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## ISRAEL-BOURGUIBA "DIALOGUE" APPEARS ENDED Pointless-To Continue Says Eban

JERUSALEM, July 8 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban told the Cabinet today that it was pointless for Israel to continue exchanging public statements with President Habib Bourguiba of Tunisia in light of insulting remarks Bourguiba reportedly made about Israel and Premier Golda Meir. In an interview over the week-end the Tunisian President was quoted as saying that Premier Meir was a "liar." Eban said Bourguiba had also likened Israel to the Nazis in a public statement.

Eban said Israel has repeatedly stated it was ready for talks with any authoritative Arab leader without preconditions. Obviously, Bourguiba's insistence that Israel return to the 1947 partition boundaries is wholly unacceptable and obviously there are sharp divergences between Israel and Tunisia on the Middle East issue, Eban said. However, he added, these did not preclude meeting Bourguiba and talking to him, the Foreign Minister stressed.

Eban's remarks nevertheless are believed to spell the end of public statements by Israel welcoming Bourguiba's much publicized proposal for talks with Israeli leaders—a proposal he made a month ago through the medium of Italian newspapers. Eban has repeatedly said that all Bourguiba had to do if he wanted a meeting with Premier Meir was to suggest a time and place.

## No Change On Palestinian State

The Foreign Ministry meanwhile has denied press reports that the government intended to re-define its stand on a Palestinian state. In his Le Monde interview last week, Eban said the matter of a Palestinian state could be decided only after a peace agreement is reached between Israel and Jordan and then it will be a matter for the Palestinians and Jordanians to decide. He said that in no case could a Palestinian state be created in place of Israel or at the expense of Israel's sovereignty and security.

Newspapers had reported here over the week-end that Israel was ready to review its policy on a Palestinian state in preparation for resumed talks on the subject with the United States.

Gen. Yitzhak Rabin, Israel's former Ambassador to the U.S., said yesterday that the growing tendency among the Arab-states to focus world attention on the Palestine issue may encourage terrorists to strike at more Israeli targets abroad. Rabin said the Arab states were promoting a Palestinian entity because of their own failures in the military and political spheres.

In an interview published in the Lebanese newspaper Al Nahar last week, Bourguiba proposed that the problem of Palestine and Jordan be settled by "an Arab summit" meeting. He called Jordan an "artificial creation" and said that King Hussein should "submit to the will of the People in accordance with democratic principles and the right of self determination."

## ISRAEL HOLDS DM, IS NOT AFFECTED BY US DOLLAR FLOP

Delayed Impact Of Higher Prices In Europe Seen

JERUSALEM, July 8 (JTA)--Monetary experts said today that Israel will not suffer because of the

low state of the U.S. dollar on the European money market even though the Israeli pound continues to be pegged to the dollar. They said, however, that Israel will eventually feel the pinch of higher prices on imports from Europe.

Moshe Zanbar, Governor of the Bank of Israel said the sharp drop in value of the U.S. dollar did not affect Israel because most of its foreign currency reserves are in West German marks. Zanbar said that since Israel's foreign debt is three times its foreign currency assets, the Bank secured itself by acquiring only "those currencies which up their value" such as the Deutschmark. Zanbar said this did not mean the Bank of Israel was speculating, only that it is making sure it will be able to fulfill its future obligations.

The impact of higher European prices will not be felt on the Israeli market for at least another 45 days, experts said. The 90-day price freeze that went into effect last month requires a 45 day notice before a manufacturer can apply for a price hike here because of higher prices at his European source of supply.

## IMMIGRATION DOWN 12 PERCENT THIS YEAR, ISRAELI STATISTICS SHOW

JERUSALEM, July 8 (JTA)--Immigration to Israel was down 12 percent during the first half of this year compared to the same period last year according to figures published by the Central Bureau of Statistics today.

The period of Jan.-June 1973 saw the arrival of 19,600 immigrants and 4800 "potential" immigrants. "Potential" immigrants is the status usually opted for by settlers from Western countries who have not decided definitely about staying. Settlers from the Soviet Union become full immigrants on their arrival. In the latter category there were 14,000 between Jan.-June compared to 15,000 in the same period last year.

## U.S. SOURCES CONFIRM EMIGRATION SLOWDOWN FROM USSR

WASHINGTON, July 8 (JTA)--U.S. government sources agree with reports from Moscow that Soviet Jewish emigration in the first six months of this year was slightly lower than during the corresponding period in 1972. "Diplomatic sources" in Moscow were reported as disclosing that in the Jan.-June period this year Jewish emigration was 15,000—of which 2400 emigrated in June. The American sources said they did not yet obtain a figure for June but by accepting the Moscow statistics their total would be 14,830.

In the first six months of 1972, the Americans said, emigrants totaled 15,500 while in the entire year the emigration was 31,500.

## KAHANE OUT ON IL 100,000 BAIL, PROMISES TO SHOW UP FOR TRIAL

JERUSALEM, July 8 (JTA)--Jewish Defense League leader Meir Kahane was released on IL 100,000 bail Friday after spending one month in detention. Rabbi Kahane is awaiting trial on charges of conspiracy to commit murder, kidnapping and other crimes in the United States and trying to damage U.S.-Israeli relations in connection with the American visit of Soviet Communist Party Secretary Leonid Brezhnev. Kahane promised on his release that he would not contact any persons abroad

and that he would show up for his trial. The JDL leader also faces charges of attempting to smuggle arms out of Israel and creating racial tension in Israel by exhorting Arabs to leave the country.

#### ISRAEL CAN HIT TERRORISTS ANYWHERE, FORMER INTELLIGENCE CHIEF SAYS

TEL AVIV, July 8 (JTA)--Israel has the ability to strike at terrorists no matter where they are, Gen. Aharon Yariv, former chief of Israel Intelligence, said in an interview in Yediot Acharonot. The interview was given after Yariv announced his retirement as special advisor to the Prime Minister for counter-terrorist activities in order to run as a Labor Party candidate for the Knesset.

Yariv said that there has been a recent decline in morale among Arab terrorist groups which he said numbered 14,000 men. He said that terrorists had missed 37 out of 48 Israeli targets abroad.

However, Yariv said Israel must take a serious view of the murder of Col. Josef Alon, the Air Attache at the Israeli Embassy in Washington. But he added, "We can rely on the American authorities to take all the measures necessary to expose the murderers." Yariv denied there was a security failure in Washington.

On the Middle East situation in general, Yariv said the state of no war, no peace could continue for a generation and perhaps more. "While the Arabs are presenting a theory of continuous battle with Israel we have to present a counter theory of continuous Israeli strategic effort so that the Arabs will understand we are strong enough so that the conflict will never be resolved by force," he said.

#### PINCUS UPHOLDS CENTRALITY/OF ISRAEL IN JEWISH EXISTENCE Challenges Views Of Dr. Prinz

TEL AVIV, July 8 (JTA)--Two diametrically opposed views of Israel in the scheme of Jewish existence were expressed at the meeting of the World Executive of the World Jewish Congress here last week. Louis Pincus, chairman of the World Zionist Executive sharply challenged the contention of Dr. Joachim Prinz, of Newark, N.J., chairman of the WJC Governing Council, that the concept of the centrality of Israel in all Jewish affairs was "sheer nonsense." (See JTA Daily News Bulletin of July 5.)

Pincus claimed that it was Israel and only Israel that can play the major role in Jewish life today. He noted that it was Israel which absorbed one-and-a-half million Jews and that it is Israel that takes the issue of Jewish distress in Russia or the Arab countries before the world. Pincus claimed that even non-Jews regard Israel as the spokesman for Jews everywhere.

Moreover, he said, it is Israel that can help encourage and sustain the spiritual and cultural development of Jewish life. He observed that Hebrew can develop only in Israel and that it is from Israel that Jewish educational aids are sent to Jewish communities all over the world.

Pincus did not deny that the diaspora can contribute to Jewish survival. But it cannot do so alone, he said. It must have the backing of Israel. He said it was only Israel that can guarantee the physical and political existence of the Jewish nation at large.

#### ISRAEL WILL CRACK DOWN ON IMMIGRANTS WHO VIOLATE CUSTOMS RULES

JERUSALEM, July 8 (JTA)--The Treasury said today that it would crack down on any immigrants who violated their privilege to bring certain articles into the country duty free. A Treasury spokesman

said that legal action would be taken if exempted articles brought into the country for personal use are found in the possession of another person.

In addition, the violator will have all duty free privileges withdrawn, the spokesman said. A new law substantially reducing immigrant privileges with regard to customs exemptions has been postponed for six months as a result of pressure from various immigrant groups in the country. The statute that was to have taken effect this month will not become law until Jan. 1, 1974.

Under the new law immigrants will no longer be able to receive duty-free parcels from home during their first three years of residence here. They will enjoy customs exemptions only for articles imported from their country of origin.

#### KOSHER FOOD PROVISION WRITTEN INTO NEW HEALTH INSURANCE LAW Govt. Crisis Avoided

JERUSALEM, July 8 (JTA)--The new Health Insurance Law which the government plans to send to the Knesset this week will include a provision stipulating kosher food in hospitals catering to Jewish patients. Justice Minister Yaacov Shimon Shapiro presented the draft clause at today's Cabinet meeting and in so doing averted a threatened coalition crisis with the National Religious Party.

The NRP had demanded that the new law provide for kosher food, and the party refused to accept Labor Ministers' contention that kosher food was served anyway in all hospitals under a tacit agreement in effect for 40 years. The Labor Ministers, particularly Shapiro and Health Minister Victor Shemtov, claimed that a special provision in the law would be an unwarranted extension of the "status quo" which has governed Israel's religious life for years.

But with the Aguda Israel factions pressing on the right flank and the elections approaching the NRP could not accept these arguments and threatened a Cabinet crisis by opposing the Health Insurance Bill in the Knesset this week. The Labor Party gave in and under Shapiro's clause all hospitals with a majority of Jewish patients must serve kosher foods. Jewish patients can ask for a receive other food—as can Jewish patients in hospitals with a majority of non-Jewish patients.

The Health Insurance Bill provides that all Israelis must be insured under one of the existing sick funds with the premiums deductible from their pay checks, like national insurance.

#### PERES BACKS BUS FARE HIKE

JERUSALEM, July 8 (JTA)--Transport Minister Shimon Peres told the Knesset Friday that he favored a 13 percent fare increase by the Dan and Egged bus cooperatives which have asked for a 26 percent raise in fares. Peres maintained that 13 percent was sufficient to compensate the co-ops for cost increases since last Sept.

Dan serves the Tel Aviv area and Egged operates inter-city bus services. The two are planning to merge and are seeking passage of a law that would give the new combine a legal monopoly of bus traffic within Israel's pre-June, 1967 boundaries. They also expect the government to wipe out their accumulated indebtedness to the Treasury when the merger takes place.

The oldest synagogue in North Germany, built in Celle about 1600, has been converted into a museum by the town council at a cost of DM 200,000. The museum houses many Jewish cultural artifacts and is also available as a house of worship for visitors to the near-by Bergen-Belsen concentration camp site.

### INTL. B'NAI B'RITH LEADER URGES OUTSIDE INTERVENTION TO SAVE JEWS OF IRAQ, SYRIA

LAUSANNE, July 8 (JTA)--The international president of B'nai B'rith, the worldwide Jewish service organization, expressed concern here over the increasingly desperate plight of Jews in Iraq and Syria and called for the massive intervention of world leaders.

David Blumberg of Knoxville, Tenn., addressing the annual meeting of the International Council of B'nai B'rith, declared that unless there is outside intervention, it is only a question of time before both of these beleaguered communities—hostages of the Middle East conflict—disappear.

"There is incontestable evidence," he said, "that the barbaric anti-Jewish policies of these governments stand in clear violation of the provisions of article 2 of the U.N. Genocide Convention, which defined genocide as acts committed with the intent to destroy in whole or in part a national, ethnic, racial or religious group." Blumberg made an urgent appeal to the U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim and "all friendly governments" to intercede immediately on behalf of the Jews in these countries.

About 50 delegates, representing 40 countries, attended the two-and-a-half-day session. It was the first time in nearly a decade that the Council has met on the European continent.

### Caution Urged On Phantoms To Saudi Arabia

Dr. William A. Wexler of Savannah, Ga., chairman of the Council urged the U.S. government to exercise caution in its planned sale of Phantom jets to Saudi Arabia and possibly Kuwait. "We recognize that neither nation has been directly involved in the Middle East conflict, even though both have been violently anti-Israel and have supported Egypt's belligerence and El Fatah terrorism. But the Phantoms can fly from Saudi Arabia to Israel, for the first time, giving the Saudis direct access to Israel. There is always the possibility that the present regime will be replaced by a radical one or that the planes will be transferred to another Arab state," Dr. Wexler said. "The prudent course for the U.S. is to control the flow and kind of weapon delivered to the Saudis with an eye on the shifting conditions in that volatile region."

### KUWAIT REPORTEDLY BALKS AT CONDITIONS FOR PURCHASE OF U.S. ARMS

WASHINGTON, July 8 (JTA)--The U.S. and the Kuwait governments are discussing the sale of American arms to that Persian Gulf state, the State Department has disclosed. But it refused to comment on a Kuwait Defense Ministry statement that it would not accept a contract which included conditions on the use of arms it bought.

State Department spokesman Paul Hare said the U.S. consistently opposes transfers of arms it sells to a third country. "That is standard and uniform policy," he declared.

Fears have been expressed in Israel and by U.S. Congressmen that arms, particularly Phantom jets, sold to Kuwait and Saudi Arabia may be transferred to Egypt for use against Israel. With regard to the reported willingness of the U.S. to sell Phantoms to Saudi Arabia Hare said that a sale of the fighter bombers to that country is in the "negotiation state." Last month Israel formally notified the U.S. of its apprehension over the possible transfer of Saudlan jets to Egypt.

### MAYOR/KOLLEK ENCOURAGING JERUSALEM ARABS TO RUN FOR CITY COUNCIL

JERUSALEM, July 8 (JTA)--Mayor Teddy Kollek said Friday that he was sure all political parties in Jerusalem would welcome an Arab list for the city council elections in Oct. "If such a party is established," Kollek said, "its representatives would help us find the adequate solution to help Arabs in this city."

Kollek, who returned Friday from a 10-day private visit to Iran, praised Hebron Mayor Mohammed Ali Al-Jaabari for his recent statement encouraging Jerusalem Arabs to participate in the elections. "This statement shows once again that Jaabari is a practical statesman who comes to solve problems and not to create them," Kollek said. He added that Haabari's statement would encourage other responsible Arab leaders in Jerusalem to run for election in a manner that would be honorable for East Jerusalem residents.

### MRS. MEIR SAYS SHE WILL SERVE FULL 4 YEAR TERM IF RE-ELECTED

JERUSALEM, July 8 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir told a student audience at Negev University last night that she intends to serve out her full four year term if re-elected next Oct. She added that she would do this if her health permits and the Labor Party wishes her to stay in office.

Mrs. Meir labeled "a poor journalistic invention" recent press reports that she intended to serve only a year and step down in favor of someone else. Asked if she favored resumption of diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union, the Premier replied that she did, but not at the expense of Jewish emigration from the USSR.

### MP ACCUSES BRITISH GOVT. OF "CAPITULATION" TO LIBYA ON PASSPORT ISSUE

LONDON, July 8 (JTA)--The British Government was accused of capitulating to the demands of Libya by including Arabic imprints in the passports of British travelers going to Libya.

In a letter to Lord Baniel, Minister of State in the Foreign Office, Greville Janner, a Labor Member of Parliament, wrote: "If any country was to adopt the same system as Libya — and every other country was to agree to it — there would be no room in passports for anything other than linguistic rubber stamps. This arrangement is nonsensical. I am sorry that the Government has found it necessary to cave in. This is not a compromise; it is a capitulation."

### SOVIETS PLANT SPIES AMONG JEWISH EMIGRES IN ISRAEL, BEIRUT PAPER CLAIMS

WASHINGTON, July 8 (JTA)--Authorities in Jordan have found documents showing that the Soviet Government is using Soviet Jewish emigrants to establish a spy network in Israel, according to the Beirut newspaper L'Orient-De Jour.

The newspaper was reported here as saying that the documents were found in the Soviet Aeroflot TU-134 airliner that crashed June 30 at Amman Airport. "These documents are reported to deal with a network of Soviet agents implanted in Israel through the channel of Jewish immigration," the newspaper reported.

Soviet authorities have permitted the screening of the Israeli film "In Siege" at the International Film Festival which opens in Moscow Tuesday. The film, however, will not be included in the official list but will be shown in a public hall.

