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REPORT DORI KASHKOSH IN STATE OF SHOCK FOLLOWING PARENTS' DEATH

TEL AVIV, May 20 (JTA)--A tourist who claimed he saw Dori Kashkosh in Baghdad said she has made several suicide attempts and is still in a state of shock following the slaying of her parents, two brothers and sister by Iraqi police April 12. The tourist, who arrived from Baghdad over the weekend, said the girl is living with an elderly Jewish woman and no longer attends classes at the university where she was the morning her family was murdered. He said Iraqi authorities have confiscated her passport. According to the tourist, the girl's life is in danger. He suggested that student organizations all over the world be alerted to her situation.

WZO EXECUTIVE DISCUSSES PLIGHT OF JEWS IN ARAB LANDS, PROBLEMS OF ASSIMILATION AMONG FRENCH JEWS

JERUSALEM, May 20 (JTA)--The Executive of the World Zionist Organization met here today to hear reports from Chairman Louis Pincus about the situation of Syrian and Iraqi Jewry and to discuss problems of assimilation in France. The full Executive, including its overseas members, are in Jerusalem for meetings which will continue for several days, to be followed by a meeting of Jewish Agency's Board of Governors.

Pincus said that after a period of comparative quiet, reports were coming through again of Iraqi persecution of the remaining 400 Jews there, some of whom had disappeared and are feared murdered. The situation in Syria has also deteriorated, he said, with 4000 Jews remaining there forced to live in a ghetto, in conditions akin to the Nazi period. Their freedom of movement is curtailed and their doors are painted with red marks to signify Jewish occupants. Lately some Syrian Jews have disappeared and are believed dead.

The Executive discussed various efforts being made on behalf of oppressed Jews in Arab countries, but details were not disclosed. It was announced that the Executive decided to hold a Zionist General Council session in June 1974.

Members of the Executive voiced concern over assimilation among French Jews and among the North African Jews who live in France. The Executive resolved to strengthen the new French Zionist Federation. The Zionist Federation will be instructed to encourage French Jewish parents to demand that their children in high school be taught Hebrew. Under French law such a request from parents must be granted.

SWASTIKAS, ANTI-SEMITIC SLOGANS, PAINTED ON ATHENS SYNAGOGUE

ATHENS, May 20 (JTA)--Swastikas and anti-Semitic slogans saying "Jewish Pigs Out of Greece" were painted on the Athens Synagogue Friday night for the second time in six weeks. Although the Central Council for Jewish Communities has lodged numerous protests, police have not issued an official statement. The security police, however, said they are investigating the incident.

ZAYYAT: NEGOTIATIONS WITH ISRAEL ONLY AFTER TOTAL WITHDRAWAL

BONN, May 20 (JTA)--Egyptian Foreign Minister Mohammad Hassan el Zayyat said today on a West

German-television interview that Egypt would not negotiate with Israel until it has withdrawn from all the occupied territories. Asked whether there would be war, now that political and diplomatic possibilities were exhausted, Zayyat said: "We are in a state of war. We fight every day. We pay daily for armaments. We shall not sit with the Israelis. They will not dictate conditions to us." Zayyat did not reply when asked what the UN could do. But he insisted that Cairo could not leave the coming generation with what he termed an occupied Egypt.

DENY REPORTS THAT SADAT HAS AGREED TO PROXIMITY TALKS WITH ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, May 20 (JTA)--A Foreign Ministry spokesman said today that there was absolutely no foundation to press reports that President Anwar Sadat of Egypt has agreed to proximity talks with Israel on reopening the Suez Canal without prior conditions.

The spokesman pointed out that Sadat has stated repeatedly in his recent speeches that Egypt is not prepared to enter talks unless Israel commits itself in advance to withdraw its forces from Sinai. He noted that Israel announced on Feb. 2, 1972, that it was ready to enter proximity talks with Egypt without conditions. That position still stands, the spokesman said.

DINITZ SAYS ISRAEL WELCOMES NIXON-BREZHNEV SUMMIT TALKS

NEW YORK, May 20 (JTA)--Simcha Dinitz, Israel's Ambassador to the United States, said here today that his country welcomed the forthcoming summit meeting in Washington between President Nixon and Soviet Communist Party Secretary Leonid I. Brezhnev. Addressing the closing luncheon of the 67th annual meeting of the American Jewish Committee, Dinitz observed that Israel never benefited from cold wars but suffered as a result of them. Any move toward peace will benefit Israel, the Israeli envoy said.

Responding to a question about Jewish immigrants from the Soviet Union who want to return here after living in Israel, Dinitz said they represented an "insignificant" number of the immigrants from Russia and that some of them may have been "planted" for the purpose of finding fault with Israel. He said the American press was paying more attention to that aspect of Soviet Jewish emigration than it warranted.

Dinitz said that if he had any message to deliver on the 25th anniversary of Israel's independence it was a plea for closer partnership between Israel and Jews all over the world. "Let us accept the fact that partners sometimes disagree," he said, "but when we disagree let us disagree on the same side of the fence, not across the fence or sitting on the fence."

Dinitz expressed confidence that the U.S. would never succumb to oil blackmail by the Arabs. He denied that any Arab country has ever offered to sit down and negotiate with Israel or that Israel has rejected such an offer. Asked which Arab country he thought would be the first to make peace with Israel, Dinitz replied that Egypt, as the strongest Arab country, must be the first to make peace.

There will be no Bulletin on Monday, May 28.

FORD SAYS U.S. MUST REDUCE DEPENDENCY ON ARAB OIL OR RISK POSSIBLE 'BLACKMAIL'

BOSTON, May 20 (JTA)--House Minority Leader Gerald R. Ford warned tonight that the United States must reduce its dependency on the Arab states for oil or risk the possibility of Arab economic "blackmail" attempts against American foreign policy in the Middle East.

In an address to a Zionist Organization of America dinner at the Statler Hilton here, Ford said "there have been threats from various Arab sources that we must abandon Israel if the oil is to flow." It is my conviction that we must not permit any regime in the Middle East to have Uncle Sam over a barrel of oil. We cannot afford to pay the first installment of such blackmail. If we open ourselves to blackmail, we will never know the timing or extent of future extortions."

The 12-term Michigan Congressman spoke at a dinner of the ZOA New England Region at which Mr. and Mrs. Milton C. Borenstein of Boston were presented the organization's Louis D. Brandeis Award for their "lifelong service to the Jewish community and the State of Israel." Massachusetts Governor Francis W. Sargent was also cited as the ZOA Region's "Man of the Year."

Alternatives To Oil Vital

In declaring that the United States "must be no more dependent than absolutely necessary on foreign energy sources," Ford called for the accelerated development of American "oil and natural gas potentialities, along with nuclear, solar and non-fossil fuels." These, he said, are "vital to U.S. national security."

Ford was the second leading House Republican this month to cite the possible danger to American foreign policy that is inherent in the United States' reliance on the Arab world for much of its oil. Rep. John B. Anderson of Illinois, chairman of the House Republican Conference, told a ZOA dinner in Miami Beach on May 2 that "the potential for political blackmail" by the Arabs "is obvious," and that "it is not hard to imagine the implications and pressures that will hamper strong diplomacy in behalf of Israel."

In his speech, Ford urged President Nixon to discuss the sale of Soviet arms to Syria and the Soviets' "widespread harassment" of Jews seeking to emigrate to Israel during his scheduled meeting in June with Soviet Communist Party Secretary Leonid I. Brezhnev. In addition, Ford said that the USSR's temporary suspension of the "education tax" on Jews who wish to leave the USSR "does not by itself resolve this compelling human problem." He said he would like Nixon "to obtain from Mr. Brezhnev a response that will amount to deeds rather than words."

Ford also said that President Nixon should bring up "the recent transfer of French military jet aircraft to Egypt from Libya" in his scheduled May 31-June 1 meeting in Iceland with French President Georges Pompidou. "I feel that this misuse of French arms violates the spirit of our historic cooperation with France," he said.

CABINET REJECTS PROPOSAL TO GIVE YORDIM INCENTIVES TO RETURN HOME

JERUSALEM, May 20 (JTA)--The Cabinet today overwhelmingly rejected a proposal to offer special incentives for yordim—Israelis living permanently abroad—to return home during Israel's 25th anniversary year. The incentives, proposed by Minister of Tourism Moshe Kol, were

supported by only three other members. Kol suggested the formation of a committee to consider, among other things, the suspension of certain taxes and duties for returning yordim similar to the privileges accorded new immigrants.

Opponents of the idea noted that there were some 200,000 yordim but that no more than 7000 took advantage of the incentives instituted after the Six-Day War and which were in effect until 1970. The incentives were abolished after that because of public objections. In 1971 only 349 yordim families applied for repatriation. Of that number only 139 actually returned to Israel.

HUNDREDS ATTEND FUNERAL OF ABRAHAM DAVID SHLONSKY

TEL AVIV, May 20 (JTA)--Abraham David Shlonsky, Israel's leading poet and translator of many of the world's classics was buried today in the writers section of the Kiryat Shaul cemetery here. His funeral was attended by President Zalman Shazar, Cabinet ministers, Knesset members and several hundred writers, poets, teachers and students. Earlier his coffin was placed in the front hall of the Tel Aviv municipality where hundreds of people filed past in a final tribute.

Mr. Shlonsky, who died at his Tel Aviv home Friday at the age of 73, was eulogized by Deputy Premier Yigal Allon as "the godfather of modern Israeli literature." Born in Kariukov, Russia, the scion of a famous Hasidic dynasty, he retained both the learning and lore of his ancestors throughout his life. His secular education began in Russia and continued in France and Palestine. Mr. Shlonsky arrived in Palestine after the Russian Revolution and worked as a manual laborer like other olim of his generation. But he continued to write and eventually settled down as a full-time poet and man of letters.

Mr. Shlonsky became the leading Hebrew poet of the post-Bialik generation and contributed to the development of the modern Hebrew language. He translated the works of Shakespeare, Moliere, Gogol, Pushkin, Tolstoy and Brecht into Hebrew and wrote Hebrew poetry that on occasion spoke for all Israelis on matters of conscience. His lament for the martyrs of the Holocaust is carved on the walls of the Yad Vashem in Jerusalem.

For many years he was a member of Mapam and involved in its Kibbutz Artzi movement. He was also close to Hashomer Hatzair and contributed to its publications. Mr. Shlonsky was a member of the Hebrew Academy and headed the Israel Writers Association. Among his most famous poems are "Deval" (Pain), "Avneh Bohu" (Bleak Rocks), "Shirei Haprodor Haaroch" (Songs of the Long Passage), and numerous children's poems which are considered fables for adults.

COMMITTEE TO HELP SUPPORT JEWISH NEWSPAPERS IN DIASPORA COMMUNITIES

TEL AVIV, May 20 (JTA)--Three Cabinet ministers have agreed to head a public committee established here to support the continued publication of Jewish newspapers—mainly the Yiddish press—in diaspora communities. The committee, organized at the initiative of the World Federation of Jewish Journalists, will be headed by Finance Minister. Pihbas Sapir, Labor Minister Yosef Almogi and Interior Minister Yosef Burg.

Members include Louis Pincus, chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, Léon Dultzin, Agency treasurer, Yitzhak Ben Aharon, Histadrut Secretary General, Meyer Weisgal of the Weizmann Institute of Science, and members of the Knesset, Histadrut

and the Jewish Agency Executives.

Sapir observed that the Jewish press throughout the world is struggling for existence despite the essential role it plays in Jewish life. He promised to do his utmost to persuade Israeli and Jewish institutions to support Jewish newspapers through advertising and other means.

STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL IMPRESSED BY ABSORPTION PROGRESS

JERUSALEM, May 20 (JTA)--Frank L. Kellogg, special assistant to the U.S. Secretary of State on Refugee and Migration Affairs, said he was impressed by Israel's absorption of Soviet Jewish immigrants. "The Jewish Agency and the Israel Government are doing what I consider a remarkable job," Kellogg told newsmen here today.

The American official flew in last week from Vienna with a plane-load of Soviet Jewish immigrants. He is inspecting arrival and absorption procedures, absorption and ulpan centers, immigrant hostels, and meeting with top government and Jewish Agency officials, to determine how U.S. allocations for refugee absorption can best be applied. Kellogg said he fully appreciated that the Jewish Agency works closely with Israel Government ministries in providing housing, health, education, and employment for the Russian arrivals -- and this was perfectly acceptable to the U.S.

Kellogg termed the absorption of Soviet Jewish immigrants "efficient, effective, economic and, most important of all, compassionate." He said he was especially moved by the obviously enthusiastic welcome accorded Soviet arrivals at Lod Airport. Kellogg would not give an estimate of this year's Soviet emigration figures but noted that there had been no indication of a slackening of the exit flow.

ISRAEL'S ECONOMIC GROWTH SINCE 1948 REPORTED AS HIGHEST IN THE WORLD

TEL AVIV, May 20 (JTA)--Israel's economic growth over the past quarter-century has been the highest in the world, David Horowitz, former governor of the Bank of Israel, reported here. In an address to the Zionist Organization of America's Institute of Israel Studies, a series of symposia for English-speaking immigrants conducted at the ZOA House here, Horowitz said that Israel has averaged a 9 percent annual increase in its gross national product since it achieved statehood in 1948.

The impressive rise in Israel's GNP reflects real value rather than inflated currency terms, is coupled with the largest proportional balance-of-payments deficit in the world, and represents a dynamic multi-faceted economy in which public, private and labor sectors compete, and in which there is vast development in both agriculture and industry, Horowitz said.

In addition, he cited the following indicators of a thriving economy: a rise in Israel's export-import ratio from 1-to-7 in 1948 to 2-to-3 in 1973; a jump in Israel's industrial labor force from 80,000 in 1950 to more than 250,000 in 1973; an increase in agricultural productivity, whereby Israeli farmers are providing 85 percent of the food requirements for a population of three million today -- plus exports of \$160 million in food products -- compared to their providing only enough food to meet the low-level consumption needs of one million persons in 1948.

Horowitz said that this outstanding economic growth has been aided by the influx of \$12 billion in foreign funds over the past 25 years and by the immigration of large numbers of highly-skilled

professionals trained abroad.

The cost of this development has been high, he noted. Israel currently owes \$4 billion in foreign debts, and its balance-of-trade deficit -- currently more than \$1 billion, proportionately the world's largest -- grows in absolute terms each year.

Horowitz also conceded that Israel is still faced with a disturbing poverty problem, with about 20 percent of the population at or below the poverty line. However, he did not believe that the social gap between sectors of the population is growing. The key to reducing this gap is the elimination of poverty, he said; and this will require considerable restraint on the prosperity of all segments of the population.

NEWS BRIEFS

As Soviet Communist Party Secretary Leonid I. Brezhnev arrived in Bonn Friday for talks with Chancellor Willy Brandt the Jewish community in Munich issued a statement reminding the public of the continuing adverse situation of Jews in the Soviet Union. The statement said that although the Soviet Union subscribes to the United Nations Charter on human rights, the Jews in the USSR are still being denied elementary human rights, including the right to emigrate.

The Central Jewish Community of Mexico has sent a telegram to Foreign Minister Emilio Rabasa informing him of the tragic situation of Iraqi Jewry and asking that the Mexican government intervene to save the remnant of Iraq's Jewish community. The committee also published a statement in all Mexican newspapers protesting against the massacre of the Kashkosh family and urging public moral support. The local Arab-Jewish communities organized mourning meetings and religious services at temples here for Jews murdered in Iraq.

Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir is expected to recommend that the Israel government participate in the establishment of a \$100 million foundation to create jobs for new immigrants. The foundation will be concerned particularly with jobs for immigrants who hold university degrees in social studies and the humanities. Finance Ministry sources said the foundation would be set up to assist Israeli firms that employ new immigrants. About \$50 million are expected to be raised by selling shares in the United States. Another \$25 million would be allocated by the government and \$25 million is expected from the Jewish Agency.

Pioneer Women in New York reported the establishment of a new Arab Women's club in the village of Ein Rafah, near Jerusalem. This new group represents the first organized cultural and training activity undertaken for women of that village and has already attracted a large membership to its thrice-weekly program of handicrafts and vocational training. The club is headed by a trained group worker from East Jerusalem, who is herself an Arab woman. It represents the 33rd such group sponsored by Pioneer Women, through its Israel affiliate organization, Moetzet Hapoalot, and their Arab Women's department.

Ten persons detained following the explosion Friday of a small bomb at a soldiers' bus stop in Tel Aviv were released yesterday and today when it was determined they were not involved.

AJ COMMITTEE URGED TO SERVE AS CATALYST TO INSURE EQUALITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE FOR ALL CITIZENS

NEW YORK, May 20 (JTA)--Elmer L. Winter of Milwaukee, the newly elected president of the American Jewish Committee, called today for a "new charter for America, a charter that will insure decency, fair play, equality of opportunity and social justice to all our citizens," and urged the AJ Committee to serve as a catalyst in establishing such a charter.

In his acceptance speech, Winter, who is also the president of Manpower, Inc., predicted an increasingly important role for voluntary agencies and private initiative as a result of the fiscal and operating policies of the Nixon Administration. He asserted that voluntary action must "fill the voids created by cutbacks and terminations of government programs affecting disadvantaged groups." While Washington refers to this year as the "year of Europe," Winter noted, "I believe the priorities of the moment call for the establishment of programs that will make this the 'year of America.'"

The AJ Committee leader pledged that the human relations organization would continue to widen its commitment to assist the development of Israel, work closely with other organizations to ensure free emigration of Jews from the Soviet Union and greatly expand its involvement in solving the problems of this nation's cities.

Winter, the first mid-westerner elected president of the AJ Committee, is a lawyer by training, author of nine books and a prize-winning painter and sculptor. He has served as a delegate to the White House Conference on Youth and to the White House Conference on the Industrial World Ahead. He has also been chairman of the Metropolitan Milwaukee Division of the National Alliance of Businessmen to which he was appointed by President Johnson and reappointed by President Nixon. Jews Committed To A Humane Society

At an earlier session, Philip E. Hoffman, outgoing president of the AJ Committee, who was elected the organization's honorary president, responded to a tribute at the end of his four years in office by urging the establishment of an integrated society free of all discrimination based on race, religion, sex or national origin.

"I deeply believe that there is but one dependable course for this country and for this American Jewish Committee," Hoffmann said, "and that is the course to a fully integrated society." This is the only course, he said, "that will produce the kind of humane society to which we are committed by virtue of our American heritage and our Jewish faith."

At another session, Yehuda Rosenman, director of the AJ Committee's Jewish Communal Affairs Department, noted that there is a "growing polarization within the Jewish community." There is both, he said, "an acceleration of apathy, indifference and assimilation" and "new Jewish commitment, learning and energies." Most American Jews, Rosenman said, "are slowly but surely losing Jewish consciousness. Inter-marriage has become almost a norm within the Jewish community, with a growing acceptance of such marriages as a fact of life."

Divorce rates among Jews are growing alarmingly, Rosenman said, and the birth rate of Jewish women is the lowest among all religious and ethnic groups: "The danger to Judaic values and to Jewish group continuity is indeed real." Despite

this, Rosenman said, American Jews have sufficient vitality to make possible the survival of their religion. He urged "renewed spirit and innovative thinking among Jewish educators and laymen alike."

Continue Supporting Jackson, Mills-Vanik Measures

At the closing session today, the AJ Committee resolved to continue supporting the Jackson Amendment and the Mills-Vanik Bill "until and unless there is overwhelming evidence that the rights of Jews in the Soviet Union to emigrate have been made genuinely secure and there are realistic assurances that these rights will continue to be honored." The resolution adopted by the AJ Committee's National Executive Council also commended the efforts of President Nixon "and his pledge to continue his personal representations on every possible level to secure liberalization of Soviet policy."

The resolution also commended "members of the U.S. Congress for their dedication to the cause of Soviet Jewry through their overwhelming support of the Jackson Amendment and the Mills-Vanik Bill which played such a major role in persuading the Soviet Government to suspend the education tax."

In a resolution on Jews in Iraq and Syria, the AJ Committee called "on our government to redouble its efforts both directly and through all possible diplomatic channels to alleviate the plight of these helpless victims of oppression." In a resolution on Israel's 25th anniversary, the AJ Committee pledged to increase its efforts in the U.S. and through its offices in Israel, Europe and Latin America "to reinforce the bonds of mutual understanding and cooperation between Israelis and diaspora Jewry to help resolve the serious problems still facing Israeli society and to strengthen the quality of Jewish life throughout the world."

MRS. TANYA LEVICH, EUGENY'S MOTHER, APPEALS TO NIXON TO HELP HER SON

NEW YORK, May 21 (JTA)--Mrs. Tanya Levich, the mother of Evgeny Levich who was abducted on a Moscow street last Wednesday and sent to a Siberian military camp, has appealed to President Nixon to intervene with Soviet authorities on behalf of her son, the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry reported today.

Mrs. Levich's letter to Nixon said that her son was drafted into military service as a private without any proper medical examination.

"Meanwhile," her letter stated in part, "his diseases are such that fully exclude him from being legally drafted into the army. It is sufficient to point out that he was undergoing medical examination by the Moscow Cancer Dispensary and was receiving x-ray treatment for a tumor. It is obvious that being drafted under such circumstances could turn out to be menacing for Evgeny's health -- and perhaps for his life.

Mr. President! I am appealing to you since I'm sure as the President of the United States of America you are deeply concerned with problems of justice and humanism. I am appealing to you -- be concerned with the fate of those seeking to emigrate to Israel. I am appealing to you also because I am sure that it is within your powers to save my son and thus our whole family."

The Israeli Cabinet announced today that the government would cooperate with the Weizmann Foundation and the Jewish Agency to organize a program of events to mark the centenary of the birth of Israel's first President, the late Dr. Chaim Weizmann, in 1974.