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## **EBAN ON WAY TO U.S.; WILL MEET WITH OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS 'MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST'**

TEL AVIV, May 8 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban left for the United States today on a visit in behalf of the Israel Bond drive. He will also meet with high U.S. government officials for discussions of "matters of mutual interest" to Israel and the U.S., it was learned today. Eban told reporters at Lod Airport that he would discuss the problem of Arab terrorism among other topics in the framework of Israeli-U.S. relations.

Replying to questions, Eban said he would categorically oppose suggestions to establish committees of the United Nations to deal with the Middle East conflict. The Foreign Minister appeared to be alluding to last year's fruitless UN debate on international terrorism which ended with the appointment of a committee to study the matter. Reliable sources in Jerusalem told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that Eban would discuss the forthcoming Security Council debate on the Middle East with U.S. Secretary of State William P. Rogers.

According to the sources, Israel does not expect the Council to alter its Resolution 242 but is concerned that a sufficient number of speakers will accept the Arab interpretation of that document in order to build up an authoritative body of interpretation unfavorable to Israel's position. The Arab interpretation, which Israel rejects, is that the resolution calls for total withdrawal of Israeli forces from the administered Arab territories as a prerequisite for peace. Israel maintains that the resolution upholds the primacy of a peace settlement over territorial matters.

## **Arms Supply May Be Agenda Topic**

It was learned today that contacts have been made with Washington to determine exactly how far the U.S. would permit the Security Council to go before exercising its veto right. Jerusalem hopes that any one-sided condemnation of Israel or a move for sanctions would be promptly killed by an American veto.

Eban is also expected to discuss U.S. arms supplies to Israel. Sources in Jerusalem said they were generally satisfied with the situation following President Nixon's commitment to Premier Golda Meir at their meeting last March in Washington that military supplies would continue to flow. Details are still being worked out by experts on both sides and Eban is expected to relate to these in his Washington talks.

Observers here differ over the effect of the ongoing Watergate scandal on U.S. involvement in the Middle East. Some circles feel that Watergate must necessarily overshadow any other business on the Nixon Administration's agenda. But others believe that the Administration will deliberately concentrate on foreign affairs issues such as Middle East diplomacy in order to focus the public spotlight on issues other than Watergate.

## **'EFFORT TO MACHINE-GUN ISRAELI EMBASSY IN PARIS THWARTED' 3000 Guests Attend Independence Day Reception Unaware of Attempt**

PARIS, May 8 (JTA)--Two unidentified men attempted to set up a small machine gun in an

attic window facing the rear of the Israeli Embassy here last night while an Independence Day reception attended by 3000 guests, including high French government officials, was in progress. Police said the weapon commanded a narrow street along which the guests had to walk and that even a brief burst of fire under the circumstances could have been deadly.

According to the police, two men broke into the seventh floor attic room occupied by a housemaid, tied her up and began assembling the machine gun on the windowsill. The maid screamed when she saw the weapon and the two men fled. Neighbors who heard the screams summoned police. The incident, which was not immediately disclosed, brought a small army of special security men and police sharpshooters to the scene to guard the Embassy and comb the area for suspects.

Plainclothes detectives discreetly entered the Embassy building with the permission of Israeli authorities and mingled with the guests as Israeli security men kept a sharp watch on the stream of people waiting to enter.

Police sharpshooters took up positions on nearby rooftops. But none of the guests attending the reception were aware that anything was amiss. The guests included the President of the French National Assembly, Edgar Faure; Olivier Guichard, the Minister for National Equipment; Jean de Lipovsky, Undersecretary of State for Foreign Affairs; Jean-Philip Leczi, Undersecretary for the National Budget; and scores of foreign ambassadors and military attaches.

After the reception, Israeli Ambassador Asher Ben Natan was escorted to his home under heavy police guard. Patrol cars and armed police continued to stand guard today over his residence on the elegant Avenue Foch. Police sources said today that an investigation was in progress but refused to say whether any progress had been made. The housemaid who was the only eye-witness was being questioned today at police headquarters.

## **\$20 M IN MILITARY CREDITS TO SAUDI ARABIA**

WASHINGTON, May 8 (JTA)--The Nixon Administration was reported today to be providing \$20 million in military sales credits to Saudi Arabia. No such credit has previously been extended to that country. Jordan is reported to be getting increases in both U.S. military and economic aid. President Nixon's foreign policy report to Congress last week indicated advances in relations with some Arab states in the diplomatic and economic fields this past year.

## **SISCO, DINITZ, CLASH OVER ASSESSMENT OF ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT, MIDEAST PEACE**

WASHINGTON, May 8 (JTA)--Assistant Secretary of State Joseph J. Sisco and Israeli Ambassador Simcha Dinitz, making his maiden address in Washington, differed widely and sharply last night in their assessments of the origin of the Six-Day War, the road to peace and other elements of the Arab-Israeli conflict. They addressed some 2000 people at the Sheraton Park Hotel in the climax here of Israel's 25th anniversary celebrations.

Sisco, speaking first, said that the vision of both Arabs and Israelis "has often been clouded

by myths of the past which have persisted in obscuring the realities of the present," and referred to "lost opportunities" for a settlement. A "myth" that is "now accepted as reality in much of the Arab world is that the Six-Day War was the result of unprovoked Israeli aggression," the State Department's foremost Middle East specialist said.

"On the Israeli side, there is the myth that the Six-Day War was the result of a calculated Arab plan to launch a war of destruction against Israel," he added. "In my view," Sisco said in one of many passages that seemed to stress an even-handed perspective to the conflict, "the most plausible explanation is that the Six-Day War resulted from improvised actions and reactions by each side. Combined with each side's perception and suspicion of the other's, the cumulative weight of these actions and reactions made inevitable a war neither side deliberately sought at that time."

Sisco, who expressed confidence that the United States will "remain steadfast in its support for Israel's security," also described as a "myth that security is solely a function of the physical location of territorial boundaries." In this connection, he quoted Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban as saying that "the question of boundaries is one of the components of peace and not its sole condition."

#### Peace By Proxy Is A Myth

Finally, Sisco said, "There is the myth that peace can be made by proxy--that powers not party to the conflict, acting independently or through the United Nations, can somehow substitute for negotiations between the parties themselves. This hasn't been the case in any of the successful negotiations of international disputes in recent history, and the Middle East is no exception. The United Nations and outside powers can play a responsible role in encouraging the parties to get a negotiating process started. But they cannot be part of the process itself."

Speaking of "lost opportunities" that have "slipped through the fingers of those concerned," Sisco said that "perhaps the greatest opportunity" came after the Six-Day War when the UN Security Council adopted Resolution 242. "Part of the answer," he said, to the question of why opportunities had been missed, is that "neither side, Arab or Israeli, has collectively defined its goals." Nor is there a "broadly agreed consensus on either side as to what the acceptable trade-offs might be."

The U.S., Sisco said, is "continuing to press the search for answers" since the present no-war-no-peace situation is unstable and unsatisfactory. Just as the U.S. had called on the Arabs and Israelis in 1970, on the eve of the U.S.-initiated cease-fire, to "stop shooting and start talking, today we urge they stop shouting and start listening," he said.

#### It Takes Two To Make Peace

Dinitz took issue with Sisco without directly referring to him. Speaking largely extemporaneously, the envoy said that in 1967 "when our soldiers were marching in a military parade, Nasser paraded his tanks in the Sinai desert and a hundred thousand Egyptian troops were moving into the Sinai to threaten the very life of Israel. Nasser said so himself on television for all the world to see. You could see it better than we. Israel didn't have television at that time."

In what some present interpreted as a polemical response, Dinitz declared, "we haven't had peace for the simple reason that one can declare war, but it takes two to make peace." Pointing to Israel's peace offers, he said, "there is only one way to start on the road to peace; that is to stop talking of myths and start talking in terms of realities." What is needed now, Dinitz stated, "is not a new framework but a different frame of mind. Peace can never be achieved by surrendering to blackmail or placating frustrations but only by talking together."

The Arabs, he said, created a series of images, alibis and excuses why not to make peace. After each of the three previous wars, when new opportunities for peace arrived, the Arabs converted them "from a platform for peace into a jumping board from which to launch a new war."

#### Will Respond To Sounds Of Peace

Nevertheless, Dinitz said, "our minds are open for peace, our hands are extended and our ears attuned to every sound from across the border. If it is a sound of peace we will gladly reciprocate but if it is a sound of war we will know how to meet it as well." Dinitz concluded that Israel is proud of "its great partnership with the United States, its government and the majority of its people."

Some observers saw in Sisco's remarks an intent to demonstrate American "even-handedness" in the Middle East and thereby induce the Arabs to move toward some sort of negotiations for a settlement. A high State Department official told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that Sisco wrote the speech himself and that the White House was aware of its content. Prior to the meeting at the Sheraton Park Hotel some 2000 guests attended a reception given by the Israeli Embassy at the nearby Shoreham Hotel.

#### ISRAEL WATCHING LEBANON DEVELOPMENTS

JERUSALEM, May 8 (JTA)--Defense Minister Moshe Dayan briefed the Cabinet on security matters today, but his remarks, which were believed to have included an assessment of the situation in Lebanon, were not disclosed.

Authoritative sources said here tonight that Israel was watching developments in Lebanon and would reassess its position should large forces cross into that country from neighboring states, notably Syria, and particularly if such forces occupied areas adjacent to the Israeli border. The sources said that Israel would not differentiate between Syrian Army regulars and Al Saiqa or other terrorist groups armed and equipped by the Syrians.

The situation in Lebanon worsened today. Lebanese Air Force jets continued to attack Palestinian terrorist positions near Beirut airport after a cease-fire agreed on last night broke down. The Army reported that a terrorist attack on the airport was repulsed. Premier Amin Hafez submitted his resignation today to President Suleiman Franjleh after only ten days in office. Hafez was named Premier on April 25 after Israeli commando raids on terrorist headquarters in Beirut forced the previous government out of power.

West Bank and East Jerusalem Arabs ignored calls from neighboring Arab states for a general strike in the administered territories yesterday to protest Israel's Independence Day military parade. Scores of Arab residents lined the route of march in East Jerusalem and others watched the parade from windows and roof tops. Large numbers of Arabs reportedly watched it on television.

## ACROSS THE U.S. AND CANADA HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF JEWS, NON-JEWS SAY SHALOM TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK, May 8 (JTA)--Americans and Canadians of all faiths honored Israel yesterday and Sunday on a scale unmatched by any tribute they have paid another country. A survey by the American Committee for Israel's 25th Anniversary Celebration which is headed by Jacob Stein showed that more than 300 cities in this country and Canada marked the event by staging mass rallies, organizing Israel Weeks, conducting Salute to Israel parades and holding educational and cultural events.

Stein expressed the view that "underlying the warmth with which Americans in general hailed the young State is their recognition that Israel has made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of the same ideals of freedom, self-reliance and democracy which are at the heart of the American credo."

In Los Angeles an estimated 100,000 people participated in a combined Salute to Israel Parade and street fair sponsored by the Jewish Youth and Young Adults Council. Preceding the celebration there was a 10-minute observance of Yom Hazikaron (Israel's Memorial Day). A siren was then sounded and the day-long festivities began with an address by Yaakov Aviad, the Israeli Consul General in Los Angeles.

In Boston, some 100,000 spectators joined approximately 4000 youthful marchers at the Fourth Annual Salute to Israel Parade. This year's theme highlighted their exhilaration: "Israel - 25 Years: The Promise - The Accomplishment - The Future." Parade participants were from more than 75 schools and Jewish organizations in the Metropolitan Boston area. Senator's Edward Kennedy and Edward Brooke were special guests at a community-wide celebration in Boston's Music Hall.

Detroit built its anniversary celebration around an Israel trade fair and art exhibit week ending May 13. Several morning sessions at the fair include a mini-economic conference to consider Israel's toy, hardware and food products and the country's investment opportunities. Evenings are devoted to films and entertainment by Israeli artists. On Thursday, a number of organizations, including Hadassah, Pioneer Women and ORT, will present programs depicting the work these organizations do in Israel.

In Syracuse, NY, the world premiere performance of a cantata, "Prophecy and Fulfillment," highlighted the community's celebration rally in Temple Adath Yeshurun. The cantata, written by Stuart Raleigh, a Syracuse University School of Music composer, was especially commissioned for this occasion. It is based on the prophetic writings from the Bible, the poetry of David Markish, and excerpts from Israel's Declaration of Independence. The cantata was made possible through the joint sponsorship of the Syracuse Jewish Welfare Federation, the Department of Ethnic Arts of Temple Adath Yeshurun, with the assistance of the New York State Council on the Arts.

### A Replay Of The Exodus Story

In Montreal, more than 5000 people gathered on top of Mt. Royal overlooking the city. The rally climaxed a day-long cluster of events throughout the city that were coordinated by the Canadian Zionist Federation. Celebrations began with a 25-mile marathon run by a group of 200 Jewish athletes. Throughout the day there was dancing in the streets as Israeli music

blared through loudspeakers. Throngs stood silently and attentively listening to Israeli Premier Golda Meir's greeting on loudspeakers that carried her message of solidarity with world Jewry through telephone hookups from Jerusalem.

David Hall, Governor of Oklahoma, issued a proclamation announcing that May 6 would begin Israel's 25th Anniversary Week and bidding "all my fellow citizens (to) join in this historic celebration. Hall will be a guest at the Tulsa Jewish community celebration of Israel's 25th anniversary May 13.

Some 5000 people participated in a Salute to Israel Parade in Philadelphia. The festive mood was evident as the marchers gathered in Independence Square where they applauded Sen. Richard Schweiker when he declared that the emigration of Jews from the Soviet Union "is a modern day replay of the exodus story in the Bible." The Republican lawmaker said that the emigration "underlines why there must be a free Israel today to provide a refuge for these oppressed people." Schweiker, a sponsor of the Jackson Amendment, also reaffirmed his commitment "to halt the inhuman treatment" of Jews in Iraq and Syria.

Close to 5000 people gathered at the Arie Crown Theater at McCormack Place On The Lake in Chicago to listen to a special anniversary address by Gen. Aharon Yariv, advisor to Israeli Premier Golda Meir. The community-wide program which featured Israeli entertainment was coordinated by the Chicago Zionist Federation and the Public Affairs Committee of the Jewish National Fund.

Cleveland marked Israel's 25th anniversary by dedicating the Hebrew Cultural Gardens in the city's main public park. The mayor and other local dignitaries participated in the event which included a reading of Israel's Declaration of Independence. On May 13 some 3000 persons are expected in the Cleveland Music Hall where an original "Israel 25" show written especially for the occasion, along with a musical cantata and Israeli folk dancing, will be presented.

### Deep Kinship With Israel

In New York, a special exhibit of Israeli crafts will be held through June to commemorate and celebrate Israel's silver anniversary. The exhibit, through the courtesy of the Israeli Arts Center of the America-Israel Cultural Foundation, will include batiks by Laetita, tapestries by Kopel Gurwin, lace paintings by Hanna Kralova, ceramics by Rina Peleg, Lydia Zabatsky and Edit Ady, and a selection of jewelry.

Some 1000 delegates attending the 44th annual convention of the National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs in Hollywood, Fla., adopted a resolution expressing "deep kinship with Israel and sending our congratulations and best wishes to the government and the people of Israel as they celebrate the 25th anniversary of its founding." The resolution added: "Being one people, we Jews of the diaspora enjoy and acknowledge a special kinship with the Jews of Israel."

Celebrations across the country also included special television and radio programs devoted to the anniversary. Some 25 large city daily newspapers and several national magazines published special anniversary supplements, editions or features. Most of the English-Jewish newspapers in this country and Canada, and the national Yiddish daily, Forward, also carried features, supplements, essays, editorials and picture pages devoted to Israel's first 25 years and forecasts of Israel's continuing efforts to achieve peace and security in the years ahead.

## U.S. MAY CURTAIL OIL CONSUMPTION IN EVENT OF NEW MIDEAST WAR

WASHINGTON, May 8 (JTA)--A State Department official said yesterday that the U.S. would have to curtail its oil consumption in the event of a new Middle-East war to avoid becoming "politically hostage to those who would turn off the tap." William J. Casey, Undersecretary of State for Economic Affairs, told the annual meeting of the Society of American Business Writers that the U.S. would have to consider either voluntary restraints or rationing petroleum products "to reduce our vulnerability" should new fighting break out in the region.

Casey said that at the same time, emergency efforts would have to be made to build up an oil stockpile, develop additional resources and mount a much stronger conservation program. He disclosed that the Office of Emergency Preparedness has made some studies of how oil rationing would be handled in an emergency.

He revealed that the Office of Economic Cooperation and Development has also developed a tentative rationing plan for all Western nations dependant on Middle East oil. But he did not indicate that a new outbreak of war there was regarded as imminent. Casey agreed, however, that consuming nations should work together to develop alternative sources of energy.

## EMIGRATION MAY BE POSSIBLE TOPIC ON KISSINGER-BREZHNEV AGENDA

NEW YORK, May 8 (JTA)--An official Soviet news blackout shrouds the talks now in progress between Dr. Henry A. Kissinger and Leonid I. Brezhnev in a country retreat outside Moscow. But while there has been no official word regarding the broad range of topics under review by President Nixon's national security advisor and the Soviet Communist Party leader, there are indications that the two diplomats are discussing the effect the USSR's policy on Jewish emigration is having on the East-West Trade Act now pending in Congress.

As the talks went into their third day, Izvestia, the Soviet government's official daily, assailed American circles opposed to expanded trade with the USSR until it eliminates its restrictions on Jewish emigration. While presenting a generally optimistic view about future prospects for U.S.-USSR trade relations, Izvestia denounced the "military-industrial bloc, Zionist elements and the extreme right" for blocking detente.

According to some observers, the attack by the official Soviet government organ was an indication that the Soviet leadership is taking a hard line on the issue of East-West trade and hoping to convince the Nixon Administration to find a way of separating trade talks and the issue of most favored nation status from the issue of emigration.

Before Dr. Kissinger left for Moscow last Thursday, three national Jewish leaders met with him and gave him a list of names of current Jewish prisoners of conscience and documented evidence of harassment, intimidation and ostracism suffered by thousands of Jews seeking exit visas. After the meeting, the Jewish leaders reported that Dr. Kissinger was "sympathetic to our presentation" and were "encouraged by Dr. Kissinger's response and by his assurance that the channel of communication between the White House and the Jewish community on this issue, (Soviet Jewry) will remain open."

The three Jewish leaders also said that Dr. Kissinger told them that the granting of the most favored nation status to the Soviet Union was an essential aspect of the United States policy of increasing trade and detente with the USSR.

## PHOTO EXHIBITION TERMED OFFENSIVE TO EGYPTIAN PEOPLE Envoy Demands Show Be Banned

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 8 (JTA)--Ambassador Hussein Ibrahim Sharif of Egypt, asked the intervention of the Foreign Ministry in Brasília to ban a photo exposition in Porto Alegre, capital of Brazil's southern state, Rio Grande do Sul, because it is "offensive" to the Egyptian people. At the same time, a committee of 23 persons "representing the Arab community of Brazil," requested the Federal Police to remove from the exposition 150 pictures, taken in Israel and Egypt, which allegedly "show" Egyptian military secrets and the negative side of the Arab countries.

The spokesman for the committee, Hamid Iskandar, said that the photos "which show Egyptian women and children begging, and men smoking hashish, is aimed at demoralizing the seven million Arabs and their descendants, living in Brazil, including the Justice Minister Alfredo Buzaid."

Photographer Assis Hoffmann, who is picture editor of "Folha Da Manhã," a mass circulation daily, said that during his recent 10-day visit to Egypt, he was arrested three times, but succeeded in taking pictures of military bases, including MIG warplanes, while flying in an Egyptian commercial liner from Cairo to Aswan and Luxor. The Chief of the Federal Police said that the request is being examined.

## TREPPER GROUP PICKETS POLISH MISSION

NEW YORK, May 8 (JTA)--Some 40 people picketed here today in front of the Polish United Nations Mission building, calling upon the Polish government to release Leopold Trepper, the anti-Nazi, Jewish war hero whose request for an exit visa has been denied six times. Today's rally also commemorated V-E Day--May 8, 1945. The United States Trepper Defense Committee, sponsor of the rally, tried unsuccessfully to deliver a letter addressed to Edward Gierek, the first Secretary of the United Polish Workers Party on behalf of Trepper.

The letter read in part: "In denying six times Trepper's request to emigrate from Poland, your government... is violating every humanitarian principle to which you are signatory or adherent. Trepper's desire to emigrate is his basic human right." During World War II Trepper headed the Red Orchestra, a Soviet, anti-Nazi intelligence network and played an important role in the anti-Nazi resistance movement. Trepper, who is now 69 and reportedly ill, wants to be reunited with his family and live in Israel.

Demonstrators carried placards calling on Egemius Kulaga, Poland's Ambassador to the UN and chairman of the UN Committee for Human Rights, to adhere to the UN's Declaration of Human Rights.

(In London, a demonstration was held today to draw public attention to Trepper's plight. Demonstrators marched from the House of Commons to the Cenotaph in Whitehall where they laid a wreath of red orchids in memory of the members of the Red Orchestra.)