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## CONCERN CONTINUES OVER MASSIVE U.S. ARMS SALE TO ARAB COUNTRIES

JERUSALEM, June 4 (JTA)--Concern continued to mount in official circles here today over reported massive U.S. arms sales to Saudi Arabia. Israel's Ambassador to Washington, Simcha Dinitz, met with Presidential advisor Henry Kissinger on the matter Saturday and was at the State Department twice last week for clarification of the arms deals.

Israeli officials denied that he was getting information in "drips and drabs" from U.S. officials. But they did not conceal their surprise and dismay that stories leaked to American newspapers last week revealed that the sale of ever larger and more sophisticated weaponry was being negotiated with the Persian Gulf states.

It was learned from reliable sources today that the Israeli government is not in possession of full information on the arms deals and will await the final results of the continuing "clarifications" in Washington before making a definitive assessment of the situation.

One official here, noting that the State Department has more or less confirmed the press reports of the extent of the U.S. arms sales being negotiated, said Israel was still hoping that the reports were exaggerated. Israel is especially alarmed by reports that the U.S. plans to sell F-4 Phantom jets and high speed gun boats to Saudi Arabia. Circles here said that once all the facts are known, the government will try to persuade the U.S. to decrease or decelerate the flow of sophisticated arms to the Saudis.

According to officials here, Israel still has time to influence Washington because negotiations with Saudi Arabia are still not far enough advanced to preclude quantitative changes. Failing that, Israel would press the U.S. to redress the arms balance in the Middle East which Cabinet sources made clear last night must continue to mean overall Israeli superiority.

## STATE DEP'T. ASSURES ISRAEL IT WILL STUDY ISRAEL'S VIEWS ON ARMS SALE

WASHINGTON, June 4 (JTA)--Neither the White House nor the State Department would discuss today details of the visits there in the past 10 days by Israeli Ambassador Simcha Dinitz, presumably in connection with the proposed sale by the U.S. of large quantities of sophisticated weapons, including Phantom jets, to Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.

But late this afternoon the State Department said that it has assured the Israeli government that "we will take a further look at Israel's views" on the sale of U.S. arms. This statement was made by a Department spokesman to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency after a newsman had inquired for details of the discussions between Dinitz and Joseph J. Sisco, Assistant Secretary of State. The spokesman, however, declined to give specific details of the discussion.

Sisco, the Department's expert on Middle East affairs, is scheduled to appear Wednesday before the Near East subcommittee of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. The subcommittee, headed by Rep. Lee Hamilton (D.Ind.), is understood to want details on the arms sale.

## SYRIA'S RETURN OF ISRAELI PWs SEEN AS MANEUVER ON EVE OF UN DEBATE ON THE MIDDLE EAST

JERUSALEM, June 4 (JTA)--Arab affairs experts here believe yesterday's prisoner of war exchange between Israel, Syria and Lebanon will be followed shortly by a similar PW exchange between Israel and Egypt. According to the experts, Syria's agreement to return three Israeli fighter pilots it had held captive for three years in exchange for 46 Syrian and 10 Lebanese PWs held by Israel was a preparatory maneuver on the eve of the Security Council's Middle East debate scheduled to open Wednesday.

The Arabs are showing the world that they want to "clear the decks" of all extraneous issues before the Council session so that all attention can focus on the problem of returning the territories captured by Israel in the Six-Day War, one commentator said today. He added that it appeared fairly certain that the Egyptians were coordinating with Syria on the PW issue.

In addition, Cairo press reports over the weekend hinted that Egypt would consider U.S. sponsored indirect negotiations with Israel. But Egypt would insist that Israel state what territories it wants to keep and that the U.S. pressure Israel to withdraw, the reports said. Observers here believe that on the eve of the Security Council debate Egypt is muting its war talk and seemingly favors a political settlement.

## Festive Homecomings For PWs

The three returned Israeli PWs had festive homecomings yesterday. Capt. Gideon Magen was greeted by songs, dances and wine when he returned to Kibbutz Ein Shemer with his wife who had gone to the Golan Heights to meet him on his release. Capt. Pinhas Nahmani was similarly greeted at his home village of Yokneam where he stopped over briefly before leaving with his wife for her parents' home. Lt. Boaz Eitan, who is unmarried, returned to Kfar Vitkin with his father and was feted by his neighbors.

The three fliers, who claimed they were subjected to torture while captives of the Syrians, will begin undergoing a series of medical tests today to determine their physical conditions. After that they will be granted extended leave to be with their families. Lt. Eitan lost several finger and toe nails and said he permanently lost the hearing of one ear as a result of repeated beatings on the head by his captors. Capt. Magen suffered multiple fractures.

Premier Golda Meir said in a speech here last night that she shared the joy not only of the Israeli families whose loved ones returned but that of the Syrians and Lebanese as well. "I hope there will be no more wars and no more prisoners on either side," she said.

## WHITE HOUSE SAYS BREZHNEV MADE NO PROMISE TO RELEASE JEWS

WASHINGTON, June 4 (JTA)--An informed White House source acknowledged to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that Dr. Henry Kissinger had names of "some" Jews held in Soviet prisons when he met with Soviet Communist Party Secretary Leonid I. Brezhnev in Moscow early in May but that neither Brezhnev nor any other Soviet

official made any promises to President Nixon's emissary for releasing them.

The source also said that the Soviet authorities would have "no reason" to divulge their intentions regarding the prisoners and they may never announce their policy in this respect but "just let it happen." According to a press report originated in Washington, Brezhnev was planning to allow about 1000 activist Jews, presumably including about 50 in prisons, to leave for Israel.

The report also said that Brezhnev might raise the annual emigration rate of Soviet Jews for Israel from the present level of about 31,000 to 36-40,000. The White House source said he had no information on that point. Dr. Kissinger met with Brezhnev for four days to complete arrangements for Brezhnev's eight-day visit to the U.S. beginning June 18 when he will arrive in Washington.

**REPORT 324 VISAS REQUESTED DURING PAST 4 MONTHS BUT ONLY 128 GRANTED**  
Shkolnik Appeal Due June 18

TEL AVIV, June 4 (JTA)--Jewish sources in the Soviet Union reported today that of 324 requests for exit visas filed by Moscow Jews during the past four months, only 128 were granted. Soviet authorities have claimed that 95 percent of the requested visas are granted. Jewish sources said the ratio of approved applications is seldom more than one-third. (According to a report today from London, Jewish activists in Russia say fewer Jews were permitted to emigrate in May than during the previous months.)

Meanwhile, four Jews in Kishinev have been on a hunger strike for the past five days to protest the denial of exit visas to them. They are Shimon Auerbach; Michael Maranzenbaum; Lev Strikow; and Abriam Kotler.

Jewish sources reported that the appeal of Isaac Shkolnik, a Jewish engineer from Vinnitsa recently sentenced to 10 years imprisonment for allegedly spying for Israel, will be heard on June 18 by the Trans-Carpathian Tribunal of the Ukrainian Soviet Republic. The date coincides with the arrival in Washington of Soviet Communist Party Secretary Leonid I. Brezhnev. Jewish circles in the USSR expressed hope that the court will refuse to uphold the stiff sentence as a good-will gesture during Brezhnev's talks with American leaders.

But Shkolnik is reportedly having trouble getting the lawyer of his choice to represent him at the hearing and his wife and other members of his family have complained to the chairman of the tribunal. They said the prison authorities are trying to foist on him Nikolai Makarenko, the lawyer who defended him unsuccessfully at his trial and who reportedly warned him to plead guilty or face the possibility of a death sentence. Shkolnik's family has asked permission to engage a Moscow lawyer. The authorities so far have refused to grant it.

**JEWES ON QUEEN'S HONORS LIST:**

LONDON, June 4 (JTA)--In the Queen's birthday honors list Leonard Klein is cited "for services to the Jewish community." This is a very rare citation because the numerous Jews honored over the years have made their contribution as citizens, not as Jews. Klein, of Sydney, Australia received an Order of the British Empire (OBE).

The honors list also includes Pierre Gildesgame, president of the British Maccabi Association, chairman of the World Maccabi Union and chairman of the Maccabiah Committee. Gildes-

game received a (CBE) Commander of the Order of the British Empire.

Gildesgame, who is also chairman of the Friends of the Israel Museums in this country, is one of the few British subjects in the long honors list not born in this country. He was born in Rumania in 1903 and came to this country before World War II.

**CAPT. EDWARD BRUDNO, PW WHO SHUNNED HAPPY HOMECOMING, DEAD AT 33**

WASHINGTON, June 4 (JTA)--Home towns across the country have honored their returned prisoners of the Vietnam War with enthusiastic celebrations to manifest their joy in having them back after their ordeals in enemy military prison camps. But Air Force Capt. Edward Brudno would have none of those happy homecomings. His father, Dr. James C. Brudno, an internist in Quincy, Mass., told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency: "He wants no part of anything like that. He's been through too much. When his health gets better he will go back to graduate school for his master's, probably in electronics and possibly in aviation."

This statement was made several weeks ago. Yesterday Capt. Brudno, who at the age of 33 was the oldest of the Jewish prisoners back from Vietnam and one of the longest-held captives--89 months--of the 566 returned PWs, was found dead in the home of his wife's family in Harrison, N.Y., apparently a suicide. Funeral services will be held Friday morning in Quincy, Mass. at Temple Beth El. Funeral services were delayed because of Shavuot.

Born June 4, 1940, in Quincy, Mass., he was 25 when his fighter F8C jet was shot down Oct. 18, 1965 over North Vietnam and he was captured. He joined the Air Force in April 1963, the same year that he was graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In those 7 1/2 dreary years in prison camps, only one letter was received by him from his wife, Debra, to whom he had been married only three months when he left for Southeast Asia. Not more than two letters reached him from his parents, his father said.

For long periods he was in solitary confinement and no news of any kind was allowed to be given him. Thus he wasn't even aware of the Six-Day War until more than four years afterwards. Like learning about America putting men on the moon, the news came to him and others accidentally. "Sometimes Hanoi's propaganda backfired and news they wanted to conceal slipped through," his father said.

As soon as he was able to leave Westover Air Force Base in Mass., where he arrived after his release in Hanoi, Capt. Brudno and his wife vanished to pick up the threads of their life together. "I don't know where they are," Dr. Brudno said at the time of the interview. The bride Capt. Brudno had left behind when he went to war is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Gitenstein. She was a teacher in Harrison, N.Y. when Capt. Brudno returned to her.

Capt. Brudno was "always very interested in Jewish culture," his father said. After his Bar Mitzvah at Beth El Synagogue, a Conservative congregation in Quincy, he continued in Hebrew school. In a letter from him in prison camp that arrived about four years ago, he asked his parents for literature to learn more about his heritage. Dr. Brudno said he sent his son the Five Books of Moses but the prisoner never received them.

**BEN AHARON: ARAB WORKERS EXPLOITED**

JERUSALEM, June 4 (JTA)--Histadrut Secre-

tary General Yitzhak Ben Aharon charged yesterday that Arab workers were being exploited in the Jewish settlement of Kiryat Arba near Hebron and said that Histadrut would act to organize both Arab and Jewish workers in that region. Ben Aharon, who spoke at a meeting of the Jerusalem Labor Council after visiting Hebron, said he was appalled to have found Arab youths working in Jewish-owned factories in Kiryat Arba for as little as IL 5 a day.

"You cannot be pioneers and build the land on the backs of exploited Arab labor," the outspoken trade union leader told a group of small businessmen from Kiryat Arba. The settlers were urging Histadrut to provide day care centers and clubs for the Kiryat Arba residents. Ben Aharon said that Histadrut was primarily a trade union movement and its first duty was to protect the rights of workers anywhere under Israeli control, regardless of the political or geographic factors involved. He said when labor was properly organized in the area, Histadrut would then consider providing other services.

#### JACKSON: DETENTE WITH USSR SHOULD INCLUDE FREE EMIGRATION

NEW YORK, June 4 (JTA)--Sen. Henry M. Jackson said today that detente with the Soviet Union "should reflect progress in the area of human rights" and that in that area "free emigration is first among equals." The Washington Democrat discussed the problem of free emigration for Jews and others in the Soviet Union in an address delivered at the 42nd annual commencement exercises of Yeshiva University. The legislator, who is the author of legislation linking U.S.-Soviet trade with emigration rights for Soviet citizens, was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

Other honorary doctorates awarded by Yeshiva University today included doctorates in humane letters to Dr. Jean Piaget, the Swiss child psychologist, and to Elie Wiesel, the author. Some 400 bachelor's, 229 master's and 70 doctoral degrees, and 115 certificates and diplomas were conferred upon graduates of ten of the university's undergraduate, graduate and professional schools. The occasion also marked the 30th anniversary of the appointment of Dr. Samuel Belkin to the presidency of Yeshiva University.

Jackson told his audience that he was in daily receipt of appeals "often written and communicated at great risk" from "innocent men and women whose only desire is to emigrate from behind the Iron Curtain." Many of them are from Jews, he said. "I am proud as an American that it is to America that these brave people have turned. For us, a nation of immigrants, to turn our backs on them in the interests of the most shallow notion of detente--or worse yet, in the blind pursuit of profits from trade--would be a betrayal equalled only by our abject silence in the 1930s."

#### JOSEPH ANDRE, CATHOLIC PRIEST WHO SAVED JEWISH CHILDREN, DIES AT 65

BRUSSELS, June 4 (JTA)--Joseph Andre, the Roman Catholic priest who saved the lives of countless Jewish children in Nazi-occupied Belgium, died here today at the age of 65. He was founder of the "Our Lady of Zion Refuge" in Namur, which Jewish children called "The Home of the Angel." In 1968, Father Andre was honored by the Yad Vashem in Jerusalem and in 1969 was invited to New York by the United Jewish Appeal. A frequent visitor to Israel, Father

Andre participated regularly in pro-Israeli activities in Belgium.

#### ISRAELI, ARAB, TO DISCUSS TERRORISM

ROME, June 4 (JTA)--A symposium on "Terrorism and Political Crimes," which is scheduled to include presentations by an Israeli and an Egyptian, began today in the Sicilian city of Syracuse. Organizers said it was the first time an Israeli and an Arab would be sitting in the same room to discuss this problem. The symposium brings together 35 criminologists, jurists and magistrates from 20 countries.

The scheduled Israeli speaker is Prof. Yoram Dinstein from Tel Aviv, who was listed to speak next week on the theme of "Terrorism and Wars of Liberation With Reference to the Arab-Israeli Conflict." He was scheduled to be followed by Egyptian university professor Gamal-El-Din who will speak on the same subject. The symposium will deal with such modern phenomena as air piracy and hostage-taking.

#### EBAN SAYS ISRAEL WOULD NOT SUPPORT E. GERMANY'S ADMISSION TO THE UN

BONN, June 4 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban says in a magazine interview to be published here tomorrow that his country would not support East Germany's admission to the United Nations "even if Israel should stand alone" on the issue. Eban told the magazine, *Quick*, that East Germany has consistently refused to fulfill its historical obligations on reparations and has adopted an extremely hostile attitude toward Israel. He said his government's attitude toward the East German regime was decisively influenced by the fact that many former Nazis now hold senior positions in it. He said Israel could prove at any time that Nazis held government positions in East Germany.

#### KATZIR TO DISCONTINUE SABBATH SERVICES AT PRESIDENTIAL RESIDENCE

JERUSALEM, June 4 (JTA)--President Ephraim Katzir said today that he would continue to maintain the synagogue built into the Presidential residence by his predecessor, President Zalman Shazar, but that he would not continue Shazar's practice of holding weekly Sabbath services there. The President, who took office May 24, announced his decision to the dozen or so neighbors who regularly attended services at the Presidential residence. He said they would be welcome to continue but indicated it would be preferable if they worshipped elsewhere from now on.

Katzir, who is not Orthodox in his religious observances, said he would use Shazar's synagogue only for special services. He said he intended to spend most of his weekends for the next six months at Rehovot where he intends to keep up his scientific work at the Weizmann Institute of Science. He said that even when he is in Jerusalem he would prefer not to be bound to one synagogue.

The President apologized to the weekly worshippers who were turned away by a police guard when they came to the Presidential residence last Friday night for their weekly services. He said the guard had acted without his authority and has been reprimanded. The synagogue, set up by Shazar, contains a silver mezuzah said to have adorned the synagogue of Rabbi Bal Shem Tov, the founder of the Hasidic movement 200 years ago.

Alexander Ginsburg was appointed general secretary of the Central Council of Jews in Germany. He replaces the late Dr. Hendrik George Van Dam.

