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## KNESSET TO TAKE UP QUESTION OF PERSECUTION OF JEWS IN IRAQ

### Report 5 Iraqi Jews Slain

JERUSALEM, April 26 (JTA)--Angered at the latest reports of Iraqi persecution of Jewish families, the Israel government announced today that it would raise the issue at a Knesset session Sunday. Foreign Minister Abba Eban will deliver a government statement then.

During a news conference here, the Foreign Minister said that reports reaching him had "confirmed the very strong probability that there have been murders in Baghdad and kidnappings and disappearances as well." He called this a "very grave development," which has prompted the Israel government to discuss the matter in the Knesset this Sunday. "There has definitely been a tragic development affecting several families in Iraq," Eban said.

The Israel news agency, ITIM, reported yesterday that five members of a Jewish family were shot to death last week by Iraqi secret service men. The news service said very reliable sources had informed it that a family named Kashkosh--parents and three children, including a 15-year-old girl--had been taken out of their home and shot. A younger daughter was spared, but her fate is not known.

Two older boys from the same family were kidnapped several months ago. They are also presumed to have been killed. During the past year, 16 Jews have disappeared, but the Iraqi authorities claim they fled to Iran. Some were wealthy merchants whose property was seized while others had no property.

## 5 TERRORISTS CAPTURED ON GOLAN HEIGHTS

TEL AVIV, April 26 (JTA)--Five Arab terrorists were captured this afternoon on the Golan Heights by an Israeli patrol. The five crossed the Syrian line into the Heights in the central section of the demarcation line near Houshanyeh. They were armed with Kalashnikov automatic assault rifles and hand grenades. There were no casualties to the Israeli patrol.

In the interrogation the five terrorists said that their crossing of the Syrian line was carried out in full knowledge and agreement of the Syrian Army. It is known that unlike the Lebanese border line the Syrians are maintaining a rigid control over the front line and any passage of Arab terrorists must have the approval of the military commanders. This was proved again today.

## DRUZE COMMUNITY LEADER URGES ISRAEL TO ANNEX GOLAN HEIGHTS

### Says Druze Enjoy Equality, Freedom

TEL AVIV, April 26 (JTA)--The leader of the 9000-strong Druze community on the Golan Heights urged Israel yesterday to annex that former Syrian territory as a means of ending subversion and because, after living under Israeli rule more than five years, "we can frankly say that we enjoy equality and democratic rights."

Sheikh Suleiman Abu Saleh Kanj coupled his call for annexation with a plea for amnesty for Golan Druze who have been imprisoned for subversive activities. They include his cousin, Kamal Kanj, who was recently sentenced to 23 years' imprisonment for spying for Syria.

Sheikh Suleiman stated "We believe Israel is

strong enough for a generous gesture of this kind." He said all espionage and sabotage activities in the Golan Heights were instigated from the Syrian side of the border with the intention of undermining relations between the Druze and Israel. He said that if Israel annexed the Golan Heights the Druze would know where they stand and would eliminate all subversive activities.

The Sheikh spoke at a Druze festival at Hittin village near Tiberias, gravesite of the Druze patron saint, Nebi Shueib (Jethro), the father-in-law of Moses. The guest of honor was Israel's Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir who has spoken out twice this week against the annexation by Israel of any substantial portions of the Arab territories it now administers.

## Sapir Again Rejects Annexation

One Druze leader, in fact had advised Sapir not to attend because of his strong opposition to the annexationist Greater Israel Movement which the Golan Druze support. But Sapir received a warm welcome nonetheless and spoke of the integration of the Druze, a non-Arab Moslem sect, within Israeli society.

Addressing members of "Etgar," an ideological circle within the Labor Party in Tel Aviv last night, Sapir repeated a warning he delivered during a radio interview Monday--that annexation of the administered territories would eventually destroy the Jewish character of Israel.

He said that annexation would mean that "in 25 years Israel would no longer have a Jewish majority." He insisted that only security considerations should determine Israel's permanent borders. He said that no territory can be returned to the Arabs before there is a peace treaty. But he assailed elements in Israel who advocate total annexation on religious or mystical grounds.

## TRIAL DEFENDANT PLEADS GUILTY

TEL AVIV, April 26 (JTA)--Yehezkel Cohen, one of the third group of defendants on trial in Haifa for membership in a Syrian-directed Arab-Jewish spy ring, changed his plea from not-guilty to guilty today. His Jewish co-defendant, David Kupfer and two of the Arab defendants pleaded guilty yesterday after the court dropped the major charge against them--aiding the enemy in its war on Israel. The four remaining defendants, all Arabs, are standing by their not guilty pleas.

## TEKOAH: DIALOGUE CAN ACHIEVE PEACE

UNITED NATIONS, April 26 (JTA)--Yosef Tekoah, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, stressed repeatedly today that "meaningful dialogue" between Israel and its Arab neighbors was the only way to achieve peace in the Middle East and the only method that has not yet been tried in that region. Tekoah was the guest at a luncheon of the United Nations Correspondents Association.

He emphasized in his address and in his replies to correspondents' questions afterwards that Israel wants to "sit down with the Arabs." He said only in that way can the future borders be determined. He insisted that Israel does not regard the present cease-fire lines as its permanent borders but cannot retreat to the insecure

boundaries that existed before June, 1967.

The Israeli envoy made it clear that he placed little value in the overall review of the Middle East situation which the Security Council has agreed, at Egypt's urging, to undertake late next month. He expressed the view that it would only continue to delay peace and charged that Egypt's desire to engage once more in public polemics indicated that it was not ready to take the first step toward peace with Israel.

#### Not Interested In Jarring Mission

Tekoah also made it clear, without saying so directly, that Israel is not interested in a resumption of the Jarring peace mission. Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring, the Secretary General's special emissary to the Middle East, is due here tonight and will confer tomorrow with Secretary General Kurt Waldheim. Asked if he planned to meet with Dr. Jarring, Tekoah said he was always available if the Swedish diplomat wished to talk to him. He reminded his audience that the Jarring mission has been stalemated for two years.

According to Tekoah, the recent Security Council debate which ended with a resolution condemning both Israel's April 10 commando raids on Lebanon and Arab terrorist violence, showed that the Arabs are still not prepared to accept Israel as a sovereign state. He said that when the Egyptian Foreign Minister Mohammed el-Zayyat spoke of the need to abolish Zionism, he was reiterating the Arab goal of eliminating Israel.

#### Not Critical Of Council Resolution

Tekoah denied, in reply to a correspondent's question, that he had been critical of the Security Council's resolution while Israel's Foreign Minister Abba Eban was not. Eban, in a statement Sunday in Jerusalem, described the Security Council's vote as a major set-back for the Arabs and praised the United States for bringing about the least one-sided resolution on the Middle East in the Security Council's history.

Tekoah said his critical remarks were made before an amendment to the resolution deleted a call for sanctions against Israel. He said that both Eban and himself take the view that the UN, because of its make-up, cannot act impartially on the Middle East issue.

The Israeli Ambassador said he did not view the events in the Security Council as an indication that U.S. support for Israel was cooling or that the major European powers have changed their position toward Israel.

#### REACTIONS CONTINUE ON EPISCOPATE STATEMENT

PARIS, April 26 (JTA)--Chief Rabbi Jacob Kaplan of France said today that he attached "no particular importance" to the equivocal response by certain Vatican spokesmen to the document on Jewish Catholic relations issued last week by the French Episcopate. The document called for an end to anti-Semitism and recognized the right of Jews to a "political existence of their own among the nations of the world."

"The Vatican is a prisoner of its own Middle East policy," Rabbi Kaplan told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. "It is under great pressure from the Arab countries and its attitude is not surprising under these circumstances," he said.

The Vatican has not commented officially on the French bishops' declaration. But Vatican press secretary Prof. Federico Allessandrini told reporters in Rome yesterday that the "Vati-

can's position on Judaism "has been defined by Vatican II." He added that "There is nothing changed in our position." French Episcopate circles here interpreted Allessandrini's remarks as a rebuff to their document. But they maintained that neither Allessandrini nor the official Vatican newspaper, L'Osservatore Romano, "can be considered as official Vatican representatives."

#### ISRAEL EXPO-73 TO MARK 25TH ANNIVERSARY, GHETTO UPRISING

HOUSTON, April 26 (JTA)--Israel Expo-73, an eight-day fair marking Israel's 25th anniversary, is expected to attract up to 100,000 visitors, Consul General Ehud Lador of Israel told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today. The fair, sponsored by Temple Emanu El of Houston, features a replica of a Jerusalem street and a 17 x 38 foot model of the Western Wall. It will open officially Saturday night and will close on May 6, the eve of Israel's Independence Day.

Lador told the JTA that the opening will also serve as a memorial observance of the 30th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising. He said the inaugural ceremonies for Israel Expo-73 will be addressed by Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D.Wash.) and Zvi Brosh, information minister at the Israeli Embassy in Washington. Mayor Louis Welch of Houston will participate in the opening and Texas Gov. Dolph Briscoe is expected to visit the fair.

Lador, Israeli Consul General for the Southwestern U.S., said the fair will feature a wide variety of Israeli products; entertainment will be provided by Israeli artists; and there will also be lectures on Israeli achievements in science, industry, medicine and archaeology. Dewey Compton, a local radio commentator whose specialty is agriculture, will broadcast daily from the fair describing his recent visit to agricultural settlements in Israel.

#### NEW MASTER PLAN TO SOLVE PROBLEM OF RETARDATES, DR. KURTZ REPORTS

NEW YORK, April 26 (JTA)--The Israel government has approved a new three-point master plan to help families who have been waiting for many years to place their mentally handicapped children in homes for retardates. The plan, embracing both placements in institutions and community services, was disclosed today by Dr. Moshe A. Kurtz, director general of the Ministry of Social Welfare in Israel, in addressing a meeting of the national executive board of Bnai Zion, the American Fraternal Zionist Organization. Harold Bernstein, president of Bnai Zion presided.

The Bnai Zion Foundation, headed by Dr. Harris J. Levine, maintains a modern institution for retarded children in Rosh Ha'ayin which houses 432 children. Dr. Kurtz, who recently arrived in this country on a two-month study mission at the invitation of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, announced that the main point of the master plan which will be carried out by his Ministry is the dispersal of newly built homes for retardates throughout the country so that no retarded child would be located farther than a radius of 30 miles of his or her family. At present the principal homes for retarded children are concentrated in the center of the country. They house more than 4000 inmates ranging in ages from 4-50.

Dr. Kurtz lauded the work of the Bnai Zion foundation in sponsoring, financing major projects for retarded children in Israel.

SPECIAL BULLETIN

NEW YORK, April 26 (JTA)--The American Jewish Committee reported this afternoon that according to information reaching its Paris office, two more Jews were recently murdered in Baghdad. They were identified only as a Dr. Violet Toeg and her husband. No other information was immediately available.

EBAN: RENEWED EGYPTIAN HOSTILITIES 'NOT VERY HIGH'

JERUSALEM, April 26 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban told newsmen today that the chances of the Egyptians renewing hostilities with Israel were "not very high" in the near future because Egypt knew that it would receive a military setback if it challenged Israel. Eban, at a news conference here, suggested that recent Egyptian rhetoric was designed simply to arouse international sympathy for the Arab cause.

"If the Egyptian decision to fight is based on rational grounds," Eban said, "it would not be logical for Egypt to open fire against Israel. Therefore, we do not equate rhetoric with a real threat." On the possibility of a renewal of fighting, Eban said: "I don't rank the chances very high at all."

Mirage Transfer Not A Mirage

The 60-minute press conference was dominated by questions about the recent alleged transfer of French Mirage jet fighters by the Libyans to the Egyptians. Newsmen hammered away at the Foreign Minister to divulge evidence that Israel had given the French to prove that the Mirages had indeed been transferred.

"We've told the French the number of planes, the dates that they were transferred, the airports from which they took off, the airport at which they landed, and above all, the precise places in Egypt where they are now," said the Foreign Minister. He asserted that 18 to 20 of the 60 Mirages sold by France to Libya had been transferred. But he would not provide precise details as to dates or names of airports.

Eban also said that relations between Israel and Africa have improved since last fall when three African nations broke diplomatic relations in succession with the Jewish State. "We definitely have the impression that the tide has been stemmed," said Eban. The Foreign Minister spoke at length about Israel's success in combating international terrorism, noting that Israel's latest success had come in curbing terrorism from Syria into Israel.

FRANCE INSISTS THERE IS NO PROOF OF TRANSFER OF MIRAGE JETS

PARIS, April 26 (JTA)--The French government said today that "under current circumstances it cannot form an opinion" on Israel's charges that Libyan Mirages are now based in Egypt. French government spokesman Joseph Comiti said that Israel has furnished "no proof as to its charges" and we have obtained "no confirmation concerning these rumors."

Comiti, who was speaking at the end of the regular Cabinet session which had been attended by President Georges Pompidou, said France had asked Libya and Egypt to confirm or deny these reports. The Minister added that Asher Ben Natan, the Israeli Ambassador in Paris, has not yet asked to meet Foreign Minister Michel Jobert. "I am sure that he will ask for a meeting soon," Comiti said.

EBAN TO CONFER WITH ROGERS?

JERUSALEM, April 26 (JTA)--A report today in Yediot Achronot stated that Foreign Minister Abba Eban will visit the United States May 10 and will confer with Secretary of State William P. Rogers. At a news conference here, Eban did not deny nor confirm the date of his visit but gave the impression that the trip was in the planning stages. According to the news report, Eban will concentrate in his talks with Rogers on the upcoming Security Council review of the Middle East which is due at the end of May.

IONESCO AWARDED JERUSALEM PRIZE

JERUSALEM, April 26 (JTA)--Eugene Ionesco, the Rumanian-born French playwright, accepted the Jerusalem Prize at special ceremonies at the Sixth Jerusalem International Book Fair here last night. He was given the \$2000 award for "contributing to the concept of the freedom of the individual in society."

The 61-year-old playwright, who is best known as the creator of the "Theater of the Absurd," said he felt pride at receiving this "prize of liberty" but remarked that it was too soon to describe the award as one of love. He said "humanity's heart today is devoid of love."

Roni Feinstein, director general of the Jerusalem Municipality and chairman of the Book Fair permanent committee told a press conference earlier in the day that this year's turnout qualified the Fair for admission into the International Fairs Association. About 100,000 persons are expected to visit this year's Jerusalem Book Fair which has 38,000 books on display. About 80 percent of the 720 publishers whose books are being shown here have sent personal representatives to the Fair.

PHYSICIST SAYS FUEL CRISIS GRIST FOR ARABS, 'CARTELS,' OIL WELLS

TEL AVIV, April 26 (JTA)--A leading Israeli physicist charged today that the so-called energy crisis is largely the invention of the Arab states and the international oil companies connected with them. According to Prof. Ernst David Bergman, of the Hebrew University, the "almost hysterical discussion" of fuel supplies and crude oil shortages have become a "political card" in Arab hands.

Prof. Bergman, addressing the 10th conference for the Advancement of Science in Israel at Tel Aviv University, urged nevertheless that Israel concentrate on developing nuclear power as an alternative energy source. He said Israel was mistaken not to pursue its plans for desalination of water through nuclear energy. He maintained that whether or not there is an oil shortage, the future lies with nuclear energy.

Many more immigrants from Western nations leave Israel within the first three years of their arrival than do immigrants from the Soviet Union. It was disclosed in figures released by the Absorption Ministry and the Central Bureau of Statistics. The rate of departure of "potential" or Western immigrants who arrived between Sept.-Dec. 1969 is 31 percent compared to only eight percent among "full" immigrants who arrived in the same three month period.

Austrian oil consumers have become almost entirely dependent on Arab petroleum, a study published by the Shell Oil Co. showed. Austria two years ago imported only 40% of its oil from Arab countries. By the end of 1972 it had risen to 75%.

**'SOLIDARITY SUNDAY,' 'FREEDOM MARCH'  
AND RALLY FOR SOVIET JEWS, SALUTE 25TH  
ANNIVERSARY OF ISRAEL--ALL ON MAY 6**

NEW YORK, April 26 (JTA)--As many as 100,000 people are expected to participate in "Solidarity Sunday," a "Freedom March" and rally on May 6 to demand that the Soviet government cease harassing its Jewish citizens and that it release Jewish "prisoners of conscience" who have been sent to jail because of their desire to emigrate to Israel. The estimate of attendance was made here today by Stanley H. Lowell, chairman of the Greater New York Conference of Soviet Jewry, sponsor of the event.

Lowell announced that the rally would be addressed by New York's two Senators, Jacob K. Javits and James L. Buckley. He said the march would begin at noon, starting at 72nd St. and Fifth Ave. in Manhattan and ending at Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza across from the United Nations.

On the evening of May 6, New Yorkers will salute Israel's 25th anniversary at what was described as a "Gala Observance" at Philharmonic Hall, Lincoln Center. Rabbi Israel Miller, president of the American Zionist Federation and chairman of its Israel Anniversary Committee, announced today that the principal speaker will be Ambassador Simcha Dinitz, Israel's newly appointed envoy to the United States. He said the occasion would be Dinitz's first public appearance in New York City. David Frost, the British television personality, will serve as master of ceremonies. Fred Richmond, a City Councilman from Brooklyn, will be chairman.

In announcing "Solidarity Sunday" for Soviet Jews, Lowell observed that reports of the suspension of the Soviet education tax on emigres "at best means that we are back to where we were in Aug., 1972" when the tax was first promulgated. He added: "We have seen similar ploys by the Soviets in the past, to achieve particular ends--in this case to deceive the American public and erode support in Congress for the Jackson-Vanik bills that would deny most favored nation status to any country that denies its citizens the right to emigrate."

**30TH ANNIVERSARY OF HOLOCAUST TO BE  
COMMEMORATED AT ART GALLERY EXHIBIT**

NEW YORK, April 26 (JTA)--Arma Galleries announced today the opening on Monday of an exhibition through June depicting art that is representative of European Jewish life in the small town or "shtetl" prior to and during the Nazi implementation of its "final solution" of liquidating Jews and other peoples. This major thrust by the Nazis began in 1943, 30 years ago.

The first art exhibit of its kind in the United States, four artists are represented in this exhibit, all of whom are originally Eastern Europeans, whose lives were substantially altered and changed by this Nazi Holocaust. Their representative works, done in the media of oils as well as sculpture contrast life prior to and during these events.

Solomon Barat, gallery director, stated, "We are offering this exhibit marking the 30th anniversary of the destruction of European Jewry with the hope that this provocative exhibit will remind the older generations of that which they must never forget. At the same time we hope this exhibition will teach the younger generations what happens when madness achieves political power,

and therefore defend against the possibility of this ever happening again anywhere in the world." Barat was born in Poland, spent the war years in a Polish concentration camp, and after World War II emigrated to the United States.

The four artists, all born in Eastern Europe, today are residents and citizens of the United States. They are: Ari, born in the Ukraine; Paula Metzner, born in Poland; A.L. Lass, born in Poland; and Nicolas Holodyk, born in the Ukraine. Holodyk's works have been exhibited in Buenos Aires. The works of the other three have been shown widely throughout the United States.

**NATIONAL JEWISH BOOK AWARDS  
TO BE PRESENTED MAY 20**

NEW YORK, April 26 (JTA)--Seven authors of books of Jewish interest published during 1972 have been declared winners of awards to be presented by the Jewish Book Council of the National Jewish Welfare Board (JWB) at its annual meeting to be held at the Park Avenue Synagogue on May 20. The announcement was made by Dr. Eugene B. Borowitz, editor of Sh'ma and president of JWB's Jewish Book Council.

The literary awards are given for outstanding works in the fields of Jewish history, the Nazi holocaust, Jewish thought, fiction, Yiddish poetry and children's books.

Elie Wiesel, author of *Souls on Fire* (Random House), and Dr. Samuel Sandmel, author of *Two Living Traditions: Essays on Religion and the Bible* (Wayne State University Press) will receive the Frank and Ethel S. Cohen Awards in the field of Jewish thought. The Bernard H. Marks Award for a book of Jewish history will be presented for the first time to Dr. Arthur J. Zuckerman, author of *A Jewish Princedom in Feudal France, 768-900* (Columbia University Press).

The Leon Jolson Award for a book on the Nazi holocaust has been won by Dr. Aaron Zeitlin, author of *Veiterdikke Lider Fun Hurban Un Lider Fun Gloiben Un Yanish Kortshaks Letzte Gang* (More Poems of the Holocaust and Poems of Faith and Yanish Kortshak's Last Walk), published by Gergen Belzen Memorial Press. Robert Koltowitz, author of *Somewhere Else* (Charterhouse, publisher), has been named winner of the William and Jance Epstein Award in the field of Jewish fiction.

For her book *The Upstairs Room* (Thomas Y. Crowell Company), Mrs. Johanna Reiss will receive the Charles and Bertie G. Schwartz Award in the category of Jewish juveniles. In the field of Yiddish poetry, Meir Sticker, author of *Yidishe Land-Schaft* (Jewish Landscape), published by I.L. Peretz Publishing House, will receive the Harry and Florence Kovner Memorial Award. Sticker is the city editor of the Yiddish daily, *Forward*. Each of the awards carries with it a \$500 prize and a citation.

A Federal judge ruled in Brooklyn, N.Y. that Mrs. Hermine Braunsteiner Ryan was not an American citizen and so could be expatriated to West Germany where she faces war crimes charges. The judge, however, reserved decision on whether he would order her extradition. The court also denied once again her lawyer's request for bail. Before deciding on extradition, the judge said he would study documents of an Austrian court proceeding in 1949 on her war crimes.