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CUBA'S DIPLOMATIC BREAK WITH ISRAEL CAUSES SURPRISE, REGRET Castro's Move Termed Impulsive

TEL AVIV, Sept. 10 (JTA)--Israelis expressed surprise and regret today over the sudden and unexpected rupture of diplomatic relations by Cuba. Premier Fidel Castro announced the break yesterday at the conference of non-aligned nations in Algiers, but there was no official confirmation from Havana until this morning. As of last night neither the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem nor the Cuban legation here had any knowledge of Castro's move beyond wire service reports from Algiers.

Dr. Ricardo Subirana Y Lobo, the 86-year-old Cuban-Jewish diplomat who has been Minister to Israel since 1960, said last night "I have heard nothing from Havana. Good relations have always prevailed between the two countries." (For other reactions see P.2.)

Official sources declined to comment on the Cuban move. Political circles called Castro's announcement an "impulsive" act that surprised even the Cuban diplomatic corps. A month ago the Israeli Minister to Havana, Baruch Gilad, presented his credentials to the Cuban government. This morning Gilad telephoned Avraham Kidron, director general of the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem, to report that he had received a letter from the Cuban Deputy Foreign Minister informing him of the decision to break relations with Israel.

Long Record Of Cordial Relations

The long record of cordial relations between Cuba and Israel, unbroken by the Six-Day War, added to the surprise over the break. Gabriel Doron, the former Israeli Minister to Cuba who was based in Havana from 1968-70, recalled the independent attitude demonstrated by Castro when he was pressured to break with Israel after the Six-Day War. He refused to break relations with any country that did not directly hurt Cuba's interests and rejected the idea of breaking relations because others urged him to, Doron said.

Cuba and Rumania were the only nations in the Soviet orbit that did not sever ties with Israel after the Six-Day War. Israelis observed that Cuba, like Israel, was the target of attempts by its neighbors to isolate it diplomatically and economically. Cuba was ousted by the Organization of American States (OAS) in 1961. Castro must have felt the similarity of his position among the Latin American states with that of Israel and its Arab neighbors, Israelis said today. But, they added, he has a short memory.

Israeli Aid To Cuba Recalled

Israelis recalled that Castro cancelled a visit to Algeria in 1963 after he was chided by the then Algerian Premier Ahmed Ben Bella for having declared three days of mourning at the death of Israel's President Itzhak Ben Zvi. Ben Bella declared at the time: "Whoever respects a dead Israeli in that way has no right to come to an Arab land."

It was also recalled here that Israel sent plasma and other medical supplies to Cuba and was hailed for its humanitarian act. An Israeli sports delegation arrived in Havana last night to

participate in a weight-lifting contest. The delegation was received with utmost cordiality, according to a telephone report from Havana today.

Castro's move was obviously a surrender to Arab pressure in Algiers, Israelis said. Doron told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent in Jerusalem, however, that the break was not expected to alter Cuba's friendly attitude toward its small Jewish community.

Doron noted that less than 1000 Jews remain in Cuba out of about 14,000 who lived there before the Castro regime came to power in 1960. But, he said, they are strongly organized and there are five synagogues to serve them. He recalled that Castro was personally friendly with the Jewish community and his government always paid the expenses of a rabbi on the high holidays. Doron also noted that Cuba imported Israeli products, albeit indirectly, through European countries.

PANOV'S DENIED EXIT VISAS

NEW YORK, Sept. 10 (JTA)--Valery and Galina Panov, the Leningrad ballet dancers, have been refused exit visas to go to Israel despite a promise by Soviet authorities three months ago that they would get them if they "keep quiet," the National Conference on Soviet Jewry reported today.

Jerry Goodman, executive director of the NCSJ, said the Panov case was in no way related to security matters. "We are terribly disappointed at this latest disapproval," he said.

The Panovs, who were fired from the Kirov Ballet Co. when they first applied for visas more than a year ago, were informed by an Interior Ministry official, Madame Petrova, that their applications had been rejected again. The reason given was the refusal of Mrs. Panov's mother to approve her daughter's leaving the country. Galina Panov is 24 and her husband is 34.

(The London Panov Committee which includes leading British and American artists expressed shock today at the refusal after an implicit promise that visas would be forthcoming. The Panovs were told that if they stopped making public appeals they would be allowed to leave. For that reason the Panov Committee has been quiet for the last three months. Now they have been betrayed by the Russians and a new campaign is planned, a spokesman said.)

ARAB STATES, USSR, ACCUSED OF THREATENING CIVIL AVIATION

JERUSALEM, Sept. 10 (JTA)--Israel today accused Egypt, Syria and Iraq--and by implication, the Soviet Union--of being associates and accomplices in an unprecedented threat to civil aviation. The charge was contained in a letter delivered by the Israeli Ambassador, Amiel Najar, to the International Civil Aviation Organization's (ICAO) assembly meeting in Rome. It urged the ICAO to deal with last week's aborted attempt by Arab terrorists to shoot down an El Al airliner with Soviet-made ground-to-air missiles supplied them by Arab states.

"The supply to Arab terrorists with missiles of military characteristics intended for use against low flying enemy aircraft in time of war by Arab states who know full well to what use their missiles would be put in these hands, constitutes an unequalled act of unlawful interference against civil aviation," the letter said. It noted that in the Middle

East, this type of missile is in the service only of the regular armies of Syria, Iraq and Egypt and is delivered to those states by the Soviet Union which is the only supplier of such missiles.

Observing that the terrorist attempt in Rome is "of undoubted relevance to the work of the 20th session of the Assembly of the ICAO" which is seeking means to curb air piracy, the Israeli letter noted that only the action of Italian security services who apprehended five Arab terrorists near Rome last Wednesday averted a tragedy of dreadful proportions.

Significant Escalation Of Terrorism

"The missiles of the SA-7 type complete with launching devices were in perfect working order when found and were intended to shoot down an El Al airliner on landing or take-off from

Rome's Fiumicino Airport. The employment of these missiles against aircraft at an airport where planes land and take off every minute represents an unprecedented danger for civil aviation. These weapons, if they hit an aircraft in flight causing it to crash into a built-up area would inflict extensive damage," the letter said.

Continuing, the letter stated: "It constitutes, moreover, a significant escalation in the means provided them (the terrorists) with even greater capacity of striking at air transport and causing the death of hundreds of innocent civilians. The Arab states who furnished these missiles to the Arab terrorists have made themselves associated with and accomplices of an unprecedented threat to civil aviation, thus flagrantly violating international conventions." At Israel's request the letter was distributed to delegates attending the ICAO conference.

NO CHANGE EXPECTED IN STATUS OF CUBA'S JEWISH COMMUNITY

MONTREAL, Sept. 10 (JTA)--A Jewish leader familiar with Cuba said today that he didn't expect any change in the status of that country's small Jewish community to follow Premier Fidel Castro's surprise announcement yesterday that Cuba was breaking diplomatic relations with Israel. "There is no deducing from this any anti-Jewish feeling" in Cuba, Lavy Becker, honorary consultant to the World Jewish Congress on inter-community affairs, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today.

Becker, who visited Havana last Feb. said he was "thoroughly surprised" by the break. He said that his talks with Israeli diplomats in Cuba last winter and with the Cuban Minister to Israel in July gave him no hint that a rupture was imminent. Cuba's Jewish community, which Becker estimated at about 1200, enjoyed a benevolent relationship with the Castro regime, he said, and noted that Jews in Havana have always been well treated and had access to the Israeli legation. There is no evidence of a change of attitude, Becker said.

[Israel radio quoted Moses Baldas, head of the Cuban Jewish community, as saying the community was surprised by Castro's announcement. Baldas said there had never been any anti-Semitism in Cuba and expressed hope that the Jewish community would not suffer now. Israeli Foreign Ministry sources said there were no Israeli experts in Cuba lately although up to two or three years ago, Castro had asked for Israeli agricultural experts to instruct Cuban farmers in agriculture and irrigation.]

Becker, who is a member of the board of the JTA, said that he was in the process of negotiating with Cuban authorities for the removal of the

Jewish archives from that country to Israel. He said the reason for the move was the absence of Jewish scholars in Cuba who could study the archives. Although the first Jew in Cuba landed with Columbus, the modern Cuban Jewish community dates from 1906 and in its heyday after World War II numbered no more than 14,000, most of them in Havana, Becker said.

NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT CONTRIBUTED TO MIDEAST HOSTILITY, TENSION

JERUSALEM, Sept. 10 (JTA)--Political sources said here today that the non-aligned summit meeting just concluded in Algiers contributed to increased hostility and tension in the Middle East at a time when world diplomacy is moving to end international conflicts. There was no comment from official quarters on the meeting of 76 non-aligned nations which ended last night with draft resolutions condemning Israel along with the United States for supporting Israel. The final texts of the resolutions were not released immediately.

They are known, however, to have called on members of the non-aligned bloc to take individual and collective economic and political measures against Israel and demanded that the U.S. stop delivering arms to Israel. But the conference stopped short of declaring a total economic, political and diplomatic boycott of Israel as demanded by some of the Arab delegates. Political sources here said the conference had followed the most extreme Arab formulations without taking into account the basic elements of international co-existence such as negotiations, the establishment of peace and pacts. The conference's declarations on the Middle East were termed a "negative anachronism."

DAYAN: ISRAEL THROUGH WITH INTERNATIONAL GUARANTEES

TEL AVIV, Sept. 10 (JTA)--Defense Minister Moshe Dayan said last night that Israel was through with international guarantees, would create its own new map and emphasize co-existence with the Arabs within its territories. But he warned that the nation faced tough diplomatic campaigns, if not actual military warfare, in following its new independent course.

Dayan, addressing a Labor Alignment meeting in Beersheba on the eve of the Histadrut elections, a contest regarded as a preview of the Knesset elections next month, said he hoped that the warfare would be only political, although the vast amounts of modern military equipment now reaching the Arab states--mainly from the Soviet Union but also from the West--could precipitate the Arabs into a renewed round of fighting.

The Arabs have a great deal of money, and a great deal of oil and many opportunities to mobilize support against Israel on the international scene, he said. These facts, Dayan added, should not be ignored. On the other hand, he observed, considering the present world atmosphere, denunciations of Israel might backfire.

Noting that the emphasis will have to be on new settlements in the territories, Dayan said Israel would also have to emphasize co-existence with an Arab sector living side-by-side with a Jewish sector "leaving no room for a separate Palestinian state, a Jordanian Jerusalem Old City or a Syrian Golan Heights." He declared: "We are through with international guarantees in view of our past experience with such arrangements. We must now ensure settlements that we make ourselves."

A 10-day Sephardic pilgrimage and study mission to Israel, under the aegis of American Friends of The Hebrew U. will leave N.Y. October 21.

SAPIR: 'THE MILLIONAIRE IS NOT THE TYPICAL ISRAELI'

NEW YORK, Sept. 10 (JTA)--"Not all Israel is Hilton and Sheraton. The millionaire is not the typical Israeli," Israel's Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir declared here today at a State of Israel Bonds luncheon given by the National Rabbinic Cabinet of the Israel Bond Organization at the Plaza Hotel.

Sapir devoted his remarks to the urgent financial needs of Israel, stressing the rising cost of absorbing new immigrants from the Soviet Union and elsewhere, the urgency of closing the nation's social gap between affluence and poverty, and the spiraling cost of defense which he estimated would cost \$10 billion in the next five years.

Urging the 40 leaders of the NRC to increase their efforts for Israel in their annual High Holiday appeals, Sapir said that it takes \$35,000 to absorb two Soviet immigrant families in Israel. "Many doctors come to Israel from Russia. We have to re-train them in Israeli hospitals. While they are training we pay them money," he said. Sapir declared that only the marginal olim from Russia went back to Vienna and suggested that "maybe some of them were planted by the Russians."

The Finance Minister said the devaluation of the U.S. dollar was another factor in Israel's growing expenses. The purchase of meat and soya beans by Israel in the U.S. has tripled since 1969-70 and the dollar now buys less, he said. He also noted that the price of U.S. Phantom and Skyhawk jets bought by Israel has doubled since the first purchases of the planes were made. "Israel produces some planes too and this costs us a great deal as well," he stated.

Moves To Close Social Gap

Sapir referred to his country's efforts to close the social gap that has become increasingly visible in recent years. "The problem of integration is sharper now than any time in the past," he said. "The Black Panthers and others come and demand the same things that new immigrants get. We have to solve this problem and it costs a lot."

Sapir's reference to millionaires came during a question and answer session when one rabbi asked him to explain why a country like Israel which has been described as an affluent society in American news media continually needs more money. The reference was to a recent New York Times story from Jerusalem which described luxurious living by Israel's wealthier set.

Sapir said the rich in Israel are those who came with money and that it took only \$250,000 to be a "millionaire" in Israel. While there are wealthy Israelis, Israel is also Hatikva (a Tel Aviv slum) and high income tax, he said. To illustrate how hard pressed the Israeli taxpayer is, Sapir observed that he himself paid \$207 in income tax last month out of a gross salary of \$725.

Rabbi Leon Kronish, the NRC chairman, said that the NRC sold \$28 million in Bonds in last year's appeal. He said the goal this year was \$34 million. The NRC is contacting some 800 congregations around the country to join in the High Holiday Bond drive. The slogan of the appeal is "365 Mean Life." A Bond purchase of \$10,000 equals one job for a new immigrant in Israel, Rabbi Kronish said.

JACKSON RAPS KISSINGER'S DEFENSE OF MFN STATUS FOR THE SOVIET UNION

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10 (JTA)--Secretary of

State-designate Henry A. Kissinger is dead wrong in refusing to insist that the Soviet Union lift emigration restrictions in return for U.S. trade benefits, Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D.Wash.) declared today. "He is just stuck with a stupid administration policy which they made last year," Jackson added.

Jackson spoke at a joint news conference at the Capitol with Dr. Leonid Tarassuk, a former curator at the Hermitage Museum in Leningrad, who recently emigrated to Israel. In a joint statement on the Soviet Union's refusal to issue exit visas to Valery and Galina Panov, they said: "This is a brutal and unexpected act of bad faith on the part of the Soviet authorities who have failed to honor their pledge."

Jackson's attack on the policies of Dr. Kissinger and the Nixon Administration came shortly after Dr. Kissinger reiterated to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that the Soviet Union should receive most favored nation status from the U.S. without "transformation of the Soviet system."

Sensitive To Jewish Plight Under Nazism

Sen. George S. McGovern (D.S.D.) drew a parallel at the hearings with the Nazi destruction of the Jews and Soviet repression. "When the Nazis were slaughtering Jews in Germany," he asked Dr. Kissinger, did he think U.S. policy should have been directed against halting it although that was an internal policy too.

"In the 1930s," Dr. Kissinger replied, "I was part of that persecuted minority, so I am not insensitive to that situation." As a historian, he said, he believed that if the free nations had taken action to curb Nazi aggression that would have been an effective action. But Dr. Kissinger said that in the case of the USSR he felt that reducing the danger of war and "forcing the Soviet Union in a cooperative system" may "over a period of time mitigate their system." Dr. Kissinger will be on the stand when the hearing continues tomorrow.

WOMEN EQUAL WITH MEN IN MINYAN

NEW YORK, Sept. 10 (JTA)--A far reaching change in Jewish religious practice was announced today by the Rabbinical Assembly, the international organization of Conservative rabbis. The Assembly's Committee on Jewish Law and Standards in its most recent meeting voted to approve a proposal which counts men and women equally as members of a minyan. Rabbi Judah Nadich of New York, Assembly president, said this change recognizes the new role that women are playing in Jewish communal life.

Rabbi Seymour Siegel, committee chairman, said the action taken in making men and women equal in regard to the minyan was the result of long and serious discussion and emerged out of papers written by Rabbi Aaron Blumenthal of Mount Vernon, N.Y. and Rabbi Philip Sigal of Pittsburgh.

A significant minority of the committee did not approve of the decision feeling that the tradition should be maintained and that most synagogues were not ready for such an innovation and the institution of the new norm might disrupt the unity of congregations. According to the committee rules, the decision on equality is not mandatory. Whether or not to institute the new ruling is in the hands of the individual rabbis and congregations.

"The Conservative movement," Rabbi Nadich said, "has historically acted to make Jewish Law responsive to changes in society and to new needs. Women have played an important role in the various branches of our movement.... The latest action furthers the positive actions we have taken in the past to enhance the role of women in the synagogue."

22 NAMED BY 7 NATIONAL JEWISH GROUPS TO ENLARGED COMMITTEE ON CONTROLS AND AUTHORIZATION

NEW YORK, Sept. 10 (JTA)--An enlarged and strengthened 22 member National Committee on Control and Authorization of Campaigns of the Jewish Agency has been constituted by the leadership of seven American Jewish organizations concerned with the major fund-raising activities in this country in behalf of Israel and the relief of needy Jews throughout the world.

Under the co-chairmanship of Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson, chairman of the American Section of the World Zionist Organization, and Jack D. Weiler, a national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, the committee, which was first created in 1950, is devoted to the maintenance of the primacy of the annual United Jewish Appeal campaign and its cooperating local welfare fund and federation campaigns throughout the country.

The seven participating organizations on the national committee are the World Zionist Organization, American Section; the Jewish Agency for Israel, the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, the United Jewish Appeal, the United Israel Appeal, the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York and the Joint Distribution Committee.

Urgent Necessity To Help Immigrants To Israel

Along with the announcement of the membership of the national committee, Mrs. Jacobson and Weiler, explained that "the strengthening and enlargement of the National Committee on Control and Authorization of Campaigns was an urgent necessity in the light of the continuous mass flow of Jewish immigrants to Israel, requiring unprecedented amounts of free dollars for the programs of the Jewish Agency for Israel, which are highlighted by the challenge inherent in the achievement of the successful absorption of Russian and other immigrants to Israel, now and in the future."

The enlarged and strengthened national committee in the U.S., the co-chairmen continued, "is necessary to maximize the support of the American-Jewish community for the UJA. The primacy and priority of the UJA must be reaffirmed in every way. It must not be eroded by a proliferation of appeals by Israeli institutions coming to the U.S. for support, which divert funds and manpower from Israel's most critical needs.

The committee, Mrs. Jacobson and Weiler stated, "will work with the newly constituted committee in Israel, the World Committee of the Israel Emergency Fund, which will be a coordinating committee for fund-raising composed of representatives of the government of Israel and the Jewish Agency for Israel."

The representatives of the Israel government on this committee are Ministers Pinhas Sapir, Yigal Allon, Yosef Burg, Victor Shemtov, Moshe Kol and Y.S. Shapira. Members of the Jewish Agency Executive on the committee are Acting Chairman Leon Dulzain, Ezra Shapiro, Raanan Weitz, Rabbi Mordecai Kirschblum and Joseph Klarman.

"This will give added strength to the National Committee on Control and Authorization, will help minimize the harmful results to the UJA of multiple campaigns, will discourage unauthorized fund-raising efforts in behalf of Israeli institutions in the U.S. and thus make possible more ef-

fective UJA efforts that will result in additional funds being raised by the UJA, and its cooperating local federations and welfare fund campaigns, to meet pressing emergency needs of Israel," Mrs. Jacobson and Weiler stated.

Members Of National Committee

The members of the national committee, in addition to its co-chairmen are:

Albert Adelman, National Chairman, National UJA; Irving Bernstein, Executive Vice-Chairman, National UJA; Philip Bernstein, Executive Vice-President, CJF; Melvin Dubinsky, Chairman, UJA; Raymond Epstein, President, CJF; Max M. Fisher, Chairman, Board of Governors, Jewish Agency for Israel; Harold Friedman, Chairman, Overseas Committee, CJF; Edward Ginsburg, Chairman, JDC; Bram Goldsmith, Chairman of the Task Force on Multiple Appeals, CJF; Monroe Goldwater, Honorary President, UJA of Greater N.Y.

Other members are: Samuel Haber, Executive Vice-Chairman, JDC; Gottlieb Hammer, Executive Vice-Chairman, UJA; Ernest Michel, Executive Vice-Chairman, UJA of Greater N.Y.; Rabbi Emanuel Rackman, member of the Executive, American Section, WZO; Daniel Rosenberg, Assistant Director, CJF; Mrs. Elaine Siris, National Chairman, Women's Division, UJA; Herbert Tenzer, Campaign Chairman, UJA of Greater N.Y.; Jacques Torczyner, member of the Executive, American Section, WZO; and Paul Zuckerman, General Chairman, National UJA. Isadore Hamlin, Executive Director of the American Section, WZO, continues to serve as the national committee's coordinator.

ISRAELIS BARRED FROM FESTIVAL IN POLAND

TEL AVIV, Sept. 10 (JTA)--Two Israeli delegates to the International Federation of Folklore Festival Organizations' congress were barred from participating in the congress after Polish authorities refused to grant them entry visas. The Israelis, Shmuel Bialik and Zeev Sternberg of Haifa, represented the Israeli Folk Dances Festival organization. The president of the Federation, Henri Coursaget of France, and representatives of other countries protested to the Polish authorities and pressed for a change in the decision. It was learned that the congress will discuss a proposal to hold future meetings only in countries that would guarantee entry permits to all official delegates.

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	
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Africa Israel	\$ 6.85	\$ 6.79
Alliance 'B'	12.31	12.38
ATA 'C'	.27 1/2	.27
Bank Leumi	.71	.71
Bank Leumi-Investment	.51 1/2	.51
Delek	.41 1/2	.42
Discount Bank Investment	3.07	3.06
Electra	2.95	2.77
Electric Wire & Cable	1.25	1.22
General Mortgage Bank	2.74	2.71
Hassneh Insurance	5.71	5.57
Mehadrin Citrus	.51	.49
Shemen	1.40	1.40
Taal Plywood	1.40	1.40