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PUBLIC TOLD TO BE ON ALERT

FOR BOOBY-TRAPPED WINE BOTTLES

TEL AVIV, Sept. 3 (JTA)--Israeli security services have warned the public to be alert for booby-trapped wine bottles in the guise of holiday gifts. Travellers going abroad were specifically warned against accepting wine bottles from strangers ostensibly for delivery to a probably fictitious address in a foreign country.

According to security sources, the latest lethal device concocted by terrorists is an innocent-looking wine bottle in a straw basket. The space between the bottle and basket is filled with explosives and glass splinters. The activating mechanism is a small pin which may be inadvertently pulled, sending deadly shrapnel in all directions, security sources learned. The public was also alerted to be wary of wine bottles sent to them as holiday gifts from unknown sources.

DENIAL ISSUED THAT MRS. MEIR

PLANS TO DROP EBAN FROM CABINET

JERUSALEM, Sept. 3 (JTA)--Rumors that Premier Golda Meir plans to drop Abba Eban from her Cabinet after the Oct. 29 elections were described yesterday as "unbased gossip" by Aharon Yadin, secretary General of the Labor Party. Rumors concerning the future of Israel's Foreign Minister have appeared in the press recently.

According to one story, Mrs. Meir told some of her closest Cabinet associates that she was resolved not to include Eban in her next government and wished to appoint a new Foreign Minister. Yadin accused the opposition Gahal Party of circulating "baseless gossip" as fact as part of its election propaganda campaign. He said Mrs. Meir has said nothing about Eban's Cabinet tenure.

But relations between the Premier and Eban are known to have been tense for a considerable time. Eban was not happy with Mrs. Meir's selection of her former political secretary, Simcha Diniz, for the key ambassadorial post in Washington. Eban's relations with her were said to have deteriorated recently when the Foreign Minister was accused of disapproving Israel's Aug. 10 interception of a Lebanese airliner.

PRECAUTIONS BEING TAKEN AGAINST

POSSIBLE CHOLERA OUTBREAK IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Sept. 3 (JTA)--Israeli health authorities are taking precautions to avert a possible outbreak of cholera that could be brought into the country by persons arriving from Italy. A severe outbreak in Naples has claimed nine lives and the disease has also broken out in the eastern Italian seaport of Bari.

The public here has been warned to pay special attention to personal hygiene and to carefully wash all fruit and vegetables. Health officials are scrutinizing passengers arriving from Italy by plane and ship for signs of the disease. All arrivals in the country from Italy are given a list of local doctors and advised to see one if they begin to feel sick.

Dr. Amos Arnan, head of the Health Ministry's Public Health Service, said on radio that there was no cause for alarm and no need for mass vaccinations. "If anyone carrying cholera germs arrives in Israel we will be able to identify him

immediately and administer the appropriate medical treatment to prevent the spread of the disease," Dr. Arnan said. In recent years Israel has had cholera outbreaks centered in the slum quarters of Jerusalem and Tel Aviv but prompt medical measures averted an epidemic.

UJA 'PRIME MINISTER'S MISSION'

ANNOUNCES CONTRIBUTIONS OF \$14,250M FOR 1974 CAMPAIGN

TEL AVIV, Sept. 3 (JTA)--The United Jewish Appeal "Prime Minister's Mission" to Israel Thursday night announced contributions of \$14,250,000 for the 1974 campaign, a 25 percent increase over last year's Mission total of \$11,400,000. This was announced at a special dinner for the 250 American Jewish community leaders led by UJA general chairman Paul Zuckerman given by Premier Golda Meir.

She told the group that earlier in the day she heard a recording of the battle waged in the Latrun area during the War of Independence in which the soldiers kept on yelling, "Don't stop, don't stop." "This is the message I have to bring you," she said. Don't stop. As long as we don't stop, we shall get to where we want to go." Replying to questions, Mrs. Meir said that Israel plans to do much more in the next four years for Arab refugees, especially in the Gaza Strip, in housing, health and education.

Mrs. Meir stressed the solidarity of the Jewish nation and said, "We have joined hands in arms to defend ourselves, to create a Jewish homeland and to construct a new society." Zuckerman called the results of the Prime Minister's Mission "an example of the love and dedication of the American Jewish community for the people of Israel. We showed and we will continue to show that when it comes to the human needs of the people of Israel we will not stop."

IL30M PROJECT LAUNCHED TO RESCUE

JERUSALEM CORRIDOR SETTLEMENTS

Plan Is By JNF In Cooperation With Jewish Agency, Housing Ministry

JERUSALEM, Sept. 3 (JTA)--The Jewish National Fund, in cooperation with the Jewish Agency and the Ministry of Housing has launched a three-year, IL 30 million project aimed at rescuing 42 Jerusalem Corridor settlements from stagnation and poverty, it was disclosed today. The settlements were all founded in the early 1950s, shortly after Israel's war for independence, when defense requirements and the need to rapidly populate the western approaches to Jerusalem were given priority over problems of long term development.

The Jerusalem Corridor was so named because it served as the main artery supplying beleaguered Jerusalem during the 1948 war. Until the Six-Day War it was a narrow strip hemmed in by the Jordanian-occupied West Bank.

The hasty nature of the settlement of the region resulted in poor housing, poor roads and the lack of a proper infrastructure for the chain of settlements. The terrain, moreover, is hilly, rocky and largely non-arable. The land is suitable only for poultry raising which became the mainstay of the region's economy. But even that has proven insufficient. A visit to many of the moshavim (small holder's settlements) in the Corridor discloses small, ramshackle chicken coops of rusted wire

and rotting boards leaning against cramped, deteriorating one and two-room homes.

Work Already Under Way

Each family possesses about a half acre of land which is insufficient to generate an adequate income. According to Gershon Avni, of the JNF's Land Development Authority, the only solution is to "build new settlements on the site of the old."

The joint project envisions widening and leveling the land holdings of each family, construction of new interior roads, modern poultry runs and hatcheries, anti-erosion walls, a proper drainage system and extensive landscaping. This must be done without interfering with the daily life routine of the settlers, Avni said.

The JNF plans to enlarge each farm unit by about a half acre. Hilltops are already being leveled off, cliffs cut away and ravines filled. A prototype for the future is Kesalon where newly levelled earth fills seem to hang over deep green canyons. Every inch of the hilltops is utilized. Homes are surrounded by lawns and gardens and are separated from the chicken coops. New approach roads lead to each farm unit.

MRS. MEIR: ISRAEL WILL CONTINUE TO DEFEND ITSELF DESPITE ICAO

TEL AVIV, Sept. 3 (JTA)--The condemnation of Israel by the General Assembly of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) last Thursday was "not a disgrace for Israel," Premier Golda Meir told the 250-member United Jewish Appeal delegation at a dinner in the Knesset last Friday. She told the delegation, which comprised the "Prime Minister's Mission" to Israel, that the ICAO resolution, adopted by a vote of 87-1 with four abstentions and 36 countries not voting, and a similar resolution adopted by the ICAO's council in Montreal a week earlier would not deter Israel from "using the right of self-defense like any other people."

She termed both resolutions cynical and hypocritical and observed that it is precisely resolutions of this type that encourage the spread of terrorism. Mrs. Meir told the UJA delegation that governments which were responsible for kidnapping passengers from airliners had never been condemned. She referred to the kidnapping of Algerian President Ahmed Ben Bella, Congo's Premier Moise Tshombe and Sudanese leaders who were later executed.

She explained that she had authorized the interception of the Lebanese airliner because Lebanon had become the hotbed of terrorism and because a number of terrorist leaders, including Dr. George Habash, leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, was believed to have been aboard the airliner. The Premier stated that Dr. Habash "planned the Munich massacre, the Lod Airport killings and the recent Athens Airport murders."

She added that nothing happened to the passengers on the Lebanese airliner and asked: Is this the greatest act of terrorism today? Mrs. Meir recalled that Algeria was never condemned for detaining a hijacked El Al plane and its crew and passengers for a lengthy period. Nor, she added, was Libya condemned for giving a hero's welcome to the terrorists who killed 11 Israeli athletes in Munich last Sept. and then hijacked a plane and forced its pilot to fly to Libya.

PALESTINIAN TERRORISTS PLAN ATTACK SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 3 (JTA)--The head of the

security services at Shiphhol Airport, Major E.G. Geripser, said here today that reports over the weekend of a planned attack by Palestinian terrorists somewhere in Europe, had been received from a foreign government information service. He specified that the source was not Israeli. Among the stepped-up security measures at Shiphol are a stand-by order for three companies of specially trained marines, and the constant patrolling by armored cars of all roads leading to the airport.

ZOA LEADERS WARN KISSINGER APPOINTMENT, WATERGATE MAY ADVERSELY AFFECT U.S. SUPPORT OF ISRAEL

HOUSTON, Sept. 3 (JTA)--Two former presidents of the Zionist Organization of America warned here that the problem of Watergate and the appointment of Dr. Henry A. Kissinger as Secretary of State could adversely affect the United States' long-standing support of Israel.

Speaking at the 76th annual convention of the ZOA, Jacques Torczyner of New York said that Nixon's loss of power and prestige as a result of Watergate "may encourage Congressional leaders favoring a more isolationist foreign policy to seek a reduction in U.S. military and diplomatic backing of Israel." Rabbi Max Nussbaum of Hollywood, Calif., said Dr. Kissinger, as the first Jewish Secretary of State in U.S. history, may feel obliged to placate Arab demands "in order to show his Jewishness does not make him a partisan to the conflict."

Torczyner noted that while Congress is still predominantly pro-Israel "powerful spokesmen of isolationism" such as Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield and Senate Foreign Relations Committee chairman J. William Fulbright "may seize on President Nixon's Watergate troubles" to press for greater U.S. disengagement abroad.

As regards Israel, he said, this could mean attempts to lessen financial and military support, "a potentially catastrophic stroke, given Israel's reliance on the United States alone among the big powers." Torczyner said he feared they would also try to promote a more "neutral" Middle East stand in diplomatic discussions and before international forums.

Rabbi Nussbaum, while praising Dr. Kissinger as "capable and brilliant" and applauding his appointment, said he wished Dr. Kissinger had been named to the post "after a peace settlement between Israel and the Arabs had been accomplished." He said Dr. Kissinger may "have to counteract Arab hostility" to his appointment to mollify them "at Israel's expense" in order to demonstrate that his being a Jew does not influence his objectivity on the Middle East situation.

ZOA Head Defends Interception

In an address to the convention Friday night, ZOA president Herman L. Weisman, defended Israel's interception of a Lebanese airliner as an attempt to capture a high-ranking terrorist leader, Dr. George Habash, head of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, and deplored the failure by the United Nations to take concerted action against terrorism.

"Israel places the sanctity of the lives of its men, women and children above its respect for boundary lines with countries which encourage terrorism," Weisman said. "No one-sided resolution engineered by the Arab-African bloc will deflect Israel from its duty to protect Jewish lives." He said the U.S. and Israel are the only nations in the UN "who want to put teeth in the condemnation of international banditry" but are thwarted by the Arab-African bloc.

WALDHEIM ENDS MIDEAST TRIP; REMAINS PESSIMISTIC ABOUT IMMEDIATE SOLUTION TO MIDEAST CRISIS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 3 (JTA)--United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim wound up his five-nation Middle East tour in Amman today no less pessimistic than when he began it a week ago over prospects for an immediate solution of the Arab-Israeli conflict. The UN leader made it plain, in statements during his 31-hour visit to Israel last Thursday and his stay yesterday in Cairo that he could perceive no break in the impasse.

Waldheim repeatedly stressed the enormity of the effort required to bring about Middle East peace, maintained that the UN was ready and able to play an important part in that endeavor and said he was convinced that all parties sincerely desired peace. But he reiterated to newsmen at all his stops that he brought no fresh proposals and had received none from the government leaders with whom he met.

Waldheim stated in Israel and repeated again in Cairo that the peace-seeking mission of his special Mideast representative, Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring was still valid and said he would meet with him to discuss the findings of his trip. In his Cairo reference to the Jarring mission, the Secretary General also observed that Dr. Jarring's memoranda of Feb. 8, 1971--asking Egypt for a commitment to make peace with Israel and Israel for a commitment to withdraw to its pre-June, 1967 borders--was still valid.

Israel's rejection of the Jarring memorandum resulted in suspension of the UN mediator's mission. Israeli leaders, nevertheless, expressed satisfaction with Waldheim's visit insofar as it enabled them to convey to him the Israeli point of view in the Middle East conflict.

Foreign Minister Abba Eban, briefing the Cabinet yesterday, said the Secretary General had stressed that his mission was not intended to offer new proposals but to learn the views of Israeli leaders. "I believe that this goal was achieved," the Foreign Minister said.

Israel Raises A Number Of Issues

During Waldheim's stay here he held two working sessions with Premier Golda Meir and lengthy talks with Eban. He described his talks with Israeli leaders as "very fruitful" but declined to say, on his departure, in what way he thought they were helpful toward a Middle East solution. He said he would be in a position to formulate an opinion as to the best way the UN could help only after his Mideast tour was completed.

The topics raised by the Israeli leaders with Waldheim, it was learned, included Arab terrorism, the plight of Jews in Syria and Iraq and Soviet Jewry. The Israeli leaders also expressed resentment over the International Civil Aviation Organization's (ICAO) condemnation of Israel in Rome last week and complained in general of anti-Israel bias and one-sided treatment within the UN.

Waldheim was told by his Israeli hosts that they regarded Egypt to be solely responsible for obstructing efforts to reach an interim settlement with Israel to reopen the Suez Canal. They blamed suspension of the Jarring mission on the Swedish diplomat's attempt to impose a solution which was outside the scope of his original mandate based on the Security Council Resolution 242.

The Israelis also raised a matter of immed-

iate concern--a POW exchange with Egypt. Egypt holds 10 Israeli POWs, most of them pilots shot down before the Aug. 1970 cease-fire. Israel has more than 50 Egyptian POWs. Waldheim was apparently asked to raise the issue with Egyptian leaders, in Cairo who so far have refused Israel's request for an exchange of prisoners. The Secretary General stressed throughout his Mideast trip that Security Council Resolution 242 remained the basis for a solution.

Two Diplomatic Slips Explained

His reception was friendly though low-keyed in every country he visited. Heavy security precautions attended his stay in Jerusalem. His visit there was marred slightly by his refusal to don a skull cap when he entered the Yad Vashem memorial to place a wreath on the marker memorializing six million Jews who perished under the Nazis. A spokesman for the Secretary General issued a statement afterwards that Waldheim, a Catholic, had not been informed of the significance of wearing headgear during the religious portion of the ceremonies at the Yad Vashem. His head was covered when he visited a synagogue later in his tour.

Waldheim's visit also made it clear that the UN still does not recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital. This came about at a dinner before Waldheim's departure, given by Eban. The Secretary General thanked his hosts for the warmth and hospitality shown him. "We are very happy," he said, "to be in your beautiful country and in your capital."

Eban said later that the use of the phrase, "your capital," was not inadvertent. But a spokesman for Waldheim said that a remark made over a glass of wine cannot be interpreted in any way as a change in the official stand and attitude of the UN toward Jerusalem and its status.

OIL NATIONALIZATION SEEN AS AN ECONOMIC, NOT A POLITICAL MOVE

JERUSALEM, Sept. 3 (JTA)--Political sources in Jerusalem believe that the oil nationalization in Libya has an economic motive and not a political one. The sources believe that the Libyan move has no connection with the Middle East crisis nor is it aimed to press the U.S. to change its Middle East policy. The energy crisis in the U.S. is also believed to be a result of economic rather than political circumstances. The sources said that the U.S. government shares the same views.

The Israeli press had its own ideas about the Libyan move. Davar (Histadrut) wrote that Israel need not regret the Libyan nationalization. Yet, further developments will be of utmost interest to Israel, the paper said. Haaretz (non-party) noted that with a dash of caution such a step-by-step nationalization, coupled with promises for compensation, Libya will have achieved the goals of Arab oil-producing nationalists. Hatzofeh (National Religious) expressed belief that Libya will get away with nationalizing oil production, running oil installations as in the past, and black-mailing the Western world.

The European Security Conference Coordinating Committee, which debated last week Israel's possible participation at the upcoming conference, held an unscheduled meeting today in Geneva to try to reach a decision. Israel's candidature, supported by Denmark, Holland, Norway and Canada, is opposed by Yugoslavia and Malta. Algeria and Tunisia, supported by France, have already been assured participation. The conference is due to open Sept. 18.

HARRIMAN ADVOCATES CRASH PROGRAM TO FREE THE U.S. FROM THREAT OF ARAB OIL BLACKMAIL

NEW YORK, Sept. 3 (JTA)--W. Averell Harriman advocated a "crash program," of the kind that created the atom bomb and put Americans on the moon, to overcome the energy shortage and free United States foreign policy from the threat of Arab "blackmail."

He spoke Thursday to 200 volunteer workers for the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York in the UJA headquarters who were ending a summer series of weekly telephone solicitation sessions. The gatherings have raised \$2 million for humanitarian programs aiding Jews from the Soviet Union and other immigrants resettled in Israel, America and other havens, as well as needy and endangered Jews in 25 countries throughout the world.

"It's appalling to me," Harriman declared, "to see these oil companies advertising that we've got to butter up the Arabs because we want to drive our automobiles here. We can't let ourselves get in that position. The United States of America cannot permit itself to be held up by the Arabs."

The former diplomat, Cabinet member and Governor of New York warned: "We can't let the Arabs come to a point where they can blackmail us, but that is coming close to happening because of this sudden shortage of energy. Why this was allowed to happen without any notice of danger, I don't know. But we must have a crash program in this country to increase production of oil and in other ways increase our energy." He cited as examples the Manhattan Project which resulted in the atom bomb during World War II and the space program of the 1960s.

N.Y. UJA Raised \$65,647 M Since Feb. 1

Harriman, who for a quarter of a century was one of the principal American negotiators with the Soviet Union and other Communist powers, also commented on the increased harassment of Jews and dissident intellectuals in the Soviet Union that has followed Soviet party secretary Leonid Brezhnev's visit to the U.S. last June.

He decried the policy of "discrimination based on the quality of a man's education" under which the Soviet authorities have withheld exit permits from a number of Jews wishing to emigrate to Israel. He said the U.S. must make it plain that it "will never come to an understanding of real detente with the Soviet Union until they do accept human rights, which are so vital to our life."

The 1973 New York UJA drive has raised a total of \$65,647,000 since it began Feb. 1, according to Herbert Tenzer, chairman of the campaign with William Levitt. He noted that this is \$1,948,000 more than at the corresponding point in 1972 and represents a 19.8 percent increase over last year in individual giving.

PRESIDENT'S CONFERENCE RAPES ICAO VOTE

NEW YORK, Sept. 3 (JTA)--The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations attacked the "one-sided action" of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in condemning Israel for intercepting a Lebanese airliner Aug. 10. Rabbi Israel Miller, acting chairman of the Presidents Conference noted Thursday that the ICAO made no mention "of far more serious interceptions and hijackings by Algeria, Syria and Libya dating back to 1968."

But Rabbi Miller, who is also president of the American Zionist Federation, noted that the ICAO must now act to "prevent further aerial hijackings, attacks on airport and murder of airline passengers." If the ICAO truly means to end air terrorism, Arab obstructions of such efforts must cease," he declared.

Rabbi Miller urged "an effective and binding treaty" which would require ICAO members to either prosecute hijackers or extradite them. He said "all governments which give safe haven and military and financial support to avowed terrorists must end such assistance at once." If a country helps terrorists it must "be cut off from aerial communications with the rest of the world."

JEWISH STUDIES PROLIFERATE, B'NAI B'RITH STUDY SHOWS

TORONTO, Sept. 3 (JTA)--As little as 10 years ago, Jewish studies were largely restricted to Sunday schools, yeshivas and rabbinical seminaries. Now they are proliferating in the curricula of many American colleges, a B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations survey has revealed. More than 350 colleges, exclusive of seminaries and divinity schools, offer at least one Judaica course for credit and more than 40 schools offer an undergraduate degree in Jewish studies, the Hillel study shows.

"The increasing self-awareness and minority assertiveness that pervaded campuses in recent years propelled the growth of Judaica as an academic study," said Dr. Alfred Jospe, national director of the Hillel Foundations, in analyzing the study for the B'nai B'rith board of governors meeting here last week.

Dr. Jospe cautioned, however, against mistaking the purpose of collegiate Jewish studies as "influencing Jewish commitment and identification among young Jews. That may happen," he said, "but the essential purpose of the program is the study of Judaism and the Jewish people as an academic discipline, not as an expression of ethnicity."

The most common course offerings, the study found, are Hebrew language and literature, taught in 165 schools. The study of Yiddish can earn students credit in 17 schools. Other prevalent courses include Jewish history, philosophy and theology while such specialized courses as Hasidism, Jewish art and music are also available. One-third of the 350 colleges offers five or more courses and 25 include Judaica in their graduate programs.

DAYAN OPPOSED TO USE OF ARAB LABOR IN NEW SETTLEMENTS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 3 (JTA)--Defense Minister Moshe Dayan said Saturday night that he was opposed to the employment of Arab labor in new settlements in the administered territories, especially in the Rafah area. He discussed the problem with the secretariates of Sadot and Netiv Haassara, two moshavim (small holders settlements) in the Pithat Rafah area where he visited.

Dayan noted that Bedouins have been evacuated from the Rafah area to form a buffer zone between Sinai and the Gaza Strip. If Arabs are employed in settlements in the area, this purpose will be defeated, he said. Dayan reportedly will raise the matter in the Cabinet and will seek legal means to limit the employment of Arabs in new settlements.

Two successive earth tremors, each lasting 2-3 seconds, were felt yesterday in the Beisan, Jezreel and Jorday valleys. They caused minor damage. No casualties were reported.