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Close Contact Maintained Between Israeli, Turkish Governments In Kidnaping

JERUSALEM, May 18 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban told the Cabinet today that "close and continuing" contacts were being maintained with the Turkish government in yesterday's kidnaping of the Israeli Consul General in Istanbul, Ephraim Elrom, by a Turkish revolutionary group. A government communique expressed "deep concern" over the fate of the Israeli diplomat. The Turkish government has expressed sorrow and apologies for the incident and advised the Israeli representative in Ankara, Daniel Lior, that it would do everything in its power to rescue the Consul General and apprehend his abductors. A group which calls itself the "Turkish Peoples Liberation Army" claimed credit for the kidnaping of Elrom from his Istanbul apartment yesterday. Turkish authorities and Israeli sources have linked the group with extremist Palestinian terrorists. The Turkish News Agency reported the receipt of a typewritten letter stating that Elrom's life would be spared if "all revolutionary guerrillas under detention presently are set free." It was not clear whether the demand included Palestinian terrorists held by Israel or only terrorists held in Turkey.

Turkish authorities said the so-called "Liberation Army" sided with Palestinian groups against Israel and considers the Israeli government "a tool of U.S. imperialism in the Mediterranean." Israeli sources linked the group with the "radical Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine." It was not clear whether the reference was to the PFLP headed by the revolutionary Marxist Dr. George Habash or the even more extreme Popular Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine headed by Nayef Hawatmeh. Most Israeli newspapers expressed the view that the kidnaping may have been an act against Israel. Al Hamishmar observed that "irrespective of whether or not there is cooperation between the Turkish leftist organizations and the Palestinian terrorists, the abduction testifies to the nature of certain leftist circles which have stooped to acts of terrorism and crime." Elrom, 60, was deputy chief of police bureau 06 established in 1960 to investigate the war crimes of Adolf Eichmann. Prior to that he was chairman of the Criminal Investigation Department at Israel's national police headquarters.

Jackson Charges Reduction Of U.S. Military Forces Endangers Mideast

WASHINGTON, May 18 (JTA)--Sen. Henry M. Jackson, Democrat of Washington, charged today that a reduction of American military forces, as proposed by Majority Leader Mike Mansfield of Montana, would endanger the Middle East "perhaps" even more than Europe. In a speech on the Senate floor opposing his party's Senate chieftain on the measure, which he said represented "retreating into isolationism," Jackson claimed that "the Middle East, perhaps more than anywhere else, would feel the effects of such an American withdrawal of forces from Europe." Jackson, a member of the Armed Services Committee and a staunch defender of Israeli security, stated that "the American presence in Europe, and especially our naval deployments in Italy and on board the Sixth Fleet, serve both to protect Europe and help maintain the stability of the Middle East."

The Senator warned that "our friends in Israel would view with the most urgent alarm any indication that the United States was no longer prepared to maintain an adequate defensive capability in Europe." He asked: "If America, in response to a fluctuation in the market for Eurodollars, is prepared to revise its relations with a whole continent, how would America respond to a crisis in the Middle East?" Pointing to former President Johnson's use of the Sixth Fleet in June, 1967, in response to a threat of Soviet intervention in the war against Israel, Jackson declared that "in 1967--and again in the Jordanian crisis last year--our Mediterranean fleet spoke louder than words," and "in 1971 we are not going to be very persuasive with the Russians if they see us bringing home the instruments of persuasion." A State Department spokesman said last week and reiterated today that a withdrawal of American forces from Europe as proposed by Mansfield would have a "serious" effect on the Mideast.

33 Riga Jews Protest Arrest Of Ruth Aleksandrovich's Fiance

NEW YORK, May 18 (JTA)--Thirty-three Riga Jews protested to Soviet Prosecutor General Roman A. Rudenko yesterday over the "inhuman" arrest Sunday of Isaiah Averbuch, the 27-year-old fiance of arrested nurse Ruth Aleksandrovich, authoritative Jewish informants here reported today. Averbuch was sentenced yesterday to 15 days in jail for disobeying police orders to desist from agitating for Miss Aleksandrovich's release. In their cable to Rudenko, the 33 Jews stated that "the goal of the arrest is plain"--to prevent Averbuch's appearance at his fiancée's May 24 trial and to make the trial "more secret than it is." Averbuch, they charged, had been "forced into a car and taken to an undisclosed place." They called for his "immediate release." The sources also said that on April 30, a petition was sent to the mayor of Riga by 67 Jews who requested a meeting to protest the new series of trials of Soviet Jews. The mayor, identified as Kadikis, and police authorities told the Jews that such a meeting at this time--while a trial is in progress--would be an anti-Soviet act, as it would put the court under undue pressure. The Jews contended that such a meeting was guaranteed by Soviet law, and threatened to convene without him. The mayor, according to the sources, warned the group that if they did they would receive penalties similar to Averbuch's.

Black Group, JDL Pledge Common Action For Soviet Jews, Black-Jewish Relations

NEW YORK, May 18 (JTA)--The leader of a black self help group and the national chairman of the Jewish Defense League met today and pledged "brotherhood." The unprecedented meeting between a black organization and the JDL, termed by Rabbi Kahane as a "turning point in Black-Jewish relations," took place in the Harlem headquarters of NEGRO (National Economic Growth and Reconstruction Organization). This was the second time in one week that an alliance with a non-Jewish group had

been made by the Jewish Defense League. Last Thursday, Rabbi Kahane and Joseph Colombo, Sr., president of the Italian American Civil Rights League, held a joint press conference in which they announced their alignment to combat "any form of discrimination and persecution." During a 20-minute private conference preceding the glatt kosher luncheon, Dr. Thomas Matthew, leader of NEGRO, and sponsor of the meeting, and Rabbi Kahane agreed to set up a joint committee to discuss problems between black and Jewish communities. Dr. Matthew outlined NEGRO's two-point program for cooperation with the JDL. Included in his program was a proposal to send a black commission to the Soviet Union on June 15th for the purpose of studying the conditions of the Soviet Jews and to report their findings back to the black community. Dr. Matthew told newsmen his group would then start working actively for the release of Soviet Jews, on the condition that they do not emigrate to Israel for two years.

"Although we want to help the Soviet Jews," Dr. Matthew said, "we do not want to upset the balance of Arab-Israeli relations. We would therefore suggest that upon their release, the Soviet Jews go to a neutral country, where they would stay for two years. During those two years, hopefully, the Arab-Israeli crisis would be resolved and the Soviet Jews would then be free to emigrate to Israel, if they would so desire." Dr. Matthew told newsmen that while his group advocated immediate action on behalf of Soviet Jewry, it did not condone the JDL's harassment tactics of Russian officials. "America is the home of black people," Dr. Matthew said, "and anyone who is the guest of our home will receive protection and respect. Soviet citizens who are guests in America should not be harassed, and NEGRO will provide courtesy escorts for them if they should so desire." Commenting on Dr. Matthew's remarks, Rabbi Kahane told newsmen that while he was enthusiastic about NEGRO's proposals for the establishment of a joint committee, he could not agree with its stand on the harassment of Soviet officials. "The Soviet diplomat is not a guest in America," Rabbi Kahane declared, "and as far as we (JDL) are concerned, will not walk the streets of America freely. We would understand the harassment of South African diplomats by blacks and find it reprehensible that the South Africans aren't given the same discourtesy by the black community as the one accorded the Soviets by the Jewish community."

Despite this disagreement over harassment of Russian officials, the meeting and luncheon following was marked by extreme cordiality and warmth. Dr. Matthew pointed to the platters of glatt kosher food and to the Israeli music playing on the record players. Chuckling, Dr. Matthew said his group had searched "long and hard" for a record with "Hava Nagila" on it and had finally found one--recorded by Harry Belafonte. Rabbi Kahane smiles and said the kosher food looked just fine--"guaranteed heartburn." The cordial meeting was marred by an episode that took place earlier outside NEGRO's headquarters. A black man who identified himself as James Earl Lawson, president of the Harlem Council for Economic Development, a militant black group, warned newsmen that "there was a death threat" hanging over "the participants inside" and that the meeting "may have the greatest repercussions in Jewish communities." Lawson charged that Dr. Matthew was not a spokesman for the black community and "does not represent them." He charged Dr. Matthew with "adding insult to injury" by "inviting a man who led an attack on blacks at Brooklyn College as though he was a hero." The invitation to the luncheon was extended by Dr. Matthew to Rabbi Kahane following the clash two weeks ago at Brooklyn College in which fights between black and Jewish students erupted.

Clash Between Police, Black Panthers; 44 Jailed; Police, Demonstrators Injured

JERUSALEM, May 18 (JTA)--Police and Black Panthers battled in the streets of Jerusalem this afternoon as the Panthers, a name adopted by an organization of Jerusalem slum youths, staged their longest and most violent demonstration. At least 44 persons were arrested including seven women. An unspecified number of demonstrators and police were injured. The demonstration lasted four hours and was still in progress as this dispatch was filed. Police said the Panthers had a permit to demonstrate in Davidka Square off the Jaffa Road in downtown Jerusalem but contrary to police orders they marched toward Zion Square, the city's business and shopping center. Police used force when the demonstrators refused to disperse and a street fight ensued. Police said the demonstrators had paralyzed traffic and caused a serious disruption of normal life before they intervened. Pinchas Koppel, Inspector General of Police, said tonight "we acted with self-restraint but we shall not tolerate infringements of public order and if the demonstrators use force the police will react with force." The Black Panthers came into the news in recent months as a result of a series of demonstrations in Jerusalem against slum conditions, poverty and unemployment. The group, mostly young North African Jews, adopted the name and style of the American black militant Black Panther Party though there is no known connection between the two.

AZF Head Says There Are Positive Elements For Israel In Recent Events In Egypt

LONG BEACH, N.Y., May 18 (JTA)--Rabbi Israel Miller, president of the American Zionist Federation, said yesterday that there was "a positive element which we ought not disregard" in the recent political events in Egypt in which President Anwar Sadat quashed a challenge to his presidency. Rabbi Miller, addressing the spring conference of the Hapoel Hamizrachi Women's Organization, stated that "it was Sadat who uttered the words which broke the Khartoum negatives. He took the first steps toward the recognition of the sovereignty and the right to existence of Israel, and he emerged unscathed despite his use of the words 'peace' and 'agreement' with Israel. Given time, we hope he will find himself strong enough to take further steps in the direction of a real peace, and direct negotiations with Israel to achieve it." Rabbi Miller warned that there was another development in the Egyptian power struggle which ought not be disregarded. "Dictators never sit easy on their seats of leadership," he said. "A coup can instantaneously change the power structure and can cause an about-face in policies or agreements. Israel's demand for adequate guarantees--such as an Egyptian-Israeli joint commission at Suez to police violations of any concession to reopen the canal, or Israel's rejection of any suggestion that it leave Sharm el-Sheikh, takes on added significance." Miller added that "Our State Department would do well to ponder the lessons of recent days. They offer hope for peace, as well as caution against pressures upon Israel."

ADL Scored For Giving Files To FBI; ADL Rejects 'Indivious Interpretation'

NEW YORK, May 18 (JTA)--A member of the Commission on Social Justice of the Synagogue Council of America has excoriated the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith for "fingering" members of the Jewish Defense League to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Referring to one of the documents stolen from the Media, Pa., office of the FBI, Henry Schwarzschild charged in a statement to the press that "we have here from the FBI's own records proof that the Anti-Defamation League fingers to the Federal Bureau of Investigation fellow Jews of whose political activities they disapprove." He added that the document makes "not even an allegation of illegal conduct" on the part of the JDL'ers referred to. "A Jewish 'intergroup-relations' agency, funded by and acting within the American Jewish community, denounces other Jews to Mr. J. Edgar Hoover and his minions," Schwarzschild protested. "It is approximately as though a Roman Catholic archdiocese had fingered the Berrigan brothers to the FBI." He added: "There is a long Jewish tradition of abhorrence for the 'mosses,' the Jew who denounces fellow Jews to the state police." Schwarzschild is also a member of the board of the Westchester Civil Liberties Union, Helixes in White Plains, N.Y.

The document referred to by Schwarzschild, dated Oct. 21, 1970, is headed "United States Government Memorandum" and deals with the "Nationalistic Tendency" of the JDL. It advises "agents having individuals listed as members of JDL" to contact immediately "credit, criminal and public sources for additional identifying data on JDL members" by Oct. 26. In the memo, FBI agent Edward A. Smith wrote that "SOP" (Source of Information) Samuel Lewis Gaber, Philadelphia area director for the ADL, reported to him "that---, a teacher at Olney High School, who resides in Mt. Airy, has been active in JDL affairs...that---, also active in JDL is an attorney with office and residence in center city...(and) that one---has been active in JDL matters and resides in either Havertown or Broomall." Agent Smith concluded that "In view of Bureau Instructions, new cases are being opened on---and---in order to obtain details of background and activities for evaluation..." All the names in the above sentences--plus 16 others, including "Rabbi---," are erased on the photocopy of the document distributed by Schwarzschild.

Queried by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, ADL national director Benjamin R. Epstein replied: "The FBI calls us very frequently for information in our area of concern. We cooperate with them as we do with all government agencies and with other responsible institutions and with the press. To put an indivious interpretation on such action by the ADL is mischievous and even slanderous." Arnold Forster, ADL special counsel, concurred, noting that the names given to the FBI by Gaber were a matter of public record from Philadelphia newspapers. He said that unlike the American Nazi Party and the Communist Party U.S.A., the FBI was "a responsible agency," and that it was not the ADL's business what the FBI did with such public information obtained from the B'nai B'rith unit.

Israel Bond Organization Employees Continue Strike; Mediation Continuing

NEW YORK, May 18 (JTA)--No movement toward a settlement appeared today as the strike of 500 employees of the Israel Bond Organization, begun at midnight last Friday, went into its fourth day. Two New York State mediators, Meyer Drucker and Solomon Kreitman, met with the disputing parties Friday but failed to avert a strike or to make any progress toward an agreement. Kreitman told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that mediation efforts were continuing, "formally and informally" but no further meetings have been scheduled. Meanwhile, Local 1707 of the Community and Social Agency Employees, AFL-CIO, accused the Bond Organization management of trying to break the union, a charge vehemently denied by Bond spokesmen. The union's executive director, Richard Morton, issued a statement today listing seven alleged counter-demands by management to support the charge, including the right of employees not to be union members. An Israel Bond Organization spokesman told the JTA that the demands attributed to management were either untrue or misrepresentations. The Bond spokesman said the agency's campaign was continuing and up to now has not been seriously affected by the strike. He said Bond affairs and dinners took place on schedule without incident despite picketing in several major cities. The spokesman conceded that the effects of the strike would become serious if it is prolonged and would be felt in Israel. He said the Israel Bond Organization has the "full support" of the Israeli Treasury in the dispute. Eric Strong, a spokesman for Local 1707 told the JTA that he predicted a long strike. A strike against the Bond organization in 1967 lasted three days.

Verdict Expected Wednesday In Leningrad Trial; No Defendants Confess

LONDON, May 18 (JTA)--A verdict is expected tomorrow in the Leningrad trial of nine Jews. The Jewish Telegraphic Agency was informed by telephone from Leningrad today that the prosecutor, Mrs. Inessa Katukova, asked for prison terms ranging from 1-10 years for the defendants. The sources told the JTA that a total of 48 defense witnesses including non-Jews testified in court on Friday and yesterday. Other sources placed the number of prosecution witnesses at 46. The JTA sources insisted that none of the defendants had made "complete confessions" as reported by Tass. They conceded that some of the accused pleaded guilty to offenses of a "purely technical" character but all denied that they had committed any crime against the Soviet state. Mrs. Katukova demanded a 10 year prison term for Grigory Hillel Butman, and 8 years for Mikhail Korenblit, the two chief defendants. She asked 6 years for Leonid Kaminsky, 5 years for Lev Yegorin, 4 years for Vladimir Mogilever, 3 years each for Solomon Dreisner, Lev Korenblit, who is Mikhail's brother and Viktor Boguslavsky; and one year for Viktor Shtilbens. In the first Leningrad trial, the two chief defendants had their death sentence commuted to 15 years at hard labor. The prosecution witnesses reportedly included at least four of those convicted in the first Leningrad trial.

LATE NEWS BULLETIN

LONDON, May 18 (JTA)--Turkish Prime Minister Nihat Erim announced tonight that about 85 persons have been arrested in connection with yesterday's kidnaping of Ephraim Elrom, the Israeli Consul General in Istanbul. An earlier government announcement said that one of the terrorists involved in the kidnaping has been captured.

Jewish Teenager Of Future Will Be 'Less Religious,' More 'Pro-Israel'

WASHINGTON, May 18 (JTA)--Even though the average Jewish teenager of the next decade may be "less religious" than his counterpart of today, he will probably be more aware of himself as a Jew and will be "more likely" to travel to Israel. That, at least, is the view drawn from an informal survey of the 53 social group workers who comprise the full-time professional field staff of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization. It was disclosed during a four-day planning conference of BBYO's policy-making body, the B'nai B'rith Youth Commission. Almost 60 percent of the staff maintain that, at least for the years immediately ahead, the average Jewish teenager will be "less likely" to attend religious services. Yet an even larger group--73 percent--believes the Jewish teenager of the next decade will, nevertheless, be "more consciously Jewish" and "more strongly attached to Israel" than the teenager of today.

Increasing numbers of youth, says 52 percent of the staff, will want to settle in Israel permanently. Moreover, some predicted events in the Middle East could trigger a new wave of pro-Israel sentiment that, in the words of one regional director, could "bring a rise of youth's commitment to Israel that will exceed anything we've seen so far." A point of general agreement is that use of marijuana would either remain at current levels or increase--but that the use of "hard" drugs would probably diminish among Jewish youth. By a slight margin, survey participants believe future Jewish youth will be "more likely to volunteer for service in behalf of others" than the Jewish youth of today--and to a similar degree, the staff thinks the upcoming generation will be "less materialistic" than the youth of today. A smaller percentage sees "no change" from the present. Less than 2 percent believe youth of the next generation will be "more materialistic" than the youth of today.

India's President To Honor Haffkin For His Anti-Cholera, Anti-Plague Vaccine

NEW YORK, May 18 (JTA)--A Russian Jew who created the first successful anti-cholera and anti-plague vaccine and spent more than 22 years in India where he used both vaccines during epidemics raging there in the 1900's, will be honored at a ceremony in Bombay, it was announced here today. According to Edith Lipsker, founder of the Waldemar Haffkin International Memorial Committee which seeks to "honor Waldemar Haffkin (1860-1930) for the many ways in which he served humanity," India's President J.J. Giri will unveil a plaque in Haffkin's honor on May 24th at the Grant Medical College in Bombay, the city where Haffkin told his "important work." Miss Lipsker, who is working on a comprehensive biography of Haffkin, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that "this pioneer in public health has been completely forgotten by the whole world." She organized the Waldemar Haffkin International Memorial Committee, of which Nobel Prize winners Prof. Rene Cassin and Prof. Ernest B. Chain are members. In 1970, on October 5, 1970, the 40th anniversary of his death, the committee planted a grove in his honor at the Kennedy Peace Forest in the Hills of Judea in Jerusalem. The ceremony was attended by several international scientists and leaders."

Winners Of National Bible Contest Announced; Each Awarded \$500 Israel Bond

NEW YORK, May 18 (JTA)--Simon B. Lerner of New York, Steven Fassberg of Washington, D.C. and Tobi Cooper of Houston, Texas, were named as the three first prize winners of the Twelfth Annual National Bible Contest sponsored by the Department of Education and Culture of the Jewish Agency. Lerner, who is a student at the Yeshiva University High School in New York was named as first prize winner in the Advanced Hebrew Division; Fassberg, a student at the Medrasa Hebrew School in Washington, D.C. won first place in the Intermediate Hebrew division, and Miss Cooper received first prize honors in the Comprehensive English division. Each winner was awarded a \$500 Israel bond. The three competed with 102 others in the New York finals last Sunday, a national competition in which more than 25,000 youngsters from all over the country participated. Dr. Emanuel Rackman of New York, a member of the Jewish Agency Executive, and chairman of the National Advisory Committee of its Department of Education and Culture, described the significance of the National Bible contest, saying: "The Bible is our closest tie to Israel. As long as young people continue to study our Bible, which is our greatest treasure, and try to live by its teachings, there is a future for our people." Dr. Abraham P. Gannes, director of the Department of Education and Culture, announced that the majority of this year's winners would compete in the International Bible Contest to be held in Jerusalem next year on Independence Day. He said that six previous American winners participated in the 1971 Jerusalem Contest with Raphael Lerner of Chicago taking fourth place, and Ariel Goodman of Minneapolis, fifth place, the only non-Israelis to win major prizes.

Washington JDL Tries To Get Russians' Goat, But Door Is Baa-rrred

WASHINGTON, May 18 (JTA)--Three metropolitan police lieutenants, as many sergeants and a dozen patrolmen rushed to the second floor of the National Press Building today and found a nanny goat, bearing the appeal "I Am A Jewish Scapegoat--Please Save Me," chained to the main door to the offices of Tass, the Soviet news agency. The police responded to a telephoned report that the Jewish Defense League was demonstrating at Tass. None of those present--a score of college-age men and women and Dr. William Perl, chairman of the JDL of Greater Washington--claimed ownership of the animal. "The goat came straight over the Tass wires from Leningrad," Dr. Perl blandly told newsmen, alluding to the trial there of nine Jews. A denials on the floor said, however, that it had arrived in a crate. Before the police appeared, Dr. Perl pounded on the Tass door and shouted: "Murderers! Liars! Just show your red faces to the American public." Stickers pasted to the door read "Young Americans For Responsible Action" and "Justice For Soviet Jews." The JDL group left at the request of the building manager, Morris Berman. There were no arrests. A flyer distributed by the JDL quoted the goat as charging that the Leningrad defendants were being tried by a "kangaroo court."

Golan Heights Settlement Shelled; No Casualties Reported

TEL AVIV, May 18 (JTA)--Nahal Golan in the southern Golan Heights was shelled this morning for the second time in three days. No casualties were reported. The fire was returned. A hand grenade was thrown at a military vehicle near Bethlehem last night without causing casualties.