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US SAID TO OFFER ISRAEL PLANES IF ISRAEL EASES INTERIM ACCORD TERMS

State Dep't Denies Report

JERUSALEM, Sept. 22 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir was expected to brief the Cabinet today on reports of renewed pressure from the United States to bring about an interim settlement between Israel and Egypt to reopen the Suez Canal. Mrs. Meir is acting Foreign Minister in the absence of Abba Eban who is attending the United Nations General Assembly sessions in New York this week. According to unconfirmed reports, Israel has received an "unofficial" offer from the US to resume the supply of war planes if Israel eased its conditions for an interim settlement. The reports said the offer was made by a senior American official and hinged on Israel's agreement to permit a token number of Egyptian troops to cross the canal after Israeli forces withdrew from its east bank. Israel was asked to pull back a greater distance than it was prepared to do, according to the reports.

(In Washington, a State Department officer described the report as "a crazy story," and flatly denied that any pressure was being placed on Israel. The Israeli Embassy declined to comment on the report. A diplomatic observer here, however, noted "There was a time when Israel could buy planes. Now Israel can't seem to get a response for its offers. Perhaps there is a link between concessions and planes.")

Implications More Serious Than Content

The reports are believed to refer to US Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs Joseph J. Sisco who visited Israel at the end of July and more recently had meetings in Washington with the Israeli Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin. Sisco was reported to have suggested a 25-mile pullback by Israeli forces. But the implications of the American offer are more disturbing to Israelis than their content. Observers here have pointed out that the US promised to supply Israel with more Phantom and Skyhawk jets without strings in order to maintain the military balance in the Middle East. Now the Americans seem to be asking for something more than money in exchange for the planes. Political circles ask: if Washington's promise, given unconditionally, can suddenly be burdened with conditions, how far can Israel trust the American administration's undertakings in other matters?

The growing feeling here is that such behavior must seriously affect the credibility of American guarantees underwriting a future settlement. But it would be counter-productive for Washington inasmuch as it can only result in a stiffening of Israel's attitude, the circles say. The consensus here is that the US will continue to press Israel to accept its conditions for an interim settlement with Egypt. The Cabinet is also expected to hear from Defense Minister Moshe Dayan and Chief of Staff Gen. Haim Bar Lev on the Suez clash last week-end and measures being taken to prevent recurrences. In a taped interview over the armed forces radio station last night, Rabin said that despite the clash which followed the downing of an Israeli transport plane by Egyptian missiles last

week, the past year was the most quiet on the military front since the Six-Day War. But according to Rabin, the year ahead will be decisive. He said the Americans were satisfied that there was no fighting last year and "rightly or wrongly they claim the credit."

EGYPT PUSHING TO ISOLATE ISRAEL IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY, EMBARRASS US

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 22 (JTA)--The major objective of Egypt at the United Nations General Assembly will be to isolate Israel and embarrass the United States for her support for Israel. This objective was spelled out by Egypt's Foreign Minister Mahmoud Riad as he left yesterday from Cairo to attend the Assembly session. At the same time, representatives of Bahrain and Qatar announced that they would support demands for Israeli withdrawal from occupied territories. Bahrain and Qatar, two small kingdoms on the Persian Gulf which had been under British protection until early this year, won admission yesterday to the General Assembly after the Assembly unanimously approved the Security Council recommendation to give them membership.

Every delegation, with the exception of Israel, was present at the opening yesterday of the 26th session of the Assembly. The Israeli delegation was absent due to Rosh Hashanah. Riad, in a statement to newsmen at the airport, asserted that "we will do our best to isolate Israel" and try to obtain a Security Council meeting at the foreign minister level to discuss the Middle East crisis. He added that Egypt will endeavor to win more support for its views and added that Egypt has already "succeeded" in placing the US "in an embarrassing position by showing the world her sustained support for the Israeli aggression." (In Paris, Riad held talks today at the Quai d'Orsay. Usually well informed sources said Riad will try to coordinate the French and Egyptian stands at the Assembly.)

Mubarak al-Khalifah, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bahrain, told the General Assembly as he took his seat, that his country would strengthen ties with "all its sister Arab states," and added that Bahrain would support the demands of the people of Palestine and the demands of Syria, Egypt and Jordan for what he termed the restoration of their occupied territories. Hassan Kamel, Minister of State and advisor to the government of Qatar, told the Assembly that as an Arab state, Qatar shared the concern of Arabs about the "violation of the rights of the Arab people of Palestine" and the refusal of the "violin" to carry out United Nations decisions.

According to reports reaching here, Riad is scheduled to go to Washington on Sept. 29 for lunch with US Secretary of State William P. Rogers. On Friday, Rogers and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko are scheduled to hold bilateral talks in New York. Israel's Foreign Minister Abba Eban is scheduled to address the General Assembly on Sept. 30 and is tentatively scheduled to meet with Rogers early next month. Meanwhile, it was learned today that Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring, the special Mideast peace envoy, has been invited to join Secretary General U Thant, the Big Four (the US, the Soviet Union, Great Britain and France) foreign

ministers and General Assembly President Adam Malik at a working dinner scheduled for next Monday night. Dr. Jarring arrived here last night to attend the current Assembly session. He was scheduled to meet today with Thant.

TRIAL OF JEWISH DENTIST SCHEDULED NEXT MONTH; SILVA ZALMANSON'S HEALTH CONTINUES TO DECLINE

**Soviet Authorities Withhold New
Year's Greetings To Israel**

LONDON, Sept. 22 (JTA)--Boris Azernikov, a 25-year-old Jewish dentist from Leningrad, will go on trial next month, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today from Jewish sources in Russia. Azernikov was arrested Aug. 10 after he applied for a visa to leave the Soviet Union and settle in Israel. He is believed to be the first Soviet Jew to be arrested solely for applying for immigration to Israel. According to the sources, two Jews convicted at the second Leningrad trial--Mikhail Korenbliit and Hillel Butman--will appear as prosecution witnesses but are not expected to testify against Azernikov. Both have been kept in a Leningrad prison while their co-defendants were sent to a labor camp in Mordovia. Jewish sources report that relatives of the prisoners have been permitted to visit them at the camp.

According to Jewish sources, Silva Zalmanson Kuznetsov, convicted in the first Leningrad hijack trial last Dec. and sentenced to 10 years in prison, is suffering from progressive deafness which cannot be treated, in the Potma prison in central Mordovia where she is incarcerated. Her general health continues to decline and her condition is serious the sources reported.

Large crowds of young people gathered outside synagogues in Moscow, Leningrad, Riga, Kiev and Vilna during Rosh Hashanah services yesterday. According to Jewish sources they stated that they had not come to pray but to identify themselves with the Jewish people and Israel. Jewish sources in Russia told the JTA that a large number of New Year greeting messages from Soviet Jews to relatives and friends in Israel were not dispatched by Soviet postal authorities. The authorities also withheld mailing of collective greetings to prominent Israeli personalities and institutions. Only a small number of messages were forwarded to their destinations, the sources said. But some of the undelivered ones were transmitted by telephone to Israel.

KUZNETSOV IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT

TEL AVIV, Sept. 22 (JTA)--Edvard Kuznetsov, a central figure in the first Leningrad trial who was sentenced to death and then had the sentence commuted to life imprisonment, has been transferred to a solitary confinement cell in the notorious Potma prisoner camp No. 10 in central Mordovia, it was reported here today. The information came via a telephone conversation with an unidentified source in Moscow. Kuznetsov was said to have been placed in a small cell in the camp which is infamous for its treatment of its inmates. No one is permitted to visit Kuznetsov. The prisoner's mother was reported to have suffered a nervous breakdown and placed under care.

HEINEMANN TO SUPPORT PROLONGATION OF INDEMNIFICATION PERIOD

PARIS, Sept. 22 (JTA)--West German President Gustav Heinemann has promised a delegation of former French deportees that he would personally support the prolongation of the period in which claims for indemnification can be filed by victims

of Nazism. This was stated here today to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency by circles close to the association of former French deportees. Heinemann had recently received a delegation of former deportees who asked the West German President to intercede, in order to allow victims of Nazism to file claims after the date of Oct. 1953.

They also asked that Heinemann should intercede in favor of those former deportees against whom legal action had been taken. Heinemann's response was reported to have been most friendly. He promised to do his best so as to change the law which presently states that no indemnification claims can be filed after Oct. 1953.. He also agreed to wield his influence in order to stop legal proceedings against those former deportees who had filed false claims. There have been reported cases of Jewish deportees falsely claiming they had filed their demands before the decisive date, in order to obtain indemnifications. The Federal Ministry of Justice has taken legal action against some of them and it is this kind of proceedings which Heinemann agreed to try to stop.

MEDICAL ASSOCIATION CALLS OFF 24-HOUR WORK STOPPAGE TO PROTEST HARASSMENT OF DOCTORS; 2-HOUR STOPPAGE CALLED

TEL AVIV, Sept. 22 (JTA)--The Israeli Medical Association today cancelled a 24-hour strike it had scheduled for tomorrow and called instead for a two-hour work stoppage by physicians to protest the continuing harassment of pathologists by religious zealots trying to force an end to autopsies. The Association said it called off the strike in the public interest. Pathologists have been physically assaulted by members of ultra-Orthodox sects. Abusive slogans and swastikas have been daubed on their homes. Last Friday Health Minister Victor Shemtov condemned the vandalism of extremists who, he said, sought to set back Israeli health standards. But he also expressed regret that the Medical Association had called for a 24-hour strike.

The Jerusalem City Council meanwhile adopted Mayor Teddy Kolek's proposal to offer a \$1,250 reward to anyone who brought about the arrest and conviction of persons responsible for harassing medical personnel and daubing the walls of their homes. The Council's resolution warned that violence, threats and slander were giving Jerusalem a bad name throughout the world because of the ugly atmosphere of intolerance which prevails. The Health Ministry began a public information campaign to explain the vital work carried out by pathologists. Last Friday, six religious youths from the Orthodox Meir Shearim quarter were arrested and remanded for seven days on suspicion of membership in a group that has been harassing pathologists. Three of the suspects were picked up while riding in a taxi filled with anti-autopsy leaflets.

'FIXED' SOCCER MATCHES CONFIRMED

JERUSALEM, Sept. 22 (JTA)--Rumors of a football (soccer) scandal were confirmed today in a report to Deputy Premier Yigal Allon by a special committee of inquiry headed by Supreme Court Justice Moshe Etzioni. Allon, as Minister of Education and Culture, has parliamentary responsibility for the National Sports Authority. The committee investigated reports that some of the football matches in the National and other Israeli leagues last season were "fixed" after the games were sold out in advance. The report blamed officials of the Israel Football Association and individual clubs and players. It recommended ending the system whereby licensed football pools are supervised by the Football Association and called for a review of the amateur status of clubs and players "so that reality conforms to the rules and regulations."

**DR. ALFRED HIRSCHBERG, ACTIVE IN
BRAZILIAN COMMUNAL AFFAIRS, HEAD OF
JTA BUREAU IN SAO PAULO, DIES AT 69**

SAO PAULO, Sept. 22 (JTA)--Dr. Alfred Hirschberg, for several decades head of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency bureau in Sao Paulo and the JTA correspondent in Sao Paulo since 1946, died suddenly today of a heart attack. He would have been 70 on Sept. 27. He was born in Gnesen, Germany and graduated from the university of Leipzig and Berlin. In Brazil since 1940, Dr. Hirschberg had been a board member of the Brazilian Instituto Brasillero-Judaitca de Cultura e Develgacao and editorial advisor to the magazine, Commentario.

Dr. Hirschberg was a member of the National Human Rights Commission of B'nai B'rith Brazil and had been first secretary of the general council of the Albert Einstein Jewish Hospital. He was a co-founder and board member of the Brazilian Institute of Human Rights and of the Jewish-Christian Fraternity Council and had been a member of the board of the Congregation Israelita Paulista of which he was made an honorary member on his 65th birthday.

Dr. Hirschberg had twice been a vice-president of the World Council of Synagogues and was director at his death. He had given much of his time in recent years to the creation and work of the Brazilian Center of Jewish Studies at the Sao Paulo State University. Dr. Hirschberg was a prolific writer, the author of several books and papers. Robert H. Arnow, president of the JTA, expressed his condolences to Mr. Hirschberg's widow, Mrs. Eva Hirschberg and their family. Arnow said that Mr. Hirschberg's death represents a tremendous loss to Jewish communal affairs, to the JTA and to Jewish journalism throughout the world.

**FEDERENKO PROMISES TO INTERCEDE
WITH SOVIET AUTHORITIES TO ALLOW
WIDOW, SON OF MARKISH TO EMIGRATE**

LONDON, Sept. 22 (JTA)--S.L. Shneiderman, a New York Yiddish writer, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency here today that the editor of a Soviet literary publication had given him assurances he would intervene with Soviet authorities to allow Mrs. Esther Markish, widow of the murdered poet Peretz Markish, and her son, David, to emigrate to Israel.

Shneiderman, who is making a visit to London after representing the Yiddish PEN Center of New York at the 38th International PEN Congress in Dublin, said he had had several conversations with Nikolai Federenko, editor of "Foreign Literature" who headed a group of Soviet observers to the Congress. The New Yorker said he had received the promise from Federenko during those conversations.

He also reported that efforts had been made at the Congress for the Markishes, who have been denied permission to emigrate. Peretz Markish was one of the 24 Jewish intellectuals executed on Aug. 12, 1952, on Stalin's orders. He said the Israeli PEN Center and the New York branch appealed jointly for the Markishes and that David Carver, the PEN international secretary, made an appeal during the Congress to the Soviet government to allow the Markishes to emigrate.

BORDERS QUIET DURING ROSH HASHANAH

TEL AVIV, Sept. 22 (JTA)--All of Israel's borders were quiet during the two days of the New Year holiday. Soldiers who remained on duty during the holiday were able to attend synagogue ser-

vices at various posts or were visited by mobile synagogues at advance positions. Civilian synagogues were packed to capacity and so were Israeli roads with record traffic jams as thousands spent the holidays camping or at hotels and on the seashore. Police officials reported that despite the bumper-to-bumper traffic, only two traffic fatalities were recorded. Both involved pedestrians run down by oncoming vehicles. The beach at Tel Aviv was visited by Hassidim in black garments and fur hats who performed the traditional rites of "tashlich."

In the Great Synagogue, Tel Aviv Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren referred to the seven Israelis killed when Egyptian rockets downed an Israeli transport plane over Sinai last Friday. He prayed that they would be the last casualties and that the new year would bring peace. Haifa port, closed down for Rosh Hashanah, was surprised by the unexpected arrival of an Italian passenger liner with tourists, the first time a ship ever docked during a holiday. Port officials permitted the passengers to disembark but without their baggage. Eliat was hit by a sudden hail and wind storm Monday which forced campers to fold their tents and take cover. But the beach was crowded again Tuesday as were the shores of Lake Kinnereth and other popular outing sights in Galilee.

EBAN MEETS WITH UN OFFICIALS

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 22 (JTA)--Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban's round of appointments today included a meeting with the newly-elected president of the General Assembly, Adam Malik of Indonesia, an exchange of friendly luncheon toasts with Secretary General U Thant and separate talks with three Asian representatives on the issue of the representation of the Peoples Republic of China, according to an Israeli spokesman. Eban congratulated Malik, Indonesia's Foreign Minister, upon his election, and the two men discussed the problems facing the Assembly. Malik reportedly showed interest in the Middle East situation and expressed the hope that there would be progress towards peace in the Middle East. During the luncheon Eban also met with Toru Nakagawa of Japan, this month's President of the Security Council. The Israeli Foreign Minister is scheduled to hold a press conference tomorrow afternoon.

ANTI-SEMITISM DISCUSSED IN FRENCH PRESS

PARIS, Sept. 22 (JTA)--Anti-Semitism in France, both present and past, was extensively discussed in the French press in the last two days. The influential "Le Monde" came out today with a full page discussion on anti-Semitism during the Vichy era. Ten Jewish and non-Jewish readers discussed the claim of lawyer Rene de Chambrun, who claimed in this paper a few days ago that his father-in-law, the late pro-Nazi Premier Pierre Laval, had helped the Jews in the Vichy era. All of them contested this view and cited numerous examples of French collaboration with the Nazis and of the responsibility of the Vichy authorities in the deportation and ultimate killing of thousands of French Jews.

A similar controversy was started on Sunday by the showing of a French film "Silbermann" on state television. The film shows the life, persecution and final emigration of a Polish-born Jewish schoolboy, at a French high school during the Dreyfus era. Three French papers, "France Soir," the leftist "Nouvel Observateur" weekly and the Communist "L'Humanite" daily charged that the Jewish hero is shown in such a negative light as to make him an anti-Semitic caricature. Some of the journalists demanded that the film should not be shown and invoke the powers of French official censorship.

RABBI CALLS FOR PRISON REFORM TO PREVENT MORE ATTICAS

NEW YORK, Sept. 22 (JTA)--Rabbi Irving J. Block, spiritual leader of the Brotherhood Synagogue, declared in a Rosh Hashanah sermon that Gov. Nelson Rockefeller, State Correction Commissioner Russell Oswald and other officials of New York State "should don sack cloth and ashes and lead the citizens of New York in expressing deepest feelings of remorse and repentance" over "the tragedy that has fallen upon the families of hostages and prisoners at Attica."

Rabbi Block urged "a revision of the penal system of America which dehumanizes the incarcerated and has resulted in the carnage in the Attica prison" on Sept. 13, in which ten hostages and 30 prisoners were killed, apparently all by gunfire from state troopers sent in on orders of Gov. Rockefeller to quell the four-day prison rebellion.

Rabbi Block said Judaism "rejects" the "heathenish approach" of the American penal structure "that when a man commits a crime against society, he forfeits not only his freedom but also his personality and that society may take away from him both body and soul." He added that the action of prison authorities in identifying the dead prisoners only by number "and by rejecting their families' pleas for information, we have further stripped ourselves of a human feeling and stunted our growth as persons and citizens."

ISRAEL'S POPULATION TOPS 3 MILLION; INCREASE OF 67,000 JEWS SINCE 1970

JERUSALEM, Sept. 22 (JTA)--The Central Bureau of Statistics announced yesterday that Israel's population now stands at 3,062,000, of which 2,610,000 are listed as Jews and 452,000 as non-Jews. The latest figure represents a population increase of 67,000 Jews and 17,000 non-Jews since last year. According to the Bureau, 60 percent of the Jewish population growth represented natural increase and 40 percent immigration. The growth of the non-Jewish population was almost entirely by natural increase.

CHILEAN JEWS SETTLING IN CANADA

TORONTO, Sept. 22 (JTA)--Chilean Jews who see no future for themselves in that country under the Marxist regime of President Allende, are settling in Canada. The trickle is small but steady. According to a report here today, about 20 Jewish families from Chile have settled in Toronto, most of them since Allende's election. The local B'nai B'rith, through its president Harry Pachter, has been aiding the new arrivals in getting settled in Canada. The emigrants stress that there has been no political or religious repression in Chile nor any signs of anti-Semitism, but they nevertheless felt insecure under the new regime. The new arrivals include a professor of pharmacology, an electronics engineer and businessmen.

LEADERS OF BRITISH JEWRY SUGGEST AGENDA FOR NEW YEAR

LONDON, Sept. 22 (JTA)--A leader of British Jewry addressed himself to the needs of Israel, Soviet Jews and the world Jewish community generally in his New Year's messages. Chief Rabbi Immanuel Jakobovits of the British Commonwealth referred to the Black Panther phenomenon in Israel, observing that in a society deeply committed to promoting social justice, "it is especially grievous that ugly movements like the Black Panthers were needed to highlight the problems of poverty and discrimination in housing, education and employment. The social shortcomings, now exposed by forins of agitation we would have preferred to remain foreign to

Israel, should challenge diaspora Jewry no less than the Israeli authorities."

Dr. Jakobovits added that during the past year the cause of Soviet Jewry was the principal Jewish rallying point, especially among students, "reclaiming energies for a Jewish challenge which may otherwise have been devoted exclusively to causes remote from our people." Referring to Anglo-Jewry, he welcomed "the shift from monumental synagogues which are empty for all but three days a year to functional buildings serving our youth which are packed for over 300 days a year."

Michael M. Fidler, MP, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, stressed the dangers facing Israel in the absence of peace in the Middle East, and declared that "it is our duty to sustain our brothers and sisters in Israel, to give them of our treasure while they offer their lives in defense of the country." Referring to "the continued repression of three million of our brothers and sisters in the Soviet Union," Fidler said "It is our duty to rouse the conscience of humanity as a whole in the face of the tragedy of Soviet Jews," and not to "neglect our duty to other Jewish communities who live in conditions of oppression, such as those in Arab lands."

ZAND URGES CONTINUED PROTESTS

NEW YORK, Sept. 22 (JTA)--Don't be Jews of silence...protest, demonstrate, pressure your government," Dr. Mikhail Zand, Russian born university professor, implored the 800 Pioneer Women delegates and friends who assembled in St. Louis last week for their 22nd National Biennial Convention to continue and to intensify their efforts on behalf of Soviet Jewry. "This is an outcry from my heart," Dr. Zand stated. "Don't forget your brothers and sisters in the Soviet Union who are slaves in their own country--who are struggling to be Jewish in Russia or to be repatriated to Israel." Dr. Zand, jailed after a peaceful sit-in on behalf of Soviet Jewry, had been allowed to emigrate to Israel two months ago after his two-week hunger strike attracted world attention. Accompanied by his wife, Nelly, he met with Pioneer Women leaders during their four-day convention, September 12-15.

Prime Minister Golda Meir made a surprise film appearance at the Pioneer Women gathering during a special tribute luncheon to honor Beba Idelson, international president of Pioneer Women-Moetzet Hapoalet and her organization's 50th anniversary. Pioneer Women is the overseas arm of Moetzet Hapoalet, the largest women's organization in Israel. Expressing her regrets at her inability to appear in person, Mrs. Meir congratulated the Pioneer Women assembly on their "extraordinary record of achievement" and "unwavering spirit and work on behalf of Israel." Speaking of Mrs. Idelson, Prime Minister Meir called her "one of the outstanding personalities in Israel for decades." Mrs. Meir is herself a former Pioneer Women leader, having served as the organization's national secretary in the United States from 1932 to 1934.

PRO-ISRAEL PAPER TO END PUBLICATION

TORONTO, Sept. 22 (JTA)--The Telegram, Canada's third largest daily, will cease publication shortly, due to financial difficulties, according to an announcement by its publisher, John Bassett. The demise of the 96-year-old newspaper will deprive Israel of an ardent supporter among the news media of this country. Since Bassett became publisher in 1952, The Telegram has given unstinting editorial support to the Jewish State and has published many friendly series on Israel by its editors and reporters. Bassett will be guest of honor at the Jewish National Fund's annual Negev Dinner here Dec. 1.