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## BI-PARTISAN MOVE TO RESTORE MILITARY, ECONOMIC AID TO ISRAEL

Bill By Percy Calls For \$350M,  
McGovern's Bill Calls For \$385M

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2 (JTA)--Senators of both parties moved today to restore to Israel the military and economic aid eliminated when the Senate defeated the administration's \$3.2 billion foreign aid bill last Friday. Sen. Charles Percy (R., Ill.) introduced legislation authorizing the administration to provide \$350 million in military equipment and service credits to Israel--\$50 million more than was earmarked for Israel in the original foreign aid bill.

Sen. George McGovern (D., S.D.) announced at a press conference at the United Nations in New York this morning that he would introduce a bill providing \$300 million in military sales credits for Israel plus an \$85 million grant in security-supporting assistance. The Percy bill was referred to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee whose chairman, Sen. J. William Fulbright (D., Ark.), has indicated that he would support the restoration of funds to Israel although he has previously opposed military aid to that country.

The office of Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R., N.Y.) said today that the Senator would not personally introduce legislation in advance of a decision within the Foreign Relations Committee. Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D., Wash.) was also reported to be biding his time for the introduction of legislation to extend \$500 million in military credits to Israel. Jackson promised in a speech on the Senate floor last Sept. 23 that he would introduce such a measure at the opportune moment. His aides told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency this week that he was expected to act soon in view of the demise of the \$3.2 billion foreign aid bill. However, it was believed that he is also waiting for the results of discussions in the Foreign Relations Committee.

## Cannot Permit Arms Delay

McGovern, a declared candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1972, said the credits he will recommend for Israel would "allow Israel to purchase the aircraft it needs (Phantoms) to assure its full security and survival." He said that "in the light of the delicate and difficult conditions prevailing now in the Middle East, we cannot permit delay in assuring that Israel will have the military equipment essential to maintain the balance of forces and the support required to undergird an economy depleted by the threat of war."

While the Percy bill does not mention the \$85 million contained in the old foreign aid bill, it was understood that there was no question that this amount would be part of the new legislation by the Senator himself or a colleague. Fulbright said on the CBS television program "Face The Nation" Sunday that Israel was "a very special case and I have acknowledged that we should support it. In fact, we have no alternative" to supporting Israel. He said the funds for Israel in the defeated foreign aid bill "was over \$400 million" which was taken to mean that it included about \$300 million in military credits, \$85 million in grants and an additional \$15 million in

special grants to institutions such as schools and hospitals.

## FOUR AFRICAN PRESIDENTS IN ISRAEL TO STUDY PROSPECTS FOR MIDEAST PEACE

TEL AVIV, Nov. 2 (JTA)--Four red carpets were rolled out at Lydda Airport today as the presidents of four African nations arrived on the first leg of a voluntary mission to the Middle East to study the prospects for peace and determine how they can offer their services to that end. Presidents Leopold Senghor of Senegal, Ahmadou Ahidjo of Cameroon and Yakubu Gowon of Nigeria arrived together on a Nigerian Airlines jet. Their colleague, President Joseph Mobutu of Zaïre (Congo-Kinshasa) arrived 80 minutes later from Tunisia.

They were welcomed to Israel by President Zalman Shazar, Premier Golda Meir, Foreign Minister Abba Eban, Transport Minister Shimon Peres and the entire diplomatic corps. Several hundred African students assembled at the airport, many in their native dress, waving flags, as the presidents were greeted by 21 gun salutes, their national anthems played by a military brass band and inspected an honor guard composed of Israel Army cadets. The welcoming ceremonies were performed twice because of the separate arrivals.

Taken by motorcade to Jerusalem, the four presidents were visited in their suites at the King David Hotel by Mrs. Meir and Eban and by Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem. Later, all four paid a protocol visit to President Shazar's home. They will be in the country four days before going to Cairo. After visiting Cairo, they will report on their Middle East mission to the full ten-man Conference of African Presidents which is to convene at Dakar, Senegal Nov. 10. Israel regards the visit of the four African heads of state as of great political and diplomatic significance.

## Intend To Aid In Dialogue

In his address of welcome at the airport, President Shazar promised his country's full cooperation toward "the mission of peace that you have undertaken." He said, "I am convinced that you have come here free from all favor or prejudice, that you are ready to listen and desirous beyond all question of momentary interests or imaginary pressures. I can assure you that you will find in my people and my government ample store of trust and confidence accompanied by resolute determination to give you every possible assistance towards the success of your exalted mission and to learn from your valuable experience in order to create the conditions for the dialogue with our neighbors for which we aspire."

Responding on behalf of the group, President Senghor stressed that they did not come to the region to replace United Nations mediator Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring or the Four Power efforts for peace. "We have come here to help restore peace. We have come to help in the dialogue between the two sides and to assist people of good will to implement to the letter the resolution of the Security Council of the 22nd November, 1967," he said. The President added that his group has an advantage over others seeking the same goal in that like the Jewish and Arab nations, the Africans have experienced oppression and suffering.

Observers here said it was likely that one of the

Presidents would return to Israel after visiting Cairo. President Mobutu visited this country previously as a para-trooper trainee. President Shazar recalled that visit in his personal greeting to the Congo leader.

### SITUATION OF SYRIAN JEWS WORSENING

JERUSALEM, Nov. 2 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban reported to the Knesset last night that the situation of Syrian Jews has worsened in recent months. He said at least 12 Jews, most of them young, have been arrested and are being held without trial, their fate still unknown. According to Eban, a "considerable number of Syrian Jewish families have been detained for questioning and subjected to 'Indescribable torture.'"

Eban said that in general, the 4,500 Jews in Syria are virtual hostages, forbidden to leave the country or to travel more than two miles from their homes. They are forced to live in ghettos and are subject to arbitrary arrest, questioning, torture and surprise searches. Eban said there has been some improvement in the condition of the remaining Jewish communities in Egypt and Iraq which he attributed to the weight of world opinion.

Eban said that Jewish and non-Jewish organizations around the world have been aroused to the plight of Syrian Jews. The Damascus regime, unable to ignore these protests, has fabricated stories to the effect that Syrian Jews lead a normal, peaceful life. But these stories have not convinced anybody, Eban said. He said Israel would not let up in its campaign until the last Jew has been "freed from bondage in Syria."

### AZF SEES MRS. MEIR'S ANSWER TO US AS NECESSARY AND FORCEFUL

NEW YORK, Nov. 2 (JTA)--Rabbi Israel Miller, president of the American Zionist Federation, described Israeli Premier Golda Meir yesterday as "much more realistic" on Middle East issues than Secretary of State William P. Rogers. In her "frank, forceful and firm statement" last week, Rabbi Miller said, Mrs. Meir contributed a "necessary response" to the proposal for Israeli "concessions" offered by Rogers.

"Prime Minister Meir's explicit address should not have been viewed with surprise by any observer who had listened to Foreign Minister Abba Eban's eloquent statements of Israel's position recently at the United Nations and in public and private forums," the AZF leader observed.

"In my opinion the major thrust of Mrs. Meir's address was the call to the government of the United States to honor President Nixon's pledge to maintain the military balance by approving the sale of additional Phantoms to Israel." In her Oct. 26 speech, Mrs. Meir attributed the delay in jet sales to what she was as an Arabization of America's Mideast policy.

Rabbi Miller said that Rogers' Oct. 14 statement, that he would review the jet question in the light of increased Soviet arms aid to Egypt, "is a promissory note on the delivery of the Phantoms which must be promptly redeemed." Praising those Senators and Representatives who have endorsed immediate jet sales to Israel, Rabbi Miller said that the AZF "will continue to press the government until the President's pledge is fulfilled."

### NO CONFIRMATION THAT ISRAEL IS BEEFING UP BAR-LEV LINE

TEL AVIV, Nov. 2 (JTA)--Israeli circles said today that there was no information to confirm re-

ports published in the United States that Israel was beefing up its Bar-Lev line on the east bank of the Suez Canal to create a springboard for future offensive action against Egypt. The circles refused to comment on the implications which the reports stressed of Israel's unreadiness to withdraw from the canal. They said this was a purely political question. Nevertheless, it was generally acknowledged that Israel is strengthening its fortifications along the waterway but this is justified by the heavy armaments including 203 mm. Russian artillery deployed on the Egyptian side.

Sources here point out that Israel must consider not only Egypt's deadlines for ending the cease-fire but the possibility that shooting could resume at any time. It would be foolhardy not to be prepared for any eventuality, especially as the Egyptians have made no secret of their plans to cross the Suez Canal, the sources said. The canal, however, remains quiet. The Egyptians continue to fortify their positions. But Egyptian soldiers move around without helmets or weapons and many try to fish in the canal waters in plain view of Israeli soldiers.

### ARAB, DRUZE MINORITIES ENJOY STEADILY RISING LIVING STANDARDS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 2 (JTA)--Israel's Arab and Druze minorities enjoy steadily rising living standards, improved housing, better employment opportunities, higher income and a wide range of services provided by the government, according to facts and figures in the new Government Year Book to be published here shortly. The minorities population, including residents of East Jerusalem but not of the other occupied territories, was 440,000 at the end of 1970. The figure included 330,000 Moslems, 75,000 Christians and 35,000 Druze.

Statistics indicated that the average income level among all strata of the Arab population was continually rising and that their "food basket" is increasingly varied. The appearance of Arab villages is being changed by vigorous building activity. There has been a considerable increase in the purchase of durable goods by Arab householders including private cars, which is taken as an indication of rising incomes and full employment, the Year Book notes.

Full employment has prevailed for the last five years and increasing numbers of Arabs hold positions of foremen and entrepreneurs. More than 105 industrial enterprises have been set up in Arab villages or are in the process of construction, the Year Book said. Most of them are textile plants. Investors, some of them Jewish and Arab partnerships, are displaying growing interest in the possibility of investing in enterprises in agriculture in Arab villages where there is a growing trend toward mechanization and production for export among Arab farmers.

Government policy is to provide permanent settlement for the Bedouin population which has been primarily nomadic. Bedouins are being located in planned settlements with the complete infrastructures and services of a modern town. So far, three such settlements have been planned and the first, Tel Sheva, was completed in 1967. Families there now enjoy modern housing, health and education and sports facilities, according to the Year Book.

### US STUDYING INTERIM QUESTION

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2 (JTA)--State Department spokesman Charles Bray said today that the US was studying Israel's reply to American moves to resume negotiations for an interim Suez settlement.

### McGOVERN: PEKING'S ROLE IN UN AN UNCERTAIN FACTOR IN MIDEAST PEACE

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 2 (JTA)--Sen. George McGovern of South Dakota, the first announced candidate for President in 1972, said this morning that the People's Republic of China's membership in the United Nations would make the UN "more effective" but he excluded the Middle East from that judgment. "I'm not sure that it makes a direct contribution on the Middle East," the Democrat told UN correspondents in response to a question by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency representative. He said he saw "no immediate connection" between the seating of the Peking government and a Mideast settlement.

In a prepared statement distributed before the press conference, McGovern said: "I believe removal of the bar to Peking's entry removes at the same time a major disability of the United Nations to discuss and affect many of the most critical international issues bearing on world peace. The absence of a government representing a quarter of the world's population has been a constant challenge to the legitimacy of the United Nations and its decisions."

"Asked later by the JTA to elaborate on his spoken comments in view of the certainty of his written remarks, McGovern concluded that "I just don't know" how Peking's membership on the Security Council will affect the Mideast, but he contended that it was less "hostile" to Israel than the Soviet Union is.

Also at the press conference, McGovern announced that in view of the Senate's rejection of the Foreign Aid bill, he was returning to Washington this afternoon to introduce a draft bill for military sales credits for Israel. One newsman--who refused to identify himself after the press conference but was learned to be a Lebanese--asked McGovern how he could square his aid-to-Israel measure with his liberal image. McGovern replied that it is "imperative that the military balance not shift sharply in the Middle East." He noted that without American assistance over the years "Israel probably would have been annihilated by now." McGovern added that the "keystone" of a Mideast peace was direct negotiations, without outside pressures, leading to an agreement among the parties and "some representation of the Palestinian Arabs."

### COHEN, MANDELBAUM TO HEAD THE JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

NEW YORK, Nov. 2 (JTA)--The board of directors of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America today officially chose Dr. Gerson D. Cohen and Dr. Bernard Mandelbaum to take over the Seminary's leadership when Dr. Louis Finkelstein's resignation becomes effective next June 30. Dr. Cohen, who has been Jacob H. Schiff professor of history at the Conservative Center since last year, will assume Dr. Finkelstein's posts as chief executive officer and president of the faculties.

Dr. Mandelbaum, president of the Seminary since 1966, will succeed Dr. Finkelstein as Chancellor and also serve as vice president of the faculties. The board said it would act soon on its "intention to take the necessary steps to bring about a revision" of its by-laws that would define the specific roles of the chancellor and president.

Dr. Cohen, 47, was born in New York. He was the Seminary's librarian from 1950 to 1957, taught at the Seminary and at Columbia University from 1957 to 1963, and from 1963 to 1970 taught history at Columbia and directed its Center of Israel and Jewish Studies. Dr. Mandelbaum, also a native New Yorker, will be 50 next Jan. 12. Ordained as a Conservative rabbi in 1946, he served as dean of rabbin-

ical students from 1951 to 1961 and as provost from 1961 to 1966. Dr. Finkelstein, president of the Seminary from 1940 to 1951 and Chancellor since then, announced recently that he wanted to defer to younger leadership. He will be 77 next June 14.

### WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS TO DEAL WITH FAR REACHING ISSUES

NEW YORK, Nov. 2 (JTA)--Avraham Schenker, a member of the World Zionist Executive and head of its Organization and Information Department in Jerusalem, predicted that 35 to 40 percent of the delegates to next January's World Zionist Congress will be "new faces" and guesstimated that 40 or 50 percent of those will be aged 18 to 25. Schenker told a press luncheon sponsored by the WZO American Section that Zionism could not flourish in the future without an influx of newer, younger leadership. He noted that in the two countries where Congress delegates have already been chosen--Brazil and Peru--youth made a significant showing.

Schenker discounted the importance of the charges against the delegate-election process in the United States by the Zionist Organization of America and the United Zionist Revisionists, and in other countries by other Zionist groups. The ZOA and the Revisionists have challenged the use of mail ballots and alleged backroom deals. Their protests will be heard Nov. 16 by the Congress Tribunal, headed by Israeli Supreme Court Justice Moshe Landau.

The real issue, Schenker insisted, is not those protests but the "very far-reaching questions" to be tackled by the Congress--the "absolutely essential" questions of aliya, Jewish education, youth and students, and "the revival of Zionism in the Soviet Union." And the "crucial, fundamental, underlying" issue is Israeli-diaspora relations. These matters are so important, Schenker said, that the Congress will forego its traditional "general discussion" format and concentrate on "epicifics" as of the second day of its sessions.

### ISRAEL AIDING URUGUAY

TEL AVIV, Nov. 2 (JTA)--Israel, which is solving its own serious water problems, has become one of the principal developers of water resources in other countries with similar problems. The Tahal Co., which plans water development and distribution projects, has just signed a \$500,000 contract with the Uruguayan government, its general director, A. Weiner, reported today. He also reported that the World Bank has praised the work carried out by Tahal in the Adana district of Turkey which the World Bank financed. The Bank said the development of water resources in that region was the best in which it has ever invested.

### JEWISH EDUCATIONAL TRUST ESTABLISHED

LONDON, Nov. 2 (JTA)--Chief Rabbi Immanuel Jakobovits announced today the establishment of a Jewish educational trust to expand and improve Jewish education in Britain. He said about \$3 million has already been pledged to the project which hopes to enroll some 13,000 pupils in Jewish primary and secondary schools at the end of its first phase, five years hence. Dr. Jakobovits said the trust would provide new schools and would increase the capacity of existing schools commensurate with the demands of Jewish parents. He said he hoped the schools would qualify for state aid in due time so that they could devote the available resources to Hebrew and Jewish studies. More than half of the Jewish school age population in Britain does not receive any significant Jewish education.

**NEO-NAZI GROUP HOLDS RALLY**

TRENTON, N.J., Nov. 2 (JTA)--Self-styled Nazis hurled invectives at blacks and threatened Jews with "ovens" at a "White Power" rally in South Trenton. The rally attracted about 600 persons but most of them were counter-demonstrators including Youth Against War and Fascism and a local contingent of the Jewish War Veterans. Police kept the opposing groups apart and arrested three persons on minor charges.

One of them, identified as Robert Reali, 20, of Trenton, unemployed, was charged with throwing a rock at the Jewish vets. He was bailed out by Frank Drager, organizer of the rally who repeatedly gave the Nazi "seig heil" salute and blamed city officials for the "measly handful" that turned out to support him. One of his supporters was the professional hate-monger, James Madole of New York City, head of the National Renaissance Party.

The YAWF demonstrators, a left-wing group, shouted "death to the Fascist scum." Drager and his cohorts shouted "White Power" and warned that "what America does (to Jews) will make Hitler's Germany look like a Sunday school picnic." Drager shouted to the JWV group, "Back to the ovens." One speaker claimed that "Communism is Jewish" and another insisted there was a "Jewish conspiracy" to get the US into a war with Soviet Russia. The JWV group confined itself to singing "God Bless America" and other patriotic songs. Harvey S. Friedman, State commander of the JWV, walked back and forth before his contingent during the rally leading them in chants of "America, America."

**JEWISH STUDENT GROUP RAIDED: FBI WON'T SAY IF IT WAS INVOLVED**

NEW YORK, Nov. 2 (JTA)--The chairman of the Jewish Activists Movement, a recently formed student service agency on college campuses, reported today that the group's office in Brooklyn was "raided" last night, and that correspondence, membership data and donation files were stolen. The chairman, Elyahu Birnbaum, a graduate student at City College and a rabbinical student as well, suggested that the Federal Bureau of Investigation was responsible for the action, which he called "the most outrageous of a long series of harassments that have been perpetrated against Jewish activist groups."

Asked by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency if he deemed the FBI responsible for these harassments, he replied: "It seems to point that way." He said that a month ago an FBI agent named Kenny had visited the Movement's office to "gather information," and that he had cooperated short of divulging membership lists. The JTA spoke with an FBI agent who identified himself as Jim Kenny and who declined comment on all questions about the alleged raid, even as to whether he was the only agent named Kenny in the FBI's New York office.

Birnbaum said the "raid" did not appear to be the work of simple burglars or vandals, as an open envelope containing money was not taken. He reported that the phrase "Never again" was scrawled on the walls, but discounted Jewish Defense League responsibility. "We know for sure the JDL has no use for our files," he explained. Birnbaum said his group has 1,400 members, mostly in the New York area.

**PEARL URGES DEFEAT OF PUBLIC SCHOOL PRAYERS**

NEW YORK, Nov. 2 (JTA)--An urgent appeal to the House of Representatives to "defeat by

an overwhelming vote" the proposed constitutional amendment that would permit state-sponsored prayers in public schools was issued today by the Committee for Public Education and Religious Liberty (PEARL). In a letter to House Speaker Carl Albert (D., Okla.), William Haddad, chairman of PEARL--a coalition of 31 civic, religious and educational groups--declared: "Such a vigorous rejection of this proposal would demonstrate to the American people that the House of Representatives is unwavering in its support of the guarantee of freedom contained in the Bill of Rights."

The proposed prayer amendment was released from the House Judiciary Committee in late September by a discharge petition. It is expected to come to the floor for a vote next week. The proposed amendment states: "Nothing contained in this Constitution shall abridge the right of persons lawfully assembled, in any public building which is supported in whole or in part through expenditure of public funds, to participate in nondenominational prayer."

The PEARL letter charged that the prayer amendment "reflects dissatisfaction with the decisions of the Supreme Court holding the First Amendment does not permit state-sponsored prayer in public schools. It is an effort to nullify the ruling of the highest court in our land outlawing such prayers as a violation of religious liberty and church-state separation."

The PEARL statement added: "The amendment purports to permit only 'nondenominational prayer.' But what is nondenominational in the eyes of one sect is offensive to another." "The proposed amendment would impose on government officials the responsibility of determining which prayers are denominational and which are not, thereby acting in the role of a censor."

**FRANCO-SOVIET STATEMENT CALLS FOR ISRAEL'S WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL TERRITORY**

PARIS, Nov. 2 (JTA)--A specific demand for the withdrawal of Israel's forces from "all occupied territories" is included in the joint Franco-Soviet statement signed last week by Soviet Communist Party Secretary Leonid Brezhnev and President Georges Pompidou but released in full for the first time today. The part of the joint statement dealing with the Middle East also includes a demand for the implementation of Security Council Resolution 242. That resolution, adopted Nov. 22, 1967, did not, however, call for withdrawal of forces from "all occupied territories" but "from territories occupied in the recent (1967) conflict."

The Pompidou-Brezhnev statement noted that no progress has been made toward a political solution of the Mideast conflict and called for a resumption of Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring's Mideast peace mission in order to implement Resolution 242. The joint statement, which repeated almost word for word Resolution 242, added that France and the Soviet Union "will go on searching energetically for the means to arrive without delay to an arrangement in the Middle East, these means including specifically Four Power talks. During such talks, the principles of mutually acceptable guarantee systems must, most particularly, be considered attentively."

**ISRAEL, BRAZIL IN SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGES**

RIO DE JANEIRO, Nov. 2 (JTA)--An agreement for scientific exchanges between the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot and Brazilian scientific institutions was signed in Brasilia by Education Minister Jarbas Passarinho and Dr. Albert Sabin, president of the Weizmann Institute.