program to put a Hebrew Day School in at least every city with a Jewish population of 5,000 and over and would aim at a total Day School student population of 250,000 students. The Convention, which ended several days ago, was called by Deans of Theological Seminaries and the National Conference of Yeshiva Principals and Day School Administrators. Rabbi Pinchas M. Teitz, Chief Rabbi, Elizabeth, N.J., and Dean, Yeshiva and Mesivta of Elizabeth, proposed that parents not pay tuition for first grade enrollments since many parents are initially turned away from enrolling their children in Day Schools by the high tuition fees which range from \$650 to \$1200 per year. "Let us give children and parents a taste of Day School education. Having tasted it, parents will then make supreme sacrifices and superior efforts budget-wise, to keep their children in Day School," Rabbi Teitz declared.

Educators also deplored the apathy of Jewish Federation and Welfare Funds in neglecting the needs of the Day School educational system. Rabbi Yaakov Yitzchok Ruderman, Chairman, Rabbinical Administrative Board, Torah Umesorah, and Dean of Ner Israel Seminary, Baltimore, Md., said "Day School education should not survive on the backs of over-burdened parents and underpaid teachers. Day Schools across the country face daily the threat of economic survival because of the calloused indifference of those Welfare Funds - which serve as the communal arm of Jewish charities. While parents and students are maturing, Federation and Welfare Fund leaders are not." A resolution adopted by the Convention which had been submitted by the Rabbinical Administrative Board of Torah Umesorah favored Hebrew Day Schools being represented by their own agency rather than by "bureaucratic agencies imposed upon them." A spokesman for Torah Umesorah said the group preferred receiving funds either directly from funding agencies or to let Day Schools set up their own agency through which funds can be distributed according to needs.