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ISRAEL TO US: NO FURTHER TALKS WHILE PHANTOM JETS ARE WITHHELD

JERUSALEM, Oct. 27 (JTA)--Israel has informed the United States through diplomatic channels that it will not participate further in talks on an interim Suez agreement as long as the US continues to withhold the Phantom jets Israel has asked for, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned from authoritative sources today. That position was said to have been the consensus of the Cabinet which discussed the matter Sunday. Washington has been told that Israel cannot continue negotiating while she is aware that the balance of power in the area is undergoing a change through Soviet supplies of war materiel to Egypt, including planes, the sources said.

Other sources said today, however, that Israel was not complaining about the overall US commitment to maintain the Mideast balance, but only the withholding of Phantoms. Yesterday, Premier Golda Meir accused the US of having capitulated to the Egyptian position on an interim agreement as evidenced by the withholding of Phantoms and Secretary of State William P. Rogers' Oct. 4 speech to the United Nations General Assembly which Israel regarded as an erosion of America's previous position. Mrs. Meir was given an overwhelming vote of confidence by the Knesset after her speech.

Rogers' Proposal Not Basis For Talks

The only criticism of the government's tough stand came from Uri Avnery of the tiny Haolam Hazeh faction and the pro-Moscow New Communist Party. Knesset members said there was no point "playing ostrich" and accepting the points made by Rogers without relating to their real meaning and expressed the opinion that it was doubtful any progress could be made towards an interim agreement in the near future.

Authoritative sources here said the points made in Rogers' Oct. 4 speech cannot be accepted by Israel as a basis for negotiating an interim agreement with Egypt. They added, however, that Israel does not reject every sentence in every point made by Rogers. But there are some fundamental preconditions that Israel insists on before resuming talks. These include a clear understanding that there will be no Egyptian military presence east of the Suez Canal if Israeli forces withdraw from the east bank and an understanding that the interim agreement will not be simply a stage in the implementation of the Security Council's Resolution 242.

The Israeli position is at odds with Rogers' views. In his General Assembly speech he specifically described an interim settlement as merely a step toward complete and full implementation of Resolution 242. He also asserted that he thought a compromise was possible on the issue of whether Egyptian troops should cross the canal under an interim agreement. Other Rogers' points were his conclusion that neither side can realistically expect to achieve as part of an interim, complete agreement on an overall settlement which will have to be worked out through negotiations under UN mediator, Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring, and that a permanent end to belligerency is not realizable in the context of an interim agreement.

BIG FOUR MAY BECOME BIG FIVE

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 27 (JTA)--Observers here

said today there was a possibility that the Big Four may invite Peking to make up a Big Five in future deliberations on the Middle East as a result of the admission of the People's Republic of China into the United Nations and the expulsion of Nationalist China (Taiwan) this week. Although one of the five permanent members of the Security Council, Taiwan did not participate in the discussions on the Middle East by the United States, Soviet Russia, Britain and France. Observers said the reason probably was that a majority of the Big Four did not want Taiwan's participation. The United Nations' Middle East peace envoy, Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring, returns to Moscow tonight to resume his post as Sweden's Ambassador to the Soviet Union. He is expected back in mid-November when the General Assembly starts its debate on the Mideast.

RUSSIAN JEW DROPS LETTER ON BREZHNEV'S LAP; 7 YOUTHS ARRESTED; VIGIL HELD

PARIS, Oct. 27 (JTA)--A 36-year-old Russian-born Jew broke through a police cordon outside the Soviet Embassy today and managed to drop a letter through an open window of Soviet Communist Party Secretary Leonid Brezhnev's limousine as he was about to drive to the Elysee Palace for talks with President Georges Pompidou. The Jew, identified as Pierre Bazian, a translator by profession, was arrested but released after a few hours. He said he belonged to no organization or group but acted on his own.

Bazian's letter was a plea to be allowed to get in touch with his aged parents who live in Russia and from whom he has not heard in a long time. Eye-witnesses said the letter fell on Brezhnev's knees and that he accepted it without any visible reaction. Seven Jewish youths, all members of the Jewish Students Front, were arrested today for demonstrating in front of the Louvre while Brezhnev was inspecting the art treasures inside. The vast museum was closed to the public so that the Soviet leader and his party would be undisturbed.

The arrested youths were wearing facial masks representing a likeness of Brezhnev. A three hour vigil for Soviet Jews was held last night in the Mutualite Hall here. Several hundred signatures were collected within minutes on a petition demanding emigration rights for Soviet Jews. Students and faculty of schools throughout France announced they would hold a "day of solidarity" tomorrow with Soviet Jews. Prayer services for Soviet Jews were conducted today by the Chief Rabbinate of the Rhone-Alps area at Lyons.

Informed sources told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that the Middle East views of Brezhnev and Pompidou are so nearly identical that they hardly mentioned the subject in their talks except to warn that the current situation could "endanger world peace" if allowed to continue. The sources said it was likely that France and Russia would ask for a resumption of the Four Power Middle East talks once the current American initiative has run its course. Both countries are convinced that the American initiative cannot succeed.

STATE DEP'T MUM ON US-ISRAEL RELATIONS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27 (JTA)--State Depart-

ment spokesman Charles Bray repeatedly refused to comment on today's news briefing on questions relating to current United States relations with Israel. Questioned by reporters about Premier Golda Meir's speech to the Knesset yesterday in which she accused the US of having accepted the Egyptian position on an interim Suez settlement, Bray told newsmen they would "do well" to re-read Secretary of State William P. Rogers' Oct. 4 speech before the UN General Assembly.

Bray offered the same reply when asked if Rogers had gone back on the support he promised Israel when he was there last May and which was promised by Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs Joseph J. Sisco when he visited Israel last July. The spokesman refused comment when asked if American support for Israel was still valid. When asked if he thought Mrs. Meir's accusation might have stemmed from a misinterpretation of Rogers' General Assembly speech, Bray declared, "I have nothing more to say."

He said the US had no information on reports from Israel today that Israel will not participate in further negotiations on an interim settlement as long as the Phnom Penh jets it requested from the US are withheld. He refused all comment on the review of the Middle East military balance which Rogers promised following the announcement of a new Soviet-Egyptian arms deal in Moscow a week ago. Bray would not say when the review would commence or at what level it would be conducted. Reports from Beirut today said that the Lebanese government had reached an agreement with a visiting Russian military mission to purchase Soviet arms for its 15,000-man army.

ONE OF QUINPLETS DIES

JERUSALEM, Oct. 27 (JTA)—The smallest of the quintuplets born to Mrs. Hadasah Bernman here last Friday died today. Doctors at Hadasah Hospital said the infant, a boy, weighed less than two pounds at birth. The other babies, three girls and a boy, were reported doing well.

CLASH-CUT DECISION BY RESOLVE MIDEAST ARMS BALANCE ORDERED BY JEWISH GROUP

NEW YORK, Oct. 27 (JTA)—The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations called today for "a prompt and clean-cut decision to restore the military balance in the Middle East by permitting Israel to buy Phnom Penh jet planes." In a statement, Dr. William A. Wexler, chairman of the Jewish leadership group, said the State Department "should follow the recommendations of members of the United States Senate who have publicly urged that Israel's military superiority be strengthened through the immediate delivery of American Phnom Penh jets."

The statement came following a meeting of representatives of the Presidents Conference with Assistant Secretary of State Joseph J. Sisco in the State Department in Washington. At the meeting, which took place over the week-end, the Presidents Conference delegation asked for early and decisive action by the State Department or Israeli request for military assistance in the form of Phnom Penh jet fighters. On leaving the State Department, the Presidents Conference group refused to reply to newsmen's questions on whether the meeting had been successful.

BLACK DELEGATION RESIDES IN PROTEST AGAINST SOUTH AFRICAN POLICY

PARIS, Oct. 27 (JTA)—A number of prominent members of the International League Against Anti-Semitism (ILAS) have resigned in protest

against the election of Jacques Soustelle as president of a LICIA federation in Lyons. LICIA was established in 1955 as an anti-Nazi organization with strong leftist tendencies. Soustelle is still considered by many Frenchmen as an extreme right-winger due to his stand on France's role in Algeria. His election has, therefore, shocked and angered some LICIA members.

Among those who have resigned are the federation's Deputy Secretary General Jules Zederman. Other Lyons federation members, including outgoing president Pierre Picaut, also intend to resign, according to reports. Soustelle has tried to make a political comeback in his native city of Lyons and his election to the presidency might, according to some observers, advance his political career. Pierre Levy, the federation's secretary general, announced that Soustelle's election took place "without political considerations" and had the full approval of the National Bureau and LICIA's president Jean Pierre-Bloch.

URGE BOYCOTT OF GERMAN CULTURE WEEK

TEL AVIV, Oct. 27 (JTA)—Seven organizations representing Nazi concentration camp survivors and members of ghetto fighters and resistance groups called today on the Israeli public and the mayors of the three largest cities to boycott "German Culture Week" which opens next week. At a press conference here, spokesmen for the groups excoriated the mayors of Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Haifa for agreeing to sponsor Culture Week events in their cities. The events will include shows, literary readings, art exhibitions and music. According to Stephan Griztek, chairman of the umbrella organization of Nazi victims, "There is still a long way to go before Israel can accept the idea of a 'German Culture Week.'" Griztek added: "Remember the Jews who were taken to the gas chambers by the people brought up in German culture."

KNESSET EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER HEALTH OF JEWISH PRISONER IN USSR

JERUSALEM, Oct. 27 (JTA)—The Knesset expressed serious concern today over the health of Silva Zalmanson Kuznetsov, one of the Jewish defendants in the first Leningrad trial currently serving a ten year sentence in a Soviet labor camp. According to information received from Jewish sources in Russia, imprisonment has aggravated a childhood ailment and Mrs. Kuznetsov's health has deteriorated to a point where her life is in danger. The Jewish sources charge that prison authorities are treating her with more than usual brutality. Her family in Israel is currently on a hunger strike at the Walling Wall in an attempt to draw world attention to the prisoner's plight.

Mrs. Kuznetsov's condition was discussed in the Knesset on an agenda motion introduced by Mrs. Esther Razel Naor of the Gahal faction. The motion urged the Israel government to undertake efforts to secure her release. Regarding the motion, Foreign Minister Abba Eban asked nations, governments and parliaments of the free world to join Israel in urging Soviet authorities to free the prisoner on humanitarian grounds, although, he said, she was charged with no crime but for "her longing to return to her national homeland, Israel."

ANTI-STRIKE MEASURES SUPPORTED

JERUSALEM, Oct. 27 (JTA)—Ninety percent of the Israeli public supports legislation now pending to prevent strikes while labor contracts are still in force, a poll conducted on behalf of the Labor Ministry disclosed today. The poll was conducted by the Institute of Applied Social Research and the Communications Institute of the Hebrew University.

225 CONGRESSMEN SPONSOR RESOLUTION URGING DELIVERY OF JETS TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28 (JTA)--A resolution bearing the signatures of 225 Democrats and Republicans --more than half of the total membership of the 435 in the House of Representatives--was presented today in the House calling on the Nixon administration to resume deliveries without further delay of Phantom jet aircraft to Israel. "That's an enormous number," Rep. Hale Boggs (D., La.), the House Majority Leader, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. "You very seldom have that number of Congressmen signing anything."

The resolution was introduced by Rep. Emanuel Celler (D., N.Y.). It is identical to the one offered in the Senate on Oct. 15 by Senate Minority Leader Hugh Scott (R., Pa.) which was sponsored by 78 Senators, or more than three quarters of that body's 100 members. The Senate resolution is now in the hands of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee headed by Sen. J. William Fulbright.

92 MOSCOW JEWS RELEASED AFTER ARREST

NEW YORK, Oct. 27 (JTA)--The American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry today confirmed the release of all 92 Soviet Jews detained in Moscow on Monday after they attempted to deliver a petition to the Communist Party Central Committee. The petition asked that they be told when their exit visas would be granted. The 92 Jews from six cities had been arrested after a five-man delegation entered the party headquarters. The authorities released 62 of the Jews after six hours of questioning, the Conference reported earlier in the week, and it has now become known that the remaining 30 were freed several hours later.

Speculating on the reason for the release of the protesters, the spokesman said the authorities may have feared that further detention would stir up protests throughout the world, especially in Canada at the end of Premier Alexei Kosygin's visit there, and in France at the beginning of Communist Party chief Leonid Brezhnev's tour in that country. "At the same time," the Conference spokesman continued, it is possible that "it was only a coincidence in terms of timing" and "that the Soviet authorities had merely resorted to another in the continuing acts of harassment against Jews who have attempted to petition Communists' and local authorities on Jewish rights, including the right to leave for Israel."

TREPPER'S SONS APPEAL FOR RIGHT OF PARENTS TO LEAVE POLAND

NEW YORK, Oct. 27 (JTA)--Two of the three sons of Leopold Trepper, a leader of the anti-Fascist underground in Poland in World War II, appealed publicly yesterday for the right of their aged, ailing parents to leave Poland for Israel. Writing on the Op-Ed page of the New York Times, Ansmartin-Michal Brojde and Edgard Brojde stated that "Our parents are being silently and 'politely' brought to the verge of death, and only active and immediate intervention of world public opinion can save them."

They contended that "another month or two of the life our parents are compelled to lead in Poland now will result in a new, this time mortal, heart attack for our 67-year-old father, and in another nervous breakdown for our 65-year-old mother." A three-part series on Trepper's life, career and fate, written by Edwin Eytan, chief of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency's European Bureau, was distributed by the JTA earlier this month. During the war, Trepper formed and led the efficient intelligence operation called "the Red Orchestra," composed of anti-Fascists of varying political views.

"Our father risked his life dozens of times,"

Trepper's sons wrote in yesterday's article, after escaping from the Gestapo, they continued, "he came to the Soviet Union expecting great appreciation for his wartime services," but "instead, he was thrown into prison and spent 10 years there." Trepper was vindicated by the post-Stalin regime, but by then he was "a 50-year-old invalid" separated from his wife for 15 years. Last year, the sons continued, Trepper applied for a visa to Israel, and "as a result...was expelled from the (Polish) Communist Party which he served so ideologically 45 years."

Their applications for emigration are either refused or ignored, the Brojdes reported. "We, the sons of Leopold Trepper, state with full responsibility that if our father dies of another heart failure or if our mother succumbs to another nervous breakdown all the blame for this will fall on the new Gierek-Jaroszewicz government," the sons concluded. "Our parents' only wish now is to be reunited with their family in Israel and end in peace their last days there...We appeal to world public opinion--help save our parents."

AJCONGRESS URGES PUBLIC HEARING ON RACIAL, ETHNIC CENSUS OF CITY WORKERS

NEW YORK, Oct. 27 (JTA)--The American Jewish Congress called today for a full public hearing on an executive order signed Oct. 1 by Mayor Lindsay which requires that the city take an annual racial and ethnic census of its employees. In a telegram to City Council President Sanford Garelik, the AJCongress voiced "anxiety and concern" that such a census "could be misused to destroy the civil service merit system." Theodore J. Kolish, chairman of the New York Metropolitan Council of the AJCongress, warned that "a census in which employees are categorized by race, color or national origin could create new forms of discrimination."

He said the AJCongress had been informed by the City's Human Rights Commission, which is handling the survey, that Jewish city employees would not be counted in the census because it is not gathering information about religious groups. Another spokesman for the AJCongress said the use of such an ethnic and racial survey "threatens to introduce the new idea that public employment must reflect population breakdown."

A spokeswoman for the Human Rights Commission confirmed that no religious questions were included in the survey. She said the current census follows the lead of similar federal and state surveys, and a survey conducted by the city in 1963 under Mayor Robert F. Wagner. She said the courts have historically considered all queries about a person's religion, race, sex and national origin an infringement of privacy, but that when it has been determined that "a long history of discrimination has existed," then the courts have accepted the use of such surveys for the specific purpose of combatting discrimination. Thus, the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's annual survey of all employers of more than 25 people asks about the employees racial and ethnic backgrounds as well as their sex.

Though federal, state and city standards prohibit discrimination on the basis of religion, she said, such surveys have not requested information about employees' religious backgrounds because Jewish and other religious organizations have traditionally opposed the asking of such questions. She said that Jewish organizations might be rethinking their position on this matter and she added that discussions could be held with a view toward changing the city's survey forms in future years.

SOVIET EMBASSY SAYS NYET ON MEETINGS BETWEEN 11 RUSSIANS AND US JEWS

JDL Disruption Forces Cancellation of
Scheduled Meeting Of Soviet Group

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27 (JTA)--A visiting Soviet tour group, four of whose 11 members are Jews, will not meet with American Jewish representatives, on orders of the Soviet Embassy. An Embassy official said yesterday that the group would not have sufficient time during its five-city schedule. The group has been here since Sunday and was invited to address a public meeting last night sponsored by the Georgetown (University) International Student House Organization. The meeting was cancelled after 15 minutes because of interruptions by members of the Jewish Defense League.

The interruptions began after Valerian S. Nesterov, the Soviet Cultural Exchange Counselor here, announced that one of the Jewish members of the visiting delegation was absent. "Col. Gen. David Dragunsky had a previous engagement. He is not in prison," Nesterov explained. In the ensuing laughter, he corrected the last phrase to "He is not present." Mrs. Charlotte Levin, a housewife of Rockville, Md., and secretary of the Washington chapter of the JDL, immediately shouted: "Where is the traitor?" and Dr. William Perl a psychologist of College Park, Md., and chairman of the chapter, added: "Is it because of the JDL that he is not here?"

Students charged that Jews outside were not being let in, even though the 600-seat hall was less than half filled. The meeting was adjourned when a smokebomb exploded in the hall. The Russians walked off the platform and out the back door accompanied by Soviet Embassy officials. Members of the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington, who did not participate in the disruption but distributed leaflets describing the plight of Soviet Jewry, deplored the incidents.

Soviet Jews Not Free Agents

The Soviet Embassy's rejection of meetings between the visiting delegation and Jewish leaders came four days after Seymour D. Wolf, president, and Dr. Issac Franck, executive vice president, of the JCC had written to Nesterov to suggest a meeting "in any public forum" to discuss "Jewish life in the US and the Soviet Union." The Soviets were given jurisdiction over "the choice of forum, whether public auditorium, television, radio or all three." Nesterov replied that the delegation's "busy schedule" prohibited any such arrangement.

"It is obvious," said Dr. Franck, "that the four Soviet Jews, who are not free agents but only puppets who say what they are ordered to say, did not wish to face an open public discussion at which the truth about the Soviet government's oppression of Soviet Jewry would be publicly ventilated." The Jews in the delegation are Dragunsky, a much-decorated war hero; Dr. Uri Gristman, director of the Moscow Research Ecological Laboratory; Samuel Zive, Deputy Director of the Institute of State Law of the Soviet Academy of Sciences and a member of the Governing Board of the Institute of Soviet-American Relations in Moscow; and Vladimir Peller, chairman of a collective farm. The group will return to Moscow Nov. 7.

SOVIET JEWISH ACTIVISTS CALL FOR CONTINUING PRESSURE ON NIXON

TUCSON, Oct. 27 (JTA)--Jews in the Soviet Union who want to remain Jews must leave now and go to Israel, two recent emigres from the Soviet Union said here this weekend. Traveling with the Soviet Jewry Freedom Bus from Seattle to Wash-

ington, D.C. are Tsipora Wolf, 25, and Illia Wolk, 27, Soviet activists now living in Israel with their families. Miss Wolf and Wolk agreed that all the letters sent to Soviet officials and all the protests and demonstrations help pressure the Soviet government to react to public opinion, but called for more protests to the US government and to American officials.

Pointing out that this is an election year, the three Americans traveling with them stressed that this is the year to put pressure on President Nixon. Nixon will have to act this year, but it may be another four years before the President will be sensitive to the problem again, they said. Wolk said many of the Jews who are being allowed to leave the Soviet Union are activists. "They saw it was impossible to jail all the activists," Miss Wolf said. She added that most of her friends are in jail now. Both Miss Wolf and Wolk said they had been arrested by the KGB and interrogated many times for "Zionist activities."

Wolk waited 14 years after applying for his first visa to go to Israel before the Soviet authorities granted him permission to leave. Miss Wolf waited only three and a half years. Each of their families then had to pay the price of \$1,000 per adult to leave. Wolk pointed out that before the Six Day War visas to leave the Soviet Union could be applied for twice a year, while after the war they were reduced to once a year. When asked why, Wolk replied, "In the Soviet Union you don't ask why, it's just as they do."

Wolk said, "The way and the methods of the Jewish Defense League are not the best--violence and shooting are no good." The results are interesting though, he said, because for the first time, the question of Soviet Jewry was discussed in the UN General Assembly after the sniper firing on the Soviet Embassy last week. Miss Wolf said that the JDL started as a very good organization but said she was not in favor of violence or the endangering of human lives.

LABOR ZIONISTS LAUNCH CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, Oct. 27 (JTA)--A door-to-door type election campaign to get out the vote for the forthcoming World Zionist Congress--including telephone squads, campaign captains, direct mail, rallies and public meetings--was launched this week by the Labor Zionist Movement. Israel Stolarsky, Labor Zionist leader who was named chairman of the Labor Zionist Movement Congress Election Campaign Committee, said that the Labor Zionist movement "is taking the nationwide elections for the World Zionist Congress seriously, and will attempt to reach all registered Zionists to convince them to vote in the mail ballot election which will be held within the next six to eight weeks."

The Labor Zionist campaign committee also reported that Labor Zionist branches throughout the US were trying to set up public debates with other Zionist groups so that all could discuss ideological issues within the American Zionist movement and bring them out into the open. The seven Labor Zionist groups which make up the Labor Zionist Congress Election Campaign Committee are American Habonim Association; Farband, Labor Zionist Order; Friends for Labor Israel; Pioneer Women, Poale Zion and the two youth movements, Ichud Habonim and Dror.

ISRAELI SOLDIER INJURED IN CLASH

TEL AVIV, Oct. 27 (JTA)--An Israeli soldier was wounded and two Arab terrorists were killed in a clash in the El Bourej refugee camp in the Gaza Strip today.