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KEATING SAYS U.S. WILL DO ITS BEST TO ASSURE THAT ISRAEL'S INTERESTS ARE NOT HARMED AT ICAO

JERUSALEM, Aug. 28 (JTA)--Kenneth Keating the new United States Ambassador to Israel, presented his credentials to President Ephraim Katzir at the Presidential residence here today and spoke of the cause of peace to which he said both his country and Israel were ardently dedicated.

In a meeting with Foreign Minister Abba Eban the American diplomat said the U.S. would do its best to assure that Israel's interests were not harmed in the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) convention which opened today in Rome. (See other stories Page 1 and 2). It was the second time during the last four days that Keating confirmed the U.S. attitude to Eban.

The 73-year-old former U.S. Senator from New York and former Ambassador to India, was saluted by a military band on the Presidential grounds. Keating told Katzir that he starts his new office with deep personal feelings. He observed that his life-long interest and concern with the destiny of the Jewish people "paralleled the sympathetic concern that my nation has demonstrated" toward Israel. "Together, our nations, by their example of friendship and mutual respect, can contribute to the welfare of our neighbors on this planet," he said.

Katzir, responding, stressed that the main goal of Israel was to achieve peace in this area, "a goal to which both the Israeli government and people are dedicated." Keating is the sixth U.S. Ambassador to Israel. He succeeded Ambassador Walworth Barbour who retired several months ago.

KATYUSHA ROCKETS DISCOVERED

TEL AVIV, Aug. 28 (JTA)--Four Katyusha rockets mounted on improvised launchers were discovered this morning by an Israeli army patrol near the Lebanese border, directed toward the nearby settlement of Admith. They were dismantled before any damage could take place. An investigation revealed that the border fence was cut through where the terrorists penetrated into Israel. This was the first serious incident of this kind along the Lebanese border in months. It occurred just 24 hours after Arab terrorists acting along the Syrian border attacked an Israeli patrol with bazooka shells.

LETTER BOMB SENDERS FOUND GUILTY

TEL AVIV, Aug. 28 (JTA)--Two members of a Druze spy ring were found guilty today of having mailed letter bombs last year to President Nixon, U.S. Secretary of State William P. Rogers and Defense Secretary Melvin Laird. The lethal letters were discovered in the post office at Kiryat Shmona near the Lebanese border. The accused, who also confessed to charges of espionage and membership in a terrorist organization, are Achmed Salim Hateb, 20, and Majid el Ajani, 19. Sentences will be pronounced tomorrow.

They were arrested at Majdal Shams, a Druze village on the Golan Heights where a Druze spy ring in the service of Syria was uncovered last year. Two other members have confessed to participating in espionage and possession of arms

but denied they belonged to a terrorist organization and claimed they had no part in mailing the letter bombs.

U.S. HOPES ICAO WILL LOOK AT WHOLE PICTURE OF AIR PIRACY SITUATION

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28 (JTA)--An Administration official said today that the "complaint" against Israel for diverting a Lebanese airliner Aug. 10 would be taken up by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Extraordinary Assembly which opened today in Rome. But he expressed hope that the ICAO will "look at the whole picture and general enforcement procedures" against air piracy. Ambassador Lewis Hoffacker, head of the working group of President Nixon's Cabinet Committee to Combat Terrorism, did not elaborate.

He made the remark after reporting at a press briefing that international political terrorism, backed by new sources of finance and supported by governments sympathetic to terrorist groups, is increasing and seems to be moving into the United States. Hoffacker declined to identify either the sources or the governments.

Arabs Expected To Demand Sanctions

The ICAO agreed in Rome tonight to debate the Israeli interception of the Lebanese airliner Aug. 10. The 128-member body also decided to discuss measures against hijackings by states as opposed to such acts by individuals. The debate on the Aug. 10 incident was requested by Lebanon with the backing of all Arab states. The Arabs are expected to demand sanctions against Israel and its ouster from the ICAO.

Today's news briefing by Hoffacker followed the explosion of a letter bomb at the British Embassy here yesterday which severed the left hand and severely wounded the right hand of Mrs. Nora Murray, a 51-year-old secretary. In the course of the briefing, Hoffacker also referred to the unsolved July 1 murder of Col. Yosef Alon, the Naval and Air Attache of the Israeli Embassy here. Alon was gunned down outside his home as he returned from an Embassy party.

FBI Still Probing Alon Murder

Asked if that was a "political murder," Hoffacker replied, "We have to speculate with you on that." He said the FBI still has the case "under intensive investigation" but has declined to characterize it as either a political killing or an ordinary street crime.

Hoffacker said that in approximately the past year since the President's Cabinet Committee was formed after the Sept. 5, 1972 massacre of 11 Israeli Olympic athletes in Munich, it has learned that 195 letter bombs have been mailed internationally and seven of them have been intercepted in the U.S. One exploded prematurely. He declined to identify the source of the letter bombs. He said India had uncovered 72. Hoffacker said measures to stem terrorist activities include mandatory visa requirements for the approximately 600,000 foreigners who visit the U.S. annually.

ISRAEL MOVES TO BLOCK SANCTION EFFORTS BY ARABS AT ICAO PARLEY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28 (JTA)--Israel moved today to block expected attempts by Lebanon and

other Arab states and their allies to have the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) impose sanctions against it for the Aug. 10 interception of a Lebanese airliner which Israel believed at the time had terrorist leaders aboard.

The Israeli moves coincided with the opening in Rome today of the ICAO's Extraordinary Assembly and diplomatic conference to consider collective international measures against hijackers. The ICAO, a United Nations agency based in Montreal, is the chief authority governing international aviation.

As the Rome meeting got under way, the Israeli Embassy here released a background paper listing 11 episodes of air piracy between 1968-72 in which, it said, the ICAO failed to take steps against offending member states. Six of the incidents were planned and executed by terrorist organizations headquartered in Beirut, Lebanon, according to the Israeli paper.

Israel's fear of possible one-sided moves stemmed from the fact that the 128-member ICAO like the UN, is susceptible to pressure from the Arab states and their friends who command a preponderance of votes. The 30-member ICAO General Council unanimously condemned Israel at its meeting in Montreal a week ago for intercepting the Lebanese airliner.

Two Proposals Under Consideration

The ICAO Extraordinary Assembly, which will continue until Sept. 21, is considering two specific proposals for amendments to its 1944 Chicago Convention on International Civil Aviation, the agency's founding statute. Both amendments, one submitted by France and the other by Britain and Switzerland, agree that contracting states should be obliged to arrest hijackers, put them on trial or extradite them. They agree further that the state to which the hijacker has brought an aircraft must help the airliner continue its journey and must give all necessary assistance to passengers and crew.

The amendments differ on the penalties to be imposed on states that fail to ratify them within a certain time limit. The French version would deprive such state of ICAO membership. The British and Swiss proposals would only deprive them of voting rights in the Extraordinary Assembly and General Council. However, the British proposal adds a further penalty for non-compliance, the banning of air traffic of an offending state through the territory of ICAO member states.

No Foundation For Sanctions

The Israeli background paper charged that "Lebanese attempts to discuss the imposition of sanctions on Israel has no foundation, contradicts the Chicago Convention and constitutes an effort to misuse this specialized agency of the UN as yet another forum for political warfare against Israel."

The paper noted that only the UN Security Council, under the Charter, may impose sanctions. It recalled that the Security Council's Aug. 15 resolution condemning Israel for the Lebanese airliner interception did not provide for any sanction.

"Nobody seems perturbed...that Lebanon has become a center for hijackers...or that Lebanon in 1969 actually signed a treaty with these terrorists whose main aims are to destroy Israel and assault civil aviation around the world," the paper said. "It would be the height of cynicism if those countries who all along obstructed within ICAO all efforts designed to bring about some en-

forcement actions to weed out terrorism against civil aviation, would now appear in the role of innocent victims and succeed in passing a resolution against Israel," it said.

The paper cited the following Lebanese-based terrorist actions against civil aviation: attacks on El Al flights in 1968, 1969, 1970; hijacking of TWA flights in 1969, 1970; hijackings of Swissair, Pan-Am and BOAC flights in 1970; the mid-air destruction of a Swissair flight in 1970; mass murder at Lod Airport in 1972; and hijacking a Lufthansa flight in 1972.

It also cited the prolonged detention of hijacked planes and passengers by Algeria in 1968-69; the failure of Egyptian authorities to prevent terrorists from blowing up a hijacked Pan-Am jet in Cairo in 1970; the detention of two Israelis by Syria after a hijacked plane was landed in Damascus in 1969, and Libya's forced landing of a BOAC flight and its seizure of two passengers who were handed over to Sudan for execution.

"The obstruction so far by Arab countries of any efforts by ICAO and by the United Nations General Assembly to eradicate terrorism against civil aviation, as well as the readiness of some other countries to allow criminals to go free after apprehension, left Israel no choice but to try and curb air terrorism by what, in the circumstances, was definitely a measure of an exceptional nature of legitimate self-defense," the Embassy paper said.

12,000 JEWS CELEBRATE CLOSING OF ISRAEL'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 28 (JTA)--About 12,000 Jews, 5000 of them youths carrying banners and shouting, "aliya," filled the Luna Park stadium last night to celebrate the closing of Israel's 25th anniversary year. The event was sponsored by the Argentine Zionist Organization, in cooperation with the Buenos Aires Kehilla, the Federation of Argentine Jewish Communities, the DAIA and the Argentine Jewish Youth Confederation.

The gathering was addressed by the Israeli Ambassador, Eliezer Doron; Itzhak Navon, Deputy Speaker of the Knesset; and Fernando Romarovsky, representing the youth groups. Doron said the creation of Israel climaxed the history of the Jewish people. He asserted that Israel respected world opinion, but no nation can leave its fate in the hands of international bodies where moral principles do not prevail. He was referring to the Aug. 15 UN Security Council resolution condemning Israel for its interception of a Lebanese airliner.

Navon, who spoke in Spanish, said Israel's most important problem was lack of peace with its neighbors. He said that was not a question of territory, since the Arabs refused to deal with Israel before the 1967 war. Referring to the UN resolution, he said, "Let them condemn us but we wish to continue living."

BRAY DEFINITELY OUT

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28 (JTA)--Charles Bray III confirmed today to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he was leaving his post as chief State Department spokesman and special assistant to the Secretary of State but said he was "not necessarily" leaving the State Department or the foreign service. The 39-year-old career foreign service officer said he would leave his post Sept. 3, the day Secretary of State William P. Rogers' resignation takes effect. Bray, who has been in the foreign service 15 years, told newsmen earlier that he was leaving because he didn't like the "style" of Secretary of State-designate, Dr. Henry A. Kissinger.

There will be no News Bulletin Sept. 3, Labor Day.

U.S. JEWISH FAMILIES TO EXPERIENCE SOVIET IMMIGRATION TO ISRAEL THROUGH UNIQUE UJA PROGRAM

NEW YORK, Aug. 28 (JTA)--The United Jewish Appeal, in conjunction with the Jewish Agency in Israel, has begun a special program to enable American Jewish families to experience directly the immigration and resettlement processes of Soviet Jews seeking new lives in Israel. Paul Zuckerman, UJA general chairman announced yesterday before he and some 250 top American Jewish community leaders left for a three-day UJA "Prime Minister's Mission" in Israel.

Participating families will share at first-hand with Russian immigrants the inspiration of initial reception at Vienna, the flight to Israel, and the very real problems which occur during the difficult period of early absorption in a new society," Zuckerman explained. "We hope that the families will grasp the meaning of this historic immigration in all its complexity--the dislocations, the anxieties, the hope, the achievements and problems as well as the emotional stress and financial cost. We want them to bring that understanding back with them and communicate it dramatically to their communities."

One of the major problems in the UJA campaign is to interpret the culture shock of moving from one society to another and particularly--as in the case of Soviet Jews--leaving a closed, repressive state for a free, democratic one. In order to help create such an understanding, and have it spread throughout the American Jewish community, families are being selected to "live in" with Russian Jewish families from the first moment of their step into freedom in Vienna as they arrive from the USSR through to a point in Israel when the absorption process is well under way.

Families to participate in the week-long programs are being selected by Federations and Welfare Funds throughout the country on the basis of community leadership and the ability to understand and express the human relationships they will encounter. The first two families selected for this special program will depart for Vienna during the last week in August and the first week in September, respectively. They are: Ralph and Frances Stern and their children, Ronald and Sharon, of Morristown, N.J., and Milton and Harriet Perlmutter and their children, Frank, Genesis and David, of Newark, N.J.

TORAH INSTITUTE TO BE BUILT IN MEMORY OF RABBI DAVID COHEN

JERUSALEM, Aug. 28 (JTA)--A Torah Institute in memory of Rabbi David Cohen, "The Nazirite," will be built here, it was announced by his son, Rabbi Shear Yashuv Cohen, on the first anniversary of his death. The Institute, to be called "Nazir David" will be built in the "Tora Ve-Hinuch" quarter planned for observant Jewish families in Jerusalem's Talpit suburb.

Rabbi David Cohen, who died last Aug., was one of the foremost disciples of Rabbi Kook, the first Chief Rabbi in Palestine. He was a Nazirite and never cut his hair nor drank wine nor spirits. He also abstained from eating meat for over 50 years. The memorial service was attended by Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren and other dignitaries.

LENINGRAD SYNAGOGUE CANTOR IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Aug. 28 (JTA)--David Suskind, the chief cantor of the Leningrad Synagogue, arrived here today with a group of immigrants from the Soviet Union. He told reporters that he had left a

large family behind and that he was required to post a bond to assure that he would not make anti-Soviet statements when he arrived in Israel. He and the others were sent to an absorption center.

2 ISRAELIS INVOLVED IN SHOOT-OUT MAY SOON FACE PROSECUTION

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 28 (JTA)--The Amsterdam public prosecutor will decide shortly whether to prosecute two El Al security officers involved in a shoot-out in the lobby of the Amsterdam Hilton Hotel May 9, it was reported today. One of them, 23-year-old Yehoshua Katz, was wounded in the shooting. The other, who was grazed by a bullet, dropped out of sight but has been identified and has been summoned here for questioning.

The Israelis drew their guns and exchanged fire with three bank robbers, all French, whom they mistook for Arab terrorists. The robbers were fleeing through the hotel lobby where an El Al crew was waiting for a bus to the airport. The security officers believed at the time that they were about to attack the Israeli crew. If brought to trial, the men will be charged with illegally carrying and using fire arms.

300 ATTEND SHLOSHIM SERVICE

MONTREAL, Aug. 28 (JTA)--Three hundred Montreal Jews attended last night the Shloshim memorial service for Louis A. Pincus, chairman of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization Executive, who died in Jerusalem a month ago, at the Chevra Kadisha Synagogue here. Rabbi Benjamin Hauer officiated. Henry Steinberg, on behalf of the Canadian Zionist Federation, Monroe Abbey, for the Canadian Jewish Congress, Gordon Brown, for the Allied Jewish Community Services and Thomas Hecht, of the United Israel Appeal, expressed the grief of the Montreal Jewish community at the untimely death of Pincus. The eulogy was read by Dr. Leon Kronitz, executive vice-president of the Canadian Zionist Federation, who was an old friend of the Zionist leader. A community Kadish was recited by all present at the conclusion of the memorial service.

JEWISH LEADERS CALL DR. LAPIDUS

NEW YORK, Aug. 28 (JTA)--A group of executives from 40 small cities around the country, attending an institute sponsored by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds and the National Jewish Welfare Board, placed a call to Dr. Victor Lapidus, a well-known Moscow activist. Robert E. Segal, community consultant for the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, and Charles Olshansky, executive director of the Jewish Federation of Newport-News, Va., spoke to Dr. Lapidus. He and members of his family have been refused visas to emigrate to Israel on several occasions during the past year.

The group sent Dr. Lapidus regards from his brother, Valerie, currently on the faculty of Haifa Technion in Israel, who recently visited a number of small cities in the U.S. as part of a speaking tour. Ways to aid Soviet Jewry were discussed by Segal and Mark Talisman, administrative assistant to Congressman Charles A. Vanik (D-Ohio) during a session on community relations earlier in the institute, in which Jerry Goodman, executive director of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, also participated.

The West German Foreign Office gave a cautious reception to news from Baghdad that Iraq was ready in principle to resume diplomatic relations with Bonn. Relations were broken off in 1965 when Bonn and Israel established diplomatic ties.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES**'ZHID' AS AN OPPROBRIUM:
DOES IT POINT TO A REVIVAL OF
OFFICIAL SOVIET ANTI-SEMITISM?**

By Philip Slomovitz, Editor, Detroit Jewish News
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DETROIT, Aug. 28 (JTA)--Derogatory references to Jews in Czarist Russia were expressed in the terms Zhid and Zhidovsky. For more than two centuries, these terms were interlinked with Russian official anti-Semitic policies. While anti-Semitism was never extinguished in Russia, it was declared a crime by the Communist regime, and often those who practiced anti-Jewish actions, especially in official ranks, were mildly prosecuted.

But the term Zhid had not been heard for some time. It is referred to in histories dealing with Jews under the Czars, and it is defined in the outstanding work on the subject, "The History of the Jews in Russia and Poland" by the great Jewish historian, Simon Dubnov, who was murdered by the Nazis in 1941 at the age of 81, in Riga.

There is no doubt that Jews were called Zhids clandestinely during the entire era of Communist rule, but it had not been heard so publicly, so arrogantly, until now because anti-Semitism is officially outlawed in Russia. Does the current experience during the Moscow students' sports events point to a revival of official Russian anti-Semitism?

Originally Zhid was the Slavic term for Jew, transliterated from the Latin, Judaeus. It became an opprobrium and Jews smarted under it in Russia for hundreds of years. In the Duma (Russian Parliament) of horror in 1907--the third Duma that was branded the Black Duma--the overwhelming majority of the members were reactionaries and anti-Semites, and they carried to extremes the abuses leveled at Jews. There were only two Jewish members of that Duma and they were subjected to untold humiliations. Describing that period and the resort to insults at Jews who were called Zhids, Simon Dubnov recorded this in his monumental work.

A Favored Term in Reactionary Vocabulary

He wrote: "The hirelings of Nicholas II danced like a horde of savages over the dead body of the emancipation movement, singing hymns in praise of slavery and despotism. Creatures of the street, the reactionary deputies drenched the tribune of the Imperial Duma with mud and filth, and, when dealing with Jews, they resorted to methods similar to those which were in vogue among their accomplices upon the streets of the devastated cities. The term Zhid and the adjective Zhidovsky, in addition to other scurrilous epithets, became the most favored terms of their vocabulary."

The tragic experiences, dated back by Dubnov to the rule of Catherine II (1772-1796), is described as having thoroughly established the anti-Semitic legislative rules. Yet, there was a "reform." To quote Dubnov: "The historian cannot pass over in silence the solitary 'reform' of this period. In the legislative enactments of the last decade of Catherine's reign the formerly current contemptuous appellation 'Zhid' gave way to the name 'Hebrew' (Yevrey). The Russian government found it impossible to go beyond this verbal reform."

Interestingly enough, Zhid and Zhidovsky are

not insulting terms in Polish, where they stand for the term Jew and its adjective. But it is generally known that in polite society it was not used too often in Poland.

A protest against what had happened in Moscow last week had an interesting sideline: the American Jewish Congress made the sports pages with its condemnation. Now adherents to fair play ask whether the Russian actions will be overlooked when the Olympics are staged four years hence. Generally--and that includes our experiences in the United States--there is little ground for fear from anti-Semitism as long as it is not sponsored officially by the government of the land in question. Is the Zhid revival an indication that Russia is making the hatred of all Jews in the USSR official?

Another aside is worth noting. In the reports about the outrageous incidents in Moscow, the newspaper correspondents translated it as "like," It could be translated as "sheeny." But even this insulting term is now seldom found in American dictionaries, and where it is included it is defined as offensive. Oh temporal Oh mores!

**JEWS IN CHILE ARE NEUTRAL ON
POLITICAL MATTERS IN COUNTRY**

SANTIAGO, Aug. 28 (JTA)--The executive board of the Representative Committee of Chilean Jews issued a statement today affirming its absolute neutrality on political matters in this country now in the throes of political and economic turmoil. The statement was issued, Committee president Gil Sinay said, in light of anti-Semitic statements contained in letters published in various newspapers criticizing government officials of Jewish origin. There are some 150 Jews in the government.

The statement noted that political neutrality was part of the statutes adopted by the Committee when it was founded in 1940. It stressed that every Jew who is a Chilean by birth or adoption participates in politics solely as an individual. Nobody may use the name of the Jewish community as a whole in political activities, and any expression in that sense is repudiated, the statement said. It added that the Committee rejected any attempt to make it appear that the Jewish community as such was for or against a particular regime or political orientation.

END OF SUMMER PROJECTS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 28 (JTA)--About 8000 youngsters from all over the world today finished their participation in the summer's projects organized by the World Zionist Organization. Among the groups that came to spend the summer months in Israel were students who took part in archaeological excavations, art courses and scientific activity in the Hebrew University, the Weizmann Institute of Science and the Haifa-Technion. Others participated in social activity aiming to improve the conditions of the disadvantaged population and to learn their problems.

A new urban center in the Pithat Rafah region--between the Gaza Strip and El Arish in northern Sinai--got its first settlers this week. The newcomers are recent arrivals from the Soviet Union, all of them professionals who will be working in the neighboring settlements of Sadot and Tel Asarah. Another group of immigrants from the Soviet Union is due to join them shortly. Each new family has received a flat for which they pay IL 15 a month rent. The new urban center will serve as a nucleus for additional settlements planned for the region.