



## ISRAEL OFFICIALLY EXPRESSES "CONCERN" OVER USA PHANTOM SALES TO SAUDI ARABIA

WASHINGTON, June 24 (JTA)—Israel formally expressed Friday its concern over the proposed sale by the US government of Phantom jet fighter bombers to Saudi Arabia, the State Department reported. The concern was expressed in a note delivered by Israeli Ambassador Simcha Dinitz to Deputy Secretary of State Kenneth Rush.

According to a Department spokesman, the note was in "the spirit of the good relations" between the two countries.

Ambassador Dinitz had previously informed Presidential advisor Henry Kissinger and Assistant Secretary of State Joseph Sisco of Israel's stand on this subject.

Press reports have said that the US sale of more than a billion dollars worth of weapons to Saudi Arabia would include from 24 to 30 Phantoms.

"We will continue to give the Israeli views careful consideration," Mr. Rush was reported to have told Dinitz. Mr. Rush reiterated the US position, the American spokesman said, that the Phantoms have not yet been sold to Saudi Arabia and that every effort would be made to prevent their transfer to a third country.

Mr. Rush and the envoy also discussed the Nixon-Brezhnev summit conference and the Security Council's Middle East debate but the spokesman would not comment on them.

An Israeli Embassy spokesman said that "we see eye to eye" with the US regarding the "strategic conception" in the Persian Gulf and that Israel "understands the US position" but that Israel is concerned about the weapons eventual transfer to other Arab countries. The Phantom jets' arrival in Saudi Arabia would cause Israel to take into "strategic consideration" that country, the Israeli spokesman said.

(In Monticello, N.Y. yesterday, I. L. Kenen, newly elected chairman of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee warned that the decision to provide Phantom jets to Saudi Arabia could threaten the progress towards peace in the Middle East.)

## GOLDA READY TO MEET BOURGUIBA BUT REJECTS PROPOSAL FOR A PALESTINIAN STATE

JERUSALEM, June 24 (JTA)—Premier Golda Meir says she is prepared to meet with President Habib Bourguiba without preconditions but has rejected in advance his proposal for the establishment of a Palestinian Arab state.

There is no room for a Palestinian State between Israel and the Jordan River as the Tunisian President suggested, Mrs. Meir told Israeli high school pupils at a question-and-answer session over the week-end.

She said that it "depends 100 percent on President Bourguiba" whether he and she ever meet to discuss a solution of the Middle East conflict.

Foreign Minister Abba Eban reiterated over the week-end his call to the Tunisian leader to make contact with Israel through diplomatic channels to arrange a time and place for a meeting.

Eban, addressing Bourguiba on a radio interview, said that "There are some 60 or 70 capital

cities or international centers in which both Tunisia and Israel are represented. Please choose one of them and let us know when and where and at what level you want to meet with us."

Mrs. Meir observed that the things Bourguiba has said publicly so far were not encouraging with regard to a solution of the Arab-Israel conflict. She mentioned specifically his reference to the 1947 partition boundaries as a starting point for discussion of territorial questions.

## ISRAEL IMPOSES THREE MONTHS PRICE FREEZE — CRACKDOWN ON PRICE OFFENDERS

JERUSALEM, June 24 (JTA)—The Government announced today a three month selective price freeze, effective immediately, and other measures designed to curb inflation and cool off an overheated market, mainly in the building industry.

The Cabinet also announced a crackdown on price offenders. But it delayed a decision to raise interest rates until the return of Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir who is presently visiting the United States.

The Cabinet's action put an official stamp on what the press and public knew a week ago would be the first price-freeze instituted by an Israeli government in an election year. It will be in effect until Sept. 30, less than a month before election day.

Reports last week said a 60-day freeze was being contemplated. The extended period was apparently ordered by Sapir who said in a telephone interview with the newspaper Yediot Achronot today that the freeze would last three months.

## Government Subsidies

During that period a total freeze will be applied to 14 basic commodities which are normally subsidized by the government to keep their prices stable. The government will absorb price increases on any of these items due to increases on the world market—a subsidy that it is estimated will cost the government IL 20 million a month.

A total freeze will also be applied to bus and train tickets, electricity and telephone rates and on services such as hotel rooms, restaurants, laundries and hair-dressers.

Manufacturers will be required to absorb price rises in imported raw materials which increase the cost of their finished product by up to two percent. Beyond two percent they may apply to the government to raise their prices.

The manufacturers must also absorb the ten percent cost-of-living allowance that the government has decided to pay workers in July and which, it is estimated, will add 1-1/2 percent to the cost of finished products. Manufacturers therefore will have to absorb at least a 3-1/2 percent increase in their costs before they can ask the government for relief.

The freeze will not be applied to fruits and vegetables which fluctuate in price according to season.

Other measures include the appointment of a ministerial committee to check on all public building programs with a view to cancelling or postponing projects that are inflationary. Limits, yet to be formulated, will be applied to the construction of luxury flats while higher priority is given to low cost home building.

New regulations will be promulgated empowering magistrate courts in each town to rule on price offenders. The intention is to speed up the judicial process and to make the laws more effective.

### BREZHNEV-NIXON SUMMIT: STATEMENT ON MIDEAST EXPECTED BUT NO OFFICIAL REFERENCE TO JEWISH EMIGRATION

WASHINGTON, June 24 (JTA)--A statement on the Middle East conflict may be contained in the joint communique to be released at the Western White House in San Clemente, California tomorrow by President Nixon and Soviet Communist Party Secretary Leonid I. Brezhnev, observers here said tonight. It is not expected to contain any direct references to the issue of free emigration from the Soviet Union.

According to an authoritative government source, the problems of the Middle East were discussed at some length during the San Clemente phase of the summit meeting.

The emigration issue was "referred to" during the earlier phases in Washington and Camp David, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned from this source. The source indicated that, like the Arab-Israeli conflict and the Persian Gulf-area problem, it would receive more consideration during the concluding talks at San Clemente today.

### Nuclear Prevention Treaty Applies To Mideast

Presidential advisor Henry Kissinger said at a news conference here Friday that the Soviet-American agreement on the prevention of nuclear war which the two superpowers have signed, has applications to the Middle East and Southeast Asia.

According to Kissinger, it will "reduce the dangers of war in either area" which are "demonstrably areas of international tension."

According to the agreement the U.S. and the USSR will "act in such a manner as to prevent the developing of situations capable of causing a dangerous exacerbation of their relations, as to avoid military confrontations, and as to exclude the outbreak of nuclear war between either of the parties and other countries."

Kissinger pointed out that while the agreement is bilateral, "the obligations are multi-lateral." He noted that the agreement is of unlimited duration and does not "affect or impair" the right of individual or collective self defense as envisaged by the United Nations Charter or obligations undertaken by either superpower toward its allies or other countries "in treaties, agreements and other appropriate documents."

Earlier last week, Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R-NY) maintained that there has been no wavering of support for the Jackson Amendment in the U.S. Senate as a result of Brezhnev's presentation on the issue.

In his statement to the Congressmen, Brezhnev said that more than 95 percent of Soviet Jews who applied for visas got them.

His figures were challenged by Sen. Jackson and others who said they were "wrong and misleading."

(In New York, Jacob Stein, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, expressed regret last night that no announcement giving Soviet Jews the right to emigrate freely had yet emerged from the Nixon-Brezhnev summit talks now nearing completion.

### ISRAELI LABOR PARTY DELEGATION CONFERS IN BONN

BONN, June 24 (JTA)--A 12-man delegation of the Israel Labor Party conferred over the week-end with leaders of West Germany's ruling Social Democratic Party and is expected to meet

with Chancellor Willy Brandt before ending its 10-day visit to this country. Their talks reportedly concern German-Israeli relations, Israel and the Common Market and the Middle East situation.

The visitors attended a reception given today by Mayor Klaus Schuetz of West Berlin. They met yesterday with Senior SDP members including Herbert Wehner, deputy chairman of the party who headed a delegation to Israel in the spring of 1971.

The Israeli group, headed by Labor Party Secretary General Aharon Yadin, visited the site of the Bergen Belsen concentration camp Friday where Yadin and Hans Koschnik, president of the Senate and Mayor of Bremen each placed a wreath in memory of the Jewish victims of Nazism.

The Israeli visitors are scheduled to visit Hamburg and Munich before returning home. Their itinerary has not been disclosed for security reasons.

### CHAGALL CALLS HIS VISIT TO MOSCOW "POSITIVE FOR SOVIET JEWS"

PARIS, June 24 (JTA)--French painter Marc Chagall today described his recent trip to the Soviet Union as "positive, not only for myself but also for Soviet Jews." Back in Paris after two weeks in Moscow where he inaugurated the first Soviet exhibition of his works, Chagall told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the exhibition was open to the general public and not just to invited guests, as had been reported.

"Thousands of Muscovites are attending the exhibition" which, he said, will last until the end of the month. He said plans were underway for a second exhibition in the Soviet capital next spring.

The exhibition, held at the Tretyakov Art Gallery, was organized by the Cultural Affairs Ministry and the official Soviet Artists Union. It included 70 of Chagall's early, non-Biblical works. The trip was Chagall's first to the Soviet Union in over 50 years. He said he had been received with "the highest of honors," including a lunch at the Kremlin with members of the Cultural Affairs Ministry.

Chagall said many Soviet Jews waited daily outside his hotel to talk politics, but he said he tried to limit the discussions to art. "I was happy to see so many Jews in posts of responsibility, particularly in the theatre and in the arts," he said.

The painter said he was leaving Paris shortly for Nice, for the inauguration of the "National Museum of the Marc Chagall Biblical Message," the first ever built by France for a living painter. Chagall said he would be going to Israel in the fall at the invitation of the Israeli Government.

### LUBAVITCHERS ORGANIZE "INWARD" COMMUNICATION WEEKEND

NEW YORK, June 24 (JTA)--One hundred and fifty college professors from all over the United States have come to the Lubavitcher headquarters in Brooklyn to experience "a unique weekend program of 'inward' communication for Jewish intellectuals who seek to deepen their relationship with Judaism."

The theme of the weekend is "spiritual cybernetics," which "seeks to explore the means of communication with the known physical aspects of our existence," Rabbi Shmuel M. Butman, Director of the College and University Council of the Lubavitcher Youth Organization, which is sponsoring the weekend, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today.

The academicians came to 770 Eastern Parkway to experience "live" Judaism "rather than learn it from books," Rabbi Butman said. He explained the participants are exploring the "penetrating insights of Hasidism."

## NCRC RAPs KEY '73 PROGRAM — CONDEMNNS INVASIONS OF PRIVACY

WASHINGTON, June 24 (JTA)—Jewish Community Relations Agencies said today Jewish reaction to the missionizing thrusts of Key '73, the Christian evangelical movement, had brought many Christian leaders to the realization that they must abandon proselytizing among Jews.

"For the first time in the history of the Jewish-Christian relations in America," a resolution adopted at the annual plenary session of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council declared, "Christian denominations have been confronted with the need to come to terms with the living reality of Judaism in the Jewish community." This was viewed as one of the "positive consequences" flowing from Key '73 by the 300 delegates representing 93 community councils affiliated with NJCRAC.

But the NJCRAC statement criticized the "evangelical view of America as a single 'Christian nation'" and deplored the seeming support given this concept by public participation of the President, governors and other public officials in "prayer breakfasts" and the use of publicly financed institutions, such as state universities and high schools, "as arenas for systematic proselytizing activities."

The effect of such proselytization has been minimal, the NJCRAC agencies declared. "We do not perceive (it) as a major threat to the integrity or security of the American Jewish community or its Judaism."

### Anti-Semitism In U.S.A. On The Decline

The Conference also condemned "unconstitutional" use of electronic surveillance and other invasions of privacy, denouncing such actions by government agencies as "an alarming disregard for some of the most basic safeguards of individual freedom."

A policy statement adopted at the annual plenary sessions of National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council urged that the Jewish community "continue to speak out in opposition to infringements on personal liberty."

"It is essential to the security of the Jewish community that our society remain free and open, protecting the rights of all individuals," NJCRAC's constituent agencies declared.

Another consensus by the NJCRAC agencies found anti-semitism in the form of overt discrimination and open hostility toward Jews "in a continued decline." It appraised the American Jewish community as "unprecedentedly secure, socially, economically, and politically."

The extent of "Jew-baiting propaganda" during the past year was limited largely to a "weakened and decimated" radical right, a few far left groups who inflammatory anti-Zionist statements were beyond "legitimate criticism" of Israeli policies, and extremists among Black nationalists, NJCRAC reports.

NJCRAC concluded its five-day meeting with the election of Lewis D. Cole of Louisville, Kentucky, as chairman succeeding Albert E. Arent of Washington, who had served the customary three one-year terms. Isaiah Minkoff of N.Y., NJCRAC's chief administrative officer since its inception, was re-elected to a 29th term as executive vice-chairman.

### JERUSALEM TOWN PLANNING MOVING IN "RIGHT DIRECTION"

JERUSALEM, June 24 (JTA)—The Jerusalem Committee which was highly critical of town

planning efforts in Jerusalem when it last met here three years ago, now believes the planners are moving in the right direction. The foreign experts who comprise the committee ended their three-day meeting by declaring that they were greatly impressed by the "change of mood" since Dec. 1970.

In a final resolution the committee stated: "In 1970 we were shown a plan. Our reception was critical throughout and occasionally unnecessarily hostile. Now we see that our recommendations have largely been implemented." Planning material which the members were shown was "clearly of a high quality and demands seriously study and reflection," the resolution said.

Committee members were still divided over whether high rise buildings were an asset or a disaster for Jerusalem. They expressed unqualified condemnation, however, for skyscrapers which impinge on the visual area of the Old City. In a recommendation that has direct bearing on current developments in Jerusalem, the committee called for banning the construction of high rise buildings which already have building permits if they affect the Old City. They said compensation should be paid to the developers.

### TSUR CALLS ON JNF TO FULFILL ECOLOGICAL FUNCTION

JERUSALEM, June 24 (JTA)—Ya'acov Tsur, chairman of the Jewish National Fund, said here last night that the time has come for the 72-year-old JNF to change its image abroad and engage in new projects in Israel in keeping with the nation's ecological needs.

Tsur, who spoke at the opening session of the JNF Advisory Council meeting, noted that the world has changed and the Jewish people has changed since the JNF was established at the fifth Zionist Congress in Basel in 1901.

Tsur urged the JNF to start thinking of work in Israeli towns and villages rather than just in the hills and open country. He said the JNF has already become a vital factor in Israel's ecological battles and must increase its activities in that direction.

If Israel was a desert when the JNF began its activities at the turn of the century, it is now in danger of becoming a desert of stone and concrete, he said. The JNF must plant parks and malls to avoid this happening, Tsur said.

Mayor Teddy Kollek, of Jerusalem who attended the opening session of the meeting, said he had failed so far to persuade the JNF to plant trees and parks in his city and had to turn to private donors.

Advisory Council chairman Herman Weisman of New York, agreed with Tsur's call for a new image and new projects and promised that large scale fund-raising abroad would not interfere with the campaigns of the United Jewish Appeal and Keren Hayesod.

### WEST GERMANY GIVING IN TO LIBYA'S DEMANDS

BONN, June 24 (JTA)—West Germany said today that it was going "half way" to meet the demands of Libyan President Muammar al-Qaddafi that the passports carried by all foreigners entering Libya be printed in Arabic. The Foreign Ministry said that a rubber stamp containing all essential information in Arabic will be imprinted on the passports of all West German nationals traveling to Libya.

The Ministry described the measure as a compromise and said it has been approved by the Libyan authorities. It said, it was taken in order to ease the personal hardships endured by German businessmen traveling to Libya.

# RUN-OFF ELECTION FOR MAYORAL CANDIDATES SEEN AS CONTEST BETWEEN JEWISH, BLACK AND HISPANIC VOTERS

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NEW YORK, June 24 (JTA)--Next Tuesday's run-off election for the Democratic mayoral nomination shapes up as a contest between Jewish voters and Blacks and Puerto Ricans if the results of the June 4 primaries are any indication. And the indications are that after three weeks of intensive campaigning, neither Rep. Heiman Badillo nor City Comptroller Abraham Beame has made any serious inroads among the other's constituency.

A heavy turn-out by Blacks and Puerto Ricans June 4 was credited with placing Badillo a close second to Beame. The run-off was mandated because neither of the two front-runners received 40 percent of the city-wide vote in the primaries.

Beame, 67, who ran unsuccessfully for Mayor in 1965, finished first in the primaries with 34 percent of the vote. Badillo, 44, got 29 percent. Beame's first place finish was based on his capture of 40 percent of the Jewish vote while Badillo's strongest showing was in heavily Black and Hispanic districts. Beame is Jewish and Badillo was born in Puerto Rico.

Beame made some inroads among Irish and Italian voters who tended to favor Rep. Mario Biaggi the Conservative Party nominee who placed third in the race for the Democratic endorsement. He also did better than Badillo in middle class Black districts such as the St. Albans-South Jamaica area of Queens. But Beame's main strength was clearly among Jews and Badillo's among poorer Blacks and Puerto Ricans, according to a breakdown of the votes by district.

## Black Versus Jewish Districts

In the heavily Jewish Borough Park district, for example, Badillo polled 2334 votes to Beame's 3213. But in the heavily black Brownsville-East New York district, the tally was 2458 for Badillo to 814 for Beame. East Flatbush-Crown Heights which is largely Jewish, favored Beame by a margin of 7442 votes to 2112 for Badillo. But in predominantly black Bedford Stuyvesant-Crown Heights the results were 2495 for Badillo to 1438 for Beame.

Beame far outdistanced Badillo in Jewish areas of Queens where controversies have raged over low income housing projects. In the Rego Park-Forest Hills district, the Comptroller polled 3598 votes to Badillo's 946. In Howard Beach-South Ozone Park 4186 voted for Beame to 2788 for Badillo. In Broad Channel-Rockaways, Beame captured 8342 votes to Badillo's 2031.

Of the two run-off contestants, Badillo is regarded as the more liberal. He may appeal to those Jewish voters who would like to see a Jew Mayor but preferred Assemblyman Albert H. Blumenthal to Beame in the June 4 primaries.

Blumenthal, who ran with the endorsement of the Reform Democrats and the Liberal Party, came out a poor fourth in the primaries with only 16 percent of the vote. But he did fairly well in such Jewish strongholds as Sheepshead Bay-Coney Island and Flatbush-Parkville in Brooklyn. Blumenthal himself expressed preference for Badillo after the primaries.

According to some observers, the liberal Jewish vote has no place to go but to Badillo in the run-off. Whoever wins on Tuesday, there will

be a four-way race for Mayor in Nov. The Democratic candidate will have to face the Republican nominee, John Marchi; Biaggi, the Conservative nominee; and Blumenthal who is running on the Liberal Party ticket.

## NJCRC DENOUNCES "JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR"

WASHINGTON, June 24 (JTA)--The film version of "Jesus Christ Superstar," opening Wednesday in first run theaters across the nation, was denounced here by the member agencies of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council for reviving "religious sources of anti-Semitism."

A statement adopted at the NJCRAC plenary session castigated the motion picture as "worse than the stage play" in dramatizing "the old falsehood of the Jews' collective responsibility for the death of Jesus."

The statement charged that the film's "stereotypes are more extreme" in its distortions of Biblical history, "insidious" in its exaggeration of "some of the most baneful anti-Jewish notions traditionally associated with the Passion story."

Albert E. Arent of Washington, NJCRAC chairman, said that NJCRAC agencies were generally reluctant to publicly condemn films or literature, to avoid implications of censorship. But a report on "Jesus Christ Superstar" by the Council Broadcasting and Film Committee "finds the stereotyping and historical distortions outrageous," he said.

The NJCRAC statement charged that the motion picture "unambiguously lays primary responsibility for the Passion to Jewish priests" who are depicted as "contemptuous, sadistic and bloodthirsty." The statement said that the role of Judas, portrayed by a Black actor, is "magnified far beyond historic evidence," representing him as a dupe of the Jewish priesthood in a way that "could easily exacerbate present-day Black-Jewish relations."

The film is a "singularly damaging setback" to Christian-Jewish relations, the statement said. It noted that the Second Vatican Council and Protestant agencies have rejected the "pernicious idea" of Jewish guilt for the crucifixion but "Jesus Christ Superstar" revives it."

## KAHANE STARTS FOURTH PRISON WEEK

JERUSALEM, June 24 (JTA)--Jewish Defense League leader Rabbi Meir Kahane is entering his fourth week in custody without having been presented with the evidence available against him.

Kahane Friday lodged an appeal against his continued detention. State Attorney General Gabriel Bach explained that the police investigation in the case was continuing in Israel and abroad and that Kahane's release might hinder its progress. The court will rule on Kahane's appeal next week.

The JDL leader was remanded three weeks ago in connection with sending of what was described as racial incitement letters to Arab citizens in Israel urging them to leave the country. He was released four days later but immediately redetained on suspicion of conspiring to persuade people in the U.S. to commit acts of violence against foreign diplomats.

Details of State evidence against Kahane were not revealed to Kahane's lawyer nor made public after the judge agreed with the State Attorney that this might prejudice the police investigation.

State Supreme Court Justice Abraham J. Multer, of Brooklyn, N.Y., was today elected National President of B'nai Zion.