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## State Department Mum On Possible U.S., USSR Rift Over U.S. Role In Interim Pact

WASHINGTON, April 21 (JTA)--The State Department refused to confirm reports today that a rift has developed between the Soviet Union and the United States over the latter's efforts to engineer an interim agreement between Israel and Egypt to reopen the Suez Canal. State Department sources admitted however that there appeared to be a "drift" by the Soviet government toward opposition to the U.S. role. Department spokesman Charles Bray refused to comment on reports that the Soviet United Nations Ambassador Jacob Malik delivered a half-hour criticism of the U.S. at yesterday's Big Four meeting in New York. He was reported to have said that the U.S. had no business "interfering" in the question of reopening the Suez Canal because that was a matter for the two parties to settle. Malik reportedly admonished the U.S. for failing to stick to the position of seeking an overall settlement through the Jarring talks and launched into a tirade against Zionism, colonialism and arms.

In a related development, the official Soviet news agency Tass distributed a statement in Moscow today announcing that the Soviet Union and Egypt have agreed on "further joint steps aimed at normalizing the situation and strengthening peace in the Middle East." The Soviet statement followed a five day visit to Moscow by Egypt's Foreign Minister Mahmoud Riad during which time he conferred with Premier Alexei N. Kosygin and Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko. Following Riad's return yesterday to Cairo, the semi-official daily Al Ahram reported that the Soviet Union was planning to "activate the political situation" in the Mideast. The paper said Moscow would take an initiative outside the Four Power talks and without contact with the United States. State Department sources said today that there were no official plans for Secretary of State William P. Rogers to visit any Middle East countries following the SENTO meetings he will attend in Ankara later this month. The JTA learned however that Michel Sterner, chief of the State Department's Egyptian Desk, arrived in Cairo yesterday for what was officially described as "orientation." The presence of the American official gave rise to reports that Rogers planned to visit Cairo and other Mideast capitals.

## Interim Pact 'Principles' No 'Proposals'; Recommends 4-Mile Pull-Back From Canal

JERUSALEM, April 21 (JTA)--The conditions Israel passed on to the United States for an interim agreement with Egypt to reopen the Suez Canal have been officially defined as "principles" not "proposals," well informed sources said today. This definition was required because of a Knesset resolution barring any withdrawal of Israeli forces from the canal in the absence of a peace treaty with Egypt. Should Cairo accept Israel's "principles," the Knesset would be asked to formally amend its resolution, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was told. The JTA learned that a committee of experts appointed by the government to study the military and strategic aspects of an interim solution recommended an Israeli pull-back of seven kilometers (4.3) miles from the east bank of the waterway. The Israeli memorandum that Washington is expected to convey to Cairo makes it clear that the proposed arrangement is not a final settlement and that Israel will not agree that "the removal of forces a certain distance from the Suez Canal line within the framework of an arrangement for reopening the Suez Canal should be a stage toward further withdrawals."

Sources here noted that the definite article was omitted from the reference to forces indicating that Israel's "principles" did not necessarily envisage the withdrawal of all its forces from the canal banks. Israel appeared to leave the door open for further bargaining. The first of its conditions was that no Egyptian or Soviet soldier was to cross the canal once Israeli forces pulled back. However, Defense Minister Moshe Dayan who has been taking an active part in consultations on an interim arrangement is known to favor a solution that would permit Egyptian civilian armed guards to enter the evacuated area to protect technicians and workers employed to get the canal reopened. However, Israel would insist that they be civilians under civilian control. Israel's second principle demands that Egypt terminate its state of belligerency with Israel that has existed since 1948. The third principle calls on Egypt to agree to the transit of Israeli vessels through the Suez Canal. On this matter, Gen. Dayan has reportedly expressed the view that if agreement between Israel and Egypt can be reached on all other points, he would consider a solution without obtaining Israel's right of passage through the canal.

## Two Soviet Jews Who Petitioned For Right To Emigrate, Face Deportation To Siberia

LONDON, April 21 (JTA)--Two Soviet Jews who petitioned for the right to renounce their citizenship and emigrate to Israel face deportation to Siberia, reliable sources reported here today. Ludmilla Prussakova and her husband, Valentin both lost their jobs. A letter they signed demanding emigration rights was published in the London Times last Feb. 25. The sources said they could be sent to Siberia as "vagrants," a term often applied by Soviet authorities to persons fired for political reasons. Valentin Prussakov was dismissed six months ago when the couple first applied for exit visas and has been unable to find work since then. Last week his wife was fired from her job at Moscow's Progress Publishers after she was denounced by fellow staff members. They branded her "an ideological enemy and traitor to the Motherland" and demanded that her Soviet citizenship be revoked. Ironically, the couple got into trouble originally for requesting the right to renounce their citizenship. They have received no reply to date to their request that this be linked to the issuance of exit visas so that they could settle in Israel. (Mikhail Zand, a Soviet Jewish activist, was reported in Wednesday's JTA Daily News Bulletin to have been fired from his job at the Institute of Jewish Studies in Moscow. It should have read the Institute for Eastern Studies.)

## Rigerman: Established Jewish Groups Lax In Rallying Support For Soviet Jews

NEW YORK, April 21 (JTA)--An impassioned Leonid Rigerman lashed out last night at the established

Jewish organizations for what he called their "tragic" failure to rally American Jews to demonstrate openly and constantly on behalf of freedom for their Soviet brethren. "In the Soviet Union," he told 40 activist leaders of the Center for Russian Jewry, "128 Jews had the courage to stage a demonstration in the offices of the Supreme Soviet, and in great New York City with 3 million Jews only a few thousand came to a protest meeting. This is a tragedy, and our main enemy is the idea that it won't help anyway. The whole problem of the Jews of the Soviet Union is underestimated for lack of information. I anticipate the situation when we will have no information at all coming out of the Soviet Union, and the same situation will be repeated as it was in Germany in 1932." To illustrate his fears, he cited the "very sinister development" of reported March 13 murders of two Jews in Minsk "in the same manner in which they killed Mikhoels, also in Minsk." He was referring to Solomon (Shlomo) Mikhoels (real name Solomon Vovsi), a noted Russian actor and director who represented the wartime Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee and was killed during the Stalinist purges at the age of 58.

"It began with Mikhoels in 1948," Rigerman declared, "and the 23 in 1952. Now 78 Jews are in jail...By protesting and stretching out our helping hand to the Jews who are fighting, we are helping and supporting those who are sure to come and take their place in the movement." There are many Soviet Jews; the computer programmer stated, "who are determined to fight and to get out, and they will be doing this whether we will support them or not"; therefore, "to say we will harm them by demonstrations is ridiculous." He added that "if we do not help, the Soviet Jewish people will help themselves and it will only be on our conscience." Rigerman called for the sending of protest letters with "strong content" to Soviet authorities via registered mail. He also urged Jewry to "make gentle organizations all over the world care about this problem," and to launch a series of "nationwide demonstrations." Rigerman, the usually quiet-spoken activist who obtained U.S. citizenship last Dec. 19 and arrived in New York Feb. 20, said the Center for Russian Jewry and its youth wing, the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry--which were instrumental in effecting his own departure--were the only "really effective" American groups working on behalf of Soviet Jews.

Rigerman added that the Jewish Defense League was helpful in the cause because it "encourages" Soviet Jews, but he reiterated his criticism of some JDL tactics. The Soviet emigre warned in his 40-minute talk that Soviet psychiatrists were developing a drug to inject into incarcerated Jews to "cure them from their desire to be Jewish." On April 5, a reliable Jewish source unconnected with the Center for Russian Jewry told the JTA that when a sane person is sent to a Soviet asylum it is to drug him to "break him mentally." Yaakov Gladstone, coordinator for the Center's activities, told the JTA that Rigerman's appeal "proved to us that we are right: the demonstrations do not harm. The Jewish established organizations must become actively involved in these demonstrations and not leave it to the few thousand youngsters who have the courage to come out to the streets."

### Funeral Services Conducted For Three Army Officers Killed By Mine

TEL AVIV, April 21 (JTA)--Funeral services were held at the military cemetery here today for three Army officers killed yesterday when their car hit a mine on a muddy road south of Beit Jubrin in the Hebron area. The victims were Col. Mordecai Nedivi, 47, commander of the Tel Aviv region; Maj. Mordecai Lustig, 42, of Tel Aviv and Lt. Baruch Rosen, 39, a reserve officer who was a lawyer in civilian life. Col. Nedivi was a son of Gen. Elimelech Avner Nedivi, one of the early Haganah commanders who later became one of the first generals in the Israel Army. He himself was a Haganah veteran and commanded a regiment during the Six-Day War. Four soldiers injured by the explosion have been hospitalized. Security forces are searching the area for evidence that would lead to the terrorists who planted the mine. Army experts said the fatal mine was of a water resistant plastic type that was apparently planted by terrorists in a mud puddle formed by the recent heavy rains.

A jeep that preceded the officers' command car missed touching the mine but the driver of the command car was unable to see the device under a layer of mud and detonated it causing the fatal explosion. The road is one frequently used by military patrols and by tourists visiting the ancient site of Tel Maresha. A tragedy involving school children was narrowly averted when a bus driver, who didn't like the looks of the muddy stretch of road, took a detour a half-hour before the mining incident. The bus was carrying school children on their annual outing to Tel Maresha. A Nablus military tribunal pronounced a life sentence on a terrorist ring leader today. The defendant, Abu Shaban, 27, was found guilty of membership in a terrorist organization, armed penetration into Israel and firing on Israeli forces.

### Liberal Party Pro-Arab Faction Forced To Cancel Seminar On Palestinians

LONDON, April 21 (JTA)--A pro-Arab faction of the Liberal Party was forced to call off a two day seminar in support of Palestinian Arabs when the National Liberal Club cancelled their room reservations today. Coss Bilson, the club secretary, said the group which calls itself "Liberals for Palestine" failed to inform the club of the nature of the seminar and violated club rules by publicizing an event to take place on its premises without permission. The seminar was organized in connection with a Palestine Solidarity rally in Trafalgar Square on May 15. A spokesman for the pro-Arab group said it was too late to reschedule the seminar in more hospitable quarters. Bilson said the Liberal Club acted because of "a lack of frankness" on the part of the "Liberals for Palestine." But he conceded that the club came under heavy pressure when the seminar was announced in the press. "We have quite a few Jewish members and the subject matter of the meeting would plainly have been objectionable to them," Bilson said.

### Underground Fighter Returns Medal To Israel To Protest Condition Of Refugees

AMSTERDAM, April 21 (JTA)--Piet Nak, a well-known member of the Dutch anti-Nazi resistance movement of World War II, returned an Israeli medal to Ambassador Shimon Arad today to protest the condition of "100,000 Palestine refugees still living in camps under Israeli occupation." The former resistance fighter, a non-Jew, had been awarded the medal by Yad Vashem, the memorial institute for Nazi victims.

## Military Sales Credit For Israel In 1971-72 Remains Same; To Share In \$510 Million

WASHINGTON, April 21 (JTA)--No change has been made in the military sales credit allocated for Israel in the fiscal 1972 budget for U.S. foreign assistance programs presented today to Congress by President Nixon. Israel will share to an undisclosed extent in the \$510 million in military credits earmarked for all countries during fiscal 1972. The total aid budget amounts to \$3.3 billion. The Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today that all of the \$500 million in military sales credits authorized for Israel under the Jackson amendment to the 1971 foreign military sales act has been committed. Expenditures of about \$375 million will have been made by the end of the current fiscal year on June 30. The balance of about \$125 million will be spent during fiscal 1972. Sen. Henry M. Jackson, author of the amendment, has criticized the new credits available for Israel in fiscal '72 as being too low. The exact size of the allocation is classified. Sen. Jackson may know the figure or he may feel simply that Israel's needs cannot be met if it has to share \$510 million with all other nations receiving U.S. military sales credit. Supplemental military credits to Israel would require special legislation by Congress. The Jackson amendment, adopted last December, was described as "open-ended." That meant there was no time limit on the \$500 million expenditure. But the last of the money will be used during fiscal 1972.

## Two JDL Members Charge Police Beat Them; Kahane, Eight Others Arrested After Melee

NEW YORK, April 21 (JTA)--Two members of the Jewish Defense League charged today that two police officers beat them and used anti-Semitic language while transporting them to police headquarters after a demonstration yesterday evening at the Iraqi Mission to the United Nations. The JDL members, Morris Schwartz and Zev Fisher, said at a press conference today at JDL headquarters that the policemen beat them with their fists, clubs and helmets and that one of them shouted: "Hitler didn't kill enough of you." Schwartz and Fischer identified the officers as Ptl. Johnson (Badge 27359) and Ptl. Midwean (Badge 19506) of the Tactical Patrol Force (TPF). They said Midwean made the statement about Hitler. They added that when Johnson and Midwean took them into the stationhouse, the commanding officer there looked at their bloodied faces and said: "Not bad." A TPF spokesman could not be reached this afternoon for comment on the JDL charges. But Capt. Walter Rickard of the police precinct where those arrested were taken, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency: "If Kahane didn't show it would have been a very peaceful thing. It was going beautifully until Meir Kahane came. The condition was so bad we had to bring two more units in. Two policemen were injured. Rabbi Kahane's actions yesterday, Richard said, were "a disgrace."

JDL national chairman Rabbi Meir Kahane, told newsmen today that relations between his organization and the police were generally good but that the TPF was maintaining a campaign of physical and verbal assault against minority groups. "If the Mayor (John V. Lindsay) can't control his TPF, someone else will have to," Rabbi Kahane declared, announcing that JDL members will hereafter carry walking sticks to be used in self-defense against TPF belligerency. He added that formal charges against the two patrolmen will be filed tomorrow. Rabbi Kahane and eight other persons were arrested at last night's demonstration, staged in protest against the arrests and imprisonment of Iraqi Jews. The JDL leader was charged with second-degree riot, disorderly conduct and resisting arrest, and must appear in Criminal Court May 17. The same charges were filed against five others, who are to appear in court Friday along with Zalman Lew, 17 and Aaron Hershkovitz (not the same person as JDL member Avrum Hershkovitz) charged with felonious assault. The demonstration, in which eggs were thrown at the Iraqi Mission and at policemen and police barriers were overturned, was sponsored by the Ad Hoc Committee for Soviet Jewry, comprised of the JDL, the Student Activists for Soviet Jewry and Betar. Rabbi Kahane repeated to the JTA correspondent that "If one Jew is hanged (in Iraq), Iraqi diplomats will hang in New York City."

## Former New Leftists From Western Countries Inaugurate Kibbutz

TEL AVIV, April 21 (JTA)--A new settlement called Admit was inaugurated near the Lebanese border last night amid scenes that resembled a Rock Festival. The settlers are "hippies" and former adherents of the New Left from various Western countries who took their training at Hashomer Hatzir kibbutzim and decided to establish their own settlement in Israel. Gen. Uzzl Narkiss, head of the Jewish Agency's immigration department, suggested that if Admit ever runs short of money they could raise it by staging a Woodstock Festival. Absorption Minister Nathan Peled, a member of Mapam, was also on hand. As the youngsters twisted and shook to the rock rhythms bouncing over the hills he expressed delight that these "rebellious youth" had "discovered their Jewishness." According to Peled, the new settlement and the fact that nearly 10,000 Jews from the United States and Canada settled in Israel this year encouraged the hope "that many more youth will find a new challenge in the Zionist ideal."

## Attorney Calls For Frauenknecht's Acquittal; Says He Acted Out Of Sympathy For Israel

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, April 21 (JTA)--The five-member Federal Court adjourned today until Friday morning to consider its verdict in the trial of 44-year-old Alfred Frauenknecht, an engineer charged with selling economic and military information to Israel. Frauenknecht confessed that he had supplied Israel with plans for a Mirage C-3 jet engine manufactured by the Sulzer Co. for the Swiss Air Force on license from a French firm. But he denied violating Switzerland's penal code. Before the court adjourned, defense attorney Manfred Kuhn asked for acquittal on grounds that his client acted out of sympathy for Israel. He argued that the principle of "assistance to a person in danger" supercedes all other considerations and applies to states as well as individuals. He claimed that Frauenknecht considered Israel to be in danger because it was denied delivery of the 50 Mirage jets it had bought from France by the late President De Gaulle's arms embargo. Yesterday, Federal prosecutor Jacob Muller asked the court to sentence Frauenknecht to seven years' imprisonment at hard labor if found guilty under the criminal code. Muller contended that the sale of the engine plans for \$200,000 damaged Switzerland's interests abroad.

## PEARL Charges Political Ploy In Albany To Get Aid For Non-Public Schools

NEW YORK, April 21 (JTA)--A "political ploy" is in the making in Albany that would restore budget cuts to the city in welfare, health or revenue sharing while giving state aid to parochial schools--thus forcing city legislators opposed to parochial aid to vote for the bill "to save New York City from bankruptcy," it was asserted last night. Mrs. Florence Flast, vice chairman of the Committee for Public Education and Religious Liberty (PEARL), made the charge at the monthly public agenda meeting of the Board of Education. She spoke in behalf of 31 civic, religious and educational organizations that make up PEARL in urging the Board publicly to oppose any legislation giving public funds to non-public schools. Mrs. Flast, who is a former president of the United Parents Associations, declared: "Rumors out of Albany suggest that the Governor and legislative leaders are preparing a new tax package which will provide \$65 million in additional funds for nonpublic schools. A neat political ploy would be used, combining restoration of some of the budget cuts--in welfare, health or revenue sharing to the city--and parochial aid, all in the same supplementary budget bill." In this way, city legislators--even those who oppose parochial aid--would be forced to vote for the bill to save New York City from bankruptcy or to save the jobs of thousands of civil servants, Mrs. Flast said, adding: "Our constitutional protections of religious liberty and public education are being bartered away and the public is left powerless to stop the onslaught."

## Ripps Still In Mental Institution; Kochubiyevsky, Dubrov Beaten By Assailants

SAN FRANCISCO, April 21 (JTA)--Ilya Ripps, the Jewish student from Riga who set himself on fire in April 1969 in protest against Soviet anti-Semitism, is still confined in a Soviet mental institution. The Soviet Jewry Action Group, a San Francisco based group dedicated to the emancipation of Soviet Jewry, disclosed it had received this information from a tourist who recently visited the Soviet Union. The tourist reported that 23-year-old Ripps has fully recovered from his burns but has not been allowed to leave the hospital, although doctors have admitted that he is perfectly sane. Ripps was reported to be in good spirits and has told visitors that "the authorities will never be able to break my will to fight for the right to go to Israel." At the same time the SJAG also revealed that Boris Kochubiyevsky, sentenced in 1969 to a three-year term in a Siberian labor camp, was beaten by thugs among the Siberian prison camp detainees. The Kiev Jew, whose sentence caused world-wide protest, has reportedly been asked to sign documents renouncing his desire to go to Israel. Jewish sources report that he has refused to bow to this demand. In a related incident, the Soviet Jewish musician Pinchas Dubrov who composed the underground song "Let My People Go!" has also been reported beaten by unknown assailants, according to the SJAG. Dubrov was reportedly struck several times by his assailants who accosted him near his home, and taken to the hospital unconscious. Two weeks before this incident, he had received an anonymous letter threatening repercussions if he would continue his struggle to emigrate to Israel.

## Harvard Professor Says 25 Percent Of Ivy League School Professors Are Jewish

PHILADELPHIA, April 21 (JTA)--Twenty-five percent of Ivy League school professors are Jews, noted Dr. Seymour Martin Lipset, professor of government and sociology at Harvard University. Speaking before a division of the 1971 Allied Jewish Appeal - Israel Emergency Fund campaign here, Dr. Lipset discussed the role of the Jew in the academic community, pointing out that this figure represents a tremendous change since 1945, when Jewish presence in the academic community was small because of overt anti-Semitism. Dr. Lipset said, "the largest concentration of Jews is in the two major free professional fields, medicine and law," because these areas are prestigious and least subject to the prejudices and whims of employers. Dr. Lipset explained Jewish activity in academia as being a product of Jewish culture.

## Six American Teenagers To Participate In International Bible Contest In Jerusalem

NEW YORK, April 21 (JTA)--Six American teenagers, among the winners in the Eleventh National Bible Contest, held in New York last May under the auspices of the American Section of the Department of Education and Culture of the Jewish Agency for Israel, will compete April 29 at the Twelfth Annual International Bible Contest for Jewish Youth, held in Jerusalem on the occasion of the 23rd anniversary celebration of the founding of the Jewish State. The six American competitors are: Ethan Arbisser, Houston, Texas; Ariel Goodman, Minneapolis, Minn.; Raphael Lerner, Chicago, Ill.; William Miles, West Hempstead, N.Y.; Frank Melton, Kansas City, Mo. and Jeff Ross, Shawnee Mission, Kansas. At last year's International Bible Contest, two American girls, Debbie Lander, of New York and Flora Musleah of Philadelphia, Pa., took third and fourth places.

## Israel Observes Holocaust And Heroes Memorial Day

TEL AVIV, April 21 (JTA)--The city was in virtual darkness this evening as lights were dimmed in the streets, public places, cafes and movie theaters in observance of Holocaust and Heroes Memorial Day. Flags in all army units and installations were lowered to half-mast and special memorial meetings and services were conducted throughout the country. The observance began with a two-minute siren alert for all citizens to observe two minutes of silence in honor of the six million Jews who perished in the holocaust.

## WJC To Hold Convention To Consider Possible Structural Changes

TEL AVIV, April 21 (JTA)--Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, said today that the WJC will hold an international convention next year and that it will consider possible structural changes in the organization. Laborite Knesset member Yitzhak Korn, head of the Political Committee of the WJC's Israeli Executive, has suggested the creation of a "small" WJC Cabinet to run the organization's affairs, replacing the current presidentially led setup. At a meeting of the Executive and a number of political and Jewish-affairs experts, the need for continued activity by the WJC in the drive to help Jewish communities survive was stressed. The Jewish Telegraphic Agency has learned that the WJC convention will be held somewhere in Europe in the fall of 1972.