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## KATZ APPOINTMENT AS ENVOY TO FINLAND SEEN AS FURTHER EFFORT AT CONTACT BETWEEN ISRAEL, THE SOVIET UNION

JERUSALEM, Sept. 12 (JTA)--Reliable reports that Katriel Katz, Israel's last Ambassador to Moscow, is to be appointed Ambassador to Finland has been tied in by observers here to the persistent rumors in recent months of unofficial diplomatic and semi-diplomatic contacts between Israel and the USSR. The Helsinki post assumes significance because of its geographical proximity to the Soviet Union; the fact that Katz was previously posted to Moscow and the knowledge that the Israeli diplomat would prefer to remain at home after many years' duty abroad unless his new post involved major new developments. Katz has been serving as director of the Yad Vashem, the memorial for Nazi victims in Jerusalem. He has told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency on various occasions that he was gratified to remain in Israel after his lengthy tours abroad which included the post of Consul General of Israel in New York.

There was no confirmation from official sources that Katz would be appointed to Helsinki or that his appointment would be aimed at contacts with the Russians. Nevertheless, official sources have not denied the implications of such an appointment and the conclusions being drawn by observers here. Speculation became rife last May when Premier Golda Meir was reported to have had contacts with Soviet representatives at a remote resort in Finnish Lapland, near the Russian border. The report was officially denied but there has been no satisfactory explanation for Mrs. Meir's sudden return to Finland from Stockholm after having addressed the conference of the Socialist International at Helsinki. Since then there have been other reports of Russian-Israeli contacts in various European capitals.

Israeli delegations have been admitted to the USSR with no difficulty in recent months to attend international scientific conferences. A group of six Israeli leftists, most of them non-Communist, have just returned from a two-week visit to Russia as guests of the Soviet Peace Committee. All of the groups reported a cordial reception. Observers here attribute the evidence of a changed attitude toward Israel on the part of Moscow to differences with Egypt, especially since the pro-Communist coup in Sudan was foiled. Another factor is the emergence of the Peoples Republic of China on the world diplomatic scene which has made the Soviet Union less willing to go unrepresented anywhere in the world. Moscow broke diplomatic relations with Israel during the Six-Day War.

## KUKUI APPEAL TURNED DOWN

LONDON, Sept. 12 (JTA)--The Supreme Court of the Russian Soviet Republic has turned down an appeal by Valeriy Kukui. It was learned here today. The court, which postponed the appeal hearing last week for two days because the chief prosecutor was ill, heard the appeal on Friday and confirmed the three-year sentence handed down on June 15. Kukui was arrested last March and charged with alleged "anti-Soviet activity." A large group of friends and sympathizers gathered outside the courtroom Friday while the hearing was in progress. Only his wife, his mother and his uncle were permitted inside. It was reported Kukui's lawyer implied during the hearing that Kukui committed a crime but asked for a lesser sentence.

## NEW EVIDENCE TO BE PRESENTED TO COURTS ON 'BUTCHER OF LYONS' ROLE

PARIS, Sept. 12 (JTA)--A delegation of some 40 Jewish and non-Jewish citizens from Lyons and Paris left today for Munich, where it will deliver to Assistant Prosecutor-General M. Rabi a strongly-worded protest against the release from prosecution of former Gestapo commander of the Lyons area, Klaus Barbie. The delegation, which will also appear before the West German courts, shall present Rabi with new evidence that Barbie knew in detail the fate of those Jews who were deported from Lyons at his orders. Rabi recently stated that no legal procedures should be taken against Barbie as the German courts had found there was no proof that he knew his victims' fate.

The documents with which the French delegation will try to reopen the Barbie case were patiently gathered by Beate and Serge Klarsfeld, in an unprecedented, independent investigation which started at the offices of the Parisian Center for Contemporary Jewish Research. Digging into virtually tons of uncatalogued documents, the Klarsfelds found several papers signed by Barbie referring directly to the deportees' fate. From these alone, it appears that Barbie now reported living in exile in South America, knew he was sending the Jews to their death.

Furthermore, some documents mentioned a Jew, Kurt Schendel, who knew of the whole affair. A former Jewish-German lawyer, Schendel had left Germany after the Nazi takeover of 1933 to establish himself in France. After the French surrender to the Germans, Schendel served as liaison officer between the UGIF (General Union of French Jews) and the Department of Jewish Affairs of the Gestapo. In the years 1943-44 Schendel was familiar with the Barbie activities. An inquiry into Schendel's fate, through the offices of the Association of Jews from Germany and France, showed he was still alive and stayed in France after the war.

After being approached by the Klarsfelds, Schendel told how he had been present when some leaders of the Lyons Jewish community had protested to Barbie, after a number of incidents in which Jews had been shot in Lyons. "Shot or deported, the fate of these Jews is the same," was said to have been Barbie's answer. Shortly thereafter the Jewish community leaders were deported themselves. Schendel himself lived to tell the tale, and his declaration will be an additional piece of evidence to be shown tomorrow by the delegation to Rabi and the rest of the West German authorities. The delegation includes an Assistant Mayor of Lyons and an Assistant Mayor of the Lyons suburb, Villeurbanne.

## CABINET TAKES TOUGH STAND ON STRIKES

JERUSALEM, Sept. 12 (JTA)--The Cabinet today adopted a tough stand against strikes by government and public service employees and appointed a ministerial committee to draft a bill for prompt action by the Knesset. The principles to be embodied in the legislation, based on proposals by Labor Minister Joseph Almog, include compulsory arbitration and a ban on strikes by government and public service employees for the duration of their contract. They also lay down rules for calling a strike and would make strikers liable for

damages incurred by unauthorized walkouts. The two Mapam ministers voted against the declaration of principles adopted by the Cabinet but Mapam is not expected to create a coalition crisis at this time.

The Cabinet did not take action today to end the strike by customs inspectors and other employees of the customs agency which is continuing at Ashdod, Israel's second largest seaport. Striking customs officials at Lydda Airport were hard at work after being served with an injunction last week. Efforts were unsuccessful late last night to settle the customs strike. The strikers claimed that the negotiators dispatched by the Finance Ministry lacked the authority to settle their demands. Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir indicated today that he might ask for a special Cabinet session to take action against the striking customs employees. A Knesset session has been called for tomorrow on the subject of labor disputes.

#### GERMAN WITNESS SAYS BORMANN WAS CAPTURED BY RUSSIANS

HAMBURG, Sept. 12 (JTA)--A German witness has declared in a sworn affidavit that she had seen Martin Bormann, Hitler's former deputy, in Russian hands soon after the Soviet occupation of Berlin. The witness, the daughter of a former Wehrmacht general, declared that she had seen Bormann brought in at the Soviet-Berlin headquarters while she herself was being interrogated by Soviet officers. Bormann had apparently been captured by the Russians somewhere between the Lehrter and the Bellevue stations of the Berlin subway.

The witness' declarations are published in today's German newspaper Die Welt. The witness, whose name was not released, said she had been prompted to make this revelation because of General Reinhardt Gehlen's recent disclosures. Gehlen, a former Nazi general who reportedly defected to U.S. intelligence near the end of the war, related in his memoirs that Bormann was a Soviet agent. The witness added that soon after the end of the war, while she was being interrogated by the American Secret Service, she told them the same story.

#### BARLEV: POSSIBILITY OF RENEWED HOSTILITIES WITH EGYPT

Defense A Must Even If It Means Encounter With Soviet Military

TEL AVIV, Sept. 12 (JTA)--Gen. Haim Barlev, Israel's chief of staff, warned yesterday there was a possibility of resumption of hostilities and that Israel must defend its essential interests in that event even if that meant an encounter with Soviet military personnel in Egypt. During an interview on the Army Broadcasting Service in a New Year's message, Barlev said that while Israel should be alert against any hasty steps which might give the Soviets an excuse for action against Israel, nevertheless, Israel must safeguard its essential interests even at the risk of a clash with Soviet military personnel in Egypt.

He said the destruction of the Egyptian missiles network in the west bank of the Suez Canal would be a difficult task which would cost heavy casualties but that it could be destroyed. He added that if the current calm on Israeli cease-fire lines continued, there would be a cut in the call-up of reserves for active duty. He said there had already been some slowing down in calls for reserve units.

In a review of the first year of the cease-fire, Barlev said the only deficiency in the Army had occurred in the Shafit refugee camp in the Gaza Strip in January when soldiers mistreated the residents in a search for guerrillas. He called that behavior unnecessary. He reported also that the military

forces had used the cease-fire period to improve the quality and quantity of training, organization and absorption of new weapons.

#### ISRAELI, LEBANESE DELEGATION HEADS MEET; LEBANESE EMBASSY DENIES MEETING

PARIS, Sept. 12 (JTA)--The head of the Israeli delegation to the Interparliamentary Union Conference meeting here, Knesset Speaker Reuven Barkat, met with the Lebanese delegation at a private dinner in a local Paris restaurant arranged by "another delegation." The heads of the two delegations reportedly had a very "friendly chat" for more than an hour Friday and mutually deplored the fact that they "are not given the opportunity to meet and confer more often." Though a number of non-Middle Eastern delegates are prepared to vouch for the meeting, the Lebanese Embassy here and the spokesman for the delegation, when questioned by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, claimed yesterday that no such meeting had taken place or is due to take place.

#### RABIN, SISCO CONFER ON JETS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12 (JTA)--Israeli Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin and U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs Joseph J. Sisco met here Friday, reportedly to continue discussions of Israel's request for more Phantom aircraft. Rabin returned to Washington last week from a brief visit to Israel. According to informed sources here, some U.S. officials including Sisco, feel strongly that the U.S. could coax more flexible terms from Israel on a partial settlement to reopen the Suez Canal by providing the supersonic warplanes rather than by merely dangling them "like carrots." Other administration officials contend that Washington must have firm guarantees of Israeli concessions before signing a contract for more Phantoms. Rabin and Sisco reportedly reviewed the prospects for a Suez settlement and discussed the forthcoming session of the United Nations General Assembly. Secretary of State William P. Rogers is expected to discuss the same issues with Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban when the latter comes to New York for the General Assembly meeting later this month.

#### ISRAEL'S UN DELEGATION APPROVED

JERUSALEM, Sept. 12 (JTA)--The Cabinet today approved the composition of Israel's delegation to the fall session of the United Nations General Assembly which will be headed by Foreign Minister Abba Eban. Eban evaluated the various voting blocs for his colleagues today and observed that there was little hope for any pro-Israel resolution to make headway. In Eban's absence the Israeli delegation will be headed by Israel's Ambassador to the UN, Yosef Tekoah. There will be five delegates and five alternates. Six Knesset members will attend as advisors, including one from the opposition Gahal faction.

#### UN, NIXON URGED TO AID SOVIET JEWS

NEW YORK, Sept. 12 (JTA)--About 700 persons gathered in heavy rain here last night to urge the United States to "honor its moral obligation and speak" out against the treatment of Jews in the Soviet Union. The outdoor rally, sponsored by the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry and several other groups, called on President Nixon for a "strong public statement" against the trials of Jews in the USSR, for the release of political prisoners and for free emigration. The rally also expressed support for 20,000 emergency visas for Soviet Jews, Yiddish language VOA broadcasts to the USSR and raising the Soviet Jewry issue at the United Nations.

**EBAN OUTLINES PLANS FOR UN SESSION**

JERUSALEM, Sept. 12 (JTA)--The Cabinet heard today Foreign Minister Abba Eban's formulation of Israel's strategy for the forthcoming session of the United Nations General Assembly and the eventuality of a Security Council debate on Jerusalem at Jordan's behest. Eban proposed to present to the Assembly a wide range of options acceptable to Israel for either an overall peace settlement or a partial agreement with Egypt to reopen the Suez Canal. The strategy, according to Eban, is intended to demonstrate Israel's flexibility in contrast to the sterility of the Arab approach which concentrates on total Israeli withdrawal from the occupied territories.

Foreign Ministry circles believe the minimum Arab aim is a General Assembly resolution condemning Israel for refusing to implement the Security Council's Resolution 242. According to the Arab-Soviet interpretation, the resolution makes withdrawal a prerequisite of implementation. The Arabs are also expected to ask the Assembly to condemn Israel for not endorsing a memorandum by UN special Mideast envoy Gunnar V. Jarring calling for a pull-back of Israeli troops from the Sinai in order to effect the reopening of the canal.

(A UN special committee investigating the condition of Arabs in Israel-held territory was reported today to be drafting a report to the General Assembly accusing Israel, by her own admission, of having violated the 1949 Geneva Convention by preparing for permanent rule of the occupied Arab territories. The committee, formed in 1961, consists at present of Ceylon, Somalia and Yugoslavia. It held hearings last year in Western and Arab capitals on allegations of Israeli maltreatment of the Arab inhabitants of the occupied territories. Israel refused to admit the committee to its territory or to the occupied area because the committee refused to conduct an investigation of the condition of Jews in Arab lands.)

Jordan has not yet made its formal request for a Security Council meeting on Jerusalem. If such a meeting is to be held it must take place within the next few days, before the General Assembly session opens on Sept. 21. Eban announced some time ago that accusations brought by Jordan against Israeli activities in Jerusalem would be countered by a detailed expose of Jordanian atrocities and desecration during their 19-year occupation of the city.

**CURBING OF RELIGIOUS ESTABLISHMENT  
PROPOSED BY LABOR PARTY YOUTH**

TEL AVIV, Sept. 12 (JTA)--A faction of the Labor Party's younger members ended a two-day symposium at Beth Berl today by adopting a series of resolutions designed to curb the power of the religious establishment in Israel and separate it from the State. The resolutions were passed despite arguments against them from Labor Party Secretary General Israel Yeshayahu and Moshe Baran, chief of the Labor Alignment Knesset faction who claimed it was dangerous to separate State and religion.

The resolutions demanded civil marriage and divorce for those who, under present laws, are refused marriage or divorce by the religious authorities; abolition of the Chief Rabbinate; the local election of rabbis as spiritual leaders only; and public transportation on Saturdays and permission for entertainment and cultural events on the Sabbath. They also demanded conscription of all Yeshiva students and girls who claim exemption from national service on religious grounds. A preamble to the resolutions stated that any legis-

lation that curbs individual freedom would only increase the internal tensions in the country.

**FRENCH CP CANCELS ISRAELI EXHIBIT**

PARIS, Sept. 12 (JTA)--The French Communist Party cancelled for all practical purposes, the stand which the Israeli Tourist Office had been expecting at the annual fair of the Communist paper "L'Humanite." The Israel shipping company, Zim, had received some weeks ago an invitation to participate at the fair which is usually attended by several million people. Just a few hours before the stand was to open Friday, the organizers were informed by the paper's management and the secretariat of the Communist Party, that exhibition of "propaganda material" would not be permitted. The local officials described as "propaganda" practically all the documentation and posters on show. After the Party officials indicated that their decision was "final," the Israelis decided to dismantle their stand rather than exhibit an empty one.

**EGYPTIAN PLANE SHOT DOWN**

TEL AVIV, Sept. 12 (JTA)--Israeli machine-guns shot down yesterday an Egyptian Sukhoi-7 fighter-bomber over the northern sector of the Suez Canal, the first Egyptian aircraft downed since the cease-fire went into effect 13 months ago. The downed plane was one of two Sukhois that overflew Israeli positions on the east bank of the canal about 15 miles south of Port Said. Officials said it was the 40th such violation of the cease-fire. The planes, apparently on a reconnaissance mission, came in low for close-up photographs of Israeli positions. Israeli anti-aircraft batteries and machinegunners opened fire and one of the latter scored a direct hit. Another Israeli position reported seeing the hit plane try to gain altitude to enable the pilot to eject and then start a steep dive which ended in a crash and fire-ball on the Egyptian side of the canal. An Egyptian helicopter was seen searching for the downed pilot. Israeli gunners usually open fire on overflying Egyptian planes, apparently to drive them off. Yesterday's hit was the first scored since the cease-fire began on Aug. 8, 1970.

**NUN'S GROUP OPPOSED TO ANY  
CHANGE IN JERUSALEM'S STATUS**

CHICAGO, Sept. 12 (JTA)--The National Coalition of American Nuns has adopted a resolution expressing "strong support of the current status of Jerusalem under Israeli control" and opposing "any possible internationalization of the Holy City." The statement was approved last week at a convention of the nuns in New Orleans and issued from the organization's Chicago office. There are about 180,000 nuns and the coalition is believed to speak for a majority.

The statement added that "the Jews have always been in Jerusalem" and that "it is their spiritual home and the daily prayers of the Jewish people voices their historic relationship to the city." In addition, the nuns declared, "Israel has rebuilt Jerusalem, pouring into it millions of dollars and untold human resources. Jerusalem is now available to all faiths and never before have the holy places been so secure and accessible."

The declaration was hailed by Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, national interreligious affairs director of the American Jewish Committee, who said "this forthright and morally courageous action by these committed Catholic religious women is a service to the cause of redeeming truth and justice in the understanding of the realities of the present Middle East situation. He further said the statement testified to the growing solidarity between Catholics, Jews,

# IBO TO SELL \$161 MILLION BONDS IN U.S., CANADA BETWEEN NOW AND YEAR-END

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12 (JTA)--The Israel Bond Organization launched a campaign here today to sell \$161 million worth of bonds in the United States and Canada between now and the year's end. Sam Rothberg, general chairman of the IBO, told 350 delegates attending a two-day national leadership conference that achievement of the \$161 million goal over the next four months would bring the total bond sales for 1971 to \$300 million. He said that would represent about 80 percent of the \$500 million goal set for the 16 month period Sept. 1970-Dec. 1971. The conference accepted the \$161 million quota after Yitzhak Rabin, Israel's Ambassador to the U.S. and Shimon Alexandroni, Economic Minister of Israel to the Western Hemisphere, emphasized in speeches that their country's capacity for survival and development depended "in decisive measure" on the economic aid provided by the sale of bonds, especially in the U.S. and Canada.

Leo Bernstein, executive vice president of the IBO said the fall campaign would start during the High Holidays with a drive to raise \$40 million in more than 1,000 Reform, Conservative and Orthodox synagogues in the U.S. and Canada. Bernstein reported that in the first eight months of this year \$53,750 million in bonds were purchased by American banks, trade unions, insurance companies and communal institutions compared to \$40.5 million purchased by them during all of 1970. Julian B. Venezky, national chairman for regions, reported that more than 200 Jewish communities in the U.S. and Canada would participate in drives to sell \$85 million in bonds during Oct. and Nov. in honor of the 85th birthday of Israel's former Premier David Ben Gurion.

## Defense Costs Continue To Climb

Rabin told the delegates that the Israel Bond campaign had been a central instrument in the building and development of Israel's economy. He said "with each new challenge over the years, Israel Bonds have supplied the economic power to keep us strong and thereby advance the day of a secure peace." Alexandroni said that because of growing Soviet involvements in the Middle East crisis, there was no immediate prospect for any reduction in Israel's defense expenditures.

He pointed out that defense costs in the year prior to the Six-Day War totalled 11 percent of Israel's gross national product as compared with 31 percent during the past year. He noted that defense imports which amounted to \$166 million in 1966, would reach a total of \$855 million this year. The magnitude of the defense burden, he said, was largely responsible for Israel's unfavorable trade balance involving an expected gap of \$1.5 billion between imports and exports for this year. Rothberg reported that the proceeds from the worldwide sale of Israel Bonds in the first eight months of this year totalled \$138,834,200. This figure represents an increase of 34.7 percent over the same period last year when a total of \$103,097,500 was reached, he said.

## HASSENFELD NAMED TO JTA BOARD

NEW YORK, Sept. 12 (JTA)--Merrill L. Hassenfeld, president of Hasbro Industries, Inc. in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, has been named a member of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, it was announced today by Robert H. Arnow, JTA president. Active for many years in public life, Hassenfeld is a board member of the Council of Jewish Welfare Funds, executive committee member of the United Jewish Appeal and former president of the Providence,

R.I. Jewish Welfare Fund. A Fellow of Brandeis University, Hassenfeld received his BSE from the Wharton School of Finance, University of Pennsylvania in 1938.

## SHELLS FIRED ON GOLAN HEIGHTS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 12 (JTA)--Three shells were fired from Syria at Israeli positions on the Golan Heights this morning. There were no casualties, Israeli units did not return the fire. Three wanted terrorists, responsible for sabotage incidents in Israel in 1969, surrendered Friday to Israeli authorities.

## JUDGE JOSEPH M. PROSKAUER DIES AT 94 Active in Public Life For 50 Years

NEW YORK, Sept. 12 (JTA)--A funeral service will be held tomorrow at Temple Emanu-El for Judge Joseph Meyer Proskauer who died Friday at the age of 94. For more than 50 years Mr. Proskauer was active in public life as a judge, philanthropist and political advisor. He served as New York State Supreme Court Justice from 1923-30 and was a member of the New York Charter Revision Committee and chairman of the New York State Crime Commission from 1951-53. Born in Mobile, Alabama, Mr. Proskauer served as consultant to the American delegation at the United Nations Conference in San Francisco in 1945 and was instrumental in securing the adoption of the human rights provisions in the UN Charter.

In 1946 he testified before the Anglo-American Commission of Inquiry into the Palestinian question and proposed a comprehensive four-point program dealing with all phases of the problem. The Commission's recommendations paralleled those put forward by Mr. Proskauer. During the 1920's, Mr. Proskauer was a key political advisor to Alfred E. Smith when he was running for President. His work on behalf of Smith and his willingness to expose himself to the prejudice that Smith encountered helped to cement Mr. Proskauer's relations with Catholics. Subsequently, the Jewish lawyer worked closely with liberal elements in the church and helped to lobby in Rome for the passage by the Ecumenical Council Vatican II of its resolution absolving the Jewish people of blame for the death of Christ.

On April 29, 1965, as president of the Henry Kaufman Foundation, he attended the dedication of the Henry Kaufman auditorium at the International University of Social Studies, "Pro Deo" in Rome. At the dedication, a special Apostolic Brief--the first signed by Pope Paul VI with his own hand--granting official status to the University and its affiliated International Pro Deo Union was made public in which the Pope congratulated "the leaders, members, and promoters of the work accomplished" and hailed "the high and noble goals set for the Pro Deo organization."

From 1943 to 1949 Mr. Proskauer was president of the American Jewish Committee and at the time of his death was Honorary President of the AJ Committee. He was a trustee and former president of the Young Men's Hebrew Association of New York and a trustee and former president of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies. He was recipient of honorary degrees from Hebrew Union College, Dartmouth, Brandeis, New York University and Fordham University. Philip E. Hoffman, president of the AJ Committee, mourned the death of Mr. Proskauer and described the jurist as one whose "towering eloquence and gift of advocacy were given freely and generously in behalf of the afflicted and unfortunate." Senator Jacob K. Javits (R., N.Y.) said of Mr. Proskauer that he was "a beloved and most distinguished citizen of this nation and a son of his people. He was a legend in his own time."