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EBAN SAYS SECURITY COUNCIL VOTE WAS MAJOR SETBACK FOR ARABS

JERUSALEM, April 22 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban said last night that yesterday's Security Council vote was a major setback for the Arabs and should have convinced them "that peace will not be advanced by international polemics but by negotiations between the parties." The Foreign Minister was lavish in his praise of the United States which he credited with bringing about the least one-sided resolution on the Middle East in the Security Council's history.

While the resolution--adopted by a vote of 11-0 with the U.S., Soviet Union, China and Guinea abstaining--condemned Israel for its April 10 commando raids on Lebanon, it also for the first time condemned Arab acts of terrorism, Eban noted. Other officials here said they could not recall such a weak condemnation of Israel after a military action against one of its neighbors. (See P. 3 for full story of Security Council meeting.)

Eban said that during the week of debate that preceded the vote, only the U.S. "showed consistency" in its principles; that it was due only to the U.S. that "threats and warnings against Israel for daring not to surrender to the plague of terrorism, were avoided." The U.S. had informed Israel several days ago that it would veto any draft resolution which did not contain a condemnation of Arab terrorism.

The Foreign Minister said Egypt and Lebanon had suffered a serious setback after having made strenuous efforts to get the Security Council to adopt a resolution containing unequivocal condemnation of Israel with no mention of Arab terrorism. He said the Egyptians wanted to force a U.S. veto to strengthen their propaganda arsenal against Washington.

Eban said the fact that the USSR, China and Guinea abstained proved that this time "the Arab arguments were not accepted in their entirety," even by their allies. "It must be hoped that when the Arab states see the meager results of this debate they will understand that such events are not a substitute for serious negotiations upon which Israel is ready to embark at any time," Eban said.

ARREST OF 3 TERRORISTS PREVENTS PLANNED MASSACRE OF CIVILIANS

TEL AVIV, April 22 (JTA)--Israeli security officials claimed today that they had prevented a terrorist massacre of civilians in the Galilee mountain resort of Safad when they captured three armed Arab infiltrators from Lebanon yesterday. They said that Shehadeh Ahmed Mustafa, leader of the group, confessed that their orders were to open fire indiscriminately and kill as many people as possible.

According to the Israelis, Mustafa, 32, said the massacre was to have taken place last night and that the targets were the Safad bus station, a gasoline station and a local restaurant. The Israelis said he also told them that Lebanese civilian and military authorities had full knowledge of the existence of the terrorist base at Rashidiyeh from where the three embarked on their mission, and that the Lebanese authorities were fully aware of what went on at the various terrorist bases and headquarters in Lebanon.

The gang gave up without a fight after they were spotted early yesterday morning crossing the border from Lebanon and were tracked down and finally cornered by an Israeli patrol in a dry river bed leading to Safad. One of them was identified as an Israeli Arab from Dir Hanna village in Galilee who fled to Lebanon seven months ago because he was in trouble with the police. He was said to have persuaded his companions to surrender after the first warning shots were fired because the Israelis "don't kill."

According to security sources the three Arabs were carrying Kalachnikov assault rifles with several magazines apiece, nine hand grenades, barbed wire cutters, food and water for several days and El Fatah membership cards.

ACTIVISTS FACE ARMY CALL-UP

LONDON, April 22 (JTA)--Jewish sources in the Soviet Union reported yesterday that a number of young Soviet Jews who had applied for exit visas to go to Israel, including Yevgeny Levich, 25, the son of Prof. Benjamin Levich, and Edward Finkelstein of Vilna, 31, have received call-up papers to report for service in the Soviet Army. Military service in the Soviet Union is selective, and students are not called up as a rule. But with Jewish activists the procedure is that first they are expelled from the institutions of higher learning, and then are called up for military service as people without employment or any other occupation.

TITO LETTER FOR GOLDA MEIR?

VIENNA, April 22 (JTA)--President Tito of Yugoslavia may give West German Chancellor Willy Brandt a personal and private letter to take to Israeli Premier Golda Meir when he visits Israel soon, sources close to Brandt said here. The sources said the Middle East conflict was a major topic in the two days of private discussions last week Brandt was having with Tito on the President's private Adriatic island. Tito, who has been proposed as a candidate for this year's Nobel Peace Prize, met Egyptian President Anwar Sadat in Yugoslavia in Jan. and promised him full support in finding a solution to the Mideast crisis. The sources would not speculate on the contents of Tito's letter to Mrs. Meir.

HEAVY SECURITY PRECAUTIONS IN EFFECT FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

JERUSALEM, April 22 (JTA)--Although there are nearly three weeks before Israel celebrates its 25th Independence Day here on May 7, heavy security precautions are already underway along the route of march of the planned military parade. The parade for the most part will wind through the streets of East Jerusalem where the official reviewing stands have been set up. Troops have already been posted alongside some of the wooden stands reserved for spectators to make sure they are not tampered with and armed patrols are circulating through East Jerusalem.

According to informed sources, the surveillance of suspicious elements has been stepped up although no arrests have been reported. The parade continues to draw fire from critics who consider it extravagant and an unseemly display of military might likely to offend East Jerusalem Arabs and tarnish Israel's image abroad. The

latest estimate of its cost is nearly IL 25 million. Moshe Carmel, a former Minister of Transport who served in Israel's war for independence with the rank of General, wrote in a newspaper article that the military aspects of the parade could still be toned down although it is too late to cancel it. Carmel observed that the April 10 commando raid into Lebanon was much more impressive proof of Israel's military prowess than any parade could be.

Security sources disclosed that most of the Arab suspects detained after the Beirut raid as a result of documents seized at terrorist headquarters, have been released. The sources said that certain Israeli Arabs and a group of West Bank Arabs linked to past sabotage are still in custody. About 40 persons from the Gaza Strip are still undergoing questioning but are expected to be released shortly, the sources said.

REPARATIONS DEFENDANTS ACQUITTED

BONN, April 22 (JTA)--The most sensational reparations trial in post-war German history ended with a surprise: A Bonn district court Thursday acquitted Prof. Hans Deutsch on charges of fraud, perjury and incitement to perjury. The 66-year-old lawyer and two co-defendants had been charged nine years ago with swindling 17½ million Deutsche marks (approximately \$6.5 million at current exchange rates) in government reparations to victims of Nazi plundering during World War II.

The 17.5 million marks had been paid by the West German government to Deutsch who represented the heirs of a Hungarian sugar merchant whose art collection allegedly had been confiscated by the Nazis as "Jewish property." Deutsch was arrested on the steps of the Bonn Finance Ministry in 1964 when he traveled here from his home in Switzerland to collect the second installment of 17.5 million as the final payment in the total settlement of 35 million marks.

In acquitting the three defendants, the court found that, though the whereabouts of the valuable paintings is still not known, there is no proof that Deutsch knowingly defrauded the State or incited the other two defendants to give false testimony. The court ordered the State to bear the costs of the six-month trial and to compensate the defendants for the 19 months they spent in investigative confinement. The prosecutor said he will appeal the verdict to a higher court.

ISRAEL CONCERNED ABOUT TRANSFER OF MIRAGE JETS TO EGYPT

JERUSALEM, April 22 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban met with the French Ambassador Francis Hure today to express Israel's concern over the reported transfer to Egypt of Mirage jet fighters sold by France to Libya. Similar representations had been made to the French Foreign Ministry last week by the Israeli Ambassador in Paris, Asher Ben Natan.

The French response has been that they have no information to corroborate the Israeli reports but would check, officials here said. Israeli circles say that they have confirmed the presence in Egypt of a squadron of Libyan Mirages and another squadron of Iraqi Hunters, a British-built aircraft.

They state that there are presently about 40 non-Egyptian combat planes stationed in Egypt. The circles assert that while France specifically prohibited the transfer of the Mirages it sold to Libya, French authorities "closed their eyes" in this case and refuse to acknowledge that Egyptian pilots are now training to fly the Mirages. Is-

raeli sources note the French response to date was evasive and that French authorities could easily confirm the whereabouts of the jets it sold Libya.

The Israeli Chief of Staff, Gen. David Elazar, said at a press luncheon last week that Israel had warned from the start that the Mirages sold to Libya were destined for Egypt. He said the Libyan pilots who trained in France to fly them were actually Egyptians with Libyan passports and asserted that the presence of Libyan and Iraqi squadrons in Egypt would have a certain effect on the regional balance of power.

Elazar added, however, that without underestimating the effects, "we are able to fight the Egyptian Air Force regardless of these re-enforcements." He warned that should the number of foreign planes in Egypt increase, Cairo might be tempted to renew hostilities against Israel.

EPISCOPATE DOCUMENT TERMED RELIGIOUS, NOT POLITICAL STATEMENT

PARIS, April 22 (JTA)--The Archbishop of Paris, Cardinal Francois Marty, told newsmen that the new French Catholic Church document on revising attitudes toward Judaism was a religious and not a political statement.

"This document does not take a position in the Middle East conflict," Archbishop Marty said at a news conference several days ago after the Episcopate issued the two-year study which urged an end to anti-Semitism, recognition of the "political existence" of Israel and also recognition of the rights of those whom the document termed the victims of an unjust situation in the Middle East.

"This religious statement was issued during the Jewish Passover holiday and is founded entirely on religious grounds," Archbishop Marty said. "We must recognize that Jews have suffered in the past. They are men who must be given our respect. A Jew is a man. An Arab is a man. The Palestinians have the right to life and territory too."

Opposition To Document

Not all Catholics in France agreed with the Episcopate document. Georges Montaron, director of the review, Temoignage Chretien (Christian Observer), said that "since French Bishops are behind events and since they do not know what is news, they will not be listened to as they had hoped because of the situation around them."

The World Conference of Christians for Palestine, of which Montaron is also a leader, issued a negative response to the church study. "This document, written by a limited group, without consulting Arabs and Moslems who are directly concerned by the problem of the Promised Land, cannot be approved, as it stands, by the whole of the French Episcopate and by the church." The World Conference is a group of left-wing Catholics who support the Palestinians.

SOVIET JEWS HOLD SEDARIM

LONDON, April 22 (JTA)--Jewish sources in the Soviet Union reported yesterday that many Jewish families throughout the USSR held sedarim at home. Most sedarim were attended by friends and neighbors. Most read the Hagadah in the Russian version but there were quite a number who could read the Hebrew text and understand it, including young people, the sources reported.

The Israel Ministry of Tourism announced that some 60,000 tourists had come to Israel during the fortnight preceding Passover, 2000 more than last year.

TEKOA: SECURITY COUNCIL VOTE PROVES INABILITY TO DEAL WITH MIDEAST

UNITED NATIONS, April 22 (JTA)--Yosef Tekoah, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, said here yesterday that the Security Council has demonstrated once again that it could not "deal equitably with questions pertaining to the Middle Eastern situation." Tekoah's remarks came after the Security Council voted 11-0 with four abstentions for a British-French resolution that condemned Israel for its April 10 commando raids on terrorist headquarters in Lebanon.

The resolution also "deeply" deplored "all recent acts of violence resulting in the loss of life of innocent individuals and the endangering of international civil aviation"--the first direct criticism of Arab terrorist acts ever incorporated in a Security Council resolution and the factor that averted a United States veto.

Tekoah declared, however, that the Security Council had failed to recognize both Israel's legitimate right of self-defense and the murder of innocent civilians by Arab terrorist gangs. He said it was incumbent on governments to protect their nationals against terrorism if the UN could not do so and promised that Israel would continue to protect its people from Arab murder attacks. Tekoah warned Lebanon that it must act to stop savage attacks against innocent civilians staged and organized from its territory.

The resolution which climaxed a week of bitter and acrimonious debate in the Security Council represented a compromise that apparently did not satisfy anyone. The Arab bloc expressed deep disappointment that the condemnation of the Israeli raids was not much stronger. The Soviet Ambassador, Yacov Malik, criticized the resolution for not including sanctions against Israel.

The American Ambassador, John Scali, said the U.S. abstained because the resolution still "focuses too much on the meaningless exercise of trying to parcel out blame. It falls short of meeting the full dimensions of the challenge." There were indications in diplomatic circles, however, that the U.S. was privately satisfied with the outcome.

Council To Review Mideast Situation

Statements after the vote featured a sharp exchange between the U.S. and the USSR. Scali observed that "at this very moment" arms were being poured into the Middle East by "certain parties." He said that the U.S., while having no intention to upset the military balance in the region, would continue to supply Israel with weapons for its legitimate self-defense needs.

Malik retorted that the Soviet Union could not accept U.S. arguments which, he said, equated acts of "desperate private people" with "aggression" by a state, nor the U.S. position that it was not arming Israel to commit such "acts of aggression."

The war of words at the UN did not end with the closing yesterday of the Security Council. It is likely to be resumed at the end of next month when the Council will conduct a review of all UN efforts to end the Middle East crisis.

The Council agreed Friday to ask Secretary General Kurt Waldheim to prepare and submit a comprehensive report on the Middle East situation. The proposal was offered by the Egyptian Foreign Minister Mohammed H. el-Zayyat. Waldheim promised that the report would be ready in 3-4 weeks and Zayyat asked the Security Council to meet again when the report is ready.

The Egyptians made the request after it be-

came apparent that the Arab states were unable to achieve their aim of expanding the Council's debate on the Israeli commando raids on Lebanon into a full-scale Middle East debate. Most of the efforts in the Council during the days leading up to yesterday's vote on the British-French resolution were expended in trying to achieve a textual balance that would avert a Big Power veto.

QE2 RECEIVES TUMULTUOUS WELCOME

TEL AVIV, April 22 (JTA)--The 65,800 ton Queen Elizabeth 2, the world's second largest passenger liner, received a tumultuous welcome yesterday as she steamed into Ashdod, Israel's newest deep water port, with 620 passengers on a Passover cruise to Israel.

The threats of Arab terrorist action against the giant liner and the extraordinary security measures taken before and during the voyage appeared to be forgotten as thousands of spectators cheered on the dock, brass bands played, ships' whistles blasted and Ashdod's fire boat shot streams of water into the air. The huge Cunarder sailed from Southampton, England last Sunday.

One of the passengers quipped, as he disembarked, that security was so tight during the trip that it almost, but not quite, prevented youngsters from stealing the afikomen during the seder held aboard Monday night. Israeli security services took over responsibility for the safety of the liner during the week she will remain in Israeli waters as a hotel for her passengers while they tour the country.

The ship's arrival was marred, however, by bitter complaints from Religious Affairs Minister Zerah Warhaftig and Israel's two Chief Rabbis, Shlomo Goren and Ovadia Yosef, that she was allowed to dock and disembark her passengers on the Sabbath. Warhaftig telegraphed Tourism Minister Moshe Kol and Transport Minister Shimon Peres on Friday urging them to have the docking postponed until after sundown or at least to force the passengers to remain aboard until then.

Peres was at Ashdod yesterday to welcome the liner in his official capacity and to greet his wife and children who embarked at Lisbon. He told reporters, "we must respect the Sabbath of course, but nowadays ships or planes coming on Saturday should be allowed in. This is a modern country."

* State Department sources refused to comment Friday on reports that the Soviet Union has shipped 40 MIG fighter planes, including 30 advanced MIG-21s, to Syria since January. The reports were originated by Pentagon sources. U.S. experts were reported to be doubtful that the Syrians had the technical ability to maintain and use the Soviet fighter planes or that the Syrian Air Force could present a serious threat to Israel's potent Air Force.

The American Jewish Congress learned in a telephone call to a leading Soviet Jewish activist in Moscow that Marina Temkin is in a komsomol (Communist Party) children's camp in Tuapse in Caucasia and that her father--Alexander--who has been attempting to emigrate with his 14-year-old daughter to Israel over the objections of the mother from whom he is divorced--has been forbidden to travel outside of Moscow. This effectively bars Temkin from visiting his daughter, the AJ Congress said.

The United Jewish Appeal has scheduled a telethon to major contributors around the country on Wednesday as an impetus for its current nationwide Call-for-Cash. Paul Zuckerman, UJA general chairman announced.

LESS THAN 1% OF U.S. REFUGEE AID WENT TO HELP SOVIET JEWS IN 1972

WASHINGTON, April 22 (JTA)--Barely one percent of the funds expended by the U.S. government for refugee assistance in 1972 went to the project for Soviet Jews emigrating to Israel, Secretary of State William P. Rogers reported Thursday to the Congress. Of the expenditures totaling \$263,470,000 last year, Rogers said, only \$2,890,000 was for the Soviet Jewry project. The bulk of the funds was used for Cuban refugees in the U.S., \$139 million; Southeast Asian refugees, \$77 million; the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) \$23,200,000; and Sudan refugees \$10,030,000.

Thus far in 1973, the U.S. has provided \$31 million for Soviet Jewry out of the \$50 million legislated by Congress for Soviet refugees of all backgrounds. "The movement of Jews from the Soviet Union to Israel picked up momentum during 1972 when some 32,000 people made the journey," Rogers said in his "U.S. Foreign Policy Report for 1972."

"The migration continued despite a Soviet edict requiring emigres to reimburse the State for any higher education they had received," Rogers stated. "The fees were fixed at as much as \$36,000 for some graduates. World Jewish leaders declined to pay this 'ransom' as they termed it; some emigrants were unable to raise the necessary money but others were not required to pay it, and the total movement continued during the year at an accelerated rate."

In reporting on U.S.-Soviet relations, Rogers observed the American people cannot be "expected to remain indifferent to the way the Soviet government deals with such fundamental issues as human rights and free movement" but "nevertheless, in an interrelated and interdependent world, it is essential that such differences not be permitted to frustrate the broader interests of our two nations and of all mankind in peace and security."

In a paragraph entitled "Soviet Jewry," Rogers reported that the increased rate of emigration of Jews to Israel was "favorably received by the American people" but there was a "marked reaction to the imposition in Aug. 1972 of a special education tax on Soviet emigrants to capitalist countries. The U.S. government has made known to the Soviet leadership the intense concern in this country over the imposition of these educational taxes."

1000 PROTEST ASSAULT ON TWO HASIDIC JEWS IN BROOKLYN

NEW YORK, April 22 (JTA)--Some 1000 Hasidic Jews stormed the police station in Borough Park, Brooklyn, yesterday to ask for more police protection after two Hasidim were beaten "for kicks" by two assailants wielding two-by-fours.

The victims, wearing traditional Hasidic garb, were identified as David Denbitzer, 38, and Herschel Mossberg, 22, both residents in the Hasidic community in Borough Park. Taken to Maimonides Hospital after the attack Denbitzer was said to be in fair condition and Mossberg was treated for cuts and bruises and released.

Police reported that the two Hasidim were attacked "for kicks" by Joseph Vellecco, 22, and Joseph Alt, 22, both of Brooklyn. They were booked for possession of dangerous weapons and felonious assault. The police seized the two thugs after one of their victims noted the license

plate on the car in which the assailants fled. Both Hasidim were left lying on the sidewalk bloody and bruised.

The protest at the police station came as word of the attack swept like wildfire through the Hasidic community arousing fear, resentment and anger. The demonstration began peacefully but at one point, according to police, some of the protestors attempted to push through police barricades to get at the assailants inside the station. Police pushed back the crowd and four policemen were slightly injured. They were treated at Maimonides Hospital and released.

RADIO LIBERTY COMMEMORATES WARSAW GHETTO UPRISING

NEW YORK, April 22 (JTA)--The 30th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising will be observed by Radio Liberty in its broadcasts to the Soviet Union during late April. Special programs in Russian and Yiddish will describe the heroic resistance of the Warsaw Jews who fought Nazi troops against impossible odds, according to Dr. Gene Sosin, director of Broadcast Planning.

One documentary prepared for broadcast in Russian juxtaposes statements by Nazi leaders with excerpts from the bulletin of the Jewish insurgents. A program of Yiddish songs of various ghettos in Nazi-occupied Poland was produced and narrated by Joseph Mlotek, educational director of the Workmen's Circle.

In another broadcast, Mrs. Vladka Meed, vice-president of the Workmen's Circle and assistant director of the Jewish Labor Committee in New York, describes in Yiddish her recollections of life inside the Ghetto during the uprising as well as her role as a courier in obtaining weapons from the outside.

7 N.Y. JEWISH STUDENTS DETAINED, RELEASED, FOR DEMONSTRATING IN MOSCOW

NEW YORK, April 22 (JTA)--Seven New York Jewish students, who were detained for several hours for demonstrating at the Moscow visa office Friday for Soviet Jews were released later in the day and told they could complete their visit to Russia which was scheduled to end yesterday, according to reports received here.

The seven were identified by a spokesman for the Conscience Committee for Soviet Jewry as Yossi Klein, 19, Philip Pulver, 19, Philip Kornbluth, 27, Jules Leventhal, 19, Alan Bindinger, 18, Robin Schwartz, 17 and Rivka Friedman, 19. Another spokesman gave the Jewish Telegraphic Agency a list of names which differed in some details and said that the Conscience Committee was "connected with" the Zionist Revisionists of America and that the demonstrations were the first in a series planned within Russia.

Prof. Martin Feinstein, public affairs director of the Revisionist group, in a statement issued Friday in New York, said that the organization had sent a telegram to Secretary of State William P. Rogers, asking State Department intervention for the seven American Jews. According to reports received in Washington, the U.S. Embassy in Moscow said the students chanted slogans "Let my people go," and "Liberty, liberty." They did not resist arrest and were taken away in police cars.

200 Jewish immigrants arrived in Lod Airport today from the Soviet Union. They included 60 academicians who did not pay the education tax which the USSR has reportedly suspended.