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NIXON, POMPIDOU TO DISCUSS MIDEAST

PARIS, Nov. 25 (JTA)--The Presidents of France and the United States are scheduled to discuss the Middle East crisis when they meet Dec. 13-14 in the Azores, according to French political sources. They told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that the Arab-Israeli issue will be high on the list of international matters which President Richard M. Nixon and President Georges Pompidou will review at their forthcoming meeting.

These sources said that the need to examine this problem has been agreed upon by American and French diplomats during their preceding contacts. It is generally believed here that Pompidou will press once again for entrusting the entire issue to the Big Four powers and will ask for the resumption of their concentration at a high level.

The French say that their contacts in Washington now agree that the resumption of the Four Power concentration is necessary in view of the failure of diplomatic methods such as those undertaken by US Secretary of State William P. Rogers and US Assistant Secretary of State Joseph J. Sisco. A number of French Middle East experts are expected to be included in the French official party which will be headed by Foreign Minister Maurice Schumann.

AFRICAN PRESIDENTS URGE REVIVAL OF JARRING MISSION

JERUSALEM, Nov. 25 (JTA)--The African peace mission's main aim is a revival of the Jarring mission, informed sources said here today. The four African heads of state were said to believe they had found a way to break the deadlock over the United Nations effort caused when Israel rejected Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring's demand of last Feb. 8 that she commit herself to total withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories.

Officials said that Premier Golda Meir was studying a memorandum prepared by the four Africans--President Leopold Senghor of Senegal, Gen. Yakubu Gowon of Nigeria, President Joseph D. Mobutu of Zaïre (formerly the Congo-Kinshasa) and President Ahmadou Ahidjo of Cameroon. Mrs. Meir also repeated to government leaders her determination that no Egyptian troops be allowed to cross a reopened Suez Canal. Foreign Minister Abba Eban said this afternoon that he understood Egypt has received an identical memo.

The impression was gained that the two African leaders who have returned here--Senghor and Gowon--do not regard Israel as an aggressor, nor do they demand Israeli withdrawal to the June 4, 1967 lines. Both of these points were included in a resolution last July by the Organization of African Unity, which the four-member peace mission represents.

However, the exact position of the Africans will be known only after a complicated procedure is completed. First, Israel and Egypt will reply to the memos to Senghor, the delegation's leader, in Dakar, the Senegalese capital. Then the subcommittee of the peace mission will report to the committee of 10 African heads of state. The latter will draw up recommendations and send them, with summaries of their meetings, to UN Secretary General Thant in New York. The entire procedure is expected to be completed within four weeks. Senghor and Gowon left Israel today after a 30-hour stay.

In Cairo today, the authoritative newspaper Al

Ahram insisted that Egypt will not give up one inch of the Sinai and would never negotiate with Israel. This appeared to be a response to the prevalent feeling among Jerusalem commentators that the African leaders had agreed that Israel is not obligated to withdraw completely from the occupied territories. Al Ahram also repeated that a canal reopening is possible only if Egyptian troops can cross the waterway and if Israel states that her pullback from the canal is a first step toward total withdrawal--both of which demands have been rejected outright by the Meir government.

BIG NAZI WAR TRIAL BEGINS

BONN, Nov. 25 (JTA)--What is considered here as probably one of the last big Nazi war crimes trial began today in Frankfurt. It concerns the mass murder of Jews and non-Jews in the Western territories of the Soviet Union during 1941-42. Alfred Ebner, 58, a businessman from Stuttgart, is charged with complicity in the murder of 30,000 Jews and 6,000 Soviet army commissars in the Pinsk area, where Ebner was the deputy regional Nazi commander. A plea by Ebner's lawyers that he was in bad health and therefore unable to stand trial was rejected by Frankfurt's Public Prosecutor. Along with Ebner several former members of the 306th Nazi Police Battalion charged with abetting the mass murders will also stand trial.

AJCOMMITTEE CALLS FOR REASONED DEBATE ON FOREST HILLS PROJECT; ADL FAVORS PROJECT AS STEP TOWARD UNITY

NEW YORK, Nov. 25 (JTA)--The New York Chapter of the American Jewish Committee called yesterday for "calm and reasoned debate" on the planned low-income housing project in Forest Hills, Queens, which has engendered heated argument following objections by middle-class whites who deny they are racially motivated. Meanwhile, at Grosinger, N.Y., the Anti-Defamation League came out unequivocally in favor of the project as a means of achieving integration.

Edward D. Moldover, president of the AJ Committee chapter, said it had met the night before to seek ways "to restore reason and harmony to a sorely troubled community which has seen brother virtually turn on brother and where, in our judgment, untold harm has been done not only to the community involved but to the city as a whole." Moldover scored "the shouting match now in progress" and declared that "No light is shed on the real issues by attacking as 'bigots' those who, motivated by deep concerns, oppose the project."

What should be concentrated on, he said, are the issues of "safety, adequate educational facilities, meaningful tenant selections, neighborhood job development, increased transportation and recreational facilities, appropriate size of structures." He concluded: "Reason and law must ultimately settle the controversy."

Opposition Out Of Proportion

The ADL, in a statement by Lawrence Peirez, chairman of the fact-finding committee, said that "progress and peace in civil rights depend in large measure upon the acceptance of housing experimentation designed to bring Americans of every socio-economic level closer together as friends

and as neighbors."

In expressing the ADL's "overwhelming support" for the Forest Hills project, Petrez charged that its opponents "have been agitated out of all proportion into baseless fears that their neighborhoods will be destroyed," and added "High crime and violence are problems for the police, not for housing developers." He concluded: "Time will prove the wisdom of providing decent housing in decent neighborhoods for those who have been virtually disenfranchised in our country."

Dr. Abraham Joshua Heschel, the theologian, told the ADL's 58th annual meeting that the housing project "was mishandled by the city administration," which "showed a complete lack of understanding and bungled the situation." The educator added that while American Jewry must be active in the civil rights fight, it was not its responsibility to "take the lead." Most of Forest Hills' population is Jewish.

Also yesterday, 16 community organizations of Queens and Long Island, led by Rabbi I. Usher Kirshblum, past president of the Queens Rabbinical Assembly, endorsed the housing project as "a moral issue" that should not be "decided by a majority or minority vote."

SENATE-HOUSE COMMITTEE EXPECTED TO TAKE ACTION ON \$500M APPROPRIATION FOR ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25 (JTA)--A Senate-House conference committee is expected to take action next week on the \$500 million in military credits and guarantees for Israel appropriated by the Senate Tuesday by a vote of 82-14 on a proposal by Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D., Wash.). The legislation was made part of the Defense Appropriation Act, which the Senate approved the same day. The House had previously adopted the appropriation for US defense but has not yet considered the Jackson amendment. Capitol Hill observers said the measure would not encounter difficulties in either the conference or the House.

Meanwhile, news reports said the US was thinking of selling Israel short-range Lance missiles instead of Phantom jets, if it sells any additional jets at all, as a way of reinforcing Israel's security without angering Egypt to the point where a Suez Canal agreement is threatened. Israel's request for Lances of several months ago was at first turned down, but the Pentagon is now reconsidering it, the reports said.

(In Jerusalem, political circles said today that the comment on Tuesday by President Nixon's press secretary, Ronald L. Ziegler, that Nixon considers the Senate's approval of the Jackson amendment permissive but not binding on the administration was merely an elucidation of the fact that there is a division of power in the US and nothing more. They added, however, that if Nixon does indeed consider himself not bound by the Senate vote, it would be "a slap in the face" to Israel on the eve of Premier Golda Meir's Dec. 2 White House meeting. Officials added that they were satisfied with the support for Israel by the 82 Senators.)

HARASSMENT OF SOVIET JEWS CONTINUES

NEW YORK, Nov. 25 (JTA)--The harassment of Jews seeking to emigrate from the Soviet Union continues without abatement, Jewish sources here informed the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. The sources gave the names of Jews in several Russian cities who they said were fired from their jobs or expelled from professional organizations after applying for visas to go to Israel. They also reported that a Jewish lecturer at the Pedagogical Institute at Tselinograd, Naum Sheffer, was arrested last month and sentenced to 18 months imprisonment for allegedly slandering the Soviet Union.

The sources said that Grigory Sversky, a Jewish writer was ousted from the writers organization after applying for an exit visa and two painters, Yuri Superman and Igor Galanin were ordered to turn in their membership cards in the artists organization. Superman and Galanin have appealed to the central organization in Moscow to have their membership restored.

Nailna Polishchuk, a teacher at a radio-technical institution and Aleksander Lifshitz, 34, head of the Electro-Technical Institute in Novosibirsk were fired after applying for emigration. Lifshitz was called a traitor by his colleagues when he asked for the character reference required of all visa applicants. His 63-year-old father, Solomon, a lecturer at the institute, was dismissed and forced to resign from another post he held. Lev Gendin, chief engineer at an automation laboratory was fired Oct. 27 after applying for a visa. His superior, Vasmanov, called him a hostile element when he asked for a character reference.

POMPIDOU, BEN NATAN TO CONFER ON FRANCO-ISRAELI RELATIONS

PARIS, Nov. 25 (JTA)--President Georges Pompidou and the Israeli Ambassador Asher Ben Natan are due to meet after the technical and financial problems of the "Mirage affair" will have been settled. French political sources told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that after this first phase will have been concluded, Pompidou will be open to a discussion of the political and diplomatic differences between France and Israel. The Franco-Israeli talks on the reimbursement of the money paid by Israel for the 50 Mirage planes embargoed on the eve of the Six-Day War are for the time being in their initial phase, namely that which deals with financial and technical matters.

The French sources said that "the President will not discuss financial matters but, once this aspect of the question is settled, he is prepared to examine the wider implications of Franco-Israeli relations." Israel asked for the meeting with Pompidou earlier this month. Though the Franco-Israeli talks are currently at a standstill, French political circles are hopeful that a solution to the current difficulties will be found.

It is understood that the French negotiators have so far shown themselves stubborn and unprepared to compromise even on financial details. The talks are expected to progress next month after Ben Natan returns from Israel to Paris. The envoy, who is leaving tomorrow for Israel, is expected to consult there with members of the government including Premier Golda Meir. Officially, Ben Natan is accompanying to Israel a delegation of 45 UJA leaders led by Baron Guy de Rothschild.

RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN THE OFFING

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 25 (JTA)--Dardo Cuneo, who was press secretary to the former President Arturo Frondizi, and currently president of the Argentine Writers Association, stated that rampant nationalism coupled with anti-Semitism "is one of the visible forms of colonial mentality and stagnation." Speaking at the monthly luncheon meeting of the Delegacion de Asociaciones Israelitas Argentinas (DAIA), the central body of Argentine Jewry, Cuneo said that the "recent offensive of (anti-Israel) ads" placed in Argentine papers by the Arab League was clearly "racist" and would lead to racial discrimination in Argentina if not halted in time. Many intellectual and political figures, including former President Frondizi, attended the luncheon.

AZF HEAD GRATIFIED WITH ZIONIST TRIBUNAL DECISION

NEW YORK, Nov. 25 (JTA)--Rabbi Israel Miller, president of the American Zionist Federation, today expressed "gratification" with the decision of the World Zionist Congress tribunal upholding the position of the AZF to hold a postal ballot for the election of delegates to the Congress scheduled for Jerusalem next January. Rabbi Miller said that as planned, the mail ballots will be sent out during the week of Dec. 5 by the American Arbitration Association, the impartial group that will conduct the election. Ballots must be returned to New York for counting before Dec. 24, he said.

Rabbi Miller urged that all American Zionist groups accept the decision of the tribunal "In good spirit!" and he expressed the hope that "the American Zionist movement will be strengthened as a result of the holding of a democratic election." Fifty-five percent of the American delegation's 152 seats will be chosen by the mail ballots. The remaining 45 percent of the delegate seats will be allocated on the basis of the membership strengths of the various AZF affiliate organizations.

HERSHKOVITZ GRANTED PAROLE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25 (JTA)--Avraham Hershkovitz, the Jewish Defense League sentenced to five years last April for passport violations in connection with his attempt to kidnap Palestinian hijacker Lella Khaled, was yesterday granted a parole by the US Parole Board, effective next May 15. Hershkovitz, 27, is in the federal penitentiary in Lewisburg, Pa. His wife, Nancy Joan, 20, is in Israel. On his release, Hershkovitz will be deported to Israel, which has accepted him as a citizen because he used to live there and served in the Israeli Army, reported Dr. Marvin Schick, the Mayor's assistant for intergroup relations in New York City, who said it was he who "got Israel to take him."

HIAS SAYS US DOORS OPEN TO SOVIET JEWS

NEW YORK, Nov. 25 (JTA)--The family reunion that took place last week in Chicago with the arrival of Alexander Grunfeld, his wife, Gani, and his son, Aaron, from the Soviet Union should serve as a reminder that the doors of the United States are now open to Soviet Jews who are able to leave to rejoin relatives, stated Gaynor I. Jacobson, executive vice-president of United Hias Service. He expressed the hope that the Russian authorities will now allow Jews to emigrate in greater numbers.

However, he added, all emigration from Russia, whether to Israel where the majority of Jews who desire to emigrate wish to go, or to the United States or other free lands, is based on the principle of family reunion. This means that the Russian Jew who wishes to apply for an exit permit must have an invitation from a relative - a document called a "Vysov."

"The bitter lessons from the past must not be repeated," Jacobson cautioned, adding, "Attorney General John Mitchell's action in invoking his parole authority places a responsibility on American Jewry to help those who wish to join their families after decades of separation and hardship." United Hias Service, which assisted the Grunfeld family to come to Chicago, reports that close to 200 Soviet Jews have migrated to our country with HIAS help thus far this year, and that additional family reunions are taking place.

HIAS and its cooperating agencies throughout the country are prepared to help all those wishing to initiate the processing procedure that will lead to family reunion with Soviet relatives. Jacobson indicated that the reunion in Chicago, after 42 years of separ-

ation, was an outcome of United Hias' intensive efforts in cooperation with the Jewish United Fund of Chicago, its executive director, James P. Rice, the HIAS of Chicago and its executive director, John Weiner.

JEWS LEADERS CANCEL MEETING WITH NIXON

NEW YORK, Nov. 25 (JTA)--The meeting of top Jewish community leaders scheduled for Washington next Monday and Tuesday has been cancelled in light of Premier Golda Meir's visit to the capital next Thursday. Mrs. Meir will meet with President Nixon and Secretary of State William P. Rogers to discuss the Mideast situation. The meeting of over 100 American Jewish leaders was called by the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations to deal with the course of US Mideast policy and the new threat of war by Egypt.

DR. GOLDMANN SAYS JEWS CAN LIVE IN COMMUNIST NATIONS

NEW YORK, Nov. 25 (JTA)--Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, said Tuesday night that it was not incompatible for Jews to live in Communist nations, as this has been accomplished in Rumania and Hungary. The point was one of four made by Dr. Goldmann to the plenary session of the WJC's American Section, according to a WJC spokesman.

Dr. Goldmann also made the following three points: "Third world" countries should be helped to understand the nature of diaspora Jewry and its relation to Israel; critics of diaspora Jews' "dual loyalty" should be told that limiting a man's loyalty to his state and ignoring his cultural, religious and ideological loyalties was akin to Nazism; and Jewish youth should be taught Jewish values in contemporary terms.

On the question of Jews living under Communism, Dr. Goldmann told his listeners that there were more than three million such Jews in Eastern Europe today, and that more Communist countries were emerging. It would be a tragedy, he said, if Jews could not be able to continue living there. In many "third world" countries, he continued, there are no Jews at all, and this fact raises a challenge to world Jewry to inform those countries--an important bloc in the United Nations and other international assemblies--of international nature of Judaism.

GAZA CURFEW REIMPOSED

TEL AVIV, Nov. 25 (JTA)--Israeli authorities last night reimposed a midnight to 3 a.m. curfew on all Gaza Strip cities, including Gaza, because of an increase in sabotage activities in the area. The curfew had been suspended during the past five weeks.

Yesterday, two children were killed and 10 others injured in two separate incidents in the Strip. One of the incidents occurred at the Jebel aliyah refugee camp where a hand grenade, thrown at an Israeli patrol, missed its target and exploded near a group of local children. One of the youngsters was killed and five were injured. The Israeli patrol shot and injured the alleged attacker, who was hospitalized.

The other incident took place at the Shati camp. A hand grenade aimed at a border police patrol exploded instead near some children. One was killed and five were injured. One man was arrested in connection with the incident. Meanwhile, an 18-year-old terrorist was sentenced to life imprisonment by a military tribunal in Gaza.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

BONN (JTA)--Former SS Sturmabfuhrer Friedrich Rosshammer, 64, went on trial Monday in West Berlin for complicity in the mass murders of 140,000 Jews from Italy, Bulgaria, Rumania and Czechoslovakia during World War II. Rosshammer was head of the security police in the province of Verona, Italy beginning in Feb. 1944 and reportedly directed the seizure, imprisonment and deportation of Italian Jews. Prior to going to Italy he served as "government expert" in the Jewish affairs department of the German Security Ministry in Berlin from 1942-44. He was arrested in Wuppertal in Jan. 1968.

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PARIS (JTA)--Kosher meals will be served at the University of Dauphine which is located on the outskirts of this city. This is the first time in the history of French universities that kosher meals will be served in a general higher level education center. After lengthy negotiations with the university center's director, the Jewish students obtained a separate meeting hall where they can meet and hold meetings and eat kosher food. More than 150 Jewish students were active last year at the meetings of the Interconfessional Students' Association of the University. There is no separate Jewish students' union here.

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BUENOS AIRES (JTA)--To mark the publication of the 70th issue of "Davke," the Yiddish philosophical journal, the Latin American Jewish Congress paid tribute Monday to Shlomo Suskovich who for the past 22 years has served as the magazine's editor and publisher. Davke is published under the auspices of the Cultural Department of the World Jewish Congress.

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NEW YORK (JTA)--Rabbi Edward T. Sandrow, spiritual leader of Temple Beth El, Cedarhurst, N.Y., said he was not willing to become involved with civil rights and social justice at the expense of "what is left of Jewish life in America and the disappearance of Jewish careers in America." Speaking at an academic convocation at which the Jewish Theological Seminary of America honored 38 rabbis, Rabbi Sandrow expressed "resentment and shock" at those charging that Jews are "copping-out" on social justice and retreating from liberalism in the name of Jewish priorities. When one views the changing nature of Black-Jewish relations and lack of Christian interest in Jewish survival, one should not accuse those more interested in the survival of Jewish life, rights and values of retreating from liberal values, Rabbi Sandrow said.

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BONN (JTA)--Rolf Vogel, the Jewish journalist, was this week awarded the Leo Baeck Prize for 1971 for "services to German-Israel understanding and therefore to humanity." Vogel, 50, is famous here for his books, articles and films dealing with Israel. During World War II he was interned by the Nazis in the Wolfenbuettel labor camp. Several years ago he was awarded the West German Cross of the Order of Merit. The Leo Baeck Prize, which commemorates the memory of the late Chief Rabbi of Berlin, is awarded annually by the Central Council of Jews in Germany.

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JERUSALEM (JTA)--Ehud Avriel, who last week resigned from his post as chairman of the Zionist General Council (Actions Committee), charged the Zionist movement of betraying its revolutionary character and becoming self-satisfied and sedentary.

The former Knesset member and director general of the Foreign Ministry in charge of foreign aid, said during a radio interview that the World Zionist Organization has been remiss in campaigning for Jewish education and aliya and has been unsuccessful in inspiring a movement effecting a revolution in the lives of its individual members. Avriel, a member of kibbutz Neot Mordechai in Galilee, said aliya was more important than Phantom Jets and should be promoted with at least the same amount of fervor. He stated that the WZO must undergo a radical revision of leadership and image.

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TEL AVIV (JTA)--Gold bars worth \$37,000 disappeared from a plane en route from the United States to Israel during a stopover at Heathrow Airport in London. The bars were on their way to be coined by the Israeli Coins and Medals Co. as the "Let My People Go" coin. According to reports, apparently someone who knew of the shipment stole the bars while in the London airport warehouse where they were stored while the plane was refueled and cleaned. Lydda Airport police officials said there was no possibility that the bars left London and disappeared at Lydda.

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PARIS (JTA)--The newspaper Le Figaro reported Monday that Egypt recently expelled 13 Soviet Air Force officers accused of slurring the Egyptian army. According to the newspaper's Cairo correspondent, Thierry Desjardins, the officers who served in Alexandria's anti-aircraft defenses made the disparaging remarks during a dinner party. Another consequence of the incident was the replacement of the Soviet Consul General in Alexandria, Desjardins reported. He stated that an American woman present at the party was arrested and is still being held. The expulsion of the Soviet officers was the first known incident of its kind since Soviet personnel arrived in Egypt after the Six-Day War, Desjardins reported.

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TEL AVIV (JTA)--Do new immigrants arriving in Israel live in isolation from the settled population? Evidence to that effect was disclosed here Monday by Hillel Ashkenazi, director general of the Absorption Ministry. Addressing the WIZO Club here he cited a recent survey which showed that almost half of Israel's population has not spoken with a new immigrant this year. It also showed that 18 percent of the children of new immigrants have no Israeli friends. Ashkenazi noted that of 5,000 immigrant children who arrived this year, nearly 80 percent needed special tutoring in Hebrew but only half received such help. He said the statistics indicated the need for greater efforts on the part of volunteer organizations.

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COPENHAGEN (JTA)--The Danish Committee for Soviet Jews delivered a memorandum Wednesday to the Foreign Minister's office asking the Prime Minister to raise the subject of Soviet Jews in his talks with Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin when the latter arrives here next week for a state visit.

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GROSSINGER'S, N.Y. (JTA)--Rep. John R. Rarick (D., La.), was assailed Tuesday by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith as "a mouthpiece in Congress for anti-Jewish and anti-Black extremism.