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SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE MEETS WITH JEWISH LEADERS; BREZHNEV DUE NEXT WEEK; KGB AGENTS POUR IN

PARIS, Oct. 21 (JTA)--French Jewish leaders who attended an unprecedented meeting last night with Soviet Ambassador Piotr Abrassimov at the Ambassador's invitation, expressed the opinion today that the Soviet Union may have begun to recognize the magnitude and seriousness of the problem of Soviet Jews. That was the impression of Prof. Addy Steg, president of the Representative Council of French Jews. But Henrie Bulawke, president of the leftist Union of Former Jewish Resistance Fighters told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that "many questions still remain unanswered. The problem has not been solved." Abrassimov frankly appealed to the Jews to abstain from demonstrations during the forthcoming French visit of Soviet Communist Party Chairman Leonid Brezhnev, beginning next Monday.

One Jewish leader who asked that his name be withheld, told the JTA afterwards, "It might be worthwhile to give them a try. Who knows, maybe they will know how to show their appreciation." Soviet anxiety for the safety of Brezhnev was increased by the physical assault made on Premier Alexsei N. Kosygin in Ottawa earlier this week by a Hungarian refugee despite stringent Canadian security measures. Several hundred KGB (Soviet secret police) agents reportedly have arrived in France to bolster measures being taken by French security forces. Several thousand French policemen have been assigned to protect Brezhnev on what will be the Soviet leader's first trip to a Western nation.

The JTA learned today that French officials have interceded with Jewish organizations to cancel planned demonstrations or at least to keep the demonstrators under firm control. Jewish organizations were to hold a special meeting today to decide whether or not to go ahead with the demonstrations and if so on what scale. The 100 French Jewish leaders invited to the Soviet Embassy last night included representatives of "progressive" groups that have been favorably inclined toward Moscow. But they surprised the Russian envoy by asking some of the toughest questions about the condition of Jews. The questions posed related to the Leningrad trials and to emigration rights.

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Abrassimov was obviously at pains to "soften" up his guests. He related his childhood in a purely Jewish district of Vitebsk where, he said, he learned to speak Yiddish fluently. He spoke of his military service during World War II when "I went to the front with my three best friends, Levin, Berman and Rosenblum." The Soviet Ambassador stressed that the USSR was the first state to recognize Israel in 1948 and declared that Russia "Never in the past and present and will never in the future deny Israel's right to exist as a free and independent state." He said Jews were free to leave the Soviet Union under existing Soviet law but "only Jews who might strengthen Israel's military potential are not allowed to go." According to Abrassimov, "there are at least some 60,000 top scientists and technicians of Jewish origin in the Soviet Union. They know all of our secrets."

He added that the arrival of such 60,000 people in Israel, who together with their families make some 300,000 people; "would not only strengthen to an unbelievable degree Israel's military potential, it would weaken that of the Soviet Union." Referring to the defendants at the Leningrad hijack trials, Abrassimov said "It was a normal criminal case but the Western press turned the criminals into martyrs." He said the trial was closed to the public because some of the defendants had threatened to kill a Soviet pilot. When one Jewish leader suggested that the occasion of Brezhnev's visit to France be used to grant amnesty to Jewish prisoners, Abrassimov replied, "Why should an amnesty apply only to Jewish criminals? Why make exceptions on the criteria of race and religion?"

JTA ALUMNUS WINS NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

NEW YORK, Oct. 21 (JTA)--One of the facts not publicized about this year's Nobel Peace Prize winner, West German Chancellor Willy Brandt, was that he is alumnus of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. During 1941 he was a correspondent in Sweden for the Overseas News Agency, an affiliate of the JTA. His dispatches, written under his real name, Herbert Ernst Karl Frahm, appeared in the American daily press and in the JTA News Service and JTA Daily News Bulletin.

EBAN'S STATEMENT ON NAZI WAR CRIMINALS DEFENDED BY JEWISH SPOKESMEN

NEW YORK, Oct. 21 (JTA)--The Israel Consulate General reported today that it had received many telephone calls from persons expressing surprise that Foreign Minister Abba Eban was being attacked in the Israeli press for remarks attributed to him on Nazi war criminals, made on the David Frost television show here on Monday. According to the Consulate, the callers, who said they watched the TV show, suggested that Eban's remarks must have been "distorted" in transmission to Israel because there was nothing in them offensive to Jewish feelings on the subject.

Eban was reported in Israel to have said that he was uninterested in the capture of wanted Nazi war criminals after the Eichmann trial because there could be no expiation for the holocaust through their apprehension and punishment. The Consulate here issued statements in defense of Eban by two American Jews and an Israeli. They were Jacob Stein, national president of the United Synagogue of America; Marie Syrkin, author and educator and Dov Zaklin, a Mapam Knesset member who is a member of the Israeli Parliamentary delegation to the United Nations General Assembly.

Stein said of Eban's remarks on the Frost show, "His moving and thoughtful reply to the question of pursuit of individual Nazis reflects the deep human understanding of the full dimension of the holocaust. It is most disturbing that distortions of his statement reportedly are being used against him by the Israeli press." Miss Syrkin said of Nazi war criminals, "I would like every damn one of them caught and punished," adding that it was a "total distortion" of Eban's remarks to say he did not hold the same view. Zaklin said "Like many others

who watched this program, I was filled with pride by the brilliant and heart conquering appearance of Eban and the profound and wise Jewish and Israeli contents of his answers to all questions, including the one on Nazi war criminals."

(Meanwhile in Israel, Eban was criticized today by the leading dailies, Haaretz and Davar, despite his statement last night that his remarks on the Frost show were incorrectly reported in Israel and incorrectly interpreted. His critics refused to accept his assertion that he was not opposed to continuing war crimes prosecutions and that the meaning of his remarks was that the fate of individual war criminals should not be the main focus of the holocaust on the conscience of the world.)

MAPAM ASSAILS MODIFIED STRIKE MEASURE, HISTADRUT OFFERS LUKE-WARM SUPPORT

JERUSALEM, Oct. 21 (JTA)--A modified version of legislation designed to curb strikes by government and public service employees was approved by a majority of the Cabinet last night although it was assailed by both leftist and right-wing elements and received less than whole-hearted support from Histadrut. Mapam ministers Victor Shemtov and Nathan Peled voted against the measure. Following the vote, Mapam formally asked the Cabinet's permission to abstain when the bill comes up for a vote in the Knesset. Coalition parties are obligated to vote for government-approved measures unless officially excused from doing so. Meanwhile dockworkers at Ashdod staged a one-hour work-stoppage this morning to protest the Cabinet's approval of the bill which they called anti-labor.

The modifications were introduced at the insistence of Mapam and Histadrut who thought the measure was too severe as originally drafted. But the changes were criticized by the National Religious Party and some elements in the Labor Party for lacking "teeth." Defense Minister Moshe Dayan, who was on record favoring a more stringent measure, conceded last night that the final draft was the only one that could satisfy both the government and Histadrut.

It bans under penalty of the law, strikes by government and public service employees for wage increases or social benefits while contracts collectively entered into by management and labor are in effect. It contains a proviso that could extend the law to cover other branches of labor subject to government consultations with employers and employees. The anti-strike legislation was proposed last month when Israel's economy was almost crippled by a series of strikes and work-stoppages by customs officials, civil aviation employees and dockworkers and strikes by others were threatened.

Some of the walk-outs were staged in direct defiance of Histadrut, and the labor federation was as anxious as the government for a law that would stabilize labor relations. But Histadrut Secretary General Itzhak Ben Aharon said last night that he supported the workers' criticism of the bill in which he himself had a hand in drafting. Speaking at the Seamen's Union, Ben Aharon said that the Knesset would not deal hastily with the legislation and promised that if a majority of workers opposed it it would not become law.

EBAN: US REVIEW OF REQUEST FOR MORE JETS NOT SAME AS DECISION; ROGERS' STATEMENT POSITIVE, DEFINITE MOVE

TEL AVIV, Oct. 21 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban said yesterday upon his return to Israel that the US decision to review Israel's long-standing request for more Phantom jets was a positive step but added that review does not mean a new

decision. Speaking to newsmen at Lydda Airport he said, however, that during the past two weeks he had detected a change in American public opinion with regard to the Phantoms and that Secretary of State William P. Rogers' statement on the subject was a definite, positive move. He said up to the time of his departure from Washington he had no word as to what the next American step would be in the quest for an interim agreement between Israel and Egypt to reopen the Suez Canal.

PARLIAMENTARY MANEUVERING DELAYS ACTION ON BILL TO SUPPLY MORE JETS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21 (JTA)--Parliamentary maneuvering has delayed action on a resolution endorsed by 78 Senators last Friday asking the Nixon administration to supply Israel with the Phantom jets it has requested. Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R., N.Y.), one of the sponsors, managed to avoid sending the bill to the Foreign Relations Committee chaired by Sen. J. William Fulbright (D., Ark.), who is hostile to the measure. Javits received unanimous Senate consent for its placement on the calendar for action at any time subject to consultation with Majority Leader Mike Mansfield who said last week that he did not support resolutions of this type as a matter of principle but was not opposed to American military assistance to Israel to "even out" Soviet supplies to Egypt.

Javits' action temporarily averted a floor fight over whether the resolution should go to the Fulbright committee or the Armed Services committee, chaired by Sen. John Stennis (D., Miss.) who did not endorse the resolution but is known to be in favor of it. Dr. Lloyd Riddick, the Senate parliamentarian, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that the resolution was in "a state of suspended animation" and may be long delayed in coming to the Senate floor despite its endorsement by 44 Democrats and 34 Republicans. Before coming up for a roll-call vote, any Senate member can demand further study by committee.

In an exchange with Javits on the floor, Fulbright denied that his opposition to the resolution was inconsistent with his long-standing complaint that the Senate is not exercising its constitutional authority in foreign affairs. "This is not a case of our abdicating our responsibility in policymaking. This is a case of interfering in negotiations in a very sensitive area," he said. Javits replied that "A respectable number" of Senators--78--are "cognizant" of the administration's negotiations and "feel efforts to bring about peace in this area will be buttressed by the position we seek by the resolution."

TWO US JEWISH COUPLES OUSTED FROM USSR

PARIS, Oct. 21 (JTA)--Two American Jewish couples who arrived here from Moscow last night said they were expelled from the Soviet Union after being detained by police at Moscow airport, stripped and searched. Mr. and Mrs. Bert Braverman and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Alpert of Highland Park, Ill., said taped and filmed records of their three-week visit to the Soviet Union which included interviews with Jews in Moscow, Leningrad and Kiev were confiscated and that KGB (secret police) agents copied the names of their Russian-Jewish contacts.

They said the material seized from them included pleas from Russian Jews for American support in emigrating from the USSR. According to the Americans, the Soviet police refused to allow them to contact the US Embassy as they had demanded. Alpert said the four had gone to Russia "because we were interested in the plight of Jews in the Soviet Union."

NO EVIDENCE JDL FIRED INTO SOVIET MISSION, SAYS STATE DEPT: BUSH CONDEMNS MALIK'S ATTACK ON ZIONISTS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21 (JTA)--The State Department took issue today with the charge by the Soviet Ambassador to the United Nations, Yakov Malik, that the Jewish Defense League and "Zionist" militants were responsible for firing four rifle shots last night into an 11th story window of the Soviet UN Mission in New York. A Department spokesman condemned the shooting but said, "until we have some results from the police investigation we cannot say who might be involved." According to Malik, the Soviet Mission received a telephone call after the shooting from a person who claimed responsibility and said "Never again," a slogan used by the JDL.

Malik, speaking in the UN General Assembly, castigated US authorities for failure to take necessary measures to effectively prevent a systematic campaign by "Zionists" and other "hostile elements" against the Soviet Union. The US Ambassador to the UN, George Bush, answering the charges, denounced the shooting as an "outrageous, cowardly, hostile act." He blamed it on "extremists" which he did not identify. Secretary of State William P. Rogers called the Soviet Ambassador to Washington, Anatoly F. Dobrynin, and expressed "shock and outrage."

Bush told the General Assembly that the FBI has offered to cooperate with the New York Police Department in tracking down the perpetrators. Rogers telephoned Mayor John V. Lindsay today and was assured of full cooperation from the city. State Department sources noted that last Aug. 5 the administration proposed legislation that would make it a federal crime to commit violent acts against foreign diplomats in the US. They expressed hope that such legislation would be passed in light of the New York shooting.

A rifle and empty cartridge shells were found in an air shaft at Hunter College, near the Soviet Mission. Malik charged in the General Assembly that Hunter College had "often been used by Zionist organizations, including the JDL, for anti-Soviet meetings," and that those taking part in the meetings included the "criminal Rabbi Meir Kahane" (JDL national chairman). He said the Soviet Mission had informed US authorities more than once of the activities of the "Fascist-Zionist group" headed by Rabbi Kahane. He charged that some responsible American politicians had participated in the meetings and thus encouraged them. He mentioned Lindsay as a participant. Malik was supported in his accusations by Jamil M. Baroody, the Saudi Arabian representative. "Who is responsible?" he asked. "The politicians, the Mayor who goes to synagogue and acts like a rabbi to obtain Jewish votes." He said that other politicians too bore responsibility.

Bush commented in response that any implication that the Mayor was not concerned with loss of human life had to be regretted. He rejected implications that the Mayor and other city officials were less than zealous in protecting all in the Assembly. He added, in reply to Malik's charges, that until the culprit or culprits were found, he would suspend judgement as to who was involved. He said the US condemned the harassment the Soviet Mission has received from the JDL but it was unfair to brand a whole people as Fascist and Zionist.

BRANDT GREETES JEWISH COMMUNITY

BONN, Oct. 21 (JTA)--Chancellor Willy Brandt promised today the German Jewish community

that his government would "continue to promote respect and tolerance" towards all citizens and religious groups so that the crimes of the past would not be repeated. The statement was part of a message sent to the president of the Jewish community of Munich, Dr. Hans Lamm, on the occasion of the laying of the cornerstone for a new Jewish community center which is being built there. Jewish circles in this capital greeted the Chancellor's message, which coincided with his receiving the Nobel Peace Prize award, with satisfaction as a sign of the continued harmony which reigns between the West German government and its Jewish citizens.

GOLDMANN CALLS FOR LONG RANGE PLANNING IN JEWISH WORK

PARIS, Oct. 21 (JTA)--Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, expressed regret today that Jewish organizations concentrate almost exclusively on current affairs, neglecting the fundamental issue on which the continuation of Judaism depends. Dr. Goldmann, who addressed a closed meeting of the WJC's governing council, said that current issues, dramatic and tragic as they might be, such as Soviet Jewry and the fate of Jews in Arab states, should not obscure the dangers of "assimilation, integration and disintegration" in the Western world.

Another fundamental issue which Judaism will have to cope with is its relationship with the Eastern bloc and the Afro-Asian countries Dr. Goldmann stated. Jewish survival cannot eternally depend on the sympathy of the Western world whose role in world affairs is constantly weakening especially as a result of the new role played by China in international affairs," he said. Turning to the problem of Soviet Jewry, Dr. Goldmann stressed that the issue was two-fold: the right to emigrate for those Jews who want to leave the Soviet Union, and their right to lead full Jewish lives within the Soviet Union should they decide to stay.

JEWISH, NON-JEWISH ARTISTS URGE VISA FOR WIFE OF JEWISH SCULPTOR

LONDON, Oct. 21 (JTA)--Two non-Jewish poets, W.H. Auden and Stephen Spender, and the non-Jewish sculptor Henry Moore have joined with pianist Artur Schnabel and violinist Yehudi Menuhin in urging an emigration visa for the wife of a noted Soviet Jewish sculptor. The celebrities sent a joint letter to the Soviet ambassador here, asking him to convey their plea to the Kremlin.

They referred to 22-year-old Galina Zlotnik, whose husband, sculptor Aleksander Zlotnik, 31, is here in an effort to free her. He said Lord Janner, a Jewish member of Parliament, has taken on his case and had asked an unidentified British statesman to intervene with the Russians on her behalf. Zlotnik left Moscow recently at the insistence of his wife to live in Israel. She told him she hoped to be able to join him there soon.

TWO JEWISH POETS HONORED

NEW YORK, Oct. 21 (JTA)--The Congress for Jewish Culture awarded two literary prizes of \$500 each to the poet Joseph Kerler and the poetess Rachel Baumwohl. Both writers, renowned in Soviet Yiddish literature, recently left the Soviet Union to settle in Israel. Kerler received the award for his new book, "Dos Gezang Zwishn Tsayn" (Tel Aviv, 1971), and Miss Baumwohl for her contribution to Yiddish poetry over a period of four decades. The celebration honoring both poets took place in Tel Aviv. Kerler will be honored in New York on Dec. 12 at the annual banquet of the Congress for Jewish Culture. He will address the Jewish Labor Committee's 1971 biennial convention Saturday night.

100,000 PETITIONS FOR SOVIET JEWISH RIGHTS DELIVERED TO AMBASSADOR BUSH

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 21 (JTA)--United States Ambassador George Bush accepted today 100,000 petitions for Soviet Jewish rights that were rejected yesterday by the Soviet Embassy in Washington. The petitions demand Soviet observance of the "clear and unequivocal...essential human right" of emigration expressed in the United Nations Charter, and urge the Kremlin to "stop your inhuman persecution of the Jews in the Soviet Union."

The petitions were presented to Bush by Philip E. Hoffman, president of the American Jewish Committee; Rep. Sidney R. Yates (D., Ill.), a colleague of Bush's when the envoy was a Congressman; Enoch and Marjorie Silverstein of Chicago, who unilaterally printed the appeals and launched the signature drive (he is an official of the Community Council of Jewish Organizations of Chicago); David Geller, the AJCommittee's European affairs specialist, and Judah Graubart of the AJCommittee's Chicago staff.

Hoffman said in a prepared statement: "Our enemy is silence. With no protest, no focus of world opinion on the Soviet crimes, the obliteration of Jewish life in the Soviet Union is a tragic surety. The Soviet government must be kept aware that world opinion will not remain silent in the face of their anti-Semitic policies."

Bush replied that while a non-Jew like himself could never "fully understand" diaspora Jewry's feeling about the situation of Soviet Jews, he felt "a tremendous personal drive to try to be effective, to be helpful." On June 8, Bush accepted petitions signed by 8,300 Christian leaders and subsequently delivered them to Secretary General Thant. The envoy was startled to learn today that the general media, including the New York Times, were not covering today's presentation by their own choice, as they had been invited.

12 BLACK EDUCATORS TO VISIT ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Oct. 21 (JTA)--The presidents of five Black colleges leave Nov. 1 for a 16-day study-tour of Israel arranged by the urban affairs department of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. They will meet with Israeli educators at the Hebrew University, the Weizmann Institute and Israel's Afro-Asian Institute.

According to Kenyon C. Burke, director of the ADL department which coordinates the agency's race relations program, the Black educators will examine Israeli methods of education for the disadvantaged, that country's youth, health and immigration projects, and its handling of ethnic problems. A prime purpose of the trip will be to set up a student exchange program. Abraham Harman, president of Hebrew University in Jerusalem, will act as host to the visiting college heads during their stay.

"It is hoped," Burke said, "that the tour will help provide greater insight into the sensitivities and aspirations of both Blacks and Jews." He said a similar tour arranged by ADL for Black publishers and journalists more than a year ago had inspired the upcoming one.

Burke will accompany the group of educators which includes Dr. Lewis C. Dowdy, president of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University in Greensboro; Dr. Roy Hudson, president of Hampton Institute, Virginia; Dr. Charles G. Hurst, Jr., president of Malcolm X College, Chicago, Ill.; Dr. James R. Lawson, president of Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn., and Dr. Granville Sawyer, president of the Texas Southern University, Houston.

ISRAELI ENVOY SAYS FULL FORCE OF SOVIET STATE MARSHALED AGAINST JEWS

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 21 (JTA)--Israeli Ambassador Tamar Eshel declared today that "Whilst on the one hand the Soviet government lavishes generous support for advancing and activating the specific cultural and national attributes of dozens of national groups, we find that the full force of the Soviet state is marshaled against the survival of Soviet Jews as Jews, and any device is conjured up to suppress their desire for a national life, a life of dignity and identification."

Mrs. Eshel, speaking during the Third Committee's consideration of "the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination," asserted that "The price of survival for Jews as individuals in Soviet society carries a very high price tag with it--renouncing any meaningful existence as Jews or contact with other Jews." She added that "A sinister campaign of anti-Semitic propaganda in the traditions of the darkest days of Czarist Russia and which could compare with the most venomous anti-Semitic literature known in our time and is carried out in the official Soviet press is designed to degrade, besmear and humiliate a people."

The Israeli envoy said that the "illogical, senseless and tragic denial of human rights" to Soviet Jews was an unfortunate policy on the part of a nation that had "played such a decisive role in crushing the Nazi monster." She stressed that "This is not a question of any special rights and privileges to be granted to the Jewish minority but of the same rights and facilities enjoyed by any of the other 107 national groups recognized by the Soviet system."

Ambassador Eshel said that only "a small number of the 70,000 Soviet Jews who have applied for migration to Israel have been allowed to go. Meanwhile, she noted, "42 Jewish political prisoners" were serving long sentences under "harsh conditions" solely because of "their audacious persistence in maintaining their pride and identity and their determination to leave for Israel, their home." She added that she had learned by telephone last night that the three Vilna Jews recently sentenced to 15 days' imprisonment for "hoiiliganism" were in the sixth day of a hunger strike.

CHILEAN DELEGATION TO VISIT ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Oct. 21 (JTA)--Three members of the Chilean Parliament including the chairman of its foreign affairs committee, will visit Israel as guests of the Knesset beginning next Sunday. It will be the first formal visit by high-ranking Chileans since President Salvador Allende, an avowed Marxist, took office. It was announced yesterday that President Allende accepted an invitation from President Zalman Shazar to visit Israel. He is expected to come here in mid-1972. Sunday's guests will be Carlos Sivioli Douberlilide and Jaque and Umerto Eguree. Political circles here said they would be asked to convey to the Chilean government and parliament Israel's desire to continue friendly relations between the two countries. It was believed that the Chileans would also be informed of Israel's anxiety over certain political expressions about the Middle East by Chilean leaders since Allende took office. The visitors will be in Israel for a week.

Reminder: There will be no JTA Daily News Bulletin on October 25 due to Veterans Day