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ROGERS SAYS HE HAS REACHED NO DECISION ON JET SALE TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23 (JTA)--Secretary of State William P. Rogers told eight Senators today that he has not yet made a decision on whether to resume Phantom jet sales to Israel. Rogers met with the legislators for more than an hour at the request of Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R., N.Y.), who was accompanied by Sens. Edward W. Brooke of Massachusetts, Robert J. Dole of Kansas and Charles H. Percy of Illinois, also Republicans, and Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts, Gale W. McGee of Wyoming, Abraham Ribicoff of Connecticut and Stuart Symington of Missouri, Democrats. Dole is chairman of the Republican National Committee.

Javits reportedly told Rogers that Israel's need for more jets was immediate. Percy reportedly said that continued US military support of Israel was necessary for peace in the Middle East. Kennedy, Ribicoff and Symington reportedly took a particularly hard line on jet sales with Rogers.

Nixon Committed To Balance

State Department spokesman Charles Bray, asked by newsmen if the meeting was "acrimonious," would say only that it was "a general instructive exchange" on Mideast matters. "Secretary Rogers," he said, "made it perfectly clear" that President Nixon has committed the US to insuring that the balance of power "would not be altered to the disadvantage of Israel." State Department sources added, in regard to US military aid to Israel, that "the pipeline is full and running," but they would not elaborate.

Bray confirmed that Israeli Premier Golda Meir will meet here Dec. 2 with Nixon and Rogers "to go over the same ground." White House press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler also confirmed the Dec. 2 meeting, adding that Mrs. Meir will arrive Dec. 1. State Department sources stressed that the timing of her visit was not keyed to the United Nations General Assembly's debate on the Mideast, scheduled to open early next month. The sources said Mrs. Meir had been scheduled to arrive Dec. 11 but was later advised that Rogers would at that time be in Iceland for a session of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Bray added that despite Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's recent belligerent talk and threat of war, "in our judgment no doors have been closed regarding the possibility of an interim agreement." The emphasis in the next two weeks, he said, will be on the General Assembly debate.

ISRAEL TO CONTINUE IGNORING SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION ON JERUSALEM

Thant Has Full Report From Eban

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 23 (JTA)--Israel Ambassador Yosef Tekoah has indicated that Israel would continue to ignore the Security Council's most recent resolution on Jerusalem as well as Secretary General Thant's repeated plea to his government to abide by it. Responding to Thant's contention yesterday that there has been "no indication of willingness" by Israel to halt the Judaization of East Jerusalem, Tekoah said:

"I have no doubt that study of the Secretary General's report, and in particular the letter from the Foreign Minister of Israel describing Israel's high

regard for universal religious interests in the city, the protection and inviolability of these holy places and the respect for the rights of Jerusalem's inhabitants--Jews, Moslems and Christians--make it clear that Jerusalem is an open city in which peace and progress prevail and the legitimate rights of all are scrupulously maintained."

Tekoah emphasized that "The Foreign Minister's letter is a detailed and comprehensive statement of Israel's attitude to the resolution as required for fulfillment of the Secretary General's mandate to report to the Security Council." The letter from Abba Eban was included by Thant in his report. It stated that the Arabs in Jerusalem were being accorded the same privileges and services accorded to the Jews there.

Tekoah's suggestion that critics "study...the Secretary General's report" was understood to be a reference to the Eban letter, not to Thant's own comments, which were critical of Israel. On Sept. 19, Thant stated: "I sought from the Israeli authorities detailed information of the reported master plan (for Jerusalem), but the Israeli authorities have not yet responded to my request." On Sept. 25, the Security Council told Israel to cease rebuilding East Jerusalem and asked Thant to try again to get Israel to do so and to report by Nov. 24 on his success or lack of it.

ZIONIST TRIBUNAL UPHOLDS MAIL BALLOT ELECTIONS FOR US DELEGATES TO CONGRESS Voids Inter-Party Agreement On Distribution Of Delegate Seats

JERUSALEM, Nov. 23 (JTA)--A high Zionist tribunal has upheld the method selected by the American Zionist Federation to choose delegates to the next World Zionist Congress. In a ruling handed down here last night the Congress "Court of Honor" decreed that mail ballots were a proper means of election, thereby denying a challenge brought before the Court by the Zionists-Revisionists of America.

The tribunal also endorsed the AZF's plan to select 55 percent of the delegates by ballot and 45 percent by party nomination. But it voided an inter-party agreement on the distribution of delegate seats which the ZOA and the Revisionists claimed was exclusionary.

The court ordered the parties not to abide by that agreement under which seats were to be distributed between Hadassah, the Labor Zionists and Mizrahi without regard to their respective memberships. The ZOA charged that the deal, made at a caucus last Sept. was designed to get the Mizrahi faction to vote in favor of the AZF's election plans. There will be 152 American delegates to the 28th World Zionist Congress scheduled to open here Jan. 17.

ZOA, UZR Told To Respect Decision

Under the rules agreed to by 75 percent of the AZF area elections committee, no party will receive more than 40 percent of the seats regardless of its numerical strength and none will get less than three seats. Numerically, Hadassah accounts for about half of the AZF's membership.

The Congress Court ruling criticized the ZOA for having agreed only lately to have its membership lists checked by auditors from Jerusalem. It also criticized the reluctance of the various parties to open their membership lists to one another's inspection. The tribunal ordered the appellants--ZOA and Revisionists--to refrain from making public accusations in the future with respect to its decisions and called on them to cooperate in a spirit of good will to insure that the elections will be carried out smoothly. The tribunal was headed by Israeli Supreme Court Justice Moshe Landau.

NATIONWIDE AIR RAID DRILL ADDS TO GENERAL MOOD OF PREPAREDNESS. Situation Along Canal Unchanged

TEL AVIV, Nov. 23 (JTA)--Civil Defense commanders expressed satisfaction today with the results of the nationwide air raid drill, something rare for Israelis, which was held early this afternoon. They said there had been a need to test the new sophisticated early warning systems and air raid sirens which had been newly installed. The commanders stated that the test had been planned months ago.

Nevertheless, the tests added to the general air of preparedness which has followed in the wake of President Anwar Sadat's speeches to Egyptian soldiers and pilots Saturday. Most Israeli commentators stress that Sadat must be taken at his word. Israel Yeshayahu, secretary general of the Labor Party, said yesterday that a renewal of fighting along the Suez Canal is "quite possible." There were no signs of tension among the Israeli public.

The situation along the Suez Canal remains unchanged so far. Egyptian soldiers are still to be seen fishing in the waterway and going about their duties without helmets. But the calm could be deceptive and Israeli military authorities are fully aware of the formidable Egyptian forces facing them across the 300-foot wide canal. These include 6-7 infantry and armored divisions--a total of 75,000 men--over 1,000 artillery pieces and nearly 1,000 tanks of various types.

In addition there is a network of Soviet-made SAM-2 and SAM-3 ground-to-air missiles as well as batteries of the Egyptian surface-to-surface "Frog" missile which can carry a 500 kg warhead nearly 70 miles. Egypt has also deployed large amounts of equipment needed for an amphibious crossing of the canal.

Israeli commentators said it was imperative that Egypt be warned against the consequences of a new outbreak of shooting. They said that even if Sadat contemplates a limited war similar to the late President Nasser's war of attrition, he would be unable to control developments once the shooting started. They said Israeli response to Egypt's breaking the cease-fire was unpredictable.

JAVITS: QUIET ALONG SUEZ CANAL DEPENDS ON NOISE ALONG THE POTOMAC

NEW YORK, Nov. 23 (JTA)--Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R., N.Y.) declared last night that "If quiet is to prevail on the banks of the Suez and the Jordan, then there must be a great noise on the banks of the Potomac." Speaking to 20,000 persons attending the United Jewish Appeal's annual "Night of Stars" in Madison Square Garden, at which over \$300,000 was raised, Javits explained: "It is in Washington, 10,000 miles away from the council chambers of Jerusalem and Cairo where the next vital decision for Israel's defense will be made."

Pointing out that 78 Senators have called for a resumption of jet deliveries, Javits asserted: "This voice is the one which must prevail on the

banks of the Potomac, lest the voice of 'force and only force' prevails on the banks of the Nile and the Jordan."

Javits said "Assurances of 'don't worry' from the US State Department understandably cannot assuage her (Israel's) concern--or ours." There is, he said, "much in experience to confirm our concern," referring to what he described as State Department uncertainty over whether Russia has or has not increased its military aid to Egypt.

DOCTORS STAGE 24-HOUR STRIKE

TEL AVIV, Nov. 23 (JTA)--The Beilinson Hospital near here--the largest hospital of the Histadrut sickfund--was manned by a skeleton staff today as its physicians maintained a 24-hour strike in protest against Orthodox extremist threats against pathologists for conducting autopsies. The strike followed the receipt of a bullet attached to a note reading: "This time it is through the mail. Next time--if dissection of the dead is continued--it will be through your head."

The medical staffs of the various hospitals have decided on an automatic 24-hour strike wherever its pathologists are threatened. The large Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem will thus be closed tomorrow, except for emergencies, as a result of receipt of another bullet and note today. An anonymous telephone call to the Pathological Institute here, warning that bombs would go off if the institute did not relinquish its corpses for burial, was determined after a police search to have been a hoax.

Meanwhile, Police Minister Shlomo Hillel appeared before the Knesset's Health and Civil Services Committee last night to answer charges by the Physicians Association that the police are not dealing with the threats against pathologists with sufficient vigor. Hillel said every possible action was being taken and reported the detention of several suspects. But he was unable to report any investigative success.

The Medical Association of Israel has decided that if the threats do not end, it may consider a nationwide strike, which would paralyze the country's health services, affecting governmental, municipal and private hospitals.

AJCSJ TO SEND RELIGIOUS LITERATURE TO SOVIET JEWS

NEW YORK, Nov. 23 (JTA)--In response to a plea from Soviet Jews just received here, the American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry, announced that it will arrange to send religious literature to Jews in the Soviet Union. According to Richard Maass, chairman of the AJCSJ, the appeal came from relatives of a number of Jews interred in Soviet labor camps and prisons. They asked the AJCSJ to send the prisoners religious literature, such as Bibles and prayer books, of which they have been deprived by Soviet authorities.

Maass said his organization is working in conjunction with affiliated religious organizations to transmit the religious articles to the Jewish prisoners in the Soviet Union. Among the affiliated groups are the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the Rabbinical Assembly, the Synagogue Council of America, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America and the United Synagogue of America. The letter received by the AJCSJ stated that efforts to transmit religious literature to the prisoners was thwarted by Soviet authorities, including a prayerbook published in the USSR and permitted by Soviet censorship.

SENATE APPROVES \$500M ISRAEL**AD MEASURE BY VOTE OF 82-14****This Is Addition To Previous \$385M**

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23 (JTA)--The Senate today adopted, by a vote of 82 to 14, legislation to provide Israel with additional military credit sales and guarantees of up to \$500 million, half of which would cover sales of additional Phantom jets. The legislation, introduced by Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D., Wash.), was in the form of an amendment to the Defense Appropriations Act. In its overwhelming approval, the Senate overrode objections by three powerful Democrats--Majority Leader Mike Mansfield of Montana; J. William Fulbright of Arkansas, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, and Allen J. Ellender of Louisiana, chairman of the Appropriations Committee.

They had warned that passage of the amendment would bypass the jurisdiction of the committees, and contended that the funds approved were included in the pending foreign aid bill. Actually, that bill provides for up to \$300 million in credits and guarantees plus \$85 million in economic grants; the sum approved today would be in addition to these. Neither measure has been voted on yet by the House.

Prior to the voting, Jackson, a candidate for the Democratic nomination for President, urged the credits for Israel by means of an amendment to the defense appropriation bill. No legislation for authorization of the amendment is required since that element of the legislative process is part of the Congressional act of last Dec. when the first Jackson amendment for \$500 million in credits for Israel's use was adopted. The authorization in that act is valid until Sept. 1972.

In his speech on the Senate floor Jackson declared that surface-to-air missiles for use by the latest Soviet warplanes shipped to Egypt are already in that country and that the planes themselves en route to bases along the Nile deliberately overflew the American Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean. Jackson said that the arrival of up to 10 TU-16 Badger jets in Egypt constituted at least the beginnings of a Soviet capability of attack on American shipping. Jackson also warned the Senate that Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's threats last weekend, "however flamboyant and irresponsible, carry with them the danger that loose talk of invasion and war can set in motion a chain of events only partially controlled with consequences that are tragic in the extreme."

**CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS TO MEET WITH
SOME 100 JEWISH COMMUNITY LEADERS**

NEW YORK, Nov. 23 (JTA)--Three top Congressional leaders will be the guest speakers at the opening session next Monday in Washington of the leadership meeting sponsored by the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. They will include: Senators Robert Dole (R., Kans.), chairman of the Republican National Committee; and Stuart Symington (D., Mo.) chairman of the subcommittee on the Middle East of the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee; and Rep. Gerald R. Ford (R., Mich.), Minority Leader of the House of Representatives. They will speak following an opening address by Dr. William Wexler, chairman of the Presidents Conference.

Top community leaders from throughout the country have been invited to attend the meeting along with representatives of each of the 25 organizations composing the Presidents Conference. More than 100 Jewish leaders are expected in Washington. On Tuesday, the leadership will visit influential Senators and Representatives with whom appointments are now being set up.

REHOV HASHUMSHUM IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Nov. 23 (JTA)--"Hiatuchal lo-mar li atch lehagia le Rehov Hashumshum?" Israeli children will be asking that question after today--it's the Hebrew equivalent of "Can you tell me how to get to Sesame Street?"

"Sesame Street," the widely praised American education-through-entertainment program, premiered in Israel over the Television Service of the Broadcasting Authority, popularly known as General Television, which is received on home sets. It will be shown in the original English version--with occasional explanations in Hebrew--beginning with the first episode, which was seen in the US two years ago.

Two weeks ago, a special committee appointed by Yigal Allon, Deputy Premier and Education Minister, recommended that "Sesame Street" broadcasts in Israel not be extended to the in-school educational/instructional network, on grounds that it is not educational enough and depicts pigs. (In New York, a CTW spokesman said he could not recall any pigs on the show in its first two years--"certainly not in major roles.")

ISRAELI MUSIC ON CHRISTMAS EVE

HELSINKI, Nov. 23 (JTA)--Christmas eve will be celebrated by Finnish television with a program of Israeli folklore music, it was learned today here. Finland's television broadcasting service has just completed the TV film to be shown. Two young Israeli artists, Sarah Gur and Andre Tzweig star in the show. Miss Gur started her career in an Israeli military song ensemble. Tzweig arrived recently in Israel from Rumania.

**JEWS URGED NOT TO PERMIT RHETORIC OF
'BLACK DEMAGOGUES' DERAIL JUSTICE**

GROSSINGER'S, N.Y., Nov. 23 (JTA)--Jews were advised last night not to withdraw from the pursuit of justice for blacks because of "the rude and murderous rhetoric of black demagogues." Addressing some 400 delegates to the 58th annual meeting here of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, Dr. Abraham Joshua Heschel declared that Jews who themselves have had the experience of being "despised" must understand the pain and suffering of the Negro people who "cannot obtain emancipation without the help of whites."

Denouncing black power and its rhetoric as a "desecration of the Negro cause," Dr. Heschel said that Jews must not permit themselves to be rebuffed and must understand that "blacks are speaking out of their agony and despair." Dr. Heschel, professor of Jewish Ethics and Mysticism at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, made his remarks as he received the League's America's Democratic Legacy Award.

Recalling that he came from Poland and therefore "knows what it means to live in a country where you are despised," Dr. Heschel said that "blacks have the same feelings here." Noting that many Jews, like other whites, are guilty of prejudice when they blame blacks, the victims, for social ills perpetrated by others, Dr. Heschel called upon Jews "to keep our tongues and souls clean" by not participating in defamation. He said that Jews must "pursue justice justly under all circumstances" by continuing to be active in the struggle for human rights. A message from President Nixon congratulating the ADL "on another year of distinguished achievement," was read by Dore Schary, ADL's honorary national chairman.

ADL SURVEY SHOWS JEWISH COMMUNITY TURNING INWARD

GROSSINGER'S, N.Y., Nov. 23 (JTA)--A report on an Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith survey of Jewish "priorities" gives evidence that the Jewish community is "turning inward." The report was presented here to some 400 delegates attending the 58th annual meeting of the ADL. Basing his remarks on the preliminary findings of the survey made among some 2,000 Jewish community leaders around the country, Benjamin R. Epstein, ADL national director, said anti-Semitism is their prime concern, followed closely by Israel, Jewish youth, the general image of the Jews and Soviet Jewry.

Epstein said that those queried assigned lower priorities to black-white and black-Jewish relations, church-state affairs, minorities in general, and foreign affairs outside of Israel and Soviet Jewry. He noted, however, that the one exception was in the San Francisco area where "relations between other minorities and Jews" was listed as first. San Francisco has a large population of blacks, Chicanos, Japanese, Chinese and American Indians. The same area gave "civil liberties" as its third highest concern while most Jews queried in the rest of the country relegated that issue to eighth or ninth place.

Other findings of the survey, which was conducted through a mailed questionnaire, included the following: Israel was of second highest concern in nearly all areas; the image of Jews was among the five top priorities, except among Jewish leaders in North Carolina, Virginia, Michigan, Georgia and Northern California, where it ranged from sixth to tenth; and interfaith activity was a middle priority.

Epstein said that the findings will be analyzed by the League's planning committee. The agency will also conduct the same survey among B'nai B'rith lodges and chapters whose 500,000 members make up ADL's constituency. The ADL officials at the meeting will decide agency policies and programs for the coming year.

BEN-AHARON CALLS FOR TRADE UNION APPROACH TO MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT

BALHARBOR, Nov. 23 (JTA)--Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, secretary general of Histadrut, said yesterday that if Egypt, Syria and Jordan sat around the negotiating table with Israel in the "good tradition of trade unionism," of "give and take" and with "no pre-conceived ideas" Israel and the Arabs would "come closer to a genuine peace" in the Middle East. Addressing the AFL-CIO convention here, where he delivered greetings from the Histadrut Executive Committee, Ben-Aharon stated that "in the Middle East as in Middle Europe, just as between the Super Powers, peace cannot be replaced by appeasement and mutual compromise by abject surrender to brutal force."

Stating that Israel has been offered arbitrators from "here and everywhere" who, before entering the dispute, demand that the Arabs be appeased, Ben-Aharon observed that "everyone in this hall understands that the working men and women of Israel will not accept this demand." He noted that "just five years ago Jerusalem was a place of strife and murder." Today, he continued, "Jerusalem is one and united, a city of peace, progress and good will."

Focusing on the plight of Jewry in the Soviet Union and Arab countries, Ben-Aharon asserted that the world was witnessing "a mighty drama" within the USSR where "after more than a half century of repression, the three million Jews there have spoken out and braved the terror of Soviet justice in order to seek freedom in Israel. We thank the American labor movement which has led

in the world-wide outcry on behalf of the imprisoned Jews of Russia."

Continuing, he said: "Nor do we forget for a moment the thousands of our people living in jeopardy in the Moslem countries, notably Syria and Iraq. They too cry out for liberation and they too will find their freedom in Israel." Ben-Aharon paid tribute to the AFL-CIO for its aid to Histadrut and its affiliates through the years, adding that "we, too, have helped others. We have extended, against all odds, vital assistance to some 50 nations of the African, Asian and Latin American world, on the basis of mutual aid, of give and take."

240 TOMBSTONES DESECRATED

LONDON, Nov. 23 (JTA)--Soviet Jewish sources reported today that the Jewish cemetery in Kovno, the former capital and now the second-largest city in Lithuania, was desecrated Oct. 15 by six youths who destroyed 240 tombstones. The police found and arrested the desecrators, but released them because they were only 16 years old. The Kovno Jewish cemetery dates back to the 15th century. It contains the graves of many famous rabbis, sages, writers and public figures, including Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Spektor (1817-1896), the ranking Talmudist of the last part of the 19th century, and Baal Makhshoves (Isidor Elyashev; 1873-1924), the Yiddish critic.

THREE PRIORITIES FOR CANADIAN JEWRY

MONTREAL, Nov. 23 (JTA)--Saul Hayes, executive vice-president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, has called for an immediate stepped-up program reaffirming Canadian Jewry's fidelity to Jewishness and Jewish ideals. He listed three priorities for Canadian Jewry: full commitment to the State of Israel, concern for "the impending doom of Jews in the Soviet Union and those in Arab lands" and a solid commitment to Canada.

The CJC, he said has a difficult role in its "attempt to lead the community as well as to give direction to known community demands. To the conservatives it is too much the messenger of the masses; to the radical it is too much the servant of the establishment; to the humanist it is too much the Jewish projection." Hayes deplored the existence of "radical Jewish groups on-and-off campus" and the "considerable segment of the population which is only nominally Jewish by observing few of those life styles or habits which we can accept as Jewish."

TWO RECEIVE HEBREW U. SCOPUS AWARDS

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 23 (JTA)--Rabbi Max Nussbaum, past national president of the Zionist Organization of America and for the past 25 years spiritual leader of Temple of Israel of Hollywood, was the recipient this week of the 1971 Scopus Award from the American Friends of the Hebrew University. In New York, Mrs. Elizabeth (Biddle) Fabian was last week the recipient of the university's 1971 Scopus Award Laureate.

Sam Rothberg, international chairman of the Hebrew University's Board of Governors, made the presentation and observed that Mrs. Fabian made the development of the university one of the main causes in her life, visualizing it as the means by which Israel will be able to take her place in the forefront of enlightened nations. Mrs. Fabian has served as Alternate Governor of the Hebrew University.