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CAMBODIA MAY SEEK ISRAELI MILITARY AID IF U.S. ENDS BOMBING SUPPORT. NEW ENVOY SAYS

JERUSALEM, July 4 (JTA)--The new Cambodian Ambassador said here today that his government might seek military aid from Israel if American aid ceases after the Aug. 15 deadline agreed to by President Nixon and the U.S. Congress. The envoy, Keo Kimsan, who presented his credentials to President Ephraim Katzir on Monday, said he had made no formal overtures to the Israeli authorities on this subject yet because as long as the Americans are active militarily in Cambodia they would not welcome Israeli aid.

Kimsan, Cambodia's first resident Ambassador to Israel, said his country would contemplate asking for Israeli military advisors and know-how if the Americans stopped bombing and the Communists continued to attack government forces. He said his government was already negotiating privately with several friendly governments for future military help if needed. He did not name the governments.

He said he hoped that if a cease-fire could not be arranged with the Communists, the U.S. would continue its bombing support for the Cambodian Army beyond Aug. 15. Kimsan said he also hoped for Israeli economic assistance when the war ended to help rebuild his ravaged country.

MRS. MEIR TELLS NIXON SHE IS ENCOURAGED BY HIS STAND AGAINST TERRORISM

JERUSALEM, July 4 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir praised President Nixon's "firm stand" against terrorism in a cable she sent him yesterday expressing thanks for his message of condolence for the murder of Col. Yosef Alon, the Israeli Air Attache shot to death in Washington Sunday.

"My government and I deeply appreciate your determination to devote all available resources to investigate this brutal act and to bring its perpetrators to justice," Mrs. Meir's message said. "I recall, Mr. President, the sad day in Washington when your two diplomats were being held captive in the capital of Sudan and then murdered. I remember your firm stand at the time. When we face tragic events of that kind I often think of your reaction in a moment of trial and draw encouragement from it," Premier Meir's message concluded.

MILITARY FUNERAL HELD FOR ISRAELI DIPLOMAT MURDERED IN WASHINGTON

TEL AVIV, July 4 (JTA)--A military funeral was held yesterday for Col. Yosef Alon, 43, the Air Attache at the Israel Embassy in Washington who was murdered Sunday morning outside his home in suburban Bethesda, Maryland. Six Army colonels served as pall bearers in the funeral procession which began at Tel Hashomer Hospital and ended at the Tel Aviv military cemetery.

Defense Minister Moshe Dayan eulogized the slain diplomat and Air Force pilot and repeated his warning that Israel intends to strike back at terrorists wherever they are.

"Israel is too small a country to assume upon itself the task which the world at large should do

in combatting terrorism. Nevertheless, we do not claim we are unable to act. Action should be taken against the terrorists and against those countries that are but schools for the terrorists or which finance the murders," Gen. Dayan said.

(Investigations of the Alon murder by the FBI and the Montgomery County, Md. police so far have not come up with evidence that the crime was politically motivated. Federal authorities in the U.S. are reportedly checking into the activities of known Arab sympathizers in connection with the case.)

Col. Alon's funeral was attended by Chief of Staff Gen. David Elazar and Air Force Commander Gen. Benjamin Peled. The Chief Army Chaplain officiated.

PRINCESS MARGARET TO VISIT EGYPT; POLITICAL GESTURE SEEN

LONDON, July 4 (JTA)--The Foreign Office announced today that Princess Margaret will visit Egypt next fall as a political emissary although she will not talk politics directly. The surprise announcement was seen here as an extraordinary gesture of good will toward Egypt and an attempt to achieve "close cooperation" with that country.

A Foreign Office source made it clear that Princess Margaret, the sister of Queen Elizabeth II, was going to Cairo not as a tourist or as a guest of President Anwar Sadat but at the specific request of the British Foreign Office. The trip will be Princess Margaret's first to Egypt.

SIR ALEC RAISES SOVIET JEWRY ISSUE WITH GROMYKO AT HELSINKI

HELSINKI, July 4 (JTA)--British Foreign Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home told Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko of widespread British concern about the treatment of Soviet Jews at a meeting at the Soviet Embassy, a spokesman for the British delegation to the European Security Conference said. Gromyko listened carefully to Sir Alec's remarks but did not respond positively on the Soviet-Jewish subject or on the main theme of their meeting, Anglo-Soviet cooperation.

The British National Union of Journalists along with other non-Jewish and Jewish groups drew the Foreign Secretary's attention to the position of Soviet Jews before his departure for Helsinki. Greville Janner MP, Honorary Secretary of the All Party-Parliamentary Committee for the Release of Soviet Jewry, had requested that the Union of Journalists try to assist a Jewish radio journalist in Kharkov, Yuri Miloslavsky, who was dismissed from his post when he applied for an exit visa to go to Israel, and is now threatened with a year imprisonment as "a willful malingerer."

ISRAELI MONEY MEN SPLIT OVER HOW TO FIGHT INFLATION

JERUSALEM, July 4 (JTA)--Israeli officials appeared at odds today over how to curb inflation, the country's number one economic problem.

Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir formally set up a new anti-inflation committee yesterday--the seventh this year--but skepticism was voiced in some circles as to whether it will be any more effective than the previous committees. The new body consists, as did the previous ones, of representatives of the government, labor and employers.

An angry dispute developed meanwhile between

the Treasury and the Bank of Israel over allegations by the latter that the Treasury has fueled inflation by pouring huge amounts of currency into the local money market. The dispute reflects sharp personal differences between Sapir and Bank of Israel Governor Moshe Zanbar over anti-inflation measures.

The Bank of Israel has been pressing for higher interest rates to slow down inflation. Gen. Haim Bar Lev, the Minister of Commerce and Industry, is strongly opposed on grounds that lower rates would reduce investments and retard the country's economic growth rate. Treasury officials on their part have dismissed as inconsequential a Bank of Israel recommendation to cut down public construction and the construction of luxury housing. The officials contend that these types of construction constitute only a small part of the overall building in the country.

Recession Feared This Year

The Treasury has also rejected a tax increase for fear that it might lead to higher prices. No major steps are expected to reduce money in circulation before the national elections next Oct. But fears were expressed in some quarters that a recession would follow on the heels of the elections. The Gahal opposition faction in the Knesset has submitted a motion for urgent debate on the "serious recession threat."

The Treasury denied yesterday a charge by the Bank of Israel that it had borrowed IL 670 million for local expenditures, thereby adding that sum to the inflationary tide. A senior Treasury official said only IL 70 million was added to the local currency in circulation and that the balance of the loan was used in foreign currency transactions. Dr. Eliezer Sheffer, director general of the Bank of Israel, claimed that the situation was just the opposite. According to Sheffer, some IL 390 million was pumped into circulation at home.

BREX EXPECTED IN DOCTORS' STRIKE

TEL AVIV, July 4 (JTA)--Six thousand salaried physicians may end their month-long strike tomorrow if the Medical Association approves terms reached in two days of intensive negotiations which ended this morning. No details of the agreement were announced. It was learned, however, that the overall wage increase offered the publicly-employed doctors will not exceed the 46.5 percent ceiling set by the government.

The settlement, if one is reached, is expected to have effects on other groups of hospital workers and budgetary repercussions for the hospital management. Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir indicated the seriousness with which he regarded the prolonged walk-out when he plunged into negotiations with the doctors almost immediately after his return from a two-week visit to the United States Sunday night.

Until today, the negotiations in which Health Minister Victor Shemtov participated along with representatives of hospital and sick fund employers, seemed to be making no progress. The doctors stood firm on their wage demands and the government made it clear that it would go no higher than 46.5 percent. The doctors demanded a 50 percent hike for night duty and a 25 percent hike for stand-by duty at night.

Yesterday, Sapir ordered income tax inspectors to investigate clinics maintained by the strikers to make sure that taxes are deducted from patient fees as required by law before the money is deposited in the strike fund. Patients who normally are treated free of charge, will be

refunded only in part by the government for the fees paid during the strike.

FILMING IN ISRAEL NO ENDORSEMENT OF ALLEGED ANTI-SEMITIC PIX, ADL OFFICIAL SAYS

JERUSALEM, July 4 (JTA)--The fact that the film "Jesus Christ Superstar" was shot on location in Israel in no way absolves it of charges that it is anti-Semitic in content, Arnold Forster, general counsel to the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League, said here today. He accused producer-director Norman Jewison of "hiding behind the fact" that because the movie was filmed here "it cannot be anti-Semitic."

Forster said that he had "extended conversations with various Israeli government authorities" who indicated that the government gave neither explicit nor implicit approval to the American rock opera based on the Crucifixion. The ADL and other Jewish groups in the U.S. have charged that "Jesus Christ Superstar" is anti-Semitic and will have an adverse effect on Christian-Jewish relations.

Forster said that he concluded from his inquiries "that the Israel government was not involved in the preparation of the script or in the making of the movie" but did not bar the filming because there is no censorship of movie production in Israel. "Nobody should be fooled by assertions that 'Jesus Christ Superstar' has any endorsement of any authoritative Israel source," he said.

FOREIGN MINISTRY DENIES TORTURE TALES ABORTED POW EXCHANGE WITH EGYPT

JERUSALEM, July 4 (JTA)--A Foreign Ministry spokesman has denied an American newspaper report that a prisoner-of-war exchange with Egypt was aborted last month because Israeli POWs returned from Syria revealed that they had been tortured. The spokesman was referring to a dispatch in the Baltimore Sun whose Middle East correspondent said the Red Cross privately informed foreign diplomats in Jerusalem that Israel prejudiced its chances for a prisoner exchange with Egypt.

According to the Sun story, the exchange was to have taken place June 8. Egypt is holding ten Israeli POWs and Israel has 56 Egyptian prisoners. Israel says there was no exchange agreement with Cairo.

The Foreign Office spokesman denied that Israel had given Syria an undertaking not to publicize the torture story and then renege. He said there was no such undertaking and that the Israeli pilots who told of being tortured after their exchange for high ranking Syrian and Lebanese officers had not been instructed to keep mum.

The spokesman refused to discuss the Sun's report that Defense Minister Moshe Dayan overruled instructions to the returned POWs by Foreign Minister Abba Eban not to say anything about torture. The Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned from unofficial sources, however, that Foreign Ministry officials wanted Israel to follow the American example of saying nothing about torture until all Israeli POWs in Arab hands are released. They noted that U.S. POWs exchanged earlier this year said nothing until all Americans held by the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong were safely home.

Health Minister Victor Shemtov told the Knesset today that his ministry was undertaking an intensive campaign to fight venereal disease which he said is especially high among the young population. According to Shemtov, the incidence of gonorrhea is 150 cases per 100,000 persons and syphilis 14 cases per 100,000.

WJC EXECUTIVE SESSION CLOSES, URGES CHANGE IN SOVIET POLICIES TOWARD JEWS

TEL AVIV, July 4 (JTA)--A resolution deploring persecution of Jews by Soviet authorities arrests of Jews and anti-Semitic publications in the Soviet Union was approved today at the close of a week-long meeting here of the world executive of the World Jewish Congress.

The resolution included an expression of WJC president Dr. Nahum Goldmann's frequently-stated controversial view that support should be provided for the rights of those Jews who choose to remain in Russia but it was pushed to the end of the resolution.

The resolution urged the Soviet government to allow Jews who wished to emigrate to Israel to do so immediately and without harassment. The WJC called on its affiliates to intensify their campaigns for Soviet Jewry. It noted with satisfaction that several thousand Russian Jews had been able to emigrate to Israel in recent years. It also noted that the special education exit tax had been suspended but added "this is only a first step in the long road to the redemption of Soviet Jewry."

The executive also expressed "deep concern" over the "tragic conditions" in which the "remnant" of Iraqi Jews were living and called on the Iraqi government "to cease its barbaric policies and permit those Jews who wish to leave to do so without hindrance." The resolution expressed concern over the "barbaric treatment" of the Jews in Syria which it called "reminiscent of the worst excesses of medieval anti-Semitism."

Centrality Of Israel Questioned

A lengthy discussion on the place of Israel in the struggle for Jewish survival included a statement by Dr. Joachim Prinz of Newark, N.J., chairman of the WJC governing council, that the slogan of the centrality of Israel in the struggle for Jewish survival had become "utterly meaningless." He said that "to continue to speak of Israel as the very center of Jewish existence in the diaspora is sheer nonsense." He criticized Israelis who look on Jews in other countries as "trembling in the face of certain extinction through anti-Semitism" and who, for that reason, regard the diaspora as "a waiting hall for aliyah."

Dr. Prinz also denounced the Israeli leadership which he declared maintained contact mainly with organized pro-Israeli Jewish communities and which had no contact with the majority of Jews who were not members of Jewish organizations, who were interested only in their own lives and their problems and who took part in the life of the nations where they lived.

SHKOLNIK SENTENCE REDUCED FROM 10 TO 7 YEARS

LONDON, July 4 (JTA)--A Soviet Supreme Court has reduced the sentence of Isaac Shkolnik from ten to seven years, Jewish sources in the Soviet Union reported today. The sources said that Shkolnik's appeal, which had been scheduled for a hearing June 18 and then postponed indefinitely, was heard in closed session yesterday.

The 37-year-old Jewish mechanic from Vinnytsa, Ukraine, was sentenced on April 11 after a closed trial found him guilty of spying for Israel and anti-Soviet propaganda. No proof was presented at the trial that he was ever in possession of secret information he allegedly passed to Israel. (A spokesman for the National Conference for Soviet Jewry said in New York yesterday that

the reduction of Shkolnik's sentence was "a positive move" partially in response to Soviet Communist Party Secretary Leonid Brezhnev's recent summit-meeting with President Nixon.)

Jewish sources in the Soviet Union reported today that Yuri Sayasov, a prominent scientist, has received an exit visa and will leave for Israel shortly. The sources said that three other Jewish activists were denied visas. The sources also reported that telephone service has been restored to the homes of ten Moscow Jewish activists after having been cut off for several days. The phones of four others remain disconnected, the sources said.

SLIGHT DROP IN JEWISH EMIGRATION FROM USSR REPORTED

VIENNA, July 4 (JTA)--The number of Soviet Jewish emigrants has dropped slightly compared with the previous year's corresponding period, diplomatic reports from Moscow said today.

The reports said that so far this year 15,000 Soviet Jews have emigrated. Last year's figure at this time was 15,800. It was not known how many applications were turned down, but according to Soviet statements, 95 percent of all applications are approved. Israeli officials say, however, that only 30 percent are approved.

EX-NAZI FRONTIER COP GETS LIFE SENTENCE FOR MURDERING JEWS

BONN, July 4 (JTA)--Oskar Baecker, a 64-year-old tailor, was sentenced to life by a Bonn court today which found him guilty of murder, complicity in murder and attempted murder of Jews during World War II. Baecker had maintained his innocence, claiming mistaken identity, although 77 witnesses including many from Israel offered testimony against him during the six-month trial.

In 1942 Baecker served with a frontier police unit attached to the Gestapo in Krosno, Poland where he shot the wife and two small daughters of a Jewish glass-worker when they resisted joining a deportation transport. Baecker also murdered a rabbi and shot a young Jewish woman for possession of a fur muff after furs were confiscated by the Nazis, the court found.

He was acquitted of charges of complicity in murdering 3000 Jews transported to the Belzec extermination camp. The court was unable to prove that Baecker, who worked as a guard on the transport, knew of his prisoners' fate in Belzec.

MINI-SKIRTS ALLOWED IN KNESSET, SANDALS SANS SOCKS BARED

JERUSALEM, July 4 (JTA)--Yaacov Mizrahi, an MK of the ultra-Orthodox Agudat Israel faction wants to banish mini-skirts from the Knesset. Mizrahi complained that the brief skirts worn in the chamber by some female Knesset and faction staff members were indecorous. Knesset Speaker Israel Yeshayahu will rule on the complaint.

He will also rule on a complaint by Uri Avnery of the Haolam Hazeh faction that the Jerusalem Post's parliamentary correspondent, Asher Walfish, was refused admission to the Knesset building because he wore sandals without socks. Avnery, who himself is always nattily dressed, told a meeting of the Knesset house committee today that "Our forefather Abraham probably wore sandals without socks." He said that in any event, it was accepted dress in Israel during the hot summer months.

Fifteen hundred Jerusalem high school pupils signed a petition today denouncing the "slow extermination" of Syrian and Iraqi Jewry.

MOTIVE FOR ALON MURDER STILL UNKNOWN, FBI AND STATE DEPT. SAY

WASHINGTON, July 4 (JTA)--Both the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the State Department continue to consider as unknown the motive for the slaying by five revolver bullets early Sunday of Israeli diplomat Yosef Alon.

Special agent Thomas Farrow of the FBI office in Baltimore who is leading the investigation told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency yesterday that "we are not ruling out any potential motive" and added that "we are pursuing every idea on this." In this connection he mentioned the "political aspect" and also the possibility of vendetta involving a personal grudge or ordinary street crime.

At the State Department, spokesman John Hare when asked about motive said, "I prefer to leave the investigation to the FBI and local police." However, Hare confirmed that the Department has received "messages of concern" regarding security measures from diplomatic missions in Washington, but he would not identify them.

Other sources here emphasized that FBI investigators are stressing that the slaying might have been an ordinary street crime because Alon's wife was not shot although she was only a few feet away from the scene of the killing at the Alon home in nearby Bethesda, Md.

Another aspect of the killing supporting the street crime motive and also attributed to unidentified FBI sources held that terrorists normally enter a home and attack a whole family. However, these reports did not square with agent Farrow's report to the JTA in which he contended that "all ideas" were being run down. The steadfast position at the State Department and the FBI to avoid emphasis on a political aspect contrasted sharply with Israeli official and press views which indicated certainty that the killing was political.

JEWISH LABOR COMMITTEE HITS NIXON ADMINISTRATION FOR BURDENING POOR

NEW YORK, July 4 (JTA)--The Jewish Labor Committee has issued a far-reaching critique of the Nixon Administration's social and economic policies which it charged, "threaten to bring to a sudden halt the slow but steady progress that tens of millions of Americans made in recent years toward full participation in American life."

A statement released here yesterday by Judge Jacob T. Zuckerman, president of the JLC, decried the recent cutbacks in social spending, particularly the moratorium on housing construction, the cuts in Medicaid/Medicare and education and the dismantling of anti-poverty programs. The statement expressed strong opposition to "any economic strategy or 'game plan' which puts the burden of the fight against inflation on the shoulders of the poor and working people."

Judge Zuckerman stressed that the JLC, long active in the field of human rights, has "always been non-political and...will remain non-political." However, he said, his organization felt "compelled to speak out now because these issues define the fight for human rights today no less than the fight was defined a few years ago by the struggle against discrimination and segregation."

MK FOUND ARAB PROPAGANDA IN ANNE FRANK HOUSE

JERUSALEM, July 4 (JTA)--A Knesset member just returned from an official trip to Holland said today that she found Palestinian propaganda literature in the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam and that she had protested to the Dutch authorities.

Mrs. Chaïke Grossman, of Mapam, said she objected to the use of the shrine to the Nazi victim Anne Frank as a display case for all types of information on racial and national persecution--not just Nazi persecution of Jews. She said it was amid a general exhibition of freedom literature that she found the Palestinian propaganda.

AMERICAN SEPHARDI FEDERATION JOINS AZF

NEW YORK, July 4 (JTA)--The recently formed American Sephardi Federation has joined the American Zionist Federation as a member organization with full privileges, it was announced jointly by Rabbi Israel Miller, president of the AZF and Prof. Daniel J. Elazar, president of the Federation. Both bodies have pledged to help alleviate the social and educational disabilities of Sephardic Jews in Israel.

Bernice Salpeter, chairman of the AZF's organization committee, said the membership of the Sephardi Federation marked a "breakthrough" in AZF policy which, on a national level, hitherto restricted membership to Zionist organizations. Non-Zionist bodies have been accepted on regional levels.

The American Sephardi Federation, representing some 150,000 American Jews of Asian, African and Mediterranean origin, was established earlier this year. According to Prof. Elazar, its purpose is to strengthen the identity of Jews of Sephardic ancestry and to encourage the development of Sephardic Jews in Israel who have lagged economically and educationally behind Israel's Ashkenazic population.

LACK OF INSTITUTIONS FOR RETARDED DEPLORED BY JUDGE

JERUSALEM, July 4 (JTA)--A Ramleh judge, deploring the lack of institutions in Israel to care for retarded adults who run afoul of the law, has suggested that they be held in the Welfare Ministry offices or in the Cabinet ante-chamber as a constant reminder of "this shameful situation."

Judge Dov Eitan's remarks were circulated in the Knesset today by Mrs. Chaika Grossman, a Mapam MK who is chairman of the Knesset public service committee. She sent a copy to Welfare Minister Michael Hazani.

The judge made his point after sentencing a 22-year-old prostitute, Jacqueline Marciano, to six months in jail for soliciting. He said that the girl who is retarded and has psychopathic tendencies clearly should not have gone to jail but it was the only place where she will have a clean bed and food. The lack of institutions to care for retarded adults who come before the court means they have to go to prison or be freed to roam the streets, Judge Eitan said.

RUSSIA FINANCING 70 PROJECTS IN IRAQ

COPENHAGEN, July 4 (JTA)--The Soviet Union currently finances some 70 industrial and agricultural projects in Iraq, according to the Soviet news agency "Novosti." In a report on Soviet economic relations with foreign countries, "Novosti" says 39 of the projects have already been completed.