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DAYAN: IF LEBANON'S WAR SPREADS, ISRAEL MAY HAVE TO DEFEND ITS BORDERS

TEL AVIV, May 9 (JTA)--Defense Minister Moshe Dayan said today that if Israel finds Syrian troops stationed on the present Lebanese border or if it seems that the situation in Lebanon endangers Israel's security, Israel would feel free to take action. However, he rejected the idea of Israel's intervention to save the sovereignty of Lebanon.

Speaking to pupils of the Haifa Reali School, Dayan said that as long as the developments in Lebanon do not endanger security "I do not think that there will be any Israeli intervention." However, he added, "if there is a Syrian intervention and Syria stations its troops on our border we will consider ourselves free to take action."

Nevertheless, Dayan expressed doubt that Syria will intervene in Lebanon to any extent. "Syria can send over the terrorist units or the Yarmouk Brigade (the Palestinian military formation stationed in southern Syria near the Jordanian border). But I do not think that Syria would attempt to overrun Lebanon or conquer any part of it," he said.

Asked about the possibility of renewed warfare with Egypt and the danger to the civilian population, Dayan speculated that a new war will more or less be conducted on the same lines as the Six-Day War, namely, it will be limited to the Sinai area. Thus the centers of civilian population will be out of danger, though no assurances can be given, he said.

JEWISH CIRCLES SERIOUSLY CONCERNED OVER NEW SOVIET ANTI-ZIONIST FILM

TEL AVIV, May 9 (JTA)--Jewish circles in the Soviet Union were reported today to be seriously worried over a documentary film titled "Beware! Zionism!" which was screened privately in Moscow recently and is allegedly anti-Jewish in content. According to the reports reaching here, word of the film has spread through artistic circles in the Soviet capital and has aroused indignation even among non-Jews. One was quoted as saying that the film would drive out of Russia those Jews who want to remain.

Jewish circles in Moscow fear that the film, by the well-known director Yuri Karpov, is the beginning of a new anti-Jewish, anti-Zionist propaganda offensive by Soviet authorities. The 90-minute film depicts the Czechoslovakian crisis of 1968 as "Zionist provocation" and describes Alexander Dubcek, who was then the Czech Communist Party leader, as a captive of the Zionists.

The film also recalls an early chapter of Bolshevik history. It notes that the woman who shot and wounded Lenin was Dora Kaplan, a Jew. In the past she had always been referred to simply as a member of the Socialist Revolutionary Party. The film also alleges that Leon Trotsky and Alexander Kerensky, both Jews, were in contact with the Zionists.

HITLER FILM BANNED

LONDON, May 9 (JTA)--Jewish impresario Bernard Delfont has personally banned the new Hitler film starring Alec Guinness from all local ABC-EMI cinemas in Britain. The chain numbers

260 cinemas which Delfont controls.

The film, "Hitler: The Last Ten Days," opened at the London Empire Cinema with a royal charity premiere Monday night, attended by Princess Margaret. On May 20, it was due to go out on a selected local release run at six leading provincial ABC cinemas in Britain's major cities. Later it was scheduled to be generally shown at all of ABC's 260 cinemas throughout the country.

Delfont stated: "I banned the film on a number of grounds. I consider it a poor picture. Nor did I like a hero being made out of Hitler. But my decision was not necessarily prompted by a fear of the film spreading anti-Semitism."

MOSCOW JEWS MARK ISRAEL'S 25TH

LONDON, May 9 (JTA)--Jewish sources in the Soviet Union reported that a group of Moscow Jews, nearly 100, assembled this afternoon in a Moscow park to mark the 25th anniversary of Israel. They were surrounded by a large detachment of the militia but there were no reports of arrests. No further news was available by late afternoon.

FROM ISRAEL, WITH FLOWERS

PARIS, May 9 (JTA)--Parisians were treated today to a free distribution of thousands of Israeli-grown roses as hundreds of members of local Jewish youth organizations handed out the flowers to mark Israel's 25th anniversary.

The Jewish youths walked along the streets handing out the roses to surprised passersby. "This is a different side of Israel you propose to us" said one delighted passerby when presented with one of the flowers along the Champs Elysees. Thousands of Parisians accepted the flowers with thanks, stressing that it was a useful reminder that Israel is not only a country of soldiers.

Tonight, the participants in the distribution were joined by hundreds of other members of the youth organizations to hold a special picnic in the center of Paris' Bohemian area, St. Germain des Pres. Bonfires and Israeli horas brought an Israeli note to what is normally a typical Paris square.

ROGERS URGES HOUSE COMMITTEE TO LET U.S. HANDLE SOVIET EMIGRATION ISSUE THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS

WASHINGTON, May 9 (JTA)--Secretary of State William P. Rogers today asked the House Ways and Means Committee to "permit us to handle" the Soviet emigration issue in "diplomatic channels" on the basis of assurances given President Nixon by the Soviet government. Rogers said he could not make public "the texts of confidential communications on this subject but I believe the assurances are firm."

He told the 25-member committee that Soviet Communist Party General Secretary Leonid I. Brezhnev would be unable to make progress in the field of Soviet-American trade if the Soviet leaders believe the U.S. is discriminating against their country. Rogers made the statements while urging the Committee to approve the Nixon Administration's request to grant most favored nation treatment for the Soviet Union within the

trade reform bill which would give the President unprecedented powers in negotiations on American foreign commerce.

In a prepared statement which he read to the Committee, which is headed by Rep. Wilbur Mills (D.Ark.), Rogers said that he shared "your deep concern" about Soviet emigration practices "both officially and personally, but I believe the best hope for a satisfactory resolution of this issue will come not from the confrontation formal legislation would now bring about but from a steady improvement in our overall relations with the Soviet Union."

"As these relations have improved in recent years," he added, "we have witnessed a significant and favorable evolution in Soviet emigration policy. An unprecedented sixty thousand Soviet Jews have been able to emigrate. For over a year the average monthly level has exceeded 1500. I know some of you are genuinely apprehensive over the firmness of present emigration policy, particularly in regard to the decision to waive totally collection of the education tax."

Nixon Received Assurances

Continuing, Rogers said: "However, as you already know, the President has been assured by the Soviet government that the policy on total waivers is to be continued indefinitely. He has also been assured that present Soviet emigration policy which has permitted the current level of emigration, will also be continued indefinitely."

Rogers warned that "failure to grant MFN status would seriously jeopardize our relations with the Soviet Union. It would impede the gradual evolution of the Soviet Union into a more open member of the world community, an evolution which is the best long-term hope for all of us, including those Soviet Jews who wish to emigrate."

Five Democratic and three Republican members of the House, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was informed, will testify on May 29 when a second stage in the hearings begins. They are expected to testify in favor of insisting on changes in Soviet emigration policy. Four members of the National Interreligious Task Force on Soviet Jewry are to appear May 15 and representatives of the National Council of Jewish Women on May 17. Various Jewish organizations, JTA was told, are submitting statements but will not have personal witnesses testify.

ISRAELI POPULATION AT 3.23 MILLION

JERUSALEM, May 9 (JTA)--On the eve of Independence Day, Israel's population stood at 3.23 million, the Central Bureau of Statistics announced this week. The Jewish population reached 2.75 million. Twenty five years ago, when the State was established, there were 650,000 Jews.

The non-Jewish population, including 80,000 Arabs in East Jerusalem, has increased by 250,000 since 1948 to its current figure of 480,000. The figures do not include the one million Arabs that live in the administered territories. Since the State was established, 1.48 million immigrants have settled in Israel. Half of these immigrants came from Asia and Africa, the other half from Europe and America, the Bureau announced.

JEWISH EDUCATION ONLY ANTIDOTE TO CHRISTIAN MISSIONARIES

HOLLYWOOD, Fla., May 9 (JTA)--Jews have nothing to fear from Christian conversion movements such as Key 73 and Jews for Jesus groups if the Jewish community "makes Jewish know-

ledge a basic rather than a peripheral interest of the Jewish community," according to Rabbi Irwin Groner, of Congregation Shaarey Zedek, Detroit, Mich. Speaking tonight at the banquet at which one of his congregants, I. Murray Jacobs, was installed as the new president of the National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, Rabbi Groner condemned Jews who allow their children to terminate their religious training at the age of 13 following Bar or Bat Mitzvah.

Many Jewish youngsters, including those converted to Christianity annually, "hunger for a spiritual experience but have seldom encountered authentic Judaism," Rabbi Groner told the 1000 delegates attending the 44th annual convention. "With their religion terminated at the age of thirteen, they are without guidance and counsel in their quest for a personal meaning to life."

Speaking at the same session, Jacobs pledged that a "travelling leadership academy" will visit Jewish communities across the country. He said he felt that "lack of real leadership, knowledge and techniques is one of the greatest handicaps the leaderships of local Jewish community groups have." The 60-year-old president said the leadership academy would serve to provide the expertise and know-how now missing on local levels. "Leadership training should not be limited only to young people. Our adults need it also, perhaps more so," he observed.

A convention highlight was the presentation of the 1973 citation and award for distinguished service to American Jewry to Elie Wiesel. Morton Tabas of Philadelphia, chairman of the awards committee who presented Wiesel with the citation, referred to the author as "one of the living legends of our time."

REMEMBRANCE DAY WIDELY OBSERVED

JOHANNESBURG, May 9 (JTA)--Remembrance Day for the six million Jews killed by the Nazis was widely observed throughout South Africa last week. Commemoration meetings were conducted in all the main cities and special services took place in synagogues even in small towns.

Three thousand people gathered for the special commemoration at the Monument to the Martyrs in the Jewish cemetery here. D.K. Manx, chairman of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies, presided. Addresses were delivered by N. Philips, Q.C., a vice-president of the Board, and I. Neter, chairman of the local Sheerit Hapleitah (survivors of the Nazi Holocaust). Children of the concentration camp survivors lit the memorial lamps.

There were large gatherings at similar memorial meetings in Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, Durban and many other towns. The South African Yad Vashem opened an exhibition on the Holocaust in Johannesburg. It will be shown later in other cities.

LINDSAY TELLS MOSCOW JEWS THERE IS A 'GLIMMER OF HOPE' FOR EXIT VISAS

NEW YORK, May 9 (JTA)--Mayor John V. Lindsay told a group of Jewish scientists and intellectuals in Moscow last night that there was "a glimmer of hope" that they might get the exit visas so far denied them by Soviet authorities. Lindsay spoke for 2 1/2 hours with seven Moscow Jews who, through an interpreter, told him of their struggle to emigrate and the humiliation and harassment they have suffered as a result.

According to reports from the Soviet capital today, Lindsay met with the Jewish activists at a suite in Moscow's posh Sovietskaya Hotel where visiting dignitaries stay. Earlier in the day he

met with Premier Alexei Kosygin and Deputy Interior Minister Boris T. Shumilin with whom he reportedly brought up the problem of Jewish emigration.

Lindsay told his Jewish visitors that he could not reveal the nature of his conversation with the Soviet leaders because ground rules made them private. "I will say that there is a glimmer of hope," he said. He pledged that he would continue to do whatever he could for the 223 Jewish families, mostly professionals, who are making a public fight for visas.

Promyslov Suggested Hotel Meeting

His visitors included Dr. Benjamin Levich, 56, a world-famed theoretical physicist who was fired from Moscow University after applying for a visa in March, 1972 and now faces expulsion from the Soviet Academy of Science where he was demoted from a department head to the status of technical worker.

Others who met with Lindsay included Vladimir Slepak, 45, a physicist who was dropped from his post as a laboratory chief in the TV Research Institute and now works as an 80-ruble-a-month bottle washer. Levich's son, Evgeny, 25, also attended the meeting.

Lindsay had reportedly intended to meet with the Jewish activists at one of their homes. But his host, Mayor Vladimir F. Promyslov, reportedly said it would be more proper for the Jews to visit him at the hotel. Lindsay is in Moscow to return Promyslov's visit to New York last Feb. He arrived in Moscow last Thursday.

Meanwhile, Dr. Henry Kissinger, President Nixon's national security advisor, left Moscow today after a five-day visit. He described his talks with Soviet leaders as "very cordial." During his visit he reportedly discussed trade and arms control with Soviet leaders and arrangements for Communist Party General Secretary Leonid I. Brezhnev's visit to the U.S. this summer. Dr. Kissinger said there would have to be "more exchanges" before the Brezhnev visit is formally announced. He gave no indication whether he had raised the problem of Soviet Jews with his hosts.

STATE DEPARTMENT, ISRAEL EMBASSY STAND PAT ON MIDEAST POSITIONS

WASHINGTON, May 9 (JTA)--The State Department and the Israeli Embassy each stood by its position yesterday on Middle East developments. Israeli Ambassador Simcha Dinitz insisted that his country has never missed an opportunity for peace, contrary to the assertion by Assistant Secretary of State Joseph J. Sisco at an Israeli Independence Day celebration Monday night that both sides had missed opportunities.

Sisco's top aide, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Alfred Atherton, said he would concur with Sisco's speech in terms of the developments during the past year. Dinitz spoke at a luncheon session of the 14th annual policy conference of the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) attended by 300 delegates and 180 Congressmen. Atherton addressed the delegates at a State Department briefing.

Atherton indicated that the State Department is not moving from the position stated by Sisco. But he did not mention missed opportunities or the events leading up to the 1967 Six-Day War over which Sisco and Dinitz differed sharply. Atherton said the U.S. was trying to get the parties to the Middle East conflict into some kind of negotiations. He mentioned in that connection President Nixon's recent White House meetings

with King Hussein, Premier Golda Meir, and Hafez Ismail, a personal emissary of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat.

Diplomatic Options Still Open

Atherton maintained that diplomatic options were still open despite Sadat's bellicose May Day speech. He noted that while Sadat threatened war he also said that Egypt continues to pursue a diplomatic solution on the basis of the Security Council's Resolution 242.

The State Department official said that among the negative developments in the Mideast were the increasingly rigid negotiating positions adopted by both sides, the recent strengthening of extremist forces and the increased terrorism and radicalization of some elements. He noted that the absence of negotiations tended to put pressure on the moderates of both camps but he did not identify the moderates.

Dinitz who Monday night replied sharply though not directly to Sisco, said yesterday, "If there were any missed opportunities for peace they were not missed by us." He added that whenever any new opportunities for a partial or overall settlement opened up, Israel would be prepared to participate.

CONGRESSMEN ASSERT ISRAEL IS ASSURED OF CONTINUED AID FROM ADMINISTRATION

WASHINGTON, May 9 (JTA)--Leaders of both parties in the House have assured the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) of support for the defense of Israel and its efforts to resettle Soviet Jewish refugees. Majority Leader Thomas P. O'Neill (D. Mass.) told the approximately 300 delegates to AIPAC's annual policy conference that U.S. military assistance to Israel "represents a mandate from the American people to insure the existence of Israel in a hostile environment."

Minority Leader Gerald R. Ford (R. Mich.) said that the Nixon Administration "is selling Israel four squadrons of combat jets and is helping the Israelis set up production of an advanced jet fighter of their own design." These additional American warplanes, he continued, "will keep pace with shipments of Soviet aircraft to Syria and Egypt and of French aircraft to Libya. By the end of this year, Israel is due to have about 120 F-4's and by the middle of next year about 200 A-4's."

Ford said U.S. "backing for Israel should continue at the levels of recent years through military credits, supporting assistance, and grants to resettle immigrants." He added that "we reject any diplomatic concept that would call upon our friends, the Israelis, to negotiate with the United States rather than Egypt on the territorial question."

Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban arrived in Washington today for a busy round of engagements beginning with a dinner tonight at the home of Israeli Ambassador and Mrs. Simcha Dinitz. Tomorrow Eban will meet behind closed doors with members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. Later he will confer with Secretary of State William P. Rogers at the State Department. Between these meetings he will address an Israel Bond Organization rally at the Madison Hotel. Guests at tonight's dinner will include top Administration officials, Senators, national Jewish leaders, newspaper columnist Joseph Alsop and Mrs. Katherine Graham, publisher of the Washington Post.

SOME 2000 HONOR ISRAELI AT FESTIVE SHALOM CELEBRATION IN THE UN

UNITED NATIONS, May 9 (JTA)--By all standards, it was a diplomatic triumph for Israel last night as close to 2000 people jammed the delegates' dining room here to participate in celebrating Israel's 25th anniversary.

During the early hours of the evening more than 700 diplomats and delegates from North, Central and South America, Western Europe and a number of African and Asian countries along with journalists from all parts of the world expressed their best wishes to the hosts of the festive and gala event, Israeli Ambassador Yosef Tekoah, his wife, Mrs. Yosef Tekoah, Consul-General of Israel in New York David Rivlin, and his wife, Mrs. David Rivlin. Among the dignitaries present were the Rumanian ambassador and the undersecretary of the Soviet delegation to the UN.

One diplomat noted that even delegates who routinely vote against Israel during the working sessions hoisted a few whiskey sours and bloody Marys to wash down the cocktail frankfurters and meatballs in abundance throughout the dining room. Only the Arab and "Third World" delegates were conspicuous by their absence.

Later at night more than 700 Jewish community leaders and dignitaries arrived to toast Shalom to Israel and to extend their best wishes to the Israeli diplomats, to Israel's government and to the people of Israel.

United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim, who was in Copenhagen, cabled Tekoah a message which stated: "On the occasion of Independence Day I wish to offer to you and through you to the government and people of Israel my greetings and sincere good wishes and highest consideration."

NEW TRADE GROUP TO PROMOTE COMMERCE BETWEEN N. ENGLAND-ISRAEL

BOSTON, May 9 (JTA)--The New England-Israel Chamber of Commerce, Inc., a new trade organization to promote and facilitate commerce between the businessmen of New England and those of Israel, has just been established, it was announced by its co-founder and first president Saul D. Slater. The Chamber will function as a clearing house for economic information as well as establish contacts with enterprises and government agencies for interested businessmen in both Israel and the United States. Among other associations it will be affiliated with the American-Israel Chamber of Commerce in New York.

Slater said the Chamber will also receive, sort and disseminate pertinent information about economic trends that are developing in Israel, and will consult and advise about economic investment opportunities as well as export and import possibilities that serve best the economic needs of the U.S. and Israel. He also indicated that the establishment of an Israeli Mutual Fund investing in high quality stocks and bonds is being considered.

Regarding the formation of the C of C, Israeli Consul General Shimson Inbal said, "The Chamber will provide the capability of interfacing the technology and skills of New England industry with Israeli industry and can conceivably be an important boost to both economies."

BRITISH JEWISH SCHOLAR HONORED

MILWAUKEE, Wis., May 9 (JTA)--Three

awards of \$500 each for teaching excellence have been won by University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee faculty members. One was Alan Corre, professor of Hebrew Studies. A native of London, England, Corre received the First Class Honors B.A. in ancient and medieval Hebrew and Aramaic from Jews' College, University of London, in 1951; his M.A. in Semitic languages from the University of Manchester in 1953, and his Ph.D. in linguistics from the University of Pennsylvania in 1962. In 1966 Corre won first prize for research in the Humanities from the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters. Corre, 42, joined UWM in 1963.

JEWISH WELFARE FUNDS URGED TO SET UP VOUCHER SYSTEM TO HELP SUPPORT SYNAGOGUE-SPONSORED SCHOOLS

GROSSINGER, N.Y., May 9 (JTA)--Rabbi Judah Nadich, president of the Rabbinical Assembly of America, proposed today that Jewish welfare funds contribute to the support of synagogue-sponsored schools through a voucher system. Rabbi Nadich, who is the spiritual leader of the Park Avenue Synagogue in Manhattan, N.Y., addressed 500 delegates attending the Rabbinical Assembly's convention which opened here last night.

He said that members of congregations were being taxed doubly when they contributed to welfare funds and at the same time have to pay for the programs of their congregations. He recommended a system whereby a child or adult would receive a voucher from the local community fund to pay for tuition, in an educational program of his choice.

Rabbi Nadich also referred in his speech to Israel's 25th anniversary. He praised Israel's achievements and the American Jewish community's support of Israel through its local federations and welfare funds. "Israel and the American Jewish community both are an integral part of the Jewish people, perhaps the strongest part," he said.

NEWS BRIEFS

Jewish sources in the Soviet Union reported today that Jewish activists lit 30 candles in the Moscow synagogue to mark the 30th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising.

Jewish Defense League head Rabbi Meir Kahane said in Jerusalem today that he would continue sending letters to local Arabs urging them to leave the country, regardless of the legal steps the State is taking against him. Kahane's trial for incitement, arising out of these letters, is due to begin tomorrow, but his lawyer has asked for a postponement. Kahane said the JDL had sent out some 5000 letters to date and had received around 300 positive responses from Arab families, most of them within the Green Line.

The Mexico City Jewish community observed the 30th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising and the murder of six million Jews during the Nazi holocaust at a mass meeting at Kehilla Nidche Israel and Sports Center here this week. Several commemorations were also organized by Jewish school organizations and the Bund, with ex-partisans and Nazi victims participating. The Central Jewish Committee published a statement in the Mexican press underlining the significance of the uprising and the Holocaust.

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