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## SHULTZ TELLS BREZHNEV SOVIET POLICY ON EMIGRATION THREATENS AGREEMENT By Joseph Polakoff, JTA Washington Bureau Chief

WASHINGTON, March 14 (JTA)--Treasury Secretary George P. Shultz has given Leonid Brezhnev "a full description" of Congressional feeling towards the Soviet government's emigration policy and told him that it threatens the U.S.-Soviet Trade Agreement signed last Oct., Treasury Department officials told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today.

Reporting on a news conference Shultz held in Moscow earlier today, the officials said that their preliminary information from Moscow is that Shultz informed the media that "I reviewed with the various people I met the status of most favored nation legislation in our Congress and tried to explain the problem as we see it." Asked if Brezhnev had reflected any willingness to rescind the Soviet education tax imposed on Jewish and other emigrants, Shultz replied "that is a question they will have to answer." He declined to offer any details of the Soviet authorities' response.

In describing to the Soviet Communist Party leader and other Kremlin authorities the nature of the U.S. political process, Shultz said he explained the veto power the Congress has over the trade agreement and that Congress must ratify the trade agreement before its provisions on tax credits and trade treatment for the Soviet Union can be granted by the American government. Shultz faced the newsmen after a three-hour meeting with Brezhnev, Treasury sources told JTA. The Treasury Secretary is President Nixon's first advisor on all economic affairs, international and domestic.

### Nixon Has Message For Brezhnev

Shultz said that he explained the Soviet Jewish issue from the Washington standpoint as clearly as he could to Brezhnev. He emphasized, however, that President Nixon had not sent him to Moscow to negotiate any element between the two governments. Rather, he said, he came to Moscow to review the possibilities of developing Soviet-American trade and economic relations. In this connection, according to information supplied to JTA, Shultz said he was optimistic of the future of Soviet-American trade and that during his talks in Moscow he had found desires to solve problems between the superpowers.

While at the Kremlin, Shultz delivered a message to Brezhnev from President Nixon in which the President said he wanted the development of bilateral relations. Brezhnev, however, did not pass a personal message to Shultz for the President.

Agricultural and natural resources, including gas, also were discussed by him with the Kremlin officials, Shultz said. While no conclusions were reached, he said, the proposals on a natural gas agreement were sufficiently promising for further discussions. The Treasury Secretary and his party were to leave Moscow later today or possibly tomorrow for Paris where they will again hold discussions with European monetary and economic leaders. Shultz is expected to return to Washington early next week to report personally to the President.

## 2 MORE IRAQI JEWS DISAPPEAR

JERUSALEM, March 14 (JTA)--The Israel Students Union said today that it had information that two more Iraqi Jews have disappeared and that it feared for their lives. The Jews were identified as Naji and Surad Kashboush. Ten other Iraqi Jews, imprisoned last fall, have been unheard from for the past month. Israeli authorities believe it is almost certain that they have been executed.

## MRS. MEIR: U.S. VIEWS A STRONG ISRAEL AS BEST GUARANTEE FOR PEACE IN MIDEAST

TEL AVIV, March 14 (JTA)--President Nixon and other top U.S. officials have reached the conclusion that the best guarantee of peace in the Middle East is a strong Israel, Premier Golda Meir told the final session of the B'nai B'rith Board of Governors meeting here. It was her first public appearance since returning from a 13-day visit to the U.S. last Sunday. (See P. 3 for separate story on U.S. planes for Israel.)

The Premier said that the Suez cease-fire, now in its third year, was not achieved because the Arabs decided against war but because the Egyptians knew another war would mean another defeat. They understand that Israel is strong enough to defend itself, Mrs. Meir said, adding that in order to remain strong, "We are asking for more planes, tanks and guns."

She said she hoped those "deterrents to war" would be forthcoming. Mrs. Meir said Israel's future borders must be "defensible borders so that either attacks are deterred or we have as few casualties as possible, should they occur." The Premier received a prolonged standing ovation. She was presented with the B'nai B'rith Presidents Award by David Blumberg, international president of B'nai B'rith.

## CONTROVERSY OVER SWASTIKA

BONN, March 14 (JTA)--The West Berlin Public Prosecutor has stopped a law suit brought by the German Humanist Union against a toy importer distributing models of German wartime aircraft decorated with the swastika. The Humanist Union based its case on paragraph 86A of the penal code which forbids on pain of penalty the dissemination of Nazi symbols. The Public Prosecutor's office declared that the swastika was not only a symbol of the National Socialist Party, but also the national emblem of a State. It was therefore doubtful, the Prosecutor's office stated, that the swastika, when obviously used as a national emblem, was being used as a Nazi symbol.

In addition, the Prosecutor's office contended that the model aircraft are of historical value and the use of the swastika as a national emblem was, therefore, not anti-social and insulting to the public. The Humanist Union has demanded that the Berlin Senate dismiss the two public prosecutors involved.

### SPECIAL TO JTA

## PALESTINIANS ARRESTED IN TRIESTE BLAST By Ben Juarez, JTA Rome Correspondent

ROME, March 14 (JTA)--Italian police held two Palestinians for what sources said is questioning in connection with the bombing of a crude oil storage center at Trieste last August. The Palestin-

ians had been living in Carcano, a small town in northern Italy and brought to Milan for preliminary questioning. Police sources said they were being transferred to Rome for further questioning by the State Intelligence Service.

Officially the cause of their arrest is that they allegedly were found in possession of a stolen automobile and were carrying stolen goods. The Palestinians were identified as Mohammed Adib Sadat Salem Hussein, 31, who is married to an Italian woman and has two daughters, and Taleb Talab el Jabbari, 43, a resident of Amman, Jordan. Using a key found in el Jabbari's pocket, police opened a locker at Milan railroad station and recovered a roll of color film showing scenes in Milan and Amman and a bunch of newspaper clips concerning the recent murder in Rome of a Jordanian citizen, police sources said.

Interviewed at her home by the newspaper "La Stampa" Hussein's wife, Fulvia, 34, said both she and her husband had worked for Yassir Arafat and the Palestinian Liberation Organization, but denied he was linked with terrorist activities. She was quoted as saying he had been in Trieste last August for a hernia operation, but had played no part in the bombing, which police believe was the work of the Black September organization. She said her husband had lived quietly for the past year and supported his family by giving English lessons. According to her, el Jabbari arrived at her home about 20 days ago in search of food and lodging after his residence permit in Italy expired.

#### BEN-GURION RESTING IN HOSPITAL

TEL AVIV, March 14 (JTA)--Former Premier David Ben-Gurion was reported today to be resting comfortably at Poria Hospital where he was rushed yesterday after complaining of chest pains and breathing difficulties. Doctors said, however, that they found nothing seriously wrong with the 84-year-old statesman and said he may be released from the hospital later today after a further examination. Ben-Gurion was vacationing in Tiberias when he took sick.

#### MURDERED ISRAELI NOT AGENT

JERUSALEM, March 14 (JTA)--A Foreign Ministry official said today that Simha Glitzer, the Israeli leather merchant murdered Monday in Cyprus by a Jordanian student, was a private businessman and was not connected with the Israeli intelligence service or with any other government department. The statement was made in response to questions following a claim by the Black September terrorist organization that it was responsible for Glitzer's murder because he was an Israeli agent. Glitzer's body was flown home today and funeral services will be held tomorrow.

The body of Alexander Levin, a security officer at the Israeli Embassy in Paris who accidentally shot himself to death last Friday, was flown home for burial today.

#### SPY SUSPECTS PLEAD NOT GUILTY

TEL AVIV, March 14 (JTA)--Charges were read in a Haifa district court today against the 17 remaining suspects in the Syrian spy ring case, four of them Jews. All pleaded not guilty and will go on trial next month.

Two of the Jews, Yehozkel Cohen, 30, and David Kupfer (originally identified as Cooper), 32, were charged with direct connection with the Syrian-directed Arab-Jewish spy ring headed by a Haifa book seller, Daoud Osman Turki. The two other Jews, Mall Lerman and Raml Livneh,

both 27, were accused of contacts with an El Fatah agent. Livneh is the son of the Rakah Communist MK Avraham Levenbrun.

The court rejected a request by defense counsel that Lerman and Livneh be tried separately on grounds that their case would be prejudiced if they appeared before the bench with the defendants charged with direct membership in the ring.

According to the charges, Lerman and Livneh were in contact with Ahmed Halidi, an El Fatah agent who entered Israel through the summer visits program. Halidi allegedly asked them to provide information on strategic installations which were targets for sabotage and proposed smuggling arms and ammunition into Israel.

The six original suspects in the spy case, including Turki and the principal Jewish defendants, Ehud Adiv and Dan Vered, were tried last week and are awaiting the court's verdict. Nine other suspects, all Arabs, were charged last week. Their trial will begin next week.

#### BACKLASH AT SOVIET EMIGRATION POLICY

WASHINGTON, March 14 (JTA)--Three Soviet authorities who sought to persuade 15 Congressmen, including key Republicans, of the advantages of increased U.S.-Soviet trade were told of the congressional concern about Soviet emigration policies towards Jews and other citizens.

This conversation occurred, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was informed today, at a luncheon meeting at a club on Capitol Hill Monday. The luncheon had been requested by the Soviet Embassy and arranged by officials of the National Association of Manufacturers which had sponsored the big U.S.-Soviet trade conference here two weeks ago.

The head of the Soviet delegation to the conference, V.S. Alkhimov, Deputy Minister of Foreign Trade, was present along with K.G. Tretiakov, the Soviet Embassy's commercial counselor, and E.V. Bugrov, Counsellor for Economic Affairs. An aide of Rep. Peter H.B. Frelinghuysen (R.NJ), chairman of the Republican Party's Congressional Task Force on International Economic Policy, told the JTA that Frelinghuysen told the Russians "of the close connection between the most favored national treatment for the Soviet Union and the Soviet government's emigration tax."

"Mr. Alkhimov's trip and the meetings he has had should have given him solid evidence that members of Congress are much concerned with Soviet emigration policies and that we (members of Congress) tend to link them with the granting of most favored nation status," Frelinghuysen was quoted as having told the Soviet trio.

Frelinghuysen is not a supporter of the Mills-Vanik proposal calling for Soviet withdrawal of emigration restrictions which has been sponsored by 260 representatives. It was learned that E.D. Kenna, NAM president, was the host at the lunch. Other NAM officials present included William Pollert, vice-president for international affairs, Eugene Hardy vice-president for governmental relations, and Nicholas Hollis, director of the international affairs staff. Among the Congressmen present was Gerald Ford (R.Mich), the House minority leader.

For its 93rd anniversary, ORT is having a street permanently named after it in Silver Springs, Md. "Ort Road" in the heart of the business district which borders on northwest Washington is to be dedicated March 22.

Israel's Labor Party today appointed a five-man commission to recommend a candidate for the Presidency to succeed Zalman Shazar.

### U.S. HINTS ISRAEL EXPECTED TO BE MORE FLEXIBLE IN TALKS WITH ARAB STATES IN RETURN FOR MORE PLANES

WASHINGTON, March 14 (JTA)--The disclosure today that the United States will supply Israel with four more squadrons of jet fighter bombers and attack planes--deliveries to begin in Jan. 1974--was coupled with the first visible hint that the U.S. expects Israel to adopt more flexible positions in negotiations with the Arab states.

For the first time since Premier Golda Meir's meeting with President Nixon on March 1 it was stated authoritatively that the U.S. has agreed to sell Israel about 24 more F-4 Phantoms and the same number of A-4 Skyhawk light attack planes with deliveries extending over a two-year period.

It was also disclosed, in information to the New York Times by State Department and Defense Department officials, that the U.S. will provide Israel with technical assistance to begin the manufacture of its own jet fighters, based on the French Mirage fighter series but powered by the same engine as the Phantom F-4.

American officials reportedly said the additional supplies of American war planes were aimed at keeping Israel in pace with Egypt and Syria which have been receiving Soviet aircraft and to replace Israel's losses through combat or training accidents. Officials also stressed that the deliveries were symbolic of America's determination to maintain the balance of military power in the Middle East, the Times report said.

#### Slower Rate Of Delivery

The new commitments for Phantoms and Skyhawks insure a continuing supply but at a slower rate of delivery than the current program being carried out under commitments made by Nixon in Dec. 1971, and with lower totals. The last Phantoms under the current program will be delivered in Dec. and the last Skyhawks next June.

The commitments were said to have been made by Nixon at his meeting with Mrs. Meir. U.S. officials said they hoped these commitments would help persuade Israel to take more flexible positions in negotiations toward at least a partial settlement of its conflicts with Egypt and Jordan, according to the Times. One official was quoted as saying that "As the Israelis become increasingly confident that their relative military strength will be preserved, they should be willing to take a few more risks in negotiating a peace settlement."

The coupling of remarks on flexibility by unidentified but apparently highly placed officials, with the disclosure, through a major newspaper, that the U.S. will continue its delivery of war planes to Israel after the current schedule of deliveries is completed, was seen by observers here as a public signal to Israel that the U.S. expects some reciprocal action from Jerusalem. Whether such hints were given privately to Mrs. Meir in her talks with Nixon and other top U.S. officials is not known.

Prior to Premier Meir's meeting with Nixon, sources here said that the main purpose of her visit to Washington was to obtain between \$515-\$550 million in U.S. aid for the coming fiscal year, including \$300 million worth of military credits for the purchase of fighter bombers and helicopter gun ships.

#### ISRAELIS RAP IRAQI DENIAL THAT JEWS HAVE BEEN KILLED

UNITED NATIONS, March 14 (JTA)--A denial by the Iraqi UN Mission that some Iraqi Jews

have been imprisoned or executed was rejected today by the Israeli Mission as "transparent and primitive lies." The Iraqi statement attributed the reported executions to "the Zionist propaganda machine" which it said was circulating "falsehood and fabrication in an attempt to discredit the government of Iraq."

The Iraqi statement was the first denial from an official source of reports that have been circulating for the past month that the Iraqi Jews were imprisoned last fall and that some or all of them may have been executed or died in prison. The Iraqis claimed that "a thorough investigation has revealed that most of the Iraqi Jews mentioned in the list had in fact illegally departed from Iraq," and that "unofficial reports" indicated "that some of these Iraqi Jews have been seen in the United States."

#### Iraqi Claim Termed Sheer Mockery

The Israeli Mission said the Iraqi statement "would be considered farcical in its transparent and primitive lies if the situation of Iraqi Jewry were not as tragic as it is. To dismiss the suffering and torture of the Iraqi Jews imprisoned in Baghdad, some apparently murdered in jail, by claiming that these people are not even in Iraq, is sheer mockery. The growing international outcry against the persecution of Jews in Iraq belies the frivolous assertion in the press release."

The Iraqi statement claimed that the alleged Israeli campaign to discredit Iraq coincided with rising dissent among Iraqi Jews in Israel. The statement quoted an article of Nov. 9, 1972 from the Black Panther magazine in Jerusalem, edited by Kokhavi Shemesh, which alleged that Iraqi Jews were "lured, threatened and terrorized" by Zionist agents to migrate to Israel.

#### DIFFERING VIEWS ON ALIYA PRESENTED

LONDON, March 14 (JTA)--Two differing views on aliya were expressed at the 72nd annual conference of the British Zionist Federation here this weekend. Yitzhak Navon, Deputy Speaker of the Knesset who delivered the keynote address, claimed that aliya was obligatory for every Zionist. Mrs. Rose Matzkin, president of Hadassah, who addressed the luncheon session, said that while aliya is the final achievement of a Zionist, "we should not write off those who don't go to settle in Israel."

The conference rejected by a vote of 131-84 a Herut amendment to a resolution on Soviet Jewry that demanded the proclamation of a boycott against Russia until its treatment of Jews changes.

Navon said the present infrastructure of central and local government in Israel and all other services could cater to a population of 8-9 million without strain. He claimed that aliya was more vital to Israel than any other problem demanding solution. "We are entitled to tell diaspora Zionists that aliya is a Zionist obligation and not a mere migratory phenomenon," he said. He said aliya constituted a "service of great human importance as well as Jewish and not a narrow national appeal."

Mrs. Matzkin said of Zionists who chose not to settle in Israel, "They remain Zionists and there are vital tasks for them where they are."

The government reportedly is considering recognizing the East Jerusalem Moslem religious court, the Shariya, as an official judicial institution. The Justice Ministry was said to be preparing grounds for the recognition of judgments issued by the Moslem court by all government institutions.

