ISRAEL SEEKING CLARIFICATION OF U.S. ARMS DEAL WITH SAUDI ARABIA, KUWAIT

Emphatically that Israel had missed any opportunities for peace negotiations since the 1967 War. He said the contacts with Arab nations were not fruitful was not the fault of Israel.

Eban reported that Israel's direct contacts with African leaders in recent months have had some success in countering the efforts of Arab "money diplomacy" in Africa. While he would not detail Israel's efforts, he said that the summit meeting of the Organization for African Unity (OAU) now going on in Addis Ababa has witnessed the rejection by several African leaders of Libyan-led attempts to interfere in the affairs of African states.

Eban noted Israel's new diplomatic ties with South Vietnam and said he hoped for ties one day with Hanoi. He said he also hoped for a more realistic policy toward Israel by the Peopled Republic of China which presently supports the most radical of the Arab terrorist groups.

SECURITY MEASURES HIRED FOR SIX-DAY-WAR ANNIVERSARY

TEL AVIV, May 28 (JTA) -- Israeli security authorities and services in Israel and abroad are stepping up precautionary measures in preparation for the eve of the Sixth anniversary of the Six-Day War, June 5. Similar measures were also taken on the eve of Independence Day and on other dates when Arab terrorists might demonstrate. These include Nov. 2, the anniversary of the signing of the Balfour Declaration, and Oct. 29, the day the United Nations established the Jewish State.

It is believed here that Arab terrorists may use June 5 as a day to try and prove that the recent developments in Lebanon have not undermined their ability to carry out actions against Israel. It was pointed out that because of measures taken in the past by Israelis several acts of sabotage were forestalled.

LATIN AMERICAN SYMPOSIUM CONDEMONS SITUATION OF JEWS IN SYRIA, IRAQ

CARACAS, May 28 (JTA) -- Strongly worded resolutions calling on Syria and Iraq to end what was termed the "anguished, emergency situation" of Jews remaining in those countries were unanimously passed here yesterday by the first Latin American Symposium for the Human Rights of Jews in Arab Lands now ending its second day of deliberations.

The delegates representing Argentina, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, the Dominican Republic, Uruguay and Venezuela also urged the governments of Latin America to take measures "to facilitate the immigration of Jews from Arab lands to this part of the world. Among its other recommendations the parley approved the formation of permanent committees in each Latin American country with a secretariat in Caracas to keep abreast of the situation of Jews in the Arab countries and to coordinate campaigns on their behalf.

BUILDERS TO BE AIDED IN SPEEDING UP HOUSING CONSTRUCTION

JERUSALEM, May 28 (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency Board of Governors which ended its meeting here this weekend heard a report from New York building
leader Jack Weiler on a recent tour by Israeli builders of construction sites and factories in the U.S. and Britain. The tour was organized by the joint Jewish Agency-Ministry of Housing "Technical Assistance Committee on Housing," chaired by Weiler.

The 19 Israeli builders in the group represented some 70 percent of the local industry and they returned with a list of 20 specific recommendations which, if implemented in Israel, would greatly accelerate the pace of building. They spent three weeks in America and one week in Britain and met with top construction men in both countries, Weiler reported.

One of their main recommendations is to adopt the American system of subcontractors for the various professional aspects of building. Thus, an Israeli contractor would no longer have to maintain his own crews of plumbers, electricians, and other workers. But would commission other subcontractors. Time and money would, therefore, be saved, the contractors believe. They also recommended more standardization of building materials—especially metal and wood—and the adoption of the dry wall system as used in the U.S.

Weiler told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency later that he was confident that his committee—now two years old—was beginning to show desired effect on Israeli building. Top officials, including Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir and Housing Minister Zeev Sharef, had long been convinced of the value of the committee. "They don't think any longer that we're out to make them look silly—they know we want to help," said Weiler.

During the Board of Governors meeting Jewish Agency Chairman Louis Pincus reported that 100,000 Soviet Jews had applied to leave for Israel. The fund-raising committee under Michael Sacher of Britain, he reported, that prospects of this year's drive attaining last year's record figures were good. However, because of the world money markets situation, a gap was developing between pledges and actual cash grants. The committee resolved to make major efforts to collect cash donations.

TEL AVIV NEW CHIEF RABBIS ELECTED

TEL AVIV, May 28 (JTA)—Rabbi Itzhak Yedidya Fraenkel, for more than 30 years the spiritual leader and rabbi of the Southern Tel Aviv suburbs was elected yesterday as the Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv. There were no other candidates and he received 84 votes out of the 95 members of the electoral body that took part in the election.

The electoral body consists of 32 members of the Municipal Council, 32 members of the Religious Council and 32 representatives of the larger synagogues in the city. One of the electors did not take part because of ill health.

Rabbi Chaim David Halevi was elected as the Sephardic Chief Rabbi, he received 74 votes while the other contender, Rabbi David Chelouche, received only 19. Both rabbis had their first meeting yesterday and assured everyone that they will work in mutual cooperation and respect so that the Torah will be honored.

Rabbis Fraenkel and Halevi replace Rabbis Shlomo Goren and Rabbi Yosef Ovadia who were elected to posts of Chief Rabbis for Israel.

Diplomatic will try three Arab terrorists captured last month after they crossed the Lebanese border and were on their way to Safad to attack civilan targets. The three will be charged with attempted murder.

A Safad magistrate issued a six-month, 15-day detention order for them yesterday. Under interrogation the terrorists admitted that they planned to attack the Safad bus terminal, a nearby restaurant and a gasoline station. They also admitted that they crossed the Lebanese border with the knowledge and good wishes of Lebanese soldiers. They said their mission was intended as a reprisal for Israeli aircraft's shooting down of a Libyan airliner over Sinai last Feb. 21.

Two of the prisoners are from Kalkiya and Tubas in the administered territories. The third, who acted as their guide, is an Israeli Arab from Dier el Haama, a village in Galilee.

ANDRE BLUMEL, FRENCH ZIONIST LEADER, DIES AT AGE 80

PARIS, May 28 (JTA)—Andre Blumel, a former president of the French Zionist Federation who later became a Paris municipal councillor on the Communist ticket, died here at the age of 80. He had been president of the France-USSR Friendship League. Blumel's family announced that he died early Saturday, morning from a heart attack and that his body will be given to Paris University for medical research in accordance with his wishes.

Mr. Blumel, a lifelong Socialist, became Leon Blum's chief of staff in 1936 and played an active role in laying down France's social legislation and the 40-hour week for which the "Popular Front" government is remembered.

A member of the French underground resistance during the German occupation of France he was arrested by the Gestapo in 1942 but managed to survive. After the war he became a senior official in the French Ministry of Interior at the time of the "Exodus" affair. He exerted all available pressure to influence the French government to withstand British pressure and prevent the Royal Navy from forcibly disembarking the passengers in France.

Elected president of the French Zionist Federation he resigned in 1960, reportedly in disagreement with the policy of the Israeli government. In 1965 he became a member of the Paris Municipal Council representing the Communist Party and president of the France-USSR Friendship League. During his numerous trips to the Soviet Union he interceded on behalf of Russia's Jews. He tried to attend the Leningrad trials as a legal observer.

50 COUNTRIES BUYING ISRAELI MILITARY INDUSTRY PRODUCTS

TEL AVIV, May 28 (JTA)—Israel's military industry exports last year reached $108 million—$36 million more than the previous year. This was reported yesterday by military industry chiefs who said that 50 countries purchase the products of the Israeli military industry.

The details were given at a preview of the military industry pavilion at Israel's economic and industrial exhibition opening tonight. Israel's industrial development progress through the 25 years of statehood will be exhibited at the pavilion. Israel's "Gabriel" missile is on public display for the first time at the stand of the Israeli aircraft industry side-by-side with the civilian and military versions of the Arava planes and the Commodore jet executive plane. Marlin radar and airfield radar installations are also displayed.

A spokesman for the Israeli aircraft industry has denied French allegations that Israel is producing jet engines for the Mirage interceptors.
Ford Sees Increasing Ties With Israel

Henry Ford II, the Detroit automobile magnate and son of the founder of the Ford Motor Co., was the focus of greatest interest when he arrived here. Ford, the guest of the Israel Manufacturers Association, which is marking its 50th anniversary, will address the economic conference. He was greeted at the airport by Max Fisher of Detroit, chairman of the Board of Governors of the Jewish Agency.

Ford said at a press conference at Lod Airport that "surveys have indicated that Israel was a good place for investments and the Ford Co. is considering increasing its ties with Israel." He noted that Ford has no direct connections with the Ford assembly plant in Nazareth which assembles Ford trucks and cars from imported components. He said, however, that Ford was now considering buying spare parts from Israeli manufacturers for its plants in Europe. "We are also thinking of contracting out some research work which some of your institutions could do for us and I believe we are already doing something with the Technion," Ford said.

The auto manufacturer noted that Ford products have been banned from Arab states since 1966 by the Arab boycott. "Just the same," he said, "we have managed to sell some truck engines to Jordan. I do not think the Arab boycott and I would like to see it lifted," he said. Ford's arrival was marred by the theft of his private car which was brought here from abroad. The vehicle, which reportedly contained valuable documents, was stolen near the Tel Aviv Hilton hotel.

Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir said in an interview prior to the conference's opening that he hoped the gathering would bring about new contacts and new initiatives. He said that Israel is presently represented on the international trade map by some $6.5 billion. He said he hoped this would increase to $10 billion in the next five years. Sapir noted that 45 of the 50 largest American corporations are now involved in one way or another in Israel's industry.

JEW NAMED ARGENTINA'S FINANCE MINISTER

BUENOS AIRES, May 28 (JTA)--Jose Bar Gelbard, a Polish-born Jew, has been appointed Finance Minister in Argentina's new government. The appointment was announced Friday at the inauguration of President Hector J. Campora. Gelbard, 56, who came to this country with his parents as a child, is also acting Minister of Commerce and Agriculture until permanent appointments are made. It is believed that his first step will be to tighten currency controls as a step in combating the skyrocketing inflation.

Israel's Health Minister Victor Shemtov represented the Israeli government at Friday's inaugural ceremonies. The Mexican finance minister met with Jewish journalists earlier in the day and discussed Israel's hospital system, sanitation developments and health care, especially of Israel's 300,000 persons who are 65 years and older.

Press reports that Egypt is moving troops into the Suez Canal zone were dismissed today by political circles in Jerusalem as nothing more than an attempt by Cairo to create an atmosphere of tension on the eve of the Security Council's Middle East debate and Soviet Communist Party chief Leonid I. Brezhnev's visit to Washington. The circles insisted that the resumption of hostilities between Egypt and Israel was "unlikely" at this time. But the view in these circles is that any Egyptian troop movements could alter the military status quo along the canal.
DINITZ SAYS ISRAEL DOES NOT WANT ANOTHER MILITARY VICTORY
Talk, Not War, Is Israel's Aim

LOS ANGELES, May 28 (JTA)--Israel "has never lost a war, never will lose another war, but does not want another victory," Simcha Dinitz, Israeli Ambassador to the United States, declared here in his first West Coast appearance since his recent appointment to the post.

He told guests at a United Jewish Welfare Dinner, "We don't want another victory because wars leave orphans and broken homes. We don't need to adorn our army with another victory."

Dinitz explained that during Israel's 25 years of existence as an independent nation it has fought four wars with its Arab neighbors and won every one of them without achieving peace. He said, however, that the wars have accomplished a foundation in Arab minds of Israel's indestructibility. Such an Arab conviction could lead to a change in Arab mentality in respect to negotiating peace, he suggested.

"If you negotiate with a country you can destroy," he said, "Israel must be so strong that no Arab leaders will launch further aggression. A strong Israel is the best guarantee for peace."

Dinitz added that the only problem is getting the Arabs to talk to peace. "The Koreans are talking, the Chinese are talking, the Russians are talking, even the Europeans are talking. The only place where there is no talking is the Middle East," he said. "Israel would welcome talks and remain flexible, he stated, adding that "the solution lies not on the Volga or Potomac Rivers but along the Suez Canal. We and they must learn to live as neighbors."

LINDSAY ORDERS PROBE OF RAID ON JDL
AJ Congress Raps Police Action Against JDL
As Violation Of Constitutional Rights

NEW YORK, May 28 (JTA)--Mayor John V. Lindsay has asked Police Commissioner Donald F. Cawley to undertake a full investigation of last Wednesday's raid on Jewish Defense League headquarters here by combined forces of FBI, NYC Police and U.S. Treasury agents, a spokesman for the Mayor's office said.

The American Jewish Congress urged Lindsay last Friday to order an investigation of the raid because of conflicting reports over how it was conducted.

Theodore J. Kolish, chairman of the AJCongress' NY Metropolitan Council, stated in a letter to Lindsay that "despite our rejection of much of the philosophy and many of the tactics of the Jewish League, we oppose any police action that violates constitutional guarantees directed against any group."

Kolish noted that "the initial reports suggested the possibility that under the pretense of investigating the presence of explosives in the JDL office, the raiding forces destroyed property and seized files and other documents, including membership lists, to which the FBI, the Treasury and police were not entitled."

The letter also said the raid was instigated by JDL spokesmen. "At the same time, the officials are responsible for the raid and denied any improper conduct, insisting that no files were taken and that the only damage done resulted from the need to obtain access to the office and search for explosives," Kolish wrote the Mayor.

Urge Postponing Trial Against JDL'ers

The three-hour raid was conducted under a Federal warrant issued after a telephone warning to the FBI that explosives would be planted at the Soviet or Iraqi UN missions. No explosives were found at the JDL office, JDL spokesmen charged that the raid was intended to harass and intimidate the JDL from conducting demonstrations during the visit of Soviet Communist Party Secretary Leonid I. Brezhnev next month. "If there has been misconduct by police officials or if false charges have been made against them, appropriate action should be taken," the AJ Congress letter said.

It appeared, meanwhile, that the raid might lead to a postponement of the trial of two JDL members accused of fire-bombing the offices of impressario Sol Hurok in Jan. 1972 in which one person was killed. Bertram Zweibon, JDL attorney, filed several motions last Thursday with U.S. District Court Judge Arnold Bauman requesting a postponement on grounds that the raid might have prejudiced prospective jurors with regard to the JDL.

The trial of Sheldon Davis and Stewart Cohen is scheduled to begin tomorrow. Two other JDL members are implicated in the Hurok bombing. One of them, Sheldon Segal, has been severed from the trial and is expected to become a government witness. The other, Jerome Zeller, is in custody in Israel awaiting the outcome of extradition proceedings against him.

MOSEHE FLEIMAN, HAIFA MAYOR, DEAD AT 68

TEL AVIV, May 28 (JTA)--Haifa Mayor Moshe Fleiman died Friday at the age of 68. He was operated on for lung cancer in 1972 and since then had been frequently in and out of hospitals. Last week he was taken to the Rothschild Hospital where he died. Born in Stanislavitchki, Ukraine, he joined the Zionist youth movement at the age of 13 and later became an active member of the then illegal hechelalot movement in the Soviet Union. Mr. Fleiman was arrested twice for his Zionist activities and exiled in 1929 to Siberia.

In 1930 he was expelled from the Soviet Union and came to Palestine where he worked in the Palestine Electric Corp. as an unskilled laborer. He gradually rose to the rank of director of the company and was subsequently elected to represent management in its negotiations with the workers. He was elected to the Haifa Town Council in 1950, was elected Deputy Mayor in 1955 and Permanent Deputy Mayor in 1959. He was appointed mayor in 1968 after Mayor Abba Khoushi died.

A passon play with anti-Semitic overtones opened this weekend in the village of Tegelin, in the heavily Catholic southeastern part of Holland. The play, written 40 years ago by the Roman Catholic poet-priest Jacques Schreurs, will run through July. Some 50,000 visitors are expected to attend.

A new kosher restaurant was opened in the town of Baku, in Rumania, which has a Jewish community of 1600. It is the tenth kosher restaurant in Rumania. The others operate in Bucharest, Timisoara, Cluj, Arad, Oradea, Galati, Botosani, and Dorohoi.

Icelandic Premier Olafur Jahnneson was among the many guests who attended a reception in Iceland last week marking Israel's 25th anniversary. Israeli Ambassador Moshe Leshem was also present.

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