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ISRAEL AWAITING CONFIRMATION OF REPORTED DIPLOMATIC BREAK BY CUBA

JERUSALEM, Sept. 9 (JTA)--Official sources declined to comment tonight on a report that Cuba's Premier Fidel Castro told the non-aligned nations conference in Algiers that his country is breaking diplomatic relations with Israel. The sources pointed out that no official announcement from Cuba's government had arrived at the Foreign Office. The Foreign Office officials stressed that no official reaction will be expressed until an official announcement arrives from Cuba.

Israeli radio reporters who contacted the Israeli Consulate in Havana learned that even the Israeli staff in Cuba did not know about Castro's declaration. Cuba was the single Communist state, apart from Rumania, which had diplomatic relations with Israel since the Six-Day War. Both Israel and Cuba had legations--not embassies--in Havana and Tel Aviv.

BOMB WRECKS ISRAELI STAND AT FAIR IN WEST BERLIN; LINK SEEN BETWEEN THIS AND ROME INCIDENT

JERUSALEM, Sept. 9 (JTA)--Israeli sources said today that there was a link between Friday night's bomb blast that wrecked the West German-Israeli stand at the International Radio and Television Fair in West Berlin and the terrorist attempt in Rome two days earlier to shoot down an El Al airliner with Soviet-made ground-to-air missiles.

A letter received by the Dugsseldorf office of the West German news agency DPA yesterday claimed credit for the blast on behalf of the Black September terrorist organization, the group responsible for the massacre of 11 Israeli Olympic athletes in Munich Sept. 5, 1972. West German police who examined the note, reportedly typed in flawless German, said they were taking the Black September's claim seriously but that they had no concrete evidence that the letter actually came from the Black September.

The explosion occurred after the fair had closed for the night and caused no casualties. But it did about \$25,000 worth of damage to the stand of the Isrex Import Co., a Dusseldorf firm in partnership with a Tel Aviv company which builds television sets. An Isrex spokesman said in Berlin yesterday that Israel-made TV sets were to have been on display but had not yet arrived. Only German and Japanese goods were on display when the bomb went off, he said.

The purported Black September letter said: "Black September is assuming responsibility for the destruction of the Israeli stand at the West Berlin radio exhibition. West German investments in Israel are strengthening Zionist expansionism."

ABORTED MISSILE ATTACK ON EL AL SEEN AS PRELUDE TO OTHER ATTACKS AGAINST ISRAEL, TARGETS IN EUROPE

TEL AVIV, Sept. 9 (JTA)--The aborted terrorist missile attack on an El Al airliner near Rome last week was viewed here and abroad today as a likely prelude to further terrorist attacks against Israel and possibly other targets

in Europe. International security services have issued alerts to French and Dutch authorities that terrorist attacks might be expected in those countries, it was learned here. Both France and Holland are reported to have reinstated special security measures that had been relaxed during the lull in terrorist activities over the summer.

Meanwhile, Defense Minister Moshe Dayan took a grave view of the Rome incident. "The presence of Russian-made ground-to-air missiles in the hands of Arab terrorists point to a partnership between the terrorists and states such as Russia which supplied the missiles and Syria and Egypt which received them and through which the missiles reached the terrorists," Dayan said in a Kol Israel radio interview over the week-end.

The two missiles which Italian police, acting on information from Israeli intelligence agents, found in a house in Ostia, four miles from Rome's Fiumicino Airport, last Wednesday were of the Russian-made S-7 type, a new, highly sophisticated weapon. Dayan said the presence of these missiles in terrorist hands was extremely grave in that it gave the terrorists the technical means of striking at civil aviation. But graver still is the alliance of the terrorists with the countries from which they received the weapons, the Defense Minister said.

Israeli officials said here today that Israel has informed the United States of the extreme gravity with which it views the terrorist attempt in Rome. According to usually reliable sources here, the U.S. has already handed the Soviet Union a note protesting the supply of S-7 missiles to Arab terrorists.

Italian police, interrogating the five Arabs arrested in missile incident, are trying to learn how the weapons were brought into Italy, it was reported today from Rome. Italian intelligence sources believe a second gang of terrorists may have brought the missiles into the country and set up an arms cache for use of the group that planned to carry out the attack. Police sources said the authorities believe the four-foot missiles may have been smuggled ashore from a ship or carried into the country by a diplomatic courier whose baggage was not searched.

LIBERTY LOBBY SPEARHEADS HATE MAIL AGAINST DR. KISSINGER

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9 (JTA)--An organized mail campaign against the confirmation of Henry Kissinger as Secretary of State--much of it overtly anti-Semitic--has been mounting here in recent days. The most concerted anti-Kissinger effort is being made by the Liberty Lobby, an extreme right-wing Washington-based organization that has been associated in the past with professional anti-Semites and hate mongers.

The Liberty Lobby has been sending out a flyer headed "Emergency P.S." in which it urges the recipient to "contact your two Senators" to oppose confirmation of Dr. Kissinger and to "send a generous contribution to Liberty Lobby which will devote every radio program to Kissinger beginning Sept. 4" (last Tuesday). Liberty Lobby broadcasts on 81 radio stations in the U.S.

The flyer urges that Dr. Kissinger not be confirmed because "Plenty of native-born Americans would make a good Secretary of State" and that "he (Kissinger) is recognized as being pro-Soviet

and pro-world government" and his appointment "is a slap in the face of the oil rich Arabs who know where his loyalties really lie."

Anti-Semitism In Evidence

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee conducting the Kissinger confirmation hearings disclosed Friday that it had received 339 communications, all but one of which opposed Dr. Kissinger's nomination. About half of them attacked Kissinger as a Jew, a Zionist and an agent of international Jewish finance. Some disparaged his German accent.

A Committee staff official told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the anti-Kissinger communications were about 50 percent from right-wing and 50 percent from liberal and left-wing sources. Some were from persons "obviously mentally disturbed" while some came from political science students who questioned Dr. Kissinger's foreign policies and his appropriateness to be in the Cabinet because of Watergate implications, the official said.

Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Sen. J. William Fulbright said he would decide tomorrow whether the Committee would make public the communications it received on Dr. Kissinger's nomination, some of which were acknowledged to be clearly anti-Semitic. He told the JTA that the Committee would determine at the same time whether private citizens would be granted the opportunity to testify at the confirmation hearings.

KISSINGER FACES RENEWED QUESTIONING ON MIDEAST

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9 (JTA)--Secretary of State-designate Henry A. Kissinger will face renewed questioning on President Nixon's Middle East policy and his views on its implementation when he appears before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee tomorrow in the second round of its confirmation hearings.

Dr. Kissinger said, in his initial appearance before the Committee Friday that the U.S. "basic policy" towards Israel has not changed. There appeared to be a likelihood, however, that he will be subjected to some sharp questions by some Committee members regarding the Israel Labor Party's recent endorsement of policies permitting unrestricted Jewish settlement and private land purchases in the administered territories and the expansion of Jerusalem into the adjacent territories. Sen. George McGovern (D,SD) told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he would question Dr. Kissinger further tomorrow on the Middle East and Soviet internal policies.

Dr. Kissinger told the Committee Friday that if confirmed by the Senate he will meet with Israeli and Arab diplomats at the United Nations General Assembly in New York soon after it opens Sept. 18. "to see what concrete steps can be taken" toward a negotiating process between them. He is also expected to meet with UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim to discuss the Middle East situation and will address the General Assembly.

Nixon, in his press conference last Wednesday said he had instructed Dr. Kissinger "to put the highest priority" on efforts to settle the Middle East deadlock. Dr. Kissinger has said that he hopes to visit the Middle East but no date has been set for such a visit.

Observers in Jerusalem noted over the weekend that Kissinger may concentrate on getting negotiations started between Jerusalem and Cairo prior to any negotiations between Israel and other

Arab states. They viewed the Jerusalem-Cairo approach as an aim in itself even if there are no practical results from this first phase of negotiations. Observers also expressed satisfaction with Kissinger's statement that there has been no change in U.S. Mideast policy.)

Supports Most Favored Nation Status

Dr. Kissinger told the Senate Committee Friday that although he is "emotionally connected" and personally "pained" by Soviet Jewish circumstances, he firmly supports granting most-favored-nation treatment in trade with the Soviet Union without insisting that the Soviet government relax restrictions on emigration.

The United States, he said, should not be dependent on changes in the "domestic structure" of another country in its foreign affairs. Adoption of such a principle, he said, would mean "we shall find ourselves massively engaged in all countries" and "constant American involvement everywhere." He said granting trade benefits and credits represented the U.S. share of the Soviet-American trade agreement announced last Oct.

Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R,NY), referring specifically to Nixon's television news conference remarks Wednesday in which he linked the energy situation with the Middle East political conflict, asked whether "they represented any change towards Israel or to the Arab states." Dr. Kissinger responded that the U.S. position is that "we cannot substitute for negotiations between the parties." However, the United States, he said, "would be helpful if the parties move toward some accommodation" and the "President's view is that both sides must move."

FROM SOUTH AMERICA TO SOUTH ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Sept. 9 (JTA)--Under the slogan "From South America to South Israel" the Association of Latin Americans in Israel has started a campaign in conjunction with the Jewish Agency and the Absorption Ministry to bring 10,000 immigrants from Latin America in the next three years in addition to the normal aliyah from that continent.

At a press conference here Mrs. Geula Havkin, chairman of the Association, said that certain conditions have developed which must be considered in planning the aliyah. "We have witnessed a situation whereby only 2000 out of 5000 Jews who emigrated from Chile came to Israel. This caused us to reach certain conclusions aimed at achieving a better absorption pattern for immigrants from these countries."

The new plan is based on special projects for Latin American immigrants in the southern parts of Israel. One project calls for the settlement of 100 families in industrial centers in the Raffah approaches. There are also plans to absorb immigrants in Latin American Kibbutzim in the south and in urban centers like Beersheba, Arad, Ashkelon, Kiryat Gat and others.

Two Moscow Jewish activists, Prof. Moisel Gitterman and Victor Mandelsweig, both physicists, have been notified that they can leave the Soviet Union, the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry reported today. Mandelsweig can leave on Friday and Gitterman on Saturday. Both have been the subject of a series of refusals and promises to get exit visas. Gitterman has been conducting a weekly physics seminar by phone with Bar Ilan University in Israel.

Thousands of years of Jewish art will be explored in a lecture course from Sept. 10-Dec. 3 offered by the Jewish Museum together with the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES**RESISTING ARAB OIL BLACKMAIL**

By Joseph Polakoff, JTA Washington Bureau Chief

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9 (JTA)--President Nixon's crash four-point legislative program to make the United States self-reliant in energy within five years was seen by some Western diplomats today as irrevocable determination by his administration to resist Arab blackmail with oil.

"The President has now told the Arabs twice in four days, 'don't try to bully us,'" according to a leading diplomatic authority on the Middle East. "The President seems to be making it as plain as possible that as America approaches its bicentennial it is not going to become a satellite of oil rich tyrants."

There was some feeling that the President's program, however, is only the beginning of a U.S. grand strategy towards reaching a Middle East settlement. The crux of the design is certainly to insure America's energy requirements in the future and not be utterly dependent on foreign sources, Arab or other.

(In Jerusalem today Foreign Minister Abba Eban told the Cabinet that he considered U.S. plans to develop its own sources of energy to insure independence in that sphere as a move of global importance. He also stressed that the latest statements by Nixon and Dr. Kissinger indicate that there has been no essential change in U.S. policy toward Israel and the Arab states.)

However, involved in it are political elements. Should the petroleum-producing Arab states recognize the Administration will not be economically pressured into altering its position of support for Israel and therefore relax their oil offensive, the Administration will then turn openly towards Israel for some matching political concessions to reach an accommodation with its Arab neighbors.

Secretary of State-designate Dr. Henry Kissinger's intention to consult with Arabs and Israelis at the UN General Assembly opening in New York Sept. 18 may be the opening gambit of the Nixon design.

Not A Crisis, But A Problem

In asking Congress yesterday to enact his program by the end of this year, the President said that he wants the U.S. to avoid being at "the mercy of any other nation by having its energy supplies suddenly cut off," or "basically more important, cut off our energy." The President did not name any country which might terminate its petroleum flow.

"We are going to do the very best we can to work out problems with the Mideastern countries or any other countries that may develop so that we can continue to have a flow of imports into the United States of oil products particularly," Nixon said.

The President's legislative proposals concern advancement of the Alaska pipeline, development of deep water ports to have the capacity to bring in products from abroad, de-regulation of gas, new construction, drilling and refining, and "step up" U.S. development of peaceful uses of nuclear energy without resort to new legislation.

Nixon specifically downgraded "crisis" as a term for describing the U.S. energy situation. "We have heard a lot about a crisis" he said. "I don't use that term because we do not face a crisis in that sense of the word." He said that heating this winter might be "a problem" just as we "thought we faced a problem of gasoline this summer and the possibility of brownouts."

For the long term, he said, "the prospects for adequate energy for the United States are excellent... because of our enormous research capabilities."

Nixon's announcement followed a two-hour meeting with 16 major administration officials including Secretary of Treasury George Shultz, former Colorado Gov. John A. Love, the director for U.S. Energy Policy, and Dr. Kissinger. While Nixon said he would not put a timetable on the development of U.S. resources, Love told newsmen that he is thinking in terms of 3-5 years.

"Certainly we will even then be importing some oil," from the Western hemisphere and "maybe certainly some still from the Middle East," he said. But he expressed belief that "we can get to the point of self-sufficiency maybe in five years." The thrust of the Administration's program, particularly regarding the Middle East oil producing states, is according to Love "to make sure that we move beyond reliance."

HISTADRUT ELECTIONS UNDER WAY

TEL AVIV, Sept. 9 (JTA)--Polls will open throughout Israel and the administered territories Tuesday for the nation's second most important elections--the selection of delegates to the 12th Histadrut Convention--which most observers regard as a preview of the Knesset elections to be held Oct. 29. There will be 3600 polling places in Israel proper and in the territories. Eligible voters number 1,159,852, an increase of 181,000 over the number of eligibles in the last Histadrut elections four years ago. The 13 election lists will be headed by Premier Golda Meir's Labor Alignment--Labor Party and Mapam--which won 62.11 percent of the vote in 1969.

Its chief rival will be the three opposition factions that have formed a new non-Labor alignment--Likud--Gahal, the Free Center and the State List which amassed a combined total of 22.69 percent in the Histadrut elections four years ago. Despite the importance of the Histadrut elections--they will determine who controls Israel's powerful Labor Federation and point to the probable outcome of the Knesset elections--the campaign has aroused relatively little public interest.

The two main contestants have been preoccupied with other problems. The Labor Alignment has been concentrating on its Knesset election platform embodying the controversial Dayan plan and Premier Meir entered the Histadrut campaign only last week. Gahal and its partners have been working frantically to create their non-Labor alignment which almost perished before it was born. The Histadrut voting will be the first in which Likud comes before the electorate and its showing may indicate whether the new right-of-center faction is a serious threat to the Meir alignment or a dud.

TV BROADCASTER ARRESTED IN AMMAN

JERUSALEM, Sept. 9 (JTA)--A Jordanian TV broadcaster who invited Israeli Cabinet ministers to tape interviews for his program is in trouble with Jordanian authorities. Mahmoud Harun, editor of the Hebrew news program on Jordanian TV was arrested when he returned to Amman after a two-week visit to the West Bank and Israel. He is suspected of "having conducted suspicious contacts," the Jordanian News Agency said yesterday.

Harun is the second Arab official to find himself in hot water after returning from Israel. Dr. Ishak Qotob, an Arab UN official stationed in Saudi Arabia, was banned from returning to that country three weeks ago after calling on the Ministry of Welfare in Jerusalem during a summer visit here.

SAPIR DISCLOSES 30-40,000 JEWS WILL ARRIVE IN ISRAEL IN A YEAR

Tells Bond Organization That Defense Is Still Israel's Priority Item

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9 (JTA)--Veteran Israeli political leader Pinhas Sapir was hailed here last night by some 700 American and Canadian Jewish communal leaders for his contributions to Israel during his 10 years as Minister of Finance and 18 years as a member of Israel's Cabinet. His appearance at an Israel Bond Organization dinner at the Washington Hilton Hotel climaxed the group's fall leadership conference.

Speaking under a banner reading "Bonds Mean Jobs For Russian Jews in Israel," Sapir departed from his prepared text to disclose that he has "an unofficial promise" that 30-40,000 Jews will arrive in a year from the Soviet Union and that he expects 18,000 families "from everywhere" to arrive in Israel in 1974. Sapir did not reveal the nature of the unofficial promise. He asserted that their resettlement in Israel will amount to \$600 million in costs.

Noting that Israel's "first budget item is still defense," Sapir said the cost of U.S. Phantoms and Skyhawks and other military equipment has doubled in the past six years. "Even with a peace agreement, we must still be strong for many years to come," he declared. He observed that Israel's defense amounts to 17 percent of its gross national product, twice as much proportionately as that of the United States. European countries, he added, spend two to five percent "maximum" for their defense.

The Finance Minister also stated that Israel is in the process of establishing an atomic power plant to produce electric power and that Israel will intensify its search for oil in the near future. He said that the only operating-oil fields in Israel, at Heletz, have almost completely dried up. Sapir, who usually meets with U.S. officials when he visits Washington, is not expected to do so during this visit. He is going to New York where he will address a number of meetings sponsored by Israel Bonds and will then visit several other major cities.

Must Help Full Integration Of Immigrants

Israeli Premier Golda Meir telephoned her congratulations to Sapir in an address recorded for the dinner program. Focussing on Soviet Jewish emigration requirements, she stressed that successful integration by the 60,000 Soviet Jews who came to Israel since 1960 will buoy the hopes of hundreds of thousands of Jews still in the USSR.

"We must be equipped and in a position to give these Russian immigrants decent homes, new jobs, better jobs, steady jobs," she said. "It would be one of the blackest chapters in the history of our people if the flow of Jews from slavery in Russia to freedom in Israel were to stop because in addition to the barriers set up by the Russians we failed to live up to our commitment to offer them a new and decent life."

Sam Rothberg of Peoria, Ill., general chairman of the Israel Bond Organization, welcomed Sapir as "the chief architect of Israel's economic progress" and the "father of Israel Bonds." He announced that more bonds were sold during the past eight months in the U.S. than in any other similar period. The Bond organization has since 1951 provided \$2.4 billion through the sale of Is-

rael Bonds for Israel's economic development.

Others greeting Sapir included Ira Guilden of New York, president of the Bond Organization; Mrs. Jan Peerce of New York, national chairman of the Women's Division; and Allan Bronfman of Montreal, president of the Canadian Bond Organization. Speakers included Israeli Ambassador to the U.S. Simcha Dinitz, and Michael Arnon, Israeli Ambassador to Canada, who is on leave from his post to serve as the Bond Organization's executive director.

LZA HEAD CALLS FOR NATIONALIZATION OF U.S. OIL FIRMS BY GOVERNMENT

NEW YORK, Sept. 9 (JTA)--The head of the Labor Zionist Alliance called for the "nationalization" by the United States government of American oil companies as a "response to the so-called energy crisis contrived by the oil companies." The real response to the oil companies "and their potential for mischief, and hardship for the general population, is to advocate nationalization of the companies," declared Dr. Judah J. Shapiro who addressed the national executive committee of the LZA here yesterday.

Speaking to Labor Zionist leaders from throughout the U.S. and Canada, Dr. Shapiro said, "It has been charged that the energy crisis is no more than a contrivance of the oil companies to obtain greater profits and to distract the public from the investigation of its price-fixing techniques." Advocating federal nationalization of American oil companies, Dr. Shapiro said that "others are nationalizing the oil and we should be seeking to bring sellers and the distributors of oil under the strictest United States government controls."

Continuing, he asserted: "Punishment of Standard Oil of California and Mobil Oil by the destruction of a few thousand credit cards and at best a limited boycott, is nothing compared to the introduction of legislation in the U.S. Congress which would define oil as a national concern and its supply supervised by strict federal controls. Israel is not an issue in this non-existent energy crisis, but ethical considerations and Socialist principals are."

DINITZ TO CONSULT WITH MRS. MEIR

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9 (JTA)--Israeli Ambassador Simcha Dinitz will go to Israel this week for consultations with Premier Golda Meir and her ministers. He will be away from Washington for about a week. This will be his first visit home since taking over the Ambassadorship in March.

The announcement by the Israeli Embassy of Dinitz's return to Israel soon after President Nixon's news conference statement last Wednesday that the United States is neither pro-Israel nor pro-Arab but pro-peace raised the presumption that possible changes in U.S. policy toward Israel prompted the journey. An Israeli Embassy spokesman, however, emphasized that it is a routine consultative trip similar to those made by previous envoys.

The executive committee of the Danish Refugee Council in a meeting in Copenhagen recently confirmed a grant of \$84,000 for ORT's continuing work to assist refugees in Israel, it was announced by Mrs. David M. Goldring, national president of Women's American ORT. earmarked for language training, primarily for newcomers from the Soviet Union, the grant will be used to equip two modern language training laboratories in Afula, Givatayim,