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JORDAN REQUESTS SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING; TEKOAHS ASSAILS IT AS DIVERSION

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 13 (JTA)--Jordan filed today its long anticipated request for a Security Council meeting to discuss alleged "illegal acts" by Israel in Jerusalem. Informed sources said the meeting is expected to begin tomorrow afternoon. Jordan's request was promptly denounced by Yosef Tekoah, Israel's Ambassador to the UN, as a frivolous attempt to use the UN for the purpose of diverting attention from Jordan's internal and inter-Arab difficulties. Tekoah, in a statement to the press, also accused the Amman government of "trifling with Jerusalem in order to satisfy local Jordanian propaganda needs." He said: "This is a futile attempt for it is obvious that Jordan's difficulties cannot be camouflaged by complaints against peace and progress in Jerusalem."

The Jordanian complaint was contained in a letter to Toru Nakagawa of Japan, this month's president of the Security Council, from Jordan's Permanent Representative to the UN, Baha Tukan. The Jordanian letter cited previous Security Council resolutions enjoining Israel from taking unilateral actions that would alter the status of Jerusalem and to rescind all such measures already taken. As the basis for its call for a discussion on Jerusalem, it cited Security Council Resolution 271 of 1969 which states that in the event of a negative response or no response by Israel to previous resolutions on Jerusalem, "the Security Council shall reconvene without delay to consider what future action should be taken on this matter."

Jerusalem Enjoying Period Of Prosperity

The Jordanian letter accused Israel of continuing "its illegal and unilateral measures and steps to change the Arab character of the city and its environs." It claimed that Israel "is now contemplating a new legislation to extend the borders of Jerusalem to include 30 new Arab towns and villages with a population of over 100,000." Tekoah asserted that "never before has Jerusalem enjoyed a period of such tranquility, growth and prosperity as now. Never before have the Holy Places administered by the religious communities, had their rights, immunities and privileges so effectively safeguarded and free access to them so freely maintained as today."

Tekoah said that "Only a state such as Jordan which will go down in history as a power that invaded Jerusalem, barbarically razed part of it to the ground, uprooted the entire Jewish population of the Old City, profaned Holy Places and sacred sites, barred free access to them and kept the city in the agony of partition for 19 years, could resort to the device of trifling with Jerusalem in order to satisfy local Jordanian propaganda needs." Tekoah said the timing and substance of the Jordanian complaint indicated that Jordan, as in the past, was not really concerned with the welfare of Jerusalem or the need for peace in the Middle East.

ISRAEL PLANS TACTICS FOR COUNCIL DEBATE

JERUSALEM, Sept. 13 (JTA)--Last minute consultations were held at the Foreign Ministry tonight on Israel's tactics in the Security Council debate on Jerusalem. It was understood that Israel, which has opposed such a debate, would reject the consequen-

ces of any resolution the Security Council might pass, including the dispatch of an emissary of the Secretary General to Jerusalem or the establishment of a special commission of inquiry. Israel's response to the Jordanian complaint was expected to take the form of a counter-attack asserting, among other things, that the Holy Places of all faiths in Jerusalem have never been as accessible as under Israeli rule to members of all faiths, including citizens of enemy states who wish to visit them.

STATE DEP'T. STUDYING JORDAN'S REQUEST

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13 (JTA)--The State Department said today that it cannot take an official position on Jordan's request for a Security Council meeting until it has had a chance to read Jordan's official statement accompanying the request. It was reported earlier this month that the U.S. would cooperate with Jordan to limit the Council meeting to Israeli practices in East Jerusalem. It was further reported that the U.S. would try to have the Council pass a resolution strongly criticizing Israel's attempts to change the "ethnic quality" of Jerusalem, believing that Israel is violating international law with her unilateral projects in the Eastern sector prior to an Israeli-Arab agreement on the future of the city.

BARKATT CONFIRMS MEETING WITH LEBANESE DELEGATION

TEL AVIV, Sept. 13 (JTA)--Knesset Speaker Reuven Barkatt confirmed today that he had met privately in Paris with a Lebanese delegation when he attended the Interparliamentary Union conference last week as head of the Israeli delegation. The meeting, reported yesterday by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, was denied by the Lebanese Embassy in Paris. Barkatt cautioned that too much importance should not be attached to the meeting. He said, however, that "when peace comes, Israel can count on Lebanon being a good neighbor." He said his impression was that "if Lebanon was our only enemy, we would find it easy to talk to her."

KNESSET REJECTS BY 53-26 VOTE MOTION TO ESTABLISH COMPULSORY ARBITRATION IN ALL LABOR DISPUTES

JERUSALEM, Sept. 13 (JTA)--The Knesset in a special recess session today rejected a motion by four opposition factions to establish compulsory arbitration of all labor disputes. The vote was 53-26 against the measure proposed by Gahal, Agudat Israel, State List and Free Center which had called the special session in the midst of a worsening labor crisis in Israel. Labor Minister Yosef Almoget explained the government's plan to make arbitration mandatory in disputes involving government and public service workers but maintained that the proposals by the opposition factions would constitute an infringement of basic rights.

Speaking for Gahal, Herut leader Menachem Beigin warned that the country was approaching a condition of labor civil war and demanded the establishment of a labor tribunal to exercise compulsory arbitration not limited to public employees. A ministerial committee appointed by the Cabinet,

yesterday is shaping legislation based on the government's plan to establish labor peace in the public sector. Almogi said he hoped to bring the bill before the Knesset in a special session before the summer recess ends next month. Meanwhile, the strike of customs officials became more confused. Strikers at Ashdod port were reported ready to return to work today but a general meeting of the union decided to continue the walk-out.

A reverse situation developed at Haifa, Israel's largest seaport, where a strike by customs officials was narrowly averted today by the intervention of the Haifa Labor Council. The customs men there had voted to strike at noon following the failure of a meeting last night with representatives of the Finance Ministry to settle their wage demands. Customs officials at Lydda Airport returned to their jobs last week after a Tel Aviv district court issued an injunction. It was reported today, however, that some of them planned to renew their strike in defiance of the back-to-work orders, in which case they would be liable to punishment. A strike that closed the Rogozin plant at Ashdod today was expected to end shortly as a result of negotiations between the workers and management.

ISRAELIS FIRE AT SYRIAN MIG

TEL AVIV, Sept. 13 (JTA)--A lone Syrian MIG-17 overflew Israeli positions in the northern Golan Heights today and was fired on by Israeli machine-guns. A military spokesman noted that the overflight followed several recent attempts by Syrian soldiers to infiltrate Israeli-administered territory. Israeli authorities reportedly do not attach much importance to the incidents which also included the planting of mines and sporadic shelling from the Syrian lines.

Military sources reported three overflights of Israeli positions on the east bank of the Suez Canal by Egyptian aircraft during the week that ended yesterday. The latest incident occurred Saturday when Israeli machine-guns downed one of a pair of low flying Sukhoi-7 fighter-bombers apparently on a reconnaissance mission. It was learned today that immediately after the plane was fired on, Egyptian forces went on an alert which lasted a half hour. The canal front was quiet today. Egyptian troops continued fortification and road-building.

VIOLINIST, CANTOR PUNISHED FOR SEEKING EXIT VISAS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 13 (JTA)--Yuri Bilevsky, a violinist with the Moscow Philharmonic Orchestra, lost his job because he demanded the right to emigrate to Israel, Jerusalem radio reported today. The report did not state the source of the information. It claimed that Bilevsky protested to Soviet Premier Alexsei Kosygin over the denial of an exit permit. Other sources reported today that Mikhail Alexandrovitz, a singer and cantor in Moscow, had his High Holiday appearance cancelled because of his request for emigration. Alexandrovitz reportedly wrote letters of protest to the Soviet dailies Pravda and Izvestia in which he stated that he would not be deterred from going to Israel. The letters were not published.

SACHER: ISRAEL'S URGENT NEED IS TO SOLVE PROBLEM OF POOR

LONDON, Sept. 13 (JTA)--The urgent and pressing need to solve the problems of Israel's underprivileged was stressed here by Michael Sacher, chairman of the Joint Palestine Appeal and a member of the executive of the reconstituted Jewish Agency. Sacher, who just returned from Jerusalem where he participated in a series of meetings of the

governing bodies of the Jewish Agency, told a press conference: "I am convinced that the greatest danger that faces Israel is the problem of the underprivileged. It is my opinion that failure to tackle this problem resolutely, and to solve it in the near future could seriously affect Israel's resistance to outside pressures and, in the long run, weaken her ability to successfully ward off physical dangers."

Sacher, who is also the chairman of the British Board of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, told the conference that "Israel's military budget will have to be as high in the coming year as it was in the current one." At the same time, he observed, there is also a growing need for welfare and education. The budgets of the housing and education ministries will have to be higher next year than in 1971, Sacher stated. He added that the socially deprived must be a basic concern whatever the exigencies of the military and political situation.

SUPREME RABBINICAL COUNCIL TO REVIEW CASE OF 'ILLEGITIMATE' BROTHER, SISTER

JERUSALEM, Sept. 13 (JTA)--A supreme rabbinical council will review the case of a brother and sister forbidden by a rabbinical court to marry partners of their choice because the court branded them "illegitimate" according to religious law. All but one of the elders on the council has agreed to serve on the review panel. Previously, all had refused. The reversal was attributed to the personal intervention of Defense Minister Moshe Dayan in the case of Hanoch and Miryam Langer, both members of Israel's armed forces. Former chief chaplain Rabbi Shlomo Goren, now Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv, studied the case and announced recently that he had found new material warranting the appointment of a panel to review the ruling of the lower religious court.

The Langers were ruled "illegitimate" by a religious court because there was no conclusive evidence of the death of their mother's first husband who disappeared in Europe during World War II. According to religious law, children born out of wedlock can marry only other "illegitimates." The rabbinical authorities' refusal to issue marriage licenses to the Langers aroused widespread indignation in Israel against the Orthodox establishment.

Should the review panel uphold the decision of the religious court, the youngsters would be permanently forbidden to wed in Israel and should they contract civil marriages outside the country, their children would be branded "illegitimate" by the Israeli rabbis. Premier Golda Meir reportedly gave the Langers "assurances" regarding their status. The nature of the assurances was not divulged but apparently hinged on the fact that Rabbi Goren is a likely candidate for the post of Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi in next year's rabbinical elections. He has demonstrated a less rigid stance in the case than most of his colleagues.

JEWISH APATHY CAUSED ARAB RESENTMENT

TEL AVIV, Sept. 13 (JTA)--Ruth Dayan, wife of Defense Minister Moshe Dayan, stated here that current tensions between Jews and Arabs in Israel stems from the Jews' avoidance of social contacts with the Arab minority during the 20 years preceding the 1967 Six-Day War. "It is apathy on the part of the Jews that is to blame for Arab resentment," said Mrs. Dayan, president of the Brit Bnei Shem Association for Arab-Jewish Understanding. Speaking at a meeting of WIZO, she said that although the Jewish establishment gave the Arab minority every material need and more, it never accepted them socially.

KAHANE SAYS COLOMBO PUT UP \$45,000 BAIL AFTER ARRAIGNMENT ON CONSPIRACY

LONDON, Sept. 13 (JTA)--Rabbi Meir Kahane, chairman of the Jewish Defense League, disclosed here today that the reputed racketeer, Joseph Colombo Sr., put up \$45,000 bail for him last May after he was arraigned at a Federal District Court in New York on charges of conspiracy to violate the 1968 Federal Gun Control Act. "But for him (Colombo) I would not have been here, and I could not have gone to Israel," said the 38-year-old Kahane who arrived here from New York this morning for a brief visit as the guest of the Committee for the Release of Soviet Jewish Prisoners. Rabbi Kahane was questioned by newsmen on the JDL's alliance with Colombo, president of the Italian-American Civil Rights League.

The alliance was unveiled on May 13 when Colombo joined Kahane at a press conference following the latter's arraignment. Colombo was shot during an Italian American civil rights day celebration last June and has been in a coma since then. Explaining the JDL's association with Colombo and his group, Rabbi Kahane said "Our only yardstick is what is good for the Jews and this alliance is good for the Jews. We must deal with the poor among the Americans, and with the various ethnic groups and with some groups which are not the darlings of the establishment." Rabbi Kahane denied that he had ever worked for the late Sen. Joseph McCarthy (R., Wisc.) whose name became synonymous with political repression in the United States during the 1950s. Leaflets distributed by a group of young Mapam members outside Rabbi Kahane's hotel, accused the JDL head of having worked for McCarthy.

Rabbi Kahane said he was going to Israel tomorrow to settle and establish JDL headquarters in Jerusalem. He said he would divide his time between Israel and the U.S. and would try to act as a bridge between various groups and sections of Israeli society, but would not engage in politics there. "I will never stand for any public office nor will any official member of the JDL," he said. Asked if he would institute training in the use of arms for Israeli Jews as he has done in the U.S., Rabbi Kahane replied, "Never, never, this is done by Zahal (Israel's armed forces) in the most efficient manner."

THANT URGED TO AID SYRIAN JEWS

NEW YORK, Sept. 13 (JTA)--The Committee for Rescue of Syrian Jewry appealed today to United Nations Secretary General U Thant to advise the Syrian government of "mounting international concern" over the plight of the Jewish minority in that country. The appeal was contained in a letter to Thant from Eddie Sitt, president of the committee. The letter said that "world-wide protests on a large scale are to be expected if the Syrian authorities will continue to deny them (the Jews) fundamental freedom and their right to emigrate." The letter called Thant's attention to the Syrian government's failure to fulfill "its 1967 assurances on the treatment and freedom of movement of the Jewish minority" and also noted that the Syrian government has "failed to provide the promised written answer to your Excellency's Special Representative's letter on this question."

Sitt included with his letter "an accurate report on the conditions of the Jewish communities in Syria." The report stated that the Jewish communities of Damascus (2,000), Aleppo (1,000), and Qamishli (350), are being subjected to various forms of harassment, discrimination and restriction. They are forbidden to move

outside 1 1/2 miles of their homes without special permission. All their identification cards are marked in red ink - "Mousawi" which means "Jew." Jews are under close surveillance by the secret police. In Qamishli, all Jews must report daily before an officer. Jewish cemeteries have been confiscated by the Syrian authorities, to clear the way for a government compound in Aleppo, and for the new Airport of Damascus.

CONFERENCE HELD ON SOVIET JEWRY

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 13 (JTA)--A group of Mexican and other Latin American and European intellectuals met here this weekend on the plight of Soviet Jews. They agreed the plight could be alleviated by permitting emigration to Israel and guaranteeing the civil rights of those Jews who choose to remain in the USSR. The conferees stressed that they had no political motivation or anti-Soviet intent. The Jewish Central Committee here, which was not a participant in the conference, reported receiving many cables from Russian Jews in Kishinev, Moscow and other cities protesting "Zionist provocation." The Committee said the wording of the cables was almost identical, indicating that they were sent under pressure from Soviet authorities.

MCGOVERN PLEDGES TO SPEED DELIVERY OF PHANTOM JETS TO ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Sept. 13 (JTA)--Sen. George McGovern (D., S.D.), promised yesterday that he would do everything in his power to speed up the delivery of more Phantom jets to Israel. McGovern, the only declared candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1972, stopped briefly at Lydda Airport on his way to the Far East. He told newsmen that "the Middle East is important to the United States for reasons of her own security," adding that the U.S. should place greater emphasis on the Mideast than on Vietnam. He said that Israel and her Arab neighbors should be encouraged to hold face-to-face talks. "It is possible, though it won't happen overnight," McGovern said.

U.S. BUSINESSMEN BRING TORAH TO MOSCOW JEWS; WILL BRING ONE TO LENINGRAD JEWS IF PERMITTED

NEW YORK, Sept. 13 (JTA)--A group of 28 American businessmen, now in the Soviet Union on a trade mission, took with them an ancient Torah originally from India for presentation to Moscow's Jewish community. However, because they were not sure they would be allowed to give the Torah to the Russian Jews, the businessmen declined to accept a second Torah for the Leningrad Jewish community. But the leader of the business delegation, former San Francisco Mayor George Christopher, said that if he succeeds in giving the Moscow Jews the first scroll, he will send for the second one, an 85-year-old scroll which was rescued from a desecrated synagogue in Germany during World War II. The Torah taken to Moscow was sent by the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews, a national grass-roots organization campaigning on behalf of Soviet Jewry. It is intended as a New Year's present from the Jews in America to Jews in the Soviet Union.

ALLON: ISRAEL SUPERIOR TO ARABS

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 13 (JTA)--Israeli Vice Premier Yigal Allon declared in Stockholm that Israel still is vastly superior militarily to the Arabs and that the recent shipments of Soviet arms to Egypt have not changed the balance of power in the area.

JEWS UNDERREPRESENTED IN SCHOOL DISTRICT; HIRING BIAS CHARGED

KANSAS CITY, Sept. 13 (JTA)--The Jewish Community Relations Bureau here has accused the Kansas City School District of "de facto discrimination" in the limited number of Jewish hired for administrative positions in the school system. The charge was contained in a report submitted to the School District by the JCRB, an agency of the Jewish Federation Council. Irving Achtenberg, chairman of the JCRB, likened the situation to "executive suite" discrimination in industry. The report noted that only one Jewish person in the entire school district holds an administrative post and cited instances where Jewish educators have left the Kansas City school system because of "implications of discrimination against Jews in the behavior of certain officials."

Sidney Lawrence, director of the JCRB, has requested an appearance at a meeting of the Kansas City Board of Education this week to present his agency's study of de facto discrimination in the school district. School Superintendent Andrew Adams expressed concern with the inferences of the study and said he would bring it to the attention of those in the school administration directly responsible for recommending and hiring administrative personnel. The JCRB report urged the school district to adopt an aggressive policy of "affirmative recruitment" of qualified Jews as administrators, including going outside the community if necessary.

According to the report, there are 225 administrative positions in the Kansas City School District and some 2,900 certified teachers. But of these, only one elementary school principal, one supervisor and 24 classroom teachers are Jewish. "It is reasonable to infer from side remarks, rumors and the pattern of employment in the administrative set-up that something is working, perhaps unconsciously, against the employment of Jewish personnel in administrative positions," the report said. "This would appear true on the basis of the availability of qualified personnel, but is certainly apparent on the basis of minority representation in a pluralistic school system and community." The full text of the report was published in the Kansas City Jewish Chronicle Sept. 10.

ZIONISTS TO ELECT DELEGATES TO CONGRESS

NEW YORK, Sept. 13 (JTA)--For the first time since 1946, a nation-wide ballot will be conducted this fall through which the 700,000 enrolled Zionists in the United States will elect delegates to the next World Zionist Congress to be held in Jerusalem in January, 1972. This announcement was made here today by Rabbi Israel Miller, president of the American Zionist Federation who is also serving as chairman of the Elections Committee in the United States. The 152 delegates will be chosen by a mail ballot by the entire Zionist constituency as well as by the 13 national Zionist organizations and 10 youth and student groups which are affiliated with the AZF.

This is also the first time in which all members of the Zionist movement, even from the smallest communities which previously never had an opportunity to vote, will be casting their ballots for delegates for a Zionist Congress. The forthcoming Zionist Congress, in which 525 delegates from 30 countries will participate, will be held in the 75th Anniversary Year of the First Zionist Congress which was convened by Dr. Theodor Herzl in Basle, Switzerland in 1897.

Expressing "great satisfaction" with the de-

cision of the Zionist groups in the U.S. to conduct elections for the 28th Zionist Congress, Itzhak Korn, member of the Knesset and general secretary of the World Labor Zionist Movement, said that such elections will assure "great moral and political importance" for the Zionist movement everywhere and not only in the U.S. Korn, who together with other members of the World Committee for Zionist Congress elections participated in the negotiations between the various American Zionist organizations, and presided at two meetings of the World Committee in New York, had proposed the election scheme which was finally adopted by the majority of U.S. Zionist groups.

JEWISH AGENCY 1972 GOAL IS \$675 MILLION

NEW YORK, Sept. 13 (JTA)--Leon Dulzin, treasurer of the reconstituted Jewish Agency, presented to the Board of Directors of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds the 1972 global budget of the Agency totalling \$675 million. The CJFWF governing body accepted the American portion of this goal totalling \$450 million, Dulzin reported, following his appearance at the meeting this weekend. He told the Board that the budget required in Israel to meet humanitarian needs in 1972 will hopefully be covered by the United Jewish Appeal or Keren Hayesod campaign receipts of \$675 million. This does not include the \$450 million sought from the sale of Israel Bonds for developmental purposes.

Of the \$675 million campaign gifts it is expected that \$450 million will be raised by the Jewish communities in the United States and \$225 million by the Keren Hayesod-United Israel campaign in other countries of the free world. Dulzin reported that the global budget of the Jewish Agency for 1972 had been adopted by the Board of Governors of the Agency at its last meeting in Jerusalem in late August. The CJFWF unanimously decided to accept the 1972 goal of \$450 million for Israel's needs "as an obligation of the American Jewish community," Dulzin said. In 1971 the goal was \$400 million.

Dulzin arrived in New York from Montreal where he launched the UJA campaign. He said that the response of the Montreal Jewish community was "excellent" and expressed great optimism for the prospects of the Canadian UJA. Dulzin said that wherever he travels on behalf of the campaigns he has found "a great sense of solidarity of world Jewry in regard to its responsibilities to help Israel meet its unprecedented needs in these perilous times."

EBAN; PROSKAUER WAS 'CLASSIC FIGURE'

JERUSALEM, Sept. 13 (JTA)--Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban today described the late Judge Joseph M. Proskauer as "a classic figure in American Jewry" who "represented the highest personal qualities of tolerance, justice and truth together with a strong American patriotism and a frank and ardent devotion to the Jewish people." Eban's statement was read at Temple Emanu-El today during funeral services for the late judge, philanthropist and political advisor who died Friday at the age of 94. Referring to Proskauer's "unforgettable contribution to American-Israel relations at the most crucial periods of our nation's rebirth as a sovereign state," Eban's message stated: "I shall always cherish the memory of his good humor, his fidelity in friendship, the incisive and pungent quality of his mind and behind it all, his warm and compassionate heart." More than 1,000 people attended the services.

There will be no bulletin Tuesday, September 21 due to Rosh Hashanah. The JTA wishes all its readers and subscribers a very Happy New Year.