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NIXON'S VISIT TO MOSCOW PRECLUDES NEW OUTBREAK OF MIDEAST HOSTILITIES

Sharp Conflict Seen Between
Egyptian, Soviet Leaders

JERUSALEM, Oct. 14 (JTA)--Political observers here believe that President Nixon's announced visit to Moscow for a summit meeting next May precludes a new outbreak of hostilities in the Middle East for the time being. The consensus of opinion here is that neither the US nor the USSR want to see a resumption of fighting and that the Russians have a particular interest in keeping the peace as long as there is a prospect of a further thawing in Soviet-American relations. Renewed warfare between Israel and Egypt, it is believed here, could cause the cancellation of the Nixon visit since it would constitute a direct conflict between the vested interests of both super-powers.

At the same time, diplomatic observers evaluating the joint Egyptian-Soviet communique issued in Moscow last night at the end of President Anwar Sadat's three-day visit, said it contained evidence of sharp conflicts of opinion between the Egyptian and Soviet leaders, some of which remained unresolved. They pointed out that the communique offered no endorsement of Sadat's recent proclamation that 1971 will be the year of decision with Israel although the Egyptian President reiterated that view while he was in Moscow. On the other hand, Sadat had to put his signature to paragraphs in the joint communique which he cannot have liked, such as the denunciation of anti-Communist and anti-Soviet activities in the Arab world, the observers said.

Sadat's Moscow Mission Seen As Flop

(In London, Arab sources here claimed today that Sadat's visit to Moscow was a failure because he had to agree to the condemnation of anti-Communist and anti-Soviet actions. The sources also noted that the Russian leaders flatly refused to endorse Sadat's threat to resume hostilities against Israel should diplomatic efforts fail to achieve a Middle East settlement.) Targets of that part of the communique were obviously President Jafer Numelri of Sudan who put down a pro-Communist coup last August and Col. Muammer Qadhafi, leader of Libya's ruling military junta who has been persistently making anti-Communist pronouncements. Sadat found it necessary to explain to his Soviet hosts that the recent federation of Egypt with Libya and Syria was not directed against the Soviet Union but was intended to strengthen the Arab states against Israel and the "imperialist" powers.

In return for the adherence of Egypt to Socialist and Communist principles, Sadat received Russian assurances of further military aid. The communique spoke of coordinated steps designed to improve Egypt's military ability which means more arms from Russia though it did not specify whether Egypt would get the offensive weapons it has been clamoring for. The Israeli observers stressed that the published text of the communique was not necessarily a full representation of what actually was agreed upon. They recalled that when the late President Gamal Abdel Nasser visited Moscow last year there was no mention of a Soviet agreement to Secretary of State Rogers' initiative for an interim agreement to reopen the Suez Canal.

Reports of this appeared several days later and were eventually confirmed in Soviet and Egyptian

political circles. The Russians are believed to be more interested in a political settlement in the Middle East than a military solution. In that light, the promise of additional arms to Egypt and last Sunday's flight of two MIG-23s into Israeli airspace are viewed as a political deterrent rather than a military commitment to Egypt.

EBAN, ROGERS CONFER ON MIDEAST

NEW YORK, Oct. 14 (JTA)--Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban and Secretary of State William P. Rogers met here today for one hour. Eban reportedly emphasized Israel's need for more American combat aircraft to maintain the military balance in the Middle East in view of the continuing Soviet shipment of military equipment to Egypt. He refused to disclose Rogers' response when questioned by newsmen after the meeting. The Israeli Foreign Minister referring, however, to the joint Soviet-Egyptian communique issued yesterday in Moscow, said the communique did not contain a single moderate, truthful or peaceful word.

Eban and Rogers were believed to have discussed again an interim agreement for reopening the Suez Canal. Eban said it was his understanding that the US would continue and intensify its exploration of the possibilities for an interim settlement. Asked about the possible affects of President Nixon's scheduled Summit meeting in Moscow next May on the Middle East, the Israeli Foreign Minister replied that it was a long way off in Middle East terms and said Israel's concerns were more immediate.

GEORGIAN JEWS PROMISED VISAS MOSCOW JEWS THREATENED BY POLICE

LONDON, Oct. 14 (JTA)--Jews in Soviet Georgia have been promised exit visas but Jews in Moscow demanding the same have been threatened by police, Jewish sources in Russia reported today. The promise of visas was made on Oct. 7 to seven Georgian Jews who maintained a four-day vigil outside the local visa office in their town to protest the earlier denial of exit permits, the sources said. They were finally received by the deputy secretary of the local Communist Party who told them their visas would be ready on Oct. 18. He said another 28 families among 531 who had petitioned for visas would get their papers on the same day. In Moscow, however, three Jews surnamed Perstin, Polski and Kornfeld were questioned by police after they applied for visas to go to Israel, the sources reported. The police asked about their places of work and other personal matters and threatened them with "administrative measures."

Forty Jewish families which had applied for visas sent a protest to police headquarters against the victimization of the three applicants. The group of 84 Jews who protested to the Politburo last month over delays in processing their visa applications, have sent an additional memorandum to Soviet officials. The memorandum contains a list of Jews whose affidavits from relatives in Israel failed to arrive by post and a list of others who were denied exit visas without explanation. They also listed the names of Jews allegedly

persecuted after applying for visas and the names of others who were promised visas but never got them, the Jewish sources reported.

A group of 47 Jews in Vilna defied police and returned to Communist Party General Headquarters to demand exit visas despite warnings that they would be arrested for "hooliganism," Jewish sources reported. There has been no word so far as to how the authorities reacted. The group represented 84 Lithuanian Jews who signed a petition for visas on Sept. 29. They have received no reply to date.

KAHANE: DEFEND ISRAEL'S HONOR AGAINST INSULTS FROM BLACK HEBREWS

DIMONA, Oct. 14 (JTA)--This Negev town gave a rousing welcome last night to Rabbi Meir Kahane, leader of the Jewish Defense League, who addressed a capacity crowd in the local movie auditorium, exhorting them to "guard the nation's honor" against "insults" he attributed to a community of several hundred self-styled Black Hebrews from the United States who have settled here during the past two years. It was the militant rabbi's first speech in Israel since he arrived here to settle last month and it struck a responsive chord in his audience which included Jewish emigres from the Soviet Union. Rabbi Kahane's theme was a familiar one. He accused the American Jewish leadership of being silent on Russian Jews until 1964 and of having kept silent during the Nazi holocaust. But his main subject was the Black Hebrews who live in squalid conditions here and have become a source of friction with the established population and local authorities.

Seizing upon the recent claim of one of the Black Hebrew leaders that they were God's true heirs to the land of Israel, Rabbi Kahane accused the group of insulting Jewish honor. He contended that David fought Goliath not because he threatened Israel but because he insulted it in the manner of the Blacks. "If they say God is Black that is God's business. But if they say Moses and Abraham were Black then this is a reflection on our ancestry...They deny us the Divine right to our country. This is an insult and no nation cherishing its honor can stand such an insult," Rabbi Kahane declared. He said Dimona and Israel must solve this problem "without violence" but, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent reported, in the context of what he said before, few people in the audience took this admonition seriously. Police were out in force to prevent possible incidents but none occurred. The Blacks remained in their part of town.

Youths Register For JDL Membership

Earlier yesterday, Rabbi Kahane staged his first demonstration in Israel and the US Embassy in Tel Aviv was the target. Flanked by JDL followers and members of the militant Betar organization, he picketed the Embassy in protest against Secretary of State Rogers' Middle East policies which he claimed were pro-Arab. Rabbi Kahane and two of his followers were later received by an Embassy official. Rabbi Kahane's visit to Dimona marked his true debut here and gave Israelis a foretaste of what they might expect in the future from the JDL leader. The selection of Dimona for his maiden speech in Israel was regarded as a calculated move. This remote town about 25 miles south of Beersheba, is a stronghold of the right-wing Gahal faction and the National Religious Party.

Tensions have been exacerbated by the presence of the Black Hebrews who, according to local authorities, refuse to abide by regulations, refuse jobs and don't recognize the government's authority. After Rabbi Kahane ended his speech, scores of youths registered for membership in the JDL. The JTA reporter was told by two members of the

audience, immigrants from Riga, that they had come to see Rabbi Kahane, not to hear about the Blacks. But they contended that his actions in the US helped a great deal in making their emigration possible. They refused to identify themselves on grounds that harm might come to relatives still in the USSR.

SLOMOVITZ FOREST DEDICATED

JERUSALEM, Oct. 14 (JTA)--The dedication of a Jewish National Fund forest named for Philip and Anna Slomovitz took place today in the Judean hills. The first cypress saplings out of a projected 10,000 were planted by Mr. and Mrs. Slomovitz and friends from the Jewish community of Detroit, Mich. who contributed toward the forest. Slomovitz is editor and publisher of the Detroit Jewish News and a vice-president of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

PINCUS SAYS LATIN AMERICAN JEWS FAIL TO GRASP MEANING OF SOCIAL CHANGES

TEL AVIV, Oct. 14 (JTA)--Louis A. Pincus, chairman of the Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organization, said the Latin American Zionist and Jewish leadership last night has failed to grasp the meaning of changes now taking place on that continent and their repercussions for Jews.

Speaking during ceremonies marking the opening of the Latin American House here, Pincus said "The Latin American Jewish leadership is disappointing." He proposed that Israelis of Latin American origin volunteer to return there on missions to help Jews until a reliable local leadership is established. Mrs. Geulah Havkin, chairman of the Association of Latin Americans in Israel, said that only 5,000 Jews arrived from that continent this year, a figure she called "meagre and disappointing in view of the possibilities."

SOVIET JEWRY FREEDOM BUS BEGINS TRIP

SEATTLE, Oct. 14 (JTA)--A crowd of 1,000 community leaders in "Babi Yar Square" heard Mayor Wes Uhlman proclaim "Soviet Jewry Day" yesterday in Seattle in honor of the Soviet Jewry Freedom Bus' first day of a two-month journey to 30 cities across the country. Tsipora Wolf and Ilia Wolk, the two young Soviet activists on the Bus, commented on behalf of their three American companions and themselves at the opening ceremonies that they were "deeply moved" by the city's official commemoration of West Lake Mall as "Babi Yar Square" for the day.

Speaking at Temple DeHirsch before 200 selected Jewish high school activists, Miss Wolf, who left the Soviet Union for Israel only four months ago, told of her personal experiences with oppressive Soviet authority and of her close friends in USSR prisons because they "want to live as Jews and go to their homeland in Israel." She went on to say "More and more of the young Jews ask to go to Israel every day, they are not afraid." Addressing several thousand students on the University of Washington campus today, Wolk, also arrived in Israel from the Soviet Union this year, said "It is impossible to find a solution to the Jewish question in the USSR. Fifty-three years of Soviet power in Russia show us this. To be a Jew you have to go to Israel."

The American Zionist Youth Foundation is sponsoring the Freedom Bus program in cooperation with the American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry. A special exhibit of signs, posters and photographs displayed on a mobile platform attached to the Bus attracted hundreds of Seattle residents who filed through the Bus to read and select some of the material available for distribution.

ROGERS DEPLORES FURTHER SOVIET ARMS SHIPMENTS TO THE MIDDLE EAST

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14 (JTA)--Secretary of State William P. Rogers said today that he deplored indications of further Soviet arms shipments to the Middle East "at a time when serious efforts to achieve an interim agreement are under way." Rogers said, "We will give careful and prompt review to this in light of President Nixon's commitment to maintain the military balance in the area." Rogers made that comment in New York with reference to the joint communique issued in Moscow last night at the end of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's visit to the Soviet capital. He spoke to newsmen following an hour-long meeting with Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban. State Department sources here said today that Rogers' reference to Nixon's pledge to maintain the Mideast arms balance inched Israel's request for more American combat aircraft forward a notch.

A State Department official responded with a sharp "no" when asked whether Israel's long standing request for more Phantom jets was linked to the way Israel votes on the issue of the expulsion of the Republic of China (Taiwan) from the United Nations when it comes up in the General Assembly. The official said Israel's request for planes stands on its own merits and added that the US does not conduct diplomacy in that manner. The official declined to discuss whether Israeli officials linked the planes with the China vote. State Department sources said that in his talk with Eban today, Rogers emphasized that the US wants to work with Israel and see to it that Israel does not become burdened with any unmanageable risks. The sources said the Eban-Rogers talk was confined to the issue of the Suez cease-fire which Israel wants to be of unlimited duration while Egypt insists on a six-month deadline.

The sources said that Rogers impressed upon Eban the seriousness of America's purpose to achieve an interim agreement on the Suez Canal and that the Secretary was satisfied that Israel wishes the US to continue its efforts. State Department sources said today that following the Rogers-Eban talk they were not certain that Israel will vote with the US against the expulsion of Taiwan from the UN. They said that it had been assumed that Israel would vote with the US but in light of today's meeting "we cannot confirm this." Eban reportedly told Rogers that Israel will let the US know its position prior to the vote. (In New York, Israeli sources rejected the two-China policy of the US, contending that it would be akin to Israel's being represented by both the Meir government and the Arafat Palestinian entity. They said Israel would support the substitution of the Peking regime for the Taiwan regime.)

BUSH: MIDEAST ACCORD STILL POSSIBLE

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 14 (JTA)--United States Ambassador George Bush said today that despite "discouraging public pronouncements" there was still an "opportunity" and a "chance" for a Middle East agreement. "It's to nobody's interest to have a shooting war in the part of the world," he said at a press lunch in response to a question by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent. He had a "strong feeling," he said, that despite "rigid" public statements there was a chance for "advancement" toward peace, but did not elaborate.

Bush told the JTA later that he totally rejected Israel's denunciation of Secretary of State William P. Rogers' General Assembly speech as essentially pro-Arab. He pointed out that Egypt

has also criticized aspects of the speech. Replying to another question, Bush said it would be "somewhat inaccurate" to contend that the US does not want a resumption of the stalled Big Four ambassadorial talks on the Mideast. There has been "no final determination out of Washington" on this matter, he said, and one could not say it opposed a resumption.

MOSCOW JEWS APPEAL TO TRUDEAU

TORONTO, Oct. 14 (JTA)--Eleven Moscow Jews have appealed to Premier Pierre Elliott Trudeau to speak out on behalf of Soviet Jewish emigration rights during the visit to Canada of Soviet Premier Aleksei Kosygin which begins Oct. 17. The 11 signed a cable to Trudeau but it was not known whether the cable had been received. A copy of the text was sent to a Toronto resident who asked not to be identified. It read: "We, as Jews applying for permission to leave for Israel, ask you, one of the true noble men of our times, once more to raise your voice in defense of our right to live in our national home."

Meanwhile, plans are underway in Montreal and Toronto to conduct a week-long demonstration while Kosygin is in Canada. Chartered buses have been arranged for Canadians wishing to go to Ottawa for a major demonstration on Parliament Hill when Kosygin visits the nation's capital. On Oct. 21, a mass protest rally will be held in Montreal. These actions are being organized by the Montreal Action for Soviet Jewry and is sponsored by the Canadian Jewish Congress and the Canadian Zionist Federation.

JDC AIDING 300,000 IN 1971

VIENNA, Oct. 14 (JTA)--Over 1.7 million Jews have been uprooted from Eastern Europe, North Africa and the Middle East since the end of World War II, Louis D. Horowitz, director general of the Joint Distribution Committee, told members of the 1971 United Jewish Appeal study mission to Europe and Israel. He said the JDC would be helping some 300,000 individuals this year--160,000 in Europe, 97,000 in Israel and 44,000 in North Africa and Iran.

US RABBI IS SHAH'S GUEST IN IRAN

NEW YORK, Oct. 14 (JTA)--Rabbi Israel Mowshowitz, past president of the New York Board of Rabbis, arrived yesterday in Teheran as the guest of the Shah to participate in the celebration of the 2,500th birthday of Iran. It was announced by Rabbi Harold I. Saperstein Board president, Rabbi Mowshowitz, who will represent the New York Board of Rabbis, is the only American rabbi invited to the celebration.

NO SPECIAL PENSIONS TO ALL FORMER NAZI VICTIMS

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 14 (JTA)--The Netherlands government has officially announced that it will not grant special pensions to all former Nazi victims, among them about 10,000 Dutch Jews who were deported during the German occupation of the country. The Minister of Social Welfare told Parliament, however, that the government would continue to provide free medical care to all those suffering from physical or psychological ailments stemming from their wartime experiences. But Nazi victims will not be accorded the same status as former resistance movement fighters who are automatically entitled to life-time pensions. Though several Jews have pressed for government pensions, Jewish communal organizations have declared themselves satisfied with the government's decision as most Nazi victims are receiving compensation from West Germany.

B'NAI B'RITH URGES STEPS TO DEAL WITH JEWISH POOR, DRUG ADDICTION AMONG JEWISH YOUTH

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 14 (JTA)--The B'nai B'rith voted today to convene a national conference of Jewish organizations to deal with the problems of Jewish poor, drug addiction among Jewish youth and the breakdown of Jewish family life in America. The vote followed a report on the condition of the Jewish family by Rabbi Isaac Trainin, director of the commission on synagogue relations of New York's Federation of Jewish Philanthropies and a consultant to the 500,000-member B'nai B'rith. Rabbi Trainin addressed 1,200 delegates attending a five-day gathering here to mark the 128th anniversary of the national Jewish service organization. He predicted that the American Jewish community was likely to lose more members through inter-marriage and assimilation than already have been lost through pogroms and the Nazi holocaust.

The B'nai B'rith's Committee on Jewish Family observed in another report that "25 years ago statistics showed less divorce and inter-marriage among Jews than among non-Jews, but not so today. Jews are the greatest conformers. They reflect the majority behavior patterns and are rapidly catching up on divorce rates, alcoholism and other social ills." Recommending a nation-wide meeting to consider ways of preserving the Jewish family, the committee said the entire Jewish community should be alerted to the threat to Jewish survival represented by what it called "the dissolution" of Jewish family life. Drug addiction among Jewish youth and almost one million elderly Jews living in poverty and fear in urban slums were cited as problems demanding immediate attention on a national scale by the American Jewish community.

Mrs. Lily Edelman, the B'nai B'rith's national program director, said planning will begin immediately to arrange a national Jewish family conference next spring. In his report on drug addiction, Rabbi Trainin said that currently most community action on drug addiction is little more than public forums for speakers who describe the extent of the drug problem and answer questions. "Despite concern indicated by large audiences at these meetings and the intensity of the questions, there is no effective follow-up." The B'nai B'rith convention committee report also warned against the wide-spread use of former drug addicts as speakers and resources people in community drug prevention programs. "Often former addicts unwittingly become hero figures for young people and unconsciously suggest that the drug experience is exciting and thrilling," the report said.

ISRAEL BONDS FALL DRIVE NETS \$5 MILLION IN BOND SALES

NEW YORK, Oct. 14 (JTA)--The sum of \$5,216,000 in Israel Bonds were sold as a result of a dinner at the New York Hilton tonight sponsored by the Greater New York Committee for State of Israel Bonds, at which Major-General Mordechai Hod, Commander of the Israel Air Force, was the principal speaker. The event, which opened the committee's fall campaign, also honored five Jewish leaders for their participation in the effort to mobilize Israel Bond investment capital for the economic development of the Middle East nation.

William Goldfine, honorary chairman of the Israel Bond drive in New York and chairman of the dinner, announced the total number of Israel Bond sales at the dinner, which was attended by more than 600 persons. The guests of honor, who received the Israel Bond Organization's Herbert H. Lehman Israel Award, were: David Berg of Manhattan, vice-chairman of the board and counsel to the Royal National Bank of New York;

Moses Hornstein of Merrick, L.I., builder and contractor; Mrs. Aleck Leitman of Manhattan, Israel Bond chairman for the New York Chapter of Hadassah; David Minkin of Brooklyn, realtor and builder; and David Rosenthal of Manhattan, women's wear executive.

BOOKBINDER HAILS MITCHELL'S PLEDGE TO AID SOVIET JEWS; CONDEMNS CRITICS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14 (JTA)--Hyman Bookbinder, Washington representative of the American Jewish Committee, hailed Attorney General John N. Mitchell's promise to use his parole authority to admit Soviet Jews into the United States as a "crucial breakthrough" and the "most positive and significant step yet taken by the United States" for Soviet Jews. In a statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency last night, Bookbinder claimed that "Any disparagement of the breakthrough reflects either ignorance of its meaning or narrow petty adherence to a preconceived policy." On Oct. 6, Rep. Edward I. Koch (D., N.Y.) and Sen. Clifford Case (R., N.J.) announced that they were withdrawing bills before the House and Senate which called for the granting of 30,000 non-quota visas for Jews allowed to leave the Soviet Union. They said Mitchell's promise to utilize his authority had the same effect as their measures.

Referring to Mitchell's pledge, Bookbinder said "There have been other statements by high American officials, including the President of the United States, who have expressed concern for Soviet Jews who find it intolerable to live in the country of their birth. But never before has this country declared that the plight of Soviet Jews places them in such a precarious situation that we are prepared to receive them in large numbers if they are permitted to leave the Soviet Union." Bookbinder told the JTA that "While Jewish agencies were divided over the specific form of the Koch bill, they were united in seeking to achieve its basic goals. In my judgement, Mitchell's commitment goes even beyond the Koch bill in its political significance and in its potential implementation."

40-DAY VIGIL FOR SOVIET JEWRY

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 14 (JTA)--A 40-day vigil to focus Los Angeles attention on the plight of Soviet Jews began today with Mayor Sam Yorty "walking the line" with a group of distinguished Jewish and non-Jewish, black and white community leaders in front of City Hall. According to Cyrus J. Levinthal, chairman, Commission on Soviet Jewry of the Community Relations Committee, the vigil was designed to alert all of Los Angeles to "the continuing deprivation of religious and cultural freedoms inflicted on Russian Jews, as well as the hardships resulting from their attempts to leave the country. By the end of the vigil on the eve of Chanukah, virtually every community in the greater Los Angeles area will experience peaceful demonstrations at the seats of municipal governments or heavily trafficked locations."

Further explaining the purpose of the vigil, Levinthal said, "There is evidence that the Kremlin is extremely mindful of American protestations of Soviet treatment of Russian Jews. This vigil, as well as similar rallies across the US, may well serve to remind the Russian leaders that Americans will continue to demonstrate against the injustices being perpetuated against the Jews." More than 200 Jewish groups have assumed the responsibility of turning out their membership on a given date and a given location to participate in the vigil. It is also expected that many nationally prominent figures will participate during forthcoming visits to Los Angeles, Levinthal said.