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UN MIDEAST DEBATE MAY NOT RESUME THIS MONTH

UNITED NATIONS, July 9 (JTA)--The Security Council's Middle East debate, tentatively scheduled to resume July 16, may be postponed until next month, sources here said today. A UN spokesman said that Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarling, the Secretary General's special emissary to the Middle East, was due to return to New York in a few days; but only if the debate is resumed.

Secretary General Kurt Waldheim will return here tonight from the European Security Conference in Helsinki. The debate, originally called for by Egypt, was adjourned June 14 on the eve of the Nixon-Brezhnev summit meeting. Observers here indicated that it was largely up to Egypt the initiator, to say when the debate will be resumed.

The Egyptian Foreign Minister, Mohammed H. el-Zayyat, is visiting Yugoslavia and Austria this week. He will be in Vienna from July 12-15. It was not known when he will be at the UN. Another absentee is Ambassador Joseph Odera Jowi of Kenya, who is in Geneva. Kenya is a non-permanent member of the Security Council. Although there is no rule that all members must be present for a debate, UN sources said it was preferable if they were.

SAPIR SEEKS TO END RETROACTIVE PAYMENT OF WAGE INCREASES IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, July 9 (JTA)--The Cabinet has asked its committee on wages to negotiate with the Histadrut on a law proposed by Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir which would abolish the practice of retroactive salary payments.

Sapir told the Cabinet Sunday that all future wage contracts should be ended before the existing contracts expire and salary contracts in all the various sectors of the economy should be for the same time period.

The Finance Minister said the economy was harmed by the existing practice of signing wage contracts late and then giving employees large sums in back pay. Labor relations also suffer because of the delayed contracts, Sapir added.

ISRAEL'S JOB MARKET WILL HAVE SURPLUS OF PROFESSIONALS IN 5 YEARS, COMMITTEE SAYS

JERUSALEM, July 9 (JTA)--A special committee appointed by Labor Minister Yosef Almogi predicted today a relatively high oversupply of workers with academic degrees within the next five years.

The committee anticipated that the surplus will be especially high among graduates of the natural sciences (1800 by 1978) and in the social sciences and humanities, 3700 or a surplus of 24.1 percent of the manpower supply in that year.

New immigrants will be the first to suffer, according to the committee, because even when there was a high demand, new immigrants with college degrees had greater difficulty in finding jobs than graduates of Israeli universities. The committee also projected a surplus of engineers (1200-4.9 percent) and physicians (1500-12.9 percent). However, it expects a shortage in the number of teachers with academic degrees. Almogi said the Cabinet will have to take these

findings into consideration and that the Education Ministry will have to consider them in planning higher education.

He said there is a \$100 million fund to help employers who need to make special efforts to hire academics and a \$10 million fund to facilitate the employment of new immigrant scientists.

ISRAEL EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON ANNOUNCES SHIFTS

Six Diplomats Leaving For New Posts

WASHINGTON, July 9 (JTA)--Six of the Israel Embassy's principal diplomats, including two of its three officials with the rank of minister, are leaving Washington for new assignments, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today. In addition, two of the Embassy's eight counsel-generals in the United States--those in San Francisco and Atlanta--are due for replacement by the end of this year.

Embassy officials told the JTA these were routine transfers at the end of normal tours of duty. Several of the diplomats, however, have served longer than the usual three-year span. "The changes reflect smooth transition of normal changes of personnel," the JTA was informed. "There is hardly a ripple of policy change."

Career diplomat Simcha Dinitz replaced Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin early in March after the latter had been in the post for five years but it was emphasized to the JTA that the shifts currently being made have no connection with the ambassadorial assignment to Dinitz by Premier Golda Meir.

The ministers departing are Avner Idan and information director Zvi Brosh. Idan who is leaving this week for Jerusalem, is expected to be appointed Israeli ambassador to Sweden. In Washington since June 1971, he had been charge d'affaire of the Embassy during the absences of the Ambassador. Idan came here from the post of Minister of the Embassy in Bonn. His successor is Mordechai Shalev, who is now in Washington. Shalev came here from the position of director of the Israel Foreign Ministry's African Affairs Department. He previously served as Counsel-General in Los Angeles and subsequently as Ambassador to Ghana.

Brosh, who is the Minister of Information, is returning to Jerusalem in mid-July for a senior post in the Foreign Ministry. He arrived in Washington in July 1970 after four years as Ambassador to Burma and Ceylon. Previously he was press counselor at the Mission in West Germany. In his capacity as director of the Embassy's public affairs, Brosh travelled widely to all parts of the U.S. He made hundreds of speeches on a great variety of forums. His replacement is Moshe Arad, who until now was deputy to the Counsel General in New York. Arad was posted to New York last Sept. after four years as Press Counselor in London.

Economic Minister Ze'ev Sher, whose office is in New York, is continuing in his post. He arrived in the U.S. a year ago.

Political Counselor Zvi Rafiah arrived this week to replace Counselor Amos Eiran, who left the post last fall. Rafiah was with the Foreign Ministry's research department in Jerusalem. Previously he was with the Legation in Ankara. Eiran had been on loan from the Histadrut. He is now managing director of "Mitzachin," the Histadrut pension fund.

JOB AT ISRAELI MUSEUM AWAITS RUSSIAN JEW DISMISSED FROM LENINGRAD MUSEUM

WASHINGTON, July 9 (JTA)--Dr. Leonid Tarassuk, a Russian-Jewish specialist on arms and armor who was recently dismissed from his post as Curator of arms at Leningrad's Hermitage Museum; has a job waiting for him at the National Maritime Museum in Haifa when he arrives in Israel, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today. Tarassuk was granted an exit visa and was reported to be leaving for Israel with his family July 11.

Fabian Kolker, of Baltimore, who has been active on behalf of Soviet Jews, told the JTA that he learned of the position awaiting Tarassuk from the Haifa museum's director, Arie Ben Eli. Tarassuk was fired after he applied for a visa. The subsequent granting of a visa to the specialist, his wife, mother and two daughters is believed to have been the result of intervention on their behalf by prominent persons all over the world.

PAINTINGS BY RUSSIAN JEWISH ACTIVIST AND DAUGHTER EXHIBITED IN BALTIMORE

Engineer, Fired From Job, Turned To Art

WASHINGTON, July 9 (JTA)--Forty paintings in oils and watercolors by Soviet Jewish activist Natan Feingold, a jobless Moscow aeronautical engineer, and 22 watercolors by his ten-year-old daughter, Leah, have gone on exhibit at the Chizuk Amuno Synagogue in Baltimore.

About 600 persons visited the exhibit Friday night when it opened. The display will continue at the synagogue this week and then move to the Jewish community center in Baltimore. After three weeks in Baltimore, the art works will be shown in Washington, New York, Atlantic City, Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco and in Toronto and Montreal. Later they will be displayed in London and Paris, according to Fabian Kolker of Baltimore who collected the art and arranged the exhibit.

Feingold, 43, took up art after he was fired from his job at an aircraft plant near Moscow six years ago when he applied for visas for himself and his family to go to Israel. Visas were denied him on grounds that he possessed state secrets. Kolker said he was convinced that Feingold knew no secrets. Meanwhile, the former engineer is supporting his wife and daughter by taking such jobs as laborer and night watchman, Kolker said.

Kolker, head of a Baltimore lumber company, has visited the Soviet Union five times in the last ten years seeking to help Jews there. He told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he had met Feingold early in Feb. during his last visit to Moscow. He accumulated more than 60 pieces of Feingold's works, nearly all with a Jewish motif. Leah's works, he said, are largely devoted to her impressions of nature. The art will ultimately be sold to help the Feingold family maintain itself, Kolker said.

AUSTRIAN FIRM REPORTED BUILDING MILITARY AIR BASE IN SAUDI ARABIA

VIENNA, July 9 (JTA)--The opposition Peoples (Conservative) Party said today that it would raise in parliament reports that an Austrian government-owned construction company is building a military air base in Saudi Arabia. An opposition spokesman said the party would demand a clarifying statement from Foreign Minister Rudolph Kirschschaeger, because the alleged construction compromises Austria's neutrality in the Middle East conflict.

According to press reports here, construction of the air base at Al Abha, Saudi Arabia, began in 1971. The base includes a hangar for 12 fighter-bombers, a bomb test site and personnel barracks.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Due Thursday

Mohammed H. el-Zayyat, the Egyptian Foreign Minister, will arrive here Thursday on a four-day visit for talks with Chancellor Bruno Kreisky and other Austrian government officials, it was announced here today. El-Zayyat is due to leave Cairo tomorrow and will meet with President Tito of Yugoslavia in Belgrade before coming to Vienna.

The Egyptian diplomat's visit to Yugoslavia, which is unaligned but friendly to the Arab cause and to Austria which is neutral in the Middle East conflict, is believed to be the latest in Egypt's periodic efforts to promote its Mideast position among European powers. The Security Council's Middle East debate is scheduled to resume July 16 and the Middle East is expected to be on the agenda of the European Security Conference in Helsinki.

PROF. BENZION DINUR DEAD AT 89

JERUSALEM, July 9 (JTA)--Funeral services were held here today for Prof. Benzion Dinur, a former Minister of Education and one of Israel's foremost historians, who died yesterday at the age of 89.

Prof. Dinur, whose name originally was Dinaburg, was born in Russia and came to Palestine in 1921. He was active in the Labor Zionist Movement and in 1936 joined the faculty of the Hebrew University on which he remained for the rest of his life. At the time of his death he was professor emeritus of Jewish history. He also served as president of the Yad Vashem and was chairman of the World Hebrew Union.

Prof. Dinur was Minister of Education in 1954-55. He was considered one of the greatest interpreters of Jewish history and through his researches is credited with proving that since the destruction of the Second Temple there was never a period without a Jewish community in Palestine. He also stated, in a series of essays, that the modern Palestinians came to the country only in the second half of the 19th century as refugees from persecution in Egypt and that their coming coincided with the first Jewish immigration from Europe.

ALMOGI MAY LEAVE CABINET TO RUN FOR MAYOR OF HAIFA

JERUSALEM, July 9 (JTA)--Labor Minister Yosef Almogi said today that he was strongly considering resigning from the Cabinet to run for Mayor of Haifa. The mayoral nomination was offered him by unanimous vote of the Haifa Labor Party. In Haifa, Israel's second largest city and major seaport, nomination on the Labor ticket is tantamount to election.

Almogi announced the possibility of leaving the Cabinet after conferring Sunday with Premier Golda Meir and Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir. He said they told him the decision was up to him. The Labor Minister said he would announce his final decision "within a week." Political observers said it was almost certain that Almogi will opt to leave the government after the Oct. elections for municipal office. They said his candidacy would mean that Haifa would have a "strong mayor" for the first time since the death of Mayor Abba Koushy four years ago.

Premier Golda Meir today appointed her military aide, Col. Yisrael Liör, to serve as her special advisor on anti-terrorist activities. He replaces Gen. Aharon Yariv who resigned to run for the Knesset.

CHRISTIAN STUDY GROUP DEFENDS ISRAEL Statement Hailed By B'nai B'rith ADL

NEW YORK, July 9 (JTA)--The B'nai B'rith's Anti-Defamation League has welcomed a statement by a group of leading Christian scholars denying that Israel's policy is one of belligerence and warning that "anti-Semitism is a Pandora's box from which spring out not only atrocities against Jews but also contempt for Christ."

The statement, by the 18-member Israel Study Group, asserts that Israel's sovereignty is valid "on moral and juridical grounds," that "Christian hostility and indifference" to Israel constitute "a major source of friction in contemporary Christian-Jewish relations," and that "the fierce persecution" of Jews by Christians has reflected "gross ignorance of Jewish history and religion."

Rabbi Solomon S. Bernardis, director of ADL's Interreligious Cooperation Department, said the statement was "an exceptionally sensitive and insightful appreciation of Jewish faith, affirmation and self-understanding." The Israel Study Group, currently chaired by the Rev. John T. Pawlikowski, of the Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, was formed two years ago by the Commission on Faith and Order of the National Council of Churches and the Secretariat for Catholic-Jewish Relations. Its statement made several other points:

Even underground, as now, anti-Semitism is "a difficult virus to counterattack," having "a pervasiveness that infects our whole civilization." But fortunately "some Christian churches are working hard" to excise anti-Semitic references from liturgy and education.

Warns Jews May Be Made Scapegoats

Christianity "is rooted in the life of the People Israel," and "it is a tragedy of history that Jesus, our bond of unity with the Jews, has all too often become a symbol and source of division and bitterness because of human weakness and pride."

"Two religious traditions, not a single Judeo-Christian tradition, have shaped our culture," and "one's understanding of the spiritual nature of the human person remains incomplete without the other." Jewish worship and life are "authentic forms of service to the true God." The statement warned that if inflation and unemployment worsen or another depression sets in "we can be fairly sure that the radical right and/or the radical left will make Jews out to be the culprits."

EBAN AGAINST RE-HEARING ARLOSOROFF CASE

Says It Is In Realm Of History

JERUSALEM, July 9 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban said today that there was no justification in re-opening the Arlosoroff murder investigation although the affair might be reviewed in the context of history. Eban was referring to the murder 40 years ago of the Zionist labor leader, Haim Arlosoroff in Tel Aviv. The case has never been solved but interest in it has been revived recently as has some of the inter-party strife it engendered.

Two members of the Zionist Revisionist movement were tried for the crime and acquitted. The failure to bring anyone to justice left a pall of suspicion that clouded Jewish politics in Palestine for years afterwards.

Members of Herut, the ideological successors of the Revisionist movement, are seeking to

reopen the case. Herut leader Menachem Begin made a formal request for a judicial inquiry eight years ago which the Knesset rejected. It was revived last month on the 40th anniversary of the murder.

Eban said there was historical value in reviewing the case. He said one question that might be raised was why internal conflicts among rival political groups reached such a high pitch of hatred that some groups described Dr. Chaim Weizmann as Flavius's brother and the Jewish Agency as the Jewish Wakf (the Moslem institute). Arlosoroff, who was 34 when he was killed, headed the political department of the Jewish Agency and was one of the leading figures of the Mapai faction, forerunner of Israel's Labor Party.

DEPORTEE RETURNS TO WEST BANK, SEES LITTLE CHANCE OF SEPARATE PEACE

JERUSALEM, July 9 (JTA)--A prominent Arab from Hebron who was deported to Jordan four years ago for anti-Israel activities, said here today that there was little chance of a separate peace between Jordan and Israel because King Hussein is committed to the other Arab states.

Sheikh Rashid Khatib was permitted to return to the West Bank yesterday under the summer visitors' program after he applied directly to Defense Minister Moshe Dayan. He said Jordan and the other Arab states would be prepared to recognize Israel and make peace if Israel withdrew to its pre-June, 1967 boundaries and compensated Arab refugees for the property they lost in 1948. According to Sheikh Khatib, King Hussein's proposal for a federation of Jordan and the West Bank is "still alive" and is supported by most Palestinians. Khatib is presently a member of the Jordan House of Notables.

Sheikh Mohammed Ali Jaabari, the Mayor of Hebron, said today that he would be willing to visit the Jewish suburb of Kiryat Arba adjacent to Hebron if Gen. Dayan agreed to accompany him. Dayan recently urged the Kiryat Arba settlers to drop their hostility toward Mayor Jaabari who was an outspoken opponent of Kiryat Arba when it was established.

Addressing the Jerusalem Labor Council's Jewish-Arab Friendship Association, Mayor Jaabari said that Palestinian terrorists have no bases or connections in the Hebron region. Commenting on the murder of the Israeli Air Attache, Col. Yosef Alon in Washington July 1, the Hebron Mayor said he condemned all acts of violence or aggression whether perpetrated by Jews or Arabs. He said there could be no Mideast peace unless the Palestinian people were recognized as an entity and had a state of their own.

OTTO KLEMPERER TO BE BURIED IN ZURICH'S JEWISH CEMETERY

PARIS, July 9 (JTA)--Burial services will be held at the Jewish cemetery in Zurich tomorrow for Otto Klemperer, who died in his home in Zurich Friday at the age of 88. The conductor, regarded as one of the century's foremost interpreters of Beethoven and other German masters, was born Jewish but converted to Roman Catholicism at the time of his marriage in 1919. He later reverted to Judaism and became a citizen of Israel in 1970.

Klemperer was born in Breslau and achieved musical fame early in his career. The advent of the Nazis forced him to flee Germany and in 1934 he came to the United States. In 1939 he underwent surgery for a brain tumor and his conducting career remained in hiatus until the mid-1950s. Klemperer led the London Philharmonic Orchestra for 14 years.

