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JEWISH CANDIDATE ASSAULTED

PARIS, March 11 (JTA)--Three men were arrested today for assaulting a Jewish candidate for the French Parliament, Jean Pierre-Bloch, and later attacking his office. The incident was the only one with anti-Semitic overtones to occur while some 28-million Frenchmen went to the polls in the second and final phase of France's parliamentary elections. Bloch, running on the Reform Party ticket, was attacked by cries of "Dirty Jew, you want to buy your way to power." The candidate was injured in the face and his car was damaged.

Bloch told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the three managed "to escape detention while being escorted to police headquarters." He said the attackers may have been motivated by the fact that the Gaullist candidate pulled out of the race in his electoral district. Bloch, son of the president of the League Against Anti-Semitism (LICA), said his assailants apparently blamed him for "forcing" the Gaullist out of the contest.

The balance of power in today's voting seemed to be held by the three million Reform Party voters. The party's platform calls for a change in France's Middle East policy and closer ties with Israel. During the first round of voting last Sunday, the Socialist-Communist coalition won 46 percent of the popular vote and were only four points away from an absolute majority.

ALLOH REPORTED READY TO SUGGEST SEPARATE SETTLEMENT WITH JORDAN

JERUSALEM, March 11 (JTA)--Deputy Premier Yigal Allon is planning to suggest that Israel seek a separate peace settlement with Jordanian King Hussein when the Labor Party resumes its debate on the future of the administered territories, it was reported today. Allon's purported intentions were reported in the newspaper Haaretz.

Allon has apparently been talking to his close friends privately about raising such a proposal. According to the Deputy Prime Minister, the chances of getting a settlement with Jordan are far better than of securing an arrangement with Egypt. Moreover, he thinks that Israel should exploit any opportunity of denting Arab opposition to negotiations, Haaretz said. Allon was said to feel that Palestinian representatives on the West Bank are more receptive to a peace arrangement with Israel. Were Israel to forge a settlement with Jordan these representatives would be inclined to subscribe to it Allon believes.

Allon's suggestion has apparently been given impetus by the recent expressions of support for the Allon Plan given by Hussein. Specifically, the Jordanian monarch was reported to agree with that part of the Allon Plan calling for the stationing of Israeli troops along the Jordan River. Despite this, Hussein still feels strongly that the Israelis must turn over some sovereignty of Jerusalem to the Arabs.

Allon is said to be willing to discuss a partial withdrawal of Israeli forces from the territories. But at this stage he is not ready to discuss the question of Jerusalem. On his visit to the U.S., in Dec. the Deputy Premier is known to have raised the question of a separate peace agreement with Jordan. But Allon and U.S. Secretary of State William P. Rogers agreed that Israel could do

little on its part and the initiative must come from Hussein.

Mrs. Meir, Rabin, Return Home PREMIER SAYS THERE IS NO CHANGE IN U.S. FRIENDSHIP FOR ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, March 11 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir returned to Israel tonight after a 13-day visit to the United States and assured her countrymen that there has been no change in the American policy of friendship and support for Israel. She said that, regrettably, there has been no change in the Arab position but that U.S. officials had neither asked nor hinted that Israel should change its attitude.

The Premier was greeted at Lod Airport by Cabinet and Knesset members, senior Army officers and her family. Returning aboard the same plane was Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin who terminated his duties in Washington last Friday. Meeting with reporters in the airport terminal, Mrs. Meir said of her trip to the U.S.: "It was important for us to know if there were any changes in the cooperation that we enjoy with the U.S. I am very glad to state, as was stated by the White House press officer, that the cooperation and assistance will continue."

Israel Not Opposed To U.S. Initiative

Mrs. Meir said that Israel was not opposed to any American peace initiative and welcomed any action that might promote the possibility of peace. "What we opposed," she said, "was one thing--that there shall be no foreign factor, that instead of conclusions and agreements we have to reach with our neighbors, it will face us with accomplished facts, either in agreement with our neighbors or with other factors, and then exert pressure on us to accept it. On that last possibility, I found no sign in America. As to an initiative to promote peace, America wants things to start moving."

She said, however, that she could only wish that a meeting with Arab leaders was close at hand. "I know of no such possibility" at this time, Mrs. Meir said. She added that after the murder of two American diplomats by Arab terrorists in Khartoum, the U.S. has become aware of Arab terror and its consequences. On the matter of Soviet Jewry, she said, "I brought up the question of Russian Jewry in almost every talk I had in the U.S. and I found a great understanding of the problem among my listeners."

Rabin refused to comment on his political future. However, he had great praise for Mrs. Meir. He said there could have been no better conclusion to his tour in Washington than her visit there. He noted that American Jewry had demonstrated its deep affection for the Premier and its affinity for Israel in the warm receptions accorded Mrs. Meir wherever she went.

CZECHOSLOVAK ACCUSES JEWISH RESEARCHERS OF STEALING DOCUMENTS

LONDON, March 11 (JTA)--In a Slovak language broadcast from Prague, Jewish historians, writers, and other researchers, who visited Czechoslovakia from Israel, the United States and Austria, were charged with stealing documents from Czechoslovak archives. According to the broadcast several days ago, the Jewish researchers had gone to

Czechoslovakia "under the pretext of research into the history of Czechoslovak Jewry" but had taken away documents "proving cooperation between Zionist organizations and the Nazis."

The broadcaster, Jiri Bohatka, also said that "other evidence on confidential relations between the gestapo and the Jewish Council of Elders in Prague and the Jewish Central Office for Slovakia was feloniously taken from the archives."

Bohatka mentioned by name Livia Rothkirchen of Yad Vashem, who he attacked, however, not for stealing documents but for her study "Jews in Czechoslovakia," published in New York in 1968. He rejected her assertion that Slovak anti-Semitism has been general and directed not only against Jews but also against the poor.

EMIGRATION FUNDS AVAILABLE

WASHINGTON, March 11 (JTA)--State Department sources, admitting "considerable administrative delay" in the use of the \$50 million appropriated to the Department for Soviet Emigration purposes, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the money is now directly available and plans for its expenditure are in progress.

Congress last Oct. appropriated the funds for use this fiscal year ending June 30 to aid Jews and others emigrating from the Soviet Union to Israel and other countries which may accept them. The practical effect of the legislation is to assist Jewish emigrants since they exceed by far at this time emigration of non-Jews.

Rep. Joshua Eilberg (D, Pa.) charged last week in a telegram to President Nixon that the administration secretly has impounded the funds after the President had signed the bill which made the money available. The government accounting office disclosed that the State Department had not asked for the \$50 million, he said, and apparently had made no plans to spend it. Last Thursday, however, a statement from Eilberg's office reported that the funds have been released and "work has also begun on the plans for spending the money."

Eilberg said that "the funds will be used to pay the transportation costs from Russia to Israel for the refugees, modernization of stop-over facilities in Austria, improvement and construction of reception centers in Israel, and for housing for the refugees in Israel." Noting that more than 30,000 Soviet Jews had emigrated to Israel last year, Eilberg said that "while Israel has welcomed all these people it simply cannot handle the financial burden of assimilating them."

Grants Will Go To ICEM

When Eilberg's statement was brought to the attention of the State Department, the JTA was informed that the Office of Management and Budget released the \$50 million to the Department March 5 and that "plans to utilize the funds are being made" by the State Department's Office of Refugee and Migration Affairs in consultation with the American Embassy in Tel Aviv, the government of Israel and Jewish voluntary agencies in the United States. Frank L. Kellogg, special assistant to Secretary of State William P. Rogers heads the office.

"Although firm decisions have not been reached," the sources told JTA, "we anticipate these funds will support the housing and care of the migrants in Europe while they are in travel status, their onward transport and their initial resettlement in Israel." We anticipate the expenditures will be made in the form of grants to the Intergovernmental Committee for European

Migration (ICEM) and to voluntary agencies." No decision has been yet made for using the funds for housing in Israel the source said. He agreed that this was a variation from Eilberg's statement regarding this factor.

ICEM is a 31-nation organization outside of the United Nations. It was established after World War II to assist emigrants from Eastern Europe in resettling in other areas. While virtually all of the Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union is centered near Vienna before it flows mainly to Israel, Department officials said they preferred the use of "Europe" in their planning. They noted that the legislation applies to immigrants to Israel or another suitable country of Jewish and "similar refugees" from the Soviet Union.

DEFENSE SAYS SPY RING DEFENDANTS ACTED POLITICALLY, ASKS FOR ACQUITTALS

TEL AVIV, March 11 (JTA)--Defense counsel in the Syrian spy trial asked the court today to acquit the six defendants of espionage charges on grounds that they acted solely from political motivations and had no intention of harming the State.

Ali Raffa, the attorney for Daoud Osman Turki, the ring leader of the Syrian-directed Arab-Jewish spy ring, and Tousiya Cohen, lawyer for Ehud Adiv, head of the ring's Jewish section, did not deny that their clients visited Syria, trained in the use of arms and explosives and passed information to enemy agents.

But they claimed that they were motivated by a political ideology that wanted to bring about political revolutions in Israel and other Middle Eastern countries. The attorneys argued that the defendants passed on information that was known to every soldier and civilian in Israel and therefore could not be considered classified.

The court is expected to pronounce judgement in several days after which 27 other spy ring suspects including four Jews, will be brought to trial in the same Haifa district court.

THREE PLO COMMANDERS KILLED

TEL AVIV, March 11 (JTA)--The Arab terrorist known as "Che Guevara," whose activity recently has resulted in a number of murders of Arab notables and in the resumption of terrorist activities against Israeli forces in the Gaza Strip, was killed Friday morning in a clash with an Israeli Army unit at his hiding place. With him were two other terrorist commanders who also were killed. There were no casualties to the Israelis, officials said.

Following a hand grenade throwing Thursday at an Israeli army truck which resulted in the death of an Israeli soldier and injuries to another Israeli, army units conducted searches in some Gaza suburbs. Two hand grenades were found in the Rimal quarter. Later a subterranean bunker was discovered at the home of a local physician, Dr. Rashad Mousmar. Three Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine commanders were hiding in the bunker. One of them was "Che Guevara."

The terrorists opened fire at the approaching Israelis. The fire was returned and the three terrorists were killed. Arms and ammunition as well as propaganda material were found in the bunker. Dr. Mousmar had been previously convicted for aiding terrorists and sentenced to five years imprisonment. He was released, however, after two years on condition that he would remain in his medical profession and have no connections with terrorists. He was detained when the bunker was found in his home.

RABIN LEAVES; DINITZ DUE

By Joseph Polakoff, JTA-Washington Bureau Chief

WASHINGTON, March 11 (JTA)--Yitzhak Rabin, Israel's Ambassador to the United States, since Feb. 28, 1968, terminated his assignment Friday and returned to Israel today. Mrs. Rabin departed for Jerusalem several days ago. Rabin will be succeeded by Simcha Dinitz, director, general of the Prime Minister's office. Dinitz will arrive to take up his ambassadorial duties towards the end of this month.

Dinitz, the personal choice of Israeli Premier Golda Meir for the post, will come here accompanied by his wife, their son and two daughters. The new envoy, 44, was in the United States for 10 days during Mrs. Meir's visit to the U.S. He had served previously at the Israeli Embassy here as Minister for Information in 1968-69, during Rabin's first two years as Ambassador. In his student years Dinitz earned a political science degree at Georgetown University, the foremost Jesuit institution in America.

During the hiatus between Rabin's departure and the arrival of Dinitz, the Embassy will be under the direction of Minister Avner Idan as charge d'affaires. Idan has been here for the past 18 months, coming from Bonn where he also held the rank of minister.

While his departure had been posted several times in the past six months, Rabin had been expected to remain in Washington until mid-March. His departure this weekend came, therefore, as a mild surprise. He succeeded Avraham Harman, now-president of Hebrew University, as Ambassador. As Chief of Staff of the Israeli Armed Forces that triumphed over the Arab nations in the Six-Day War in 1967, Rabin shared in the tremendous acclaim for Israel's brilliant military feat.

Nixon, Rogers, Praise Rabin

Twice while with Mrs. Meir in the White House during the Premier's recent visit, Rabin was praised by President Nixon. At the meeting with Mrs. Meir at the White House, Nixon referred to Rabin's excellence as an Ambassador. At the dinner the President gave for Mrs. Meir at the White House, Nixon again lauded Rabin and remarked jocularly, "if you will change your citizenship we have a job for you."

Secretary of State William P. Rogers saluted Rabin at a farewell dinner for the Ambassador sponsored by the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations in New York, saying, "you have earned the respect of all who have worked with you." Newsweek magazine hailed him as one of Washington's five top Ambassadors.

Often described as the "undiplomatic diplomat," Rabin came under fire during the last Presidential campaign when he was accused of supporting Nixon at a time when the Jewish vote in the United States was receiving extensive attention in the media. However, the incident quieted down after Mrs. Meir declared in Jerusalem that Israeli officials abroad are forbidden to take sides in politics in the countries to which they are accredited.

Rabin's future in Israel has not been made known but it is expected that he will be in the Foreign Ministry pending his decisions on a future course, which is understood to be in Israeli politics.

PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, March 11 (JTA)--An example of

participatory democracy at work in Israel came to light today with the disclosure that two telephone company employes recently "sat in" on a conversation between Premier Golda Meir and Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin in Washington. One of them became so involved in the trans-Atlantic dialogue that he volunteered his own answer to a question Mrs. Meir put to her envoy, thereby bringing about his downfall and that of his eavesdropping colleague.

The incident occurred three weeks ago. Both employes were promptly suspended by the Communications Ministry pending a full scale inquiry. Simcha Dinitz, Mrs. Meir's political advisor and Rabin's successor, demanded at the time that they be summarily fired.

The employes, whose names have not been disclosed, were described as Tel Aviv University students working temporarily for the phone company. By some electronic quirk they plugged into the Meir-Rabin conversation and, typical of all Israelis deeply concerned with affairs of state, decided to listen. At one point, Mrs. Meir asked Rabin his opinion of a newspaper article published in the U.S. the day before. Rabin asked which newspaper the Premier was referring to.

Before Mrs. Meir could reply, a strange voice broke in with the answer. "It was the well-known Washington Post," the voice said. A startled Mrs. Meir said, "Yitzhak, this conversation is being overheard," and apparently terminated it. A workers committee of the International Telephone Center has protested against the possible dismissal of the two employes.

SOVIET JEWS ON KHARTOUM MURDERS

LONDON, March 11 (JTA)--Jewish sources in the Soviet Union reported that many letters have been sent to the American and Belgian peoples by Soviet Jews following the murder of three diplomats by the Black September group in Khartoum. In a telegram to President Nixon, 14 Soviet Jews from Moscow, Kiev and Kharkov expressed their grief at the deaths of Ambassador Cleo A. Noel Jr. and George Curtis Moore, charge d'affaires.

The telegram stated: "Dear Mr. President, Deeply moved by the cowardly murder of the representatives of your people in Khartoum by Black September terrorists. We extend our deep sympathy to you, to all the American people and to the families of the murdered men. We mourn together with you over this senseless tragedy."

A similar telegram was sent to King Baudoin of Belgium about the death of Guy Eid, the Belgian charge d'affaires. A telegram about the Khartoum affair was also sent by the Goldstein brothers and Elizabeta Bykova from Tbilisi to the American Ambassador in Moscow, with a request to pass it on to Nixon.

'PRO-JEWISH' PRIEST REMOVED

AMSTERDAM, March 11 (JTA)--Prof. Cornelius A. Rijk, a Roman Catholic priest who sharply criticized a negative statement issued by a Vatican spokesman following Premier Golda Meir's meeting with Pope Paul VI, has been "quietly removed" from the Vatican Secretariate for Christian-Jewish relations. It was disclosed here today. According to an article in the quarterly Ter Harckenning, a periodical devoted to Christian-Jewish relations, the Dutch priest was removed for his "too pro-Jewish views."

David Ben-Gurion said today he was convinced that peace would be restored to the Middle East within 10 years and that the time was ripe now to start making contacts with the Arabs.

