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## RECENT INCIDENTS ON EGYPTIAN FRONT VIEWED WITH CONCERN

TEL AVIV, Aug. 19 (JTA)--Israeli security circles are taking a serious view of recent incidents on the Egyptian front, the latest of which was yesterday's overflight by two Egyptian Sukhoi-7 bombers over Israeli positions in northwest Sinai. A military spokesman said Israeli ground forces directed anti-aircraft fire at the intruding planes but did not say whether they had been hit. Israel has lodged a complaint with the United Nations Cease Fire Control Staff in Jerusalem.

Yesterday's overflight was the third incident in the past two weeks. Earlier, Israeli planes were attacked by Egyptian fire and fighter planes over the Gulf of Suez and a naval clash between Israeli and Egyptian patrol boats took place in the Gulf of Suez after the Egyptians opened fire on an Israeli naval patrol.

Security circles said yesterday's overflight appeared to be a photo reconnaissance mission. They said the penetration was a brief one and took place over a swampy region.

## EYAL RETURNS TO ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Aug. 19 (JTA)--Yigal Eyal, security officer at the Israeli Embassy in Oslo who was ousted from Norway last week, arrived at Lod Airport from Amsterdam last night under special security measures. Reporters were not permitted to see Eyal who, with his wife and infant daughter, was whisked away from the plane by special car before his luggage was removed.

Eyal was declared persona non grata by the Norwegian Government because of his alleged connection with the killing in Lillehammer of a Moroccan national, Ahmed Boushicki. Two other Israelis were arrested in Eyal's home by Norwegian authorities in connection with the killing.

## GAHAL EXECUTIVE SAYS NO TO INCLUSION OF JDL IN ALIGNMENT

TEL AVIV, Aug. 19 (JTA)--The Gahal Executive today unanimously rejected a request by Rabbi Meir Kahane to include the Jewish Defense League in the non-Labor alignment Gahal is attempting to form for the forthcoming national elections. According to observers, Gahal is having enough trouble putting together an opposition front to Premier Golda Meir's Labor Alignment without becoming involved with the controversial JDL. The JDL announced some time ago that it intended to seek Knesset seats.

Gahal, meanwhile, has accused Shmuel Tamir of the Free Center faction of impeding negotiations for an opposition alignment. The crucial point in the negotiations is the ratio of Knesset representation among the non-Labor factions. Gahal and the State List have agreed to base this on the composition of the present Knesset in which Gahal has 26 seats, the State List, three, and Free Center, two. But Tamir is insisting on at least 4-5 seats for his faction which he says it merits on the basis of public opinion polls. He has reportedly said that the non-Labor alignment would live or die on the issue of seats.

## KEATING ASSUMES POST AS U.S. AMBASSADOR TO ISRAEL: WILL SUPPORT U.S.-ISRAEL FRIENDSHIP

TEL AVIV, Aug. 19 (JTA)--Kenneth B. Keating, the sixth United States Ambassador to Israel, arrived here this evening to take up his post as head of the U.S. diplomatic mission. The 73 year-old former U.S. Senator from New York and former Ambassador to India, told reporters that he was personally happy to be here.

Keating said he would support the continuation of the great friendship and mutual understanding that has always prevailed between the U.S. and Israel, and above all would strive to bring a stable peace to the region. The new envoy said that Israel shares "our ideas about democracy and building a new society," and that he was looking forward to learning more about this country, to renew old friendships with its leaders and to make new friends among its people.

## SAPIR: NO SLOW-DOWN IN ECONOMY

TEL AVIV, Aug. 19 (JTA)--Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir told a Labor leadership meeting that there are no plans for a slow-down in the economy after the elections. "We have an aim of full employment and this coincides with our aim of a steady expansion of the state's economy" he said.

Speaking about his plans for full employment within the framework of the economic plan for the next four years, Sapir noted Thursday night that full employment is the most important factor in raising the standard of living of backward classes and that this would contribute to narrowing the economic gap.

He stressed that Israel is one of the most advanced countries in the world with respect to economic growth. "You may not believe me but you can look in economic publications and see for yourself," he declared.

His forecast for the next four years was for a population of 3.8 million compared to 3.3 million now. He said the labor force would grow to 1.27 million workers compared to 1.12 million workers now. He predicted that the GNP would reach IL 42 billion compared to IL 31 billion in 1972. Total value of industrial products will reach more than IL 30 billion in 1972 prices compared with IL 22 billion this year.

## GALILI SAYS ISRAEL TOOK A CALCULATED RISK ALLOWING HIJACKED LEBANESE PLANE TO LAND

JERUSALEM, Aug. 19 (JTA)--Israel took a calculated risk when it allowed a hijacked Lebanese airliner to land at Lod Airport Thursday, Minister Without Portfolio Israel Galili disclosed here. "We preferred to take the risk because we feared the hijacker might blow up the plane in the air and we would bear responsibility because we did not prevent it," Galili said on a television interview Friday night.

The hijacker, 37 year-old Muhammed Atouni who is a citizen of Libya, was remanded in custody for 15 days by a Jerusalem Magistrate Friday. Judge Moshe Goldberg denied his request for release pending trial. The judge described Atouni's act as "serious." If convicted he faces a

possible life sentence.

The hijacker was subjected to prolonged interrogation Friday night and was examined by a psychiatrist. He claimed throughout that his action was motivated by a desire to prove that Arab and Jewish nations could live in peace. He claimed that he did not intend to use the two pistols he brandished when he seized a Lebanese Middle East Airways Boeing 707 over Cyprus and ordered it to fly to Israel. The plane, with 125 passengers and crew members, was on a flight from Benghazi to Beirut. It was permitted to take off from Lod Thursday after Atouni was removed by Israeli security forces.

#### Evidence Hijacker Was An Arab

Atouni's interrogators said there was no doubt that the hijacker is of Arab origin because his Arabic speech left no room for doubt. They made the statement in response to allegations by the Libyan Ambassador to Iraq that Atouni's manner of speech raised serious doubts that he was an Arab. The widespread Arab claim that Atouni was an Israeli agent was also refuted when Radio Tripoli reported that he was a native of Zintan Village and had a Libyan passport issued on June 24. His mother was quoted by the radio as saying that he had been mentally ill since his childhood.

When Atouni was removed from the plane, he had a half-bottle of whiskey in his possession, it was learned. He had also purchased four shots of whiskey from the steward during the flight. Atouni was brought to the court handcuffed and under heavy police guard. He told reporters that he had never been to Israel before and that he had no friends or relatives here.

He said he had been to Egypt three times and that on his last visit in June he bought the two pistols in Alexandria. He denied the Libyan envoy's allegation that he was an Israeli agent. Atouni said he was a Moslem born in Tripoli and was unmarried. It was learned that he had fired two shots, one from each of his pistols -- the first when he burst into the cockpit to hijack the plane and the second when Israeli security forces approached the air liner after it landed at Lod. No one was injured.

#### Scali Praised For Softening Resolution

In his television interview, Galili reiterated Israel's defense of its Aug. 10 interception of the Lebanese airliner on which Palestinian terrorist leaders were believed to have been aboard. He conceded that it was an unconventional act but insisted that it was intended "to catch terrorist elements and save human beings."

Referring to the United Nations Security Council's unanimous condemnation of the interception and forced landing of the Lebanese aircraft, Galili praised U.S. Ambassador John Scali for softening the resolution. "If the U.S. had not intervened, the resolution would have been stronger," Galili said. He said the U.S. vote "should be regarded with regret," but noted that Scali had made a distinction between condemnation of Israel's act and general American policy in the Middle East and its friendly relations with Israel.

Galili said that the Security Council's resolution once again exposed Israel's isolation in the world but added that Israel should not underestimate the Council's resolutions and world opinion.

#### HOPE FOR BALANCED ACTION AGAINST AIR PIRACY AT ICAO MEETING

JERUSALEM, Aug. 19 (JTA)--Israel will press for balanced action and firm measures against air piracy at this week's meeting of the 30-member council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in Montreal, Foreign Minister Abba Eban and Transport Minister Shimon Peres said in interviews broadcast on Israel radio this weekend.

Peres said Israel expected to be criticized for its interception of a Lebanese airliner Aug. 10, but expressed hope for balanced action at the meeting which convenes tomorrow. "I hope that one-sided steps will not be taken against the actual victims of terrorism," he said. "What is needed is action against the initiators of terrorism."

The ICAO council will meet to consider a request by Lebanon that it censure Israel for the interception of the airliner and forcing it to land at an Israeli military airbase. The Lebanese request was sent by the country's Director of Civil Aviation, Zouhair Beydoun. The Canadian Airline Pilots Association urged the Canadian government last Wednesday to bar flights to Canada by Israeli commercial airliners if Israel did not immediately guarantee that it would "never again" conduct or condone interference with civilian flights.

Last Thursday it was reported that the U.S. Airline Pilots Association (ALPA) made a similar demand in a letter to Secretary of State William P. Rogers when it asked him to consider taking steps to suspend Israeli commercial air service to and from the U.S. unless Israel promises not to intercept an Arab airliner again. This weekend the head of ALPA denied that his group had made such a request.

Eban, in an interview recorded in New York, said "the test will come when the international civil aviation authorities face the opportunity to adopt the air safety charter which has not been ratified thus far because of Arab opposition." The ICAO general assembly is due to meet Aug. 28 in Rome.

#### ISRAELI ATHLETES IN MOSCOW SUBJECTED TO INDIGNITIES

NEW YORK, Aug. 19 (JTA)--Israeli athletes participating in the World University Games in Moscow which began last Wednesday have been subjected to endless boos, jeering and catcalls from Soviet spectators, according to reports reaching here. When the 25-member Israeli contingent marched into the stadium under their flag at the opening, the television cameras were turned away from them and the hostility of the crowd of some 100,000 was made evident by the shouts of derision, the reports said.

According to another report, Moscow Jews holding tickets to a basketball game between Israel and Cuba were forcibly barred from entering the sports arena where the game was being played. The Jews were confronted by barriers and Soviet militia who admitted only a handful and told the rest that there were no more seats.

The arena which has a capacity of 500 seats was packed with Russian cadets and with soldiers in uniform and in civilian dress who led the jeering of the Israeli players, one eye-witness reported. Whenever one of the handful of Jews admitted to the games left the arena for any reason he was not permitted to re-enter, the witness said. Militia men outside repeatedly demanded papers from Jews and several scuffles ensued.

Yassir Arafat, leader of El Fatah, was a special guest of the Soviet Organizing Committee at the

games and was reportedly feted in Moscow. According to one report, Israeli athletes "with the memory of the Munich massacre still fresh in their minds, again have found themselves in hostile surroundings but they vow they are not afraid." One Israeli athlete was quoted as saying, "We are getting used to this. We always live on the edge of danger."

Dr. William Perl, acting national chairman of the Jewish Defense League, warned in Washington yesterday that "when Soviet athletes visit America we cannot guarantee their safety." Perl said that Soviet athletes cannot be viewed as sportsmen but as "political emissaries of a system spreading and practicing hate."

#### YAF CONCLAVE URGES U.S. TO USE SANCTIONS AGAINST NATIONS THAT HARBOR PALESTINIAN TERRORISTS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19 (JTA)--Over strong opposition that surprised Jewish students at the convention, the Young Americans for Freedom (YAF) last night approved by a voice vote a resolution that urged the U.S. government to use "appropriate diplomatic and economic sanctions" against nations that "harbor" or "give encouragement" to "Marxist-Oriented Palestinian terrorist groups."

The resolution was presented by Joel Cassman, 18, a member of Temple Israel in Omaha, Neb., who will enter Brown University as a freshman next month to study international relations. Cassman, a member of the platform committee in the conservative student political organization, said that about 70 percent of the approximately 500 delegates voting approved his resolution.

However, Richard Petrucci, 18, of Stamford, Conn., who led the opposition, said about 15 percent sided with him. Naming the Irgun and Haganah, Petrucci, a political science sophomore at Marquette University, charged that Israel was "just as guilty as the Palestinians in terrorist activities." His charges brought a sharp rejoinder from David Grossack, 17, of Boston, who is entering Brandeis University next month to major in economics. Grossack, who is Jewish, said that the opposition argument had "a definite anti-Semitic content."

The four-day YAF convention, which ended today at the Sheraton Park Hotel, adopted without dissent a "right to leave" resolution which called on the United States not to support with trade benefits any country that does not permit its citizens to emigrate. However, it did not specifically mention the Jackson-Mills-Vanik proposal to that effect which is pending in Congress.

#### Israel Had To Be Established

YAF, founded in 1960, claims it is the country's largest national student group with 58,000 members in 550 chapters. National public relations chairman Dan Rae, a Boston University law student, said about five to seven percent of the approximately 1000 delegates attending the convention are Jewish.

Cassman, Grossack and Thomas Morton, 19, of Cincinnati, a Miami (Ohio) sophomore major in English and who is not Jewish, said they organized picketing and distributed leaflets at the Sudanese Embassy in protest against the Black September movement members who murdered two American diplomats in Khartoum. About 40 YAF members participated in the demonstration.

Outside the convention hall following the heated discussion on the terrorism resolution, Grossack offered his hand to Petrucci, saying, "I hope there is no hard feeling." This came at

a time when Petrucci coincidentally was telling the Jewish Telegraphic Agency reporter that he was going to talk with Grossack. When Petrucci accepted Grossack's handshake Grossack said, "I wish it could be done this way at the Security Council." Petrucci replied, "I wish everything could be done this way."

Petrucci told JTA that he agreed Israel should be an "independent Jewish state" and that "it was a good thing for Israel to be established. The Jews need a home." But, he added, he wanted "the Palestinian refugees to go back to their homes." Observing that the "Arab governments are trying to keep them (the refugees) in the camps," Petrucci declared, "We definitely should tell the Arab nations to invite the refugees to live in their countries." But, he continued, "Israel has driven the Arabs from their homes" and "if Israel says they can't go back to their homes, we should intervene and let them go back."

#### CABINET CONSIDERS QUESTION OF WHAT ISRAEL WILL DO IF AN ARAB COUNTRY SEEKS ATOUNI'S EXTRADITION

JERUSALEM, Aug. 19 (JTA)--The question of whether Israel might extradite the hijacker, Muhammed Atouni, if requested to do so by an Arab state, was raised at today's Cabinet meeting. According to reports in Arab newspapers, the Lebanese government was considering asking Israel to extradite the 37-year-old Libyan who hijacked a Lebanese airliner to Lod Airport last Thursday.

The matter of a possible extradition request from Lebanon or Libya, countries with which Israel has no diplomatic relations, was brought up by the Minister for Religious Affairs, Dr. Zerach Warhaftig, during a security briefing by Defense Minister Moshe Dayan and Chief of Staff Gen. David Elazar. Their response was that no extradition request has been received by Israel from any country.

Dayan and Elazar also briefed the Cabinet on yesterday's overflight of Sinai by two Egyptian fighter bombers. No details were released.

#### STRIKE MAY DISRUPT SCHOOL TERM

JERUSALEM, Aug. 19 (JTA)--The country's 500 high school principals and inspectors began a strike this morning in a demand for higher wage rates. They called on the ministries of education and finance to resume wage negotiations before Friday, or else they might take "stronger measures."

Last minute efforts by leaders of the Histadrut Teachers Union, most of whose members teach in elementary schools, to avert a strike failed over the weekend. There has been no contact between the teachers and the authorities since.

The teachers threatened that if no progress is made the elementary school teachers may join the strike, and thus may disrupt the opening of the school year in less than two weeks. The teachers claim that Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir promised them earlier this month a monthly average rise of IL 100 and that he is now going back on the promise. About 150,000 high school students may be affected.

The Chief Rabbi Jacob Kaplan of France has paid a visit to Rumania at the invitation of Chief Rabbi Dr. Moses Rosen.

### JEWISH GROUP RAPS CALPA REQUEST THAT CANADA BAR ISRAELI PLANES

MONTREAL, Aug. 19 (JTA)--The Canada Israel Committee has sent a telegram to the Canadian Airline Pilots Association (CALPA) expressing surprise at the association's call for "Canadian sanctions against Israel's commercial aircraft unless Israel gives assurances that it will never again participate in or condone acts of interference with civil aviation."

Adam Pollack, president of the CIC, added in the telegram to John Wright, president of CALPA, that he was certain the pilots' group "has taken cognizance of Israel's constant efforts to curb air terrorism in contrast to the Arab governments' continued destruction of International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and United Nations efforts to eradicate terrorism." Pollack said the interception on Aug. 10 of a Lebanese plane, "though contrary to accepted aviation codes and agreements, was carried out with the safety of civil aviation in mind."

Pollack added that Israel's action was "undoubtedly motivated by the failure of ICAO and the international community to take effective steps to combat terror in the skies." He said Wright's telegram to External Affairs Minister Mitchell Sharp "does a disservice to a country whose declared position and interest in this matter is parallel to those of your organization, namely, the eradication of crimes in the air through effective and enforceable measures."

### UOJC PROTESTS ELIMINATION OF IDENTITY OF JEWISH CEMETERY

NEW YORK, Aug. 19 (JTA)--The Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America has reported a protest to Soviet officials over the "elimination of the Jewish identity of the Jewish cemetery in Malakhovka" which is about 15 miles from Moscow. Harold Jacobs, president, sent telegrams of protest to Soviet ambassadors Anatoly Dobrynin in Washington and Yakov Malik in the United Nations.

Jacobs said an officer of his organization, now traveling in Russia, had reported that he had seen workmen removing the boundary markers which delineated the Jewish cemetery's borders, and that burials were being made in the Jewish cemetery "in complete disregard of its Jewish character." Jacobs urged the Soviet envoys "to cease the de-Judaization of the Malakhovka Jewish cemetery and to restore it to its Jewish identity."

### KOSHER MEAT PRICE HIKES HAVE DEVASTATING EFFECT ON KASHRUTH OBSERVING JEWS

NEW YORK, Aug. 19 (JTA)--Prices of various cuts of kosher meat rose more than 30 percent during the past week, in outlets where meat was still available, and kosher chickens rose 20 to 25 percent in price throughout greater New York, the Metropolitan New York Coordinating Council on Jewish Poverty reported today.

Jerome M. Becker, council president, said a survey, made last Wednesday, also revealed that sources of supply of kosher meats and poultry were dwindling rapidly and that kosher butchers were being forced to cut sales drastically and, in some cases, to shut down completely. He added that spiraling food costs, which are putting a "fiscal crunch" on all American families, were having a "devastating effect" on kashruth-observing Jews.

He said that on Manhattan's Lower East Side, a government-designated poverty area, where the Coordinating Council sponsors the United Jewish Council of the East Side to serve the needs of the Jewish poor, representative meat prices last Thursday were up on an average of about 30 percent. Steaks jumped from \$2 to \$3 per pound, chuck rose from \$2.40 to \$2.80 per pound, and chicken rose from \$1 to \$1.19 per pound. Most other cuts of beef were unavailable, the survey found.

### Prices Up 25-35 Percent

Another area of the Jewish poor is the Bronx, where the Coordinating Council conducts communal service programs through its affiliate, the Concourse Jewish Community Council. The survey found that meat prices there were up by 25 to 35 percent in all categories, with choicer meat cuts in short supply. Chopped meat rose from \$1.50 to \$2 per pound last week. In Brooklyn, where many thousands of poor elderly Jews live, the average increase in kosher meat and chicken were reported of 20 to 25 percent.

Sources in the Kew Gardens section of Queens, which has a large population of Orthodox Jews, and in the Far Rockaway section of Queens, reported similar increases in the prices of kosher meats and poultry.

Becker said that the Jew who keeps kosher "is being most adversely affected by the current inflationary spiral. In many cases, the kashruth-observing Jew is a senior citizen. These older adults, many of whom subsist on Social Security pensions in pockets of poverty throughout the metropolitan area, can no longer afford even the cheapest cuts of kosher meat at today's rapidly-escalating prices. They are confronted with the unconscionable choice of abandoning their life-long principles or suffering malnutrition."

He reported that the Coordinating Council was acting "to alleviate the plight of the hard-core Jewish poor. We are currently in the process of planning programs in conjunction with the newly-adopted Title VII Nutrition Act that will assure the daily delivery of hot kosher meals to the aged and infirm Jews of New York who are in the most dire need."

### DR. SELMAN A. WAKSMAN, NOBEL PRIZE WINNER, DIES AT AGE 85

NEW YORK, Aug. 19 (JTA)--Dr. Selman A. Waksman, a Nobel Prize winner and principal discover of streptomycin, died Thursday at Hyannis Hospital in Hyannis, Mass., at the age of 85. Born in the Ukraine in 1888, he emigrated to the United States in 1910. "As a Jew, he was barred from attending the Fifth Gymnasium in Odessa but he could and did take courses and examinations there by correspondence.

He earned a bachelor's degree and a master's degree at Rutgers University. After earning a doctorate at the University of California, he returned to Rutgers to become a professor of microbiology. He spent most of his 50-year career as a scientist at Rutgers. He received honorary degrees from Brandeis University, the Hebrew University and Yeshiva University. He won the Nobel prize in physiology and medicine in 1951.

Five Jerusalem Arab workers have decided to run for the Histadrut convention and the local workers council, for the first time since the Six-Day War.