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SOVIET JEWISH ACTIVISTS HOPEFUL THAT KISSINGER-BREZHNEV MEETING WILL EASE FLIGHT OF RUSSIAN JEWS

TEL AVIV, May 14 (JTA)--Jewish activists in Moscow, contacted by telephone today, place high hopes in the meetings held last week between President Nixon's national security advisor, Dr. Henry Kissinger, and Soviet leaders. They indicated confidence that Dr. Kissinger relayed to the Soviet leadership American concern over the treatment accorded to Russian Jews seeking exit visas and expressed hope that his representations would lead to the release of Jewish political prisoners, the issuance of visas to activists who until now have been denied them and the suspension of arrests and other means of harassment of Jews.

The activists said they hope to see some signs of change in Soviet repressive policies toward Jews before Communist Party Secretary Leonid Brezhnev's departure for Washington next month. But as of now, they reported the mistreatment and harassment of Jewish prisoners and others continues.

The activists, contacted by the newspaper, Maariv, reported that Jacob Khandtzi who was sentenced last year to two years' imprisonment has been transferred to a mental ward although a medical examination disclosed no signs of mental illness. Khandtzi suffers partial paralysis of both legs. Another prisoner, Valery Kukui, sentenced to three years' imprisonment in 1971, has been denied the privilege accorded other prisoners of receiving letters from relatives and friends.

The activists also reported that Jewish officers and soldiers in reserve units are subjected to repeated interrogation and frequent searches of their homes.

\$180,000 PAID TO FAMILIES OF VICTIMS OF LIBYAN AIRLINER DISASTER

JERUSALEM, May 14 (JTA)--Israel has paid \$180,000 in compensation so far to the families of victims of the Feb. 21 Libyan airliner disaster. States Attorney Meir Shamgar disclosed here last night. Shamgar refused to reveal the names or nationalities of the recipients for their own protection but said that they include Arabs living in Arab countries. He added that claims submitted by ten other families are being processed.

The Libyan airliner was shot down by Israeli fighter planes with a loss of 108 lives after straying into Israeli air space over Sinai. The Cabinet immediately offered ex-gratia (free will) payments of \$30,000 to the families of the dead, and payments of \$10-\$30,000 to the injured passengers and crew members who survived.

The offer was rejected by Egyptian and Libyan authorities but Israeli authorities, nevertheless, made contact with the bereaved families through the International Red Cross and other channels. Shamgar did not say how the payments were affected.

DISCLOSE KASHKOSH FAMILY SLAIN IN REVENGE FOR DEATH OF THREE TERRORISTS BY ISRAELI COMMANDOS

JERUSALEM, May 14 (JTA)--The five members of the Kashkosh family were brutally gunned down by Iraqi security forces in revenge for the

death of three terrorist leaders killed during the Israeli commando raid on Beirut April 10, it was disclosed here today. The shooting occurred April 12 during a mourning procession in Baghdad for the three terrorists. The security forces burst into the Kashkosh home and opened fire with automatic weapons killing Reuven Kashkosh, his sons, Fuad and Samir, and his daughter Joyce, and mortally wounding his wife, Clementine.

The disclosures were made by a tourist who recently visited Iraq. He told ITIM, the Israeli news agency, that the tragedy occurred as the Kashkosh family was packing its bags to leave Iraq. Mrs. Kashkosh managed to crawl out of her home and told the story before she died. Another Kashkosh daughter, Dori, was saved because she was attending classes at the university at the time. She is currently reported to be living with a Jewish family in Baghdad.

The tourist said that Iraqi Jews believe that all the Jews who have disappeared in Baghdad since last Sept. have been killed because the authorities have confiscated their property.

SIX MEMBERS OF FAMILY KILLED IN ONE OF ISRAEL'S WORST ROAD ACCIDENTS

TEL AVIV, May 14 (JTA)--Six members of a family were killed and four survived in one of Israel's worst road accidents yesterday. The victims were Shimon Angel, 51; his 80-year-old mother, Hanem; and his four children--Abraham, 8, Esther, 6, Naomi, 4 and Chaim four months.

The accident occurred on the Lod-Tel Aviv highway when Angel's pick-up truck skidded into the opposite lane, overturned and was hit successively by several cars coming from the opposite direction. His wife, Alegra, 48, and three other children, Meir, 11; Hanna, 10, and Varda, 3, were seriously injured but are expected to recover. All have been hospitalized. The Angel family lived in Holon and was travelling from Lod to Tel Aviv.

Police are trying to determine why their vehicle went out of control and skidded. There was no rain and no obstacles on the road. Police said the pick-up carrying three adults and seven children may have been overloaded.

SENATE STRIPS PARLIAMENTARY IMMUNITY FROM TWO OF ITS NEO-FASCIST MEMBERS

ROME, May 14 (JTA)--The Italian Senate has stripped the parliamentary immunity from two of its neo-fascist members, making them liable to action in criminal courts. Parliamentary sources said yesterday that Friday's Senate action probably will be repeated in the Chamber of Deputies within the next few days, where action is pending against several members of the neo-fascist Italian Social Movement (MSI), including the Party's leader, Giorgio Almirante.

The Party has 26 members in the Senate and 56 in the Chamber of Deputies. It gained 2.8 million votes in the May 1972 national elections, making it the country's fourth-largest political force. The judiciary has sent parliament about 60 requests to start court action against MSI Senators and Deputies, either for alleged common crimes or under a law which bans the re-

surgence of fascism under any shape or name.

One of those who lost their immunity in the Senate was Francesco (Ciccio) Franco, the burly and balding leader of the 1971 revolt against the central government in the southern city of Reggio Calabria. The revolt started when the government made another city, Catanzaro, the capital of the new Calabria regional administration. Franco was to have been the principal speaker at a neo-fascist rally in Milan last month which, banned by police, turned into a full-scale riot. A policeman was killed by a hand-grenade during the riot.

Magistrates still are studying action against Franco and other neo-fascist leaders for their alleged part in inciting the riot. Franco, who was elected with some 49,000 votes and the financial backing of wealthy southern shipowners and landlords, now faces charges connected with the Reggio Calabria uprising and attempts to bomb trains carrying left-wing workers to a rally in that city last Oct.

The other Senator who lost his parliamentary immunity was Giorgio Pisano, who is accused of writing defaming articles against other Senators in a radical right-wing magazine, "Candido." During a rowdy parliamentary debate on neo-fascism last Thursday, Premier Giulio Andreotti said his government was willing to take action if necessary but declared that at this stage the task of preventing a resurgence of fascism should more properly be left to the courts.

NIXON NOMINATES KEATING AS NEXT AMBASSADOR TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, May 14 (JTA)--Kenneth Keating, a former Republican Senator from New York and former Ambassador to India, was nominated today by President Nixon to be the next U.S. Ambassador to Israel. His nomination is expected to be confirmed by the Senate. Keating, 73, served as Ambassador to India from May 1, 1969-Aug. 18, 1972. Previously he had served 15 years in the U.S. Congress--as a Representative in 1946-53 and 1956-57 and as a Senator from 1958-65. He is a partner in the New York City law firm of Royall, Koegl and Wells.

During his years as a member of New York State's Congressional delegation, Keating was popular with Jewish voters and frequently espoused the cause of Israel and other issues of Jewish concern. As Ambassador to Israel he will succeed Walworth Barbour, a career diplomat who served as U.S. Ambassador to Israel from 1961-73.

POMPIDOU, FAISAL, DISCUSS MIDEAST SITUATION, OIL SUPPLY

PARIS, May 14 (JTA)--The Middle East situation and oil supplies to France and other Western European countries were discussed this afternoon by President Georges Pompidou and King Faisal of Saudi Arabia, official circles disclosed here. The Arabian monarch arrived at Orly Airport early this afternoon aboard his personal plane and was greeted by the French President. He paid tribute to Pompidou and the "French nation for their attitude toward their Arab friends and their help in ridding the Arabs of oppression."

Pompidou, who later greeted the King at the Elysee Palace, praised "the dignity and moderation he exercised in his quest for a solution of the Middle East problem." Informed sources said the two leaders would discuss the sale by France of Mirage jets, helicopters and anti-aircraft missiles to the oil-rich Arab kingdom.

The sources said France hopes to sell 20-30 Mirage fighters to Saudi Arabia and an undisclosed number of helicopters and ground-to-air missiles.

Saudi Arabia is beefing up its armed forces as a result of tension with Iran. It has recently purchased 50 American Northrop F-5E fighter bombers, 48 British Lightnings and an undisclosed number of Strikemasters. France and Britain are currently competing for additional arms contracts from Saudi Arabia.

In honor of the King's visit, Paris' main boulevards were bedecked with the green flags of Saudi Arabia on which are emblazoned a white sword and verses from the Koran. Faisal will be the guest of honor tonight at a State banquet to be given at the Trianon Palace in Versailles, France's prestigious residence for visiting chiefs of State. Faisal will inspect a Franco-British Concorde supersonic passenger plane on Thursday and will watch a display of French weapons.

SHRIVER SAYS CHRISTIANS BECOMING MORE CONCERNED ABOUT SOVIET JEWS

WASHINGTON, May 14 (JTA)--The National Interreligious Task Force on Soviet Jewry, opening its two-day executive session today, heard R. Sargent Shriver say that Christians are now increasingly concerned with the problems of Soviet Jewry. About fifty religious leaders from across the country, virtually all Christian, attended the opening session at the New York Ave. Presbyterian Church.

Shriver, who was the Democratic Party's Vice Presidential candidate last year, said that the Soviet government's treatment of its Jewish population is one of the serious violations of human rights in modern times. The group is opposed to granting most favored nation status to the Soviet Union until present restrictions on emigration are ended.

The Task Force, founded in Chicago in March 1972, will conduct an interfaith service tonight at the Luther Place Memorial Church. The Rev. Robert F. Drinan, a Jesuit priest, will lead a candlelight procession of "prayer and witness" from the church past the Soviet Embassy.

NEW MUSIC PROJECT TO OPEN IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, May 14 (JTA)--Isaac Stern, the world famous violinist, today announced a new music project in Israel. He said a music and art center would open in Jerusalem this summer for the purpose of establishing a framework where music students and their teachers can meet with internationally known performers to play and discuss music, improve their training and further their art.

Stern, who will be the director of the project, made the announcement at a press conference held by the American-Israel Cultural Foundation. He said the project was privately funded by a source which asks to remain anonymous. He announced that the opening of the center will be the occasion for a regathering of many of the artists who participated in the first Israel Festival 13 years ago.

These include Pablo Casals who will arrive in Israel Aug. 6 and has agreed to spend 3-4 weeks there; Alexander Schneider, Leonard Rose and Eugene Istomin. Stern said he would be in Israel beginning Aug. 9. An orchestra of professionals and young players that will rehearse 3-4 times a week with Casals and the others. Stern said that the center is now under construction in the Mishkenot Shaananim section of Jerusalem.

QADDAFI HIT FOR 'BIG LIE' THAT U.S. WAS INVOLVED IN ISRAEL'S COMMANDO RAID ON BEIRUT

WASHINGTON, May 14 (JTA)--The State Department denounced today Libya's Prime Minister Col. Muammar el-Qaddafi, for "propagating" the "big lie" that "the United States was somehow involved" in Israel's April 10 commando raid on terrorist headquarters in Beirut. Department spokesman Paul Hare made his remarks in response to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency which asked him to comment on Qaddafi's charge at a press conference in Tripoli yesterday that it was the U.S., not Israel, which sent agents into Beirut three weeks ago to assassinate three terrorist leaders.

Hare said that Qaddafi "is, of course, completely aware of our categorical denials of any allegations of U.S. complicity in the raid and we find incomprehensible his lending credence to what is no more than an embellishment of the previous canard." Hare suggested that if Qaddafi "has any facts whatsoever to back up this latest baseless falsehood, he should make them public as soon as possible."

The State Department offered no comment on another charge by Qaddafi that the Oasis Oil Co., which is partly American-owned, had on its staff in Libya, Israeli agents who carried forged passports, and false certificates issued by Israeli authorities and was spying on Libya.

Reaffirms Support For Black September

Qaddafi cited no evidence to back up his charges against either the U.S. or Oasis. During his press conference which lasted 5 1/2 hours, he reaffirmed his support for the Black September terrorists and refused to confirm or deny that Libyan Mirage jets purchased from France were transferred to Egypt. Qaddafi hinted that Libya might utilize its newly found oil wealth as a political weapon.

The Libyan leader predicted that the time would come when oil would be used as a "weapon of Arab self-defense" and asserted the "sacred right of a nation to nationalize the resources in its soil."

Qaddafi said that Libya's union with Egypt would be proclaimed Sept. 1 as planned and that Egyptian President Anwar Sadat would become the president of the united countries. But he indicated by his replies to questions that the proclamation would be a declaration of intent rather than an implementation, and that matters such as a single currency, joint development budget and adherence to prior treaties, such as the Soviet-Egyptian friendship treaty, would be left to future discussions.

\$2 M WORLD-WIDE FUND TO MEMORIALIZE PROJECTS COMMEMORATING HOLOCAUST

NEW YORK, May 14 (JTA)--Announcement of a \$2 million fund for the promotion of a comprehensive program of Holocaust memorial projects throughout the world was made last night at a dinner of the World Federation of the Bergen Belsen Survivors. The money will be given by interested contributors and not through an organized fund-raising campaign.

Four hundred men and women, who still carry bitter memories of the Nazi death camps attended the dinner which marked the liberation of those death camps 28 years ago by the Allied Forces, and also observed the 30th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising and the 25th anniversary of Israel.

The principal speaker at the dinner was Dr.

Gerson D. Cohen, Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, who said that "while thousands upon thousands went to their death in the Holocaust, those who survived and the Jewish people as a whole, both through Israel and the diaspora, are graphic expressions of the eternity of the people and the values they represented."

Joseph Rosensaft, president of the World Federation, said that "tragically the world has learned so little from those pathetic days when so many of our people perished at the hands of the Nazis. Today we face the tragedy of the Soviet Jews, the acts of terrorism that are committed throughout the world against Jews. We witness with pride and great concern Israel's struggle for security against the hostile Arab world and their numerous supporters."

The occasion was highlighted by the presentation of two \$2500 Remembrance Awards for excellence and distinction in the literature of the Holocaust, to Daniel Stern, author of the novel, "Who Shall Live, Who Shall Die," and to S.L. Shneiderman, author in Yiddish of the book, "When the Vistula Spoke Yiddish." The awards were presented by Elie Wiesel, noted author and chairman of the Literary Jury of the Remembrance Award.

Sam E. Bloch, secretary general of the Bergen Belsen Federation announced that awards totaling \$35,000 will be presented during the course of this year to 10 other writers in the U.S., Israel and Europe. The recipients include: Uri Tzvi Greenberg, Abraham Sutzkever, Mordecai Tzanin, Leib Rochman and Yitshak Mer of Israel; Mandel Mann, Leon Leneman, and Nichal Botwicz of France; Dr. Leo Eitinger of Oslo, and Dr. Jacob Robinson of New York.

\$36.5 M EARMARKED FOR RESETTLEMENT OF SOVIET IMMIGRANTS IN ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, May 14 (JTA)--The Senate Foreign Relations Committee, by a 10-4 vote, adopted an amendment today to the State Department's authorization bill introduced by Sen. Edmund S. Muskie (D-Maine) calling for an additional \$36.5 million to be earmarked for the resettlement of Soviet Jewish immigrants in Israel during the 1974 fiscal year beginning July 1.

An identical provision, submitted in the House by Rep. Jonathan Bingham (D-NY) is expected to be voted on by the end of this week by the House Foreign Affairs Committee. The Muskie-Bingham measures bring up the authorization for expenditures on Soviet Jews in Israel by the State Department to \$85 million.

The funds, both last year and in the current session, stemmed from Congressional impetus. The Nixon Administration did not request the funding in either session but it complied with the Congressional action.

MRS. TINA BLOCH DEAD AT 80

LONDON, May 14 (JTA)--Mrs. Tina Bloch, a founding member of the Federation of Women Zionists of Great Britain and of WIZO, died here at the age of 80. Mrs. Bloch served as chairman of the Federation between 1947-58 and was its honorary president at the time of her death.

Eighty-five French intellectuals, including philosopher Jean-Paul Sartre, published a quarter-page advertisement in Le Monde yesterday calling for the return of Palestinian refugees "to their homeland from which they were chased." The signatories included writer Jean Genet and a number of actors and professors.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION RULES THREE JEWISH EMPLOYEES OF NAVY SUPPLY OFFICE WERE BIAS VICTIMS Orders Immediate Promotion

PHILADELPHIA, May 14 (JTA)--The Jewish Community Relations Council described as of "great significance" a decision by the Board of Appeals and Review of the U.S. Civil Service Commission that three Jewish employees of the Navy Aviation Supply Office here were victims of bias in promotion practices. The case was initiated by the JCRC.

The Civil Service Commission overturned a ruling by John Chafee, Secretary of the Navy, and ordered immediate promotions for the Jewish employees at the Navy office. The case was filed as a class action for all Jews in naval buying branches but it involved three employees who claimed they had been denied promotions because they were Jewish.

Benjamin S. Loewenstein, JCRC president, said the ruling "holds great significance for future cases because it validates JCRC's contention that statistics themselves, without evidence of overt or expressed discrimination, can prove a pattern of discrimination." He said Nathan Agran, JCRC associate director and attorney for the complainants, was told of the decision after the Board's ruling in Washington. Agran said that in previous cases alleging bias in hiring or promotion, evidence had to be shown of written or stated discriminatory practices.

In the Navy supply office case, the JCRC contended that statistics themselves proved a case of discrimination against Jews when they showed a failure to promote Jewish employees beyond a certain level. The JCRC contended in its brief that "willful or malicious intent should not be considered an essential element of an unlawful discriminatory practice."

The Board said in its ruling that "the evidence of record shows that there were 65 promotions to GS-11 and GS-13 positions in the Buying Branches of the Purchase Division between 1965 and the date of the investigation of this complaint, and that, although 22 percent of the employees of these branches are Jewish, none of the employees promoted by these actions is Jewish."

No Basis For Discrimination

The Board also declared it had noted that "neither the naming of an individual or individuals responsible for the discrimination, nor evidence of overt prejudice or discrimination on the part of any official, is essential in a case in which a finding of discrimination is made. The complainants rank as high or higher than those selected for promotion. Also, there is no disparity between the ages of the selectees and those of the complainants which would indicate that age was a factor in these selections."

The employees are Mrs. Jeanna Ellman of Philadelphia, a procurement agent and an employee since 1948; Milton M. Mellman of Cherry Hill, N.J., a contract negotiator and employee since 1941; and Louis Shapiro of Philadelphia, a contract negotiator and employee since 1948. The three have received Superior Achievement Awards and other citations for outstanding work.

The Civil Service Appeals Board ordered the Nov. 9, 1972 Navy Department decision reversed, adding that "no corrective action is recommended for Mrs. Ellman because the record shows she

had been promoted since the time the complaint was filed. However, the Board recommends that Mr. Mellman and Mr. Shapiro be promoted to the next GS-13 vacancies for which they qualify."

Agran said the legal action was aimed at only the buying branches of the purchase division of the Navy Aviation Supply Office and not "the entire compound." He added that "this is a major case because the Civil Service Commission's hearing examiner found last year that a pattern of religious discrimination exists in the branches' promotion practices. But his recommendation that three Jewish employees be promoted to the next available vacancies was reversed by the Secretary of the Navy. That was why we filed our appeal in Washington."

The JCRC maintained there had not been a single promotion of a Jewish employee beyond GS-9 grade since 1965 although more than 50 such promotions had been made in that time and several Jewish employees has been in contention. In addition to the complainants, other employees in the Buying Branches testified that as Jews, they felt that they did not have an equal opportunity to be promoted because of the clear pattern of failure to promote qualified Jewish personnel, the JCRC said.

CORRECTION

In Monday's Daily Bulletin dealing with the United Jewish Appeal and Keren-Hayesod exchange program Shai Kreutner was inadvertently identified as director general of the Jewish Agency. He is the director general of the Jerusalem based Keren-Hayesod.

SHOPPING BAG, ANYONE?

TEL AVIV, May 14 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir's black handbag which she carried on her meeting with President Nixon at the White House last March 1, will be auctioned by radio tonight for the benefit of the Israel Cancer Society. The handbag is known to Israelis as "Golda's Shopping Bag," a humorous reference to the fact that when she meets world statesmen she rarely returns empty-handed. The bag is expected to net at least IL 20,000 (\$5000) for the Cancer Society. Other items in the auction include sewing machines, stereo units and tv sets.

Reliable sources in Jerusalem say the Russians warned the Syrians that Israel might react to any direct or indirect Syrian activity in the Lebanese crisis. The USSR tried to convince the Syrians to restrain themselves and to refrain from interference in the battle between the Lebanese Army and the terrorist organizations, the sources said.

Police dispersed about 30 people trying to demonstrate tonight against the murder of Iraqi Jews outside the Iraqi Embassy in Paris. Several of the demonstrators were detained but released shortly afterwards. Police said the demonstration was illegal. The groups, mostly Jewish youths, had planned to recite the "Yizkor" (prayer for the dead) for Jews reported murdered in Baghdad. They subsequently recited the prayer at a nearby synagogue.

Leaders of the New South Wales Labor Party of Australia dissociated themselves from anti-Israel resolutions adopted at a conference of the Young Labor Association which supports Palestinian terrorists.