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EBAN SAYS ISRAEL'S INTERNATIONAL STRATEGY HAS BEEN VINDICATED

JERUSALEM, March 6 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban said today that Israel's international strategy has been "vindicated" because it has tried to show the Arabs that negotiations are the only fruitful way of reaching a *modus vivendi* in the Middle East. Israel will continue to try to "close the options" of the Arabs in order to bring them to the peace table, he said at a meeting with students at Hebrew Union College here.

The Israeli Foreign Minister said that once at the peace table, both Israel and the Arab states would each find the other taking positions different from what might have been expected. "I don't think they (the Arabs) will ever explore the limits of Israel's flexibility except by negotiations, just as we won't explore the limits of Arab moderation" except at the peace table, Eban said.

Referring to Israel's attitude toward a peace settlement, Eban said "A majority of us" feel that some territorial compromises are in order but there is a strong feeling that the peace settlement should not "re-establish the situation that led to war in the first place." His remark was an allusion to the Golan Heights and Arab demands for a division of sovereignty in Jerusalem.

Eban said that King Hussein of Jordan would do better to bring his proposals to the peace table than to advertise them in the world press. He referred to press reports that Hussein said he was willing to trade off an Israeli presence on the Jordan River for Jordanian sovereignty in the Arab sectors of Jerusalem.

Observing that the press reports did not appear to be accurate, Eban said it would be to Hussein's advantage to bring his peace proposals to the negotiating table "so that we can comment on them." As for Egypt, Eban suggested that Cairo look directly to Israel for a peace settlement rather than to New York, Washington and Europe.

SPY RING MEMBER SENTENCED TO 3 YEARS Failed To Tell Authorities About Ring

TEL AVIV, March 6 (JTA)--The first sentence in connection with the Syrian-sponsored Arab-Jewish spy ring was handed down today by a Haifa district court. Judge Emmanuel Slonim imposed a three-year prison term on Ahmed Mahamoud Hawari, 40, of Tarshiha village in Western Galilee for failing to inform the authorities of the spy ring although he knew of its existence.

Hawari was tried separately from the other defendants. He was not accused of membership in the ring although he admitted at the trial that he had met several times with Daoud Osman Turki, the alleged ring-leader, who tried to recruit him. He admitted also that he knew of arms shipments intended for the ring which were due to arrive in Israel from an Arab country. He said he failed to notify the police because Turki threatened that terrorists would blow up his home if he informed.

Judge Slonim said that even if the defendant's explanation was true, it did not justify his failure to inform the authorities. The trial of the six key defendants, including Turki and the two principal Jewish members of the ring, Ehud Adviv and Dan Vered, continued in another Haifa court.

Adviv admitted yesterday, under cross examination by Haifa District Attorney J. Grabli, that he gave details of an Israeli Army top secret weapon to an enemy agent, Habib Kahwagi. He admitted meeting Kahwagi in Athens although he claimed that he didn't know that Kahwagi and Abu Kamal, the spy ring's Syrian contact man, were the same person.

Mideast Peace Is Not A Dream MRS. MEIR: 'WE OFFER ONCE AGAIN OUR HAND' TO ISRAEL'S NEIGHBORS

NEW YORK, March 6 (JTA)--Israeli Premier Golda Meir expressed the hope last night that "a real peace, a lasting peace" will come to the Middle East so that Israeli and Arab children "will have a better world." Addressing a United Jewish Appeal fund dinner at the New York Hilton, Mrs. Meir told the 3000 guests that she hoped the Arabs will understand they cannot destroy Israel, even though they commit sporadic murder, and hoped that they will understand they are only destroying themselves.

"I'm suggesting to our neighbors that when Jews say they believe peace will come and must come, believe them." Despite everything that has happened in the past, despite the destruction of lives, "lives that are very dear ones," Mrs. Meir said, "we once again offer our hand" to Israel's neighbors for peace.

The dinner event, part of the UJA's fund-raising drive to raise \$505 million this year, was marked by tight security as American and Israeli security agents were stationed at all exits and throughout the ballroom. Outside the hotel some 100 left-wing demonstrators stood behind police barriers shouting "stop Israeli terror." They were protesting the downing of a Libyan commercial airliner by Israel two weeks ago and Israel's policies in the administered territories.

Paul Zuckerman, general chairman of the national UJA, announced that the fund-raising campaign had already reached \$151 million--the highest amount ever reached this early in the campaign. "Early reports from communities across the country," he noted, indicate an increase in gifts over this same time in 1972." Zuckerman said that all these reports would indicate that the 1973 campaign for the UJA and the Israel Emergency Fund will surpass its record-breaking fund-raising effort for 1972.

"I Believe" Is Power Of Israel, Jewish People

Mrs. Meir, appearing rested and vigorous after her hectic activities since her arrival last week in Washington, joined the 3000 dinner guests in singing "Ani Mamin" (I Believe). The Israeli Premier recalled afterwards that the same song was sung by the rabbis as they accompanied children to the gas chambers during World War II.

Reviewing the 25 years of Israel, she said that the Jewish State was still beleaguered and still in trouble. "Our neighbors hope, hope, to throw us out, but they don't really believe it," Israel, she added, had fought three wars, but they were not fought for territories nor to gain at the expense of the Arabs.

Referring to the situation of the Jews in the Soviet Union, Mrs. Meir said that this powerful government used all "its means" to force the Jewish people not to believe, but the Soviet Jews "re-

fused to give in." Some, she noted, even hid their Jewishness from their children, but went on saying "I believe."

Mrs. Meir said that some people believe that Jews could remain Jews only so long as they are oppressed and tortured by others, but the example of the American Jews proved them wrong. Israel without American Jews, she said, has no meaning, and American Jews without Israel have no meaning.

Earlier in her busy day, Mrs. Meir met for 30 minutes with Mayor John V. Lindsay. He said after the meeting that the session had been very gratifying, and that they had discussed Israel's 25th anniversary celebrations which are planned in New York, among other cities throughout the country. David Rivlin, Israeli Consul General in New York, one of the Israeli diplomats who attended the Meir-Lindsay session, said afterwards that the Premier had expressed horror over the slaying of two American diplomats and a Belgian envoy in Khartoum.

Later in the day, Mrs. Meir met with Rep. Ogden Reid (D.NY), a former U.S. ambassador to Israel, and with Canadian Jewish leaders. This afternoon she flew to Brandeis University to receive an honorary degree and this evening will speak at the Felt Forum at a meeting sponsored by the New York Committee for Israel's 25th Anniversary. On Thursday she is scheduled to receive an honorary degree at Yeshiva University and will address the Council on Foreign Relations.

PINCUS: ABSORPTION RESTS WITH MINISTRY. NOT WITH THE JEWISH AGENCY

JERUSALEM, March 6 (JTA)--Jewish Agency Chairman Louis Pincus has urged that the Absorption Ministry should not add on new functions that now belong to other ministries and the Jewish Agency. The responsibility for absorption rests with the Absorption Ministry, Pincus told a Labor Party study group at Beit Berl a few days ago and "there is no room to talk of returning it to the hands of the Jewish Agency."

He assailed the Zionist General Council committee that recommended last month stripping the Absorption Ministry of its absorption functions and turning them over to the Jewish Agency. "...whoever wants this does not know what he is talking about," Pincus declared. The Council has not yet decided on accepting the committee's proposal.

Pincus also questioned the wisdom of a suggestion by the resigning director general of the Absorption Ministry, Hillel Ashkenazi, calling for the transfer of the running of absorption centers from the Jewish Agency to the ministry. The immigrants' first steps in the country, Pincus said, should be guided by the Jewish Agency and, therefore, it should retain the direction of the absorption centers. He added that the coordination between the Jewish Agency and the government on immigration and absorption matters made it unnecessary for any joint "authority" of the Agency and the Absorption Ministry to be implemented, as has been suggested in the past.

Ashkenazi said last week that he submitted his resignation out of frustration at not being given the resources to carry on his work. "I think there is a growing gap between the responsibility of the (Absorption) Ministry and its authority," the 39-year-old civil servant told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. He said that while his ministry was expected to provide housing for new immigrants it was not given the financial means or the manpower to perform satisfactorily. Ashkenazi said he planned to leave his post in a

few weeks to practice law.

S. AFRICAN RABBI PROTESTS GOVERNMENT BAN ON EIGHT STUDENT LEADERS

JOHANNESBURG, March 6 (JTA)--A leading South African rabbi has sharply protested a government ban on eight leaders of the National Union of South African Students. Rabbi Dr. Arthur Super, Chief Minister of the United Progressive Jewish Congregation of Johannesburg declared: "Banning as a political weapon should not be used in a civilized country which professes a belief in God."

Dr. Super's remarks were contained in a message read at a mass meeting at Witwatersrand University here Thursday night to protest the student ban. He was prevented by illness from attending. Dr. Super said in his message: "Justice and righteousness demand that no one suffer save after due process of trial under a just law. Leaders of the NUSAS are seeking certain moral ends in our society. If they have broken any law, let them be brought to trial."

OSSIP J. WALINSKY, TRADE UNION, ZIONIST LEADER, DEAD AT AGE 86

NEW YORK, March 6 (JTA)--Funeral services will be held tomorrow for Ossip J. Walinsky, a leader in the trade union and Zionist movements and in Jewish communal affairs, who died Sunday at Beth Israel Hospital at the age of 86. He was born in Grodno, Lithuania, where he was active in the labor movement, and came to this country in 1912 where he became an organizer and founder of the International Leather Goods, Plastics and Novelty Workers Union. He was elected president in 1951 and retired from that post in 1957.

During his long career as a unionist Mr. Walinsky was a founder of the Women's Trade Union and early in his career helped organize the joint board of local unions affiliated with the International Ladies Garment Workers Union. As a communal leader he served on the national board of the Workmen's Circle in this country and helped organize it in London before coming to the U.S.

He was also a founding member of the United Jewish Appeal, a co-founder of the World ORT Union and the Hias Council of Organizations, a director of YIVO, president of the fraternal division for the Israel Bond Organization, and chairman of the Bet Hatfuzot Community Center at Tel Aviv University.

Mr. Walinsky was also a member of the board of directors of the National Committee for Labor, Israel and was one of the first American Jewish labor leaders to respond to the labor movement in Palestine. He presided at the Congress for Labor Palestine in 1918 in New York and was one of the first to respond to an appeal by David Ben-Gurion to establish the Histadrut campaign and was an active leader of that campaign for 50 years. He was also a leader of the Labor Zionist movement.

ISRAEL'S IMAGE IN VENEZUELA IMPROVES

CARACAS, March 6 (JTA)--Israel's largely negative image in the Venezuelan press in the wake of the Libyan plane incident was partially offset by an announcement of a new project in its ongoing program of technical aid to Venezuela. On the same day that Caracas dailies carried the texts of a number of anti-Israel telegrams sent to Venezuelan President Dr. Rafael Caldera by Arab groups, urging him to condemn Israel's "genocide" the contents of a speech by the Israeli Ambassador Joseph Shofman was also published announcing the arrival in a few weeks of three Israeli agricultural experts. They will work in farming provinces in cooperation with the Agriculture Ministry to help increase crop yield.

RIBICOFF DEMANDS SOVIET OFFICIAL GET OUT OF THIS COUNTRY FOR TRYING TO BLACKMAIL CONGRESS ON TRADE

WASHINGTON, March 6 (JTA)--Sen. Abraham Ribicoff (D.Conn.) renewed his demand today in the Senate for the Soviet government to recall G.A. Arbatov, a leading Soviet authority on the United States, for "trying to blackmail the Congress and the American Jewish community and telling them how to behave on a great moral issue."

Arbatov, who is director of the Institute for United States Studies at the USSR Academy of Sciences in Moscow, told the Soviet-American Trade Conference Feb. 27 that anti-Semitism will arise in the U.S. and in the Soviet Union if Congressional legislation aimed at removal of Soviet restrictions on emigration blocks the pending Soviet-American trade agreement. He also said failure of "normalization" of Soviet-American trade relations would result in "serious political repercussions" which would be blamed on the Jews.

Arbatov made his statements in responding to questions asked by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency at the briefing for newsmen held by conference leaders. The conference was sponsored by the National Association of Manufacturers and attracted about 800 leading American businessmen and industrialists. In his Senate remarks, Ribicoff contrasted Arbatov's attempted "intimidation" with the views at the conference by Sen. Edmund S. Muskie (D.Maine) who, Ribicoff said, gave a reasoned analysis that the exit visa issue is a moral issue of concern to Americans.

A State Department official informed JTA that he did not know whether Arbatov was still in the country and would not immediately comment on Ribicoff's demand. Ribicoff criticized Arbatov the first time on Feb. 28 before Secretary of Commerce Harry S. Dent at the hearings before the Senate Subcommittee on International Trade of which he is the chairman and at which Dent was a witness.

Moral Issue Is Basic

When Ribicoff angrily declared "I am using this platform to tell Mr. Arbatov to mind his own damned business," Sen. Clifford P. Hansen (R.Wyo.) said, "I join with you on that, Mr. Chairman." Ribicoff did not press Dent for a response to his demand observing that the Secretary "just happened to be in the witness chair today."

Ribicoff recently filed a special report advocating greater East-West trade and most favored nation status for Communist countries after his visit to Rumania and Hungary where he had addressed a major conference on East-West trade. "I recognize the importance of East-West trade for developing relations between nations," Ribicoff told Dent. "But I am also concerned with the basic moral issue presented when exorbitant ransom fees are now being levied against Soviet citizens, and particularly a segment suffering from discrimination, as a condition for permitting them to emigrate from the Soviet Union."

Continuing, the Senator declared: "To have Mr. Arbatov come to the United States of America and before an audience of American businessmen, then tell them to use their influence and pressure on the Congress of the United States against a legislative proposal, the Jackson Amendment, which is a very alive proposition, and threaten that Jews of the United States will be subjected to anti-Semitic actions by the people of the United States, is presuming upon the good will

of the United States."

Then, demanding that Arbatov leave this country, Ribicoff said: "All he can do is to make mischief and harm relations between the Soviet Union and the United States. He is the one that is causing harm to détente, not the Congress of the United States."

AUSTRIAN JEWS IN ISRAEL DEMAND REPARATIONS FROM AUSTRIA

TEL AVIV, March 6 (JTA)--The Association of Austrian Jews in Israel has renewed its demands for reparations from Austria along the lines of those received by German Jews for their material losses under the Nazis. The Association accused Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, of neglecting Austrian-Jewish claims. Dr. Goldmann, in the early 1950s, was instrumental in initiating the negotiations with the government of the late Chancellor Konrad Adenauer that led to the Bonn-Israel reparations agreement of 1952.

J. Sheinbaum, representing the Austrian Jews in Israel, proposed a three-party meeting between the Austrian and West German governments and representative Jewish bodies of Austria to discuss the problem and find a remedy to a situation "that causes ill feelings and is unjust."

He said that Austria was part and parcel of the Third Reich and as such was equally obligated to compensate Jews who were the victims of persecution. He said most Austrian Jews claiming compensation were over 60 and in poor health. But Austrian Jews got but a negligible fraction of what German Jews got and less even than what Czech Jews got in the way of reparations, he said.

BRIT HASMOL TO RUN IN KNESSET ELECTIONS

TEL AVIV, March 6 (JTA)--The Brit Hasmol, a left-wing faction that broke away from Mapam, announced today that it would run independently in the next Histadrut and Knesset elections. Yaacob Rittin, leader of the group, said the decision was made because Israel vitally needed an independent Zionist Socialist left that "does not yield to the Labor Alignment."

He said Brit Hasmol would not return to the Mapam fold as long as Mapam remains in the Labor Alignment but that a reunion was possible if Mapam withdrew from the government coalition. Brit Hasmol collected 3933 votes in the last Histadrut elections but got only two delegates among the several hundred elected to the Histadrut Council.

According to Rittin, the Brit Hasmol program calls for: recognition that two nations, Jewish and Arab, exist in "Palestine" and mutual recognition of the rights of each; ending the present state of war by fully backing Security Council Resolution 242 and making peace on the basis of Israel's 1967 boundaries with only some modifications; a demonstration of Israel's independence through its dissociation from the U.S. and other Western countries.

Rittin said there was no chance of his group merging with the pro-Israel Maki Communists because that faction was not sufficiently critical or with the pro-Moscow Rakah Communists because Brit Hasmol stands for the right of the Jewish nation to build its homeland in Israel.

The Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry reported today that educated Jews in Kiev are having a difficult time raising money for exit fees and that consequently allya is slackening. The SSSJ also said that avir officials in Kiev are now saying: "We won't let you go now, but perhaps in two or three years."

APPEALS MADE FOR RELEASE OF BORIS AZERNIKOV, MIKHAIL KORENBLIT

WASHINGTON, March 6 (JTA)--The release of two Jewish dentists who are ill in a Soviet prison while serving hard labor terms is being sought by the American Dental Association in conjunction with its counterpart organizations abroad. The president of the ADA, Dr. Louis A. Saporito, has petitioned top Soviet and U.S. officials and international organizations for the release of the two men, Boris Azernikov and Mikhail Korenblit, who were sentenced in 1971 to three-and-a-half years and seven years respectively on charges of anti-Soviet activity. Both men had sought to emigrate to Israel.

Dr. Azernikov's family was permitted to emigrate last year and Dr. Korenblit's wife, Polina, led a silent vigil before the Soviet Embassy on behalf of the two dentists on Feb. 22. Mrs. Korenblit was joined at the vigil by 22 prominent dentists of varying religious and racial backgrounds, representing organized dental groups who are appealing for amnesty for the prisoners.

In a letter to Soviet Communist Party Secretary Leonid Brezhnev, Dr. Saporito noted: "An act of amnesty for doctors Azernikov and Korenblit would be humanely appropriate as a part of the commemoration of the birth of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.... It is both a professional and a humanitarian obligation that causes us to make our voice heard on behalf of our imprisoned colleagues."

Copies of the letter went to President Nixon, Anatoly Dobrynin, the Soviet Ambassador in Washington, the Interior and Health Ministers in the Soviet Union, the president of the Soviet Red Cross, and the International Committee on Red Cross, UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim and the director general of the World Health Organization.

AZF URGES U.S. TO LEAD WORLD IN RECOGNIZING JERUSALEM AS CAPITAL

NEW YORK, March 6 (JTA)--The American Zionist Federation called on the United States government to "provide world leadership with diplomatic recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital" on the 25th anniversary of Israel's independence. The request was contained in resolutions adopted at the closing session of the AZF's two-day semi-annual national board meeting here.

The U.S. was also called on to take the lead "in the prompt amelioration of the situation" of Jews in Iraq and Syria by pressing for "freedom of the Jewish population to emigrate to the countries of their choice including the United States" which can provide visas "outside of the established immigrant quota." Another resolution urged the U.S. to deny the Soviet Union most favored nation status and trade credit privileges as long as it maintains restrictions on Jewish emigration.

Rabbi Israel Miller, president of the AZF, announced the establishment of a new "educational travel service" by the AZF to bring Jewish and Christian groups to Israel. He said the travel service, which will begin operating next month, was intended to foster tourism to Israel and provide visitors with a deeper understanding and appreciation of the country and its problems. Dr. Miriam Freund, who will head the new travel service, estimated that about 1200 participants will

visit Israel during its first year of operations.

UJA WOMEN'S DIVISIONS LAUNCH DRIVE

NEW YORK, March 6 (JTA)--Four thousand women from New York's five boroughs and Westchester and Long Island suburbs rallied in the New York Hilton to launch the 1973 campaign of the Women's Division of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York. They started the 35th annual independent women's drive for the contributions of women in support of the humanitarian aid programs which UJA finances for immigrants to Israel and Jews in areas of distress and danger all over the world.

New York City Commissioner of Consumer Affairs Bess Myerson delivered the principal address. Asserting that "no pious statement ever eased persecution," she assailed the "head tax" imposed on emigrating Soviet Jews and called upon UJA volunteers for a maximum effort to raise funds required to assure their successful resettlement in Israel. The first woman rabbi in New York, Rabbi Sally J. Preisand of the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue, presided over an opening candle-lighting ceremony dedicated to the forthcoming 25th anniversary of the independence of the people of Israel.

Presiding over the rally were the 1973 chairmen of the New York UJA's Women's Division, Mrs. Herbert J. Dreifuss and Mrs. Ben S. Marcus. The only portion of the program reserved for men was a presentation of the UJA Women's Division's Eleanor Roosevelt Memorial Award to philanthropist William Rosenwald, a top leader of UJA from its inception in 1939. Ambassador Yosef Tekoah made the presentation. Premier Golda Meir sent an especially taped message of greeting to Rosenwald.

The rally last week marked the beginning of an effort by women volunteers to secure for the UJA the 1973 contributions of women residents of the eight counties covered by New York UJA's drive. The giving of women is entirely separate from any sums the men in their families may be contributing to UJA. In the months ahead, as part of a New York UJA drive for \$150 million this year, the Women's Division aims to better substantially the \$8.5 million raised in 1972. The funds now sought will help transport and resettle 70,000 immigrants expected in Israel during 1973, tens of thousands of them from the Soviet Union.

Foreign Minister Christer Vikmann of Sweden announced today that his government has instructed Swedish diplomats in Syria and Iraq to report all instances of discrimination and persecution of Jews in those countries.

An El Al stewardess who was severely injured in the Lod Airport massacre last May 30, became a bride Sunday night. Antonia Akaria, who at one time faced the loss of a leg, was married to Stefan Deutch, a naval officer. The ceremony was performed by Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren. Miss Akaria spent months in a hospital undergoing treatment for her injuries. Doctors had almost decided on several occasions to amputate Miss Akaria's leg but changed their minds. She proved how right their decision was when she danced with her husband.

The Polish Embassy in The Hague said it would "consider" transmitting to Warsaw a petition signed by 115 Dutch parliamentarians on behalf of former master spy Leopold Trepper.