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SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE RESCHEDULED; U.S., JORDAN AGREE ON DRAFT

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 15 (JTA)--The Security Council session requested by Jordan for the purpose of dealing with the status of Jerusalem has been rescheduled for tomorrow morning. Originally scheduled for last Tuesday, the long-awaited debate on Jerusalem was postponed on the insistence of Syria, a non-permanent member of the Council. The delay was asked until after the current Arab League meeting in Cairo which, it was hoped, would end before Friday.

Jordan plans to place before the Council a resolution calling on Israel to desist from further measures that change the character of Jerusalem or the city's status, knowledgeable (Western) sources reported today. But, it was learned, the Jordanian resolution will not demand that Israel revoke measures already taken, and will simply declare such measures invalid. The sources said the language of the draft was agreed upon by Jordan and the United States. However, Arab states more militant than Jordan may not agree to it.

The Israeli view is that a settlement of the Jerusalem question can be effected only by persistent, quiet diplomacy and that any new resolution, even if couched in moderate terms, cannot serve the interests of peace. Israel has, furthermore, made it clear that she will not admit any commission sent by the Security Council to investigate the situation in Jerusalem. According to Western sources, the Jordanian draft resolution calls on UN Secretary General U Thant to use such instrumentalities as he may choose, including a representative or special mission, to examine the Jerusalem situation and report back to the Security Council.

According to reliable sources, Jordan has not yet found sponsors for its draft resolution. Italy, Belgium and Argentina were approached and asked to be co-sponsors but they refused. The debate is scheduled to end before next week. So far, Egypt and Lebanon have indicated that they will participate in the debate.

NO CONFIRMATION EGYPT MAY POSTPONE ACTION AT ASSEMBLY TILL MID-NOVEMBER

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15 (JTA)--The State Department said today it lacked "anything directly to confirm" reports that Egypt had decided to postpone action at the United Nations General Assembly--which opens next Tuesday--until mid-November to allow the United States more time to achieve progress toward a Middle East settlement.

Spokesman Charles Bray, responding to a question at his regular news briefing, said that U.S. officials would devote "much effort" in New York with the parties concerned in a settlement, in the hope that "they will mesh." Secretary of State William P. Rogers said last week that the U.S. would engage in active discussions on the Middle East for the remainder of this year. He said the discussions would include his planned talks with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko when the General Assembly gets underway.

Asked whether the U.S. would take a more active role in efforts to reopen the Suez Canal, Bray said that he would be unable to answer that question until the State Department had a chance to consult with

British officials concerning the visit earlier this week in Cairo by Sir Alec Douglas-Home, the British Foreign Secretary. In response to another question, Bray said there was "nothing available to us" about a report that Egypt had asked the United States to request Britain to take over the role of mediator for an interim Israeli-Egyptian agreement to reopen the canal.

WEST GERMANY TO REOPEN BARBIE CASE

PARIS, Sept. 15 (JTA)--West Germany has agreed to reopen the file against the former Lyons Gestapo commander, Klaus Barbie. Munich District Attorney, Manfred Ludolph, in charge of anti-Nazi investigations and prosecutions, said last night that he will resume legal proceedings against Barbie on condition that a single live witness be found to testify that the former Gestapo man knew what the fate of the deportees would be. Ludolph made this pledge after a dramatic confrontation with two French women, Mrs. Fortunee Bengulig and Mrs. Beate Klarsfeld.

The 60-year-old Mrs. Bengulig had her three young children deported to Auschwitz where they died in the gas chambers. Mrs. Klarsfeld has conducted a year-long investigation on the war-time activities of Barbie in Nazi-occupied Lyons. The two women, part of a 45-member French delegation who had come to Munich to ask for the reopening of the Barbie file, had earlier observed a nine-hour hunger strike in front of the Munich court room. The Barbie case has taken a national importance in France because another former Gestapo man is believed to have participated in the killing of Jean Moulin who served during the Nazi occupation of France as president of the National Council of Resistance Organizations.

JEWISH ENGINEER FROM VILNA RETURNS W.W. II MEDALS

NEW YORK, Sept. 15 (JTA)--A Jewish engineer from Vilna, Binyamin Shtein, sent back to Soviet authorities all the medals and decorations he received for his service in the Red Army during World War II because authorities rejected his family's third application for permission to emigrate to Israel. The High Medal of the Red Conqueror was one of the medals returned by the 50-year-old engineer following this most recent rejection of applications by himself, his wife and his two daughters.

TEKOAHS ANSWERS THANT; NO COMPARISON BETWEEN SOVIET JEWS, PALESTINIANS

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 15 (JTA)--Yosef Tekoah, Israel's Ambassador to the UN took sharp issue today with UN Secretary General U Thant's statement yesterday comparing the plight of Soviet Jews who want to emigrate from the USSR with that of "the Palestinians who have been refugees for 20 years." Tekoah said that "there can be no comparison at all between the problem of the Soviet Jews and the question of the Palestinian refugees. Soviet Jews long to unite with their families and their people in Israel," Tekoah states, while "the Palestinian refugees have already found refuge among their kin and kith in the Arab states."

Thant said at a press conference yesterday that

"In an ideal society I think that those Soviet citizens of Jewish faith who want to leave should be permitted to leave" and "at the same time, the Palestinians who have been refugees for more than 20 years should be allowed to return to their homes" in Israel. Tekoah also took issue with Thant's assertion yesterday that reactivation of the Mideast peace-keeping mission of Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring "depends primarily upon certain factors including a more positive response to Dr. Jarring's aide-memoire of Feb. 8," which paraphrased United States Secretary of State William P. Rogers' proposal that Israel withdraw to "international frontiers." Israel considers the Jarring suggestion a violation of what the Swedish diplomat was empowered to do under his mandate. Tekoah said today that "the way to resume and continue the Jarring mission is by free negotiations without prior conditions."

HOROWITZ CALLS FOR RIGID WAGE, PRICE RESTRAINTS TO CURB INFLATION

JERUSALEM, Sept. 15 (JTA)--David Horowitz, Governor of the Bank of Israel, called today for rigid price and wage restraints to put a brake on inflation. Horowitz released a report showing that during the six month period that ended on June 30, currency in circulation rose by more than 15 percent, a usual sign that inflationary pressures are at work. Horowitz noted that the period covered by the report was prior to last month's devaluation of the Israel pound. But he said the inflationary trend continued up to Sept. 1 and the Bank was keeping a watchful eye on the money market. He attributed inflation to heavy spending in the public sector, mainly for defense, schools, roads and hospitals. He observed, however, that the living standards of Israelis have risen by an average of 25 percent in the four years since the Six-Day War, indicating a high rate of personal spending.

PANTHER LEADER FINED \$375

JERUSALEM, Sept. 15 (JTA)--Eli Abigezer, a 22-year-old Black Panther, was fined \$375 by a magistrate's court today and given a four month suspended prison sentence for his part in an illegal demonstration last month in Jerusalem that ended in a riot. Abigezer was the first of the arrested Panthers to be sentenced. The trials of the chief Panther leaders have not concluded. The accused was charged with obstructing police and participating in a demonstration that violated the terms of a police permit issued to the Panthers for a public rally.

MAGBIT RESULTS IN EUROPE: FRANCE LEADS WITH \$39 M

PARIS, Sept. 15 (JTA)--Approximately \$39 million has been collected in France for the United Israel Appeal campaign during the first eight months of 1971--making this country the first in the race between European Jewish communities for increased aid to Israel. This was revealed here today by sources after a two-day meeting of the European Magbit directors which ended yesterday in Amsterdam.

The second place in the European Magbit race was taken by West Germany with \$2.5 million. Third is Switzerland's community with \$2 million. Belgium is fourth, with \$1,125 million, Sweden with \$440,000, Austria with \$250,000 and Finland with \$60,000 - all of them for the first eight months of the year. The results for the Magbit in Holland, whose representative was also present at the Amsterdam conference, have not yet been released. Plans for the 1971-72 Magbit campaign in European countries were also discussed at the conference.

DISCUSSION HELD ON VOA BROADCASTS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15 (JTA)--Four leaders of the American Jewish Congress spent 90 minutes at the State Department yesterday seeking to prevail on the Department to persuade the Voice of America to carry Yiddish broadcasts to the Soviet Union. At the end of the discussion, the Department and U.S. Information Agency representatives and the AJCongress leaders agreed to meet again to extend their points of view. No date was set for another meeting. Philip Baum of New York, assistant executive director of AJCongress, Sol Baker of Boston, head of the AJCongress' Committee for Soviet Jewry, Esther Beckman of Philadelphia and Leon Gildes-game of New York represented the AJCongress.

Meeting with them were Jack F. Matlock, the new director of the Department's Office for Soviet Union Affairs, and John Tuohy, the USIA Policy Officer for the Soviet Union. The VOA is the broadcasting arm of the USIA. A State Department spokesman, noting that the discussion was off the record, said that the group went into great detail on aspects of the question and discussed it "reasonably."

Baum said after the meeting, that the State Department and USIA officials apparently still remain to be convinced of the special standing of Yiddish both as a way of transmitting information to Soviet Jews and as an irreplaceable means of sustaining Soviet Jewish morale. It became clear from our talks that the failure to carry Yiddish programs has little to do with any technical difficulties. It is the direct result of basic policy assessments by the Department." He added that the Department "has agreed to keep open its attitudes and to again reexamine its program priorities in the light of information we will furnish within the next few weeks" demonstrating the importance of Yiddish language broadcasts.

SPANISH-HEBREW BIBLE PUBLISHED

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 15 (JTA)--A four-volume bilingual Spanish-Hebrew Bible has been published here by the Yehuda Publishing House. This is the first such publication in the history of Latin America. Translations from the Hebrew to Spanish were done by Biblical scholars Enrique Zadoff, Prof. Abraham Platkin, Abraham Rosenblum and Moises Katznelson.

AGNON ARCHIVES TRANSFERRED TO HEBREW UNIVERSITY

JERUSALEM, Sept. 15 (JTA)--The complete archives of the late S.Y. Agnon, 1967 Nobel Literature Prize winner, are to be transferred to the Hebrew University of Jerusalem under the terms of an agreement signed last week between the University and the Agnon family. The agreement also provided for the establishment of an Agnon Memorial at the University. Avraham Harman, University president, said that an academic council which will guide the Agnon Memorial has been in existence at the University for some time.

Speaking at the ceremony, Prof. Ephraim Urbach said that the council had already sorted through 800 Agnon manuscripts, of which 100 have never been published. Seven thousand letters sent to Agnon from individuals and institutions, and 400 of Agnon's letters to other people have also been collected or photographed.

SOVIET JEWRY COIN ISSUED

NEW YORK, Sept. 15 (JTA)--The Bank of Israel will issue a commemorative coin dedicated to the "Struggle for Freedom of Russian Jews."

HIGH HOLY DAYS TIME OF COMPASSION**Tekoah Asks Thant To Use His Office****To Tell Soviet Authorities To Deal Compassionately With Jewish Prisoners**

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 15 (JTA)--Yosef Tekoah, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, presented a letter today to Secretary General U Thant in which he described the High Holy Days as a "time of compassion, understanding and forgiveness." In that spirit, he appealed to Thant "and through you" to Soviet authorities to "deal understandingly and compassionately" with Russian Jewish prisoners and with "the multitudes" of Russian Jews who want to emigrate.

The envoy declared in his letter that "at no time of the year, is the longing, the prayer, the hope to be at home, with one's own family and one's people stronger than at this period of Rosh Hashana, the Ten Days of Penitence which follow it, and Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, which culminates it." Tekoah said that it was in that spirit, that he was again calling the Secretary General's attention "to those of our brethren, especially in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and in certain Arab states who are still separated, against their wishes, from their families and their people."

Free All Jewish Political Prisoners

In the letter, Tekoah emphasized that "the scores of thousands of Jews in the Soviet Union, who have applied for permits to join their kin and kith in Israel, have made it clear in their appeals to you and to the Soviet authorities that they bear no ill will toward the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics but cannot live away from their families and their people in Israel." He gave as 41 the number of "Jewish political prisoners" jailed during the past year in various Soviet cities who "find themselves at this High Holy Day season away from their home only because of their faith in and attachment to their Jewish home, the Jewish family, their Jewish people."

Tekoah said it was "gratifying" that during the past year "a small number of Soviet Jews have been permitted to depart for Israel" and he added "it would be an act of highest justice and compassion if the Soviet authorities were to pursue this course by freeing the prisoners and allowing all Jews who desire to join their families and their people in Israel to do so." The ambassador transmitted to Thant additional letters from Soviet Jews asking for help in their efforts to obtain permission to leave for Israel.

During their meeting, Thant told Tekoah that neither he nor Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring, the special UN Mideast envoy, felt there was any basis at the present time for resuming Dr. Jarring's peace mission. Tekoah responded by observing that the efforts on the interim agreement should be continued. (See story Page 1.)

PHYSICIST SAYS END PERSECUTION OF JEWS WISHING TO EMIGRATE

NEW YORK, Sept. 15 (JTA)--Valery N. Chaldize, a distinguished Soviet physicist and founder of the dissident Soviet Committee on Human Rights, has called on the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet to pardon all Jews imprisoned for wanting to go to Israel and "an end to all persecution of Jews seeking repatriation." The appeal was contained in a letter addressed to the President of the Supreme Soviet, dated May 20, 1971 and published in translation in the Sept. 18 edition of Saturday Review. Also published was an endorsement of Chaldize's letter by two colleagues and co-founders of the Committee on Human Rights, A. Sakharov and A.

Tverdokhlebov. All are non-Jews.

Chaldize's letter contained a staunch defense of Zionism which, the writer noted, was portrayed by the Soviet press "as a reactionary (practically fascist) political trend." Yet, the letter went on, "Zionism is no more than the idea of Jewish statehood, and one can only admire the persistence of an ancient and persecuted people, who in very difficult conditions have resurrected a long vanished state. It is precisely such rebirth and elimination of the tragic consequences of dispersion for the Jewish people that constitutes the goal of Zionism. Zionism is portrayed in the press as an anti-Communist and anti-Soviet trend, yet the concerns of Zionism are entirely national," Chaldize wrote.

Jews Not Unfriendly To Soviet Union

"Even more ridiculous is the statement that those Soviet citizens who wish to be repatriated are deliberately unfriendly toward the Soviet system. Some authorities try to prove this by holding trials--for example in Leningrad and in Riga--bringing charges of anti-Soviet activities against Jews whose only aim was to protest against the unlawful refusal to issue them visas for repatriation." Chaldize said that in his efforts to study human rights in the Soviet Union he found it his duty "to give intellectual assistance to Jews who desire repatriation." He said he was familiar with their problems and principles, the main one of which was "non-interference in affairs here. They have one aim--to go to Israel."

"I am convinced," Chaldize wrote, "that the charge of anti-Soviet activity against those seeking repatriation is ridiculous." The Soviet physicist noted "welcome signs of progress in recent months" which have given those Jews wishing to leave "chances of obtaining permission to do so." He added: "I hope that the Presidium, using its constitutional right of pardon, will take the change in the situation into account and recognize the legitimacy of the Jews' desire for repatriation and dismiss the criminal cases. I call for an end to all persecution of Jews seeking repatriation and I urge that there be no more violations of the obvious right of man to leave any country."

JEWSH COMMUNITY CENTER OPENED

PARIS, Sept. 15 (JTA)--A Jewish community center on France's world-renowned "Cote d'Azur" has opened in Cannes. The new community center was built by joint efforts of this country's central communal organization, the United Jewish Philanthropic Fund (FSJU) and the American Joint Distribution Committee. The center was inaugurated by Baron Alain de Rothschild, president of the Central Consistory of French Jews, the French Chief Rabbi, Dr. Jacob Kaplan, and the Secretary-General of the FSJU, Edgar Abravanel. The center will cater to the needs of the local Jewish community, which has nearly doubled in size during the last two years, due to the immigration of Algerian Jews and to the numerous foreign visitors who come to the south of France every summer. Cannes' current Jewish community numbers some 1,500 people.

SHAARE ZEDEK HOSPITAL EXPANDING

JERUSALEM, Sept. 15 (JTA)--The Shaare Zedek Community Medical Center, constructed in 1902, has embarked on an expansion program to meet the growing needs of this city's Jewish and Arab population. The new medical center, more than eight stories tall, will have as its nucleus an ultra-modern 500-bed patient facility - twice that of its present capacity - with specialized units for intensive therapy, coronary and emergency care.

NBC TO REEXAMINE USE OF 'ALLEGED' IN BROADCASTS DEALING WITH BIAS AGAINST JEWS IN USSR

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15 (JTA)--The National Broadcasting Co. has indicated it will be more careful in its broadcasts on its use of the word "alleged" with reference to discrimination against Jews in the Soviet Union. In a letter to Rep. James H. Scheuer (D., N.Y.) who had complained about the usage of "alleged" by WRC-TV, an NBC affiliate in Washington, in its reporting on the plight of Soviet Jews, NBC's President Reuben Frank responded:

"I think you are right. I have told the people directly involved; I am about to put out a general instruction to the entire NBC staff on the use of "alleged" as a lazy way of seeming to say something but at best says nothing, at worst casts doubt where none should be cast." Frank added in his letter, which the Congressman made available to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today, that he did not hear the specific WRC broadcast to which Scheuer had referred "but I have heard others." Newspapers and news agencies other than NBC have used "alleged" or the "it is said" phraseology when reporting the circumstances of Jews trying to emigrate from the Soviet Union.

JTA ESTABLISHES FELLOWSHIP IN JEWISH JOURNALISM

NEW YORK, Sept. 15 (JTA)--The Charles Frost Fellowship in Journalism has been established by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, it was announced today by Robert H. Arnow, president of the JTA. The fellowship will be awarded to deserving candidates who have an interest in working in the field of Jewish journalism and have studied the discipline, Arnow said. He added that the fellowship was named for Frost who was nationally known for his activity in Jewish causes and his interest in communicating information and news on Jewish affairs to the world-wide Jewish community. Frost served on the Board of the JTA before his death earlier this year.

SYNAGOGUE SELLS MORTGAGE TO PURCHASE ISRAEL BONDS

ATLANTA, Sept. 15 (JTA)--Officers and members of Beth Jacob Congregation, a 27-year-old Orthodox synagogue, expressed their "devotion to Israel" by mortgaging their synagogue for \$500,000 to purchase Israel Bonds. The unique project was jointly announced by Dr. Edwin J. Galler, synagogue president, and Larry Frank, past chairman of the Atlanta Israel Bond Committee, who urged other American Jewish institutions to follow their example in order to help Israel. Leo Bernstein, executive vice-president of the Israel Bond Organization, described the unusual nature of the project as a "unique and trail-blazing step reflecting the wholehearted commitment of the leaders and members of Beth Jacob to the survival and growth of Israel."

Negotiations for the mortgage of the synagogue lasted almost a year and involved synagogue and Bond officials, real estate appraisers, Israeli officials and bankers who assisted in working out the mortgage details. Praising the leadership of Frank for spearheading the discussions and negotiations, Bernstein added: "Its pioneering example will most certainly inspire other synagogues and institutions in the U.S. to undertake Israel Bond purchases of comparable size to strengthen the economy of Israel during the on-going crisis on her borders."

AJCONGRESS CHARGES HRA NEGLECTS JEWISH POOR

NEW YORK, Sept. 14 (JTA)--The American Jewish Congress accused today the city Human Resources Administration of "blatant neglect of the Jewish poor" and a "shameful attempt to confuse the issue by raising non-existent questions and failing to face up to its own dereliction." In a letter to HRA administrator Jules M. Sugarman responding to the report issued Monday by the HRA, Will Maslow, executive director of the AJCongress charged that the report had floated a "red herring" of church-state constitutional questions "in full knowledge of anti-poverty grants that have gone uncontested to Protestant and Catholic churches and church groups for service programs."

In addition, the HRA had "shockingly" implied that officials of public agencies who serve on the Council Against Poverty "represent a Jewish constituency when in fact they represent government agencies and all of the people served by those agencies--white, black, Jewish and non-Jewish," the AJCongress letter asserted, and noted that only four of the 51 Council members--not 12 as HRA suggested--represented the Jewish poor. The letter also declared that the Jewish poor were under-represented on local community corporations and that HRA "has never done anything to correct the situation" despite a 1968 Council Against Poverty "plan to insure racial and ethnic balance on the boards of directors of community corporations."

Maslow further noted that the Council has the power under the federal Economic Opportunity Act to establish "citywide programs so that the poor who do not reside in defined poverty areas can be helped" but has funded "few such citywide programs and none that would alleviate the burden on the Jewish poor." Maslow's letter also charged the HRA with "making no effort to reevaluate the criteria used in defining poverty areas."

He asserted the AJCongress "recognizes that insufficient monies come to New York City from the federal government for the anti-poverty program and many other necessary and proper city programs. That is not and cannot be used as an excuse of shortchanging the Jewish poor. They should be getting their fair share of those funds that do exist to alleviate the wretched conditions of poverty which are degrading and debilitating to those who live in them regardless of religion or race."

'ASSEMBLY ON JERUSALEM' SCHEDULED

NEW YORK, Sept. 15 (JTA)--Rabbinic and lay synagogues throughout the country are scheduled to attend here an "Assembly on Jerusalem" on Sept. 23, it was announced today by Rabbi Irving Lehrman, president of the Synagogue Council of America. The Assembly, convened by the Council, will serve as a "reaffirmation of historic Jewish faithfulness to the Holy City," Rabbi Lehrman said. Philip M. Klutznick, a former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, and Elie Weisel, noted author, will be among the major speakers at the Assembly. Rabbi Lehrman stated that the Assembly was being convened at this time "because of the development of an increasingly hostile atmosphere, both in certain church circles and in the forthcoming session of the UN General Assembly. We are deeply concerned with the disturbing religious undertones of that assault." Workshop sessions will be led by Prof. Shemaryahu Talmon, chairman of Bible Studies at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem; Prof. Ben Halpern of Brandeis U; and Rabbi Henry Siegman, executive vice-president of the Synagogue Council.