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BI-PARTISAN GROUP OF 12 SENATORS PRESSING ADMINISTRATION TO REVERSE CURRENT APPROACH TO MIDEAST PROBLEMS Urge Sale Of Planes To Israel; Retain Meaning, Effect of Resolution 242

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13 (JTA)--A bi-partisan group of 12 Senators is pressing the Nixon administration to reverse its current approach to the Middle East problem which Israel regards as an erosion of the previous American position. The group will introduce a two-point resolution in the Senate, probably tomorrow, urging the administration to ship more Phantom aircraft to Israel to maintain the Mideast power balance and to "reaffirm the importance of secure and defensible borders" in the region, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today. The 12 Senators have also sent a letter to the Senate's membership inviting their co-sponsorship of the resolution.

The signers of the letter represent the liberal and conservative wings of the Democratic and Republican parties and all sections of the country. The JTA learned that they are Democrats Stuart Symington of Missouri; Henry M. Jackson of Washington; Herman E. Talmadge of Georgia; Gale V. McGee of Wyoming; Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts and Abraham Ribicoff of Connecticut. The Republicans are Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania, the Minority Leader; Jacob K. Javits of New York; Edward W. Brooke of Massachusetts; Charles H. Percy of Illinois; Bob Dole of Kansas, Republican National Committee chairman and Edward J. Gurney of Florida.

Their letter stated: "Continuing Soviet shipments of advanced weaponry and the presence in Egypt of some 20,000 Soviet personnel, including combat pilots, underscore the immediate need for supplying Israel the means with which to deter Soviet and Arab miscalculation leading to renewed hostilities." The letter observed that "Serious negotiations leading to a durable peace settlement are highly unlikely as long as the Arab states hope eventually to defeat Israel militarily." It recalled that on May 28, 1970, 76 Senators wrote Secretary of State Rogers on this subject and that 73 Senators, in a letter to President Nixon on July 30, 1970, expressed "their concern over the shift in the balance of power."

The draft resolution notes that US policy "as expressed by the President and Congress" is "to maintain the arms balance in the region." It asks the Senate to resolve that, "(1) The United States, without further delay, should take affirmative action on Israel's pending request for F-4 Phantom aircraft, and provide such supporting equipment and assistance as are essential to maintain Israel's deterrent capability," and "(2) The United States government should oppose any attempts of the United Nations to alter the meaning and effect of Security Council Resolution 242 of Nov. 22, 1967 and should reaffirm the importance of secure and defensible borders as a vital element in a peace settlement to be negotiated by the parties themselves."

US GETS INFORMATION ON MIGS' OVERFLIGHT

JERUSALEM, Oct. 13 (JTA)--Israeli authorities have passed on to appropriate American agencies full details of Sunday's flight by two Soviet MIG-23s into Israel-controlled air space, it was learned today. The data was said to include the speed, altitude and flight path of the supersonic jets. It was the first flight by Soviet planes within the perimeter controlled by the Lydda Airport traffic control tower. Some

military sources here said today that the penetration constituted an adverse factor against Israel in the Middle East power balance. Sources here said the data concerning the MIG-23s was of vital importance to the US inasmuch as no American plane in service or production can match the speed and altitude capabilities of the Soviet interceptor. (See separate story P. 3 on US response.)

RUTH ALEKSANDROVICH SAYS SYLVA ZALMANSON'S CONDITION WORSE

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 13 (JTA)--Ruth Aleksandrovich, who was released from the Potma forced labor camp in Soviet Mordovia last week, expressed serious concern over the condition of her fellow inmate, Sylva Zalmanson Kuznetsov, who she said was ill and growing weaker from lack of food. Miss Aleksandrovich spoke of conditions in the prison camp and of her own plans in a telephone interview from Riga published today by the Amsterdam newspaper, Telegraaf. She said that Mrs. Zalmanson, who was convicted in the Leningrad hijack trial of Dec. 1970, was not getting the food parcels sent her. She said the strict regime at the camp bars prisoners from receiving food from the outside to supplement the meager prison diet even though they are forced to work long hours under difficult conditions.

Miss Aleksandrovich said that she herself was still weak as the result of an illness she contracted in prison and the lack of proper food. Miss Aleksandrovich was freed after completing a one year sentence for alleged anti-Soviet activities. She was given an exit visa to join her mother and younger brother in Israel. But she told the Telegraaf that she refuses to leave Russia without her fiancé, Isaiah Averbuch, who, she said, has not been granted a visa, contrary to earlier reports that he had. Earlier reports said that Miss Aleksandrovich planned to go to Israel later this month.

AZF LAUNCHES SHARP ATTACK ON US POLICY IN MIDEAST

Rogers' Speech Torpedoed Chances for Peace

NEW YORK, Oct. 13 (JTA)--In its sharpest criticism to date of the United States policy in the Middle East, and in what is believed to be the forerunner of a broader attack on the administration's Mideast policies, the American Zionist Federation said today that Secretary of State William P. Rogers' speech to the United Nations General Assembly last week "is a demonstration of the erosion in US policy and constitutes a setback to the cause of Mideast peace which will take many weeks, if not months, to repair." Speaking for the 17-month-old, 700,000-member AZF, its president, Rabbi Israel Miller, declared that it was "difficult to comprehend" why Rogers found it "necessary...to meddle in the specifics of a Mideast peace."

Rabbi Miller charged that "Had he set out deliberately to torpedo the chances of peace, he could not have done a better job than his performance at the UN on Oct. 4." Rabbi Miller elaborated: "Regrettably, Mr. Rogers has seemingly been won over to the Arab position on practically all issues in dispute between Israel and the Arab states. His espousal of linking a Suez interim agreement with the long-term solution called for by the Security Council Resolution (242) of 1967, his support of the Sadat demand for an Egyptian military crossing of the canal, and

his advocacy of a limited cease-fire are all causes for grave concern," Rogers spoke of the "possibilities for compromise" on an Egyptian military crossing.

Rogers "has unfortunately done a disservice to the cause of peace," Rabbi Miller continued, because in his UN speech "he has now encouraged (Egyptian President Anwar) Sadat to stand firm in his impossible demands upon Israel." Furthermore, he said, "now that all four of the big powers are in support of Egypt's basic formula for peace, why should Egypt budge one iota from its demands?" Therefore, the AZF leader concluded, "Rogers has now to all intents and purposes virtually removed the US as the only 'honest broker' that could conceivably have brought peace to the Mideast, and thereby has moved the conflict one step nearer to another all-out war."

Resist Attempts To Pressure Israel

Rabbi Miller stated that "friends of Israel" and supporters of Resolution 242 "will resist all attempts, by our State Department or others, to pressure Israel into accepting the terms which will lead to spurious cessation of hostilities, one which will only set the stage for another major conflagration." He declared: "Israel's interests cannot be bargained away by our Secretary of State. If the President of the US is willing to meet with the Chinese Communist leaders, there is no reason why (Israeli Foreign Minister Abba) Eban's offer for face-to-face talks under UN sponsorship with the Egyptian Foreign Minister should not be actively supported by Mr. Rogers."

The AZF leader said it was now up to President Nixon "to assume active command of new US policies and strategies which remain the only road to a genuine Mideast peace." One move Nixon can make, he explained, is to send Israel the additional Phantom jets she has requested instead of using "threats to withhold such aircraft until Israel agrees to 'see the light.'" Ending his statement, Rabbi Miller warned Nixon that "the Mideast policies of his State Department...at best will lead to a continued stalemate with rising tension, and at worst to another major conflagration which could turn into global warfare."

CABINET UNANIMOUSLY ENDORSES MRS. MEIR'S REJECTION OF ROGERS' PROGRAM FOR SUEZ INTERIM ACCORD

JERUSALEM, Oct. 13 (JTA)--The Cabinet unanimously endorsed Premier Golda Meir's rejection of the six-point program for a Suez interim settlement suggested by US Secretary of State William P. Rogers in his speech to the UN General Assembly on Oct. 4. At its meeting here last night, the Cabinet also reaffirmed Israel's stand in favor of an interim arrangement with Egypt but only on certain conditions which are in conflict with those outlined by Rogers as "parameters" of a settlement. The Israeli program insists that an interim agreement must be separate and apart from any future overall peace settlement in the Middle East, that it must carry with it a cease-fire of unlimited duration and that no Egyptian troops be allowed to cross the canal. Israel also demands navigation rights for its shipping once the waterway is reopened.

SADAT SAYS EGYPTIAN-SOVIET RELATIONS ARE ERODING

LONDON, Oct. 13 (JTA)--President Anwar Sadat told the leaders of Egypt's only political party before he left for Moscow that they should not expect "miracles" because "Soviet leaders do only what

they think is good for them," it was learned here today from highly reliable Cairo sources. Sadat was said to have made those remarks in the course of a three-and-a-half hour speech to the Council of the Arab Socialist Union in which he admitted that Egypt's relations with the Soviet Union were not as good as they used to be. "You might as well know it. This will explain to you why I am so patient with the United States," Sadat reportedly said, adding, "As our former English masters used to say, you don't put all your eggs in one basket. When I am back from Moscow we shall know more but do not expect me to perform miracles."

In Moscow, Sadat took a harder line yesterday than his Soviet hosts on the Middle East. He insisted that "force, only force, is the method of pressure on Israel and of liquidating the aggression against our land," President Nikolai V. Podgorny of the Soviet Union, speaking at a luncheon in honor of the visiting Egyptian leader, pledged "vigorous efforts" by the USSR to achieve a political settlement of the Mideast conflict. But he warned at the same time that Moscow would continue to strengthen Arab military forces "as long as Israel's aggression against the Arab states continues, as long as its aftermaths are not liquidated."

Sadat is believed to be seeking to persuade Moscow to supply Egypt with additional arms, preferably offensive weapons that could give credence to Egypt's warning of renewed warfare should diplomatic efforts to achieve peace fail. Neither he nor his hosts directly mentioned efforts for an interim accord on the Suez Canal. But Sadat defended recent Egyptian moves which have not been regarded favorably by the Kremlin, notably Egypt's federation with Libya and Syria and his own purge of pro-Soviet elements in Cairo.

SOVIET JEWISH IMMIGRANTS BALK AT NEW HOMES

TEL AVIV, Oct. 13 (JTA)--A planeload of Jews from Soviet Georgia that landed at Lydda Airport last night also brought a load of trouble for Absorption Ministry officials whose job it is to dispatch the immigrants to their new homes. The new arrivals demanded quarters in Lydda or Jerusalem and adamantly refused to accept flats in Beersheba or Dimona in the Negev. Ministry officials had no alternative accommodations to offer and many of the newcomers staged a sit-down in the airport terminal which lasted several hours. They finally departed with relatives but said they would visit the Absorption Ministry's regional office in a few days to demand housing in towns where they have friends among fellow-Georgian Jews.

Ministry officials claim that the Georgian Jews are being briefed in advance by relatives already in Israel to insist on housing only in certain areas and to refuse all other offers. According to one official, Georgian Jews employed as porters at the Lydda terminal are passing notes to the newcomers containing the names of places where they should insist on being housed. The emigration of Jews from Soviet Georgia has reportedly increased ten-fold since last August. The Georgian Jews are for the most part semi-skilled workers and petty tradesmen.

EBAN CONDEMNS JDL TACTICS, HOPES FOR ISRAEL-EGYPT ACCORD ON CANAL

NEW YORK, Oct. 13 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban of Israel said in an interview taped last night that while "the last year has not been a bad year, things have not been explosive," there had also been no progress toward peace and he was not particularly optimistic. "This is the only conflict in which the protagonists are not in any human

contact with each other," he complained on a "David Frost Show" episode to be telecast nationally Oct. 18. Eban also condemned the tactics of the Jewish Defense League, which he said "hinders" the cause of Jews and has "corrupted and degraded" the yearnings of Soviet Jewry. Referring to the JDL chairman, Rabbi Meir Kahane, Eban said "Mr. Kahane" and his colleagues were "more interested in their own publicity." Eban said he hoped agreement could be reached on a reopening of the Suez Canal, but asserted that the onus for its closing rested on Egypt, not Israel. Eban said a canal pact would create a "climate of confidence," since "any agreement would breed other agreements" and "I think agreements are infectious."

Eban said he regretted that diplomacy required Israeli and Arab diplomats, at least for now, to ignore each other even in the same elevator. It is "absurd," he remarked, to "pretend not to see each other." But, he added, "coexistence (in the Middle East) is inexorable." He said Egypt's attitude toward the Jewish State was solely "political," and thus could not be compared with the "personal" antagonism toward Jews of Nazi Germany. Frost announced that Arab representatives had been invited on the show but had declined to appear with an Israeli.

US RETURNING TO QUIET DIPLOMACY; STATE DEP'T SEES NO CHANGE IN ARMS BALANCE DESPITE MIG'S INCURSION

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13 (JTA)--The State Department indicated today that it was returning to "quiet diplomacy" in its efforts to bring about an interim agreement between Israel and Egypt. A Department spokesman also insisted today that there was no change in the Middle East military balance. Robert J. McCloskey said that "No such judgement to my knowledge has been reached" as a consequence of the flight by two Soviet MIG-23 jets into Israel-controlled air space last Sunday. He admitted however that he could not say whether that view was shared by either side in the Middle East conflict.

McCloskey's reference to "quiet diplomacy" indicated a departure from the spate of public statements, background briefings by officials, and remarks on Middle East by Secretary of State William P. Rogers before the United Nations General Assembly and elsewhere, which have characterized American diplomacy during the past three weeks. These public expressions, particularly Rogers' Oct. 4 speech at the UN, greatly disturbed the Israelis. McCloskey said that Rogers' meeting tomorrow with Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban, their second within a month, would conclude the Secretary's "round at the ministerial level." After tomorrow's meeting, the dialogue, "insofar as the US is concerned," will turn back to "governmental channels."

By governmental channels McCloskey was understood to mean discussions between the diplomats of the parties concerned. He added that this course does not "anticipate more ministerial meetings or travel to capitals" by American officials "for the immediate future." Referring to the MIG-23 flight, McCloskey said "We have been aware that additional aircraft have been introduced into the Egyptian inventory." He added that the "traditional pattern" is for the Soviets to operate equipment including aircraft in the first stage until at some point the operational role is transferred to the Egyptians. He said he could not confirm whether the Soviets have been training Egyptians to fly the MIG-23s.

60,000 SOVIET JEWS CELEBRATE

NEW YORK, Oct. 13 (JTA)--More than 60,000

Soviet Jews gathered in the streets of Moscow and in the Choral Synagogue on Monday night to celebrate Simchat Torah, Jewish sources here reported today. The gathering, which included delegations from Georgia, Rostov, Vilna, Kiev and Riga was the largest gathering of Jews in recent memory. The previous high was 40,000. The celebration was under way before 6 pm (local time), but at 9:30 pm the lights were suddenly turned off, despite the protests of thousands of those present. Police cars pushed their way through the crowd but there were no reported incidents.

Dr. Yuri Nudelman, a Moscovite Jew who has petitioned the government for permission to emigrate to Israel, returned home after the demonstration to find all the windows in his apartment smashed and high school students gathered outside his home shouting anti-Semitic slogans, according to Richard Maass, chairman of the American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry. After he called the police five times an officer finally arrived and told him nothing would be done about the incident because "You are going to a fascist state (Israel)." According to Maass, Dr. Nudelman's 17-year-old daughter has dropped out of high school to avoid incidents there, and the family fears for its safety.

WEXLER URGES JEWISH POWER STRUCTURE TO BE MORE ATTUNED TO JEWISH COLLEGIANS Less Glitter, More Social Involvement

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 13 (JTA)--"There is little validity in our being the Jewish power structure if we deny the Jewish future," Dr. William A. Wexler, international president of B'nai B'rith, said tonight in advising the organization's convention that Jewish collegians "are the innovators of a Jewish counter-culture which wants less preaching from Jewish pulpits, less glibness from Jewish presidents, less catering at bar mitzvahs and more genuine Jewish involvement in the struggle for peace and for racial and social equality."

Dr. Wexler, who is also chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, asserted: "They want better teachers, better curricula, and not the dull, unimaginative Sunday school experience. We are the Jewish power structure and they--the forefront of the Jewish future--they want more from us." Dr. Wexler, who is completing his second and last three-year term as B'nai B'rith president, warned the 1,200 delegates that "Bright, articulate, Jewishly committed young men and women are resisting a Jewish community they regard as overwhelmed with form and structure and barren of substance."

He concluded: "Many Jewish youths are not alienated. They are accessible to us. The crucial problem is: Are we accessible to them?" Dr. Wexler also called for a new "nonpartisan liberal" ethnic-racial-religious-labor coalition to revive the spirit of the civil rights campaigns of a decade ago "to resist the mood of sullen wariness that has crept into American society." Also needed, he said, is a renewed Jewish-black dialogue to close the gap between the two groups that was created when the black revolution "turned inward and separatist" and caused "harshness and penalty to many Jews."

As examples of this legacy, he cited attacks on Jewish merchants and oustings of Jewish teachers from ghetto schools as "cruel side effects of the black community's request for equality." There is no solution in polarization, he declared. On another subject, Dr. Wexler charged that to "harass and abuse a Soviet diplomat" and "shatter a window" was not the way to aid Soviet Jews but constituted "futile and self-acclaiming heroics."

AJ CONGRESS HAILS MITCHELL PLEDGE ON SOVIET JEWS, RAPIS CRITICS

NEW YORK, Oct. 13 (JTA)--The American Jewish Congress hailed Congressman Edward Koch's decision to withdraw his bill authorizing special US visas for Soviet Jews as "clarifying the authority already existing in our laws to grant refuge to any Soviet Jew who manages to get permission to leave the USSR." In a statement issued today, Phil Baum, director of the AJ Congress Commission on International Affairs, also congratulated Attorney General John Mitchell for declaring that he would exercise his parole authority to admit to the US Soviet Jews who are able to get out of the Soviet Union.

Baum stated that the decision to withdraw the bill "recognized the absence of any ambiguity now over the power of this government to act, or its readiness to exercise that power." He declared: "Those who have criticized Congressman Koch's decision are clearly far more interested in preserving causes and programs for themselves--in protecting pet projects--than in securing positive gains for Soviet Jews. Those critics may find it personally disappointing. However, the enemy is not the United States immigration laws, but the repressive policies of the Soviet Union."

Baum added that the problem "is not for Russian Jews to get into the US but to get out of the USSR. Irresponsible and petulant denunciation of the withdrawal of Congressman Koch's bill only undermines public understanding that the laws of this country already provide ample authority for allowing the admission of tens of thousands of Russian Jews--not in the future, and not continuing upon any further legislation but right now."

ZOA TO PROCEED WITH APPEAL TO INVALIDATE AZF ELECTION PROCEDURE

Welsman Rejects Pincus' Request That ZOA Cooperate in Election

NEW YORK, Oct. 13 (JTA)--The highest governing body of the Zionist Organization of America has unanimously directed the ZOA administration to proceed with its appeal to the World Zionist Congress Tribunal to invalidate the method by which the American Zionist Federation is seeking to elect delegates to the forthcoming World Zionist Congress. The National Executive Committee, meeting in emergency session, also recorded its "protest" and "censure" of attempts by the AZF to implement the voting procedure--which the Committee described as illegal and undemocratic--while the appeal is still pending. The Committee charged that the proposed election plan is "interlaced" with a clandestine agreement reached among three Zionist groups for the advance distribution of 110 of the 152 US delegates to the Congress.

The Committee's action, followed a thorough airing of the AZF's voting procedure which led the ZOA to petition the Congress Tribunal in Jerusalem to declare the election plan "null and void." In its appeal, the ZOA is charging that the plan was the product of a secret agreement among representatives of Hadassah, the United Labor Zionist Organization of America and the Religious Zionists of America that would predetermine the distribution of 76 percent of the Congress delegates.

Herman L. Welsman, ZOA president, disclosed to the Committee contents of a letter sent to Louie Pincus, chairman of the World Zionist Organization Executive, rejecting Pincus' request that the ZOA "cooperate fully for the time being" in preparing for the Congress election, "without prejudice" to its rights concerning the

appeal, before the Tribunal issued a ruling. Welsman said that in asking the ZOA to take part in the disputed election plan, Pincus was giving the "color of propriety" to the "illicit" inter-party agreement. The ZOA president said Pincus is calling on the ZOA "to waive the absence of a legal vote, to participate in a plan which is predicated on a back-room deal, and to forget that the three American Zionist parties which made the agreement ganged up on the other organizations, including the ZOA, to make a farce of democratic elections."

Welsman also stated that the ZOA, "as a matter of courtesy," will allow an inspection and verification of its membership records by a representative of the Comptroller's office of the World Zionist Organization. But he disputed Pincus' allegation that a resolution passed by the Zionist General Council, governing body of the WZO, makes such an inspection mandatory for the ZOA to participate in Congress elections. "No such resolution was passed or even presented for voting" by the Zionist General Council, Welsman said.

\$2 MILLION RAISED BY US, CANADIAN BUSINESSMEN TO AID ISRAEL'S SECOND AIRCRAFT MANUFACTURING PLANT

TEL AVIV, Oct. 13 (JTA)--American and Canadian businessmen have succeeded in raising almost all of the \$2 million needed to establish Israel's second major aircraft manufacturing plant, it was announced last night by Meshulam Riklis, a businessman from the United States. The new plant will be built at Carmiel, a new immigrant township in Upper Galilee and will start operations as an aircraft assembly plant. It will assemble the Trilander, a three-engined commercial transport with a capacity for 13 passengers. The new firm will be headed by Gen. Ezer Weizman, former commander of the Israel Air Force and former Minister of Transportation who heads the executive committee of the Herut faction. Gen. Weizman promised today that ground-breaking ceremonies for the factory will be held very soon.

JEW IN NEW DANISH CABINET

COPENHAGEN, Oct. 13 (JTA)--A Danish Jew, Henry Grunbaum, has been appointed Minister of Finance in the new government of Premier Jens Otto Krag. The 60-year-old Grunbaum has already filled this post between 1965-68 and served as Minister for Economic Affairs in 1963. Two other Cabinet ministers in the new government are also known for their pro-Israeli stand though they themselves are not Jews: Minister of Transport Jens Kampmann and Minister for Cultural Affairs Niels Matiasen.

Kampmann has visited Israel on numerous occasions and his father, former Danish Premier Vigo Kampmann, is currently on a private visit there. As for the Prime Minister himself, he has also visited Israel and is, moreover, married to a well-known Jewish actress, Helle Virkner, who is active in Jewish affairs. Miss Virkner has played the title role in the Danish film "October Days" which narrates the story of the Jewish flight from Denmark to Sweden during the country's wartime occupation.

STRIKE LEGISLATION SOUGHT

TEL AVIV, Oct. 13 (JTA)--The Labor Party is dragging its feet on new labor legislation that would outlaw strikes by government and public service employees and Premier Golda Meir is said to be irritated by the delay. She will meet with Labor Alignment leaders tomorrow night on the matter and is expected to prod them to draft a bill that can be submitted to the Knesset at the earliest possible moment.