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## Sisco Due In Israel Today; May Stay As Long As A Week

WASHINGTON, July 27 (JTA)--Joseph J. Sisco, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, will arrive in Israel tomorrow for talks with Israeli officials, State Department sources said today. He will be accompanied by Alfred R. Atherton, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State. Tight security precautions surround the departure of the two State Department officials. There was no indication of when or from where they would leave on their trip to Israel. Officials explained that precautions were in order in view of the recent forced landing of a British plane in Libya with two prominent Sudanese diplomats aboard and the mysterious explosion of an Iraqi plane in Saudi Arabia. Officials declined to comment on the subjects that Sisco will take up with the Israelis in Jerusalem save to say that they were "not the kind of subjects you can usefully hurry in the discussion process." They said Sisco and Atherton are expected to be in Israel from three to five days. (Israeli officials announced in Jerusalem today that Sisco would arrive tomorrow afternoon and would stay in Israel until the end of next week. He is scheduled to meet Friday with Premier Golda Meir.)

Officials here did not indicate that Sisco would not visit any other country on this trip. Most circles here believe the subjects on Sisco's agenda include negotiations for re-opening the Suez Canal, Israel's requests for more U.S. arms aid and proposals for possible presentation to the United Nations General Assembly this fall for an over-all settlement of the Mideast conflict. The Sisco visit is seen here as an attempt to break the impasse over an interim arrangement to re-open the Suez Canal. It comes at a time when Israelis are worried over the heavy flow of Soviet weapons into Egypt and warnings by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat that he will not continue to observe the cease-fire much longer. Cairo insists that a Suez Canal arrangement must be a prelude to complete Israeli withdrawal from Sinai and that Egyptian troops re-occupy areas evacuated by Israeli forces under such an arrangement. Israel is standing pat on its terms which, having been approved by the Knesset, are not likely to be altered.

One firm stipulation is that no Egyptian military personnel be allowed to cross the waterway in the wake of an Israeli pull-back. The extent of the pull-back is also a matter of dispute between Israel and Egypt. Some sources believe Sisco's mission is to extract greater flexibility from the Israelis. Some observers believe that no decision on the sale of more Phantom jets to Israel will be made before Sisco returns to Washington and Israel's military needs are "re-assessed."

## Belgium, Israel Said To Differ On Arab Intentions

JERUSALEM, July 27 (JTA)--Visiting Belgian Foreign Minister Pierre Harmel and Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban conferred here today but what transpired between them is a matter of dispute. According to circles "close to the Belgian delegation" which were quoted by the Israeli radio, certain "differences of opinion appeared." Authoritative Israeli sources said later that the hour-long meeting was devoted mainly to hearing M. Harmel's impressions of his recent visit to Lebanon, Syria and Egypt and that nothing was "discussed." Harmel arrived here last night, accompanied by four senior Ministry officials from Brussels. His visit is considered especially significant in view of his recent tour of Arab countries and the fact that Belgium is currently a member of the UN Security Council and one of the six member nations of the European Common Market. The growing political role played by the ECC countries is of particular interest to Israel.

Sources here said that whatever subjects Harmel and Eban may have touched upon today, their assessment of Arab intentions differ. Belgian sources said Harmel told his Israeli host that "The Arab leaders are truly interested in peace but want far-reaching concessions from Israel" as their price. The well known Israeli view is that the Arab leaders do not really want peace but insist on major territorial concessions in order to improve their strategic position for a new war against Israel. Harmel visited the Wailing Wall today and placed a wreath on the Martyrs' Tomb at the Yad Vashem. Asked by reporters if he could visualize the city being partitioned anew by concrete walls, he replied non-committally, "I, like most Belgians, pray that Jerusalem may cease being a city of strife and may become a city of peace and cooperation." This afternoon, Harmel visited Moslem shrines and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre where, as a devout Catholic, he performed his devotions and offered confession. Tomorrow he will visit the Knesset. Harmel is the fifth ECC Foreign Minister to visit Israel and the second this month. Earlier in July, Israel played host to Foreign Minister Walter Scheel of West Germany. The only ECC Foreign Minister who has not visited Israel to date is Maurice Schumann, of France.

## Meir Denies Israel-NATO Association Discussed With CIA Chief

JERUSALEM, July 27 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir disclosed in the Knesset today that the recent visit to Israel by CIA chief Richard Helms was not his first. She said there had been no discussions of the possibility of integrating Israel into NATO. She denied that any official contacts have taken place with the Soviet Union on the resumption of diplomatic relations with Moscow and denied a Time magazine report that Israel has agreed to put its facilities at the disposal of American U-2 "spy planes." Mrs. Meir made her remarks in reply to a series of parliamentary questions today. She said with regard to Soviet contacts that the only approach had been made by Russian journalists to their Israeli counterparts and "We do not regard these contacts as negotiations between states."

Defense Minister Moshe Dayan disclosed in the Knesset today that there have been eight mine-laying incidents in Israeli territorial waters off the Gaza Strip this year which resulted in the loss of three lives and injuries to 18 persons. Dayan said there were three times as many mine-laying inci-

dents in the same period last year but did not indicate whether there were any casualties then. He said he could neither confirm nor deny reports that the Russians have 12 submarines in the Mediterranean, some of them equipped to carry nuclear weapons or that Soviet planes with nuclear strike capability were based in Egypt. Dayan said, in reply to questions, that the balance of forces in the Middle East could lean toward the Arab states unless Israel receives the aircraft it has asked for from the U.S., to counter the Soviet build-up of Arab air power.

### Moscow Film Fest Told Of Plight Of Jewish Artists

WASHINGTON, July 27 (JTA)--Industry figures and movie buffs attending the seventh annual Moscow Film Festival had a reminder of the plight of Jewish film artists and technicians who have been harassed by Soviet officialdom because they applied for visas to emigrate to Israel, it was reported here today. A letter signed by 67 Moscow Jews addressed to the Film Festival, was made available to Western newsmen. It appealed for support "in defense of our infringed right--the right to live with our own people in Israel." The letter noted that "Among Jews who have been refused permission to go to Israel are your colleagues--movie director Mikhail Kolik; poet and screen-writer David Markish; cameraman Semyo Mak and others." Kolik, once praised for his ability, is now in official disgrace. The 44-year-old director has been expelled from the Soviet Cinematographers Organization for requesting permission to go to Israel.

### Psychiatrists Urged To Condemn Soviet Use Of Commitment As Tool Against Jews, Dissenters

NEW YORK, July 27 (JTA)--Public condemnation of the use of commitment to mental hospitals as a tool of repression of Jews in the Soviet Union was urged by Richard Maass, chairman of the American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry, in a letter he sent today to Dr. Leo Rangell, president of the International Psychoanalytical Association currently holding its 27th Congress in Vienna. "I would like to alert the members...to the continued use of psychiatry and psychoanalysis as a weapon in the arsenal of political repression and human degradation in the Soviet Union," Maass wrote. "Your esteemed profession is being debased when, in recent months, Jews seeking their lawful right of emigration have instead been committed to mental hospitals...(where) they are subjected to various pressures designed to force them to change their views or positions."

Maass' letter cited the recent case of Maj. Grisha Feigin, a much-decorated Jewish war hero from Riga, who was committed to a mental institution after returning his medals in protest against the anti-Jewish policies of the Soviet Government. His subsequent release and emigration to Israel was attributed by Maass to protests from Jewish organizations abroad. "Just this month," Maass wrote, "a woman from the Ukraine, Nona Yanorskaya, aged 45, was retained for so-called 'mental treatment' after she participated with 44 other Jews in a hunger strike in the Moscow Central Telegraph Office" to protest the delay in processing applications for emigrant visas. Maass recalled that commitment had been used in the past in the USSR to stifle writers and intellectuals who expressed dissenting views. He said the practice "warrants the condemnation of the world which has remained too long silent on this issue."

### 5 French Citizens Go On Trial For Planning Sabotage In Israel

TEL AVIV, July 27 (JTA)--Five French citizens, two of them sisters born in Casablanca, Morocco, went on trial before a military tribunal in Lydda today on charges of planning to carry out acts of sabotage in the service of a terrorist organization. The sisters, Nadia and Marlene Bardali, aged 26 and 21, confessed to the charges of transporting explosives and working for a terrorist organization but the court denied their request to be tried separately from the other accused. The girls arrived in Israel last April 11 with forged passports. A search of their baggage yielded a quantity of explosives and detonators. Their co-defendants are Evelyn Barge, alias Marie Françoise, 28, who also entered Israel on a forged passport, and an elderly couple, Pierre and Edith Burghalter, who arrived in Israel April 9 with explosives concealed in the lining of their clothes.

Miss Barge has been linked with plane hijackings carried out by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. She allegedly delivered fire-arms from Beirut to Europe to sabotage Israeli installations on the Continent and later came to Israel for the same purpose. The Burghalters were arrested at their hotel in Tel Aviv two days after their arrival. They allegedly were paid \$1,000 to bring concealed explosives into the country. According to the alleged plot, the three young women were to plant the explosives in public places. The girls from Casablanca appeared contrite in court today. Miss Barge was defiant. The Burghalters were glum. They were permitted to sit while the charges were read. The trial will resume tomorrow.

### Israelis Gird For New Price Hikes Following Tax On Fuel

TEL AVIV, July 27 (JTA)--The surprise tax on fuel in Israel that went into effect at midnight Sunday brought no immediate price hikes for industrial and agricultural products but increases are expected nevertheless in the cost of transportation and for certain manufactured goods. Bus companies are expected to be allowed to raise their fares beginning in September and taxis will most certainly follow the buses owing to the increased cost of gasoline, business circles said today. An immediate rise in costs is expected by the construction industry, due mainly to the demand for higher prices made already by truck owners who haul building materials. Although bakeries use fuel, the basic cost of bread will be prevented from rising by treasury subsidies to the industry. But the average Israeli is not subsidized. Today he was paying from ten to 140 percent more for gasoline, kerosene and domestic heating and cooking fuels.

### Soldier Arrested After Fight With Students

JERUSALEM, July 27 (JTA)--An Israeli soldier involved in a fight with two yeshiva students Sunday night has been arrested and turned over to the Military Police. According to police, the fight occurred in the Mekor Baruch quarter. Both students were slightly injured and one of them had his glasses broken. The soldier allegedly was drunk.

### Raiza Palatnik Placed In Solitary Confinement

NEW YORK, July 27 (JTA)--Raiza Palatnik, the 35-year-old Jewish librarian from Odessa, now serving a two year prison term for alleged anti-Soviet activities, was sentenced to five days' solitary confinement this week for refusing to enter a filthy cell, Jewish sources here reported today. Miss Palatnik, who suffers from paralysis of her left arm, will appeal her sentence before a court in Kiev on Oct. 5, the sources said.

### 40 Occupy Tass Office In London

LONDON, July 27 (JTA)--About 40 adults and students occupied the office of Tass, the Soviet news agency here last night, to protest the mistreatment and arrests of Jews in the Soviet Union. The group, which included businessmen and housewives, remained on the premises for about 15 minutes and left peacefully when police arrived on the scene. They left behind photographs of Benito Bruch-beln, a Russian Jew arrested in Moscow last month after he applied for an emigration visa to go to Israel. The demonstration was organized locally by the Herut movement. Three Jews were arrested in Moscow yesterday while trying to meet with Western newsmen, it was reported here today. Two Jews were arrested, according to the report, as they were about to enter the car of an American correspondent. The third was seized by police while talking to two British journalists. Later he phoned them to say he had been released, sources reported.

### More Soviet Immigrants Land

TEL AVIV, July 27 (JTA)--Another plane-load of Jewish immigrants from Russia landed here this morning, the second to arrive since Friday. Most of the newcomers are from the Riga area. One of them, Mrs. Rose Shapsowitz, 60, a pharmacist, was met by her sister whom she hadn't seen in 33 years.

### Surrender Of Terrorists Proved Israel Only Humane Country In Mideast, Allon Says

JERUSALEM, July 27 (JTA)--Deputy Premier Yigal Allon declared yesterday that the surrender of scores of Palestinian terrorists fearing execution in Jordan was not just a passing episode but "a demonstration that the only democratic, humane country in the Middle East is Israel." In the showdown between the terrorists and the Jordanian Army, he said, Arab states that had most vigorously waved the flag of the Palestinians failed to provide anything more than lip service, but Israel provided shelter. When the escaping terrorists crossed the river with hands raised and were not shot, all the Arab propaganda about bloodthirsty Israelis was swept away, he went on. "All of a sudden," he said, "the truth was revealed." Allon added that the Israeli policy toward the surrendering guerrillas was an expression of the country's disdain for capital punishment, even for terrorism. But he pointed out that the captured guerrillas, while they should be held under good conditions, should not be treated "as free men yet."

### Most Terrorists Who Surrendered Hail From West Bank

TEL AVIV, July 27 (JTA)--Another terrorist from Jordan surrendered to Israeli forces today near Kibbutz Geshar on Lake Tiberias. He crossed the line with his hands up and a Kalachnikov rifle on his back. Another terrorist, apparently intending to surrender, was killed last night when an explosive charge detonated as he was crossing into the Golan Heights. Israeli authorities disclosed today that a majority of the terrorists who surrendered to Israeli forces last week to escape the pursuing Jordanian Army were born on the West Bank and had been members of guerrilla organizations for no more than two years or less.

The authorities said that 70 percent of the terrorists belonged to El Fatah, the largest of the Palestinian guerrilla organizations. About 20 percent belonged to the Syrian-backed Al Saiqa and the remainder were members of various smaller terrorist groups. Only 13.5 percent were in the guerrilla movement for periods of two-three years and only one admitted to six years' membership. Fully 60 percent of the voluntary captives had between one-two years in guerrilla ranks and 26.5 percent less than one year. Several of the terrorists were from Syria, Iraq and Kuwait but said their parents came from the West Bank. Six were from the Gaza Strip. All had been stationed in the Jerash Ajloun district of northern Jordan, away from the Israeli lines. Among the captives, only two were commanders, apparently of local guerrilla sections.

### Five Terrorists Get Life Terms

TEL AVIV, July 27 (JTA)--A military tribunal in Gaza pronounced life sentences last night on five Arab terrorists convicted of murdering 11 Arabs and causing the deaths of two others. The defendants were also charged with throwing hand grenades that wounded 16 Arabs and with illegal possession of arms. Four other Arabs of the same group had their trial postponed. One of them is accused of throwing a grenade at the car of Defense Minister Moshe Dayan in Gaza in 1969.

### Last Week Quietest On Borders Since Cease-Fire Began

TEL AVIV, July 27 (JTA)--Security officials said today that last week was the most quiet along Israel's borders and cease-fire lines since the cease-fire went into effect almost a year ago. Six incidents were reported in the Gaza Strip but only one along the Jordanian border where an electric pylon was sabotaged in the Arava district north of Eilat. Three incidents were reported on the Egyptian cease-fire line. All of them were overflights of Israeli positions on the east bank of the Suez Canal by Egyptian war planes.

### Venezuelan General Ends 3 Day Israel Visit

TEL AVIV, July 27 (JTA)--Venezuelan Chief-of-Staff Gen. Roberto Morean Soto left Israel yesterday after a nine-day visit as a guest of the Israeli Defense Forces. A farewell reception was hosted by his Israeli counterpart, Gen. Haim Bar-Lev. Soto gave Bar-Lev a shield bearing the emblem of the Venezuelan General Headquarters, and received in return a silver box engraved with the crest of the IDF.

### Civil Rights Leader Urges Thant Intervene For Soviet Jews

NEW YORK, July 27 (JTA)--Civil rights leader Bayard Rustin is seeking United Nations help for nine Soviet Jews who last year signed a plea to Secretary General U Thant for his aid in their efforts to go to Israel and are now serving prison sentences for alleged "anti-Soviet activity." Six of them were among the defendants in the second Leningrad trial of Jews last May, whose appeal for reduction of their sentences was denied July 20 by the Supreme Court of the Russian Republic. The remaining three were among Jewish activists tried and sentenced in Kishinev in June. Rustin, chairman of a Commission of Inquiry on the Rights of Soviet Jews, transmitted nearly four pounds of Commission documents to U Thant with a covering letter that told the story of the petition and the subsequent arrests and trials and summarized the content of eyewitness testimony on the harassment of Soviet Jewry. The documents included the official police report of a search of the home of one of the defendants in the Kishinev trial, David Chernogiaz, sentenced to 5 years, who had signed the petition.

Rustin wrote: "Through a description of the papers impounded there--Jewish history books, Israeli newspapers, Hebrew texts, letters of appeal--the character of the alleged crimes becomes clear." The imprisonment, he said, came because of the defendants' "determination to perpetuate their Jewish heritage and to actively seek exit permits for Israel." Rustin said he was writing to the Secretary General "because you personally for world public opinion the commitment of the United Nations to the advancement of human rights, international understanding and peace."

### CCAR Will Study Jewish Content Of Mixed Marriages

NEW YORK, July 27 (JTA)--The Central Conference of American Rabbis announced today a research program to determine the Jewish commitment of mixed marriages and the Jewish education provided by the parents for the children of such unions. Officials of the Reform rabbinic association in the United States and Canada stressed that the recent debate at the group's 82nd annual convention in St. Louis, June 21-24, in no way altered the CCAR's stand regarding such marriages which is that they are "contrary to Jewish tradition and should therefore be discouraged."

Those favoring a stronger CCAR position, argue that the children of mixed marriages at best receive a minimal Jewish education and that the commitment to Judaism in such homes remains peripheral. They further argue that by officiating at such ceremonies the rabbis merely saves the religious conscience of the couple to satisfy parents and grandparents. It is estimated that 106 Reform rabbis officiate at mixed marriages. Those favoring more leniency are concerned that disappointed couples will be "turned away" completely from Judaism and Jewish identity.

### Rio Jewish Leader Urges Ban On Anti-Semitic Tracts

RIO DE JANEIRO, July 27 (JTA)--Dr. Samuel Malamud, president of the Jewish Federation here, today praised Justice Minister Alfredo Buzaid's recent ban on the publication and circulation of a Portuguese edition of Hitler's "Mein Kampf" in Brazil and urged similar action against other anti-Semitic tracts. Dr. Malamud referred specifically to the "Protocols of the Elders of Zion," a 19th century forgery which has re-appeared in this country. On the Minister's orders, all copies of "Mein Kampf" were confiscated on grounds that the Hitler auto-biography provoked racial hatred which, in a past era, resulted in genocide. The ban was ordered under a section of Brazil's Constitution that prohibits manifestations of prejudice against any race, religion or class. A ban on "Mein Kampf" was issued here ten days ago by former Justice Minister Alfredo Nasser. The publisher of the new edition of the book is unknown. Some circles believe it could be traced to the Arab League office here.

### Newest Public School In Rio Named For Levi Eshkol

RIO DE JANEIRO, July 27 (JTA)--The Governor of Guanabara State informed Israeli Ambassador Itzhak Harkavi Tuesday that Rio's newest municipal school will be named in honor of the late Premier Levi Eshkol of Israel who visited this city shortly before his death three years ago. The school will be known as "Escola Levi Eshkol." Two other public schools in Rio are named "Estado de Israel" and "Anna Frank."

### Rothschild Heads Technion Board Of Governors

NEW YORK, July 27 (JTA)--The American Technion Society reported today the election of Evelyn de Rothschild, of London, as chairman of the Board of Governors of Technion, the Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa. A member of the famous banking family, Rothschild is chairman of the British Technion Society. He succeeds Israel Supreme Court Justice Moshe Landau as head of Technion's governing body. Lawrence A. Tisch, president-designate of the American Technion Society, has been elected a member of the Board of Governors. The Board recently approved a record budget for 1971-72 totalling \$24.3 million for operations and \$5.9 million for development. The Technion is Israel's largest technical college.

### American-Israeli Cultural Center Elects Officers

NEW YORK, July 27 (JTA)--The American-Israeli Cultural Center announced today the election of William Mazer as president. Concert violinist Isaac Stern and Bees Meyerson, New York City Commissioner of Consumer Affairs, were re-elected chairman and vice chairman of the board respectively. Carl Glick was elected chairman of the executive committee and Sydney Lubarr, executive vice president. Added to the list of directors were Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, former executive officer of the Israel Bond Organization and Mrs. Jan Peerce, national chairman of the Womens' Division of the IBO. Planned for the coming season are four exhibits on various aspects of Israeli life and culture.

### Gur Rebbe Discharged From Hospital

TEL AVIV, July 27 (JTA)--Rabbi Israel Alter, the "rebbe from Gur," was discharged from a Haifa hospital yesterday fully recovered from emergency surgery he underwent two weeks ago. The 70-year-old Hassidic leader will spend the rest of the summer at a resort on Mt. Carmel.