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'OUTSIDE PRESSURES' BLAMED FOR TOGO'S DIPLOMATIC BREAK WITH ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Sept. 23 (JTA)--Israeli officials blamed "outside pressures" for Togo's unexpected rupture of diplomatic relations with Israel which the Foreign Ministry announced Friday. Togo became the seventh African state since Feb. 1972 to sever ties with Israel.

Expressing "regret and bitter dismay" over the break, a Foreign Ministry spokesman observed: "It is strange that a sovereign state which has maintained bilateral relations with Israel in which no problems have arisen, should have submitted to outside pressures in this manner." The remark was the first time an official spokesman directly blamed outside influences--meaning Arab--for a breach between Israel and an African state.

The reaction here was especially bitter in the case of Togo because relations between Israel and that country always have been good and there was every reason to think they would remain so, sources here said today.

They noted that only last week, officials in Togo suggested to the Israeli Ambassador that the foreign ministers of the two countries meet at the United Nations in New York and Israeli officials indicated that Foreign Minister Abba Eban would gladly respond to their suggestion. Sources here suggested that Togo's extreme poverty made it susceptible to pressures and blandishments from the Arabs.

ISRAELI HELD IN BOUSHICKI AFFAIR ORDERED RELEASED BY APPEALS COURT

OSLO, Sept. 23 (JTA)--A Norwegian Appeals Court has ordered the release of Michael Dorff, one of the two Israelis arrested in connection with the July slaying of a Moroccan national, Ahmed Boushicki. The court ordered Dorff's release in the custody of Israeli officials in Norway on Friday. The ruling was appealed immediately and will have to be decided by the Norwegian Supreme Court.

The Appeals Court voted 2-1 in favor of Dorff's release, noting that the two Israelis were arrested in the Oslo apartment of Israeli Security Attache Yigal Eyal in violation of the Vienna Convention on diplomatic immunity. The tribunal also upheld Dorff's indictment. There are "reasonable grounds for suspicion" that Dorff was involved in the Boushicki murder which took place at Lillehammer, 100 miles north of Oslo, the court stated.

Observers here expect the Appeals Court to reach the same decision in the case against Zvi Steinberg, the other Israeli citizen detained in connection with the murder incident. If the Supreme Court upholds the Appeals Court decision, Dorff and Steinberg are expected to be turned over to Israeli Embassy officials in Oslo. But the two, who are widely believed to be members of an official Israeli intelligence group, will be subject to arrest the moment they leave Israeli Embassy grounds, observers here said.

Norwegian authorities are also likely to direct an extradition request to the Israeli government should the two be released, observers said.

KNESSET UNIT NEUTRAL ON JACKSON

JERUSALEM, Sept. 23 (JTA)--The Knesset

Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee--with Premier Golda Meir participating in its session--drafted a carefully neutral resolution on the Jackson Amendment issue passed on to it by the plenum Wednesday after a Likud motion for a full-dress debate was voted down.

The resolution, drafted Friday, states: "The Knesset Foreign Affairs Committee, on behalf of the Knesset, wishes to express its high esteem to the President of the United States, members of the Senate and House of Representatives for their initiatives and actions to ensure free and unrestricted immigration of Jews from the USSR, and to all the governments, public and state officials and representatives, parliaments, groups and public committees in the world which were moved to take the initiative and voice protest for the release of Russian Jews from their conditions of hardship and suppression...."

The Likud minority presented its own draft which "expresses high esteem for President Nixon for his activities for the emigration of Jews from the USSR, to Senator (Henry) Jackson for the role he has initiated in the Congress...and to the decisive majority of both Houses of Congress who support this vital and important proposal." The Alignment-National Religious Party majority, following the government's policy of not involving itself in the Jackson dispute, voted down this draft.

REPORT FAIVOVICH GIVEN ASYLUM IN MEXICAN EMBASSY IN SANTIAGO

NEW YORK, Sept. 23 (JTA)--Jaime Faivovich, the former Mayor of Santiago and Transport Ministry Under-Secretary during the administration of Dr. Salvador Allende Gossens, is reported to have been granted asylum in the Mexican Embassy in Santiago. Faivovich was one of the most outspoken and energetic proponents of Allende's program and was, according to a news report from Chile, one of the men most wanted by the new military regime. As Transport Under-Secretary he spearheaded the efforts to break the 47-day truckers' strike which preceded the overthrow of Dr. Allende's government. It was reported last week that Volodia Tittlebaum, the Communist Party Senator, was in Italy.

SHPIILBERG ARRESTED BY SOVIET OFFICIALS

VIENNA, Sept. 23 (JTA)--Soviet authorities today arrested Arkady A. Shpilberg, a 35-year-old Jew from Riga and ordered the continued detention in a psychiatric hospital of former Gen. Pyotr G. Grigorenko, 66, a leader of the civil rights movement in the USSR. Jewish sources said that both events indicated that the Kremlin does not intend to ease its policies against dissidents and Jews.

Shpilberg, who was a defendant in the Riga 1971 trial was released from a labor camp last month after completing a three-year strict regime sentence, was arrested outside the Communist Party Central Committee headquarters in Moscow while protesting the denial of an exit visa. He carried a sign reading "Let me go to my family in Israel."

Shpilberg's family received exit visas two months ago and have since gone to Israel. Grigorenko, who is not Jewish, was ordered kept in a psychiatric hospital despite the opinion of medical experts that he did not require "compulsory treatment."

Jewish sources said that in light of these incidents, West European and American diplomats should act more firmly at the second stage of the

European Security Conference in Geneva. This conference, proposed by the Soviet Union, and the granting of some exit visas to Jewish citizens of the USSR "were only a pretext for a free hand for the further persecution of Jews and dissidents" in the Soviet Union, the sources warned.

Grigorenko was cashiered from the Red Army in 1964 and was arrested when he joined a civil rights demonstration in Tashkent in May, 1969. Charged with slander of the Soviet Union but never brought to trial, he has been confined most of the time since 1969 to a criminal asylum near Kalliningrad. Last Wednesday he was transferred to a psychiatric hospital near Moscow.

KISSINGER USES KING JAMES VERSION OF BIBLE AT SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23 (JTA)--Dr. Henry Alfred Kissinger declared yesterday on becoming the nation's Secretary of State that his origin would contribute to helping him in his strivings for "a world at peace with justice, compassion and humanity." Jewishness was not mentioned in any form either by President Nixon or Dr. Kissinger in the swearing-in ceremony in the White House, but it was implicit in the concluding remarks by the 50-year-old statesman-historian-teacher who fled from Fuerth in Nazi Germany to America with his parents and brother Walter, in 1938.

Dr. Kissinger's reference to his origin followed his taking of the oath of office with his left hand on a King James version of the Bible held by his mother, Mrs. Louis Kissinger of New York, and with his right hand upraised before Supreme Court Chief Justice Warren Burger. The Bible had been presented to Dr. Kissinger by Nixon who had inscribed it to him in accordance with the chief executive's custom of long standing, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was informed by White House press secretary Gerald Warren.

This has been done a dozen times during oath-taking ceremonies at the White House under Nixon, he reported. The Bible, containing both the old and new testaments, was not opened during the ceremony.

After the ceremony, members of the Kissinger family would not discuss the ceremony or the Bible. The new Secretary's father, Louis Kissinger, did say that his wife held the Bible because his son does not have a wife (Dr. Kissinger is divorced) and a woman usually holds the Bible. The Secretary's parents, who are observant Jews, spent Friday night at the Hay Adams Hotel near the White House, and walked to the executive mansion for the ceremony. Other family members present were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kissinger and their four children and the Secretary's own two children, Elizabeth, 14 and David, 11.

Learned Meaning Of Freedom Early In Life

To an ovation from the distinguished audience that included high government dignitaries, members of Congress, and Mrs. Nixon, President Nixon declared that he was "very proud" and it was "very significant" that for the first time a naturalized citizen was Secretary of State. Alluding to this comment afterwards, Dr. Kissinger told the audience:

"Mr. President, you referred to my background, and it is true there is no country in the world where it is conceivable that a man of my origin could be standing here next to the President of the United States. And if my origin can contribute anything to the formulation of our policy, it is that at an early age I have seen what can happen to a society that is based on hatred

and strength and distrust, and that I experienced then what America means to other people, its hope and its idealism."

Continuing, he said: "Therefore, in achieving a structure of peace under your leadership, Mr. President, we will strive not just for a pragmatic solution to this or that difficulty, but to recognize that America has never been true to itself unless it meant something beyond itself. And as we work for a world at peace with justice, compassion and humanity, we know that America, in fulfilling man's deepest aspirations, fulfills what is best within it."

KOLLEK NOMINATED FOR THIRD TERM

JERUSALEM, Sept. 23 (JTA)--Mayor Teddy Kollek was unanimously nominated for a third term last night by the Jerusalem branch of the Labor Party. His nomination ended a long-standing conflict between the Mayor and local party leaders over the composition of the slate to run with him. Kollek had demanded a free hand in choosing his running mates and at one point threatened to resign. But in the end he bowed to party pressure and agreed to an election list largely selected by the party bosses.

Kollek, however, did enforce his demand for the nomination of City Councilman Meiron Benvenisti as Deputy Mayor in charge of town planning. Benvenisti has been a controversial figure in the past because of his criticism of certain government policies toward the Arabs. Gen. Uzi Narkiss (Ret.), head of the Jewish Agency's absorption department, was nominated to run for city councilman. Narkiss had been mentioned as a possible mayoral candidate had Kollek carried out his threat to resign.

NEWS BRIEFS

Igor Goldfarb of Kiev, who was reported Thursday to have received an exit visa, was called Friday to the KGB secret police offices and asked for information, the National Conference on Soviet Jewry reported in New York. The NCSJ said Goldfarb may be arrested.

Israeli police are investigating an explosion that damaged a van driven by Israeli customs officials in Nablus Friday. The three men in the van were not hurt. The explosives are believed to have been planted while the officials were in a shop on a routine check.

The first in a series of "blackbooks" in defense of former Nazis has just been published in Amsterdam by a former Dutch Nazi writing under the pseudonym A. van Hetkamp. The book concerns the "crimes" committed against interned Nazis by camp guards during the immediate post-war years. The book was published by the "Joachimsthal" firm which was founded in the 19th century by a well-known Jewish publisher specializing in Jewish subjects. The present owner bought the firm in 1969, but was granted the right to continue using the Jewish name.

The Institute of Judaistic Studies at the University of Vienna is offering courses in Yiddish by Dr. Jacob Allerhand this winter semester in addition to special courses on the culture of Eastern European Jewry. It was announced by Prof. Dr. Kurt Schubert, head of the Institute. About 200 students registered so far for these studies.

Two Arab terrorists sentenced last July to 18 months imprisonment for transporting explosives into France, have asked the Court of Appeals in Genoble to commute their sentences into expulsion from France. The court will rule on the appeal of Mohamed Sakhr and Modhi Amar on Sept. 28.

KISSINGER TACKLING MIDEAST PROBLEM

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 23 (JTA)--Secretary of State Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, who was sworn in yesterday at the White House, is plunging directly into the Middle East problem, State Department sources have indicated. He is expected to arrive here today from Washington to begin meetings with foreign ministers and other diplomats attending the General Assembly sessions.

According to reports still unconfirmed, he has scheduled a luncheon, at his initiative, with the heads of Arab delegations Tuesday and will meet privately directly afterwards with Egyptian Foreign Minister Mohammed H. el-Zayyat. State Department sources would not confirm that such a luncheon has been scheduled. They said yesterday that Dr. Kissinger's schedule at the UN was incomplete.

According to some sources, Arab diplomats are highly pleased that the new Secretary of State has taken the initiative to open a dialogue with them. But according to other unconfirmed reports, several Arab delegations invited by Kissinger have decided to boycott the luncheon meeting.

Dr. Kissinger will also meet with Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban who is expected here next week, ahead of his original schedule. Eban, who was not due until the beginning of next month, will address the General Assembly Oct. 3. Sources said the Israeli diplomat advanced his arrival here because of concern about possible Arab-sponsored moves against Israel, particularly among the non-aligned nations which control the balance of votes in the Assembly.

Middle East Looms Large In Assembly

The Middle East and related matters loom large at the 28th session of the Assembly. An agenda adopted Friday places the Mideast situation and the problems of colonialism before the plenary meetings. The legal committee will study terrorism as it did at the 27th General Assembly. The social, humanitarian and cultural committee will study the elimination of racial discrimination and religious intolerance. Israeli practices affecting the human rights of residents of the occupied Arab territories have been assigned to the special political committee.

Israel and East Germany, meanwhile, continued to clash verbally. The East German Foreign Minister, Otto Winzer, flatly rejected Israel's assertion that the East German regime bears an obligation to the victims of the Nazi holocaust that it has consistently evaded. Winzer, in an interview published Friday in the N.Y. Times, and in remarks to a West German reporter, recalled that his brother-in-law, Rudolph Schwartz, had been tortured to death by the Gestapo in 1934.

"He was a Jewish anti-Fascist," and "I would defile the memory of my brother-in-law if I did not oppose Israeli militarism and aggression," Winzer said. He also said that East Germany's support for the Palestinians could not be equated with terrorist actions which, he said, he deplored.

Tekoa Reaffirms View On East Germany

In a statement issued here Friday, Israel's Ambassador Yosef Tekoah declared that the fate of Winzer's brother-in-law "is totally irrelevant to Germany's responsibility for the holocaust." He said it "does not relieve the government of the German Democratic Republic of its historical, legal and moral obligations." Neither can Mr. Winzer's personal experiences justify his govern-

ment's active association with the murder of innocent Jewish men, women and children carried on by Arab terrorist organizations."

Tekoa recalled: "Only recently, the German Democratic Republic concluded an agreement with the notorious Yassir Arafat under which Arab terrorists are trained in East Germany, receive financial and military support from it and use its territory as a base for operations in Europe."

Earlier, West Germany's Foreign Minister Walter Scheel said at a press conference here Thursday that his country could do little with respect to the Middle East conflict. He said that the major role in solving the conflict fell to the parties involved and the two superpowers, the U.S. and the Soviet Union. Scheel said he believed the UN must take a greater part in trying to reach a settlement. Once a settlement is reached, West Germany would contribute any economic support needed, he said.

WALDHEIM: WILL WELCOME ANY INITIATIVE TO SOLVE THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT

NEW YORK, Sept. 23 (JTA)--UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim said today that he would welcome any initiative to solve the Middle East conflict from wherever it may come, including the new U.S. Secretary of State, Dr. Henry A. Kissinger. Waldheim called the Middle East situation "very serious and very dangerous" but said he hoped it would be solved with the help of the Big Powers.

The Secretary General, appearing on the ABC television program "Issues and Answers," said that on his recent visit to Israel and four Arab countries he found that all the parties to the conflict want a peaceful solution. "It is only the concept on the peace that is different and my visit helped me find out there are areas where progress can be made," Waldheim said. "The important thing is that we make progress and get out of the deadlock we are in right now," he added. He said the crux of the problem was the Israeli occupation of territory seized in the 1967 war.

Waldheim will confer with Dr. Kissinger at the UN tomorrow before Kissinger addresses the General Assembly. Asked about reports that several Arab diplomats intend to boycott a luncheon Tuesday to which Dr. Kissinger reportedly invited the representatives of all the Arab states, Waldheim replied, "This is a social occasion and I do not think this would influence the efforts of Mr. Kissinger in finding or contributing to a solution of the Middle East problem."

800 RALLY FOR JACKSON AMENDMENT

NEW YORK, Sept. 23 (JTA)--The strains of orchestral music at Lincoln Center were joined last night by the blasts of a shofar, as 800 Jews and non-Jews rallied in support of the Jackson Amendment and its House counterpart, the Mills-Vanik bill. The rally was co-sponsored by Mas-sorah-Young Israel Intercollegiates and the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry.

Rabbi Avraham Weiss of Riverdale, N.Y., an executive of the SSSJ and an instructor at Stern College, revealed that activist Moscow Jews had begun to wear yellow Stars of David to protest denial of exit permits. He stated: "Human lives are subjects, not objects. We were satisfied to sit in silence, once, but we will never be satisfied to sit in silence again." Former U.S. Ambassador to Israel, Ogden Reid, the keynote speaker, declared: "We cannot let Soviet Jews be sacrificed on the altar of economic and foreign aid."

Reminder: There will be no Bulletin Sept. 28. A very Happy New Year to all our readers.

JATZ IN ROSH HASHANA MESSAGE FOCUSES ON NEED TO COMBAT POVERTY AT HOME, ASSIMILATION ABROAD

JERUSALEM, Sept. 23 (JTA)--President Ephraim Katzir, in his first Rosh Hashana message to the people, urged greater efforts to fight poverty and inequality at home and assimilation abroad. He also expressed the hope that the forthcoming elections will bring new faces into politics.

Katzir will read his message--an annual presidential tradition--on Israel radio on Rosh Hashana eve. It was released exclusively to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency Friday for transmission in time for the High Holy Days to Jews abroad. The message departed from the more generalized tone of former President Zalman Shazar's messages. It is strongest on poverty and the social gap which Katzir has made his major concern since his ascent to office in May.

"Despite distinct achievements in the fields of housing, welfare and education, it is all too clear that the living standards of the poorer social strata have not risen adequately and that not all our children receive the necessary attention and education," he said. "Our national life is still affected by social polarity and incomplete integration of the various communities, which impede the emergence of a truly unified society providing all citizens with full opportunities and development."

No Pause in Fight For Soviet, Arab Jewry

Continuing, Katzir declared: "We must concern ourselves much more with the fulfillment of those minor moral commandments which set the tone of human relationships: tolerance, good manners, neatness in lodgings and public places...." He urged volunteering by ordinary citizens for "the inculcation of Jewish and general values in the minds of our young people, and for help for new immigrants" in their social, cultural and economic absorption, and urged no pause in the fight for Soviet and Arab Jewry.

Focusing on Jews in the free world he said: "Assimilationist tendencies devastate a great part of Jewish youth. Here enormous efforts must be made to spread knowledge of our ancient spiritual heritage and conscious identification with our peoples past and present."

Katzir asserted that Israel's "chief prayer" is for peace. "Until that longed-for day comes, we have no choice but to devote a substantial part of our manpower and resources to assuring our security....May (the New Year) indeed be a year in which the words of the prophet are realized: 'Zion shall be redeemed with justice, and they that return to her, with righteousness.'"

RIVLIN URGES TIGHTER BONDS BETWEEN DIASPORA, ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Sept. 23 (JTA)--Ambassador David Rivlin, the Consul General of Israel, called on American Jews today "to tighten even more the bonds between the Jewish diaspora and the land of Israel which is destined to be the central focal point of Jewish life and interest."

In a Rosh Hashana greeting, the Israeli diplomat said: "At the outset of the second quarter century of our Statehood in the land of our forefathers, we derive encouragement and inspiration from the past achievements in all spheres of our life and look ahead with confidence into the future,

fully aware of the challenges with which we shall still have to cope but certain of both our determination and abilities to meet them."

Contributing, Rivlin said: "Living as we are, under the spell of all the miracles and wonders that our generation has been privileged to witness in the recent past, we are also imbued with the deep sense of responsibility for the continuation of the awesome tasks of the security of the State of Israel, the country's economic development, the immigration and the absorption in a home of freedom of our brethren who come to us from lands of bondage as well as the free countries and the tremendous work to be done in the fields of social improvement, education and culture."

"In this light," he added, "we stand today united to take stock of our aspirations as well as our achievements and to commit ourselves to forge ahead into a future of great opportunities for our people."

FINANCIAL PROBLEMS FORCE DAY SCHOOL IN NEW YORK TO CLOSE

NEW YORK, Sept. 23 (JTA)--The Solomon Schechter day high school in Flushing was unable to open this month because of financial problems, the first school in the Conservative-sponsored day school movement to discontinue operations, according to Dr. Morton Siegel, director of the education department of the United Synagogue of America.

Dr. Siegel said that of the 66 students enrolled in the Flushing school, 10 registered in the Brandeis School in Lawrence, N.Y., a Solomon Schechter school, and most of the others in Orthodox day schools in the area. He said only a few registered in public high schools. The \$2 million Flushing school building, which was opened last year, is expected to be sold.

Dr. Siegel emphasized that the primary day school, of which the defunct school was a part, is operating successfully. Asked where graduates of other elementary Schechter schools in Queens would go, he replied there were other Solomon Schechter high schools they could attend.

ICAO ASSEMBLY URGED TO DEAL WITH PLOT TO DOWN EL AL AIRLINER

MONTREAL, Sept. 23 (JTA)--David Ephrati, Consul General of Israel and Israel's representative to the International Civil Aviation Organization Council here, sent a telegram to the ICAO general assembly meeting in Rome requesting that the Council discuss at its meeting next month in Montreal the Arab terrorist attempt to use missiles to shoot down an El Al airliner. Five terrorists were arrested by Italian authorities on Sept. 5 after being tipped off by Israeli intelligence that an attempt was being planned against El Al airliners. The five were found in possession of Soviet-made ground-to-air missiles. Israel had requested that the ICAO general assembly discuss this incident, but the assembly, which ended its deliberations Friday, failed to do so.

In his message to Walter Binaghi, ICAO president, Ephrati said he wants to present the Council with a detailed account of the case, the link between the Soviet Union and Syria and Egypt, the countries which supplied the weapons to the terrorists. Ephrati said he intends to stress the danger to the world community inherent in the passage of missiles from one country to another. The ICAO Council several weeks ago condemned Israel for intercepting a Lebanese airliner on Aug. 10.