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SWEDISH ENVOY IN BAGHDAD URGED TO HELP SAVE KASHKOSH SURVIVOR

TEL AVIV, May 6 (JTA)--The Public Committee for Iraqi Jews has appealed to the Swedish Ambassador in Baghdad to try to save the life of 22-year-old Dori Kashkosh whose parents, sister and two brothers were reportedly murdered by Iraqi secret police in their home April 12. The girl, a university student, is reportedly in hiding.

The Committee has asked the Swedish envoy to grant her Swedish citizenship as protection from Iraqi authorities who may try to take her life. The Baghdad authorities want to confiscate the Kashkosh family's property and cover up their crime, the Committee said. Dori Kashkosh was saved only because she was attending classes at the university on the morning of April 12 when police entered her home and murdered five members of her family after a brief altercation, reports said.

The Israel-based Committee has also approached Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, Yosef Tekoah, to request an international investigation of the Kashkosh murders and of the fate of 16 other Iraqi Jews missing since last fall.

YOSEF DEMANDS JEWISH BURIAL FOR SLAIN KASHKOSH FAMILY

JERUSALEM, May 6 (JTA)--Sephardic Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef sent cables to all chief rabbis around the world urging them to press their governments to demand from Iraqi authorities that the slain Kashkosh family receive proper Jewish burial rites. Rabbi Yosef also announced a special prayer service which he will conduct in their memory on May 13 and urged Jewish communities abroad to hold services at the same time--6 p.m. Israel time. Rabbi Yosef also urged his fellow clerics to press for the release of Dori Kashkosh.

(In New York, the Rabbinical Alliance of America sent telegrams to the Iraqi Consulate and to U.S. Secretary of State William P. Rogers urging that the bodies of the murdered Kashkosh family be given burials according to Jewish law. The telegrams also urged that Dori Kashkosh be released from Iraq and that the remaining Jews who are now in prison be released.)

25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS BEGIN

JERUSALEM, May 6 (JTA)--Israel's 25th Independence Day was ushered in officially this evening with ceremonies on Mt. Herzl where 12 heroes of the nation's war for independence in 1948 kindled 12 beacons symbolizing the Twelve Tribes of Israel. Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu, who proclaimed himself "One of the redeemed of the Yeminite exile," lit a 13th beacon and recited "Sheheyanu," the traditional blessing for great occasions.

Jerusalem police, who expect 300,000 persons to watch tomorrow's Independence Day parade along the line of march, sealed off the city tonight to all traffic except buses and taxis. Meanwhile, enterprising vendors began setting up kiosks along the parade route to provide refreshments for the spectators. The weather forecast for tomorrow is fair and warm.

Security services carried out a wide-scale preventive detention drive against suspicious elements on the West Bank to prevent any mishaps

during Independence Day celebrations tomorrow. Most of those arrested were persons previously jailed on charges of membership in hostile organizations and released on completion of their terms in prison. There was suspicion that such elements might have been recruited by terrorist organizations to carry out acts of sabotage.

While security measures are expected to be rigid, no restrictions were imposed on movement between Israel proper and the administered territories, nor were any restrictions imposed on movement inside the territories. The public at large was called upon to be on the alert and report on any suspicious movements or parcels.

MRS. MEIR SAYS SHE SENT EMISSARIES

TO SADAT, BUT HE DID NOT RESPOND

JERUSALEM, May 6 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir told a television interviewer that she had sent emissaries to President Anwar Sadat over the past year suggesting secret talks--but the Egyptian leader had not responded. Mrs. Meir said she deduced from this that "Sadat is not interested in talks." The special Independence Day interview will be screened in full tonight. A fragment of it was shown yesterday. In the same interview Mrs. Meir reportedly promised her final decision shortly after Independence Day on whether she will continue in office for another term as Premier.

In an interview with *Davar*, published today, Mrs. Meir praised Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir. "In some sections of the press--and not only of the press--great injustice is done to this man against whom all criticisms on social policies are levelled," she said. "I know no other man who has done as much" to move the country toward "a real social revolution. Those who shout do not have the courage to compare the situation today to what it was in the past," she said. Mrs. Meir has been reported to favor Sapir as her successor.

THOUSANDS MARK MEMORIAL DAY

JERUSALEM, May 6 (JTA)--Israel observed a day of remembrance today for its fallen soldiers. Premier Golda Meir attended Memorial Day services on Mt. Herzl. Defense Minister Moshe Dayan addressed 3000 people at the Jewish military cemetery on the Mt. of Olives. Thousands of other Israelis attended services all over the country.

Memorial Day, a 24-hour period preceding Israel's Independence Day, was officially opened at the Western Wall last night when President Zalman Shazar lit a torch, followed by a one-minute siren blast. Army, Navy and Air Force personnel formed an honor guard around the President who was accompanied by Gen. David Elazar, Chief of Staff of Israel's armed forces. Shazar spoke briefly. He expressed hope that God would ease the pain of bereaved families and save Israel. Elazar said that those who gave their lives in Israel's wars did not die in vain but helped preserve the nation and its freedom.

A squad of soldiers fired three rounds into the air following a 30-minute prayer service at the Mt. of Olives cemetery. Dayan, speaking briefly, reminded his audience that "Our city of Jerusalem, this Mt. of Olives and this day of

remembrance are all one thing. They are formed by the heroism of our fighters, by our adversaries of destruction, by the slaughter of the holocaust and by the revival of our people."

Mrs. Meir eulogized the dead of Israel's past wars and said the prospect of a new war was chilling. It is shocking, she said, to hear Arab leaders say--as President Sadat of Egypt has said--that they are willing to sacrifice 1-2 million lives in a future war against Israel. "Sadat has millions of people in Egypt. I hope and believe with all my heart that we shall have millions too," the Premier said. "But even when we do, each of our soldiers will be our most precious and dearly protected possession and we shall grieve with each bereaved family as though one family's loss were the loss of us all."

STEIN SAYS THERE IS NO CONTRADICTION BETWEEN SUPPORTING NIXON AND JACKSON

JERUSALEM, May 6 (JTA)--Jacob Stein, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, told newsmen here that American Jews support both President Nixon's efforts on behalf of Soviet Jewry and the Jackson and Mills-Vanik amendments before the U.S. Congress which would link American trade concessions to Russia with the removal of Soviet restrictions on emigration.

Stein insisted that there was nothing contradictory in that position and stressed that there has been "absolutely no communication" between his organization and the Israeli government on the issue. "We neither asked for nor received advice from Israel. This is an internal political matter for U.S. Jews and their representatives," Stein told reporters here Friday.

He described the meetings between President Nixon, his national security advisor, Henry Kissinger, and top U.S. Jewish leaders during the past two weeks as important because they took place. He said the Jewish leaders were encouraged by Nixon's and Kissinger's personal and continuing interest in the problem. Stein said that Nixon has not demanded that American Jews withdraw support from the Jackson Amendment.

He said the President merely reported to Jewish leaders on his own efforts and accomplishments for Soviet Jews and explained the worldwide benefits to be gained from the furthering of U.S.-USSR detente by the U.S. trade agreement with Russia. Stein said American Jews also wish to see the detente and open market conditions but insist that the Soviet Union observe the United Nations Charter of which it is a signatory.

Stein said that since the Jackson Amendment would not be voted on until next fall at the earliest, there was no paradox in American Jewry's support for both the President's policy and Jackson. He said he hoped that by next fall Nixon and Kissinger would be able to accomplish results for Soviet Jews through their continuing efforts.

Stein issued a written statement here signed by himself and by two other American Jewish leaders who met with Dr. Kissinger in Washington last Tuesday--Max Fisher, past president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, and Richard Maass, chairman of the National Conference for Soviet Jewry. The statement was similar to the one the three leaders issued in Washington directly after their meeting with Kissinger. Stein said he was in Israel to represent American Jews at Israel's 25th anniversary celebrations.

PROTEST SABBATH DOCKING OF LINER

TEL AVIV, May 6 (JTA)--Orthodox Jews pro-

tested the docking of the French liner France at Haifa yesterday--on the Sabbath--by blocking the port gates. Several hundred tourists who disembarked from the 66,000 ton liner were prevented for a while from boarding buses for sightseeing tours. The protestors conducted a Sabbath service in front of the gates and then dispersed. Police were on hand but no incidents occurred and no arrests were made.

The France's arrival at Haifa yesterday made her the largest passenger liner ever to visit Israel, a distinction which up to then belonged to the slightly smaller British liner Queen Elizabeth 2. The latter vessel, which is remaining in Israeli waters through Independence Day, sailed yesterday for Ashdod where she was visited by former Premier David Ben Gurion. The Israeli elder statesman was greeted by hundreds of passengers aboard the QE2.

U.S. ACCUSED OF INSPIRING MIRAGE CRISIS

PARIS, May 6 (JTA)--The director of the French arms export department, Hugues de l'Estoile has accused the United States of having inspired the "Libyan Mirage crisis" for commercial reasons. De l'Estoile, a high-ranking member of the French Ministry of Defense, told a press conference here Thursday: "A splendid commercial venture could be hidden behind this affair (the Libyan Mirage crisis). You should not be surprised to hear one of these days that the United States has sold Phantom planes to Libya."

Openly referring to Israel's charges that Libya has handed over 18 French-made Mirage planes to Egypt, de l'Estoile said: "with the exception of the Cherbourg boats, no French military equipment has been turned away from its final destination. France keeps a very serious check on the final destination of all arms it sells abroad." The senior French official said that what was at stake was "whether Europe will have an aeronautical industry of its own or will become a captive market for the U.S.A."

De l'Estoile said that the U.S. practices "an aggressive" arms export policy. He said "the Pentagon disposes of a budget of 10 billion francs (about \$2 billion) to present certain countries with gifts." The French aide said that France last year lost a contract for the sale of six Puma helicopters to Lebanon which finally bought American-made Augusta-Bell-212 machines. He said that this was not surprising "as the Catholic Nuncio in Beirut served as the commercial representative of the selling company."

The newspaper Le Monde reported today that the French Defense Ministry has decided not to change the rate of Mirage deliveries to Libya but will slow down deliveries of spare parts and equipment. Delivery of the 110 jets ordered by Libya will be completed by the fall of 1974, as scheduled.

ISRAEL FASHION SHOW RAISES \$2 MILLION IN ISRAEL BOND INVESTMENTS

NEW YORK, May 6 (JTA)--An audience of more than 1400 persons purchased \$2 million in Israel Bonds at the annual fashion show of Israeli designers held at the Hotel Americana last Thursday. The event, sponsored by the Women's Division of State of Israel Bonds, was held in honor of the 75th birthday of Israeli Premier Golda Meir and in celebration of Israel's 25th anniversary. Special guests were Mrs. Yosef Tekoah, wife of Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations; Mrs. Simcha Dinitz, wife of Israel's Ambassador to the United States; and Bess Myerson, former New York Commissioner of Consumer Affairs.

3000 MARK ISRAEL'S INDEPENDENCE DAY

NEW YORK, May 6 (JTA)--About 3000 people filled Lincoln Center's Philharmonic Hall tonight for an Israel Independence Day gala marking the 25th anniversary of the Jewish State. Israel's Ambassador to the U.S., Simcha Dinitz, was presented with a birthday cake decorated with 25 candles. Rabbi Israel Miller, president of the American Zionist Federation, read a message of greeting from President Nixon to Israel's President Zalman Shazar.

Nixon expressed the hope that "The respect and admiration Americans feel for Israel's many accomplishments will continue to enrich and strengthen the close ties between our two countries." The message added: "As Israel celebrates this historic milestone, we join with you in renewed dedication to the great goal of an enduring peace."

The event, sponsored by the 25th Anniversary Committee of the AZF, was attended by American stage, screen and television stars. The program also featured the Israeli pianist, David Bar Ilan, the tenor Mikhail Alexandrovich, a recent emigre to Israel from the Soviet Union, the Kibbutz Hammapiel Quartet and the Hashachar Dance Group of Hadassah's collegiate division.

Rabbi Miller affirmed the support of American Zionists for "Israel's firm stand for a peace which will not leave it again vulnerable to attack by its Arab neighbors," and vowed support for Jews in the Soviet Union "in their continued struggle for the right to emigrate to Israel." Rabbi Miller also expressed support of the Jackson Amendment and the Mills-Vanik bill and lauded the efforts of Sen. Henry M. Jackson and Representatives Wilbur Mills and Charles A. Vanik for their successful bid to thwart most favored nation status to the Soviet Union pending a change in Russian emigration policy. Rabbi Miller also expressed his concern for the fate of Syrian and Iraqi Jewry, and affirmed the continued effort by affiliated Zionists to "assure the creative survival of American Jewry."

Rabbi William Berkowitz, president of the New York Board of Rabbis, offered a prayer for the Jewish State. David Frost, the British entertainer served as master of ceremonies, and New York City Councilman Fred Richmond chaired the event.

Israel Week in New York State

In other Independence Day developments, Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller proclaimed May 7 Israel Independence Day in New York State and the week of May 6-12 "Israel Week." He hailed "the establishment in the Holy Land of a bastion of freedom and democracy, serving as the spiritual homeland of members of the Jewish faith throughout the world."

"To Israel With Love" was the theme of a 25th anniversary children's art exhibit sponsored by the New York Board of Jewish Education. A 60-foot mural, painted over a period of three months by children attending Jewish schools in New York, was unveiled today at the Board's headquarters here. The mural is a gift to Israel. A three-day festival celebrating Israel's 25th anniversary opened at the Brotherhood Synagogue here Friday night. Sabbath services yesterday honored Americans who fought in Israel's war for independence in 1948.

The original Declaration of Independence establishing the State of Israel on May 14, 1948, went on display today at the headquarters of the America-Israel Foundation. It is part of a month-

long exhibit honoring Israel's anniversary. The exhibit includes a photographic history of the Jewish State and official posters of each of Israel's 25 Independence Days.

A special display of blooming desert plants to celebrate Israel's Independence Day was installed in the first planting bed of Rockefeller Center's Channel Gardens. The floral display includes thousands of roses, carnations, gladioli and other cut flowers flown in from Israel. The display was prepared by the NY Committee for Israel's 25th Anniversary.

CJC LEADERS URGE WALDHEIM TO INTERVENE ON BEHALF OF IRAQI JEWS

MONTREAL, May 6 (JTA)--In a telegram to United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim, Sol Kane, president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, and Saul Hayes, executive vice-president of the CJC, said that "Canadian public opinion is deeply distressed by reports of further murders of Jews in Iraq." The two leaders stated that the 16 Jews reported murdered by Iraqi security authorities in the past few months "are well known citizens and must be presumed innocent of any crimes whatsoever."

Continuing, Kane and Hayes wrote: "We appeal to you to request the government of Iraq to cease these barbaric acts contrary to the norms of civilized standards which offend the principles of the United Nations Charter and the Universal Declaration of the Rights of Man. Please urge the Iraqi government to permit Jews who wish to leave Iraq to do so." The CJC asked Waldheim to confirm his intervention with the government of Iraq on behalf of the Jews.

NEWS BRIEFS

Officials in Jerusalem expressed deep satisfaction Friday at Nixon's state of the world message in its reference to the Mideast. They particularly stressed the fact that Nixon still clearly believed, as Israel does, that direct negotiations would be the only way to solve the Mideast issue.

Five Moscow Jews staged a silent demonstration Friday in front of the Izvestia offices to protest what they said was Izvestia's slanted picture of the situation of Soviet Jews. Angry passersby tore up the banner they held, but the Jews were not arrested. The Jews said they had all been denied visas for Israel. It was reported that Soviet authorities refused to permit the Associated Press to distribute through its news wire service a photograph of the demonstration. A Soviet official was quoted as saying that the photograph would harm Soviet-American relations.

A Federal Court judge in Brooklyn denied Mrs. Hermine Braunsteiner Ryan's move to avoid extradition to West Germany to face charges that she murdered inmates of a Nazi death camp. Judge Jacob Mishler rejected her petition for a writ of habeas corpus, and now an appeal is expected to be filed with the Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

Sir Arnold Weinstock, a prominent Anglo-Jewish industrialist, was blackballed by Brooks, an exclusive London men's club. The two members who proposed him--Lord Aldington and Charles Villiers--promptly resigned from the club. Sir Arnold, chairman of the British General Electric Co., identifies himself as Jewish, and while not active in the Jewish community, he supports Israel in an unobtrusive manner. According to election procedures at the club, one blackball can deny membership. Two blackballs were cast.

Solidarity Day ParadeAN ESTIMATED 100,000 MARCHIN SUPPORT OF SOVIET JEWRY

NEW YORK, May 6 (JTA)--An estimated 100,000 people marched along Fifth Avenue today to show their support for Soviet Jewry. Leading the two-mile procession, which began at 72nd Street and culminated in a mass rally at Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza opposite the United Nations, were 44 young people dressed in black and white striped prison uniforms symbolizing the number of known Soviet Jewish "prisoners of conscience."

Flanking the "prisoners," who carried wrought iron bars, each with the name of a prisoner, were nine "Soviet police officers" carrying rubber machine guns. Pinned on the "prisoners'" uniforms were black buttons with superimposed gold Stars of David. Large photographs of the prisoners were also carried. Four rabbis, representing the four rabbis reportedly still officiating in the Soviet Union followed. They wore prayer shawls and carried a Torah locked in chains to reflect religious, cultural and national deprivations of Soviet Jews.

They also had white bandanas covering their mouths, apparently to symbolize the lack of free expression in the Soviet Union. And 25 New York area academicians in caps and gowns, members of the academic community for Soviet Jewry, and 40 doctors and interns, carried the names of Soviet Jewish intellectuals and scientists who have been subjected to harassment.

Trials Replace Head Tax

Mikhail Shepholovich, who was recently released from the Potma labor camp, came from Israel to lead the group of recent Soviet immigrants here to seek support for relatives and friends in the Soviet Union. Shepholovich, who was sentenced on charges of anti-Soviet and Zionist activity after applying for an exit visa, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that political trials had now replaced the Soviet education tax on would-be emigrants. The trials of a selected few are now being used by Soviet authorities, he said, to discourage others from applying for exit visas. He cited the trial of Isaac Shkolnik, recently sentenced to 10 years in a forced labor camp, the trial of Boris Lubarsky, sentenced to four years, and the upcoming trial of the Goldstein brothers.

Shepholovich, 29, urged continued public support for Soviet Jews which, he said, helped reduce prison sentences in the past, and which he hoped would help prevent political trials in the future. "As a living witness I state that the fate of the prisoners of conscience and all Soviet Jews is in your hands," he told the rally at Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza. Marchers from more than 115 Jewish organizations were led by a color guard from the Jewish War Veterans and members of Shomrim, the organization of Jewish policemen, who marched in dress uniform for the first time in such an event.

Will Not Stand Alone Again

Mayor John V. Lindsay, who is currently in Moscow, said in a message written before he left the United States, that "it is our prayer that 1973 will mark the end of all restrictions on the livelihood and mobility of Soviet Jews" as it marks the 25th anniversary of Israel and the 30th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. "The purpose of Solidarity Day, and a primary purpose of my trip

to the Soviet Union, is to demonstrate our conviction that they (the Jews) will not be left to stand alone again," the message added.

Sen. Henry M. Jackson, author of the Senate amendment to the East-West Trade Act that would deny most favored nation status to the Soviet Union unless it revokes emigration restrictions, said in a message, "As we talk about free trade, let us talk about free people." The Washington Democrat urged continued support for Soviet Jews, saying their struggle was "in keeping with the noblest and most important of all American ideals, the ideal of freedom."

Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R.N.Y.) told the rally that "our voices and determination span the oceans to the Soviet Jews. We are encouraged by the recent announcement that the Soviet Union has ended the onerous education tax but our efforts must continue in order to help those still in prison solely because they want to emigrate and those still harassed for seeking exit visas." Javits added that "this sort of gathering must convince the Soviet Union that the cause of the Jews is just."

End Of Head Tax Not Enough

Chants of "Freedom Now," "Let my people go," and "Am Yisroel Chai" (the Jewish people live) echoed across the Plaza as the marchers passed through a fascimile of the entrance to the Potma labor camp, where many Soviet Jews are imprisoned.

Stanley Lowell, chairman of the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry, sponsors of the event, explained its purpose was to "demonstrate to the Soviet Union that throwing the Jews of the world a bone by eliminating the nefarious head tax was not enough and that they would not be deceived or diverted by Soviet smokescreens." Lowell said the rally was in support of the prisoners, an end to the harassment of Jews who apply for exit visas, the full right to emigrate as guaranteed by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, equality of treatment for Soviet Jews, and support of the Jackson/Mills-Vanik bills now before Congress.

Joining the marchers at the rally were more than 1000 high school students who had walked at most three miles from Washington Square Park in the Second Annual Walkathon for Soviet Jewry to earn money to help Jews emigrating from the Soviet Union to Israel. The participants of the Walkathon, sponsored by the Jewish High School Student Alliance, had recruited sponsors who pledged to contribute a specified amount for each mile walked. The money will be donated to the Israel Emergency Fund of the United Jewish Appeal.

In a related development, the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry released two statements received from Soviet Jews on the occasion of "Solidarity Day." Yulit Tartakovsky, a major Kiev activist under constant pressure by Ukrainian authorities, declared: "We are in a critical situation because although Jews are no longer supposed to pay for their higher education, many of us are still given refusals without any explanation of why or how long we have to wait."

Victoria Politnikov, who was jailed for demonstrating in Moscow last Dec., declared: "All declarations of Soviet officials about free emigration are lies. The way Jews are treated--and our family is an example of this--is evidence."