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ISRAEL CONTINUES TO HEAD DEMANDS FOR EFFECTIVE ANTI-HIJACKING CURBS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 20 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban said last night that Israel would head demands for effective international laws to curb aerial piracy even though it is being condemned for the Aug. 10 interception of a Lebanese airliner believed to have had terrorist leaders aboard. Eban, who returned from a Latin American visit, said that Israel "should expect unbalanced proposals."

"We should tell those countries who really want to eliminate danger to international aviation freedom that it is better to implement some of the proposals that were not implemented because the Arab states prevented their acceptance. At a time when the Arab states are worried about disruption of the freedom of the airways, they would do well to cooperate with us in making such a law and implementing it," Eban said.

He reiterated his statement made during a taped radio interview last week that Israel was working through international channels to prevent sanctions against it by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) council which opens its meeting today in Montreal.

Eban refused to express his personal opinion of the interception of the Lebanese airliner, an act that has embarrassed Israel and raised some criticism at home as well as abroad. But he said the United Nations Security Council's unanimous condemnation of Israel last week for the interception was of little importance. "Were there 35 Jewish states in the UN as there are Arab states, and their friends, the issue would never have reached the agenda," Eban said.

BILL OF FAIR: ISRAEL WANTS MEA TO PAY FOR SERVICES RENDERED

TEL AVIV, Aug. 20 (JTA)--Israel has billed the Lebanese Middle East Airways the dollar equivalent of IL 7000 for fuel and other services supplied to the MEA Boeing 707 that was hijacked to Lod Airport last Thursday.

The plane with 125 passengers and crew members aboard was forced to land at Lod by a Libyan national, Muhammed Atouni, who was taken into custody by Israeli authorities.

The bill, the first of its kind since Mandate days, was sent to the MEA's Paris office and was signed by Ezra Blass, deputy director of Lod Airport. It itemized, among other things, 2830 litres of fuel pumped into the plane and routine servicing and landing fees. The airport authorities have a receipt signed by the plane's pilot, Capt. Adel Kawas, for the goods and services he received.

But food and refreshments provided to the passengers and crew of the Lebanese airliner during its brief stay in Israel are "on the house." They will be paid for by the Israel Transport Ministry.

MOVE MOUNTED TO PREVENT PLO FROM OPENING EAST BERLIN OFFICE

BONN, Aug. 20 (JTA)--An opposition member of the Bundestag warned today that the opening of a Palestine Liberation Organization office in East Berlin would create a perfect base for Arab hijackers and assassins and urged Four Power efforts to prevent it.

Friedrich Zimmerman, of the Christian Socialist Union (CSU), called on the West German government to ask the three Western powers in Berlin--U.S., Britain and France--to intercede with the Soviet Union to put pressure on East Germany to ban the PLO office. The official East German Communist Party newspaper, "Neues Deutschland," reported on Aug. 6 that an agreement had been signed between the party's Politburo and Yassir Arafat, PLO leader, to open the office. No date was announced.

Zimmerman said the presence of a PLO office in East Berlin would be a contravention of the Four Power agreement on Berlin to keep the city free of tensions and international conflicts. He said such an office would endanger the security of West Berlin because it is no longer difficult to travel between East and West.

ROGERS: U.S. STILL REJECTS IMPOSED MIDEAST SOLUTION; CALLS FOR REASONABLE DISCUSSION AMONG PARTIES Rejects Pressure From Oil Companies

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20 (JTA)--Secretary of State William P. Rogers said today that the U.S. still rejects an imposed solution in the Middle East, continues to regard the status quo there as unstable and undesirable for all parties concerned, and does not alter its policies in response to advertisements in newspapers.

Rogers' remarks, in reply to questions at a State Department press conference, were in part an allusion to recent advertisements by the Standard Oil Co. of California calling for a more pro-Arab stance by the U.S. in the Middle East to ensure the continued flow of oil.

The Secretary of State said that the only way a decision will be reached in the region and progress advanced is if there is "sensible and reasonable discussion" among the parties. He said that somewhere along the line "the urgency of reason will prevail" though no nation will get everything it wants. He said the U.S. would give "every diplomatic support" to efforts to get discussions moving in the Middle East and expressed hope that UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim's visit to the region later this month will further that objective.

Asked if the U.S. can wait for the situation to work out in view of the energy problem, Rogers said the U.S. is not going to wait but reiterated that it could not impose solutions on nations. Rogers did not reply directly to a question by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency about reports that the U.S. has been prodding Israel to come up with fresh plans for negotiations and whether the U.S. has changed its Mideast policy or its application in any ways.

Scores Terrorist Activities

Rogers said that the U.S. and all parties concerned were convinced that renewed warfare would not solve the Middle East problem but would create new ones. He also said that terrorist activities, blowing up airplanes and machine-gunning people at airports "is idiotic and makes no sense at all." He made no reference to Israel's Aug. 10 interception of a Lebanese airliner for which it was unanimously condemned by the UN Security Council.

While Rogers rejected pressure from oil companies to alter U.S. Middle East policies, other government officials have admitted in public state-

ments recently that oil affects U.S. policy in that region.

Joseph J. Sisco, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, said on a television interview earlier this month that "there is increasing concern in our country over the energy question and I think it foolhardy to believe this is not a factor" in Mideast policy. John Love, director of President Nixon's Office of Energy Policy, said on the NBC-TV "Meet the Press" program Aug. 12 that the U.S. will have to give Arab countries greater incentive to increase oil production.

Rogers said that the U.S. recognized the importance of the energy problem and thought that progress ultimately will be made. "If my instincts are right, then I think it is possible that efforts will be made to find ways to have sensible, reasonable discussions about the future of the area, but I would not want anyone to think that I had any indications that were clear enough to be very optimistic about it," he said.

SCIENTISTS URGED TO HELP SECURE FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT

JERUSALEM, Aug. 20 (JTA)--The sixth World Congress for Jewish Studies closed here yesterday with a call to scientists all over the world to help secure freedom of movement for scientists and researchers everywhere. The call was a protest against the refusal of Soviet authorities to allow Russian scientists to attend the Congress in which 1400 delegates from 24 countries and Israel participated.

Prof. Ephraim E. Urbach of the Hebrew University, president of the Congress, disclosed at the opening session a week ago that 27 researchers in Jewish studies from the USSR had been invited. He said some of them wrote to him stating that they wanted to attend but were prevented. But delegates from three Communist bloc countries--Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Rumania--did attend. There was an 11-member delegation from Spain but only one member was a Jew.

Another resolution adopted at the closing session called for an intensification of Jewish studies all over the world. Prof. Urbach said the status of Jewish studies has risen everywhere, both in research and teaching. He indirectly criticized Israel's news media which showed little interest in the Congress.

President Ephraim Katzir, an eminent biophysicist, was guest of honor at the opening last Monday. He expressed hope that researchers of Judaism would see the whole picture of the Jewish people through the narrow framework of their individual fields.

BUS STRIKE IN HIGH GEAR

TEL AVIV, Aug. 20 (JTA)--Long queues formed at bus stops throughout the greater Tel Aviv area today but buses were few and far between. A strike by 160 drivers against the Dan transport cooperative which operates buses in and around Israel's largest city paralyzed service. The co-op recruited all members, including retired drivers, to staff the buses during rush hour, but many vehicles remained idle. The strikers are demanding additional allowances beyond the 70 percent wage increases they have received over the last two years.

It appeared, meanwhile, that Israeli high school pupils will have an extended summer vacation. Preparations to open school Sept. 1 were suspended due to a strike by high school teachers and principals for a higher wage scale. Fin-

ance Minister Pinhas Sapir will attempt to settle the dispute when he meets with teachers' representatives tonight. Elementary school teachers have not joined the strike so far. After several hours of debate they decided to wait until the end of the week to see how negotiations with the high school teachers come out.

'EVERYMAN'S UNIVERSITY' GETS NOD

JERUSALEM, Aug. 20 (JTA)--The Cabinet approved yesterday the establishment of an "Everyman's University" within the framework of a pilot project administered and financed by the Rothschild Foundation. The university will function through television programs, correspondence courses and classroom teaching. Its main purpose will be to enable adults to earn academic degrees.

Deputy Premier and Minister of Education Yigal Allon told reporters that the resolution to establish the "Everyman's University" has a great educational and social importance. He stressed the government's thanks to the Rothschild family. The government also resolved to approve participation by the State of Israel, through the Arid Zone Research Center at Sde Boker, in the International University sponsored by the United Nations.

BALTIMORE JEWS SEEK TO DISCUSS SOVIET JEWRY PLIGHT WITH OFFICIALS OF RUSSIAN SOCCER TEAM

BALTIMORE, Aug. 20 (JTA)--The Baltimore Committee for Soviet Jewry has asked the Baltimore Bays management for the opportunity to meet with officials of the Moscow Torpedo team before or after their game today to acquaint them with the privations of Jews in the Soviet Union. In a letter to Jim Karvellas, president of the local soccer team, Sol Goldstein, chairman of the Baltimore Committee for Soviet Jewry, pointed out that with the strict censorship in the USSR the Torpedo team possibly knows nothing of the plight of Soviet Jews.

Pointing out that the local committee was "heartened...to learn" that the Russian soccer team would compete against the local kickers and noting that it was "an indication of increasing bonds" between the countries, nevertheless, Goldstein said, he felt the visitors should know the concern of Baltimoreans for Soviet Jews.

Giving illustrations of discrimination, harassment, and deprivation of civil liberties in the Soviet Union, Goldstein added, "As you can see, the condition of the Jews in the Soviet Union is not a happy one. It is for these reasons that we request that you use your good offices to help us meet with officials of the Moscow Torpedo team." The letter was sent to the Bays president last Tuesday. As of today, no response was received.

Three Israeli soldiers were ordered to stand trial today for setting fire to a Bedouin family's tent in the Gaza Strip. The trial was postponed until next week. According to the charges, the soldiers were piqued by the family's refusal to give them pitta, the round Arab bread, and set fire to the tent causing damage to the property.

Twenty Nablus area residents whose houses were damaged or blown up by security forces will be permitted to rebuild them. The Military Governor of Nablus, Brigadier Eliezer Segev, informed Nablus Mayor Haj Mahzouz el Masri that Defense Minister Moshe Dayan acceded to requests from Arab leaders to allow the rebuilding.

Israel's Labor Party has called on the Socialist International to hold its next executive meeting elsewhere than in Malta. This was in protest against anti-Israel statements by Dom Mintoff, Premier.

SOCAL ACCUSED OF HAVING PECUNIARY MOTIVE IN LETTER TO STOCKHOLDERS

MONTREAL, Aug. 20 (JTA)--The Canada-Israel Committee has accused the Standard Oil Co. of California of trying to make Israel "the scapegoat for a fictitious 'energy crisis'" in order to win concessions from oil producing Arab states and to condition American consumers to accept higher prices for oil.

A statement issued here by the Committee, which is comprised of the Canadian Zionist Federation, B'nai B'rith and the Canadian Jewish Congress, denounced the recent letter from SOCAL's board chairman, Otto N. Miller, to the company's 40,000 employees and 200,000 shareholders urging them to understand "the aspirations of the Arab people" and give "more positive support of their efforts toward peace in the Middle East."

"It should be recognized that this letter is a self-serving document which is using the pretext of an oil crisis to promote, at the expense of the oil consuming public, the interests of the Arab oil-producing nations and the international oil companies themselves," the statement charged.

Profits, Not Energy Crisis

According to the CIC, the oil companies are seeking to ensure a high level of oil supplies from the producing states and to maintain their profits by passing the higher prices demanded by the Arab states on to the consumers. "If the consumer is to be convinced that he should accept price increases, he must be persuaded that there is a real energy crisis and that oil is, in fact, in short supply," the statement said.

It continued: "Israel provides a ready scapegoat to create such an atmosphere of crisis. If United States policy towards Israel can be convincingly presented to the public as a reason for an oil crisis, there will be readier acceptance by the consumers of the price increases which the oil companies are attempting to foist on them."

According to the CIC "Peace in the Middle East is the most effective guarantee of a continued supply of Middle East oil" and U.S. support of Israel "is the most effective means of preserving this peace."

ICAO MEETING BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

MONTREAL, Aug. 20 (JTA)--The 30-member council of the International Civil Aviation Organization began meeting in closed session here today to consider Lebanon's complaint against Israel for diverting a Lebanese airliner Aug. 10 and forcing it to land in Israel.

Observers here noted that the council could condemn Israel but does not have the power to impose any sanctions. The ICAO general assembly is to meet in Rome Aug. 28-Sept. 2 to consider measures for ending terrorism in international aviation.

Earlier in the day about 1000 pro-Arab supporters picketed outside the office of Israeli Consul General David Ephrati shouting slogans and saying they were not against Jews but only against Israel and Israel's unlawful acts.

ARAB-JEWISH YOUTH CAMP IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Aug. 20 (JTA)--An Arab-Jewish youth camp, the first of its kind in this city, opened today in the recreation center in the Jerusalem forest for 10 days. Such camps have been organized for the last 12 years in Acre. This time the camp will take place in Israel's capital city.

Some 100 boys and girls from all parts of the

country are taking part in the camp. The main activity is studying languages: the Arab youths are learning Hebrew and the Jewish youths are learning Arabic.

The camp was a subject for political criticism on the part of the ultra-Orthodox religious parties, even before it started. Several Agudat Israel officials called on the government to halt the camp "because it encouraged assimilation."

Meanwhile, the reins of city government passed symbolically into the hands of youth for a day at the Jerusalem municipality last Friday. Shelly Lehmann, the 17-year-old Mayor of the Youth Capital summer program for young Jewish and Arab Jerusalemites, took over Mayor Teddy Kollek's job. Some 25 other youth club volunteers replaced the Deputy Mayors, the municipality, spokesman and department heads.

Kollek, referring to the Arab and Jewish Youth Capital participants who recently broadcast from Abie Nathan's peace ship, praised their initiative but noted that the Youth Capital had made a much greater contribution to understanding between Arabs and Jews than the radio station.

SOVIET EMIGRATION DECREASES

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20 (JTA)--Soviet Jewish emigration for the first seven months of this year is about seven percent less than in the corresponding period in 1972, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today from an American source. Through July of this year the emigration totaled 16,469, compared with 17,659 last year.

Most of the drop took place during June when Soviet Communist Party Secretary Leonid I. Brezhnev was visiting the United States. The June total was 1922, almost 1000 less than in June 1972 when it totaled 3070. The last available figure was for the week ending August 4, in which 471 emigrants were recorded. This would indicate the emigration rate is about the same as for July when 2146 were listed. In July 1972 the total was almost the same, 2163.

FUND-RAISING MUST BE APPROVED

JERUSALEM, Aug. 20 (JTA)--The government approved yesterday the recommendations by the Emergency Fund High Commission concerning approval and coordination of fund-raisers. According to the recommendations, an organization or institute supported financially by the government or by the Jewish Agency is obliged to get approval from the Emergency Fund High Commission to raise funds independently. It was learned that a few Cabinet members expressed reservations, arguing that the government should not limit the freedom of organizations to do what they wish. The resolution was finally accepted without objection.

GOREN JUSTIFIES INTERCEPTION

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 20 (JTA)--Israel's Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren stirred a record audience from all over South Africa with his keynote address to delegates to the Federation of Synagogue's Conference taking place here this weekend. Rabbi Goren said that in attempting to capture Dr. George Habash, leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, and other terrorist leaders believed to have been aboard the Lebanese airliner that was intercepted by Israel on Aug. 10, Israel was acting not only in her own defense but helping to protect the world against air terrorism.

FLASH: The ICAO council in Montreal condemned Israel for intercepting the Lebanese airliner and recommended the ICAO take similar action when it meets Aug. 28 in Rome.

STATE SUPREME COURT ORDERS**TEMPORARY STAY OF VOTER
REGISTRATION ON HOLY DAYS**

NEW YORK, Aug. 20 (JTA)--A summons and complaint were served today by the New York State Supreme Court on the State, the City of New York and the New York City Board of Elections ordering them to show cause why they should not be enjoined and restrained from conducting voter registrations on the Jewish Sabbath and Jewish holidays. The court order, which includes a temporary stay of registration, was signed Friday by State Supreme Court Justice Murray T. Feiden. A hearing has been scheduled for Wednesday morning at the State Supreme Court in Brooklyn.

The court action was initiated by the Association of Jewish Anti-Poverty Workers on the complaint of an AJAPW member, Mordechai Rosen, a resident of Brooklyn. The Association acted after receiving a letter from NY Secretary of State John P. Lomenzo informing it that the State would take no action to change local voter registration dates which conflict with Jewish holidays. The effect is to deprive observant Jews of their voting rights, the AJAPW contends.

Rosen stated in his affidavit that "of a total registration period established for the City of New York of 25 1/2 hours, I am limited to 8 1/2 hours....Although I am certain that I, as an individual may find the time to actually register, (the) prohibitions observed by an Orthodox Jew will prevent a large group of Orthodox Jews from registering and works a serious detriment upon them."

A canvas of the State's 62 counties by the AJAPW disclosed that in six of them voter registration is on Oct. 6 and 13. The former date is Yom Kippur and the latter a Saturday. Eleven counties, including NY City's five boroughs, have scheduled Succoth, a Saturday and an additional day for voter registration, and 45 counties would have registration only on Succoth and a Saturday, the AJAPW reported.

Setback In Equal Opportunity

Rosen is represented in his complaint by Assemblyman Leonard Silverman. Silverman is the sponsor of legislation signed into law in 1972 which prohibits elections on Saturday or Sunday and stipulates that "the equal protection intent of the law should also extend to registration days."

Silverman, who noted that the NY State election time-table specifically excludes Sunday as a registration day observed: "This points out even more clearly that the Sabbath day of one religious group should not be violated by registration on that day, but that the Sabbath day of the Jewish population of the State of New York must be violated."

In a Friend of the Court brief filed by the AJAPW, its executive director, S. Elly Rosen, stated, "A State law which mandates Saturday, the Jewish Sabbath, as a day for voter registration cannot be spoken of as a step closer to equal opportunity. When this unjust law is compounded by County Boards of Election selecting Jewish Holy Days as additional days for such registration quite the contrary becomes clear; that, in fact, we have taken two steps backwards in the fight for equal opportunity for all citizens."

**BERGEN-BELSEN SURVIVORS GIVE \$10,000
GRANT FOR COLLEGE HOLOCAUST PROJECT**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20 (JTA)--The story of

the Holocaust, depicted in multi-media, will be presented during the coming college semester in 10 cities housing major American universities. The "town and gown" project, to keep vivid the memory of Jewish martyrdom, particularly among young persons, is being arranged by B'nai B'rith through its Hillel Foundations and adult Jewish education program. A \$10,000 grant from the World Federation of Bergen-Belsen Association, survivors of the Nazi death camp, is helping to finance the project.

"The meaning of the Holocaust must not be allowed to dim for adults, and it must not become remote to the new generation that knows of its horrors only through dry history books," said Josef Rosensaft of New York, president of the Bergen-Belsen group. "We must keep the memory alive as a warning of what could happen again to Jews or to any group excluded from normal society. And we must remember forever, in tribute to the persistence of the human spirit even in the face of inhumanity."

The multi-media presentation will include photographic exhibits, displays of documents and film showings dramatizing the era; presentation of Holocaust source material to college and community libraries; seminars by interfaith groups; campus lectures by scholars of the Holocaust period, and public talks by death camp survivors.

In each city, the project will offer a full schedule of programmed activities lasting a week or longer. It will also feature a Holocaust Information Center, both to assist relatives of Nazi victims and others seeking available data, and to gather additional information--letters, documents and the like--that may be in the private possession of survivors and their families.

Extensive land development work is being carried out in the Fatzael sector of the lower Jordan Valley by the Jewish National Fund. The program includes the preparation of land infrastructure for agriculture and other economic activities, construction of housing through reclamation, draining and road building. The plan for the Fatzael Valley, which is known for its fertile soil, calls for the establishment of three moshavim and two kibbutzim, covering a total of 16,000 dunams of land.

A letter from the chief forester of Malta praising the afforestation work by the Keren Kayemeth in his country was recently received by the KK office in Jerusalem.

The following quotations from the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange are provided to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency by Leumi Securities, 18 E. 48 St., New York, N.Y. 10017. This is a selected list of the most active stocks.

	Closing Prices	
	8/13	8/20
Africa Israel	\$ 6.64	\$ 6.83
Alliance 'B'	12.38	12.50
ATA 'C'	.29	.291/2
Bank Leumi	.73	.73
Bank Leumi Investment	.52	.53
Delek	.46	.46
Discount Bank Investment	3.09	3.14
Electra	2.88	2.97
Electric Wire & Cable	1.27	1.29
General Mortgage Bank	2.80	2.82
Hassneh Insurance	5.78	5.88
Mehadrin Citrus	.47	.53
Shemen	1.42	1.46
Taal Plywood	1.45	1.45