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## SHKOLNIK APPEAL DUE BEFORE UKRAINIAN SUPREME COURT

LONDON, April 18 (JTA)--Isaac Shkolnik's appeal against his 10-year prison sentence is scheduled to be heard today by the Supreme Court of the Ukrainian SSR. But up to now he has been unable to find a lawyer to take his case, Jewish sources in the Soviet Union reported today.

Shkolnik was sentenced by a military tribunal in Vinnetza April 10 on charges of spying for Israel and anti-Soviet propaganda. He was given five years on each count at a strict regime labor camp. The sentence was the harshest meted out to a Jewish activist since the Dec. 1970 Leningrad hijack trial. Shkolnik's defense counsel, Nikolai Makarenko, withdrew from the case after advising his client not to appeal.

Makarenko had reportedly persuaded Shkolnik to confess to the charges on the threat of the death penalty if he refused. Shkolnik's wife, Feige, has been trying desperately to find a new lawyer, the sources said, so far without success. She has appealed for help to the chairman of the Supreme Court, a judge surnamed Smirnov, but has had no reply from him.

Mrs. Shkolnik was permitted to visit her husband in prison on April 12 on condition that they would not discuss the trial or the appeal. When she mentioned the trial to her husband the guards separated them. They said they had strict orders not to permit any conversation about Shkolnik's trial which was held in a closed courtroom. Mrs. Shkolnik said later that she found her husband very depressed.

## SCOTT SAYS USSR NOTIFIES U.S. THAT EDUCATION TAX HAS BEEN 'SUSPENDED'

WASHINGTON, April 18 (JTA)--Senate Republican leader Hugh Scott said today that the Soviet Union has notified the United States government it has "suspended" its education tax on would-be emigrants, including Jews. The Pennsylvania legislator said after a meeting with President Nixon at the White House that he understood the Soviet leaders have said that by a "formal decree" the tax on exit visas, running as high as \$36,000, would no longer be imposed.

However, Scott cautioned that the Soviet government did not say whether the tax "will remain on their books or not," and added that "they only say they are suspending the use of that tax." Scott called the Soviet decision "very important and significant." (See separate story from Tel Aviv on the tax "suspension.")

Senators Henry M. Jackson (D, Wash.) and Abraham Ribicoff (D, Conn.) also attended the White House meeting but they did not comment immediately. Scott made his statements at a news conference at the Capitol. The language of the notification to the U.S. government and the channel through which it was conveyed was not immediately made known. Neither was it clear whether emigration generally was affected.

Scott, a long and ardent supporter of Israel and Soviet Jewry, is a co-sponsor of the Jackson Amendment which would bar U.S. trade benefits and credits to the Soviet Union unless it allows emigration to proceed within the context of the UN Declaration of Human Rights.

The Soviet government formally published its

education decree after Nixon had said last Oct. that he felt "quiet diplomacy" was the best means of affecting Soviet emigration policy and after the Soviet-American trade agreement had been announced. Some observers here saw in the Soviet publication of its tax decree a stratagem which it could use whenever it suited the Kremlin to offer a "concession" in return for a tangible benefit from the United States.

They also noted that the "suspension" of the tax decree came in the wake of authoritative reports that Soviet Communist Party leader Leonid Brezhnev would visit Washington in June in return for Nixon's trip to Moscow last May. It was not expected that Brezhnev would come to the U.S. before the Jackson Amendment issue was resolved.

Scott also said he hoped "Congress does not imperil the Administration's on-going negotiations with the Soviet Union. My hope is that we can now work out a formula that will not endanger the SALT agreements and attempts" to bring about a solution in the Middle East.

## JEWS IMMIGRANTS FROM USSR SAY TAX 'SUSPENSION' TEMPORARY

TEL AVIV, April 18 (JTA)--Jewish immigrants arriving here from the Soviet Union have reported that Russian authorities are no longer demanding the exorbitant diploma tax but expressed the view that its suspension is only temporary and that the tax would probably be renewed after Soviet Communist Party Secretary Leonid Brezhnev's visit to Washington this summer.

The immigrants, who came here on Passover eve, said that most Jews applying for exit visas get them although it may take 2-3 months until they receive a reply from the ovir (visa bureau). They reported, however, that in some cases, Soviet authorities make every possible effort to prevent the departure of Jews: they accuse them of offenses, refuse to issue the necessary permits and many are sent to jail. The immigrants also reported that young people who have completed their military service must wait for 4-5 years after their discharge to leave.

One of the new arrivals, 23-year-old Valery Wodaka, said that in 1969 he was sentenced to three years' imprisonment for Zionist activity which was labeled "activity against the State."

## SECURITY COUNCIL ADJOURNS WITHOUT SETTING TIME FOR RESUMING DEBATE, Tekoah Accuses Beirut, Damascus, Of Role In Terrorist Campaign

UNITED NATIONS, April 18 (JTA)--The Security Council adjourned this afternoon without setting a time for resumption of debate, now in its fifth day, on Israel's commando raids on terrorist installations in Lebanon April 10. The adjournment came as two draft resolutions were in circulation--one sponsored by Britain and France that contained in its preamble an equal condemnation of Arab terrorism and Israeli counter actions, and another, sponsored by the Arab states, containing an all-out condemnation of Israel without mentioning terrorist acts.

The United States was reportedly seeking to moderate the tone of that portion of the British-French draft that included a phrase "condemning

the repeated attacks conducted by Israel." The U.S. Ambassador, John A. Scali, warned yesterday that the U.S. would not support one-sided resolutions, but by the same token would not condone violations of the sovereignty of one state by another, an apparent reference to the Israeli raids on Lebanon.

Before adjourning, the Security Council was addressed by Egyptian Foreign Minister Mohamed H. el-Zayyat and by Israel's Ambassador Yosef Tekoah, who spoke in direct reply to the Egyptian. El-Zayyat announced that his delegation would make a formal request tomorrow for the Security Council to consider the entire Middle East situation. He called Israel's raids on Lebanon a "symptom" of Israel's policy of "aggression and expansion." He said Israeli commandos had used forged British and Belgian passports in carrying out the raids and for that alone should be punished, "but who will punish them?" he asked.

#### Tekoah Assails Lebanon's Duplicity

Tekoah said that the Egyptian Foreign Minister was the same person who had defended the terrorists responsible for the Munich outrage last Sept., the Lod Airport massacre last May and the murders of two American and a Belgian diplomat in Khartoum last month. He said el-Zayyat was now asking the Security Council to assist "those perpetrators of terror" and accused Cairo, Beirut and Damascus of playing a role "in the barbaric campaign of the terrorists" in violation of international law and the United Nations Charter.

In an impassioned speech to the Security Council yesterday, Tekoah compared Lebanon to "the house owner who consorts with murderers, who permits criminals the use of his home and then, when the neighbors strike back, complains that the house is being damaged or affected." Tekoah said, "To the government of Lebanon I would give a piece of very simple advice. Get rid of the murderers in your midst. Chase them out of your house before they bring that house down upon you."

He claimed that the Lebanese government encouraged terrorists by its attitude. "It fosters and gives added strength, by the kind of statements to which the Security Council has been treated in the course of this debate, to the terrorist groups active on its territory," Tekoah said. He spoke in direct reply to the Lebanese Ambassador, Edouard Ghorra, who charged that Israel was using its military superiority "left and right...not for defense, as its leaders pretend, but to maintain an offensive campaign of terror and intimidation against neighboring Arab states."

#### Israel Under Heavy Fire

Since the Security Council debate opened late last Thursday afternoon at the urgent request of Lebanon, Israel has come under increasingly heavy fire for the raids on Lebanon. The most bitter condemnations of the action that Israel insists was a legitimate exercise of its right of self-defense came from the Arab and Soviet blocs and from China. Britain and France took a highly critical view of the Israeli raids, although they also deplored Arab terrorism.

French Ambassador Louis de Guiringaud implied in his address to the Security Council this morning that the only way to bring peace to the Middle East was a total arms embargo against the countries that were belligerents in the Six-Day War. France has maintained such an em-

bargo for the past five years. However, it does not consider Lebanon and several other Arab states, including Libya, as having been belligerents.

The British-French draft resolution in circulation "calls upon all states to refrain from providing any assistance that would facilitate" military attacks such as Israel's raid on Lebanon. Israel charged that this would subject it to sanctions. UN Charter experts agreed that while the proposed draft would not make sanctions mandatory, it could serve as an excuse for any nation that chose to cut its economic ties with Israel.

#### U.S. Opposed To Unbalanced Resolution

(A highly placed American source told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in London today that the U.S. would certainly veto an anti-Israel resolution in the Security Council. The source said that while it was true that the U.S. has condemned Israel's raid on Lebanon, it is the American position that unless the resolution is a balanced one, the U.S. would vote against it.)

(The British-French draft resolution was discussed in London today by the Israeli Ambassador, Michael Comay, who had requested an urgent meeting with Foreign Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home. Comay told the JTA that the meeting was occasioned by the draft resolution in circulation. It was learned that Sir Alec informed Comay that Britain was not committed to the circulated text despite its participation in the drafting and that Britain favored equal condemnation of Israel's raids and of terrorism and those who support it.)

(Sir Alec rejected, however, Israel's contention that there was no room for condemnation of the raids on Lebanon because they were acts of self-defense. It was reported that he told Comay that Britain did not regard the implied threat of sanctions against Israel in the circulated text to be the final terms of the resolution and that further negotiations would take place before a final draft was ready.)

#### U.S. Role Is Key

The role of the United States was regarded as the key to any resolution that might emerge from the Security Council. Scali warned yesterday that unless the Council could move "from recrimination to even-handed condemnation of all forms of violence, there will be no progress toward peace." He noted that in the last few months hundreds have been killed—"innocent men, women and children, diplomats, tourists and by-standers alike."

Scali said that while condemning the acts of terrorism "we do not and will not condone violations of the sovereignty of one state by another state." He said it was the duty of "every state actively to prevent the organization or instigation" of acts of terrorists on its own territory.

#### ISRAEL URGES U.S. TO PREVENT ONE-SIDED RESOLUTION IN SECURITY COUNCIL

WASHINGTON, April 18 (JTA)--The Israeli government has "formally requested" United States support to "prevent a one-sided decision" of the UN Security Council on Israel's raid in Beirut April 10 against Arab terrorists, the Israeli Embassy informed newsmen last night. A spokesman said the request was conveyed by Israeli Ambassador Simcha Dinitz to Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Alfred L. Atherton. The U.S. vetoed a Security Council action deemed one-sided last autumn after other Israeli movements against terrorists following the killing of Israeli athletes at the Olympic Games and the Lod Airport massacre.

### CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP DEFENDS EXISTENCE OF JEWISH STATE

PARIS, April 18 (JTA)--In a sweeping new document that redefines Roman Catholic attitudes towards Jews, the French Episcopate has called on its faithful to revise their thinking on Judaism and recognize the "political existence" of the Israeli State. The six-page statement, entitled "Pastoral Orientations on the Christian Attitude of Judaism," was termed "a great act" by Chief Rabbi Jacob Kaplan of France.

The document, prepared during the last two years, was presented Monday afternoon by the Rev. Father Bernard Dupuy. It was drawn up by a study group of French Catholic bishops, and formulated in the context of a 1965 declaration by Vatican II, the Second Ecumenical Council. That declaration absolved Jews from guilt in the death of Jesus Christ.

The second of the document's four main clauses constitutes the first position by the French Prelates on Israel as a State. "Universal conscience cannot refuse the Jewish people, who have so suffered in the course of history, the right and the means of their own political existence among nations," the document said, adding "Nor can this right and these possibilities of existence be denied by nations which...are presently victims of unjust situations."

#### Abandon Stereotype Of Jews

The paper made no mention of the Palestine question, although some observers took the reference to "means" as a justification of Israeli military ventures against Palestine guerrilla groups. The paper called on Christians to abandon age-old stereotypes of the Jew. This includes, the document declared, dropping the false accusation that Jews are "guilty for the Passion and death of Jesus Christ."

Rabbi Kaplan said this finding of the Episcopate "repaired the gravest omission" of previous conciliatory texts issued by the Catholics. The document took exception to some traditional Church notions when it said that "We cannot deduce from the New Testament that the Jewish people have been stripped of their election." According to Rabbi Kaplan, this finding marked the first time that the French Episcopate sought to deepen the dignity of the Jewish peoples' permanent vocation.

Finally, the document defended the right of conversion: "We must recognize the right of everyone to extend his worship without being suspected of wanting to separate another person from his community in a blameworthy manner. Far from seeking the disappearance of the Jewish community, the Church sees itself as searching for lines of contact with that community," the document said.

#### ISTVAN KERTESZ, HUNGARIAN- BORN CONDUCTOR, DIES AT 43

TEL AVIV, April 18 (JTA)--Israeli music lovers were in mourning today for Istvan Kertesz, 43, the Hungarian-born Jewish conductor who drowned Monday while swimming near the Accadia Hotel in Herzlia. Funeral arrangements are awaiting the arrival of his wife from Europe. Mr. Kertesz, who was touring the country as guest conductor of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, was apparently caught in an undertow while swimming in rough seas.

A Japanese vocalist with the orchestra who accompanied Mr. Kertesz into the water, sounded the alarm but several minutes elapsed before

the conductor was pulled from the water. He died enroute to a hospital. There was no life guard on duty at the beach which does not open officially until May 1.

Mr. Kertesz was a graduate of the Franz Liszt Academy in Budapest and the Academia Di Santa Cecilia in Rome. He was conductor of the Budapest State Opera until the Hungarian uprising of 1956 when he fled to the West. Since then he had served as conductor of several major orchestras including the London Symphony and the Augsburg Opera House Orchestra. Mr. Kertesz made his American debut in the 1961-62 season with the Detroit Symphony and subsequently conducted all major American orchestras. At the time of his death he was musical director of the Cologne Opera House and Symphony Orchestra.

#### 2 SENATORS URGE U.S. TO BACK OFF FROM ITS STRONG SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, April 18 (JTA)--Senators James Abourezk (D. S.D.) and Mark Hatfield (R. Ore.) urged today that the United States back off from its strong support for Israel. Their speeches in the Senate came as the UN Security Council was engaged with charges brought against Israel for its raid on Beirut against Arab terrorists. Abourezk, a House member before entering the Senate last Jan. said, "We should take the lead in reducing both tensions and arms shipments to ensure that the Middle East focus is on the conference table rather than on the battlefield."

Hatfield, a long-time opponent of aid to Israel, said "It is certainly something that is out of hand now when governments assign people to assassinate, when terrorist organizations can operate in every part of the world. These are crimes." He added that any Middle East settlement "must include Palestine" and that U.S. policy must "not be pro-Arab or pro-Israel but pro-peace, pro-humanitarianism."

#### ALLOTTING SETTLEMENT OF AREAS WILL ENCOURAGE PEACE PROSPECTS

JERUSALEM, April 18 (JTA)--Deputy Premier Yigal Allon said today that Jewish settlement in the administered territories would encourage the prospects for a peace settlement with the Arabs. Addressing reporters on a tour of Jordan Valley settlements, Allon said "Land settlement may encourage a peace settlement. If they (the Arabs) realize--and they should have realized it long ago--that time does not stand still, that we cannot afford empty lands, particularly along a strategic zone, then the effect of settlement on peace should be positive."

Allon also outlined for the first time publicly the elements of what has become known as the "Allon Plan." The Deputy Premier, who is also the Education and Culture Minister, explained that in his view, Israel should keep security forces along the Jordan River while allowing the Arab population centers from Jenin to Hebron to return to Jordanian sovereignty. Allon said that he was describing the plan in detail now, not for the purpose of having the government reconsider it, but to underline the "principles" that he thinks should be followed when peace is near and feasible.

Allon appeared to disagree with Defense Minister Moshe Dayan who has repeatedly called for Jewish settlement in all the administered territories. Allon said that Israel should not rush into planning how many settlements it should build throughout the Jordan Valley.

### MRS. MEIR RAPS FULBRIGHT; CAIRO TERMS HIM COURAGEOUS

TEL AVIV, April 18 (JTA)--Sen. J. William Fulbright's charge on a television panel interview Sunday that the U.S. Senate was "subservient" to Israel was hailed in Cairo but denounced here by Premier Golda Meir. In an interview published Monday in the *Masam* newspaper, Al Hamishmar, Mrs. Meir asked, "Can you remember when Sen. Fulbright has said anything positive about Israel?"

She characterized the Arkansas Democrat, who is chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, as "a man who hasn't slept nights for years because under American law part of the United Jewish Appeal funds are free of income tax."

But the Cairo newspapers, Al Akhbar and Al Ahram, said Fulbright's remarks on the CBS "Face the Nation" program constituted "a courageous voice of truth" on the Middle East. Al Akhbar printed the Senator's statements in English on its front page and urged Arabs to write him expressing "appreciation of this bold man to make him realize that we respect and uphold the supporters of right and justice."

Al Ahram said that Fulbright and President Tito of Yugoslavia who also spoke Sunday, agree "that America is the main factor for all the crimes that Israel commits. No one would blame us then for bringing pressure to bear on the U.S., for everybody knows that America is the root of the whole trouble."

Mrs. Meir said that Fulbright "has been searching for years" for some loophole to void the tax exemption of UJA contributions. "Maybe one day he'll find something," she said. She recalled that when Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs Joseph J. Sisco testified before Fulbright's committee, the Senator asked: "It doesn't worry you that so much money flows to Israel?" Mrs. Meir said, "Money is flowing from government loans under American law so why is he so worried?"

Fulbright maintained in his television remarks that Congressional subservience to Israel prevented the Administration from exerting the leverage on Jerusalem that it had because "we supply a major part of the wherewithal to finance or pay for everything that Israel does."

### HADASSAH FEARS SHKOLNIK SENTENCE PRESAGES REVIVAL OF TERROR TRIALS

NEW YORK, April 18 (JTA)--Hadassah has appealed to the International Commission of Jurists in Geneva to investigate the sentencing on April 12 of Isaac Shkolnik, a Ukrainian Jewish mechanic, to 10 years of hard labor in a Soviet prison camp on charges of industrial espionage. Rose E. Matzkin, national president, said in her letter Monday to Nail MacDermot, Secretary General of the jurists body, that witnesses were intimidated during the pre-trial investigation, the defendant did not have a free choice of lawyer, and the trial was transferred from a civil to a closed military court.

According to reports, the espionage charge against Shkolnik was based on brief public contacts which he had had with English-speaking tourists. An unskilled laborer with no access to confidential information, Shkolnik claimed that Soviet harassment stemmed from his expressed desire to emigrate to Israel. An earlier charge that accused Shkolnik of spying for England was

changed to Israel. Shkolnik, 36, is a native of Vinetsa in the Ukraine.

The Hadassah appeal also pointed out this is the longest sentence and the most serious charge leveled against a Jew in the Soviet Union since the 1970 hijack trials in Leningrad and may signify a shift in Soviet policy as another device to discourage Jews from applying for visas to Israel.

### 2 UAHC LEADERS CONDUCT FREEDOM SEDER FOR CHAVEZ'S UNION MEMBERS

NEW YORK, April 18 (JTA)--As Jews observed their second night of Passover last night two leaders of Reform Judaism conducted a "freedom" seder for members of Cesar Chavez's United Farm Workers Union at St. Gregory's Church, 144 West 90th St. Albert Vorspan, NYC director of social action of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and Rabbi Daniel Syme, NYC assistant director of the UAHC's Youth Division conducted the seder service in Hebrew and English, and a minister translated the English into Spanish for members of the union. The more than 100 people present, most of them union members, participated in singing Hebrew and freedom songs and songs in Spanish.

Vorspan stressed that the freedom seder had been arranged to "dramatize the relationship of the Passover observance recalling the flight from tyranny and the United Farm Workers Union's campaign for improved working conditions, wages and social betterment for their families." He added that "our story of Exodus and redemption offers such an opportunity."

The UAHC and the Central Conference of American Rabbis have been long-time supporters of the Chavez fight for the rights of the lettuce and grape workers. The institutions of Reform Judaism, representing 710 synagogues in the United States and Canada, are advocating the Farm Workers Union's lettuce boycott.

### WARSAW GHETTO REVOLT COMMEMORATED

BUCHAREST, April 18 (JTA)--More than 1000 people attended a gathering to mark the 30th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto revolt. The meeting took place on Passover eve at the Choral Synagogue. In his address, Chief Rabbi Dr. Moses Rosen stated: "The events in Warsaw thirty years ago were of great momentum to the destiny of the Jewish people. Generations to come will derive inspiration from this heroic event."

The choir of the synagogue presented a program of ghetto songs. The journal of the Federation of Jewish Communities in Rumania, "Revista Cultural Mozaic," dedicated a whole issue to the Warsaw Ghetto revolt.

The new Israeli Ambassador to Rumania, Yochanan Cohen, met with the leaders of Rumanian Jewry. During the meeting the chairman of the Federation of Jewish Communities, Rabbi Rosen, gave the Ambassador an outline on Jewish activities in Rumania, and the Ambassador replied that he was happy to meet Rumanian Jews and to learn of their experience.

The Israeli Army held its main seder at an armored corps' headquarters on the Golan Heights Monday night. A young Army officer who "stole" all the afikomen in the tradition of Jewish youngsters all over the world got as his reward for returning it a promise from Chief of Staff David Elazar to build an IL 100,000 gymnasium for soldiers on the Heights.