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## Schumann Decision To Send Delegation To Libya Seen As Effort To Boost France

PARIS, Aug. 12 (JTA)--The decision by Foreign Minister Maurice Schumann to send a "high-ranking" delegation to the anniversary celebration of the Libyan colonels' revolution is considered by well-informed political circles here as a further step in the bolstering of French influence throughout the more radical countries of the Arab world. On Sept. 1, the Tripoli government marks the second anniversary of the revolution headed by Col. Muammar al-Qaddafi. No less important, that date will also see the popular referendum on the creation of an Arab federation comprised of Libya, Egypt and the Sudan. Under these circumstances, a "high-ranking" French presence at the anniversary ceremonies can only be interpreted as recognition of the federation, and will undoubtedly be seen that way by the Arabs, primarily by Qaddafi himself.

This will give the Libyans badly needed Western moral support. After the hijacking in Libyan territory of the aircraft carrying the leaders of the plot against the Sudanese government, and after the summary executions of them and other plot leaders, Qaddafi's international prestige was at a low ebb, even though his victims were Communists. Then came the news that France, through the good services of the Dassault Company and with American capital, was going to build aircraft works in Greece that would be able to supply Mirage fighter planes and to exchange parts even if France were forced to extend her boycott of the Middle East foes to Libya. The stress now being put on sending the highest-ranking delegation possible to the Libyan fete adds importance to the other French efforts there.

## Some 2,100 Former Egyptian Jews Asking For Reparations

TEL AVIV, Aug. 12 (JTA)--A group of 2,100 former Egyptian Jews have put in claims for property and reparations for the loss of freedom and the need to resettle elsewhere. The claims are directed at the Egyptian authorities and have been arranged by the Organization of Egyptian Jews following the World Conference of Egyptian Jews held recently in Paris. It was reported to the Israeli section of the organization at its meeting today. The meeting here has approved the resolutions adopted by the Paris convention which call for reparations and compensation and ask that all religious objects that remained in synagogues be transferred to Israel's Minister of Religious Affairs. In Egypt, once a flourishing Jewish community of 75,000 persons, there are today only a few hundred.

## McCloskey Denies U.S. Has Proposed Middle East Conference

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (JTA)--The State Department today denied it had advanced a proposal for a Big Four conference which would include Egypt and Israel in an effort to resolve the Middle East crisis. "The United States has made no such proposal," Department spokesman Robert J. McCloskey said at his daily news conference. The matter arose when the Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent raised a question based on a press report that a proposal had been proposed for the United States, the Soviet Union, France and Great Britain to discuss the Middle East along the lines of the Indo-China-style conference with Egypt and Israel joining as participants. McCloskey responded "no comment," when he was asked whether the U.S. would feel that "such a format" would be constructive. The spokesman said "no" in answering queries whether France or Great Britain had suggested or revived the idea of a Big Four meeting, or whether the U.S. was sending a "high level mission to Cairo soon."

## Report Sisco's Proposals To Israel Did Not Represent Official State Department View

JERUSALEM, Aug. 12 (JTA)--Reliable sources here emphasized today that they believed that Joseph J. Sisco's reported Middle East proposals represented not official United States State Department or Egyptian policy but the Assistant Secretary of State's personal opinions and his impressions of the opinions of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat. The sources have listed the following as the recommendations put to Israeli leaders by Sisco last week: An Egyptian troop crossing of the Suez Canal to involve only 750 soldiers, who will bear personal light weapons; an Israeli withdrawal from the canal in two stages, the final pullback point being the Mitla Pass some 20 miles east of the canal in Sinai territory; Israeli and Egyptian forces to be separated by a United Nations buffer force; and an 18-month cease-fire. Authoritative sources here deny categorically that the two-stage withdrawal idea was suggested by Israel. The denials were made following a claim yesterday by the newspaper Maariv that Israeli leaders had suggested to Sisco a "very minimal" Israeli withdrawal to permit a canal reopening, followed by a second stage of withdrawal "a few miles further back."

## Probe Proves Charge Poor Jews Not Getting Fair Share In Anti-Poverty Programs

NEW YORK, Aug. 12 (JTA)--The Association of Jewish Anti-Poverty Workers reported today that a six-week-long investigation under federal auspices of poverty programs in New York City has substantiated charges that poor Jews in the city were not getting their "fair share" in such programs. The investigation stemmed from testimony by S. Elly Rosen, executive director of the Jewish anti-poverty group, before a House subcommittee on manpower and poverty, which held a series of meetings here. Rosen testified on July 25 on a lengthy list of grievances by poor Jews against alleged mistreatment in the programs. He said there had been physical violence against Jews seeking to vote in anti-poverty elections; lack of Jewish representation on boards of anti-poverty agencies in neighborhoods with large Jewish populations; and "inadequate and disproportionate funding" for the needs of the Jewish poor. As a result, Rosen told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, a high-level investigation was ordered of the whole range of poverty programs in New York City.

Rep. James Scheuer, New York Democrat, called a meeting at his office in Washington on Aug. 2 which was attended by officials of the Office of Economic Opportunity, the federal anti-poverty agency; the General Accounting Office, the federal government's highest investigating agency; and the Human Resources Administration, the New York City super-agency which directs anti-poverty pro-

grams as part of its responsibilities. At that meeting, it was reported that HRA officials had conceded that Rosen's charges were "fundamentally correct." Subsequently, Rep. Scheuer demanded a full report by Sept. 1 on the probe in New York City. Investigators of the OEO and the GAO have been in New York City checking out records, interviewing city officials in an investigation of Rosen's charges since the June 26 subcommittee hearing. Rosen said that, at a meeting this week with the federal investigators, it was disclosed that while the formal report will not be ready for release before Sept. 1, findings to date indicate that poor New York City Jews are being discriminated against in the anti-poverty programs. In a letter to Jules Sugarman, HRA administrator, the Jewish poverty workers group warned that Jews would "no longer tolerate discrimination and tokenism. We aim to get our fair share."

Rosen said the Jewish anti-poverty association was formed about a year and a half ago, comprised of Jews employed by anti-poverty and other government programs serving the poor in New York City. Rosen said that its members had learned that "officialdom could not care less" about the "horrible contempt and disregard for the poor Jews who still reside in the poverty areas of our city." He said that Jews comprised the third largest poverty group in New York after blacks and Puerto Ricans but that too many people had a "stereotype" that Jews generally were "rich and well cared for" and found it hard to conceive "of dire Jewish poverty in our midst." He said there are 26 officially-designated poverty areas in the city in which locally-elected Community Corporations prepare anti-poverty programs and dispense funds for them under the general direction of the Community Development Agency, the main city operational agency for anti-poverty programs. The CDA reports to the HRA which in turn reports to the OEO on such programs. He said that while 15 of the 26 poverty areas contain large groups of poor Jewish residents--in addition to Jews living in "pockets of poverty" in transitional neighborhoods--only five of the Community Corporations have Jewish representation. Of those five, he said, three have one Jewish representative each on their boards--those on the Lower East Side, the Upper West Side and Coney Island.

### Brother, Sister Labeled Mamzerim To Meet With Mrs. Meir

JERUSALEM, Aug. 12 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir has agreed to meet the brother and sister who have been barred from marrying because they are considered "mamzerim" (bastards). The planned meeting will also be attended by their lawyer Ram Caspi. Caspi and his clients will ask Mrs. Meir why she feels that their problem will receive a positive solution once new elections for chief rabbis have been held. Mrs. Meir expressed this view in reply to a letter to Caspi asking her to intervene in the affair. Caspi said that although he fully understood the Premier's implication--that if Tel Aviv Rabbi Shlomo Goren is elected Chief Rabbi he will act to solve the problem--he was doubtful if he could rely on this. Caspi pointed out that people change when they take office and this could well happen to Rabbi Goren. The rabbi has circulated a booklet setting out his view that the brother and sister are not in fact mamzerim according to halacha. Caspi will ask the Premier to bring the full weight of her influence to bear on whoever is elected Chief Rabbi to move to solve the problem. If she agrees to do so he will suspend the contacts he has had with certain Reform rabbis who are willing to take up the case.

### Sapir Says Planning For Next Decade To Include Needs of Students, Young Couples

TEL AVIV, Aug. 12 (JTA)--Pinhas Sapir, Minister of Finance, said today that the planning for the next decade calls for doubling the number of students in Israel and increasing the number of Sephardi among them to 25 percent. Speaking at the Labor Party center, Sapir said the plan has been discussed with Premier Golda Meir and heads of the education network in Israel but that it requires final touches. He said that while at the same time efforts would be made in the fields of housing, social welfare and health, he did not share the great cry of young couples asking for housing. Sapir said he was convinced that in 5-10 years the whole problem of young couples' accommodations would be solved.

### Israeli Arabs Caught in Dilemma Between Two Loyalties - Israel And Arab States

JERUSALEM, Aug. 12 (JTA)--The problem of the Israeli Arabs is today one of a national minority which is developing and becoming better based while at the same time caught in a severe dilemma between loyalty to the State of Israel in which its members have grown and lived as equal citizens and loyalty to the Arab states to which they are drawn by ties of religion, culture and national tradition. This view was presented by Shmuel Toledano, Advisor on Arab Affairs to the Prime Minister, in a lecture to members of the Haganah Veterans Organization. Toledano added that the problem was not an economic one and that it went beyond the area of the relations between the individual and the State.

Some 220,000 or more than half of Israel's Arab population, were born in Israel and have never known any other rule, Toledano pointed out. This includes some 60,000 young people between the ages of 16 and 24 whose language is Hebrew and who find the modern Israeli way of life more natural than the traditional eastern culture. These young people are seeking an identity and a way out of the spiritual conflict in which they find themselves. The State institutions and the public at large should help them to become socially and politically integrated, Toledano declared. When the present five-year plan for Arab and Druze village development under which \$30 million is being spent reaches its completion in 1973, there would be no need for a further five-year plan as the plan's goal--provision of a service infrastructure for every village--will have been achieved Toledano said.

### Israeli Security Forces Successful In Dislodging Terrorists From Their Lairs

TEL AVIV, Aug. 12 (JTA)--The Palestinian terrorists are on the run in the Gaza Strip and in Lebanon. In the Strip, Israeli security forces are successfully chasing them from their lairs, and in Lebanon, their activities are being curtailed both by the Israelis, who have a number of times (most recently Monday) followed them across the border and stifled their operations, and by the Beirut government, which has allowed the terrorists to camp in the Arkoub area in the southeast but has acted to stamp out their across-the-border attacks. Incidents still occur, however. In the Strip today, a local truck driver was injured when his vehicle went off the road south of Gaza and hit a concealed mine.

## 28-Year-Old Soviet Jew Arrested On Eve Of Departure To Israel

NEW YORK, Aug. 12 (JTA)--The American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry today announced news of the arrest of a Leningrad Jew, on the eve of his departure to Israel. According to Richard Maass, Conference chairman, Boris Azernikov, a 28-year-old dentist, was recently arrested but only after he had initiated the difficult process of obtaining an exit permit for Israel. Azernikov had already received the required affidavit from abroad, and had taken this to local authorities when he was arrested and charged under the provisions of Articles 70 and 72 of the code of the Russian Republic. The seriousness of this new arrest, Maass noted, is reflected in the fact that these provisions of the law cover penalties for alleged anti-Soviet propaganda and for so-called "anti-Soviet group activities." Azernikov was already known to the authorities for he had been called as a witness in the recent trial of five Kishinev Jews, although his testimony was not used. He was also reportedly friendly with some of the defendants in a trial of Leningrad Jews. Maass pointed out that in both trials the defendants were found guilty in trials closed to the outside world, and they were sentenced to harsh prison terms in Moldavia. He expressed fear that Azernikov "may have fallen victim to a crackdown against Jews seeking to go to Israel" despite the fact that he had followed accepted Soviet administrative procedures in attempting to emigrate.

## State Dept. Mums On Statement That Sadat Has Set Aug. 15 As End Of Grace Period

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (JTA)--Maintaining their policy of a minimum of public discussion on the Israeli-Egyptian situation, State Department officials declined to comment on the statements scheduled to be published tomorrow in the influential Cairo newspaper Al Ahram that Aug. 15 will mark the end of the grace period which the United States had requested for its latest efforts to reach a Mideast settlement. The Middle East News Agency, in a dispatch from Cairo, said the newspaper's chief editor, Mohammed Hasanein Heykal, wrote in his weekly article that August 15 was the date set early in July after Egyptian President Sadat had received a letter from President Nixon and Secretary of State William P. Rogers. Heykal is quoted as writing that Sadat "personally had set the date taking all circumstances into consideration." Heykal relates that Washington wanted to take an active role after playing the role of "mailman" for so long, and that Rogers' visit to the area last May was made to learn the various governments' respective positions so the U.S. could make proposals to get things moving.

Heykal writes that Sadat's answer to the Nixon-Rogers letter encouraged the U.S. to continue its efforts to solve the crisis. But now Sadat is reported by Heykal to be concerned that Israeli occupation of Egyptian territory has entered its fifth year. Heykal also quotes Sadat as saying that on Sept. 1 "we will be approaching the establishment of the Federation of the Arab Republics of Egypt, Libya and Syria. We must enter the new federation with a firm decision." After pointing to what he said was the failure of Assistant Secretary of State Joseph J. Sisco's recent visit to Israel, Heykal concluded his article by saying that "this is not just a political or military battle, but a battle of nerves" to which Egypt must direct its policy "with steady nerves."

## Eban: If UAR Serious About Peace, She Must Waive Demand For Army Crossing Canal

TEL AVIV, Aug. 12 (JTA)--If Egypt is serious about her declared willingness to make peace with Israel she must waive her demand that her armed forces be allowed to cross the Suez Canal, Israel Foreign Minister Abba Eban declared today at the Labor Party Center. Eban said that even those who have put that demand on Israel's table--an apparent reference to American Assistant Secretary of State Joseph J. Sisco--realize that it is unjustified. Borders, Eban stressed, must not be set as part of an interim settlement for reopening the canal, but must be dealt with in negotiations for a final settlement. On another subject, Eban said Israel must develop her relations with the international community with a view toward diplomatic ties with all states and with such umbrella associations as the European Common Market and the Organization of American States. At Tel Aviv University today, Eban received an honorary doctorate.

## Israeli Envoy To UN Says Israel Will Defend Itself Against Attacks From Lebanon

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Aug. 12 (JTA)--Jacob Doron, Israel's Acting Ambassador to the United Nations, addressed today a letter to the President of the Security Council stating that Israel will not tolerate armed attacks from Lebanon and will take appropriate measures of self-defense. Doron cited in his letter excerpts from a letter by the Lebanese Charge d'Affaires to the Security Council dated Aug. 10 protesting attacks by Israel on major terrorist bases in Southern Lebanon (Fatahland) on Monday. Doron also quoted from an interview published in the Egyptian weekly "El Musawwar" on June 4. In it, the Prime Minister of Lebanon praised the fedayeen in the name of the Lebanese government and people, stating that the restored confidence in their activity has "enabled (the fedayeen) to fulfill its national duty." He further stated that it is the responsibility of the Lebanese government to "prevent the establishment and maintenance of terrorist bases" in its country as well as halting armed attacks on Israel. He urged that they observe the cease-fire, stating that Israel's policy is one of "scrupulous observance...on condition of reciprocity."

## Druze Students Receive Study Grants

TEL AVIV, Aug. 12 (JTA)--Study grants were awarded today to 23 Druze students of the village of Ousafiyeh on Mount Carmel. The grants are from \$70 to \$215 each. The grants were awarded by the public committee to promote education among the Druze. This year the committee has already granted 29 study awards, among them three for students from the Druze villages in the Golan Heights.

## Researcher In Fight Against Cancer Says New Discovery Aid In Conquest Of Disease

COPENHAGEN, Aug. 12 (JTA)--Prof. Sol Spiegelman, the world famous researcher in the medical fight against cancer and authority in the field of biochemistry, told a meeting of scientists that the United States, India, Sweden and Israel are cooperating in what he termed a silent struggle against the malignant illness. Prof. Spiegelman, who works within the framework of research carried out by Israel, stated that the discovery of a blood virus in cases of breast cancer gave much hope to researchers but added that no one could say when the illness would finally be conquered. "It could happen next week or it could happen in five years," he said.

## 19th Yearzeit Of Execution Of 24 Soviet Jewish Artists Commemorated

NEW YORK, Aug. 12 (JTA)--Jews here, in Argentina and in England today commemorated the 19th anniversary of the execution by the Stalin regime of 24 leading Soviet Jewish writers and cultural leaders. The secret trial of those Soviet Jews--conducted July 11-18, 1952--marked the culmination of Stalin's four-year anti-Jewish reign of terror, which claimed the lives of 443 Jewish writers, artists, actors, and musicians. Among the 24 executed on August 12, 1952, were Peretz Markish, David Hofshstein, David Bergelson, Leib Kvitko, and Itzik Feffer, the poet who was co-chairman of the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee, which was outlawed in 1948. Shlomo Mikhoels, the famed actor and co-chairman of the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee, was also executed in 1952. The Workmen's Circle and the Jewish Labor Committee in New York recalled the yearzeit with a request to the Soviet Union that Markish's widow, Esther, and son, David, be allowed to leave for Israel. The Workmen's Circle, a fraternal organization of over 60,000 members, and the Jewish Labor Committee, a human rights organization, expressed the hope that the growing chorus of concern and protest will induce the Russian rulers to accord to Jews as well as other Soviet citizens the rights to full cultural and religious freedom and the right to emigrate.

A meeting to mark the deaths of the 24 martyrs was held today in England. And England's Association of Jewish Writers and Journalists requested the Soviet Writers Union to intervene on behalf of the Markish family. Esther and David Markish yesterday confirmed during a phone conversation with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that their requests for visas have been rejected twice. They said they had each given up their own writing careers. David is now a porter in a bakery. The phone conversation was initiated in New York by Boris Smolar, JTA's Editor-in-Chief Emeritus. An appeal today by the Argentina Jewry's central political body, the DAIA, asked the Soviet government to grant its Jewish citizens the same rights other Soviet nationalities have in the areas of education, language, and religion. The DAIA protested the continuation of Soviet persecution of Jews who proclaim their Jewish identity by expressing their wish to emigrate to Israel.

## Soviet Jewry Group Dismayed Over Kennedy's Failure To Endorse Visa Bill

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 12 (JTA)--The National Union of Councils for Soviet Jews, representing 13 chapters across the country, expressed today its "dismay" over Sen. Edward M. Kennedy's not having endorsed the Senate bill for 30,000 emergency visas for Soviet Jews, as 34 of his colleagues already have. Harold B. Light, vice chairman of the National Union and chairman of the Bay Area Council for Soviet Jewry, advised the Massachusetts Democrat in a telegram: "General statements of sympathy for Soviet Jews or resolutions to United Nations are no longer sufficient. Legislative action by United States government opening the gates to Soviet Jews is necessary. Please help." Last Thursday, following a sit-in at his Washington offices by members of the Jewish Defense League, Kennedy promised to act for the release of five Jews facing trial in Sverdlovsk on charges of "anti-Soviet activity." Light also reported that in a private conversation Monday with Bayard Rustin, the black civil rights leader told him: "I think that the Soviet Union has behaved badly toward its Jews, but I think we, the United States, have behaved equally badly. I want to know why President Nixon has not gone to the United Nations, why he has not himself denounced what is happening, why he has not called on other nations to do so. The one thing he ought to do is to say: 'If there are Jews who want to come to America, let them come. I will see to it that they are permitted in.'"

## Soviet Jews Say They Were Trapped Into Participating In Propaganda Film

NEW YORK, Aug. 12 (JTA)--Four Jews walked out of the visa office in Minsk, Belorussia, last Monday after they concluded that they were being trapped into participating in the making of a propaganda film, Jewish sources here reported. The Jews--identified by the surnames Pikulin, Gordin, Puchinski and Pseltin--were invited to the office and received by a Maj. Jurinovich, who questioned them on their reasons for wanting to go Israel. The Jews noticed that the official's tape recorder and camera were turned on only when he was speaking, and refused to continue the conversation. After they left, the sources said, the four protested the official's conduct to the Belorussian Ministry of Internal Affairs.

## Unprecedented Yiddish Folk Fest Scheduled For Washington Square Park

NEW YORK, Aug. 12 (JTA)--An unprecedented event in Washington Square Park is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 12. This event will be a Yiddish Folk Fest, to be performed entirely by young folk artists, groups and ensembles. The event, which will be sponsored by the Workmen's Circle, will include work and radical songs, songs of the Jewish Resistance, folk and theatre songs. Hassidic motifs as well as original folk rock compositions, all in Yiddish, will also be presented. At the conclusion of the fest, there will be a "zingeray" or "sing-along." The Education Department of the Workmen's Circle reports that this fest is in keeping with increased interest towards Yiddish language and culture, especially among the youth.

## Labor Slowdown Reduces Output Of Davar, Histadrut Newspaper

TEL AVIV, Aug. 12 (JTA)--Davar, the Histadrut daily, appeared today in a reduced size of eight pages instead of the usual 12 or 16 as a result of the slowdown strike by the newspaper's employees in protest against a delay in wage payments. The employees held a long meeting yesterday during working hours, and thus there was not enough material by day's end to fill a normal-sized issue. Davar was scheduled to return to its usual size tomorrow, pending payment of salaries today.

## Plan Launched To Construct New Youth Centers, Settlements

TEL AVIV, Aug. 12 (JTA)--A plan to construct new youth centers and youth settlements within the framework of youth aliya institutions to absorb some 1,450 Israeli dropout youths and help solve the inter-ethnic gap in Israeli society was proposed yesterday by the head of youth aliya, Joseph Klarman, and the Jewish Agency. The project, which calls for the construction of 31 new boarding houses in youth villages for absorbing 1,600 underprivileged youths, and 19 new youth centers for the absorption of 2,000 youths and for new homes in kibbutzim for an additional 1,000 youths, will entail a budget of \$575 million in addition to the regular youth aliya project.