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POMPIDOU-BREZHNEV DISCUSS MIDEAST - SOVIET JEWRY NOT MENTIONED

PARIS, June 27 (JTA)--French President Georges Pompidou and Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev discussed the situation in the Middle East during two days of talks which ended today, but they saw no solution to the problem, a Foreign Ministry official said.

The official said the two leaders discussed the Middle East as an aspect of the world political and military framework in the same way that they discussed Vietnam, Cambodia and Latin America. No details on what the two leaders said to each other about the Middle East were disclosed by the Foreign Ministry.

The Foreign Ministry official said Pompidou did not discuss with Brezhnev the harassment of Soviet Jews or its refusal to issue visas to those who wish to emigrate to Israel because France views the matter as an internal national problem and not a topic for a summit conference.

Demonstrations

Militants of the "Jewish Student Front" (Beitar) burned ten Soviet flags here today in front of the Soviet tourist agency "Intourist" and the French Communist Party headquarters in protest against the visit of Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev to Paris. The demonstrators dispersed before the arrival of police.

A police-banned demonstration organized by the Defense Committee for Soviet Jews took place here yesterday without incident. Several hundred young people carried posters reading "Free Soviet Jews" and "Brezhnev in Rambouillet, Soviet Jews in Prison." The reference was to the castle outside Paris where Brezhnev is staying.

SHENKER DRAWS BLEAK PICTURE OF ARGENTINIAN JEWRY

JERUSALEM, June 27 (JTA)--Avraham Shenker, chairman of the World Zionist Organization's department for organization and information, said that his recent visit to Argentina left him with "deep concern for Argentinian Jewry."

Shenker said Argentina's half million Jews are uneasy over the recent political developments in that country. While on one hand there is a feeling that Jews have equal opportunities at all levels, on the other hand there is a strong anti-Semitic trend, especially in Peronist circles. In Buenos Aires, he said, he encountered leaflets signed by the Juvento Revolutionaria--Young Revolutionaries--a group that accuses Jews of smuggling money out of the country through the Israel Discount Bank.

GOV'T. MOVES AGAINST STRIKING DOCTORS

TEL AVIV, June 27 (JTA)--A court ordered striking doctors today to stop demanding fees from sick fund patients they have been treating privately since the strike began nearly four weeks ago. The court order was obtained by Kupat Holim, the Histadrut sick fund. The government meanwhile is reportedly ready to ask for a court order to bar the use of hospital facilities and equipment to striking doctors who are accepting patients at hospitals for fees. The 6000 striking physicians are demanding a 60% salary increase.

BEAME ELECTED DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE - MAY BE CITY'S FIRST JEWISH MAYOR

NEW YORK, June 27 (JTA)--New York, the city with the largest Jewish population in the world, appeared likely today to get the first Jewish mayor in its history next Nov.

That was the consensus of political experts in the aftermath of Comptroller Abraham D. Beame's stunning run-off victory against Rep. Herman Badillo for the Democratic Mayoral nomination.

Beame, 67, who is Jewish, won four of the five boroughs including Badillo's home-borough of The Bronx, in yesterday's balloting which brought out a record 900,000 voters, nearly 38 percent of the city's 2.4 million registered Democrats. With all but a few of the city's 4569 election districts--reporting this morning, Beame had 549,189 votes to 354,563 for his Puerto Rican-born rival--a victory margin of 3-2.

Beame's margin yesterday was considerably larger than in the June 4 primaries when he polled 34 percent of the vote to Badillo's 29 percent, mandating the city's first run-off contest.

According to political experts, Beame is the odds-on favorite to win the mayoralty race in Nov. unless there are sizeable defections among Democratic voters. Registered Democrats have always outnumbered Republicans in this city.

Large Turn-Out

In the fall contest, Beame will face State Sen. John Marchi, the Republican nominee and the two Democrats he bested in the June 4 primaries--Rep. Mario Biaggi who is running on the Conservative Party ticket and State Assemblyman Albert H. Blumenthal candidate of the Liberal Party.

Beame's run-off victory was attributed to the unexpectedly large voter turn-out which exceeded by some 125,000 the number that voted in the primaries. The heavy turnout was credited in part to the Democratic Party machine which supported Beame. Also evident, however, was a powerful white middle class coalition that literally swamped the Black-Puerto Rican coalition behind Rep. Badillo.

The returns indicated that Beame captured a substantial portion of the Jewish liberal vote that went to Blumenthal June 4 plus a large percentage of the Irish, Italian and other white ethnic voters who favored Biaggi in the primaries. Significantly, Blumenthal, who is Jewish, endorsed Badillo in the run-off while Biaggi told his followers that he was voting for Beame.

Jewish Vote

The Jewish vote was a powerful factor in Beame's victory. Seven predominantly Jewish districts in Brooklyn gave Beame some 118,000 votes to 23,000 for Biaggi.

A similar situation prevailed in Queens where the vote in five heavily Jewish districts was 45,400 for Beame to 15,900 for Badillo. The Bronx, which is heavily Black and Puerto Rican, but has a substantial Jewish population in its northern and western areas, went for Beame by a vote of 96,900-86,306. Staten Island, largely white, but with the smallest Jewish population, voted for Beame by 17,838-4709.

Badillo won Manhattan by a fairly large margin--112,786-79,027--a showing attributable to that borough's large Black and Hispanic population and

the fact that it is a stronghold of liberal voters--Jewish and others.

Among the imponderables in next November's election is whether any substantial portion of the non-Jewish white Democrats will switch party lines and vote for either Sen. Marchi or Rep. Biaggi. Should such defections occur, they could be attributable to a reluctance to have a Jew in City Hall.

Beame is not the first Jew to run for Mayor--and lose--in this heavily Jewish city. He was defeated in 1965 when he ran against then Republican John V. Lindsay and Conservative William F. Buckley.

Jewish candidates for Mayor suffered the same fate in earlier elections. State Attorney General Louis J. Lefkowitz lost to Robert F. Wagner in 1961; Harold Riegelman, a Republican, was defeated by Wagner in 1953 and Jonah J. Goldstein lost to William O'Dwyer in 1945.

SOVIET JEWS APPEAL TO BREZHNEV

VIENNA, June 27 (JTA)--A dozen Jewish activists in Moscow appealed to Leonid Brezhnev today to end the harassment they say they have been subjected to since he left the USSR on his trip to the U.S. two weeks ago.

In a cable to the Soviet Communist Party Secretary who is in Paris for two days of talks with French President Georges Pompidou, the activists said they have been arrested almost daily by the KGB (secret police) and detained briefly each time.

Soviet authorities apparently feared the activists would stage demonstrations during Brezhnev's summit talks in the U.S. (In Paris today, 112 French scientists petitioned Brezhnev to "put an end to the sanctions taken against the Levich family.")

(The scientists referred to the dismissal of Prof. Benjamin Levich, a prominent physicist, from the Soviet Academy of Science and the abduction last month of his 24-year-old son Evgeny who was sent to a military camp in Siberia. The Levich family has applied unsuccessfully for exit visas.

(The signers of the petition include mathematicians Prof. Louis Leprine Ringuet; Andre Lwoff, Nobel Prize Laureate for medicine; sociology Prof. Maxime Rodinson and members of the Spectrophysics Laboratories in Grenoble and the astronomical observatory in St. Maur. A similar petition was sent by the National Union of Scientific Researches.)

AMERICAN RABBI EXPELLED FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA

LONDON, June 27 (JTA)--Dr. Ephraim P. Einhorn, a Czech-born rabbi who is an American citizen, was expelled from Czechoslovakia today. A Prague radio broadcast said Dr. Einhorn was given 48 hours to leave the country for activities "incompatible with the interests of the State."

No elaboration of the charge was given. Dr. Einhorn lived in Britain during World War II and was employed by the British Section of the World Jewish Congress. He went to Israel after the war and later moved to the United States. He returned to Czechoslovakia in 1972 to join members of his family.

Alfred Wolf was unanimously elected last night in London president of the United Synagogue, the largest group of Orthodox synagogues in the UK. He succeeds Sir Isaac Wolfson. Wolf is a former vice-president of the United Synagogue and a former chairman of the London Board of Jewish Religious Education.

DAYAN SURPRISE WEDDING - NEIGHBORS RECRUITED FOR MINYAN

TEL AVIV, June 27 (JTA)--Defense Minister Moshe Dayan was married last night to Mrs. Rachel Korem in a simple ceremony performed by Rabbi Mordechai Piron, Chief Chaplain of Israel's armed forces, at the rabbi's home here. It was the second marriage for both.

The wedding was not announced beforehand and Rabbi Piron, who holds the rank of Brig. Gen., had to recruit neighbors to complete the ten-minyan (quorum) required for a religious ceremony. Neither Gen. Dayan's daughter and two sons nor Mrs. Korem's two daughters attended.

The ceremony lasted 45 minutes. Afterwards, the rabbi's wife served refreshments and Gen. Dayan and his bride left for a private dinner with friends at a local restaurant. Dayan was at his desk in his office this morning as usual.

The 57-year-old Defense Minister was divorced from his first wife, Ruth Dayan, in Jan. 1972. Mrs. Korem, 45, who once was on the staff of Premier David Ben-Gurion, was divorced ten years ago. After the ceremony, Gen. Dayan told well-wishers that he had no trouble getting a marriage license. "She is divorced and I am divorced. I am no Cohen and no mamzer (bastard) so there was no trouble," he said in a humorous reference to restrictions imposed by Israel's Orthodox rabbinate.

CASE AGAINST JDL MEMBERS CHARGED WITH HUOK OFFICE DEATH DISMISSED

NEW YORK, June 27 (JTA)--Illegal wiretaps by federal authorities were the decisive factor in today's dismissal of the case against two Jewish Defense League members accused of the fatal fire-bombing of impressario Sol Hurok's office in Jan. 1972. The case was dismissed for lack of evidence.

Federal Judge Irving R. Kaufman threw out the case against Stuart Cohen and Sheldon Davis after assailing wiretaps of the JDL office ordered without court authorization in Oct. 1970 by the then U.S. Attorney General John Mitchell. Cohen and Davis were set free after two witnesses, Richard Huss and Jeffry Smilov refused to testify against them. The accused cannot be tried again on the same charges. Huss and Smilov face criminal contempt charges and are being held on \$50,000 bail. They have been in jail since June 8 on a civil contempt citation.

Judge Kaufman rejected the government's efforts to compel the key witnesses to testify. He noted that the government has conceded that the 1970 bug installed in the JDL's New York office was illegal and, in fact, had destroyed the illegally obtained evidence.

The JDL has denied implication in the bombings of the Hurok and Columbia Artists offices which book Soviet artists for performances in the U.S. Sheldon Seigel, a JDL member who allegedly participated in the bombing in which one person was killed, had been granted immunity to testify as a prosecution witness. He refused to testify yesterday on grounds that government questions were based on the evidence obtained by the illegal wiretaps.

ISRAELI DIAMONDS TO JAPAN

TOKYO, June 27 (JTA)--Japan will buy more diamonds from developing countries, including Israel under a preferential tariff, it was announced here. The import quota has been raised to \$45 million. Finished diamonds are one of Israel's chief exports. Japan bought \$52 million worth of diamonds last year.

GOLDMANN WARNS ON THE DANGERS OF 'GOOD TIMES'

JERUSALEM, June 27 (JTA)--Dr. Nahum Goldmann warned tonight that Jews, having become prosperous and influential in the world, are in danger of forgetting their timeless Jewish ideals and renouncing Jewry's universal mission. Dr. Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, spoke at the opening session of the WJC's Executive meeting here.

"While we were incomparable in remaining Jews in bad times, we now must prove that we can do so in good times," he said. He said that modern Jewry, with the creation of Israel and their economic prosperity in the United States, was better off and more powerful materially than ever before. But it is just such a situation that presents dangerous spiritual pitfalls, he warned.

"The tendencies which are developing, especially within American Jewry, which would have the Jewish people limit its problems and activities for its own benefit and which renounces the universal character of our national and religious ideas, are an indication of the dangers involved in our new position as a powerful people," Dr. Goldmann said.

'Short-Sighted Policies'

He observed that Jewry today suffers from short-sighted policies. "It lives from hand to mouth and only reacts to events which happen in the outside world."

Dr. Goldmann reiterated a point he has made on many previous occasions when he said that long-range thinking by Jews must take into account the fact that the democratic West was in eclipse and the Communist bloc and Third World are rising in power. "Today we must learn to orientate our policies not only to the democracies but also to the Communist countries and the Third World," he said.

On the subject of Soviet Jewry, Dr. Goldmann said that while the first effort must be to secure free emigration, we must not forget that "large parts of these (Russian-Jewish) communities, if not the majority, will in the foreseeable future remain there and we cannot afford to lose them through their complete assimilation."

RABBINICAL COUNCIL BACKS LAW ON PORNOGRAPHY

FALLSBURG, N.Y., June 27 (JTA)--Delegates attending the 37th annual convention of the Rabbinical Council of America today unanimously adopted a resolution backing the recent Supreme Court decision on pornography. The court decision will enable states to ban books, magazines, plays and motion pictures that are offensive to local standards.

Officers of the Orthodox organization told the 500 rabbis that the moral fabric of this country which is based primarily on the strength of the family unit, is being eroded by the wave of "pornography, obscenity, nudity and indiscriminate promiscuity."

Orthodox leaders also charged the publishing, TV, radio and motion picture industries with exploitation and selfish financial interest. Rabbi Ephraim Kolatch, chairman of the convention, issued an urgent plea to Governor Rockefeller and Mayor Lindsay to immediately exercise their authority under the new Supreme Court decision to clean up New York City. The four-day convention ends tomorrow.

There will be no JTA Bulletin on Wednesday, July 4 because of the Independence Day holiday.

SENATE AMENDMENT TO PHANTOM SALES TO SAUDI ARABIA

WASHINGTON, June 27 (JTA)--An amendment barring the transfer of U.S. Phantom jets sold to Saudi Arabia to any third power was appended to a foreign aid authorization bill by a voice vote in the U.S. Senate today. The proviso, drafted by Sens. Abraham Ribicoff (D.Conn.) and Henry M. Jackson (D.Wash.) did not mention Saudi Arabia by name.

In introducing it, however, Sen. Jackson remarked that Saudi Arabia cannot allow any Phantoms it may acquire to be used for training any non-Saudi pilots and is prohibited from making them available to "Egyptian nationals in any capacity."

Saudi Arabia is reportedly seeking to purchase 24-30 Phantoms as part of a billion dollar weapons deal with the U.S. The Israeli government has officially indicated its anxiety to the Nixon Administration that the supersonic fighter-bombers may be transferred to other Arab countries for use against Israel.

The Jackson-Ribicoff amendment provides that no country receiving weapons from the U.S. may, without the President's consent, "permit the use" of such weapons "by persons who are not nationals or employees or agents of that country." Should the proviso be violated, the measure provides that "No sophisticated weapons, including jet aircraft or spare parts and associated ground equipment for such aircraft shall be furnished under this or any other act" to that country "after the date" of violation.

\$50 Million For Israeli Security

In another action related to the Middle East today, the House Foreign Affairs Committee voted without opposition to provide \$50 million in supporting security assistance to Israel, double the amount contained in the Administration's aid proposal. The increase was proposed by Rep. Donald M. Fraser (D.Minn.) who called for raising the total security assistance in the foreign aid bill to \$125 million "of which not less than \$50 million is to be available to Israel."

The House figure for security assistance to Israel is now identical to that adopted by the Senate yesterday. Senate Foreign Relations Committee chairman J. William Fulbright himself sponsored the doubling of the aid to Israel. The \$50 million is considered certain to be included in the authorization bill when both houses finally adopt it. The bill, however, must run the gauntlet of appropriation legislation.

ABIE NATHAN CUT OFF

TEL AVIV, June 27 (JTA)--The pop music and peace messages broadcast by Abie Nathan's peace ship were silent today. The vessel, anchored outside Israel's 12-mile limit, had generator trouble which cut off its electricity supply. Technicians summoned from Tel Aviv were unable to repair the generator. An urgent call was put through to the American manufacturer who promised to dispatch a technician forthwith.

Israeli authorities meanwhile have informed Nathan that his international crew will no longer be able to enter or leave Israel without undergoing the usual procedures that apply to crewmen of foreign vessels. Up to now, the formalities had been dispensed with. The authorities said crew members who shuttle to and from the peace ship by motor launch can land only at Haifa or Ashdod where customs officers are on duty.

ELECTION BILL ALTERED TO ACCOMMODATE RELIGIOUS JEWS

NEW YORK, June 27 (JTA)--Sen. Robert C. Byrd (D. W. Va.) has drastically altered an election campaign reform bill he is sponsoring in order to accommodate the needs of religious Jews. According to Rabbi Moshe Sherer, executive president of the Agudath Israel of America, Byrd, the Senate Majority Whip, has dropped his proposal to advance election day by one month--to the first Tuesday in Oct.

He abandoned it when it was brought to his attention by Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R. NY) that the change would disenfranchise observant Jews because Jewish holidays frequently fall on the first Tuesday in Oct., Rabbi Sherer said.

Sen. Byrd's measure is aimed at shortening the length of federal election campaigns. Rabbi Sherer said that the commission on legislation of the Agudath Israel prepared a chart which showed that had his change been instituted in 1965, religious Jews would have been unable to vote in the 1965, 1968, and 1971 elections because Jewish holidays began at sundown on the day preceding the first Tuesday in Oct. in those years.

Sen. Byrd will introduce a new measure which would have the effect of reducing the campaign period by holding primary elections in Aug. instead of June. Rabbi Sherer said that Sen. Javits played a major role in personally presenting the religious consequences of his bill to Sen. Byrd.

RITUAL SLAUGHTER OPPOSED

AMSTERDAM, June 27 (JTA)--The Amsterdam municipality has been urged by the small right-wing "Farmers Party" to prohibit ritual slaughtering as practiced by the Jewish community. A spokesman for the party, Jan Roodenburg, a cattle breeder, calls the slaughter "unnecessary torture" of animals.

The assistant director of the Amsterdam Municipal Slaughterhouse says Roodenburg's descriptions of ritual slaughter are "correct," but adds the slaughter is legal and can only be changed by changing Dutch law.

RABBINICAL COUNCIL TO ACT ON MIXED MARRIAGES

FALLSBURG, N.Y., June 27 (JTA)--The Rabbinical Council of America, an organization of Orthodox rabbis, today unanimously went on record to "pressure" and utilize its veto privileges in Jewish secular and religious organizations to exclude from leadership roles those who marry out of the faith, and those rabbis who officiate at mixed marriages.

The action, taken by the Council at its 37th annual meeting, emphasized that mixed marriages have reached "epidemic proportion and threaten the very survival of Jewish religious life."

Rabbi Louis Bernstein, president of the 1000-member Rabbinical Council and Fabian Schonfeld its first vice-president, explained that the Council will exercise its veto privilege in such bodies as the Synagogue Council of America and the Commission of Jewish Chaplaincy of the Jewish Welfare Board.

They added that their organization would use its influence in other groups in which the Council holds membership. These groups include the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations and the National Conference on Soviet Jewry.

There was no indication that any of the groups listed by the Council had as leaders people who were the product of mixed marriage.

Criticizing those rabbis who perform mixed marriages, the resolution declared: "We must refuse to sit down together with such 'rabbis' no matter what their background and we cannot join those who honor them." The resolution stressed: "We must isolate them from any public role in the Jewish community."

Rabbi Rafael Grossman of Long Branch, New Jersey, who headed the Council resolution committee, announced that a special commission to implement the action taken by the rabbinic body will be headed by Rabbi Walter S. Wurzbarger, editor of "Tradition" the official magazine of the Council. Rabbi Bernstein said that the purpose of the Council resolution is "to remove ecclesiastical endorsement of spiritual genocide."

WORLD GOURMETS SAMPLE ISRAELI CUISINE

JERUSALEM, June 27 (JTA)--Over 100 food and wine editors from more than 20 countries are eating and drinking their way around Israel this week. The International Federation of Gastronomic and Wine Press began its annual conference at the Shalom Hotel today as guests of Israel's Tourist Ministry under the patronage of the International Restaurateurs Association.

They began their tour with a sampling of Israeli foods from whole stuffed duck to the typical Israeli dairy breakfast. This evening they will be wine and dined by Tourism Minister Moshe Kol at what has been billed as a "Queen of Sheba Dinner."

Tomorrow night an Israeli chef's competition will be judged by an international panel headed by Federation president Jean Arnaboldi and Jean Valery, president of the restaurateurs group.

The menus include a typical Bedouin lunch at the Ein Bokek Hotel near the Dead Sea; a "Loaves and Fishes" lunch at the Galei Kinneret Hotel in Tiberias; a "Milk-and-Honey" dinner at Ayelet Hashahar in Galilee; and a "Mt. Carmel Lunch" at the Dan Carmel Hotel overlooking Haifa.

The grand finale of the tour will be a 25th anniversary dinner at the Tel Aviv Hilton Sunday. Hundreds of Israelis in the hotel and tourist business have been invited to the food and wine tasting session at the Shalom Hotel from which officials hope they will get new ideas.

BETWEEN FIRE AND WATER

TEL AVIV, June 27 (JTA)--Residents of Tel Aviv were caught between fire and water today. The lifeguards on the beach resumed a strike for higher wages that they had suspended a week ago. At the same time, the Tel Aviv fire brigade embarked on a partial strike.

The fire-fighters are answering alarms, but they have halted all paper work and will not respond to people who have lost their keys and call the fire department to open their doors. The firemen, like the lifeguards, are demanding higher wages.

Dr. Moses Rosen celebrated this week in Bucharest the 25th anniversary of his nomination as Chief Rabbi of Rumania. Government officials and the heads of the various local Christian churches joined in congratulating him. Rumanian vice-president Emil Bodnăraș thanked him for his work "in promoting peace and understanding among the nations." Dr. Rosen praised the Rumanian government for its liberal attitude.