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## DATES FOR WALDHEIM TRIP, RESUMPTION OF COUNCIL DEBATE STILL NOT SET

UNITED NATIONS, July 16 (JTA)--No dates have been set yet for Secretary General Kurt Waldheim's visit to the Middle East or for resumption of the Security Council's review and general debate on the Mideast which was adjourned a month ago for the Nixon-Brezhnev summit talks. Waldheim announced through a UN spokesman Friday that he had been invited by the Egyptian government to visit the region and that the Israeli and Jordanian governments were also prepared to receive him.

A spokesman said today that there was also a possibility of a visit to Lebanon by the Secretary General. But he could not say when Waldheim would leave or how long a time he would spend in the Middle East. According to one unconfirmed report, Waldheim may not leave for "a couple of months."

Sources said the Secretary General would have to be present for the Security Council debate when it resumes. The debate, to have resumed today, was postponed "for a few days." It was initiated by Egypt and was not likely to resume before the Egyptian Foreign Minister, Mohammed H. el-Zayyat returns to New York. Zayyat ended a four-day visit to Austria yesterday and flew to Paris.

There was no word either on when the Secretary General's special representative to the Middle East, Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring, would arrive in New York. Sources said Dr. Jarring probably would come when British Ambassador Kenneth D. Jamieson, this month's Security Council president, announces the date for resumption of the debate.

Diplomatic circles here said they did not expect Waldheim's Middle East visit to take place before the debate but added that they did not expect the resumed sessions to last very long. Sources also mentioned the possibility that the debate might be postponed until Waldheim visits the Middle East and returns with an updated report on the situation there.

(In Washington, the State Department said today "we support" Waldheim's trip, but did not elaborate.)

## TARASSUK AND FAMILY ARRIVE IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, July 16 (JTA)--Leonid Tarassuk, former curator of arms at Leningrad's Hermitage Museum, arrived here today with his family. The internationally prominent firearms expert who was dismissed from his Leningrad post after applying for visas to emigrate, has been offered a job at the Israel Maritime Museum in Haifa.

The museum's director, Aryeh Bel Ali, was at Lod Airport early this morning to greet Tarassuk, his wife, their two children and his mother. The Tarassuk family left the Soviet Union last Thursday and spent several days in Vienna before coming here. Tarassuk was one of several prominent Soviet Jews seeking emigration on whose behalf several U.S. Senators intervened with Soviet authorities.

## RAYA STAGES FAST ON BEHALF OF BIRIM, IKRIT VILLAGERS

JERUSALEM, July 16 (JTA)--Greek Catholic

Archbishop Joseph Raya began a fast today outside the Knesset in an effort to induce the authorities to allow former settlers of Birim and Ikrit villages near the Lebanese border to return to their villages.

The Cabinet decided earlier this year the villagers would not be allowed to return to their villages, which they were forced to leave during the 1948 war "for security reasons." The government offered assistance in resettling the villagers near their original homes.

Raya said today he was trying to solve the villagers' problem in an honorable way but it was the government which was applying emergency laws which were enacted by the British during the Mandate and used originally against Jews. "These very same laws," Raya said, "were described by the present Justice Minister Yaacov Shimshon Shapiro as barbaric. If they were so at the time, the Israeli government is taking even harsher measures against the inhabitants of Ikrit and Birim," he said.

Raya denied that his renewed drive for the reversal of the Cabinet's decision had anything to do with the approaching elections. He said he planned his hunger strike several months ago but now that the elections were so close "perhaps this will make the government soften up," he said. Raya was joined by a group of youths from the two villages.

## EL AL IN SUCCESSFUL EMERGENCY LANDING

TEL AVIV, July 16 (JTA)--An El Al Boeing 707 made a successful emergency landing last night after circling Lod Airport for 25 minutes because a red warning light indicated that the landing gear was not functioning properly. The plane was inbound from Johannesburg when the pilot notified the Lod control tower of the possible emergency. Ground crews, ambulances and fire-fighting apparatus were alerted. An inspection afterwards showed that the malfunction was in the warning light, not the landing gear. Last Wednesday an El Al Boeing 707 from Rome made a safe belly landing at Lod when its landing gear failed to operate.

## COJO SETS UP FOUNDATION TO FOSTER AND DEVELOP JEWISH EDUCATION

Will Operate On \$600,000 Annual Budget

GENEVA, July 16 (JTA)--The World Conference of Jewish Organizations (COJO) decided today to set up a foundation to foster and develop Jewish education throughout the world. The foundation will operate on a basic budget of \$600,000 per year supplied by participating agencies and will also ask host countries to contribute additional funds. The foundation's main tasks, as defined by Jewish Agency chairman Louis A. Pincus, will be to train teachers, produce adequate text books and establish a central pedagogic institute in Jerusalem.

Pincus, who spoke at the concluding session of the two-day conference, gave France, "a country with one of the saddest situations in this field," as an example of what such a foundation could do. He said that "With a little help from COJO, France could find within itself the necessary funds to the tune of \$200-300,000 per year needed for Jewish education." The Jewish Agency chairman said that this money can be found in France without any cuts in the funds raised either for French UJA or for Israel.

Pincus said that the condition of Jewish education was "difficult" in many other areas. He spe-

cifically mentioned Iran and said that even in the United States "the situation was far from perfect." He said that the three participating agencies--the World Zionist Organization, the Joint Distribution Committee and the State of Israel--supply \$200,000 a year each for two-three years, enabling the foundation to have after this period an annual income of from \$400-500,000 a year. The foundation will be administered, said Pincus, by a small body sitting in Jerusalem.

#### Resurgence of Commitment Among U.S. Jews

The conference heard an optimistic report of a "surprising resurgence of interest, identity and commitment among American Jews, including young Jews of college age." Prof. Leonard Fein of Brandeis University cited the growth of departments and chairs of Judaic studies, the "flourishing" of Jewish journalism at university level, the study of Hebrew and Yiddish by unprecedented numbers of Jewish people as evidence that "the university campus in the U.S. can no longer be described as a 'disaster' area for Jewish life."

Prof. Ady Steg, president of the Representative Council of French Jews (CRIF), said the situation of Jewish education in his country "was not as dramatic as some described it." Speaking in Yiddish, Prof. Steg said that more and more young Jews examine world and sociological problems in the light of their "Jewishness" which is playing an increasingly important role in everyday life.

Hebrew University President Avraham Harman said that "Israel can play a role as a model and resource in the creation of indigenous Jewish leadership and cultural life outside Israel." He "totally rejected" the view that Jewish survival depended on Jewish catastrophe as a binding force.

Prof. Nadav Safran of Harvard University's Department of Government, criticized Israel for not doing enough to encourage Egypt's "liberal forces that are willing to come to terms with the Jewish state." He called for the creation of an Israeli "strategy of peace" to make a concerted effort to help Egypt's liberal elements prevail against conservative and radical tendencies in that country. He said "when it comes to peace, Israel sits back and hopes liberals will prevail but much more must be done if that element in Egypt is to succeed in reversing the course of Egyptian history over the past 25 years."

#### Pincus Elected COJO Chairman

Pincus, chairman of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization Executives, was unanimously elected chairman of COJO at the close of the plenary meeting. Dr. Joachim Prinz of the World Jewish Congress, and David Blumberg, international president of B'nai B'rith were elected co-chairman of COJO. The vice-chairmen are: Sir Samuel Fisher, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews; Sol Kamee, president of the Canadian Jewish Congress; and Sion Cohen, Imach of the DAIA in Argentina. Yehuda Hellman was re-elected Secretary General of COJO.

In addition to these officers, Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson, chairman of the WZO-American Section, Dr. William A. Wexler of B'nai B'rith and Tibor Rosenbaum of the World Jewish Congress were elected members of the presidium of COJO.

#### CARDINAL HEENAN RAPS PERSECUTION

LONDON, July 16 (JTA)--"Christians should perhaps learn from their Jewish brethren never to allow those living in freedom to forget the vic-

tims of persecution." Cardinal John Heenan declared yesterday in a sermon at Westminster Cathedral. With exiled Hungarian Cardinal Mindszenty at his side, Cardinal Heenan said: "We who live in liberty must not rest while men and women of any religion are persecuted. If world communism is earnest about spreading peace let it cease from persecution."

#### ASHDOD DELEGATION MEETS WITH MRS. MEIR ON PROBLEMS OF IMMIGRANT UNEMPLOYMENT, LAW AND ORDER

JERUSALEM, July 16 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir today promised a delegation headed by Mayor Tzevi Zilker of Ashdod that she would study the problems of immigrant unemployment and law and order in that port city south of Tel Aviv. Mrs. Meir met for two-and-a-half hours with the delegation.

They came in the aftermath of last week's demonstrations in Ashdod by recent immigrants from Soviet Georgia who were protesting the layoffs of 30 Georgian dock workers who had been hired on a temporary basis. In addition to Mayor Zilker the delegation included city council members, two immigrant representatives and Yehoshua Peretz, chairman of the Harbor Workers Committee.

They asked the Premier for increased government assistance in absorbing immigrants in Ashdod, especially increased employment opportunities. They also urged that law and order be maintained in the city. Ashdod, Israel's second largest seaport, has been the scene of labor strife on the docks during the past two years.

#### POLISH JEWISH COMMUNITY DISCOURAGED ABOUT FUTURE, B'NAI B'RITH REPORTS

GENEVA, July 16 (JTA)--A B'nai B'rith delegation, headed by David Blumberg, international president, and Herman Edelsberg, director of the B'nai B'rith International Council, arrived here today from Warsaw and reported that the Polish Jewish community was discouraged about its future but that the Polish government wanted to improve relations with world Jewry.

"The leaders of the genuine Jewish community, with whom we met at length, were discouraged about the future of their aging and declining community," Blumberg told the JTA. "It is discouraging, too, to report that the leadership of the government-supported Jewish cultural and social association has no interest in Jewish survival or in the other problems that vitally concern world Jewry."

But Blumberg stressed that "We opened the door for the first time since the purges of 1968" and noted that "we are encouraged that many important leaders of the Polish government want to improve relations with the Jews of the world."

The B'nai B'rith president said that the delegation emphasized to the Polish leaders that "we're ready to help remove the barriers that separate us and to devote our efforts to the building of bridges of understanding."

While in Poland, the delegation met with the chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of Sejm (parliament), Wyncenty Kasko, the director general of the Ministry for Religious Affairs, A.A. Skarzynski, and other high officials. The delegation was also received by the American Ambassador, Richard Davies. It met with the head of the Jewish religious community in Warsaw, Isaac Frenkel, and with the head of the Jewish religious community in Cracow, A.A. Jakubowicz; and with the heads of the Jewish Cultural and Social Association.

**EBAN CASTIGATES NEWS MEDIA, HAWKS**

TEL AVIV, July 16 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban castigated journalists and news media persons who he alleged unjustly criticized the government at the expense of truth and balance. Criticism of policy is infinitely easier than execution of policy, Eban told the Advertisers Association at a meeting in the Sheraton Hotel Friday. Newsmen and commentators who criticize so freely had "a much easier life" than politicians who live under constant strain and self-doubt because of the responsibility of their work and decisions, the Foreign Minister claimed.

"In the light of this gap in the weight of the burden between the two professions (newsmen and ministers) it would be no affront to the newsmen if their work distinguished itself by a certain measure of modesty and humility," Eban said. He said the anti-Establishment "fad" in Israel had extended beyond the bounds of health and wisdom and it was beginning to turn the citizens against their state. What was lacking was "an honest confession that our failures are not phenomena in vacuum--but part of an enormously impressive process of growth and development."

Eban referred to a recent TV documentary on poverty in Jerusalem in which, he said, facts such as the real income of the family were omitted and a worse picture than necessary was presented. The duty of broadcasters, he said, is to tell the plain truth with all its light and shade. "The mantle of the prophets of discontent and doom does not sit well on their shoulders."

**Tendency To Ignore Achievements**

Eban also had some acid comments on Israeli "hawks." He said "There is a tendency to ignore the achievements of the people in its land in the 25th year of statehood. One hears slogans such as 'Nablus, rather than Tel Aviv is the heart of the nation.' There is more fuss made around Yamit and Nebi Samwil than around the problems of development, housing, absorption and population of the arid desert areas." Yamit on the Gaza coast and Nebi Samwil near Jerusalem are two urban settlement projects across the "green line" which Defense Minister Moshe Dayan is currently trying to push through the Cabinet. They represent in tangible form the difference of outlook between "hawks" and "doves" in Israel.

Eban reiterated his own view that the partition of Palestine had been essential in the past for the formation and development of the Jewish state and would be essential in the future. This was the lesson of recent history, he said, assailing those who "choked" on the letters of the word partition. Similarly he said, there was "a tendency to speak of the period of partition, 1948-67, as devoid of impetus and achievement."

Eban's speech was the latest in a series he has made in recent months on what he has called the quality of life in Israel. In them he no longer dwells exclusively on foreign affairs but attempts to address himself to internal issues and builds himself up as a national leader in all spheres of public life. His latest speech was released by the Government Press Office in Hebrew and English.

**BRITAIN TO PROPOSE ACTION AGAINST HIJACKERS AT ICAO SPECIAL ASSEMBLY**

LONDON, July 16 (JTA)--Great Britain will propose the withdrawal of overflight rights from countries condoning hijackings at a special as-

sembly of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in Rome next month. This proposal was disclosed to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency by Alderman Michael Fidler, MP, who made available a letter on the problem of hijacking by Michael Heseltine, MP, Minister of State for Aerospace.

The letter was written in the aftermath of Fidler's discussions in Washington earlier this year about measures on hijackings with members of Congress and the Administration. The British proposal is the most far-reaching one so far. The U.S. has not issued any proposals at this time; but the British are discussing the problem with the Americans. In his letter, Heseltine asked Fidler to continue on his own contacts in Washington on this subject.

**RABBIS SEEK REMOVAL OF DR. BURG**

NEW YORK, July 16 (JTA)--Rabbis around the world have signed a petition urging the Mizrahi Party in Israel to remove Israel Minister of Interior, Dr. Yosef Burg who, the rabbis charge, is registering non-Jews as Jews, the president of the National Committee for Jewish survival, Yosef Wilenkin, disclosed.

Wilenkin called the petition "historic" and "very rare that so many rabbis had signed." Rabbis from New York, Los Angeles, Canada, France, England and Australia, including Rabbi Moshe Feinstein, president of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of America and Canada, signed the petition, Wilenkin said.

The petition, according to Wilenkin, said "the Mizrahi with Dr. Burg as its leader is responsible for the tragic 'Who is a Jew' law" and "is to blame for the election of Rabbi (Shlomo) Goren as Chief Rabbi." Wilenkin said the rabbis declared that the Mizrahi Party with Dr. Burg as leader "agrees to every anti-religious law enacted by the Israeli government."

**DR. WALTER J. FISCHEL, ORIENTALIST, EDUCATOR AND AUTHOR, DEAD AT 70**

BERKELEY, Calif., July 16 (JTA)--Dr. Walter J. Fischel, whose life work was to trace the history of ancient Jewish communities of the Middle East, Central Asia and India, died Saturday of a heart attack at the age of 70. He was professor emeritus of Semitic languages and literature at the University of California where he had been chairman of the department of Near Eastern language for 10 years. He had been teaching Jewish history at the university's Santa Cruz campus for the last three years.

Dr. Fischel, who was born in Frankfurt, Germany, was a member of the School of Oriental Studies of Hebrew University in Jerusalem from 1926 until coming to California in 1945. Fluent in 12 languages, in 1930 and 1936 he travelled widely in the Middle East and particularly in the Kurdish regions of Turkey, Iraq, Iran, where he found surviving groups of Jews unknown to the rest of Jewry for centuries.

Dr. Fischel was the author of numerous books on the history, role and contributions of Oriental Jews to the socio-economic activities of their countries, a contributor to professional journals and contributor to the Encyclopedia Hebraica and Universal Jewish Encyclopedia. He was the recipient of a Guggenheim fellowship for research on the history of Jews in Asia, 1959-60, and a Fulbright award for research on the history of Jews in Asia, 1963-64. He was a member of numerous academic organizations and a fellow of the American Academy for Jewish Research and the Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain.