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JAVITS TO PRESS PROBE ON SMITH BROADCAST; ROLE OF JTA CITED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (JTA)--An aide to Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R-NY) said today that the legislator was determined to "press his investigation" of the use by the Armed Forces Radio and Television Services of a broadcast by Gerald L. K. Smith, a notorious anti-Semite and white racist. The aide quoted Javits as saying that he "considered it outrageous" that the AFRTS "would serve to broadcast" the words of Smith "who has been so discredited elsewhere through the nation."

According to his aide, Javits was not satisfied with the Defense Department's initial response to his request last week for a copy of the rules and regulations governing the use of materials heard over the AFRTS network. The Smith broadcast, in which the aging fundamentalist preacher touted his "shrine" at Eureka Springs, Ark. as a substitute for Christian holy places--allegedly "marred and scarred" in Israel, was transmitted by the AFRTS to its 492 radio and television stations serving some 2 million U.S. servicemen throughout the world. Javits' aide told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the Defense Department has so far failed to supply the Senator with the material he requested.

Killed Program After JTA Inquiry

Javits' office released to the JTA today the text of "a memorandum for the record" sent to Javits by John C. Broger, director of the Office of Information for the Armed Forces, which noted that the JTA played a role in the prompt withdrawal of the Smith program from AFRTS use.

The memo, dated Jan. 26, stated: "On Jan. 24, Mr. Joseph Polakoff, representing the Jewish Telegraphic News Service (sic) called to verify if we had carried a program entitled 'Suggested Solutions' featuring an interview with the Rev. Gerald L.K. Smith and hosted by Bill Bertenshaw. He asked if I knew who Gerald L.K. Smith was. I told him I did and would check out the program and let him know."

Broger said in his memo that after discussing the JTA query with subordinates, he gave instructions "to kill any future airings of this particular show and to review this show for conformance with AFRTS standards." The memo also referred to a call the next day from a member of syndicated columnist Jack Anderson's staff on the subject. Anderson's column subsequently carried a story on the Smith broadcast.

Broger's memo said that Hoyt Wertz, chief of the AFRTS broadcast service and one of Broger's subordinates, "called Mr. Polakoff and informed him that we had carried the show but that we did not screen network shows for acceptability." That fact was contained in the JTA's Daily News Bulletin of Jan. 26.

EASTERN FRONT SEEN AS DIPLOMATIC RATHER THAN MILITARY MOVE

JERUSALEM, Jan. 31 (JTA)--West Bank Arab leaders believe that Jordan's agreement to reactivate its Eastern Front under the overall command of an Egyptian general is a diplomatic move with little military significance, though it

may lead to further Jordanian restrictions on commercial and social relations between the East and West banks of the Jordan.

Those views were expressed today by the mayors of Hebron and Bethlehem, and by Aziz Shehade, a prominent Ramallah lawyer. Hebron Mayor Sheikh Mohammed Ali el-Jaabari told reporters that he thought the Jordanian decision, announced in Cairo two days ago, was aimed at getting more financial support from Kuwait and Libya. "Amman needs money to strengthen its Army," Sheikh Jaabari said. He declined to comment on the influence Jordan's move will have on its relations with the West Bank.

Shehade, who supports the idea of an autonomous Palestinian entity on the West Bank; said, however, that the revival of the Eastern Front may be followed by a move in Amman to "impose further restrictions, on commercial and social relations between the two banks in order to demonstrate its obedience to the Arab League's orders." He recalled that the Arab League only a few weeks ago had expressed displeasure with the open bridges policy which permits free trade and travel between Jordan and the West Bank.

Bethlehem Mayor Elias Farji said the Jordanian decision was part of its efforts to improve relations with the other Arab states. He said King Hussein wanted to coordinate his steps with Egyptian strategy.

ARAB STATES SUPPLY EL FATAH WITH \$85 MILLION A YEAR

BONN, Jan. 31 (JTA)--El Fatah gets \$85 million a year from the Arab states, primarily from Libya, Saudi Arabia and the Persian Gulf states, a former member of El Fatah's financial section revealed in a German television interview. The man, an Arab, did not disclose his identity, but his story has been corroborated by German and Mideast security services.

He said that Libya's President Muammar el-Qaddafi, gave a reward of \$5 million to Yassir Arafat, the Fatah leader, for the Munich massacre, in addition to the annual payments. The informant said there is no difference between El Fatah and the Black September movement; they are the same organization.

The Black September's operations commander was identified as Ali Hassan Salame. Weapons were supplied by Egypt, Syria, Algeria, the Soviet Union and China. Egypt and Syria did not provide El Fatah with any funds, according to the informant.

DINITZ: ISRAEL AT THRESHOLD OF PEACE

JERUSALEM, Jan. 31 (JTA)--Simha Dinitz, Israel's Ambassador-designate to the United States, said last night that for the first time in its 25 year history, Israel stands at the threshold of peace, largely because "the Arabs for the first time think they have something to gain from peace." Dinitz, addressing 160 U.S. and Canadian Jewish leaders attending the conference of the Israel Bond Organization convened here by Premier Golda Meir, stressed the need for Israel to remain strong so that it can resist political pressures "to accept a compromise that will lead to another war."

"You are pressured less when you are strong. When you are pressured, you are able to resist it more if you are strong," he said. He claimed that

Israel's "weakness" in 1956 forced it to succumb to international pressures to retreat from the territories it captured during the Sinai campaign.

Dinitz, who is expected to take up his Washington post in mid-March, following Mrs. Meir's meeting with President Nixon, seemed to betraying to avoid any inference that he expected Israel to be pressured by the U.S. He reminded his audience that Nixon told a newsman recently that the U.S. would be unlikely to succeed if it exerted pressure on Israel to accept a peace agreement which violated its interests; and that Israel was simply "not squeezable." Dinitz added, "Our job is to see that Israel remains unsqueezable."

Time Ripe For Political Steps

Addressing an earlier session of the conference Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Allon and Defense Minister Moshe Dayan also dealt with prospects for an overall Middle East settlement. Allon said that during his trip to Washington last Dec., "It was understood between my hosts and myself that the time was ripe for political steps but that no premature initiative should be taken and there should be no imposed solution." He stated that "America is not going to initiate plans but feels that this should be left to the parties concerned."

Dayan said he hoped U.S. officials would play "a positive role" in bringing the Middle East parties together to the negotiating table." He said he thought an interim Suez Canal agreement "would help" the Mideast situation but would not necessarily imply that future agreements would automatically flow from that local accord. Dayan said Israel's policy was that parts of the administered territories were open to negotiations but these did not include the Golan Heights or Sharm el-Sheikh.

DENY HEATH TO ASK NIXON TO EXERT PRESSURE ON ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (JTA)--British Prime Minister Edward Heath arrived here today for talks with President Nixon tomorrow and Friday. Among the topics for discussion is the Middle East. Prior to his arrival, there were reports that Heath was bringing a plan for new peacekeeping efforts in the Mideast with a suggestion to Nixon that the U.S. put more pressure on Israel to come to swift terms with the Arab states.

Janet Whiting, assistant to the chief press secretary to the Prime Minister, asserted today that there was "no substance" to these reports. The reports were also denied in London by a Foreign Office spokesman. One well informed source in the British capital termed the reports "wild speculation by someone who knows neither the British government nor the Middle East."

A British Foreign Office source said: "The Middle East is merely one of some half dozen items that will be discussed in Washington, and not the most important one either. The British view of the Middle East, which will be restated by the Prime Minister, has not changed for a long time. It is that some sort of negotiations ought to be instituted as soon as possible. The Prime Minister takes with him no particular plan for the Middle East."

This is Heath's first meeting with Nixon since Britain entered the Common Market Jan. 1. The meeting between Nixon and Heath on Friday will be held at Camp David. Heath's arrival here is one week before King Hussein is

scheduled to confer with Nixon and a month before Israeli Premier Golda Meir is due to meet with the President.

GREEK AUTHORITIES EXPRESS REGRET OVER LETTER BOMB SENT TO CHILE

ATHENS, Jan. 31 (JTA)--Greek postal authorities have expressed their "deep regret" over the letter bomb which exploded last week in the hands of a Chilean bomb expert. The bomb, which blinded and wounded the official, had been mailed from Athens and addressed to Honorary Israeli Consul in Santiago, Samuel Goren. In an official statement, postal authorities said it was "extremely difficult" to trace such parcels, since more than one million letters pass through Greek post offices each day.

Following the incident, the general director of the Greek Postal Authority, G. Kourembanas, received a visit from the Lebanese ambassador here. Kourembanas reportedly warned him that he also could receive such bombs, a statement which the press interprets as implying Lebanese responsibility.

The head of the Israeli diplomatic mission here has issued no official statement nor taken any steps in the matter. Security police say the letter bomb was mailed from the King George Hotel mail box in Athens. The envelope was signed "Grumbman."

Are MK Pounds Convertible? FAT-FREE KNESSET SOUGHT

JERUSALEM, Jan. 31 (JTA)--One of the Knesset's corpulent members said that it would be a good thing if all Knesset members were to reduce their calorie intake. Independent MK Shalom Cohen wrote a letter to Knesset Speaker Israel Yeshayahu and told him that the lawmakers have gotten into a bad habit by munching endlessly on sandwiches, cakes and biscuits during committee meetings. In view of their normally sedentary life, Cohen advised Yeshayahu to call the Knesseters attention to the dangers they were running by continuing this habit. Finally, the House Speaker was asked by Cohen to appeal to all committees to serve drinks and fresh fruit only.

ISRAEL'S HUGE ORDER WITH BELFAST SHIPBUILDERS WILL PROVIDE MANY JOBS

LONDON, Jan. 31 (JTA)--An Israeli shipping company has placed a 150 million pounds sterling order with the famous Belfast shipbuilders, Harland & Wolff, it was disclosed today. It is the largest single order that Israel has placed to date with any foreign shipyard. The contract, signed by Island Fruit Reefers Shipping, a British subsidiary of Maritime Fruit Carriers Ltd. of Haifa, calls for the construction of six ships.

Harland & Wolff, which once built some of Britain's mightiest ocean liners and whose original partner (Wolff) was Jewish, is now 47.6 percent owned by the British government. The Israeli order was described here as a great boost to the economy of Northern Ireland which has been in the throes of civil unrest. It is expected to provide employment for thousands of shipyard workers who faced a jobless winter.

The same Israeli firm is also reportedly negotiating a contract of similar size with the Swan Hunter shipyards of Wallsend-on-Tyne in northern England for another series of ocean-going cargo vessels.

The Bulgarian government has awarded the "Order of Popular Liberation" to Avram Bohor Gozes and David Asher Calderon for their "fight against Fascism and building of socialism." Both men are from the city of Yambol.

EBAN: ISRAEL-EEC ACCORD HISTORIC STEPPING STONE; CITES FRANCE'S ROLE

BRUSSELS, Jan. 31 (JTA)--Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban said here today that the new protocol signed by Israel and the nine-nation European Economic Community is only "a stepping stone" towards a larger and more intensive relationship between the two parties.

Eban, addressing a group of correspondents prior to his departure for Israel, where he is due to arrive tonight, said that the two Market leaders, Council of Ministers-President Renaul van Elsdale, and Commission President, Francois Xavier Ortoli, also noted in their addresses yesterday this historic fact. Eban stressed that the two European leaders realized the "urgency" and the "necessity" of reaching an agreement with Israel which will strengthen its ties with the EEC.

The Israeli diplomat said that the agreement which provides for the "freezing" of Israel's exports to the three new member states for one additional year, 1973, also provides for the start of new negotiations. These new negotiations, he said, will open next March and will be applicable as from Jan. 1974. Eban said that the agreement had been reached thanks to French intervention. "The motives are less important than the fact that French Foreign Minister Maurice Schumann enabled the negotiators to break the pre-existing deadlock," he said.

Eban said he plans to visit France on what will be "an official visit" next March or April. He said talks on this subject were now being conducted with the French Foreign Affairs Ministry. In reply to a question, Eban said Israel expects West German Chancellor Willy Brandt to visit the country during the second half of 1973.

ICAO FAILS TO ADOPT MEASURE AGAINST INTERNATIONAL SKYJACKING

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (JTA)--The United States, expressing "a quite mixed reaction" to the results of the discussions on skyjacking by the legal committee of the International Civil Aviation Organization, said today it was looking forward to the diplomatic conference next Aug. in Amsterdam for "some movement" against international air terror. The committee adjourned yesterday in Montreal after failing to adopt an international convention, proposed by the U.S. which would bring multinational boycotts against nations harboring sky pirates.

State Department spokesman Charles Bray said the U.S. is "disappointed that it was not possible for the committee to discharge the mandate of the ICAO council" to draft the boycott convention. "We are modestly but only modestly satisfied," Bray added, that in the closing days the legal committee undertook to forward to the Amsterdam conference four proposals for "security in the skies."

One of the proposals, advanced by "some Nordic states," Bray said, is for an independent convention which would establish fact-finding machinery if a state violated any one of three existing conventions: Tokyo, Montreal and Hague conventions regarding sabotage, hijacking and extradition of skyjacks. The United States does not consider them sufficient to combat air piracy effectively, Bray said. The fact finding proposal, Bray said, "does go down the road a bit to subjecting states to action on aerial piracy."

He added that the U.S. acknowledged that

"despite our best efforts and those of others, particularly Canada and the United Kingdom" its proposal "never attracted substantial international support." The Amsterdam conference was called by the 124-nation ICAO. The Senate is to consider a bill which provides strong anti-skyjacking measures in the U.S. and authorizes the President to impose international boycotts unilaterally. The administration, however, is opposed to unilateral or secondary boycotts by the U.S. alone.

JEWISH LEADERS STRESS NEED FOR BI-LINGUALISM IN QUEBEC SCHOOLS

MONTREAL, Jan. 31 (JTA)--The issue of whether parents should continue to be allowed a choice in the language of instruction their children receive in Quebec Province public schools was discussed at a meeting of the Canadian Jewish Congress' Eastern Region here Sunday night. More than 500 CJC members and government representatives present at the gathering heard Dr. Francoise Cloutier, Minister of Education of the Province of Quebec, warn that a new law limiting the language of instruction to French was inevitable.

The proposed law, replacing the present Education Law, would apply only to newcomers to the province. The existing population would still be allowed a choice between English and French. Murray Spiegel, president of the Eastern Region, said the Jewish community fully recognized the need for French Canada to assert its language and "cultural dynamism threatened by the Anglophone culture by which it is surrounded." But Spiegel stressed that Canadian Jewry still believed in a bilingual, multi-cultural society and that to abolish freedom of choice amounted to "unfair discrimination."

More than half of Canada's Jewish population reside in Quebec Province, and although it is largely English-speaking, the importance of sharing in the prevailing French culture was stressed by Prof. Perry Meir of McGill University, treasurer of the CJC. Meir warned: "If we don't take the view that our Jewish children learn to speak and write French fluently, then our involvement as Canadian Jews in the public-life of Quebec will become simply marginal."

Jews Must Understand Move

Jean-Claude Lasry, a professor of psychology at the University of Montreal who is of North African Jewish origin, said that close to 15,000 North African Jews in Quebec chose the province for their home because of its French culture and because they saw their role as bridging the gap between the English-speaking Jewish community and the Franco-phone majority.

The proposed law that would make French the sole language of instruction for newcomers is known to be favored in a still-to-be released report by the Gendron Commission, appointed by the Quebec government two years ago to ascertain the wishes of the population with regard to teaching languages. Dr. Cloutier stressed that it was the desire of the government "to re-enforce the French Fact" in Quebec and urged Jews to understand this.

The CJC meeting was also addressed by the Consul General of Israel, David Ephrati, who spoke of the successful integration of Palestinian Arabs under Israeli rule and the liquidation of refugee camps. He said there were 1.4 million Arabs living peacefully under Israeli control today in contrast to only 600,000 in Jordan.

The library of the Sofia Jewish Cultural Center, "Emil Shekordjisky," has some 1500 members and over 25,000 publications. Some 3000 books are added to the library annually.

SOVIET AUTHORITIES TIGHTEN-EMIGRATION QUOTAS; NEW TRIALS FEARED

NEW YORK, Jan. 31 (JTA)--The special committee set up by visa authorities a few months ago in Moscow to review individual cases of requests for emigration has begun to function again, now that the exit tax edict has been publicly clarified, it was reported today by the National Conference on Soviet Jewry. In Moscow, prominent Soviet Jews, such as Prof. Alexander Lerner, Prof. Benjamin Levich and Lev Libov have been refused permission again by the special committee, and told not to re-apply with in the next year. The reason given to them was that "state matters are involved," Alexander Slepak, son of Vladimir Slepak, was also denied permission to emigrate, but was not prevented from re-applying.

According to reports from Moscow, several families who had received permission to emigrate are stranded in the Soviet capital because they cannot pay the exit fees. The Kotick family had made preparations to leave the Soviet Union two months ago, and now cannot pay the diploma tax and do not have permission to stay in Moscow. Mrs. Kotick, in her ninth month of pregnancy, had requested permission to leave by herself for Israel, where her mother resides. This was denied. Her exit fee is 7000 rubles. In line with the new regulations, her husband's fee was reduced from 23,000 rubles to 20,300.

In a separate development, Richard Maass, chairman of the NCSJ, expressed growing alarm about the preparation of new trials against Soviet Jews. In Minsk and Vilna, Jews have been rounded up by the KGB and attempts have been made to force them, through intimidation, to confess to belonging to an alleged "secret organization." This organization would, of course, be illegal under Soviet law. Those Soviet Jews called in to the KGB have denied these accusations, or the existence of any such group, but have expressed great fear for the future, Maass reported.

STATE ORDERS BANK TO REINSTATE WOMAN DISMISSED FOR TAKING TIME OFF FOR PASSOVER; ADL HAILS ORDER

NEW YORK, Jan. 31 (JTA)--The New York State Division of Human Rights has ordered reinstatement, back pay and damages to a Jewish woman dismissed by the Franklin National Bank in Westbury, N.Y. for taking time off for Passover. The decision was hailed today by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, whose Long Island office submitted the case to Jack M. Sable, State Commissioner of Human Rights, after the woman, Mrs. Helen Haberman of Plainview, asked for help.

After a public hearing, Sable held that the bank had discriminated against Mrs. Haberman in violation of the state's Human Rights Law. He directed the bank to offer Mrs. Haberman re-employment in an appropriate category, and to pay her back pay from the date of her dismissal April 2, 1971, to the date of the re-employment offer, including any increases she would have earned had she not been fired, and \$500 compensatory damages. Sable also directed the bank to review its practices on the religious needs of its employees consistent with his order and to provide his division and each employee with a copy of its regulations.

Mrs. Haberman asked, several weeks before the holiday, for the 1971 Passover eve off, offering to take the time as a paid holiday, or a paid day from annual leave or as an unpaid holiday. She was told she would be fired if she took the time off, did so, and was told the next day of her dismissal. The bank routinely gives one day off with pay for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur with pay if those days come during the regular work week. Many Jewish employees get Passover off as a holiday when it is not on a Friday. Mrs. Haberman absented herself on a Friday.

RABIN HONORED BY UJA

MIAMI BEACH, Jan. 31 (JTA)--Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin was honored here last week by the United Jewish Appeal at a farewell luncheon. In his final speech to the UJA as Ambassador, Rabin declared: "As you have shared our dream and our cause from the beginning, you continue to set an example to the world in terms of your dedication and the extent of your contribution to humanitarian programs in Israel."

Paul Zuckerman, UJA general chairman, presented Rabin with an historic map of Early America and hailed the occasion as a "family gathering whose members share dreams and aspirations." The American Jewish community, he added, "will not rest until Israel's people are freed from poverty and we have helped build new lives for all new immigrants who wish to come in."

CORRECTION

The Behind the Headlines analysis in the Daily News Bulletin Jan. 12 said that Israeli Presidents are elected by the Knesset every four years. Presidents are elected every five years, Knesset members every four years. This year both elections coincide.

WALDHEIM CIRCULATES TEKOA'H LETTER

UNITED NATIONS, Jan. 31 (JTA)--A letter dated Jan. 15, from Israeli Ambassador Yosef Tekoa'h to Secretary General Kurt Waldheim, was circulated today as an official document of the General Assembly, as had been requested by Tekoa'h. The circulation of the letter, which charges anti-Semitism and racial discrimination against the Jews in the Soviet Union, was delayed by the Secretariat without an official reason. It was learned that Tekoa'h conferred last Friday with Waldheim to discuss the circulation of his letter.

Attached to Tekoa'h's letter was a note from Waldheim saying the letter is now being circulated "on the basis of long standing practice." He added that he intends to bring the question of circulating communications at the request of member states as documents of the General Assembly to the next session of the Assembly "for review of the current practice and for guidance." Tekoa'h's letter was in response to an attack by Soviet Ambassador Yakov Malik who protested against the use of UN channels to bring up the question of Soviet Jewry.

ISRAELI BROADCASTS ON SHORTWAVE

NEW YORK, Jan. 31 (JTA)--The Israeli Broadcasting Services has started daily shortwave broadcasts to the United States and Canada, the Israel Consulate General reported here today. The hours and frequencies are midnight to 12:30 a.m. on 17.0, 25.10, 31.0 and 33.3 meters, and from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. on 25.10 and 33.3 meters. Programs include news bulletins and features. Times are EST.