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France Expected To Support Egypt At General Assembly

PARIS, Sept. 1 (JTA) -- France intends to openly support the Arab stand at the forthcoming session of the General Assembly. French political sources said here today that France will support the Jordanian-American resolution in the Security Council and will come out in support of the Egyptian stand at the General Assembly. These decisions must still be approved, however, by President Georges Pompidou. The sources said that in the Security Council, France's position will be relatively easy: it will align itself with the American stand which has a strong basis since the Security Council has already unanimously adopted a resolution on Jerusalem, sources said. The General Assembly situation will be more complex. It is expected that Foreign Minister Maurice Schumann will adopt, in France's name, the more extreme of these positions as represented by Egypt and the Soviet Union. France's stand is, basically, quite close to the views of Egypt and the Soviet Union as Paris believes that Israel, and Israel alone, is to be blamed for the stalemate in the Mideastern situation. France also believes, together with Egypt and Russia, that a solution can only be obtained through a joint Big Four decision on the subject. Schumann is thus expected, according to sources, to press for a renewed Big Four initiative in this matter as a "last measure to stop a renewal of hostilities."

State Dept. Concerned Over Increase Of Russian Fighter Squadrons In Egypt

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1 (JTA) -- Reports from Cairo that the Soviet Union is increasing the number of Russian-piloted jet fighter squadrons in Egypt drew comments of "real concern" from the State Department today. It was reported that three more squadrons of SU-11s, considered one of the best fighter-bombers in the Soviet Air Force, are expected in Egypt within the next few weeks. Each squadron is made up of between 12 and 16 planes. Responding to questions from newsmen, State Department spokesman Robert J. McCloskey said "I think we have made it clear that" the United States considers Soviet arms and "military operational involvement" in the Middle East "a matter of real concern." Other State Department sources said that the best current information available about Russian involvement indicates that the balance has not changed significantly since last spring. They said reports from Cairo that there are now six MIG-21 and two SU-11 squadrons in Egypt are "on the high side." However, McCloskey said that Soviet involvement "could have most serious consequences and we are watching the matter."

The Department spokesman said President Nixon and Secretary of State William P. Rogers have "made it clear on numerous occasions that we will maintain the military balance in the area." Pressed by newsmen as to whether, in his view, the military balance has not yet been tipped in the Middle East as a result of the reported new Soviet military shipments, McCloskey said "we adhere to the principle of not letting the balance to tip against Israel and we have no indication that it has." He said it would serve no purpose to discuss the U.S.'s military supply relationships with Israel, and he added that "while maintaining the balance, we will continue pursuing efforts for an interim settlement for the opening of the Suez Canal and military disengagement in the area." Asked to define "military disengagement," McCloskey said that with regard to the interim settlement, "one factor is the evacuation of some area still to be defined in the Sinai." Referring to another report that American M-60 tanks are being unloaded at Aqaba for the Jordan government, McCloskey said he did not know of any new military arrangement with Jordan.

Israel Taking Steps To Counter Jordan-Inspired Debate In Security Council

JERUSALEM, Sept. 1(JTA)-- United States and Jordanian diplomats are trying to hammer out a formula acceptable to both sides in the Security Council's debate on Jerusalem which is expected to begin at Jordan's request on Sept. 7. It was learned from reliable sources here today that Israel has made it clear to American diplomats that it will not admit any delegation or commission sent on behalf of the Security Council to investigate the situation in Jerusalem. According to the sources, the Americans assume that Secretary General U Thant will be asked again to report on the situation as he has done on previous occasions. Their efforts are believed to be directed toward convincing Jordan to agree to such a course, the sources said. Israel has rejected the idea of a debate on Jerusalem in the Security Council at this time but can do nothing to prevent it. Israeli diplomats have emphasized their view that such a debate would hinder the progress of any negotiations with the Arab states on a final agreement or even a partial agreement to reopen the Suez Canal. The Israelis do not conceal the fact that they are displeased by what they consider to be a lack of forceful efforts by the U.S. to head off the debate. The Israelis believe that Washington exerts considerable influence with the Amman government. According to informed sources, Foreign Minister Abba Eban told the senior American diplomat in Israel that Jordan's own interests would not be served by calling for a debate. The sources said that Eban's remarks to J. Owen Zurbellen Jr., who is substituting for vacationing Ambassador Walworth Barbour, were made in the hope that the U.S. could still convince Jordan to change its plans.

Israel, however, is taking diplomatic measures on the assumption that the debate on Jerusalem cannot be averted. Israeli Ambassadors and other high ranking diplomatic officials are being sent on "special missions" abroad to generate support for Israel's position both in the Security Council and at the fall session of the UN General Assembly which opens in New York Sept. 21. Deputy Premier Yigal Allon will go to Norway and Sweden next week on such a mission. The Israelis meanwhile are preparing a powerful counter-offensive against Jordan in the Security Council debate. It is based on Israeli charges of atrocities and desecrations in East Jerusalem during the

19 years of Jordanian occupation, Israel will charge that during those years the Jordanian regime kept the Holy City "Judenrein", the Nazi term meaning free of Jews, in retaliation to Jordanian charges that Israel is "Judaizing" East Jerusalem at the expense of its Arab inhabitants. Unrelated directly to the Security Council debate but nevertheless endangering Middle East peace prospects as the Israelis see it, is the continuing delay by the Nixon Administration in responding to Israel's request for more military aid, especially F-4 Phantom jets. The Israelis claim that the supersonic warplanes are needed to counter the heavy shipment of Soviet combat aircraft and pilots to Egypt.

Czech Scientist, Due To Address Conference In Israel, Prevented From Attending

TEL AVIV, Sept. 1 (JTA) -- A Czechoslovakian scientist who was scheduled to participate in a scientific conference on land physics and technology at the Weizmann Institute in Rehovot has been prevented from leaving his country. The conference opened today. A cable received at Rehovot from the scientist said: "Cannot reach Israel. My passport and exit visa which were in my possession were taken away last minute." Four members of the Rumanian delegation to the conference also did not appear although they sent the papers they had prepared for the meeting. One of them cabled that he was unexpectedly sent on a scientific mission elsewhere.

First Canaanite City Uncovered In Arad; Shows City Planning 4500 Years Old

JERUSALEM, Sept. 1 (JTA) -- The first Canaanite city to be uncovered in its entirety has been discovered in Arad, and according to Mrs. Ruth Andran of the Israel Museum which co-sponsored the dig, the find bears witness to the existence of city planning 4,500 years ago. Living quarters complete with household articles, streets and a section of the fortified city wall of the Canaanite city were uncovered. The temple courtyard containing an incised rounded pool paved with smooth slabs of stones from the Hebron Hills was also uncovered. The pool--five feet in diameter and three feet deep--is the first of its kind to be found in Israel. Now being cleaned are two of the seasons more unusual finds: a stone statuette of a bull and a stone tablet bearing the incised figures of two men holding their hands upraised. These relate to trade between Canaan and Egypt. The excavations were conducted under the auspices of the Israel Exploration Society, the Antiquities Department, the Hebrew University, the University of the Negev, and the Israel Museum.

96 Riga Jews Ask Podgorny, Rudenko To End Judicial Persecution Of Jews

TEL AVIV, Sept. 1 (JTA) -- Ninety-six Riga Jews have written to Soviet Communist Party Secretary Leonid I. Brezhnev, Soviet President Nikolai V. Podgorny and Russian Prosecutor General Roman A. Rudenko, demanding an end to what they called judicial persecution of Jews "who are trying to achieve the realization of their right to emigrate to the State of Israel." In reporting the development, Russian sources said the petitioners wrote that "judging by trials held in Leningrad and Riga, one cannot help getting the impression that the purpose of these trials is to intimidate the Jews who are insistently trying to achieve their right to emigrate to the State of Israel." The writers charged that a "vicious circle" exists when requests for permission to go to Israel are followed by baseless and unlawful refusals, rebuttals by applicants and reprisals against them. "The only logical way out of this vicious circle," the Riga Jews wrote, "is the satisfaction of the lawful right to emigrate to Israel of those Jews who strive for it. Free the prisoners. Let them go in peace."

Meanwhile, sources said 10 Georgian Jews have protested in writing to the Russian Minister of Communication that the Russian postal authorities have been holding up hundreds of emigration affidavits sent to Georgian Jews from Israel. The writers charged the authorities with "an attempt to isolate us from our relatives and from our people in Israel." Russian Jewish sources also reported that Vladimir Markman, the Sverdlovsk Jew who had complained about the behavior of the judge in the trial of Valery Kukul, is continuing to make his charges in the face of evasive reactions from the authorities. Markman had complained that the judge had wilfully flouted justice in order to sentence Kukul, who received a three-year term for alleged anti-Soviet activities. (There continues to be no word on Kukul's appeal, scheduled to be heard Aug. 5) Jewish sources in Russia also reported the names of the seven Sverdlovsk Jews who appealed to the Soviet Peace Committee to let them meet the six Israeli guests of the committee and discuss with them the Kukul case and Jewish migration to Israel. They are Vladimir Aks, Vera Vechtavietsky, Rita Kiseiman, Yuli Kusherovski, Dina Zhevina, Markman, and Ella Kukul, the prisoner's wife.

Tekoah Gives Thant Letter From 531 Georgian Jews Saying Emigration Appeals Ignored

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 1 (JTA) -- Israeli Ambassador Yosef Tekoah said today that he had presented Secretary General Thant with a letter signed by 531 Georgian Jews who charged that "repeated appeals" for his aid in their emigration "have so far not brought about any effective results." Tekoah made the letter public after a half-hour meeting with Thant. In it, the 531 Jews--all of whom signed their names--challenged the official Soviet claim that Jewish life in the USSR was receding because of assimilation. That, they said, would be "national suicide" and "unacceptable" to Soviet Jews. Actually, they wrote Thant, they have been subjected to "unimaginable obstacles, judicial persecution, threats and intimidation" in their efforts to either live a Jewish life in the USSR or leave for Israel. The writers asked Thant to "understand the entire tragedy of our life," act to prevent the "forcible detention" imposed on them in violation of international law, and put the whole situation of Soviet Jewry on the agenda of the upcoming General Assembly. Their motto, the Jews said, was "Israel or death."

'Judas The Pig' Assailed As Anti-Semitic By Newspapers; Aarea Protests Justified

ROME, Sept. 1 (JTA) -- Newspapers here attacked today the pseudo-Biblical anti-Semitic play "Judas the Pig," and agreed that the protests of the Italian Jewish community against the play were justified. The only discordant note was expressed by the neo-fascist daily "El Tempo" which said the protests were organized by "extra-parliamentary leftist provocateurs." Centrist and leftist dailies termed the play as "the lowest kind of anti-Semitic propaganda."

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UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 1 (JTA) -- A Jordan request for a Security Council meeting on Jerusalem, expected to be submitted today, did not materialize. A Jordanian spokesman said late this afternoon that no instructions had been received from Amman, and might not be received for as much as three days. His government, he said, was continuing to "contemplate seriously" a request for a Council session, presumably to be held next week.

McCloskey Says Israel's Request For Arms Supplies Still 'Under Study'

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1 (JTA) -- State Department spokesman Robert J. McCloskey said today that the matter of U.S. arms supplies to Israel was discussed by Assistant Secretary of State Joseph J. Sisco with Israeli officials during Sisco's visit to Israel in July. McCloskey stated that Sisco's report on these discussions is "under study." Although the Department spokesman did not mention any names, this statement during a press briefing was viewed as a reply to Israel Ambassador Itzhak Rabin's charge yesterday that the U.S. is delaying supplies of arms to Israel for political reasons.

Fate Of Bologna Mideast Peace Conference Uncertain

ROME, Sept. 1 (JTA) -- The fate of the first conference which was to have reunited Israeli and Arab representatives discussing peace in the Middle East is now uncertain. This was stated by circles close to the Italian Preparatory Committee of the Bologna Conference, which met here today. The Italian Preparatory Committee was created by members of the Italian Socialist, Left-Socialist, Christian Democrat, Communist and leftist formations that had agreed to help the Bologna conference on peace in the Middle East, scheduled in Bologna in Dec. An initiative for holding the conference had gone out from the Egyptian pro-Communist Peace Movement and, particularly, by the movement's chairman, Khaled Mohieddine, Israeli, as well as Arabs and members of the International Committee of the Left for Peace in the Middle East were asked to participate. However, following the worsening of relations between the Communists and the Arab world, particularly in Sudan and Egypt, a crisis has broken out in the conference. Particularly serious was the house-arrest three weeks ago of Mohieddine, in Cairo. Meanwhile, it was stated that Mohieddine had been freed.

A decision on the Bologna conference - which might be postponed indefinitely - is expected before Sept. 15.

JDL To Go Ahead With Plan To Arm East Flatbush Residents

NEW YORK, Sept. 1 (JTA) -- A spokesman for the Jewish Defense League said today that the JDL would go ahead with its plan to arm residents of the East Flatbush section of Brooklyn, a high-crime area, despite the opposition of the Lindsay administration and the Police Department. Yesterday, Mayor John V. Lindsay called the plan "vigilantism," and the police made it clear that the patrols envisioned by the JDL were illegal. Last night, Bennett Levine, a JDL co-ordinator told some 300 East Flatbush residents attending a meeting at Congregation Rishon LeZion Synagogue that the JDL will conduct "legal and unarmed patrols" to keep the peace in the area beginning Monday. Rabbi Meir Kahane, JDL national chairman, was scheduled to address the meeting but did not appear.

Bennett stated that if the police provided more protection his group would not have to organize armed patrols. He denied that JDL was a vigilante group and affirmed that it "was just out to protect the people." The police retorted that coverage of East Flatbush had indeed been increased, but a JDL spokesman confirmed today that the arming of residents with .22-caliber rifles would proceed as planned. (In Washington yesterday, the attorney for three New York JDL members charged with demonstrating illegally on June 25 in front of the Soviet Embassy, appealed for "legal-defense funds." Harvey Rosenberg told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the funds were needed "not for attorney's fees--I'm not asking for any," but for court costs, a transcript of last week's trial proceedings, and travel expenses. The three JDL'ers are accused of demonstrating within 500 feet of the embassy in violation of the District of Columbia law. Rosenberg said the law applies to political, economic and social actions, but not to "religious actions." The demonstration was on behalf of Soviet Jewry.)

Zionist Congress Elections Scheduled In Latin American Countries

NEW YORK, Sept. 1 (JTA) -- The Zionist organizations in Uruguay, Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Mexico have agreed to conduct elections by ballot to elect delegates to the next Zionist Congress which will be held in Jerusalem in January 1972, according to Itzhak Korn, member of Israel's Knesset and Secretary General of the World Labor Zionist Movement. Arriving in New York yesterday on his way to Israel, he told a press conference that Israeli and world Jewry must "pay great attention" to the problems of South American Jewry. The political and social aspects in most of these countries evoke "deep concern" for the future of the Jewish communities there. Korn said the Zionist movement and the State of Israel have recently enlarged their interest and concern for these communities. He cited the success of the Thuat Aliyah movement which had in many places doubled and tripled its membership of persons committed to immigrate to Israel. At the same time, "it must be admitted, that the majority of the younger generation of Latin-born youth and intellectuals are far from actively participating in our Jewish national life," Korn added. The Jewish educational systems in Latin America are in "a crisis stage" and require "immediate and substantial" assistance in both finances and professionalism in order to recover their former leading roles in Jewish life, Korn reported. He said that while in Chile he was an official guest of the Chilean Parliament where a reception was given to him by all the parties.

SPECIAL JTA INTERVIEW**MAPAM TO STAY IN GOVERNMENT TO PRESERVE UNITY**

By PHYLLIS BUTLER, JTA Staff Writer

NEW YORK, Sept. 1 (JTA)--Despite reports of mounting tension behind the scenes between the Mapam Party and her partners in the Israeli Labor Alignment, the leftist party has no intention of withdrawing, Deputy Health Minister and Mapam leader Abdul Aziz Zuabi told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. Conceding that there was pressure within the party to leave the government over the devaluation and the approach to recent labor troubles, Zuabi emphasized that the main issues in Israel were peace and security and that unity should be preserved to deal with those problems. He said that Israel should open a dialogue with Palestinian Arab leaders as well as with King Hussein of Jordan to spur peace. Zuabi is the first Israeli Arab to achieve a Cabinet-level post. Interviewed over breakfast when he stopped overnight in New York after speaking to the Hadassah annual national convention in Cleveland, Zuabi wanted to talk about peace--and security--for Israel.

"I tell the Arabs things they don't want to hear; I tell the Jews the same things and they don't want to hear them either: a peace that is just for only one side is not a real peace," he said. Noticing that the interviewer's hand was on her coffee cup rather than on her pen, Zuabi urged, "Write that--tell them I said that." Zuabi said that if Mapam left the Alignment and the government over its opposition to the recent devaluation ("It hurt the workers; and the rich who have their money in foreign currencies profited") and to the Cabinet's approach to the doctors strike and other labor problems, ("Time proved Mapam Health Minister Victor Shemtov's approach was right all along") the door would be open to Gahal. "A government without Gahal is the only government that might have the opportunity to make peace," Zuabi said. A Gahal decision to join the government would decrease the chances for peace, he added. Zuabi noted that Gahal, the right wing party, walked out of the government over the decision to accept the Rogers cease fire in August, 1970. Gahal votes in the Cabinet, he said, would "be more pull for expansion--voices for territory rather than peace."

Palestinian Arab Leaders' Animosity Toward Israel Diminishing

Despite the desire to stay in the government because of the foreign policy problems, Mapam ministers still endorse the abide-by-Cabinet-decisions-or-resign ethic that has resulted in splits in Israeli governments over relatively insignificant issues in the past, Zuabi said. He said that the refusal of Shemtov to sign a back-to-work order ending the doctors' strike several weeks ago did not represent a deviation from the overriding rule. He noted that the law did not direct the Health Minister specifically to sign the order, so that he was not bound to resign over his feeling that the order was premature. A labor or economic policy disagreement is no reason to leave the government. "If we can be active and effective on the main issues of peace and security, Zuabi stressed. Would instituting "a permanent regime" in the administered territories, as suggested by Defense Minister Moshe Dayan, be a step towards peace? "I haven't seen a copy of Dayan's remarks in their original Hebrew," he stated cautiously. But if he meant a formal political institution or an Israeli policy statement, Zuabi continued, the Minister was taking the wrong approach.

"We don't need a change in our political approach," Zuabi said. "We do it without speeches." On Aug. 21, Dayan delivered an address on radio to explain that his statement two days earlier, which was widely interpreted as calling for permanent Israeli government of administered territories, was not a proposal for Israel's annexation of those areas. He explained that what he meant was that he opposed a temporary administration which delays much needed programs or abstains from them altogether. Zuabi went on to describe improvements in West Bank health services, illustrating the unofficial but actual stabilization of government services. A West Bank Arab receives the same quality medical care in an Israeli hospital as an Israeli, he said, and new equipment and beds are being added to Arab hospitals in the administered territories. Strengthened economic channels, Zuabi added, were additional "encouraging signs--real ones, not political ones." Palestinian Arab leaders from Jordan who recently visited him, Zuabi told the JTA, "wanted to come back to the West Bank. We talked about the weather and went for a swim in the Kinneret. 'They have no feelings of animosity towards Israel--and they have no more hope of a military solution. They just want to talk and live.'" Zuabi added: "I want very much to make peace between my people and my country."

Pincus Says World Jewry Must Help Israel Solve Social Problems

TEL AVIV, Sept. 1 (JTA)--Louis A. Pincus, chairman of the Jewish Agency, told a visiting United Jewish Appeal mission today that world Jewry must help Israel solve its urgent social problems, mainly the poverty cap. Addressing 250 donors from the United States, Pincus warned that Israel's security would be endangered by the creation of a stratified society of wealth and poverty. It would be like having two nations, he said. He noted that 300,000 Israelis still live in substandard housing, a situation that has far-reaching repercussions. Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir told the group last night that Israelis "first of all make demands of ourselves." He said Israelis paid \$1.4 billion in taxes in 1968 and 1969 and double that amount will be collected this year.

Replying to questions, Sapir noted that since statehood, Israel has increased its exports more than 60-fold from \$28 million to \$1.750 billion while the Jewish population has increased only three-and-a-half times. He said that within 10-12 years Israel's population would double. Sapir said he was encouraged by the increased immigration from the United States which now amounts to about 10,000 a year.