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EBAN INVITES BOURGUIBA TO FIX TIME AND PLACE FOR MEETING WITH ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, June 20 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban called on President Habib Bourguiba of Tunisia today to make contact with Israel to arrange the time and place for negotiations for a Middle East peace settlement--as Bourguiba has suggested several times in public recently.

Eban, addressing the conference of the International Association of Women Journalists and Writers, spoke in reply to Bourguiba's remarks at the International Labor Organization meeting in Geneva yesterday.

The Tunisian President called for "a Middle East peace comparable to the one achieved between the two Germans, the two Koreas, the two Vietnams and the one being achieved between the Soviet Union and the U.S."

Eban said "We too are convinced that the Middle East has much to gain and learn from the attitudes, principles and methods which have enabled many governments to overcome deep reservations."

He said that "If the Tunisian leader is ready for a dialogue with Israel, it would be fruitful if a Tunisian representative would make contact with an Israeli representative in any capital or international agency in which we are both represented to discuss the timing, location and level of the suggested encounter."

Eban continued, "I make this suggestion in the sincere hope that it may help to solve problems of contact which are not solved by parallel public statements in different forums."

Bourguiba: Palestinians Must Be Included

Bourguiba's proposal for Arab-Israeli contacts with himself serving as initiator and go-between first appeared in interviews the Tunisian President gave to two Italian newspapers. It was since reported that he succeeded in gaining support for his plan from most of the Arab states and the Palestinian guerrilla leadership. Premier Golda Meir said tonight that Israel had heard nothing concrete from Bourguiba but if and when it did she would be willing to meet with him.

Israeli sources acknowledged privately that Israel tried recently through Italy to establish the seriousness and sincerity of Bourguiba's offer but that no response was forthcoming.

Bourguiba said in Geneva yesterday that "any Middle East settlement which does not include the Palestinians is doomed to failure." He added that "Many Israelis are beginning to see the necessity of this, no doubt because Jews who have known persecution can all the more easily understand Palestinian suffering."

TWO ISRAELIS CONVICTED OF PRO-ARAB ACTIVITIES - THREATEN COURT

TEL AVIV, June 20 (JTA)--A young Israeli convicted of consorting with the enemy threatened in a Haifa district court today that the court and the entire Israeli regime will one day have to face trial just as the Nazis did at Nuremberg. The statement was made by Ram Livneh, son of Communist MK Avraham Levenbraum, after he and co-defendant, Mall Lerman

were found guilty of having had contacts with an El-Fatah agent.

Livneh and Lerman, an immigrant from South America, were tried together with eight Arabs accused of membership in a Syrian-directed Arab Jewish spy and sabotage ring uncovered last year. Four other Israeli Jews and more than 20 Arabs have been convicted at earlier trials in connection with the ring's activities.

Lerman, who was permitted to make a statement after the guilty verdict was announced, stunned the courtroom when he declared that "A day will come when those responsible for this trial, just as those responsible for other crimes of the oppressive regime, will have to face court for the crimes they committed under the disguise of laws that they have made and accepted against the interests of the nation."

He said that when they are tried, "no one will be able to claim that he acted according to the law or that he acted under orders as was claimed by the Nazis in the Nuremberg trial or the murderers of Kafer Kassem." Kafer Kassem, an Arab village, was the site of the massacre of 48 persons by Israeli border police for curfew violations in 1956. Those responsible were tried and sentenced to prison terms.

District court Judge Emmanuel Slonim responded angrily to Livneh's remarks. He said such threats have never been heard in an Israeli court. When Livneh rose to reply, he was silenced by another judge on the panel, Avraham Friedman.

Livneh and Lerman were not accused of membership in the spy ring of which two other convicted Jews, Ehud Adiv and Dan Vered were leaders. They were tried together with the eight Arab members because the authorities thought the two cases dove-tailed. Judge Slonim will pronounce sentence Sunday.

PRESIDENT OF MADRID JEWRY SAYS SPANISH RIGHT HAS LAUNCHED ANTI-SEMITIC CAMPAIGN

PARIS, June 20 (JTA)--The president of the Madrid Jewish community charged today that Spanish extreme right-wing organizations have launched a campaign to abolish the recently promulgated government edict granting Spanish Jews religious freedom.

Pierre Hallava told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in a telephone interview today that the campaign was being conducted by organizations such as "Ceccede" and "Defense of Hispanic Thought" and by the newspaper "The Iberian Cross."

According to Hallava, the organizations demand "the wiping out of the Jewish banks and press by the physical extermination of its members." He said the Madrid Jewish community has appealed to the government to put an end to these attacks, citing Article 2 of the Spanish constitution which grants Jews religious freedom.

Hallava said the Jewish community was not adversely affected so far by the recent nomination of Admiral Carrero Blanco as head of government. But he recalled that the Admiral wrote a book several years ago titled "The Tower of Babel" in which he stated that "the three crusades of the Franco regime are against the Masons, Communism and Judaism."

Haliava said the new Minister of Interior, Carlos Arias Navarro "had good relations with the Jewish community when he was prefect of Madrid" and "that does not seem to have changed."

Madrid Jews To Protest

He said the Jewish community so far has detected no anti-Israel nuances in the foreign policy of the new Foreign Affairs Minister Laureano Lopez Roda.

According to Haliava, the best way to gauge the government's attitude toward Jews is the ease with which Jews' passports are renewed. He said there have been no problems so far.

He said the Madrid community will lodge a protest with the Interior Ministry over the alleged marking of the word "Jew" in the passport of the Spanish diplomat, Romero Rothschild, by a Spanish consular official in Stockholm.

(The Spanish Foreign Ministry in Madrid has dismissed as "pure fantasy" this report. The Ministry said that it had no knowledge that such a person exists.)

(This information was contained in a cable to the Spanish Embassy in Washington in response to inquiries by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. A JTA dispatch from Vienna last week quoted Rothschild's description of the incident and said he displayed the passport. Later information received by the JTA in New York identified the Spanish official in Stockholm as Ramon Ortis Fernandes.)

(Speaking in the name of the Spanish Ambassador, Angel Sagaz, Embassy press aide Jaime Abarraín-Fox told the JTA today that his government's cable from Madrid declared that it had investigated at the Spanish Embassy in Stockholm and its consulate in Goteborg and that "they had no knowledge whatsoever of such an incident.")

Haliava said that the majority of Spanish Jews are of French or Moroccan origin. The present Jewish population numbers 3000 in Barcelona, 2000 in Madrid and smaller communities in Malaga, Palma and Mallorca.

JAPANESE ENVOYS TO REVIEW MIDEAST AFFAIRS

TOKYO, June 20 (JTA)--Japanese ambassadors in 15 Middle East countries will meet here July 9-11 to review recent developments in the region centering on the oil problem, the Foreign Ministry announced today.

According to The Japan Times, the meeting will be the first time in three years that the envoys will get together to discuss the situation in the states to which they are assigned. The countries include Israel, Egypt, Iraq, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Syria, Sudan and the oil-producing Persian Gulf states.

The Japan Times reported that Yasuhiro Nakasone, the Minister of International Trade and Industry, has visited such oil producing countries as Iran, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Abu Dhabi, but not Iraq which has a leftist regime and is taking a cautious attitude toward Japan on the oil issue.

Bearing in mind that the Middle East situation changes rapidly, the government plans to reassess its policy toward that region, The Times said.

CJF SUPPORTS JACKSON-MILLS-VANIK AMENDMENT

CHICAGO, June 20 (JTA)--The Board of Directors of the Council of Jewish Federations

and Welfare Funds has expressed renewed support for Congressional action linking trade concessions to the Soviet Union with the removal of obstacles to emigration from that country. A resolution adopted by the CJF Board at its meeting just concluded here, cited the Jackson Amendment before the U.S. Senate and the Mills-Vanik bill in the House as important means of strengthening the hand of President Nixon in his current summit talks with Soviet Communist Party Secretary Leonid I. Brezhnev.

(In New York last night, Sen. Henry M. Jackson said he hoped that Brezhnev learns during his visit that "If the United States Congress gives guaranteed credits to the Soviet Union then there has to be guaranteed emigration from the Soviet Union." Jackson made his remarks at a press conference prior to addressing the 63rd annual dinner of the Religious Zionists of America.)

(The Washington Democrat said he believed President Nixon knows that Congress will not back down in its support of the Jackson Amendment but he wasn't sure that Brezhnev has learned this yet. He said that while the Watergate scandal has made Nixon "a crippled bird" he could still come out on top in negotiations with the Soviet leader, because Brezhnev has even bigger problems. He noted that Russia needs American economic aid and technological and managerial skills. Brezhnev came to the U.S. "desperate" and "with his hand out," Jackson said.)

(Governor Thomas Meskill of Connecticut sent today letters to President Nixon and Leonid Brezhnev, Soviet Communist Party Secretary, on behalf of Soviet Jewry.)

ZEIGLER CONFIRMS NIXON-BREZHNEV WILL DISCUSS THE MIDDLE EAST

CAMP DAVID, Md., June 20 (JTA)--White House press secretary Ronald Zeigler confirmed here today that President Nixon and Soviet Communist Party Secretary Leonid I. Brezhnev will discuss the Middle East problem. Zeigler told newsmen, however, that the Middle East has not been discussed as yet.

Nixon and Brezhnev started their summit talks in Washington Monday and were closeted in talks at the President's Camp David retreat today. Brezhnev returns to Washington tomorrow and will fly to the Western White House at San Clemente, California on Friday to continue his talks with the President. A joint communiqué is expected on Sunday.

DOCTORS STRIKE - DEATH TAKES A HOLIDAY

TEL AVIV, June 20 (JTA)--The number of funerals has dropped by nearly half since the doctor's strike began last week, according to statistics released today by the Jerusalem Burial Society. Statistics culled from the archives of the Tel Aviv Burial Society showed a similar drop in the number of funerals 20 years ago when the doctors last went on strike. There was no immediate explanation of the coincidence.

FRANCO-GERMAN SUMMIT TO DISCUSS M.E.

PARIS, June 20 (JTA)--Sources close to President Georges Pompidou said today that the Middle East situation will be discussed during the Franco-German summit meeting Thursday in Bonn. The sources said, however, that France was "pessimistic" about chances for peace in that region.

The sources said: "we feel that the passing of time has not helped to heal the situation. On the contrary the chances for an eventual settlement are slimmer now than ever before."

CONGRESSMEN CALL ON NIXON TO RECONSIDER PHANTOM SALE TO SAUDI ARABIA

WASHINGTON, June 20 (JTA)--Thirty-two Congressmen have asked President Nixon to reconsider the proposed sale of Phantom jets to Saudi Arabia because "We are particularly fearful of the possibility of a transfer of these planes from Saudi Arabia to Egypt."

The letter was delivered to the White House by one of the signatories, Rep. Bertram L. Poddell (D.N.Y.). It cautioned that Saudi Arabia has spoken of the need to destroy Israel and said that American jets in Arab hands could set back peace prospects in the Middle East and in fact encourage the Arabs to make war.

The letter noted that Egypt reportedly received French Mirage jets from Libya despite a stipulation in the Franco-Libyan purchase agreement that they were not to be transferred to a third power. "There is every reason to believe that any no-transfer clause in the American-Saudi Arabian sales agreement would be more honored in the breach than in the observance," the Congressmen said.

(In Jerusalem, Foreign Minister Abba Eban cautioned the Knesset today "not to lose its balance" over the sale of American Phantoms to Saudi Arabia. Eban spoke in reply to a motion by Dov Milman of the Gahal opposition. "We should not see developments in the world around us as if Israel were helpless at the mercy of vast enemy powers--though we must carefully deal with these developments," Eban said.)

PHILADELPHIA JEWS CABLE BREZHNEV

PHILADELPHIA, June 20 (JTA)--The Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Philadelphia said today that it has sent more than 700 telegrams to Soviet Communist Party Secretary Leonid I. Brezhnev urging the USSR to stop "intimidating its Jewish citizens" and to remove "the barriers to emigration." The JCRC said it sent an additional 600 telegrams to President Nixon calling on him to deny trade concessions to the Soviet Union or any nation "whose borders are closed to those who yearn to leave."

In another area of concern, the JCRC reported yesterday that two former governors of Pennsylvania have joined in efforts to save the remaining Jews of Iraq by asking the Iraqi government to allow them to make a first-hand investigation of the condition of Jews in that country.

W. Thatcher Longworth, chairman of the Philadelphia Committee of Concern for Jews in Syria and Iraq, released the text of a letter sent by former governors George M. Leader and Raymond P. Shafer to the President of Iraq.

The letter referred to the recent murder by Iraqi secret police of five members of the Kashkosh family, a prominent Jewish family of Baghdad, and the disappearance of 16 other Iraqi Jews.

"We request permission of the Iraqi government for us to investigate the situation of Iraqi Jews. We want to determine for ourselves the measures taken to insure their safety and security and the free exercise of their right to emigrate," the letter said.

The two ex-governors asked President Hassan al-Bakr of Iraq to clarify or confirm the reported murders and kidnappings of Jews.

CHRISTIAN-JEWISH ASSOCIATIONS PROTEST ANTI-ISRAEL STATEMENTS

BONN, June 20 (JTA)--The Christian-Jewish Associations in West Germany, whose patron is

West German President Gustav Heinemann, have severely censured German Protestant student organizations for their open letter to Chancellor Willy Brandt, prior to his visit to Israel. The letter, leftist and pro-Arab in tone, spoke of "Israeli annexation of the occupied territories" and the "expulsion of Palestinians." It described Brandt's trip to Israel as "Legitimizing the military safeguarding of oil supplies," and "discrimination" against Arabs in Germany after the Munich Olympic massacre.

The coordination committee of Christian-Jewish Associations said it had read the open letter "with anger and amazement." It said, Protestant students were running the risk of aligning with leftist thinking and were cynical when they spoke, on the one hand of the memory of Jews murdered by the Nazis and, on the other, supported arguments dangerous to the lives of Jews and Palestinians.

EUROPEAN COUNCIL EXPANDS ACTIVITIES

AMSTERDAM, June 20 (JTA)--Support for Jewish youth and students and assistance to the small isolated European Jewish communities were adopted as top priorities by the European Council of Jewish Community Services which met here yesterday.

A \$100,000 budget was voted to finance the Council's activities for 1973-74. Specific responsibilities for the areas of fund-raising, youth leadership development and religious and cultural affairs, were assigned to the seven vice-presidents. An initial grant of \$5300 was made to the European Association of Jewish Community Centers to continue the seminars it has been organizing to train youth leaders for the communities outside France and Great Britain. A special budget earmarked for a study of the needs of the smaller communities, with particular reference to Jewish instructional materials for young people, has been approved.

HOLLYWOOD WEDDING - ISRAEL STYLE

TEL AVIV, June 20 (JTA)--Dalya Lavie, the Israeli film actress, married her American fiance at Shavei Zion last night in what was described as a typical Hollywood wedding--with photographers and TV crews outnumbering the guests. Moreover, up to the last minute it was touch and go on whether the wedding would actually take place.

Miss Lavie, who has appeared in numerous films abroad and is also a popular singer, didn't reckon with Israel's Orthodox rabbinate when she applied for a license several days ago. The local rabbi demanded proof that her fiance, boat-builder Peter Rittmaster, is indeed Jewish and if so, that he is not a Cohen, a descendant of the ancient priestly caste.

Orthodox rabbis, who have sole jurisdiction over personal matters in Israel, refuse to sanction marriages where one partner is not Jewish. Because Miss Lavie was previously married, the rabbis would not permit her, as a divorcee, to marry a Cohen. Rittmaster had to cable his American rabbi and his family in the U.S. for proof that he is Jewish, single and not a Cohen. The documents arrived in the nick of time and the rabbinical authorities gave their blessing.

Miss Lavie chose to be wed in the resort town of Shavei Zion where she was raised.

The tug Tirzeh of Ashdod went to the rescue of a 30,000-ton tanker disabled 30 miles at sea last night and towed her safely to port for repairs. The name and nationality of the vessel whose engines broke down was not immediately reported. The Tirzeh's crew will share in salvage money.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES**EXPERTS CHALLENGE BREZHNEV FIGURES ON JEWISH EMIGRATION**

By Joseph Polakoff, JTA Washington Bureau Chief

WASHINGTON, June 20 (JTA)--Leonid Brezhnev's presentation of the Soviet emigration issue to the 21 Senators and two Representatives who were his luncheon guests at Blair House yesterday is more important for what it concealed than for what it actually revealed. The lawmakers said the Communist Party Secretary dealt with the subject seriously and candidly, but they reserved judgement on the statistics he offered on Jewish emigration from the USSR, the number of exit visas requested and the number granted.

As Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D.Minn.) put it after emerging from Blair House, "Both the figures and interpretation are theirs." Sen. J. William Fulbright (D.Ark.) who is chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and an ardent advocate of an end to the Cold War, was skeptical. Asked by a reporter if he believed Brezhnev's figures, Fulbright replied, "How can I judge? It is difficult for me to believe even our own budget."

Fulbright said, however, that the U.S.-Soviet trade bill should not be held up for every individual report of harsh treatment for a Soviet Jew.

The figures Brezhnev gave the American lawmakers are open to question--even such basic figures as the total Jewish population of the USSR which the Soviet leader put at 2,151,000. American specialists on the Soviet Union said the figure was about one-third short of the total of more than 3 million Jews in Russia.

Experts Note Discrepancies

They based their higher estimate on previous statistics and on the apparent rate of assimilation of Jews into the Russian and Ukrainian nationalities.

The analysts noted that a similar discrepancy was evident in the 1970 census which gave the number of Jews who declared Yiddish their first language as about 393,000. They said this figure was too low and opined that Soviet bureaucrats had lopped off several hundred thousand from the overall Yiddish statistics to suit their internal policies.

Brezhnev told the Senators yesterday that 61,000 Jews had applied for exit visas, apparently since 1970 and that of these 60,200 had been granted. The latter figure tallies with the number of emigrants who have arrived in Israel. But the Soviet figure for applications is less than two-fifths of the number of affidavits Soviet Jews have requested from the Israeli government for immigration purposes. Since the 1967 Six-Day War more than 160,000 Jews have requested affidavits.

According to Soviet Jewry activists here, the Israel government certifies the mailing of documents to every applicant. Thus both the Israeli and Soviet governments know who receives them. But only the Soviet bureaucracy knows how many have actually applied for visas. The bureaucrats can easily say there were 61,000 applicants even if more than double that number had actually applied. The Israeli figures can be verified but not those of the Soviet bureaucracy.

According to Brezhnev's account, 1300 of the 11,400 visa applicants this year decided to withdraw their visa requests: Why they did was not

discussed at Blair House, probably out of courtesy to the hosts. But activists here say that dismissals from jobs, denunciation by neighbors, harassment by police and drafting into the army are some of the consequences of applying for a visa. Numerous other devices, including confinement to mental hospitals have been used to discourage Jews from applying, the activists said.

Brezhnev said that 738 applicants were denied visas this year. By referring to this, Brezhnev clearly implied that the Soviet bureaucracy decides who can and cannot emigrate. This, of course, is contrary to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights to which the Soviet Union subscribes which says that all individuals, without exception or qualification, have the right to leave their country.

This is the crux of the emigration issue and the essence of the Jackson Amendment. It has not been solved by the Brezhnev account.

CCAR DISAPPROVES OF MEMBERS OFFICIATING AT MIXED WEDDINGS

ATLANTA, June 20 (JTA)--The Central Conference of American Rabbis, at its 84th annual convention here, adopted last night a resolution expressing strong disapproval of its members officiating at mixed marriage ceremonies. Nonetheless the Conference upheld its traditional position of acknowledging each Reform rabbi's right to act according to his own interpretation of Jewish tradition.

The resolution was passed by a vote of 321-196 after a spirited 5-hour debate at the convention's headquarters in the Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel.

The debate was based on a resolution presented to the Reform rabbinic body by its mixed marriage committee, a 10-member body headed by Rabbi Herman Schaalman of Chicago. The committee had made an intensive two-year study covering the various theological, sociological and psychological factors regarding the entire problem of mixed marriage.

The mixed-marriage committee had recommended that the CCAR suggest minimum standards that rabbis choosing to officiate at mixed marriage ceremonies should abide by. The suggested guidelines were defeated by a vote of 221-198.

A strong plea for the disapproval of Reform rabbis performing mixed marriages was made by Rabbi Roland Gittelsohn of Boston on behalf of eight CCAR past presidents. Rabbi Gittelsohn said there is a greater danger of disunity within the World Union for Progressive Judaism, the international body of the Reform movement, if the rabbis fail to take a stronger position than if they take "bold and vigorous action." Nevertheless, the past president further expressed opposition to "any curb on the freedom of each colleague to act according to the dictates of his own conscience."

'MEICHEL' IN TOKYO

NEW YORK, June 20 (JTA)--Suktyakl has been available in New York for some time. Now kosher gourmets can get a pastrami on rye in Tokyo. The place is Anne Dinken's Kosher Restaurant, "the only one of its kind in Japan," according to the "Businessman's After Hours Guide to Japan" published by Japan Air Lines.

The restaurant features imported kosher salami, knockwurst and corned beef, cheesecake, cheese blintzes and borscht. "Small and very friendly!" says the JAL guide.