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The House may see a floor fight on the Soviet refugee assistance bill since both the House and the Senate have each already authorized \$85 million for that purpose in the State Department budget. The House Appropriation Committee's reduction of \$35 million came to light in its recommendation to the chamber of a \$4.2 billion budget for all US government foreign operations, a billion less than the Nixon administration requested.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee today adopted a foreign aid program which authorizes a ceiling of \$300 million for military sales and \$50 million for economic assistance to Israel, the same as in the House measure. The Senate Appropriations Committee is expected to act Friday on the funding after the expected House action on the \$4.2 billion foreign operations bill. The latter includes, in addition to foreign aid, funds for the International Bank, the State Department, USIA and AID.

ZAYYAT: MIDEAST PEACE POSSIBLE

LONDON, Sept. 19 (JTA)--Egypt's Foreign

Minister Mohammed Hassan el-Zayyat believes that a psychological moment for peace has arrived in the Middle East and should be seized despite the apparent difficulties. The visiting diplomat from Cairo made that remark at a luncheon given in his honor yesterday by Foreign Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home and at several meetings with newsmen since his arrival here Sunday.

He reportedly told Sir Alec that Egypt was looking to Britain and the Western European countries united in the Common Market to make a decisive contribution to Middle East peace. Zayyat, who served for two years as Egypt's Ambassador to the United Nations before he was named Foreign Minister by President Anwar Sadat earlier this month, is regarded as a diplomat with leanings toward the West. His predecessor, Foreign Minister Murad Ghaleb who was fired by Sadat, was regarded as closer to Moscow where he had served as Egypt's Ambassador for ten years.

Responding to Zayyat's remarks at the luncheon, Sir Alec observed that some progress had been made toward peace in the Mideast in the last few years and hinted that it was now up to Israel to carry that progress forward. Sir Alec said that Egypt has publicly accepted a commitment to peace which included the idea of demilitarized zones and UN guarantees. Premier Golda Meir of Israel has re-stated Israel's willingness to negotiate a withdrawal in advance of a final settlement, Sir Alec said.

Israel Could Unlock Door To Accord

He added, "I hope that it may be possible for Israel to go further and say that she does not desire to annex Egyptian soil, though she would require adequate arrangements in Sinai to safeguard her security. Such a statement could unlock the door to a settlement." Sir Alec stressed implementation of Security Council Resolution 242 of Nov. 22, 1967 and called for "every government to outlaw terrorism."

The Israeli Embassy welcomed Sir Alec's stress on action against terrorism and his call for a peace settlement preceded by communications between both sides. In a statement issued today, the Embassy said Israel was seeking an agreed peace settlement and secure borders but was also willing to negotiate an interim settlement including a measure of withdrawal in advance of a final settlement. But first Egypt must renounce its support of terrorism, the Embassy said.

The Egyptian visitors disclosed here that the Soviet military personnel ousted from Egypt by President Sadat last summer took with them their SAM-3 and some of their SAM-2 anti-aircraft missile batteries. They said the SAM-2s left behind were not accurate and were not provided with ammunition or spare parts. The Egyptians say they are seeking mainly defensive weapons here. British sources have reiterated several times that British policy is not to do anything that would disturb the military balance in the Mideast.

MIDEAST, TERRORISM, HIJACKINGS TOP OPENING OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSIONS

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 19 (JTA)--The General Assembly opened its 27th session today under the tightest security precautions in more than a decade as incidents of violence and warfare in many parts of the world increased fears that terrorist acts might be perpetrated at the headquarters of the world organization. The issue of terrorism itself is expected to be high on the agenda during the 13-week Assembly sessions, placed there at the urgent request of Secretary General Kurt Waldheim in the aftermath of the Munich murders Sept. 5.

As the General Assembly convened, 12 white doves, a universal symbol of peace, were released in Dag Hammarskjold Plaza outside the UN building. The symbolic gesture was arranged by the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry which simultaneously called on the UN delegates to act immediately to end the exorbitant visa fees demanded by Soviet authorities from college-educated Jews seeking to leave the Soviet Union. The Supreme Soviet, meeting in Moscow today, is expected to give its formal approval to the restrictive measure promulgated last Aug. 3.

Spokesmen for the Greater New York Conference said the release of the doves constituted a message of solidarity and encouragement for Soviet Jews. Jewish leaders expressed the hope that the issue of the excessive visa fees will be raised at the current Assembly session by the United States and other world powers.

Must Resolve Palestinian Problem

Even as delegates began to convene today, the Middle East was high on the Assembly's agenda. Stanislaw Trepczynski, Deputy Foreign Minister of Poland who was elected General Assembly president, stated in his acceptance speech that there were still no signs of a lasting peace in the Middle East. The UN, he stated, "has committed its authority to help settle this long-standing dispute. We have a right to demand that the will and the decisions of our organizations be respected, decisions which, if fully complied with, should bring about the solution so earnestly desired, and not only by the population of that region."

Adam Malik, Foreign Minister of Indonesia and temporary president of the Assembly before Trepczynski was elected, also noted that the only road to a peaceful solution of the Mideast problem lay in strict compliance with the provisions of the Security Council and Assembly decisions on that question. He observed that the "recent tragic incident at Munich" had pointed up "the desperate urgency for us to resolve the root cause of the Palestinian problem."

Observers here said that Malik's and Trepczynski's statements early in the opening day of the Assembly was an indication that Israel will come under exceedingly heavy fire during subsequent sessions from the Soviet-Chinese-Arab bloc.

The proliferation of violence through acts of terrorism such as the killing of 11 Israeli Olympic athletes at Munich, the booby-trap murder of an Israeli diplomat in London only yesterday, new aerial hijackings, new fighting in the Middle East and Uganda, make it impossible for the General Assembly to avoid the issue posed, observers said today.

The US is expected to push hard for action eliminating asylum for the perpetrators of terrorist acts, including bombings, skyjacking and kidnapping. But many delegations, including virtually all of the Arab states, oppose strong measures on grounds that it is impossible to draw a line between terrorism and patriotic acts. Some sources said today that efforts might be made to refer the matter to the Legal Committee in order to avoid debate and concentrate on drafting a resolution.

A heat wave over Yom Kippur made fasting difficult for Israelis yesterday. Ninety persons fainted at the Western Wall and first aid stations in East Jerusalem and other parts of the country were kept busy treating victims of heat prostration. Ten expectant mothers were rushed to the hospital after passing out from the heat.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 19 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir has appointed former Police Chief Pinhas Koppel to head the three-man inquiry committee to look into the Munich tragedy from all aspects - including mishaps and any neglect on the part of the Germans and Israelis. The other two members of the committee are Avigdor Bartel, general director of the Haifa refineries, who has previously served on various investigating committees including labor relations, and Moshe Kashti, general director of Zim shipping lines and former general director of the Defense Ministry.

BONN, Sept. 19 (JTA)--A West German Bundestag internal affairs committee yesterday commended the way German police and authorities conducted themselves during the massacre of 11 Israeli Olympians. The committee announced that further parliamentary investigation was unnecessary. Friedrich Schaefer, chairman of the Bundestag committee, said that "in the circumstances the authorities did everything possible, properly handled and correctly decided" what action to take. The committee's decision was endorsed by members of all the political parties in the Bundestag. Federal Ministry officials said today that they expect the documentation ordered by Chancellor Willy Brandt to be made public tomorrow.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 19 (JTA)--The Hague police have taken stringent security measures in connection with the reopening today of Parliament. Meanwhile, police reported that the bomb threat against the Ajax football club received last week was a hoax by an 18-year-old candidate player who has been arrested. Because of the alleged threat, a police escort was provided for the club when it arrived at the airport returning here after contesting the world football cup in Buenos Aires.

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 19 (JTA)--Hundreds of Danish Jews have asked for police protection recently for fear of terrorist activities in Denmark, according to the Danish daily, Jylland Posten. Police are continuing to guard Jewish and Israeli institutions. In a related development, Danish Foreign Minister K. B. Andersen said international steps must be taken against Palestinian terrorists, and their entry into various countries should be made more difficult.

PARIS, Sept. 19 (JTA)--Several thousand persons participated Sunday in a ceremony to the memory of former Jewish fighters. The ceremony at the Bagneux cemetery, was organized by the Federation of Jewish Companies and the Union of French Jewish Companies. Participants carried streamers with inscriptions "We will never forget Nazi crimes," "Honor to the Israeli victims of Munich," and "Abolition of measures against Soviet Jewish intellectuals." Another ceremony took place Sunday to the memory of "millions of Jewish victims of Nazi barbarism who died without a tombstone." The ceremony was at the Memorial to the Unknown Jewish Martyr. Chief Rabbi Henri Schilli officiated.

LONDON, Sept. 19 (JTA)--The leaders of 16 trade unions whose members are employed at various levels in the air transport industry issued a warning several days ago that unless effective measures are taken against international terrorism,

they will withdraw services from the aircraft of countries which harbor terrorist hijackers.

NEW YORK, Sept. 19 (JTA)--The Brooklyn Academy of Music will present the American debut of the Jewish State Theater of Bucharest in two classic Yiddish plays, The Dybbuk and The Pearl Necklace. The plays, which will be in Yiddish with simultaneous English translations, will be presented in repertory from tonight until Oct. 1. The Dybbuk by S. Ansky is based on Jewish folklore and is a serious treatment of Jewish mysticism. The Pearl Necklace, a musical revue by Israel Berkovici, contains 50 of the most beloved Jewish folk songs in 16 scenes. The Jewish State Theater of Bucharest was founded as the first professional Yiddish theater in the world by Abraham Goldfaden in 1876 and has flourished since then. The company recently returned from a successful tour in Israel.

JOHANNESBURG, Sept. 19 (JTA)--South African Jewish Board of Deputies' leaders, the South African Zionist Federation, the South African PEN Center and other cultural groups attended the launching here recently of a book of poems, "Unrest," by Edgar Bernstein, Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent in South Africa. Bernstein delivered a lecture on poetry in the past 50 years.

JERUSALEM, Sept. 19 (JTA)--A grove of trees was planted near Maaleh Hahamisha in the Jerusalem Hills last week in memory of Israel's long-time Education Minister Zalman Aranne who died in Sept., 1970. Aranne retired in 1969. The ceremony was conducted by Jacob Tsur, chairman of the Jewish National Fund. Also present were Knesset Speaker Yaacov Herzog and ORT President Haim Herzog.

MONTREAL, Sept. 19 (JTA)--A course on North American Judaism in its various religious and historical dimensions will be given this year in the Department of Theological Studies at Loyola by Prof. David Rome, historian and librarian and author of several books dealing with Jews in Canada. The course, which is recommended to all registered students, continues a tradition established in the Department of Theological Studies. The exploration of Jewish traditions is intended to benefit both Christians and Jews by surveying the various phenomena of contemporary Judaism. Various scholars and spokesmen will be invited to present shades of theology and a multiplicity of emphases and communal concerns.

CORRECTION

Rabbi Gilbert Klaperman endorsed President Nixon for reelection and expressed gratitude for his support to Israel as stated in the Daily News Bulletin Sept. 15. However, Rabbi Klaperman did not praise Nixon's intervention on behalf of Soviet Jewry as reported in the same story but stated that "the Jewish community looks to you for a direct affirmation of your intervention on behalf of Soviet Jewry....All freedom loving Americans would approve such a statement to strengthen their faith in our democracy."



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Aid To Soviet Refugees Slashed By \$35M

The House may see a floor fight on the Soviet refugee assistance bill since both the House and the Senate have each already authorized \$85 million for that purpose in the State Department budget. The House Appropriation Committee's reduction of \$35 million came to light in its recommendation to the chamber of a \$4.2 billion budget for all US government foreign operations, a billion less than the Nixon administration requested.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee today adopted a foreign aid program which authorizes a ceiling of \$300 million for military sales and \$50 million for economic assistance to Israel, the same as in the House measure. The Senate Appropriations Committee is expected to act Friday on the funding after the expected House action on the \$4.2 billion foreign operations bill. The latter includes, in addition to foreign aid, funds for the International Bank, the State Department, USIA and AID.

ZAYYAT: MIDEAST PEACE POSSIBLE

LONDON, Sept. 19 (JTA)--Egypt's Foreign

Minister Mohammed Hassan el-Zayyat believes that a psychological moment for peace has arrived in the Middle East and should be seized despite the apparent difficulties. The visiting diplomat from Cairo made that remark at a luncheon given in his honor yesterday by Foreign Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home and at several meetings with newsmen since his arrival here Sunday.

He reportedly told Sir Alec that Egypt was looking to Britain and the Western European countries united in the Common Market to make a decisive contribution to Middle East peace. Zayyat, who served for two years as Egypt's Ambassador to the United Nations before he was named Foreign Minister by President Anwar Sadat earlier this month, is regarded as a diplomat with leanings toward the West. His predecessor, Foreign Minister Murad Ghaleb who was fired by Sadat, was regarded as closer to Moscow where he had served as Egypt's Ambassador for ten years.

Responding to Zayyat's remarks at the luncheon, Sir Alec observed that some progress had been made toward peace in the Mideast in the last few years and hinted that it was now up to Israel to carry that progress forward. Sir Alec said that Egypt has publicly accepted a commitment to peace which included the idea of demilitarized zones and UN guarantees. Premier Golda Meir of Israel has re-stated Israel's willingness to negotiate a withdrawal in advance of a final settlement, Sir Alec said.

Israel Could Unlock Door To Accord

He added, "I hope that it may be possible for Israel to go further and say that she does not desire to annex Egyptian soil, though she would require adequate arrangements in Sinai to safeguard her security. Such a statement could unlock the door to a settlement." Sir Alec stressed implementation of Security Council Resolution 242 of Nov. 22, 1967 and called for "every government to outlaw terrorism."

The Israeli Embassy welcomed Sir Alec's stress on action against terrorism and his call for a peace settlement preceded by communications between both sides. In a statement issued today, the Embassy said Israel was seeking an agreed peace settlement and secure borders but was also willing to negotiate an interim settlement including a measure of withdrawal in advance of a final settlement. But first Egypt must renounce its support of terrorism, the Embassy said.

The Egyptian visitors disclosed here that the Soviet military personnel ousted from Egypt by President Sadat last summer took with them their SAM-3 and some of their SAM-2 anti-aircraft missile batteries. They said the SAM-2s left behind were not accurate and were not provided with ammunition or spare parts. The Egyptians say they are seeking mainly defensive weapons here. British sources have reiterated several times that British policy is not to do anything that would disturb the military balance in the Mideast.

MIDEAST, TERRORISM, HIJACKINGS TOP OPENING OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSIONS

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 19 (JTA)--The General Assembly opened its 27th session today under the tightest security precautions in more than a decade as incidents of violence and warfare in many parts of the world increased fears that terrorist acts might be perpetrated at the headquarters of the world organization. The issue of terrorism itself is expected to be high on the agenda during the 13-week Assembly sessions, placed there at the urgent request of Secretary General Kurt Waldheim in the aftermath of the Munich murders Sept. 5.

As the General Assembly convened, 12 white doves, a universal symbol of peace, were released in Dag Hammarskjold Plaza outside the UN building. The symbolic gesture was arranged by the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry which simultaneously called on the UN delegates to act immediately to end the exorbitant visa fees demanded by Soviet authorities from college-educated Jews seeking to leave the Soviet Union. The Supreme Soviet, meeting in Moscow today, is expected to give its formal approval to the restrictive measure promulgated last Aug. 3.

Spokesmen for the Greater New York Conference said the release of the doves constituted a message of solidarity and encouragement for Soviet Jews. Jewish leaders expressed the hope that the issue of the excessive visa fees will be raised at the current Assembly session by the United States and other world powers.

Must Resolve Palestinian Problem

Even as delegates began to convene today, the Middle East was high on the Assembly's agenda. Stanislaw Trepczynski, Deputy Foreign Minister of Poland who was elected General Assembly president, stated in his acceptance speech that there were still no signs of a lasting peace in the Middle East. The UN, he stated, "has committed its authority to help settle this long-standing dispute. We have a right to demand that the will and the decisions of our organizations be respected, decisions which, if fully complied with, should bring about the solution so earnestly desired, and not only by the population of that region."

Adam Malik, Foreign Minister of Indonesia and temporary president of the Assembly before Trepczynski was elected, also noted that the only road to a peaceful solution of the Mideast problem lay in strict compliance with the provisions of the Security Council and Assembly decisions on that question. He observed that the "recent tragic incident at Munich" had pointed up "the desperate urgency for us to resolve the root cause of the Palestinian problem."

Observers here said that Malik's and Trepczynski's statements early in the opening day of the Assembly was an indication that Israel will come under exceedingly heavy fire during subsequent sessions from the Soviet-Chinese-Arab bloc.

The proliferation of violence through acts of terrorism such as the killing of 11 Israeli Olympic athletes at Munich, the booby-trap murder of an Israeli diplomat in London only yesterday, new aerial hijackings, new fighting in the Middle East and Uganda, make it impossible for the General Assembly to avoid the issue posed, observers said today.

The US is expected to push hard for action eliminating asylum for the perpetrators of terrorist acts, including bombings, skyjacking and kidnapping. But many delegations, including virtually all of the Arab states, oppose strong measures on grounds that it is impossible to draw a line between terrorism and patriotic acts. Some sources said today that efforts might be made to refer the matter to the Legal Committee in order to avoid debate and concentrate on drafting a resolution.

A heat wave over Yom Kippur made fasting difficult for Israelis yesterday. Ninety persons fainted at the Western Wall and first aid stations in East Jerusalem and other parts of the country were kept busy treating victims of heat prostration. Ten expectant mothers were rushed to the hospital after passing out from the heat.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 19 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir has appointed former Police Chief Pinhas Koppel to head the three-man inquiry committee to look into the Munich tragedy from all aspects - including mishaps and any neglect on the part of the Germans and Israelis. The other two members of the committee are Avigdor Bartel, general director of the Haifa refineries, who has previously served on various investigating committees including labor relations, and Moshe Kashti, general director of Zim shipping lines and former general director of the Defense Ministry.

BONN, Sept. 19 (JTA)--A West German Bundestag internal affairs committee yesterday commended the way German police and authorities conducted themselves during the massacre of 11 Israeli Olympians. The committee announced that further parliamentary investigation was unnecessary. Friedrich Schaefer, chairman of the Bundestag committee, said that "in the circumstances the authorities did everything possible, properly handled and correctly decided" what action to take. The committee's decision was endorsed by members of all the political parties in the Bundestag. Federal Ministry officials said today that they expect the documentation ordered by Chancellor Willy Brandt to be made public tomorrow.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 19 (JTA)--The Hague police have taken stringent security measures in connection with the reopening today of Parliament. Meanwhile, police reported that the bomb threat against the Ajax football club received last week was a hoax by an 18-year-old candidate player who has been arrested. Because of the alleged threat, a police escort was provided for the club when it arrived at the airport returning here after contesting the world football cup in Buenos Aires.

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 19 (JTA)--Hundreds of Danish Jews have asked for police protection recently for fear of terrorist activities in Denmark, according to the Danish daily, Jylland Posten. Police are continuing to guard Jewish and Israeli institutions. In a related development, Danish Foreign Minister K. B. Andersen said international steps must be taken against Palestinian terrorists, and their entry into various countries should be made more difficult.

PARIS, Sept. 19 (JTA)--Several thousand persons participated Sunday in a ceremony to the memory of former Jewish fighters. The ceremony at the Bagneux cemetery, was organized by the Federation of Jewish Companies and the Union of French Jewish Companies. Participants carried streamers with inscriptions "We will never forget Nazi crimes," "Honor to the Israeli victims of Munich," and "Abolition of measures against Soviet Jewish intellectuals." Another ceremony took place Sunday to the memory of "millions of Jewish victims of Nazi barbarism who died without a tombstone." The ceremony was at the Memorial to the Unknown Jewish Martyr. Chief Rabbi Henri Schilli officiated.

LONDON, Sept. 19 (JTA)--The leaders of 16 trade unions whose members are employed at various levels in the air transport industry issued a warning several days ago that unless effective measures are taken against international terrorism,

they will withdraw services from the aircraft of countries which harbor terrorist hijackers.

NEW YORK, Sept. 19 (JTA)--The Brooklyn Academy of Music will present the American debut of the Jewish State Theater of Bucharest in two classic Yiddish plays, The Dybbuk and The Pearl Necklace. The plays, which will be in Yiddish with simultaneous English translations, will be presented in repertory from tonight until Oct. 1. The Dybbuk by S. Ansky is based on Jewish folklore and is a serious treatment of Jewish mysticism. The Pearl Necklace, a musical revue by Israel Berkovici, contains 50 of the most beloved Jewish folk songs in 16 scenes. The Jewish State Theater of Bucharest was founded as the first professional Yiddish theater in the world by Abraham Goldfaden in 1876 and has flourished since then. The company recently returned from a successful tour in Israel.

JOHANNESBURG, Sept. 19 (JTA)--South African Jewish Board of Deputies' leaders, the South African Zionist Federation, the South African PEN Center and other cultural groups attended the launching here recently of a book of poems, "Unrest," by Edgar Bernstein, Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent in South Africa. Bernstein delivered a lecture on poetry in the past 50 years.

JERUSALEM, Sept. 19 (JTA)--A grove of trees was planted near Maaleh Hahamisha in the Jerusalem Hills last week in memory of Israel's long-time Education Minister Zalman Aranne who died in Sept., 1970. Aranne retired in 1969. The ceremony was conducted by Jacob Tsur, chairman of the Jewish National Fund. Also present were Knesset Speaker Yaacov Herzog and ORT President Haim Herzog.

MONTREAL, Sept. 19 (JTA)--A course on North American Judaism in its various religious and historical dimensions will be given this year in the Department of Theological Studies at Loyola by Prof. David Rome, historian and librarian and author of several books dealing with Jews in Canada. The course, which is recommended to all registered students, continues a tradition established in the Department of Theological Studies. The exploration of Jewish traditions is intended to benefit both Christians and Jews by surveying the various phenomena of contemporary Judaism. Various scholars and spokesmen will be invited to present shades of theology and a multiplicity of emphases and communal concerns.

CORRECTION

Rabbi Gilbert Klaperman endorsed President Nixon for reelection and expressed gratitude for his support to Israel as stated in the Daily News Bulletin Sept. 15. However, Rabbi Klaperman did not praise Nixon's intervention on behalf of Soviet Jewry as reported in the same story but stated that "the Jewish community looks to you for a direct affirmation of your intervention on behalf of Soviet Jewry.... All freedom loving Americans would approve such a statement to strengthen their faith in our democracy."