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USSR-Egypt Mideast Agreement Demands Israeli Withdrawal As Precondition For Peace

LONDON, July 16 (JTA)--The Soviet Union and Egypt were reported to have signed an agreement today containing a joint demand that Israel withdraw from all occupied Arab territory as an indispensable condition for a political settlement. Tass, the Soviet News Agency, announced signing of the agreement but did not release any details. The agreement was signed at a final top level meeting between Soviet leaders, headed by Premier Alexsei N. Kosygin, and visiting Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser. It contained a Soviet commitment to continue "all possible aid" to Egypt, according to informed sources, which also reported that the pact specified the territories to be evacuated--the Sinai peninsula, the Gaza Strip, East Jerusalem, the West Bank and the Golan Heights. Such an evacuation would return Israel to the pre-Six-Day war boundaries. The Soviet Union and Egypt reportedly agreed to continue their efforts for a political settlement, on the basis of their interpretation of the Security Council Nov. 22, 1967 resolution. Pres. Nasser came to Moscow on June 29 to ask for increased Soviet military aid and for medical treatment. It was his second visit to the Soviet Union this year. The first, in January, was never publicized.

(In New York, the Soviet Mission to the United Nations released today the text of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR which was issued in the Kremlin yesterday warning that "either the military danger in the Middle East grow further - and this might happen if the aggressor (Israel) is not curbed - or the measures must be taken to ensure the political settlement on the basis of the observance of the resolution of the Security Council of November 22, 1967 in its entirety." Meanwhile, the Supreme Soviet statement observed, Israel has not "fulfilled a single decision of the United Nations Security Council and the General Assembly in connection with the Middle East crisis." It is now particularly clear, the statement continued, "Israel is fighting not for its existence, not for its security but with the purpose of seizing other people's lands."

The essence of Israel's present policy, the statement asserted, is to "block the roads to political settlement in the Middle East, to intensify pressure on the Arab countries for the purpose of consolidating the results of its aggression." But these calculations are groundless, the statement warned. Any plans to enable Israel to "prolong occupation of the Arab territories and to annex them, the plans that would place the interests of Israel above the interests of other states of the area are doomed to failure." The statement announced that the deputies of the USSR Supreme Soviet are "convinced that in the conditions when reckless actions of the Israeli leaders create a real threat for international peace and security, not one parliament or member of parliament must remain indifferent." The Supreme Soviet called on those who "treasure the ideals of peace and freedom" to censure and isolate the aggressor and its patrons to make imperialists give up their adventurist course." It also registered its "complete" approval of the policy of the Soviet Government in "giving the all round assistance to the Arab States in their courageous struggle against the Israeli aggression, the policy aimed at the achievement of the just peaceful political settlement of the Middle East conflict.")

France, Britain Reach Accord On Mideast; Call For Four Power Plan, Peace Mission Renewal

PARIS, July 16 (JTA)--Agreement on the highly dangerous nature of the Middle East situation is understood to have been reached here by Foreign Minister Maurice Schumann and British Foreign Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home, who met for four hours yesterday at the Quai d'Orsay. Similar accord is understood to have been reached between Sir Alec and Premier Jacques Chaban-Delmas, who met for an hour last evening at the Premier's residence in the Hotel Matignon. The Mideast and possible steps toward a settlement dominated the conversations. Both Sir Alec and Mr. Schumann are understood to have agreed that the current level of tension in the Mideast could endanger world peace; that direct Arab-Israeli talks, even under the Rhodes formula, seem out of the question under current conditions, and that a peace plan by a single nation, whether the United States or the Soviet Union, must be regarded as "utopic." The two ministers thus agreed that the only possible settlement of the Mideast crisis is through Four Power concord on a peace project. The next step, if and when agreement among the Four is reached, would be to reactivate the Gunnar V. Jarring mission with precise and concrete directives.

French circles here also say the British Foreign Secretary showed sympathy for France's arms embargo policy. According to these circles, Sir Alec agreed with his French counterpart that it would be detrimental to any peace prospects if Israel received now large supplies of weapons, especially offensive ones. After the four-hour meeting, Mr. Schumann beamingly told newsmen, "I can find no points of disagreement between us." It is believed here that Sir Alec showed a "supple" position on the Mideast in order to bring about a Franco-British rapprochement before the forthcoming talks on Britain's bid for acceptance by the Common Market, which was not discussed yesterday. It is understood that the two sides decided to consult more often and more closely on all international affairs, especially the Mideast, as a result of yesterday's talks, which both British and French circles described as "highly successful."

Air Force Day Celebration; Dayan: Next Round Between Arabs, Israel May Be In Battle

TEL AVIV, July 16 (JTA)--Israel's Air Force celebrated its 22nd birthday today by demonstrating in public for the first time its ability to refuel its fighter planes in midflight. At the same time, Defense Minister Moshe Dayan expressed fears that the next round between Israel and the Arabs would

be in battle and not around the negotiating table. While Israelis and hundreds of visitors from all parts of the world watched, two Skyhawks were refueled from a Stratocruiser tanker during Air Force Day celebrations held "somewhere in Israel." Gen. Dayan, Chief of the Armed Forces General Haim Bar Lev and Commander of the Air Force General Mordechai Hod, were in the reviewing stand as Israel's Air Force gave a demonstration of precision, ability and force beginning with fly-by formations of French built Mysteres, Ouragaes, Vautoures and Supermysteres followed by U.S. built Skyhawks and Phantoms and various kinds of helicopters, transports and auxiliary planes including the French Nordes and American Dakotas. While helicopter units demonstrated their skills and tactics of troop transport and landings, Israel's fighter-bombers gave a demonstration of pinpoint machine gun and rocket target fire and another of precision napalm bombing.

The celebration ended with helicopter fly-bys carrying the national and Air Force flags while Fouga fighters performed aerobatics ending with the marking of the Air Force initials in the blue skies with white smoke. Addressing the passout (graduation) parade of pilot cadets which preceded the air display, Defense Minister Dayan said, "I am afraid that the next round between Israel and the Arabs will not be around the negotiating tables, but in the strongholds, in the skies, in air battles, with missiles and artillery." Gen. Dayan said that in the near future the Israeli Army may be busy repulsing attacks and invasion attempts but "it is better the struggle for the holding of our lines is waged far away over enemy territory than at the doorstep of Nahal Ozz or with the blood of the children of Kiryat Shemona." Gen. Hod told the new pilots, "You are joining the Air Force at a time when the eyes of all look with hope at the Air Force. You are young and you add to the roaring wings of the mighty force that protects Israel's skies. We shall all wear with pride the Defense Wings of Israel."

Israeli Reservist Killed By Land Mine; Seven Israeli Soldiers Injured In Suez Skirmish

TEL AVIV, July 16 (JTA)--An Israeli Army reservist, Sgt. Meir Amnon, 34, was killed and two other Israeli soldiers were injured yesterday when an army vehicle hit a land mine in the Sinai town of El-Arish on the Mediterranean coast. Searches for the saboteurs were initiated and a curfew was imposed on the town. Seven Israeli soldiers were injured yesterday during exchanges of fire along the Suez Canal, and Israeli planes continued to strafe Egyptian canal positions yesterday and today. Early this morning, an Israeli Army unit demolished three empty houses in the Lebanese border town of Kelaah that were said to have served as terrorist quarters. A Lebanese Army unit in the town did not intervene, and all Israeli soldiers returned safely. The demolition explosions were heard in Metullah, the northernmost Israeli settlement. Israeli planes today struck for 75 minutes at the Jordanian Army and saboteur positions that had fired last night on Israeli settlements and Army posts in the Beisan Valley, especially those of Yardena and Beth Yosef. Yardena residents took to shelters, but a circumcision ceremony in Beth Yosef continued to conclusion.

Committee Set Up To Memorialize Maj. Adam Weiler, Killed In Action Along Suez Front

JERUSALEM, July 16 (JTA)--A committee has been set up here to memorialize Maj. Adam Weiler, son of Rabbi and Mrs. Moses Cyrus Weiler, who was killed in action along the Suez Canal. Rabbi Weiler, is the founder and former Chief Minister of the Progressive Jewish community in South Africa. Funds for a recreational and playground area named after Adam Weiler are being sought by the committee, comprised of Rabbis Jack J. Cohen, Richard Hirsch and Louis Isaac Rabinowitz and David Breslau and Harry Sabel.

High Ranking American Air Force Delegation Meets With Dayan And Bar Lev

TEL AVIV, July 16 (JTA)--A high ranking American Air Force delegation arrived last night in Israel to survey the situation at first hand. The delegation's leader is Deputy Commander of the U.S. Air Force Strike Command, Lt. General James V. Edmundson. The delegation had talks today with the Army's Chief of Staff General Haim Bar Lev and with Defense Minister Moshe Dayan in the presence of American Embassy officials.

Record Number Of Tourists Expected To Visit Israel This Year Despite Border Troubles

JERUSALEM, July 16 (JTA)--Figures for the past six weeks indicate that the steady annual growth in tourist traffic from the U.S. to Israel will continue this summer, Deputy Minister of Tourism Yehuda Shaari said today following his return from a three-week coast-to-coast tour of the U.S. Mr. Shaari attended a series of meetings aimed at boosting the sale of shares in the Tourist Projects Development Company. He said \$11 million of a \$20 million issue had already been sold. The Ministry of Tourism also announced that a record number of tourists are expected to visit Israel this year despite the border troubles. Thirty-seven thousand tourists arrived here during the first half of this year, 14,000 more than in the same period last year. On his way home from the U.S. Mr. Shaari paid a visit to Spain to study the development of tourist resorts there. He said Israel could learn a great deal from the Spaniards who prefer a small margin of profit but a large turnover to high profits per tourists with a small turnover.

Zim Lines Invests \$120 Million To Bring Fleet Up To Par With Modern Maritime Practices

HAIFA, July 16 (JTA)--Israel's Zim Lines has invested \$120 million to bring its fleet in line with the most modern maritime practices. The company, which marked its 25th anniversary last month (it was founded three years before the state), announced that it has ordered 15 new bulk carriers and roll-on-roll-off cargo ships in various European yards which will enter service between the end of 1970 and 1974. The orders are the first of a ten year building program that will add 33 ships of a million deadweight tons to the Zim fleet. Also on order in Swedish yards are two super-tankers. Zim presently owns 70 cargo vessels and tankers of 1.1 million deadweight tons. It plans to replace conventional cargo vessels built in the late 1950s and '60s with roll-on-roll-off and container ships. The company, which was badly in the red in 1966, has apparently overcome its financial difficulties.

Poll Shows 38 Percent Of West Germans Support Israel; Six Percent Support Arabs

BONN, July 16 (JTA)--Thirty-eight percent of the West German population supports the Israeli position in the Middle East conflict, with only 6 percent supporting the Arab position, but 48 percent consider themselves neutral and 8 percent have no opinion. These are the results of a poll of a representative cross-section of the 50 million West Germans, as reported in Deutschland-Berichte, a German news review here. The publication did not indicate who took the poll. Among West Germans aged 16 to 18, more than half --54 percent--sided with Israel, only 5 percent for the Arabs, with 34 percent neutral and 7 percent undecided. Among those aged 18 to 21 and 21 to 30, the pro-Israelis accounted for 43 percent and the pro-Arabs for 4-5 percent. Among 50-65-year-olds, 34 percent favored Israel and 8 percent the Arabs. The figures showed the heaviest pro-Israeli feelings among those furthest removed from the Nazi era and the Second World War. In addition, the higher a West German's educational level, the greater his sympathy for Israel, according to the poll. Fifty-five percent of those at the collegiate level sympathized with Israel, with only 5 percent favorable to the Arabs. At the elementary school level, it was 35 percent pro-Israel, 6 percent pro-Arab. Men (41 percent) were more sympathetic to Israel than women (36 percent).

Those affiliated with the Christian Democratic Union of former Chancellor Kurt Georg Kiesinger and with its Bavarian affiliate, the Christian Socialist Union, registered 44 percent pro-Israel and 7 percent pro-Arab. Those supporting the Social Democratic Party of Chancellor Willy Brandt were 42 percent pro-Israel and 4 percent pro-Arab. Those aligned with the Free Democratic (Liberal) Party of Foreign Minister Walter Scheel were 40 percent pro-Israel and 7 percent pro-Arab. A full 25 percent of the supporter's of Adolf von Thadden's right-wing, allegedly neo-Nazi National Democratic Party termed themselves sympathetic to Israel, with 45 percent pro-Arab. Regarding attacks on Israel-bound planes, 89 percent of those questioned said they were aware of them, 9 percent said they were not interested and 2 percent refused comment. As to punishment for airline saboteurs, 46 percent demanded "the most severe punishment," according to Deutschland-Berichte; 14 percent recommended punishment and expulsion, 10 percent favored punishment according to German law, and 10 percent favored severe condemnation. Eleven percent declined answer to this question, with the remainder offering miscellaneous suggestions.

Russians Dumping Diamonds On World Market; Threatens Israel's Diamond Industry

JERUSALEM, July 16 (JTA)--The Soviet Union has been dumping diamonds (both raw and polished) on the world market in quantities and at prices that threaten Israel's own flourishing diamond industry, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was told today. Moshe Schnitzer, president of the Israeli Diamond Exchange in Ramat Gan said, "The danger lies mainly in the fact that the Soviets, who dig for diamonds in their own fields, are not bound by any cost calculations. They can easily undercut us even if, by Western standards, they would be selling at a loss." Cut and polished diamonds are Israel's largest single export item and last year brought in about \$200 million. The Russians last year sold \$20 million on the world market.

South Africa Gives Israel \$15 Million Credit Line; Agreement Signed

LONDON, July 16 (JTA)--South Africa has given Israel a credit line of \$15 million. The agreement was signed this week by Managing Director David Golan for Israel's Foreign Trade Bank and Dr. G.S.J. Kuschke, chairman, for South African Industrial Development Corporation.

First Violinist Of Moscow Philharmonic Orchestra Seeks Asylum In Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, July 16 (JTA)--Naum Froldman, 43-year-old first violinist of the Moscow Philharmonic Orchestra, remained here to seek asylum after the orchestra left Sunday. The Jewish musician cited persecution of Russian Jews as his reason for seeking asylum. The matter is being studied by the Interior Ministry. While the orchestra was here, the Delegacion de Asociaciones Israelitas Argentinas (DAIA), the major Argentine Jewish organization and an affiliate of the World Jewish Congress, wrote each musician expressing deep concern over repression of Soviet Jews, the denial of emigration rights and the USSR's official anti-Israel and anti-Zionist campaign. The DAIA noted that Argentina's 500,000 Jews enjoy full religious, social and cultural rights and freedom of emigration.

Former Nazis Reported Living In Egypt; Some On Nasser's Police Staff

BONN, July 16 (JTA)--Dr. Josef Mengele, the notorious Auschwitz experimenter, is living luxuriously in a villa in Cairo, where several other top Nazi war criminals are also operating at high levels, according to German press reports. Former SS General Oskar Dirlewander was said to be training Arab terrorists in Egypt and to be among those responsible for President Gamal Abdel Nasser's personal guard. Leopole Elein, former Gestapo chief of Lublin, is a leading member of President Nasser's police staff. Karl Westmann, a former top SS officer is an adviser to the Egyptian political police.

LATE BULLETIN

Haim Moshe Shapiro, Head Of National Religious Party, Dead At 68

TEL AVIV, July 16 (JTA)--Haim Moshe Shapiro, Minister of Interior since 1959 and chairman of the National Religious Party, died this evening at Tel Hashomer Hospital from heart illness at the age of 68. The government planned to convene tonight to arrange funeral services. Mr. Shapiro was born in Grodno, Russia, and was educated at the Hildesheimer Rabbinical Seminary in Berlin. He subsequently was a co-founder of Young Mizrachi of Lithuania, and emigrated to Palestine in 1925. He became a member of the Zionist Executive of the Jewish Agency in 1935, and headed the agency's immigration division during 1938-48. Mr. Shapiro was Minister of Immigration and Health during 1948-49; of Interior, Immigration and Health, 1949-51; of Interior and Religious Affairs, 1951-52, and of Social Welfare and Religious Affairs, 1952-59. He had been a member of the Knesset since 1949.

Youth Draft Resolution Condemns Israel, Supports Palestinians By Vote Of 181-73

UNITED NATIONS, July 16 (JTA)--A draft resolution supporting the Palestinians' "just struggle for national independence" and condemning "the oppressive and expansionist policies of Israel, which are endangering world peace" was approved today the Commission on World Peace of the United Nations World Youth Assembly. The veto was 181-73. The draft called for "the immediate and unconditional withdrawal" of (Israeli) troops from occupied Arab territories"; endorsed the "humane objective to establish a unitary democratic state in Palestine," and condemned "imperialistic aggressions." A resolution incorporating these points is to be submitted at a subsequent session. At a news conference following the vote, 21-year-old Dennis Prager, the world B'nai B'rith Hillel representative at the Youth Assembly, scored the draft resolution and the general atmosphere of the Assembly as "obviously one-sided." He said a petition has been signed by 33 of the more than 600 delegates protesting the "cynical attempts to manipulate the conference by the Soviet-Eastern European bloc and by representatives of the undemocratic left." The Assembly's steering committee is dominated by representatives of that bloc. There are no Americans, Britons or Israelis on the committee. The chairman of the Assembly is Fawaz Najia of the General Union of Palestine Students.

Among the 33--who signed as individuals--were representatives of the World Federation of Church Youth, the International Union of Socialist Youth, the International Jewish Students Organization, and of the delegations from the United States, Israel, Britain, West Germany, Ghana, Austria, Switzerland, Denmark and Australia. Harmes Prochaska of Austria told the news conference that "I have never seen such an atmosphere of injustice, hatred and prejudice. The Peace Commission is a large supermarket for ideological propaganda and not to be taken seriously." Theodore Panayiotou of Cyprus, president of the National Union of Cypriot Students, protested what he termed the denial of equal speaking opportunities to Israel and other delegations. Israel, rather than the United States, has been the target of most of the "anti-imperialist" hostilities of Arabs, Africans and leftists attending the assembly. The Israeli delegation has reported being "rudely rejected" by Arab delegations on attempts to discuss issues privately. A delegate from the Sudan, which has condemned Israel during the formal sessions, contended yesterday, however, that he was amenable to such private talks but that he had not been invited by the Israelis.

Seven Children Killed, 52 Injured In Bus Accident; On Trip From Hillel School

NEW YORK, July 16 (JTA)--Seven Jewish children were killed and 52 others were injured, eight seriously, when a bus chartered by the Hillel School of Lawrence, Long Island, slid off a wet highway and over an embankment yesterday afternoon near Allentown, Pa. Most of the passengers were 11 or 12 years old. The children were taking a two-day tour of eastern Pennsylvania's Amish area and three towns. A spokesman for the school, who was on the bus at the time of the accident, said "it seemed to lose control." Two of the dead children were from the borough of Queens, the other five from the Long Island towns of Woodmere, Cedarhurst, Valley Stream and Lawrence. Parents of the passengers, including men wearing yarmulkas, were given the details of the tragedy by Nahum Gordon, chairman of the school's board of trustees. Many of the parents had tears in their eyes, and some were in states of daze and near-collapse. The Hillel School is a two-story modern building that also serves as a summer day-camp for 550 children.

The officers of the Hillel School issued a statement today, declaring they were "profoundly shocked" by the "calamity that has stricken the entire community." They praised "the entire community of Allentown of all faiths and their respective religious leaders who offered the hospitality of home and heart." They also praised the "all-night vigils" maintained by local rabbis, the services of the school's counseling staff and the three Allentown hospitals, and the "disaster center" set up by Temple Beth El there. The Hillel School observed a "modified" schedule today. An "appropriate" memorial service will be held on the school grounds tomorrow afternoon. Meanwhile, Pennsylvania State Police and investigators of the National Transportation Safety Board began a joint probe into the cause of the accident. The bus driver could not be immediately questioned. He was in critical condition at a hospital in Allentown.

Jewish Student Group Gets Representation On Almost All Committees of CJP

NEW YORK, July 16 (JTA)--The Concerned Jewish Students of Greater Boston has managed to get student representation on almost all committees of the Combined Jewish Philanthropies and students now comprise at least 10 percent of all CJP committees, according to a report in NETWORK, the publication of the World Union of Jewish Students. Reporting that there were also student representatives on the CJP Board of Trustees, the publication added that the Concerned Jewish Students had been invited to participate in Boston's Jewish Community Council. The student group also has taken a major role in publicizing the needs of various local Jewish day schools for funding. The report also stated that the student group had obtained an interim allocation "of up to \$12,000" for summer projects from the CJP and had almost completed negotiations for establishment of a Greater Boston Jewish Students Project Agency to serve as a source of funds for Jewish youth programs, "especially innovative ones," now lacking funds.

Report That Jewish Drama Company In Soviet Union Seeking To Recruit Aspiring Thespians

WASHINGTON, July 16 (JTA)--According to the Novosti press agency, the overseas propaganda arm of the Soviet government, the Moscow Jewish Drama Company is running a contest for "aspiring actors-in-training." The Soviet embassy in Washington released a press report today which stated that the company, which was formed eight years ago, is headed by the 78-year-old veteran Soviet actor Vladimir Shvartsler. "We stage our plays in Yiddish," he was reported saying. "The company's repertoire includes two plays by the classic of Jewish literature Sholom Aleichem: 'Tevye the Milkman' and Abraham Goldfaden's musical fairy tale 'The Witch.' We produced two one-act plays by the modern Jewish poet and playwright Aron Vergelis.