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KREISKY STANDS PAT ON SCHOENAU

Says "No Agreement Has Been Reached," After Meeting With Mrs. Meir For Two Hours

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VIENNA, Oct. 2 (JTA)--Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky who met privately with Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir today told a news conference that he had not bowed to her demand to reverse his Cabinet's decision to close a Jewish transit camp at Schoenau. "No agreement has been reached," Kreisky said after the meeting with Mrs. Meir that lasted nearly two hours. Diplomatic sources confirmed that the two leaders could not solve the existing differences of opinion.

Kreisky and Mrs. Meir conferred for 30 minutes privately. Later they were joined by Austrian Minister of Interior Otto Roesch and the Israeli Ambassador Yitzhak Patish. Diplomatic sources said the talks were held in a very serious atmosphere. Mrs. Meir flew back to Israel tonight. The Austrian government seems to be prepared for some sort of compromise. "I made only one proposal: The Austrian government is ready to examine the possibility to put the transit camp under the protection of the UN Commissioner of Refugees," Kreisky said. "But Mrs. Meir did not seem to be very impressed."

The Austrian Chancellor said he can only give his opinion of the talks because Mrs. Meir left immediately afterwards without giving any comment. The Jewish-born Chancellor, like Mrs. Meir, a Socialist, stated that the Austrian government "will continue to follow humanitarian principles just as in the past." He pointed out that only "special facilities" will not be granted any more.

Kreisky said it was his proposal to offer to the terrorists to close Schoenau. "I take the responsibility for this," He said it was not due to the initiative of the two Arabs. He said that the decision of his Cabinet is only binding on his government and not subject to the international law. Attacked by several English-speaking journalists on the measures taken by the Austrian authorities, Kreisky replied: "Has anybody here had to decide ever before between life and death? For me it was the first time." He said all the alternatives which were considered had meant the certain death for the hostages.

Meanwhile it was learned here that the Egyptian Minister of Tourism, Ismail Fahmi, is scheduled to come to Vienna on Thursday to thank Kreisky for closing the Schoenau camp.

Outcome of Talks No Surprise

The outcome of the talks did not come as a surprise for political observers in Vienna. Shortly before driving to the airport to meet Premier Meir, Kreisky defended once more his decision to close down Schoenau. He called his deal with the two Arab terrorists "a victory for humanity."

"Would you call this a victory for blackmail?" an English correspondent asked Kreisky. "No, I would not," snapped Kreisky angrily. "This was a victory for humanity." Kreisky emphasized that his decision against group-travelling of emigrating Soviet Jews through Austrian territory was for "their own security." He added that the only thing the Austrian government is asking for is that they pass quickly through Austria. He underlined once more that his government will

continue to grant a three-day transit visa to any Soviet Jew who asks for it.

Kreisky pointed out that despite all the critical voices he had not received any alternative proposals. In the past few years Austria has made it possible for some 70,000 Soviet Jews to emigrate to Israel, he said, adding: "Everybody left us alone then. Why was there no emigration through the German Federal Republic or Switzerland or Poland?"

Mrs. Meir arrived here this morning from Strasbourg under the heaviest security precautions ever seen in the Austrian capital. Before leaving Strasbourg where she addressed representatives of 17 European parliaments, the Premier said: "I hope that tonight I shall be able to report (after meeting Kreisky) that it has all been a misunderstanding and a misinterpretation."

ALERT ORDERED ON GOLAN HEIGHTS

TEL AVIV, Oct. 2 (JTA)--The Israeli military has taken precautionary measures along the northern frontier in view of a large-scale shift of Syrian troops to that region in recent days. An alert was ordered at Israeli settlements on the Golan Heights although military authorities do not believe the Syrians are planning any military initiatives on the border in the foreseeable future, it was stated here today.

The Syrians were said to have shifted troops and armament previously deployed along their border with Jordan to the Israeli front. The move was seen by Israeli authorities as a good-will gesture toward Jordan in view of the recently improved relations between the two countries. Syria has also bolstered its anti-aircraft defenses between the Israeli border and Damascus.

The Suez front remained quiet despite the Egyptian decision to order a full alert there. Cairo alleged that Israel was massing troops on the east bank of the canal. Israeli authorities said there have been no unusual Israel troop movements in the area.

PRESIDENTS CONFERENCE CALLS FOR NATION-WIDE MOBILIZATION OF PUBLIC OPINION AGAINST ARAB TERROR, BLACKMAIL

NEW YORK, Oct. 2 (JTA)--After meetings with top State Department officials and the Austrian Ambassador to the U.S., leaders of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations announced plans today for a "nation-wide mobilization of public opinion against yielding to Arab terror and blackmail."

Jacob Stein, chairman of the Presidents Conference, and Max Fisher, past chairman of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, led a delegation that met for an hour yesterday with Undersecretary of State Kenneth Rush and George Scott, head of the State Department's Austrian desk. Leonard Garment, special counsel to President Nixon, joined the discussion shortly after it had begun.

Reporting on the meeting, Stein told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency he was "deeply pleased and encouraged" by the Administration's "positive response" to the Presidents Conference position and plans for a nation-wide campaign on the dangers of surrendering to Arab extortion.

During the discussion Stein expressed the Conference's appreciation to Rush for the Department's "sympathetic understanding and recognition

that Soviet Jewish emigration must continue unrestricted and that the transit facilities in Austria must continue to operate."

The delegation to the State Department, which flew to Washington immediately following an emergency meeting of the Presidents Conference in New York, also included Albert Arent, past chairman of the National Jewish-Community Relations Advisory Council; Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson, chairman of the American Section, Jewish Agency-World Zionist Organization; Mrs. Rose Matzkin, president of Hadassah; Rabbi Israel Miller, president of the American Zionist Federation; and Yehuda Hellman, executive director of the Presidents Conference.

Stein, Mrs. Jacobson and Hellman then met for an hour at the Austrian Embassy in Washington with Ambassador Arno Hallusa who was urged to call on the Austrian government to reverse its position so that Soviet Jewish emigration would continue uninterrupted through Vienna. The Austrian official, who expressed no opinion in the matter, promised to transmit the Presidents Conference's views to Vienna, Stein said.

"FREEDOM AIRLIFT" FOR SOVIET JEWS

NEW YORK, Oct. 2 (JTA)--Immediate establishment of a "freedom airlift" to transport Jews to Israel from the Soviet Union was urged today by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. Seymour Graubard, ADL national chairman, proposed that the most emphatic response the nations of the world can make to Arab terrorists' blackmail is to set up a weekly shuttle of neutral airplanes which would carry Jews from a designated airport in the USSR to Lod Airport in Tel Aviv.

Graubard compared his proposal to the evacuation of thousands of Cubans from Havana by the United States several years ago with the permission of the Castro regime.

Denouncing the submission of Austrian authorities to terrorist duress, the ADL chairman said that his suggestion was not a substitute or alternative for transportation through Vienna. The "freedom airlift," he said, should be in addition to the Austrian arrangement "to not only facilitate the emigration and minimize opportunities for hijacking, but reduce pressure on housing and rail transport, both of which are currently overburdened on the route taken by the refugees."

Weekly airlifts to freedom for Soviet Jews, he said, "financed by the generosity of the world community, would, if permitted by Soviet authorities, be a major contribution to the atmosphere of detente which is now building between the major powers."

15 SOVIET JEWS ARRIVE IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Oct. 2 (JTA)--Fifteen Soviet Jews from Odessa arrived at O'Hare Field here yesterday to make their homes in Chicago under the aegis of agencies sponsored by the Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago. Their arrival was made possible by the parole provisions of the U.S. Immigration Act.

The Jewish Family and Children's Service of Chicago acted as guarantor and will provide initial housing and absorption for the new immigrants. The JFCS together with other Jewish Federation agencies will assist the immigrants in finding jobs, schools, medical attention and other needs. The 15 Soviet Jews were brought to Chicago by the United Hias Service.

At the welcoming ceremony, Robert L. Adler, president of the Jewish United Fund, speaking for himself; Hamilton M. Loch Jr., chairman of

the board of JUF; Alvin V. Cohn, 1974 JUF general chairman, and Raymond Epstein, 1973 general chairman, said:

"What a wonderful way to begin the New Year. We hope our brethren from the Soviet Union will find new peace and meaning in our country and our community. Our joy at greeting the 15 new immigrants is tempered by the disheartening and almost incredulous news from Austria these past few days. Yesterday morning the JUF's public affairs committee through its chairman Maynard I. Wishner sent wires to Austrian officials which stated in part 'in the name of 37 Jewish organizations in Metropolitan Chicago we urge you to reassert Austria's commitment to human freedom.'"

EBAN MEETS WITH FOREIGN MINISTERS

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 2 (JTA)--Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban, in a round of meetings with foreign ministers in preparation for the upcoming debate in the General Assembly on the Middle East and his address to the Assembly tomorrow, told the Belgian foreign minister that "sterile debates" and "extreme resolutions" emanating from the world organization can only harm progress toward peace in the Mideast. Eban also stated that Israel will emphasize at the UN its readiness to negotiate with the Arabs for a settlement in the Mideast. According to a spokesman for the Israeli Mission to the UN, the Belgian foreign minister told Eban that there is no European plan to settle the Mideast conflict.

Reports from Israel indicated that Eban will present what he termed a flexible approach to the problem during his address in order to underline that Israel is willing to reach a solution in the Mideast and to avoid criticism and harsh resolutions against Israel by some of the Assembly members. He will also discuss detente and the need to combat terrorism and is expected to touch on the Austrian decision to close the transit facility.

Eban, Kissinger To Meet Thursday

In his hectic round of meetings, the Israeli diplomat conferred yesterday with the foreign ministers of Gabon, Mexico, the Ivory Coast and met today with the foreign ministers of Senegal, the Bahamas and Sierra Leone. On Thursday he is scheduled to meet with Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger for lunch. That evening, Eban and his wife are scheduled to have dinner with Dr. Kissinger.

According to the Mission spokesman, Eban accepted an invitation by Gabon's foreign minister to visit his country and plans to go there early next year. The spokesman also reported that Mexico's foreign minister accepted Eban's invitation to visit Israel and plans to go there in early 1974.

In his meetings with several of the foreign ministers Eban discussed international and bilateral relations, and in his meeting with the Belgian foreign minister he discussed Israel's relation with the Common Market. According to the Mission spokesman Eban is spending most of his limited time here explaining Israel's position to African states which are under strong Libyan pressure to weaken their ties with Israel.

The first Arab university on the West Bank opened this week in the Anglican Monastery in Bethlehem. Brother Joseph Marry said it would include faculties in the humanities, science, economy and public administration. The university is seeking recognition by universities in Arab countries.

STATE DEPT. WELCOMES EGYPT'S AWARD TO U.S. FIRM FOR SUEZ OIL PIPELINE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2 (JTA)--The State Department today warmly welcomed Egypt's award of a \$345.4 million contract for construction of the proposed Suez-Mediterranean oil pipeline to an American construction and financial consortium. The Bechtel Corp., a California-based construction company, will build the twin 42-inch pipelines paralleling the Suez Canal for 210 miles. Kidder Peabody and Co., Inc., a New York investment bank, and the First National City Bank of New York will finance the venture.

"We are pleased Bechtel has been awarded the contract," a State Department official told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. "We regard this development as a positive one." Whether the U.S. Export-Import Bank, which frequently funds projects abroad, will be involved in the financing and whether the U.S. government will insure the consortium's outlay under its investment guarantee program remained unclear.

The Department official said the matter of financing has been raised with the Ex-Im Bank, but inasmuch as financial arrangements are still being worked out by the consortium, specifically Kidder Peabody, "we are not in a position to comment or predict what the final financing package will be."

Major Significance For Mideast

In giving the contract to the American group, the Egyptian government turned aside a French-led European consortium of 16 companies that signed a contract in 1971 to build and finance the project which would help overcome oil movement problems created by the continued shutdown of the Suez Canal.

The American offer was \$15.5 million lower than the final European bid, Egyptian officials were reported to have said in emphasizing that the Cairo government had made a pragmatic business decision devoid of political considerations. But other Cairo sources indicated that the move has major political and economic significance for both the United States and Egypt and the Middle East as a whole.

This is the first major American economic involvement in Egypt in 17 years or since financial aid for the Aswan Dam construction was withdrawn by the U.S. government in 1956 when John Foster Dulles was Secretary of State. Construction of the pipeline's first stage is expected to begin in Jan. 1974 and finished in two years. Six months afterwards the second stage is scheduled to be finished.

JEWISH CENTERS FOR ELDERLY GET ADDITIONAL GRANTS FROM CITY

NEW YORK, Oct. 2 (JTA)--Five Jewish community agencies are among eight in New York City which have received city grants to establish and operate additional senior citizens centers as part of a new program of neighborhood-based facilities initially announced last April. Mayor John V. Lindsay announced the additional grants yesterday.

The centers in the new program augment the services of existing senior citizen centers operated by the city's Human Resources Administration, the super-agency for welfare and poverty programs. Since April, 53 senior citizens centers have been opened in the new program, with more than 20 under direct Jewish sponsorship, according to Dr. Marvin Schick, consultant to the Mayor.

Each center receives a maximum of \$100,000 for operating expenses, plus the cost of renting the facility. The sponsoring organizations receive the funds from city tax revenues. The centers for elderly Jews, like all of the centers planned in the new program, are in communities where census figures identify large numbers of elderly residents needing services. The grants are for one year, but it was indicated they would be renewed on an annual basis. The city grants for the additional centers total nearly \$700,000.

The five groups and the areas are: the National Council of Jewish Women, in the Flatbush section of Brooklyn; the Satmar community in Williamsburg, Brooklyn; the YM-YWHA of Williamsburg; the Agudath Israel of America, which will sponsor two centers in the Boro Park section of Brooklyn; and the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, which will sponsor a center in the Grand Concourse section of the Bronx, and a southeast Queens multi-service center in Howard Beach.

ZIPORA SHARETT DEAD AT 76

TEL AVIV, Oct. 2 (JTA)--Funeral services were held today for Zipora Sharett, the wife of the late Prime Minister Moshe Sharett, who died Sunday night at the Tel Aviv Ichilov Hospital at the age of 76. Though she was ill recently, she recovered and decided to visit an exhibition here depicting the history of Jewish settlements in Israel. On the way to the exhibition she felt ill and was taken to the hospital. Mrs. Sharett was born in the Ukraine and came to Palestine in 1910. She married Moshe Shertok, later Sharett, in 1922.

BOOK BY JTA CARTOONIST PUBLISHED

NEW YORK, Oct. 2 (JTA)--The Bloch Publishing Co. has announced publication of a book of political cartoons by Noah Bee whose weekly cartoons are syndicated world-wide by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. The book, "In Spite of Everything: History of the State of Israel in Political Cartoons," commemorates the 25th anniversary of the Jewish State.

The essence of significant historical moments, economic and social upheaval, political maneuvers, Israel's awesome struggle for survival and growth, and the personalities behind these events are all captured with unmatched precision by Bee in this 184-page book. The cartoons have appeared over the decades in numerous publications here and abroad. A running commentary edited by Ernest E. Barbarash succinctly describes each cartoon and its place in history.

Bee was born in Warsaw and emigrated to Palestine as a teenager in the 1930s where he served in the Hagana, Special Police Force and the British 9th Army. He held the first cartoon exhibit in Palestine in 1938 and his book of caricatures, "Faces of Israel," was published in 1939. In 1943 he came to the United States where he continued in the field of commercial art and is currently an art director for a leading U.S. publishing company.

More than 400 people representing Jewish organizations throughout the New York metropolitan area demonstrated today outside the Austrian National Tourist Office to protest the shutdown of the transit center for Soviet Jewish immigrants in Vienna. The rally was coordinated by the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry. In Washington, five Jewish Defense League members entered the Austrian Embassy and fastened a Nazi banner and placard on the wall before they were evicted. The placard read: "Don't visit Nazi Austria. No one will come unless all are welcome."

SENATE APPROVES RESOLUTION URGING AUSTRIA TO REVERSE ITS DECISION

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2 (JTA)--The Senate, in a resolution approved by voice vote yesterday, urged the Austrian government to reverse its decision to close its processing center for Jewish emigrants to Israel, warning that "capitulation to terrorists encourages their attempts at blackmail." The "sense of the Senate" resolution, sponsored by Sen. Walter F. Mondale (D.Minn.) was approved as an indication to show how strongly American feeling is running on the issue of terrorism and was attached to an amendment to a \$1.2 billion economic aid authorization bill.

Earlier, Mondale and three Congressmen charged that the Austrian government's promise to two Arab terrorists to close the transit center for Soviet Jewish refugees was a capitulation to terrorist blackmail. Senators Henry M. Jackson (D.Wash.), Abraham Ribicoff (D.Conn.), and Representative Bella Abzug (D.N.Y.) sent separate messages to Arno Halusa, Austria's Ambassador to the U.S., urging his government to reconsider its decision and warning that yielding to terrorist blackmail is a dangerous precedent that threatens all governments and peoples. The lawmakers also noted that promises made to terrorists under duress have no validity.

In another action here, an inter-religious delegation representing Catholic, Jewish and Protestant organizations received assurances yesterday from the Austrian Embassy that the closing of the Schoenau center did not mean that Austria had closed its doors to refugees. The Rev. John Steinbruck, of the Lutheran Place Lutheran Memorial Church here, reported that Dr. Hans Rudofsky, Minister Counsellor of the Embassy, told the delegation that the closing of the center was "an organizational problem" and that Austria continues to be an "open country."

The Rev. Steinbruck said he suggested during the discussion with Dr. Rudofsky that the closing of the transit center provided an opportunity for religious groups such as the Lutheran World Federation, the Church World Service and the Catholic Assistance Organization to form a coalition to assist Austria in processing Jewish migrants on their way from the Soviet Union to Israel.

The visit to the Embassy was initiated by Sister Ann Gillen of Chicago who is the executive director of the Inter-Religious Task Force for Soviet Jewry. She and Brant Coopersmith, Washington regional director of the American Jewish Committee, were the two other members of the delegation who spoke with Dr. Rudofsky.

Meanwhile, reactions of shock and dismay coupled with hopes that the Austrian government would reconsider its decision were expressed by Harry K. Gutman, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations; Rabbi Joseph B. Glaser, executive vice-president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis; and Rabbi William Berkowitz, president of the New York Board of Rabbis.

Eli Zborowski, president of the American Federation of Jewish Fighters, Camp Inmates and Nazi Victims, said in a letter of protest to Robert Marchik, Consul General of Austria in New York: "We who experienced the taste of terror, we who were once seeking freedom and were victims of tyranny and of the world's silence, will not let the world remain silent upon acts like your

government has taken under pressure of two terrorists, criminals and those elements that back them."

In Canada, similar statements of concern were issued and sent to Dr. Edward Schiller, Austria's Ambassador to Canada, by Max Shecter and Frank Dimant, president and executive director respectively of the Canadian Zionist Federation, Central Region; and by the Labor Zionist Alliance, Zionist Revisionist Organization of Ontario, Hadassah, Pioneer Women of Ontario, Mizrahi Movement of Ontario, Herut Women of Canada and Acdut Haavoda of Canada.

NEWS BRIEFS

Unconfirmed reports reached Tel Aviv today that members of various Arab terrorist organizations have been trained in Czechoslovakia by the Czech Army special field engineering branch. The training includes acts of sabotage, according to Yediot Achfonot. According to the report, the commander of the training detail is a former SS man named Roman Gomota. Gomota, 56, was a close friend of Ernest Kaltenbrunner, one of the leaders of the Nazi regime.

David Ben Gurion who was hospitalized for a week suffering from a cold and a temperature developed later was released this afternoon and returned to his home. Physicians said he was well again and recovered from his cold.

The National Conference on Soviet Jewry reported today that the four Jews detained by Soviet police this weekend at the Babi Yar memorial ceremony were: Ida Nudel of Moscow, Viktoria Poltinnikov of Novosibirsk, Igor Goldfarb of Kiev and Helen Sirtenko of Moscow. The NCSJ also reported that ten Jews were arrested today in Moscow while demonstrating in front of the Tass news agency building. It was also reported that Arkady Shpilberg and Yuli Tartakovsky were given permission by Soviet authorities to emigrate.

PEF Israel Endowment Funds, Inc., of New York, has purchased \$547,000 in State of Israel Bonds, it was announced today by Sidney Musher, president of the 50-year-old tax-exempt institution. PEF was founded by Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, Robert S. Zold and a group of other leading Americans.

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	
	9/24	10/1
Africa Israel	\$ 6.59	\$ 6.58
Alliance 'B'	12.20	12.24
ATA 'C'	.26	.27
Bank Leumi	.68	.69
Bank Leumi Investment	.461/2	.47
Delek	ex .36	.37
Discount Bank Investment	2.85	2.84
Electra	2.44	2.37
Electric Wire & Cable	1.18	1.18
General Mortgage Bank	2.66	2.67
Hassneh Insurance	5.00	4.99
Mehadrin Citrus	.44	.42
Shemen	1.38	1.38
Tanai Plywood	1.94	1.42