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Sisco Concedes He Failed To Achieve Breakthrough In Talks With Israelis

TEL AVIV, Aug. 5 (JTA)--Joseph J. Sisco, the United States Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, said tonight that he had not achieved a breakthrough in his talks this week with Israeli leaders, but noted that he had not expected to. "The talks were practical and concrete in nature and were held in the spirit of openness and friendship," Sisco said at a brief press conference in the American Embassy. "In particular," he continued, "I explored together with your government a number of ideas relevant to an interim Suez Canal settlement. This was an in-depth discussion, exploratory in nature. I expected no decisive breakthroughs; none were achieved." But Sisco added that "we each know more clearly the limits, the possibilities, the perils and the opportunity which exists in the present situation in the area," and that "while there are differences between the two sides still to be resolved, we believe that a practical basis for future progress is an interim Suez Canal agreement, which can be achieved." The State Department official noted that at Saturday's end the cease-fire "resulting from American initiative" will be one year old.

"In this connection," he said, "there is one simple message I want to leave to the Israeli government and the Israeli people: An interim Suez Canal settlement continues to be the best way to insure that relative quiet will continue and spare the people of the area the anguish and heartbreak of loss of life." The Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned that at an American-Israeli meeting earlier today in the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem, Sisco raised the question of the preferential trade agreement between Israel and the European Common Market. He pointed out that such an agreement is contrary to the articles of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), of which Israel is a member. It was understood by the Israeli side that the American was raising the issue in connection with the U.S. balance of payments in countries having Common Market contracts. Israel, in turn, raised the point that Trans-World Airlines has far more flights between the U.S. and Israel than does El Al, Israel's national airline, and that Israel wants landing rights in cities other than New York. In reply to Sisco's query as to Israel's position on the admission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations, the Israelis said their government had not yet formulated a stand. Among those attending the meeting were American Ambassador Walworth Barbour and Israel's envoys to the U.S. and the UN, Yitzhak Rabin and Yosef Tekoah.

Sisco To Assess Consultations With Israelis; U.S.-Soviets Negotiating On Suez

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5 (JTA)--State Department sources said this morning that "every indication at this moment" is that Assistant Secretary of State Joseph J. Sisco will return from Israel to Washington this weekend without going to any other country. They added that it is always possible for authorities to "change his direction." But they said that the present view was that Sisco would come here for the Department to "take stock" of his consultations over the past two weeks in Israel, where he has been seeking agreement on an interim Mideast peace settlement. The sources did not rule out the possibility that he might visit Egypt soon afterwards. They said this schedule also applies to Deputy Assistant Secretary Alfred R. Atherton, who is with Sisco. The State Department sources' comments followed an indication yesterday by President Nixon that Sisco may visit another Middle Eastern country after leaving Israel. Speaking about Soviet-American relations at a news conference, Nixon included the Middle East as one of three areas in which the U.S. is negotiating with the Soviet Union. Nixon said: "With regard to the Soviets, I should also point out that we are making very significant progress on Berlin. We are making good progress on SALT (Strategic Arms Limitations Talks). Discussions are still continuing on the Mideast, although there I will not speculate about what the prospects for success are in view of the fact that Mr. Sisco is presently in the area exploring with the governments concerned what the possibilities of some interim settlement looking toward a final settlement may be."

White House sources declined to expand on the comment and referred inquirers to the State Department. But the State Department spokesman, Robert J. McCloskey, sidestepped the issue today by stating that he could not discuss the present status of Soviet-American negotiations on the Middle East. He said that "from time to time" there have been communications between the two nations regarding an interim settlement involving the Suez. But he added that he could not say "offhand" when the last contact was. He also declined to discuss whether the Soviet Union has become an active member in the diplomatic efforts for an interim settlement. And he would not reveal the level of contacts with Soviet officials or the starting dates of those contacts. He said that the U.S. Ambassador to Moscow, Jacob Beam and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko met shortly after Beam's return to the Soviet capital from the U.S. ten days ago. Soviet Ambassador to Washington Anatoly Dobrynin is scheduled to leave Washington tomorrow for Moscow, but there was no indication that his trip specifically involved the Middle East.

CSSJ Reports Jewish Emigration From Russia At Virtual Standstill

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 5 (JTA)--Reports reaching the offices of the California Students for Soviet Jews have confirmed the fact that Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union to Israel has virtually stopped after the first week in July. The halt to emigration was also met with threats and acts of physical violence against Jews living in various parts of the Soviet Union. Zev Yaroslavsky, chairman of the CSSJ, revealed that less than 200 Jews had come to Israel since July 7. "We have learned through exclusive sources in the Soviet Union and in Israel that whereas during the last six months over 7,000 Soviet Jews arrived in Israel, only approximately 180 arrived during the first week in July and since that time only five or six have managed to leave the USSR," said Yaroslavsky. He also

stated that "no Moscow Jews have been issued exit visas in quite some time." It has been reported to the CSSJ that many Jews have been physically threatened either by phone or in person. Yaroslavsky reported that one Jew who chose to remain nameless was told: "You had better not engage in any more 'pro-Zionist activities, because if you do we will deal with you in the proper strong manner.'" A number of Soviet Jews have been beaten on the streets of Soviet cities, sometimes right in front of their own apartments, Yaroslavsky reported.

(In New York, Jewish sources sent to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency an English translation of an anonymous letter received by a Jewish family in Riga. It reads: "Vile kike, if you, scum, will still write letters to this rotten Israel, we shall drown you in feces. Leningrad is not enough for you scum? There will be more!!! And if there won't, we shall deal with you ourselves.") "We have warned many times since January," Yaroslavsky stated, "that the unprecedented emigration would not continue forever. We believe that the Soviets are testing world opinion at this time. They want to see whether World Jewry will react. This will determine how long the 'faucet' remains dry." The student movement and the Southern California Council for Jews has called on the Southern California Jewish community to come out in strong support of the Soviet Jewry Relief Bill of 1971 which would permit 30,000 Soviet Jews and their families to come to the United States on special visas if the opportunity were offered them. "If there was any time in the last four years that required the passage of this important bill," said Yaroslavsky, "now is the time. We must put all the pressure we can muster on the Soviet Union. We are being tested, and we cannot afford to lose a chance and fail the test." The two organizations urged people to write to their Congressmen urging support for the bill, and to the Soviet Embassy to let the Jews go.

Cigarette And Tobacco Ads In Israel About To Go Up In Smoke

JERUSALEM, Aug. 5 (JTA)--A commission to study the possibility of banning cigarette and tobacco advertising in Israel has been instituted by Attorney General Meir Shamgar it was reported today. The bill drawn up by the Health Ministry would have more extensive stipulations than those of most countries. In addition to the warning on tobacco packs and boxes stating the danger to one's health, each product would be obliged to list in large letters the amounts of tar and nicotine contained in it. Advertising of tobacco or its products would be prohibited from newspapers, television and radio. The committee appointed by the Attorney General will study the practical implications of such a bill. A report will then be submitted to the Cabinet stating possible effects on the economy and methods of enforcement.

Males In Gaza Strip Camps Barred From Leaving Area If They Lack Work Permits

TEL AVIV, Aug. 5 (JTA)--Israeli occupation authorities have put into effect an order, issued last January, barring males from leaving refugee camps in the Gaza Strip if they lack work permits. The action was one of a series of recent steps to halt guerrilla terrorism in the area, the worst in any of the occupied areas. Another step was the distribution of thousands of Arabic-language leaflets calling on terrorists to follow the example of some 100 Palestinian guerrillas who fled from Jordan to sanctuary in Israel. Some Gaza Strip residents reportedly were skeptical about the effectiveness of the pamphlet operation. One said that "the youngsters" in the Strip would merely suspend terrorist activities for a while and then resume them. But the new drive of Israel security units in probe operations against suspected terrorist nests in the Strip without waiting for incidents was having results in a "significant drop" in incidents, officials said. Evacuation of residents in the Shati refugee camp to clear the way for new roads for more effective control of terrorism has been concluded and the heads of tribes have been told that further evacuation of refugees would be stopped if calm continued, the officials reported. However, such efforts were being continued in the Jebalya refugee camp, they said.

10 Israeli Artists In International Exhibit With European, Asian Artists

BRUSSELS, Aug. 5 (JTA)--Ten Israeli artists are among the participants of the "Spiritual Art Exhibit - Confrontation/Confrontation" which opened in Ostend under the high patronage of Queen Fabiola. The exhibit, which was opened by Prime Minister Gaston Eyskens, shows works by artists from eleven European and Asian countries. The Israelis among the artists are: Pinhas Shaar, Moshe Tamir, Shalom, Joel Kass, Avniel, Batiah Adith, David Sharir, Shaul Mira, Walter Spitzer and Werner.

140 New York Area Teachers In Unique Program At Bar-Ilan

NEW YORK, Aug. 5 (JTA)--About 140 educators from the metropolitan area are participating in a unique summer study program being offered to teachers in New York City by Bar-Ilan University in Ramat Gan, Israel, according to an announcement by University Chancellor Dr. Joseph H. Lookstein. The advanced training course was developed by Albert Shanker, president of the United Federation of Teachers in New York, which is the cosponsor, and Jules Kolodney, vice-president. It is the first course of its kind to be organized by the UFT and is unique among summer programs in Israel. The course work emphasizes study of the past history and background of Israel, and the interworkings of Israeli society today. The Board of Examiners of the New York City Board of Education has approved for full credit the courses completed by the teachers at Bar-Ilan.

Three Women Who Pleaded Guilty To Intent Of Sabotage, Given 10-14 Years

TEL AVIV, Aug. 5 (JTA)--Prison terms ranging from 10 to 14 years were meted out this morning by a military tribunal in Lydda to the three women who last week pleaded guilty to charges of entering Israel with the intent of carrying out acts of sabotage for Arab terrorists. The three were also accused of possessing explosives. Nadia Bardali, 26, was sentenced to 12 years while her 21-year-old sister Marlene was given 10 years. The German-born French-educated Evelyn Bargo, 27, was sentenced to 14 years in jail. After imposing the sentences, the court continued hearing the case against two French elderly people, Edith and Pierre Burghalter, who are being tried on the same charges. They have pleaded not guilty. According to Israeli authorities, they were found in possession of the activating devices for the three women's explosives.

JDL Takes Over Kennedy's Suite Of Offices; Demand He Act On Behalf Of Soviet Jews

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5 (JTA)--A dozen members of the Jewish Defense League staged a sit-in this afternoon in the reception area of Sen. Edward M. Kennedy's suite of offices on Capitol Hill demanding that he act on behalf of Jews in the Soviet Union as he has for blacks in South Africa. The group, both men and women of college age, entered the Senator's suite in the Old Senate Office Building about 2:30 p.m. Cameramen and newsmen followed shortly thereafter. Richard Drayne, press assistant to the Democratic Senator from Massachusetts, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that Kennedy was on the Senate floor in anticipation of "important votes coming up" but he is aware of the demonstration. Drayne said he presumed the sit-in would continue until the Senator returned to his office. Kennedy, who has frequently spoken out in favor of aiding Soviet Jews, had introduced legislation in the Senate three weeks ago to deny a U.S. sugar quota to South Africa because of its policy of apartheid. Drayne noted. The measure was defeated 47-45. "In effect, these people (JDL) are saying," Drayne continued, "if you are going to do that to South Africa why not do the same thing to the Soviet Union. Leaflets passed out by the JDL listed ten demands, Drayne added. These included severance of American diplomatic and cultural ties with the USSR, a world-wide boycott of business firms trading with the Soviet Union, an embargo on U.S. trade with that country and a ban on its participation in the Olympic Games.

New England AJCongress Offers Unique Briefing For Prospective Tourists To USSR

NEW YORK, Aug. 5 (JTA)--A unique program of briefing prospective tourists to the USSR on contact with Soviet Jews and on Soviet life in general has been initiated by the New England Region of the American Jewish Congress. The sessions describe how and how not to deal with Russian officials and the Intourist Agency, which makes all travel arrangements, meet with Soviet Jews and make gifts of money and packages to them. Information is given on where synagogues and other places of interest to tourists are located. The briefings are available to individual travelers, as well as member of professional, business and student groups. They are conducted by members of the Soviet Jewry Committee of the New England Region--some speaking fluent Russian--who have traveled in Russia and are knowledgeable about the country, its customs and the condition of its Jewish population. The AJCongress' New England Region includes on its Commission on International Affairs and Soviet Jewry Committee members of faculties of nearby colleges, including the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Brandeis and Harvard Universities. After an evaluation of the New England program, the Congress will consider adopting it on a national basis.

New Jersey's First Residence Jewish High School To Open In Fall

LAKEWOOD, N.J., Aug. 5 (JTA)--The Talmudical High School of Central New Jersey, the first residence high school under Jewish auspices in New Jersey, will be opened by graduates of Beth Medrash Govoha on a six-acre estate in Howell Township near Route 33 this September. The existing structures have classrooms, dining hall and dormitory facilities for 70 boys, but the school will open with a student body of 50 and plans to increase in enrollment to 150 within the next four years. The school will accept students from throughout the state. Rabbi Yaakov Mueller, who has served as administration director of Beth Medrash Govoha will serve as the administrative director of the new school. Rabbi Chaim Epstein will serve as dean and Rabbi Yeruchaim Shain, former principal of the Academy of New Rochelle (N.Y.) will be educational director.

Dr. Zand To Address ZOA National Convention; First Time In U.S.

NEW YORK, Aug. 5 (JTA)--The Zionist Organization of America announced today that Dr. Mikhail Zand, the Russian-born Jewish scholar who withstood intensive Soviet harassment in his ultimately successful attempt to emigrate to Israel, will address its national convention next month in Pittsburgh. Dr. Zand, who will be making his first visit to the United States, will speak on the plight of Soviet Jewry at the convention's opening session on Sept. 2 and again at a public affairs program Sept. 4. The 44-year-old scholar in Oriental languages had been a professor at the Institute for Eastern Studies in Moscow until his participation in a sit-in for Soviet Jews last March resulted in his arrest and imprisonment. Dr. Zand has continued as a forceful spokesman for Soviet Jewry since coming to Israel. He says Soviet Jews now seeking to emigrate regard themselves as "an inseparable part of the Jewish people." Speakers previously announced for the ZOA convention, the organization's 74th, include Israeli Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin and Ehud Avriel, chairman of the Zionist Actions Committee of the World Zionist Organization.

RZA Leader Questions Dayan's Authority To Call Rabbis To Task

JERUSALEM, Aug. 5 (JTA)--Responding to Defense Minister Moshe Dayan's recent criticism of the Israeli Rabbinate for not resolving the mamzerim (illegitimate children) issue, the honorary president of the Religious Zionists of America (Mizrachi Hapoel Hamizrachi) questioned Dayan's authority to call rabbis to task and criticize those who welcome American Zionists efforts on behalf of Israel except when it comes to religious issues. "When we want a say on religious matters and demand that religious questions be resolved according to halacha, Dr. Yissachar Dov Bergmann said, "we are told not to interfere in Israeli internal affairs." Rabbi Bergmann's remarks were made during a broadcast interview before the opening here last night of the RZA's 62nd convention. Later, at the convention, he called for unity in the religious camp in Israel.

Percy: Israel Should Not Have To Make Major Concessions Without Quid Pro Quo

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5 (JTA)--Sen. Charles Percy declared today that the United States "should not expect Israel to make the major concessions--withdrawal from the east bank of the canal and permission for Egyptian forces to cross the canal--without a quid pro quo." The Illinois Republican said "this could establish a precedent for further withdrawals at a later date without concrete assurances for Israel's security. The opening of the canal could be an important first step toward an overall settlement in the Middle East, Percy added, noting that an "agreement now by which Egypt and the Soviet Union would reap the benefits of opening the canal, while Israel would voluntarily withdraw her forces from the east bank would not be conducive to fair, even-handed bargaining later."

SPECIAL JTA INTERVIEW**ISRAEL IS WORKING TO SOLVE HOUSING PROBLEMS**

By GEORGE FRIEDMAN, JTA Staff Reporter

NEW YORK, Aug. 5 (JTA)--New immigrants in Israel "should be satisfied with the housing they're given," and should be willing to live in mobile homes 20 miles from urban areas and not insist on staying in the "overburdened" cities. That is the view of Jack D. Weller, chairman of the Housing Committee of the reconstituted Jewish Agency. Weller, of the Swig, Weller and Arnov Management Company, Inc. in New York, has been national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal for two decades, and is vice chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee and secretary-treasurer of the Israel Bond Organization. Most pertinent to his comment on Israeli accommodations is his membership on the reconstituted Jewish Agency's 10-man Housing Committee. Weller's belief in mobile homes is reflected in figures prepared by him for the JTA: In the United States two years ago, mobile homes--412,690 of them--accounted for 67 percent of all new single-family homes selling for under \$25,000; for 79 percent under \$20,000 and for 94 percent under \$15,000. "The only way to cut the price of conventionally built homes and apartments," Weller says, "is to break with tradition." His argument is buttressed by a slogan preserved on a paperweight on his desk: "Nothing will ever be attempted if all possible objections must be first overcome."

Slums are a fact of Israeli life, Weller points out, and 40 percent of the country's slums are in Tel Aviv. That is why Israel's Black Panthers "have a definite case" and why it is unfair for new immigrants to insist on living in the cities, Weller says. Being 20 miles from a big city is not so terrible, he continues, considering that bus service can be arranged; he himself travels that distance into mid-Manhattan. And by setting up housekeeping in Israeli suburbia, Weller says, the residents will be helping the government meet its housing problem. That problem is, as is known, considerable. As Weller puts it, "Providing for adequate housing is a first basic step in defusing the dynamite in the slum areas." And the bill for this "desperately needed" housing? "Hundreds of millions of dollars" over the next few years. Raising that sum will be the task of the Jewish Agency's Housing Committee, composed of 10 major contributors to the UJA. All are "very anxious to help," and for no personal gain, says Weller.

Issue of Young Couples Desperate For Lodgings Has Been Exaggerated

But the issue of the holding open of new apartments for immigrants while young married couples are desperate for lodgings has been exaggerated, as it is very limited in scope, Weller asserts. Nevertheless, he admits, half of the 20,000 new married couples each year are "in deep trouble" and require rental housing; 15,000 families live in temporary barracks ("asbestonim"); costs have doubled in 10 years; 14 percent of Israeli families live in slums; of those 400,000 families, 200,000 live two or more persons per room, 56,000 live three or more per room and in some cases there are up to 12 per room, which he calls "criminal." Furthermore, he notes, "thousands"--though "a very small percentage"--leave Israel each year because of "hardships" there, and there are 100,000 ex-Israelis in the U.S. But Weller stresses that "Israel is no different from other countries" in this respect, pointing out that in New York City there is an immediate need for 800,000 new units.

As for the Israeli government's aid in this matter, Weller says "they're doing a fantastic job with the limited means they have at their command," and speaks of chaperoning Housing Minister Zeev Sharef across the U.S. last week to inspect mobile homes on location. (To show Sharef how the American use of such structures is applicable to Israel, Weller and his colleagues took him to Phoenix, where it was 105 degrees. "My God--Beersheba!" cried the Minister.) But while Israel has "accomplished miracles" in meeting its housing problem, as with a five-year, \$7.4 million slum-clearing program, "miracles are not enough." Weller insists the answer is aluminum-and-wood mobile homes, measuring 12 by 60 feet, containing two bedrooms, two bathrooms, air conditioning and complete furnishings, and now being manufactured in the U.S. at a rate of one per hour. Delivery to a site and placement takes part of a day. As soon as Israelis say the word, similar plants can be set up in their country. Skilled labor will not be a problem, because the homes are put together by machine. Each unit would cost an Israeli \$6-7,000. Hopefully, Weller reflects, the emerging generation in the Jewish State will realize the advantages of such housing. Right now, however, "the Israelis are very funny people--change is difficult."

Georgian Jews Seek Explanation About Delay Of Exit Visas

NEW YORK, Aug. 5 (JTA)--A large group of Georgian Jews went to Communist Party headquarters in Tbilisi on Sunday to ask why their applications for exit visas to Israel had not been processed, Jewish sources reported here today. A delegation was seen by party officials and was promised an answer within a few days. Meanwhile, it was reported that after the departure of a group of Jews from the Ponar mass grave near Wilna on Sunday, police cars trampled the flowers that the Jews had placed on the graves. As reported today, 10 of the pilgrims were arrested for "hooliganism" and sentenced to 15 days or a fine.

Grenades Tossed By Terrorists Kills Arab Child; One Terrorist Killed

TEL AVIV, Aug. 5 (JTA)--A three-year-old Arab boy was killed and two other children were injured this morning when two hand grenades exploded in their midst. The grenades hurled by Arab terrorists at a passing Israeli army vehicle, missed the car and landed where the children were playing. The incident occurred at the entrance to the Jebeliya refugee camp in the Gaza Strip. None of the Israelis in the patrol were hurt. Later in the day, an Arab terrorist was killed at the same site as he was about to throw a hand grenade at an Israeli patrol.