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## ISRAEL, U.S. AIRLINES WARNED BY FAA ON POSSIBLE TERRORIST PLOT

WASHINGTON, March 15 (JTA)--Israel and American airline officials have been warned that Palestinian-terrorists may try to hijack or bomb a plane in the next few weeks. The warning was issued last Friday, but disclosed today, by the Federal Aviation Administration in the form of an alert. It cited information from what it termed a reliable source that the plot would take place somewhere in Europe and would be carried out by terrorists disguised as priests or dressed as women. The alert stressed, however, that despite the reliable source for the information it was unconfirmed.

According to the FAA report, the plot was apparently aimed at an Israeli or American airliner in reprisal for Israel's downing of a Libyan commercial airliner over the Sinai on Feb. 21. The FAA alert stated that the Palestinians "may believe that recent contact between Israeli Premier Golda Meir and President Nixon indicates that the U.S. supports shooting down the Libyan airliner by Israel." (See separate story P. 1 from Tel Aviv.)

The Air Transport Association here notified the American carriers operating in Europe. El Al was notified by the State Department. FAA officials would not directly comment on the alert but said it routinely sends out information it receives which has a bearing on aviation security or safety. The information on the latest terrorist plot was believed to have been obtained from U.S. intelligence monitoring Palestinian terrorist radio broadcasts.

The alert was sent one day after explosive-laden cars were found at two separate Israeli installations in New York — in front of the Israel Discount Bank on Fifth Avenue in midtown Manhattan and near the El Al cargo terminal at Kennedy Airport — and after a prominent Jewish journalist in New York received a letter bomb.

## ISRAEL ALERTED TO TERRORIST PLOT

TEL AVIV, March 15 (JTA)--Israeli authorities have been alerted to a possible terrorist attempt to hijack an El Al plane and land it in Libya in reprisal for the shooting down of a Libyan airliner by Israeli fighters over Sinai last month. Warnings of the terrorist plot have reached Israel from several sources of information, it was learned today.

The informants hinted that the terrorists might be aided by foreign volunteers or mercenaries recruited from extreme leftist or right-wing circles. It was also suspected that the hijackers would disguise themselves in American or British military uniforms or in the guise of Israeli military personnel, trainmen or policemen. Several months ago Israeli authorities intercepted a bundle of uniforms addressed to a terrorist group.

## UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION CONDEMNS ISRAEL FOR 'WAR CRIMES'; VOTE IS 18-2, 10 WESTERN MEMBERS ABSTAIN

GENEVA, March 15 (JTA)--The United Nations Human Rights Commission, with its 10

Western members abstaining, voted 18-2 yesterday to condemn Israel for allegedly committing "war crimes" in the territories it administers and demanded that Israel "cease immediately creating colonies in the occupied territories."

The Commission deplored what it called Israel's "flouting of the fourth Geneva Convention" (on the treatment of civilian populations in wartime) and insisted that Israel "cease all measures affecting the physical peculiarities and demographic composition of these territories." The Commission said it was "profoundly troubled over the destruction of homes, the expropriation of Arab possessions, the deplorable treatment inflicted on prisoners and the plundering of the region's archaeological heritage and the exploitation of its natural resources."

The abstaining Western powers stressed that a distinction should be made between war crimes and violations of Geneva conventions. The French delegate said that Israeli violations were "not all crimes" and have not all been proven.

The Human Rights Commission apparently based its action on the report of a three-nation commission set up by the United Nations General Assembly several years ago to investigate the condition of the inhabitants of the Israel-held territories.

The commission, consisting of Somalia, Yugoslavia and Sri Lanka (Ceylon), none of which have diplomatic relations with Israel, took its entire testimony from Arab and pro-Arab witnesses in Arab and European cities. Israel refused to admit the commission onto its territory and refused to appear before it because the commission refused to investigate violations of Jewish rights in Arab countries.

## BEN GURION LEAVES HOSPITAL

TEL AVIV, March 15 (JTA)-- Former Premier David Ben-Gurion resumed his vacation at a Tiberias hotel today after spending a night in Poria hospital where he was taken yesterday after complaining of chest pains. He was discharged from the hospital this morning after doctors who examined him found nothing wrong. He told reporters that he felt fine and would concentrate on completing the third volume of his memoirs.

## JACKSON INTRODUCES AMENDMENT TO SENATE; EXCORIATES USSR FOR INCITING ANTI-SEMITIC SENTIMENTS

WASHINGTON, March 15 (JTA)--Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D, Wash) introduced his amendment to the East-West Trade Act on the Senate floor today and excoriated the Soviet Union for resorting to "the cruel incitement of anti-Semitic sentiments in an effort to scare off support for our amendment." The Senator said that in submitting the measure "We are upholding our tradition of commitment to individual liberty."

The Jackson measure has the support of 74 senators, a clear majority. No action is expected to be taken on it, however, until the Nixon Administration submits the East-West Trade Act, signed last Oct., to Congress for enactment or legislation in any form relating to U.S. trade with Eastern European Communist nations. An identical measure introduced in the House last month by Reps. Wilbur Mills (D-Ark) and Charles Vanik (D, Ohio) has the support of 270 of the 435 House members.

Jackson said the "heart" of his legislation was in the provision that the granting of most-favored-nation status and credits "are contingent" on semi-annual reports by the President to Congress: that the country in question is complying with the free emigration requirement. "The Soviet Union can comply with the free emigration provision without altering its laws or statutes," Sen. Jackson said.

He added, "Unhappily, what is permitted by law has not been allowed in practice" in the Soviet Union, "the Soviet propaganda campaign 'to the contrary.'" Referring to the education head tax, Jackson asked: "What Soviet citizen with an income of 200-300 rubles a month can be expected to pay 15-20,000 rubles to obtain an exit visa?"

#### Will Not Prohibit Trade

Jackson, who submitted his amendment to the last Congress, had said that he would not re-introduce it in the new Congress until the Administration presented the East-West Trade Act and he could examine it. But he apparently changed his mind in light of the strenuous efforts being made by the Soviet Union and, in particular, by a visiting Soviet trade delegation, to mobilize opposition to the amendment, especially in the American business community.

Jackson said "The Soviets have gone to some lengths to convey the impression that the question of free emigration is essentially a Jewish issue." Jackson said, "Their representatives, even as guests in this country, have resorted to the cruel incitement of anti-Semitic sentiments in an effort to scare off support for our amendment. Their broadcasts out of Moscow, their English language publications intended for publication here and their diplomatic representatives have been pressed into service for this most odious purpose."

He observed that nothing in his amendment would prohibit any businessman from buying or selling to the Soviet Union. What is at issue is whether the U.S. is to extend trade concessions to the Soviet Union, Jackson said.

Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R.N.Y.), a staunch supporter of the Jackson amendment, appealed to the Soviet Union as "a great power" to help advance detente between the two super powers on "a sound moral basis." Javits said the amendment stemmed from "deep moral convictions" and is "advisedly accepted" by its sponsors "with no illusions as to its consequences" on Soviet-American relations. He expressed hope that the moral aspects "will appeal to a great power like the Soviet Union," adding that the amendment was not drafted "in a spirit of defiance, confrontation or heedlessness."

#### WZO EXECUTIVE IN SPECIAL MISSION TO DEAL WITH SOVIET JEWRY SITUATION

TEL AVIV, March 15 (JTA)--The World Zionist Executive, meeting today under the chairmanship of Louis Pincus, expressed its appreciation to Sen. Henry M. Jackson for his efforts to persuade the Soviet Union to rescind its education tax on Jewish emigrés.

The Zionist Executive held a special meeting devoted to reports reaching here of the worsening situation of Soviet Jews and the hardships and restrictions imposed on those seeking visas to emigrate to Israel. The Executive reaffirmed that in view of the increasing danger

to the future of Soviet Jewry the "only way to save them is through free emigration to Israel. It called on Jews all over the world to exert their influence on behalf of Soviet Jewry.

#### THREE ARABS KILLED BY MINE

TEL AVIV, March 15 (JTA)--Three Arabs from Abu Shein village in Western Galilee were killed last night, and a fourth was injured, when their jeep hit a mine on a dirt road near Matzuba on the Lebanese border. The incident was discovered only this morning when the injured Arab, who was a member of what he described as a hunting party, managed to crawl to a highway and get help. Israeli security forces are investigating the incident which was the latest in a series of mine plantings near the Lebanese border during the past few weeks.

#### SOLOMON SHAPIRO, EDUCATOR, LABOR ZIONIST FOUNDER, DEAD AT 83

NEW YORK, March 15 (JTA)--Funeral services were held today for Solomon Shapiro, noted American Jewish educator, who died yesterday morning at Coney Island Hospital, after a short illness. He would have been 84 on Saturday. Mr. Shapiro was one of the founders of the Jewish Folk Schools of the Labor Zionist Movement more than 60 years ago and was instrumental in introducing many programmatic changes and progressive features into the Jewish educational system in this country. For more than a half-century, he taught in and was the principal of Jewish Folk Schools in New York, Syracuse, Milwaukee and Philadelphia.

In the 1920s he was the director of the National Committee for the Jewish Folk Schools and later served as chairman and honorary chairman of the committee. He was a founder in 1926 of Camp Kinderwelt at Highland Mills, N.Y., an educational summer camp sponsored by Farband-Labor Zionist Order, which he directed for many years. Mr. Shapiro was the author, translator or editor of several text books for the Jewish schools, and he was a founder and editor of "Kinderwelt," a monthly magazine in Yiddish and Hebrew for children which appeared in the 1920s and 1930s. He was the father of Dr. Judah J. Shapiro, president of the Labor Zionist Alliance, and Dr. Manheim Shapiro, a noted sociologist.

#### WEST BANK UNIVERSITY APPROVED

JERUSALEM, March 15 (JTA)--The Government approved yesterday the establishment of a corporation to found an Arab university on the West Bank, a project that has been in the talking stage for more than two years. The education officer of the West Bank Military Command has relayed the decision to the university's founding committee headed by Sheikh Mohammed Ali el-Jaabari, the Mayor of Hebron.

The projected university will establish faculties in four West Bank towns: natural science in Ramallah; arts and social science in Nablus; agriculture in Tulkarem; and Islamic studies in Hebron. Financing will come from former Ralestinian Arabs and West Bank circles. The Israeli Education Ministry will not involve itself in the institution except to screen the curricula for anti-Israel material.

#### DAYAN: CHOOSE PREMIER WHO WILL IMPLEMENT PARTY PROGRAM

TEL AVIV, March 15 (JTA)--Defense Minister Moshe Dayan warned the Labor Party last night not

to adopt a strong platform and then select as a new Prime Minister someone who was not disposed to implement it. He said the party should choose its Premier first and then hammer out a platform to present to the electorate. But he said he didn't think he would be his party's choice for the post.

Dayan expressed his views on the Premiership, on the future of the administered territories and other matters at a meeting of the mo-shavim (small land holders) movement. He urged the Labor Party to decide as speedily as possible who the next Premier would be. He did not mention the possibility of Premier Golda Meir remaining in office after next fall's elections although many Party leaders have been urging her to do so.

Asked if he would serve in a Cabinet under Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir, a self-declared "dove" who is reputedly Mrs. Meir's personal choice for a successor, Dayan replied, "I have not yet heard that Sapir is ready to become Prime Minister."

#### Favors Jewish Settlement In Territories

Dayan came out strongly in favor of large scale Jewish settlement in the administered territories and indicated that wherever Jews settled would remain part of Israel. "We have a right to regard Samaria and Judea as part of Eretz Israel," he said. He added, "I do not think we shall advise Jews who settled in the territories to live under an Arab ruler."

Dayan's remarks about fitting the personality of the next Premier to the imperatives of the Party's platform was an apparent swipe at his chief rival for the Premiership, Deputy Premier Yigal Allon. He said the Party cannot adopt strong policies such as the settlement of the administered territories and then choose a Prime Minister who regards such a policy as calamitous. The so-called Allon plan for a future settlement favors Arab sovereignty in the populated areas of the West Bank with a permanent Israeli military presence along the banks of the Jordan River.

The Defense Minister said he favored the continued employment of Arab labor from the territories in Israel, a condition Sapir has warned against. According to Dayan, a state of partnership now exists between Israel and the territories. The Defense Minister said Israel would continue to enjoy military superiority over its Arab neighbors through the rest of this decade provided there is no radical change in Jerusalem's relations with the United States. This means that if the Arabs decide to start a new war they will be defeated, he said.

Dayan said he did not see any prospects for a general peace settlement at this time because the Arabs haven't budged from their insistence on total or almost total Israeli withdrawal from the administered territories. He said a partial settlement might bring a cessation of hostilities but not peace. He said he was opposed to a partial accord because an agreement without diplomatic and political relations is unacceptable. He said he would prefer the existing situation to that.

#### MRS. MEIR WILLING TO RECOGNIZE HUSSEIN AS CUSTODIAN OF MOSLEM HOLY PLACES IN EAST JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, March 15 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir offered yesterday to recognize King

Hussein of Jordan as the custodian of Moslem holy places in East Jerusalem but declared that Israel will never give Jordan any sovereignty in Jerusalem or permit any new partition of the city.

The Premier spoke at the Bilat high school where she was made an honorary citizen of the town at ceremonies marking its 24th anniversary. Her offer to Hussein was the first concession proposed to the Jordanian ruler by an Israeli leader. Hussein has insisted on the return of the Arab sectors of Jerusalem, captured by Israel in the 1967 Six-Day War.

The principal Moslem holy places in Jerusalem are the Mosque of Omar and the El Aksa Mosque. Both are on the Temple Mount, behind the Western Wall. Moslems revere the two mosques as their most holy shrines after the Kaaba in Mecca and the Mosque of the Prophet in Medina, both in Saudi Arabia.

#### EBAN RAPS FRANCE FOR SALE OF MIRAGE JETS TO LIBYA

PARIS, March 15 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban of Israel sharply criticized France for providing Mirage jets to Libya which he accused of being the center of Arab terrorism and "the least civilized country on earth." Eban, who is on an official visit to Austria, was quoted yesterday in the Vienna daily, "Kurier," as saying that it was in Libya "that the Munich, Lod and Khartoum massacres were planned."

Referring to the 110 Mirage jets that France contracted a year ago to deliver to Libya, Eban said, "We don't like discriminatory embargoes of this kind," the "Kurier" reported. He was referring to the continuing French embargo on military supplies to the Middle East states which includes Israel but not Libya on grounds that that country was not a belligerent in the 1967 Six-Day War.

Foreign Minister Khall Abouhamad of Libya replied to Eban in an interview published today in the Paris daily, "Le Monde." Asserting that "Israel is the country least qualified to set up criteria of civilization," the Libyan claimed that "terrorism was introduced into the Middle East by the Zionist movement itself." He said, "Hagana, Irgun and Stern, whose members now hold important government posts (in Israel) were the pioneers of terrorism in the Middle East."

According to the "Kurier" interview, Eban said he did not expect any "spectacular changes" in French Middle East policy as a result of France's parliamentary elections in which the Gaullist majority retained power. He said Israel was open to a "continuing dialogue" with Paris.

#### 'NO FREEDOM, NO TRADE'

LOS ANGELES, March 15 (JTA)--Chants of "No freedom, no trade" were heard outside the Los Angeles Sports Arena today as 15,000 spectators lifted in to watch a performance by visiting Soviet gymnasts. About 75 demonstrators were protesting Soviet emigration restrictions, specifically the education head tax.

They urged support for the Jackson Amendment in the Senate and the Free Emigration bill of Reps. Wilbur Mills and Charles Vank in the House which would deny the USSR most-favored-nation status in trade with the U.S. until obstacles to emigration are removed.

The demonstrators also protested the sale of Pepsi Cola in the arena. The PepsiCo Corp. plans to build a bottling plant in the USSR. They said they were not against cultural exchange but opposed only to the denial by Russia of humanitarianism.

### RABBIS URGE NIXON TO GRANT AMNESTY TO VIETNAM DRAFT RESISTORS

BOSTON, March 15 (JTA)--The Massachusetts Board of Rabbis called on President Nixon today to grant amnesty to Americans who are imprisoned or living abroad because they refused to serve in the armed forces during the Vietnam war. A resolution adopted by the Board stated, in part:

"We believe that our concern in healing the wounds of war will come only as we undertake to foster the unity that is lacking as a result of the past decade of war.... Now is the time that these young people be allowed to return to their homes so that our great American family may be reunited. Much would thereby be done to regain the confidence of those American youth who love their country but who, for reasons of conscience, have not agreed with the war policy pursued in Southeast Asia," the statement said.

The resolution noted that some 75,000 of these young Americans are either in jail or living as exiles abroad. Resistors who fled to other countries face a possible five-year jail sentence and a \$10,000 fine should they undertake to return home.

### UJA YOUNG LEADERS ON HISTORIC PILGRIMAGE TO WARSAW GHETTO

NEW YORK, March 15 (JTA)--An historic journey across the generations will be made by a representative cross-section of young American Jews. The Young Leadership Cabinet of the United Jewish Appeal has organized a pilgrimage to the Warsaw Ghetto, departing New York Saturday. The trip, perhaps the first of its kind sponsored by an American Jewish organization, will mark the 30th anniversary of the most tragic, and most heroic, uprising of Eastern European Jewry during the holocaust. The central event of the pilgrimage will be a memorial service conducted by the Young Leadership group on the former Ghetto site.

Young Leadership Chairman Michael A. Pelevin stated: "This generation of young American Jewry feels both a spiritual and familial bond with those martyrs of Warsaw who stood firmly and resolutely, against overwhelming odds, in their fierce pride to exist as a People. I am certain that the experience of our visit to this hallowed spot will deepen our own commitment to sustain the struggle for survival of our worldwide Jewish community."

The seven days of the pilgrimage will also feature a visit to Schonau Castle, outside of Vienna, a receiving center for Soviet emigrants on their way to Israel; meetings with families in the Warsaw Jewish community; a journey to Cracow; and a visit to Auschwitz.

The final three days will be spent in London, where the Americans will conduct several joint functions with representatives of Great Britain's Young Leadership group. While in London, they will hear presentations by Moshe Rivkin, Director-General of the Jewish Agency, on "Global Jewry"; Prof. David Patterson of Oxford University on "The Meaning of the Holocaust"; and Marcus Einfeld of the World Jewish Congress on "The New Anti-Semitism." The pilgrimage group returns to New York March 25.

### AGUDATH ISRAEL CLAIMS NRP DID VOTE FOR DRAFT OF YESHIVA STUDENTS

NEW YORK, March 15 (JTA)--A statement issued by the Religious Zionists of America (reported in the JTA Daily News Bulletin March 13)

that the resolution adopted by the National Religious Party convention in Israel was "erroneously and perhaps maliciously" interpreted as advocating compulsory military service for Yeshiva students in Israel, was rejected today by Agudath Israel of America as a "cowardly and misleading attempt to cover up for an NRP position which evoked worldwide condemnation by Orthodox leaders."

In a statement to the JTA, Agudath Israel declared that if the RZA claim of "misinterpretation" is true, then those who made this error include both Chief Rabbis of Israel, who "swiftly denounced" the NRP resolution. It also included the NRP party chief Yitzhak Rafael who stated that "even the Defense Minister (Moshe Dayan) has not dared to make this demand of us." It also included the three-member world presidium of the Mizrahi movement, which issued a statement "sharply protesting the harmful decision" . . . of the NRP to mobilize yeshiva students in Israel's army."

Agudath Israel noted that the official text of the resolution, as reported in the NRP's own official daily party organ, "Hatsofeh," quotes the resolution adopted at the convention by a majority of 298-170 as follows: ". . . that students of Torah in yeshivos should be compelled to serve in the army, duty-bound upon every individual, within a framework which combines Torah study with army service." In this light, the Agudath Israel statement continued, "the American Mizrahi (RZA) leadership, instead of implying 'malicious interpretation' to all those who condemn the NRP convention resolution for undermining the yeshivos in the Holy Land, should have the courage to denounce its sister-organization in Israel for taking such an outlandish position . . ."

### WORLD-WIDE EFFORT UNDER WAY TO HONOR DR. WALDEMAR HAFKINE

NEW YORK, March 15 (JTA)--An international drive is underway to ask the municipal authorities of the important world cities to name streets, boulevards or squares in their jurisdictions in honor of the world-famed scientist Waldemar Mordecai Haffkine, it was announced today. The drive is by the Haffkine International Memorial Committee and directed by the recently-named executive vice-president of the group, Rubin R. Dobin.

Dr. Haffkine was the famous Jewish scientist who is credited with developing the first successful vaccine against cholera and the bubonic plague. Through his efforts millions of lives have been saved in all parts of the world. The first requests will be made to cities in India, Poland, France and Israel. These countries played a major role in the life and interests of Haffkine. They will thus be given the first opportunity to honor his memory.

The Haffkine Memorial Committee is composed of world-famous scientists, intellectuals, statesmen and historians. It is headed by the famed Nobel Laureate Prof. Rene Cassin of Paris, Mrs. Edythe Lutsker, of New York, science historian and official Haffkine biographer, is vice-president of the committee.

The Arab and Jewish mayors of the two Nazareth--the ancient Biblical town that was the birthplace of Christ and is today largely Christian, and the new Jewish municipality of Upper Nazareth--left for the United States today to promote tourism to their respective towns. Mayor Seif e Din Zuabi, of Nazareth, and Mayor Mordechai Alon, of Upper Nazareth, head a delegation sponsored by the Tourist Ministry. Their program includes lectures, radio and television appearances and meetings with American mayors, including John V. Lindsay of New York.

The school week in Israel will be extended from 24 to 29 hours for elementary school pupils in Sept.