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TWO SOVIET FOXBATS OVERFLY SINAI; SEEN AS DIRECT SOVIET INTERVENTION IN MIDEAST; ISRAELI INTERCEPTORS FAIL TO MAKE CONTACT WITH SOVIET JETS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 7 (JTA)--Israeli leaders have taken a grave view of yesterday's overflight of the Sinai peninsula by two Soviet MIG-23s. Defense Minister Moshe Dayan said at today's Cabinet meeting that the overflight was clearly intended to impress upon both Israel and Egypt that it is the Russians who hold the real military power in the Middle East.

Israeli sources claimed that the overflights dealt a severe blow to the American argument that Israel retains substantial air superiority over the Arabs despite continuing Soviet deliveries of aircraft to Egypt. They said it amounted to a direct intervention by the Russians in the Mideast, more serious than the Soviet presence inside Egypt. The MIG-23, known as the Foxbat, is the fastest, highest flying fighter plane in the world.

Shortly before noon yesterday, a pair of them obviously piloted by Russians, covered some 200 miles in less than three minutes over the heart of Israel-occupied Sinai. Their flight path took them from a point west of El Arish on the Mediterranean coast to Ras Sudar on the Red Sea. It lay about 100 miles east of the Suez Canal. The planes, spotted on Israeli radar, were flying at an altitude of 70,000 feet and a supersonic speed of Mach. 2.5. That speed and altitude are beyond the maximum capabilities of the American F-4 Phantoms in the Israel Air Force.

Israeli interceptors were sent up but were unable to make contact with the Russian jets. Israeli sources said the flights must have been planned and approved by the highest Soviet authorities. The incident was regarded as far more serious than the one on Oct. 10 when two MIG-23s skirted the Israeli coast off Ashkelon and came within the control radius of the Lydda Airport traffic tower but did not actually violate Israeli airspace.

Israel To Request More Phantoms

Israeli circles said yesterday's overflight had a two-fold purpose--as a demonstration intended to intimidate Israel and as a practical reconnaissance mission. From their altitude the MIGs were able to photograph Israeli positions not only in the Sinai but in the southern portions of Israel proper. The sources said the Russians were seeking to prove to the Arabs that they were prepared to assume functions other than advisory and defensive. Some sources said Moscow may have decided on the demonstration in view of the entry of its great rival, China, into the international political arena. They recalled that the Oct. 10 MIG-23 flight was timed to coincide with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's departure for Moscow.

Officials said the Soviets appeared intent on increasing tensions in the area, pressuring Israel and making the Egyptians more than ever dependent on the Soviet Union. Israelis said that if there is renewed anxiety in Jerusalem there should be an equal feeling of anxiety in Washington over the Soviet demonstration of its aerial superiority.

In view of yesterday's incident, Israel was expected to intensify its demands for more Phantoms which the Nixon administration has been withholding on grounds that Israel does not really need them at this time.

Only a small number of Foxbats are believed to be in Egypt and these are piloted by Russians and maintained by Russian ground-crews. It is held unlikely that Egyptians would be permitted to handle Russia's best jet particularly in view of the poor experience with Egyptian pilots in the slower, less sophisticated MIG-21s and MIG-17s. Should the MIG-23 ever be thrown into combat against Israel, the contact would be between Russians and Israelis. Israeli Air Force sources acknowledged today that they had a problem on their hands and said they would try to tackle it.

SYMINGTON: ISRAEL 24TH ON LIST OF NATIONS RECEIVING US LOANS, GRANTS Since 1949 Israel Received \$600M, Arab Nations Got \$1.5 Billion

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., Nov. 7 (JTA)--Sen. Stuart Symington (D., Mo.) refuted tonight the administration's contention that Israel continues to maintain the military balance of power in the Middle East and that the United States government was giving at least as much support to Israel as to any other nation. "The true figure of what we have actually given this nation (since 1949) in its struggle for survival is some \$600 million," Symington declared. "That is less than one half of one percent of the total cost to us of foreign aid since the program was started."

According to the advanced text of his address to the 46th annual convention of Mizrahi Women, Symington, who together with 77 other Senators co-sponsored a resolution calling on the administration to continue selling Phantom jets to Israel, noted that "in ranking the largest recipients of United States overseas loans and grants--military and economic--Israel is not even among the first 20." Israel, he stated, "actually is twenty-fourth on the list" which includes such nations as South Vietnam, South Korea, Greece, Spain, Thailand, Laos, Iran, Great Britain, India, Pakistan, France and Taiwan.

"Despite the heavy military contributions to these other countries, the State of Israel has never received one cent of grant military assistance from the United States," Symington declared. "All transactions with respect to military equipment have been either through the Foreign Military Sales program, or by direct commercial sales." Continuing, Symington stated: "Compare that with the fact that the Arab nations who currently threaten the existence of Israel have received \$1.5 billion in military assistance from American taxpayers."

Foxbats Change Israel's Power Balance

Symington noted that from 1945 to the present the US has distributed more than \$149 billion in foreign aid to some 130 countries, more than \$40 billion of which has been in military assistance. South Vietnam received \$15.2 billion "in various forms of assistance up to the fiscal year 1971." South Korea received \$10.1 billion not including the cost of the Korean war. India has received more than \$8 billion, and Turkey, Taiwan and Italy have each received

some \$5 billion in aid.

Turning his attention to the question of the Mideast balance of military power, Symington stated that "about 15 months ago we received irrefutable evidence that Soviet pilots were flying MIG-21's out of Egypt, and only a few weeks ago were told by this administration that Soviet pilots are currently flying in Egypt new MIG-23 (Foxbat) planes." The Democratic Senator declared: "If the balance was right, however, prior to our finding out that these Mach 3 Foxbat planes were stationed in the UAR along with their Russian pilots, how can said balance be right today?"

Symington castigated the administration for its "contingency" in "the selling--note the word selling, not giving--of military equipment to a country of the free world that has been willing, and continues to be willing, to invest the blood of its youth as well as its treasures in the defense of its freedom." He noted that "It is to our own national interest to stand by a country which is both willing and anxious to be a partner in the fight for freedom and self-determination." The Democratic Senator was the recipient of the Mizrahi Women's 1971 "America-Israel Friendship Award."

CHINA REJECTS NORMAL RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Nov. 7 (JTA)--The People's Republic of China's Premier Chou En-lai said yesterday that China cannot open normal relations with Israel despite the fact that Israel recently voted to seat mainland China in the United Nations and oust Taiwan. In an interview published by the Japanese daily Asahi Shimbun, Chou said fostering friendly relations with the people of Israel is not impossible. But, he added, Israel had started an "aggressive war" in the Middle East in 1967 and this issue has still not been settled. Israel recognized mainland China in 1950 but diplomatic relations have never been established.

Observers here said the language and tone of the statement were somewhat softer than previous Chinese announcements on Israel. They noted that Chou mentioned Israel by name, acknowledging that there is an Israeli state. Previously, Peking referred only to the "Zionist-imperialists." Also, the statement focused on the 1967 Six-Day War, whereas in the past, official announcements from Peking viewed the very establishment of Israel as illegal and claimed that the 1948 war for Israel's independence was designed to deprive the Palestine Arabs of their country.

MOUNTING OPPOSITION TO LABOR BILL

TEL AVIV, Nov. 7 (JTA)--Rank and file opposition is building up against labor legislation approved today by the Histadrut Executive, though with less than unanimous support. Some 11 trade unions, all Histadrut affiliates, announced that they would hold a one-day strike to protest the wording of the measure designed to curb strikes which they consider anti-labor. The unions planning the protest represent nurses, biochemists, biologists, social workers, jurists, teachers, engineers and seamen.

Nevertheless, Labor Party delegates on the Histadrut Executive, supported by the religious workers and the Independent Liberals, easily outvoted Mapam, Gahal and the two Communist factions which oppose the bill for different reasons. The measure comes up for second reading in the Knesset this week.

Histadrut approved amendments that were worked out in conference between the government and Histadrut leaders. One of them would permit an "authorized organization" to support a strike

while labor contracts are still in effect. The rank-and-file say that "authorized organization" refers to the Histadrut Executive which they claim is a body made up of representatives of the various political parties, not of the workers. They demand that each individual trade union be given "authorized organization" status with the right to approve a strike. Mapam has backed the unions' demands. Gahal opposes the measure because it is allegedly not tough enough in curbing strikes.

DRAFTING OF DEFENSE BUDGET BEGINS; STOCK PRICES TUMBLE FIVE TO SIX POINTS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 7 (JTA)--A special committee of Cabinet ministers, chaired personally by Premier Golda Meir, has been charged with the delicate task of drafting a budget for the Defense Ministry that will fit into the fiscal limits outlined by Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir. The next fiscal year commences on April 1, 1972 and it is customary to present the draft budget to the Knesset on the first Monday in January. A matter of sharp public debate recently has been over whether the Defense Ministry's budget should be trimmed along with those of other ministries.

Sapir has suggested an overall budget proposal for fiscal 1972 reportedly in the amount of \$4 billion including a \$750 million deficit. Draft budgets already submitted by all ministries amount to about \$5.6 billion and major cuts will be required to bring it into line with the Finance Minister's best estimate of what the economy can bear. Stock prices tumbled Friday on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange after the Finance Ministry announced plans to freeze dividends in the coming year. While there was no mass selling by investors, most of the shares traded dropped five to six points.

STATE DEPARTMENT OPPONENTS TO ISRAEL SAY TERM ARABIST ORIGINATED BY JTA

NEW YORK, Nov. 7 (JTA)--Arabists in the State Department feel that the term "Arabist" is slightly polemical. Rodger Davies, now a Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, says: "It originated with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency back in 1946 and 1947. Now it is used whenever there's a crisis to try to finger us, to peg us as pro-Arab in order to discredit our views." Rodgers was quoted by Joseph Kraft in an article titled "Those State Department Arabists" in the Sunday New York Times Magazine. According to Kraft, Arabists do exist in the State Department but have been bureaucratized and departmentalized to a point where they do not exert the influence of their predecessors in the pre-World War II and immediate post-war years.

"In any confrontation with the President or the Secretary of State, Arabists are losers" says Kraft, the journalist to whom the Egyptian authorities leaked the famous "phantom memo" of Donald Bergus, America's unofficial ambassador to Cairo. He identifies Bergus as among the latter day Arabists. Others, according to Kraft, are Heywood Stackhouse, who now heads the State Department's Israeli desk; Michael Sterner, head of the Egyptian Desk designated to succeed Bergus in Cairo; Richard Murphy, currently responsible for the Red Sea states; Talcott Seelye, head of the Lebanon-Syria-Jordan desk; Alfred Atherton, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, and two retired assistant secretaries of state, Raymond Hare and Parker Hart.

Kraft describes Assistant Secretary Joseph J. Sisco as anathema to the Arabists. The Arabists,

he says, consider themselves spokesmen for the point of view opposite to the pro-Israeli point of view which they believe has dominated the White House and Congress for political reasons. However, Kraft sees in the present thrust of US Middle East policy a drift toward Arabist views.

HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE TO HOLD HEARINGS ON SOVIET JEWS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7 (JTA)--The House Subcommittee for Europe will conduct hearings Tuesday and Wednesday on the treatment of Jews in the Soviet Union, according to the group's chairman, Rep. Benjamin S. Rosenthal (D., N.Y.). While the subcommittee will consider the approximately 40 measures introduced in the House on the treatment of Soviet Jews, it is expected to focus on a bipartisan resolution presented on Aug. 5 by Rep. John Anderson (R., Ill.) and Thomas P. O'Neill (D., Mass.).

More than 100 Congressmen have joined in cosponsoring the bill which proposes that the United States government take formal and informal steps towards the Soviet government and through the United Nations for specific activities to alleviate the hardships of Jews in the Soviet Union who wish to leave that country or live there as Jews.

GARELIK CALLS FOR FULL STUDY OF ETHNIC CENSUS OF CITY EMPLOYEES

NEW YORK, Nov. 7 (JTA)--City Council President Sanford D. Garelik said that he would have the City Council Committee on Civil Service and Labor "fully explore" questions raised by Mayor John V. Lindsay's executive order calling for a racial and ethnic census of city employees.

In a letter to the American Jewish Congress--which in a telegram to Garelik had voiced "anxiety and concern" about the census' possible use to "destroy the civil service merit system"--Garelik wrote: "I concur wholeheartedly with your comments and I share your concern."

Responding to Theodore J. Kolish, chairman of the Congress' Metropolitan Council--who had sent the protest telegram calling for public hearings by the City Council--Garelik wrote: "The ethnic census called for by reason of Executive Order No. 49 has raised many questions and is susceptible to misuse that could adversely affect the Civil Service system."

In a letter to Commissioner Eleanor Holmes Norton, chairman of the City Commission on Human Rights, Garelik stated that while "equality of opportunity and the elimination of employment discrimination" were "worthy and necessary" objectives, "we must be certain that in our zeal we do not infringe upon or do violence to existing safeguards to individual rights."

The Mayor's Executive Order No. 49, dated October 1, called on the City Commission on Human Rights to "conduct a census annually of the employees of the city in order to determine and tabulate by jurisdictional classification, job title and salary level the racial or ethnic identification and sex of all of their New York City employees." Physically handicapped workers are also counted.

SCA GROUPS CALL FOR SUPPORT FOR JEWISH DAY SCHOOLS

NEW YORK, Nov. 7 (JTA)--The Orthodox, Conservative and Reform branches of American Judaism which are members of the Synagogue Council of America, have finally agreed on a joint declaration of support for Jewish day schools. In what Rabbi Irving Lehrman of Miami Beach, president

of the Synagogue Council, called "a development of historical significance," the three branches of Judaism issued a call for increased aid to Jewish day schools by the Jewish communities, especially the Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. The three branches, which are coordinated by the SCA, heretofore disagreed on aid to the day schools.

The SCA statement noted that "Federation and Welfare support for Jewish day schools remains by and large woefully inadequate," but conceded that there has been an increase in such aid in some communities. "There are, however, glaring exceptions to this trend," it stated, "notably in the New York area."

Calling on the Federations and Welfare Funds to give Jewish education "the highest priority," the SCA declared: "We are aware of the many demands on Federations and Welfare Funds and we commend them for all they do for the many varieties of Jewish institutions in their respective communities. We urge them to recognize that the day school offers some assurance that there will remain in the United States a viable Jewish community for these other institutions to serve."

EEC MEMBERS SUPPORT RESOLUTION 242

ROME, Nov. 7 (JTA)--The six-member states of the European Economic Community and the four candidates for membership agreed here yesterday to give unanimous support to the Security Council's Resolution 242 as the only way to peace in the Middle East. The agreement was disclosed by Foreign Minister Aldo Moro of Italy which is playing host to the EEC foreign ministers. He said that some of his colleagues stressed the need to have Western Europe extend diplomatic assistance to the current American peace initiative in the Mideast. The directors of the six-member states' foreign ministries will try to work out detailed proposals for a guaranteed peace settlement in the Middle East, Moro said.

RAA CALLS FOR RESIGNATION OF TWO CABINET MINISTERS

NEW YORK, Nov. 7 (JTA)--The Rabbinical Alliance of America demanded today the resignation of two Israeli Cabinet Ministers for "trying to stifle and subdue the outcry against the law of 'Who is a Jew?'" Rabbi Abraham Gross, RAA president, cited Dr. Yosef Burg, Minister of Interior, and Dr. Zerach Warhaftig, Minister for Religious Affairs, both representing the National Religious Party.

Rabbi Gross said that when Knesset members Rabbi Menachem Porush of Agudat Israel and Rabbi Kalman Kahan of Poalei Agudat Israel tried to have the chamber debate the "Who is a Jew?" law, "it was Minister Burg who defeated the motion." Rabbi Gross also charged that "Minister Warhaftig has repeatedly forbidden the gathering of signatures for petitions concerning this issue at the Western Wall." The RAA leader further claimed that Ministers Burg and Warhaftig have "strongly criticized those who protest the law of 'Who is a Jew?'"

ISRAEL, US PANTHERS COOPERATING

JERUSALEM, Nov. 7 (JTA)--Black Panthers here are exchanging printed material and information with the Black Panthers in the United States, according to Charlie Bitton, a leader of the Israeli Panthers. Bitton, recently returned from a meeting last month in Florence, Italy where he made contacts with the US Panthers, said the Americans proposed to stage a solidarity strike and demonstration whenever their Israeli "colleagues" do so. The US Panthers were sympathetic to the Israeli Panthers, Bitton said and extended "spiritual encouragement."

MASSIVE PETITION CAMPAIGN BY PEARL URGES NY LEGISLATURE TO UPHOLD BAN ON AID TO RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS

RENSSELAERVILLE, N.Y., Nov. 7 (JTA)--Declaring that the battle to maintain separation of church and state is far from won despite the US Supreme Court's ruling last June that state aid to parochial schools is unconstitutional, a civil liberties group announced here last night that it was embarking on a massive petition campaign to persuade the New York State Legislature "to reject any bill and repeal any law" which violates the state constitutional ban on aid to religious schools.

According to William Haddad, executive chairman of the Committee for Public Education and Religious Liberty (PEARL), "regardless of court decisions, it appears, advocates of state aid to church schools are not going to give up their goal of full public financing as long as they appear to have some measurable political clout in state or national legislatures and in the executive branches of government."

Haddad spoke at the opening session of a two-day statewide meeting of PEARL, a coalition of 31 civic, religious, education, labor and civil rights organizations. An immediate target of the group is a bill signed by Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller last June providing \$33 million in state funds for religious schools for the purchase of educational services.

Supreme Court Decision Being Evaded

A PEARL suit against that law in Federal court will be heard Tuesday. The case will be argued by Leo Pfeffer, legal counsel of the organization, in the US District Court for the Southern District of New York. Pfeffer told the PEARL delegates last night that the "pattern of attempts to evade the meaning of the Supreme Court's decisions" on parochial aid followed that of Southern governors and legislatures after the 1954 Supreme Court ruling outlawing racial segregation in public schools.

He said the response to the desegregation decision "was a host of devices and gimmicks to evade its prohibition and to achieve continuation of a pattern which the Supreme Court had declared unconstitutional." Pfeffer noted that Rockefeller signed the purchase of services act a day after the Supreme Court ruling against state aid to public schools and that it was the same kind of law that was struck down by the Supreme Court in Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Connecticut.

Haddad said "We hope it will be possible to avoid the necessity of filing new lawsuits each year by encouraging our legislative representatives to obey the basic law of the land and the will of the people." The petition PEARL has addressed to the lawmakers in Albany urged the New York State Legislature to "protect public education and religious liberty by obeying both the letter and spirit" of the New York State Constitution. "We want our legislature to reject any bill and repeal any law which violates or evades this provision by any means whatsoever, including purchase of services from denominational schools, tuition grants or vouchers, and tax credits for tuition costs," the petition added.

COLPA TO DEFEND ORTHODOX JEW DENIED JOB BY NY FAMILY COURT

NEW YORK, Nov. 7 (JTA)--The National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs (COLPA) will handle the defense of an Orthodox Jew who claims he was denied employment as a court reporter by the New York Family Court because he

would have to leave early on Fridays during the winter months.

Julius Berman, president of COLPA, said: "It is unfortunate that in 1971, a fully qualified citizen of this state should be refused employment by a unit of his own government because of his religious observance...We intend to pursue every legal remedy to protect the rights of the individual in this matter."

Berman added that COLPA has been receiving "numerous complaints of discrimination which we are in the process of negotiating with employers" so as to reach settlements without going to court. A complaint was filed last Tuesday with the New York State Division for Human Rights under provisions of the state law against discrimination in employment against Sabbath observers, which has applied to public employment since 1968 and private employment since June 25. A COLPA spokesman said the complainant's name was not being made public at his request.

333 MPS URGE GOVERNMENT TO AID STRUGGLE OF SOVIET JEWS

LONDON, Nov. 7 (JTA)--The House of Commons has given overwhelming support to a motion submitted by Labor MP Greville Janner urging the government to intervene on behalf of the rights of Soviet Jews. The measure has accumulated 333 signatures from all parties, more than any other motion during the current session of the House.

The motion states, "This House deplores the refusal of the Soviet government to permit Jews to leave the Soviet Union, in accordance with recognized human rights; its persecution of those Jews who wish to emigrate to Israel; and its refusal to permit Soviet Jews freely to practice their religion and to maintain their culture; and calls on Her Majesty's government to use her best endeavors to secure and ensure respect of these human rights."

Several amendments have been attached to the motion. One adds a demand for free emigration for Soviet nationalities other than Jews. Another asks the government to protest the refusal of Soviet authorities to permit foreign newsmen to attend the show trials of Soviet Jews. A third calls on the government to bring to the attention of Moscow the heavy support Janner's motion has engendered in Parliament.

WOMEN AND YOUTH AMONG JEWS ELECTED IN WINNIPEG POLLS

TORONTO, Nov. 7 (JTA)--Four Jews were among the councillors elected to the newly merged "Uni-city" of Winnipeg in which the city of Winnipeg and the surrounding suburbs were amalgamated. These four are: 25-year-old Lawrie Cherniack, Abe Yanofsky, Morris Kaufman and Joe Zuken. Cherniack is a son of Manitoba's Minister of Finances, Saul Cherniack, and grandson of Alter Cherniack, a Winnipeg Jewish pioneer. Yanofsky is an ex-mayor of a Winnipeg suburb and an international chess master. Zuken is Canada's only Communist municipal councillor.

Among the Board of Education trustees there were six Jews elected including 19-year-old Benly Levin, the youngest public official elected in Canada. Avrom Kushner, one of those elected, is the son of Hayim Nachman Kushner, former mayor of West Kildonan. Two women were among them: 25-year-old teacher Gloria Mendelson and Bertha Arnold whose husband is Canadian Jewish Congress executive director in Western Canada.