



## EBAN BELIEVES DISENGAGEMENT WITH SYRIA WILL BEGIN THIS MONTH; CONFIRMS HE WILL VISIT WASHINGTON IN MARCH

JERUSALEM, Feb. 3 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban believes that disengagement negotiations with Syria will begin some time this month. He said in an interview taped for West German television over the weekend that he based that prediction on the "assumption that Syria will not want to have a completely isolated position on this prisoner question," meaning that he thought Damascus would soon accede to Israel's condition that it produce a POW list before negotiations can begin.

Eban also confirmed reports that he planned to visit Washington in March "to discuss (with Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger) the next stage of the Geneva conference." He said his planned visit was based on the assumption that disengagement agreements with Syria as well as with Egypt would be in effect by then.

(Middle East developments gathered further momentum today as Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko was reported due in Washington from Havana to meet with President Nixon this week and discuss with Kissinger the reopening of the suspended Geneva peace parley. King Hussein of Jordan, in London today, reportedly will visit Washington next Friday to discuss Jordan-Israel disengagement talks.)

Eban said on his TV interview that while Egypt would prefer that Syria reached some kind of arrangement with Israel before Egypt proceeded to the next phase of peace negotiations at Geneva, he was "not certain that President (Anwar) Sadat will subordinate Egyptian interests to what could be the caprice of Syria.... If Egypt were to take that view, then Egyptian sovereignty would have moved from Cairo to Damascus," Eban said.

He said that both Egypt and Israel were carrying out their disengagement commitments properly, despite allegations in the Cairo press of Israeli violations. Eban said that Israel viewed the disengagement agreement with Egypt as a "test case concerning the thesis and doctrine of Egypt's intentions.... If the agreement works well this will have a profound psychological effect and therefore a profound political effect. It will create much greater credibility about the possibility and validity of signed agreements," Eban said.

He added, however, that "On the other hand, if the agreement does not work well the contrary will be the case." Eban said that Kissinger was "convinced that the Egyptian President is resolved to cooperate in breaking away from the cycle of tension and war."

## 5 CONVICTED IN BOUSHICKI TRIAL TO APPEAL TO NORWEGIAN SUPREME COURT

OSLO, Feb. 3 (JTA)--Five Jews, convicted of espionage or conspiring to commit murder on orders from the Israeli intelligence organization Mossad, are to appeal their sentences to the Norwegian Supreme Court, legal sources here said. A special jury handed out jail terms ranging from one-and-a-half to five years to five of the six defendants in the so-called Bou-

shicki murder trial here this weekend. Three of the defendants, Abraham Gehler, 36, former Israeli diplomat, South African-born Sylvia Rafael, 36, and Danish-born Dan Aerbel, 27, were all found guilty of conspiring to murder Moroccan waiter Ahmed Boushicki last summer in Lillehammer in eastern Norway.

Aerbel was sentenced to five years imprisonment, while Gehler and Rafael, who have admitted entering Norway on false passports, received five-and-a-half year terms. Swedish-born Marianne Gladnikoff, 27, was sentenced to two-and-a-half years imprisonment for being an accomplice to the crime and for carrying out espionage activities, while Zwi Steinberg, 30, was handed a one-year term for handling communications for the liquidation group. A sixth defendant in the case, Michael Dorf, 30, was acquitted.

In its judgement the special jury, consisting of three judges and four laymen, concluded that Mossad was behind the espionage operation and liquidation of Boushicki, believed by the defendants to have been associated with Black September. Attorneys for the five convicted Jews said they would appeal the sentences. They have two weeks in which to file their appeals, which will be considered by the Norwegian Supreme Court.

## HUNGARY'S JEWS HOPE FOR CONTINUED COMPENSATION FROM WEST GERMANY

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BUDAPEST, Feb. 3 (JTA)--Hungary's Jews hope that West Germany will continue to make compensation and reparation payments after the original time limit is reached this year. A local group, "The Organization of Nazi Victims in Hungary," and the local authorities intend to take the matter up with the German government. They discussed the issue with the West German Minister of Finance Helmuth Schiller during his recent visit here. Schiller is reported to have said at the time that "the psychological value of continued compensation is as important as the moneys actually paid."

West Germany has paid up till now 100 million DM into a special Hungarian bank which effects payment to individual claimants. Proven victims have received an average of 13,000 florins (about \$560) each. Official statistics here show that altogether 666,382 people were deported by Nazi Germany and only a handful are known to have survived.

Of Hungary's current Jewish population of 100,000, some 60,000 have lodged compensation claims and many feel that these have not been fully paid. Local recipients also complain about the "red tape" involved. People complain that they have to bear the brunt of supplying proof that their persecution had a religious reason. East Germany has adamantly refused up till now to make any payment whatsoever for the victims, disclaiming any responsibility for the actions of the Third Reich.

## JEWS AGENCY'S URGENT NEED FOR CASH

JERUSALEM, Feb. 3 (JTA)--Diaspora Jewish leaders left Israel Friday after the Jewish Agency Board of Governors meeting which closed with an urgent appeal to the world Jewish community for \$350 million in cash by the June 16 Agency assem-

bly meeting. Moshe Rivlin, the Agency's director general, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency the need for cash was "urgent." He said the needs were principally for immigrant absorption and for welfare aid to Israeli citizens. He recalled that 15,000 olim had arrived since the Yom Kippur War. Many of them were still in absorption centers since apartment building construction had slowed. This meant extra expense in keeping them in the centers, along with an urgent need to find them work, apart from the need to build apartments as fast as possible with building costs rising all the time.

The Agency's welfare and health services to needy Israelis have been affected by the soaring cost of living in Israel. Many new families, their breadwinners in the army for long months have joined the Agency's list of recipients of various aid. The call for \$350 million in cash within four months was an urgent appeal to concretize pledges to meet pressing immediate needs. The sum is outside the \$1.25 billion target set by the Board of Governors to be raised within 18 months following April, 1974. A separate \$1.4 billion commitment was pledged during the Yom Kippur War.

The United Jewish Appeal and Keren Hayesod fundraisers will be approaching contributors in the coming weeks with two messages--Israel's needs demand that you repeat your wartime pledge--the Jewish Agency's present situation demands cash now--so please come up with at least some of your pledges in cash as soon as possible.

The UJA and KH reported to the Agency Board of Governors on their efforts to bring as many and as big missions to Israel as possible. UJA executive vice-chairman Irving Bernstein said the first four "jumbo missions" of some 400 people each are to come shortly. This is part of a "jumbo-mission" program intended to bring 5000 Jews to Israel in the coming three months. Keren Hayesod's Ezra Shapiro said his organization was ferrying over 4-5 smaller missions each week. Both UJA and KH stressed the participation of younger Jewish leaders in their missions.

#### **KOLLEK MAYOR FOR THIRD TERM**

JERUSALEM, Feb. 3 (JTA)--Teddy Kollek was elected tonight for a third term as Mayor of Jerusalem at the first session of the City Council, with 29 voting in his favor and two abstaining. Unlike the outgoing Council, this Council is not based on a wall-to-wall coalition, but has two opposition members, one of the Merchants List and the other of the Independent Liberals.

However, the new Council, just like the previous one, enables Kollek to govern the capital with relative ease. In his first speech to the new Council, Kollek said that within the framework of "a unified Jerusalem, the capital of Israel," one had to allow the Arabs a considerable degree of political and social responsibility. "The tolerant policy toward the Arabs," he said, "proved to be the only correct policy."

#### **RABBI DANIEL L. DAVIS, DEAD AT 70; FUNERAL SERVICE HELD TODAY**

NEW YORK, Feb. 3 (JTA)--A funeral service was held today at Central Synagogue for Rabbi Daniel L. Davis, former director of the New York Federation of Reform Synagogues, who died Thursday in his home in Ghent, NY, at the age of 70. Born in Baltimore, he graduated from the Johns Hopkins University and Hebrew

Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, where he was ordained a rabbi in 1926. In 1958 the college conferred on him an honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

Rabbi Davis became director of the 115-member Reform synagogues federation in 1947 and retired from the Union of American Hebrew Congregations affiliate in 1972. He was the founding father of at least 90 of the federation's synagogues and many others throughout the country. Before coming to the federation, Rabbi Davis was rabbi of Temple Beth El in Hammond, Ind. Later he was rabbi of Congregation Shaarai-Shomayim in Lancaster, Pa. He was author of many pamphlets on Reform-Liberal-Progressive Judaism including the widely circulated "Understanding Judaism." The latter text was used by Jews and non-Jews, particularly those attending conversion courses.

#### **MRS. MEIR SAYS DISENGAGEMENT WITH EGYPT 'MAY BE FIRST CAUTIOUS STEP TOWARD A POSSIBILITY OF PEACE'**

TEL AVIV, Feb. 3 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir said last night that Israel had "dared" to assume a certain amount of risk in entering into its disengagement agreement with Egypt "because we believe that this may be, and I repeat, may be, the first cautious step toward a possibility of peace."

Addressing 500 U.S. and Canadian Israel Bond campaign leaders at the closing session of the Prime Ministers Bonds Conference, Mrs. Meir stressed, "We must not for a moment lull ourselves to believe that our wish for peace means that we have peace already. It would be very sad indeed if we let our armed strength and our spirits weaken because we mistake our genuine hope for peace as being reality. No one can assure that there will be no more wars."

Sam Rothberg, general chairman of the Israel Bond Organization who presided at the closing dinner, announced that over \$102.6 million worth of bonds, "a precedent-shattering beginning" was sold during Jan. in preparation for the official launching of this year's campaign to raise \$1 billion in Israel Bond sales. He said the \$1 billion goal, "representing the biggest loan in the history of the Jewish nation" was intended to lay the economic foundations for an Israel at peace.

Rothberg announced the formation of a "Prime Ministers Club" to which persons buying a minimum of \$25,000 in Israel Bonds would be admitted. Before the dinner ended, the "Club" had its first subscriber--James Ross of Youngstown, Ohio--who said that he and his wife were buying bonds in the amount of \$2.5 million. Jack D. Weiler, New York realtor and philanthropist, was named president of the club for the United States, and George Cohen of Toronto was named club president for Canada.

#### **WESTERN EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT MEMBERS EXPRESS SOLIDARITY WITH ISRAEL**

BONN, Feb. 3 (JTA)--More than 100 members of Western European parliaments met in West Berlin yesterday and Friday to discuss lines of joint action in support of Israel. They came from all parliamentary parties except the Communist and Fascist parties. The countries represented were: Belgium, Denmark, France, Britain, Italy, Luxembourg, Holland, Norway, Austria, Sweden, Switzerland, West Germany and Ireland. The delegates were all members of the European-Israeli Parliamentary Friendship group founded in Paris last Nov. as a direct result of the Yom Kippur War which posed a blunt threat to Israel's existence.

The meeting took place at the Berlin Rathaus,

and the participants were warmly greeted by Klaus Schuetz, the Lord Mayor of West Berlin and head of the West Berlin administration. The meeting was treated as a major political event in the press of West Berlin and West Germany as a whole. Among the participants were Annamaria Ringer, Speaker of the Bundestag; Otto Probst, Deputy Speaker of the Austrian Parliament; Jacques Servan-Schreiber, editor and member of the French Assembly; Lord Janner of Leicestershire; and Manlio Brosio, former Secretary-General of NATO and member of the Italian Parliament. Israel was represented by Elimelech Rimalt (Likud) and Aviad Yafeh (Labor Alignment), with Dr. George Flesch, external relations director at the European Office of the Jewish Agency in Geneva, as observer.

In a forceful keynote speech, Servan-Schreiber called for a united stand in defense of Israel against Arab blackmail. He declared: "We are here to assert our solidarity with the people of Israel at a time of grave danger.... This demonstration in Berlin takes place at a permanently threatened outpost of Western civilization. It addresses itself to a crisis faced by another permanently threatened outpost of Western civilization. Both Berlin and Jerusalem are engulfed by a sea of seemingly relentless hostility and both are equally vulnerable.... From the modern Wailing Wall of Berlin to the ancient Wailing Wall of Jerusalem must go forth a call for vigilance, a call which draws its inspiration from a shameful past, a vacillating present, a hopeful future."

Servan-Schreiber declared that Premier Golda Meir and President Anwar Sadat had shown the way toward peace. He expressed hope that Syria would soon move in the same direction, beginning with the application of the Geneva Convention on prisoners of war. But for humanity, more was at stake, Servan-Schreiber said: ".... The question is whether a handful of Arab leaders, spurred on by fanatics from the inside and by Russia's military hawks from the outside, will be allowed to abuse their dominant oil position so as to destroy the economies of the industrialized world and plunge into even deeper misery the impoverished areas of the Third World." Continuing, Servan-Schreiber declared: "If Israel is forced by pressure from friend and foe to accept the straightjacket that its adversaries would place upon it, then proof will have been shown that aggression and blackmail pay, and that they can constantly be used with impunity as tools of international policy."

At lunch Friday, Mayor Schuetz, an outspoken friend of Israel, said it gave him extraordinary pleasure to welcome the conference delegates, especially those from Israel. He said Berlin and Israel had many things in common: love of freedom, democracy, security, peace. Schuetz, who will be visiting Israel, said these were the reasons why Berlin had been chosen for the conference of European parliamentarians. Yafeh, declared that while it was difficult to assess the direct political influence of the conference, "What is important is the fact that the conference is taking place, that Europeans are standing up together in this impressive manner in support of Israel. The conference will strengthen each delegation in putting pressure on its own government. There has been no dispute over attitudes towards Israel."

Yafeh said he had been overwhelmed by the reception. He recalled that in 1967 people thought Israel was on the verge of elimination, but no one had lifted a finger to help. He praised the European-Israeli friendship group for its work, adding that he hoped now that Israel was perhaps on the way toward peace. It was ready to withdraw its troops and live peacefully with its neighbors. He expressed great concern at the fate of Israeli POWs in Syrian hands. As far as the conference was concerned, Yafeh said it was important for Israel to know that it was not being left alone because of blackmail. The parliamentarians unanimously adopted a resolution expressing "support and encouragement" to Israel. (Full text will be given in Tuesday's Bulletin.)

#### DISENGAGEMENT PROCEEDS SMOOTHLY

TEL AVIV, Feb. 3 (JTA)--Disengagement proceeded smoothly on the Egyptian front today but shooting continued on the Syrian front where an Israeli soldier was killed yesterday morning when his vehicle hit a mine on a road in the Tel Antar region. Israeli forces were making preparations today for the next stage in their withdrawal from the west bank of the Suez Canal which is supposed to start tomorrow according to the disengagement time-table.

Egyptian forces should have completed by today a certain amount of demilitarization of their forces on the east side of the canal. United Nations teams will inspect the area tomorrow to determine the extent of the Egyptian "thinning out" operation which must accompany each phase of the Israeli withdrawal under terms of the disengagement accord.

Israelis are taking every moveable item with them as they retire from their "African enclave." Military installations that cannot be moved are being demolished but no damage is being done to civilian installations such as roads. The Israeli Chief of Staff, Gen. David Elazar, had promised that Israel would not engage in a scorched earth policy but made it clear that this applied only to civilian installations. (Due to an error in transmission, the Jewish Telegraphic

Agency's Daily News Bulletin of Jan. 30 had implied erroneously that Elazar's promise had included military installations.)

No direct reports were available to date as to whether the Egyptians were complying with the disengagement accord but there were some visible signs of preparations to move part of their forces westward. Large convoys of fuel were seen moving in the direction of the Third Army Corps, apparently to refuel the vehicles of the previously encircled army so that they can move out men and equipment. There were also signs that the Egyptians were building a bridge across the waterway for the vehicles to cross.

Meanwhile, Syrian and Israeli forces exchanged gun-fire today and yesterday. The Syrians fired a number of recoilless guns at Israeli positions in the Mazraat Bet Jan region this morning. The fire was returned. Yesterday the Syrians kept up intermittent artillery fire against Israeli positions at Tel Shams, Tel Antar, Tel Marli and Nassaj village. Israeli artillery and mortars returned the fire. There were no casualties.

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NEW YORK (JTA)--The Central Conference of American Rabbis has called upon its members to assist in promoting aliyah month in March through educational programs, seminars and a special religious service for the members of the movement's synagogues.

**SENATE WILL EITHER FILIBUSTER TO DEATH OR VOTE DOWN GENOCIDE CONVENTION**

By Joseph Polakoff, JTA Washington Bureau Chief

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3 (JTA)--The Senate, engaged for the first time ever in debate on the international treaty against genocide, is more than likely to either filibuster it to death or vote it down. Mail against the treaty is running about 200-1. Although literally hundreds of American organizations have endorsed it during the 25 years since the General Assembly of the United Nations unanimously adopted it in Paris in Dec. 1948, hardly any organization is now encouraging those Senators now backing it. The opposition, however, has not been lackadaisical. The ultra right-wing Liberty Lobby is campaigning hard for its defeat, urging letters to editors, calls to radio talk shows and contacts with Senators to vote against the "convention on the prevention and punishment of the crime of genocide."

Opening the debate for the treaty's proponents, Sen. William Proxmire (D. Wis.) told of letters "from my constituents and other people from all over the country vehemently protesting this treaty." While "many Senators" have been "swamped in the past few days" from opponents "very few letters have come in on the other side," he said. Proxmire, who has not failed on any Senate business day in seven years to register his approval of the treaty by word or letter, said he was impressed on how far the opposition mail had departed from the treaty's real meaning.

"The real argument for the genocide treaty" Proxmire declared, "was put by a little teenage Jewish girl. She was a victim of Hitler's genocide. She was one of six million Jews deliberately destroyed in the Nazis' planned extermination of European Jews during World War II. Genocide is the planned, premeditated extermination of an entire people or race. The treaty we debate today would make such an action an international crime. Anyone who has any real doubt whether he should vote yea or nay should listen not only to the voices of Senators and constitutional authorities but also to the voice of murdered Anne Frank, that child of joy amid the terror, the hatred and death from Nazi persecution. Across the 29 years since Anne Frank died in the Nazi concentration camp at Belsen, that voice rings out--calling on us to dedicate this country to the end of the terrible crime of genocide."

Paradoxically, the opposition's chief spokesman is Sen. Sam J. Ervin (D.N.C.), who has been hailed by liberals as "uncle Sam" for his steadfastness to constitutionalism in his chairmanship of the Senate Select Committee examining the Watergate affair. The Liberty Lobby's chairman is Curtis B. Dall, once the son-in-law of the great liberal President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Paradoxically, too, the U.S. government itself proposed, fought for and succeeded in winning the treaty's adoption by the UN. Every President from Truman to Nixon has supported it. Yet it was a quarter of a century before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee finally approved it last March 10 for the first time. Now the debate has begun and promises to be long drawn out. "My guess is that there will be lengthy speeches," a spokesman for an opposing Senator told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. He was certain that if the filibuster did not work there would be more than enough Senators on hand to block the 2/3 vote required from among the Senators present and voting to enact the treaty.

**FIRED FOR ANTI-ISRAEL STATEMENT**

TORONTO, Feb. 3 (JTA)--Pierre Brisson, a Canadian government official stationed in Cairo who wrote an anti-Israel and anti-Jewish letter to the Montreal daily Le Devoir last November, has been dismissed from the Canadian Civil Service. According to an official in the office of the Deputy Minister of Immigration and Manpower, Brisson was dismissed from his post recently because of his "unauthorized comment." His comment, said the official, "contravenes public service regulations concerning the release of information by the public service as regards government communications."

Questioned on Brisson's dismissal, Canadian Jewish Congress executive vice-president Saul Hayes, said he had not asked for more than an apology. Now that Brisson is dismissed, commented Hayes, "he certainly cannot make an apology." Shortly after the Yom Kippur War, Brisson wrote a letter to Le Devoir from his post in Cairo in which he attacked Canadian foreign policy in the Middle East saying: "It is biased in favor of the Israeli cause" and "that Jewish capital controls the foreign policy of Canada."

A press report followed shortly after to the effect that Brisson was being recalled for "further training." Hayes then wrote to Robert Andras, Minister of Manpower and Immigration complaining about Brisson's letter and asking for the meaning of the report about "further training," suggesting it was "so mild a reproof as itself to add injury to a formidable insult." Andras replied, expressing his profound regret

at the reflection on the Jewish community and disavowing any identification with Brisson's views.

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TEL AVIV (JTA)--Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir presented U.S. Ambassador Kenneth Keating with a detailed memorandum of Israel's present economic position and the costs it had to bear for the Yom Kippur War. The memo is intended as background material against which Israel would like the U.S. Administration to consider its applications for economic aid for the 1975 financial year beginning this July. A copy of the memo will be presented by Israeli Ambassador Simcha Diniz to Undersecretary of State-designate Joseph J. Sisco in Washington, and Israel's economic attache there Zeev Sher will circulate it among senior economic officials in the Administration.

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WASHINGTON (JTA)--Milton Friedman, for 25 years the chief of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency's Washington Bureau, has been hired by Vice-President Gerald Ford as a speech writer, it was learned here. Friedman retired from the JTA several years ago. He served as press secretary to Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R. NY) in 1972.

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NEW YORK (JTA)--About 325 students attended an outdoor rally on the Columbia University campus to protest the Syrian government's continued refusal to comply with the Geneva Convention and international law in its treatment of Israeli prisoners of war. The rally was organized by 10 campus organizations representing the 4000 Jewish students attending Columbia.

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