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PREPARATIONS BEING MADE TO GET DISENGAGEMENT TALKS UNDER WAY Eban To Meet With Kissinger In Washington For 'Preliminary Talks'

JERUSALEM, March 11 (JTA)--With Israel's new government sworn into office last night, preparations were being made today here for disengagement talks with Syria that are due to take place in Washington later this month. Foreign Minister Abba Eban left for Washington this morning only hours after he was sworn into the new Cabinet. He is to meet with Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger Thursday for "preliminary" talks.

Officials here said the talks would not cover details of a disengagement plan which Premier Golda Meir promised to present to Kissinger within two weeks after her new government was established. They would be a general survey of developments between Israel and Syria, the Geneva conference and the U.S. and European measures to ease the energy crisis, the officials said.

Eban told reporters before he left that Israel has not yet decided who would represent it in what he described as "disengagement proximity talks" with Syria. He said it was not clear yet at what level Syria wanted to hold the talks but the two sides would have to agree on either ministerial level or lower level talks involving senior military officers, probably chiefs of staff. Several newspapers reported today that Defense Minister Moshe Dayan would represent Israel at the talks. But that would be the case only if ministerial level talks were agreed to.

FAMILIES RECEIVE BOOK OF THE DEAD

TEL AVIV, March 11 (JTA)--Six hundred youngsters from the Youth Battalions began this morning the sorrowful task of delivering to families of the soldiers who fell in the Yom Kippur War the Sefer Hakedoshim--Book of the Dead. In the 144 pages are the names of 2522 soldiers who died and were reported missing between Oct. 6, 1973 and Feb. 12, 1974.

Listed are names of eight pairs of brothers: two from Tel Aviv, two from Kibbutz Gat, two from Kibbutz Givat Chaim, two from Ramat Gan, two from Kibbutz Dovrat, two from Yad Mordechai, two from Givatayim, and two from Kiryat Tivon. Of the dead and missing, 236 are from Tel Aviv, 212 from Jerusalem, 153 from Haifa, 107 from Ramat Gan, 85 from Holon, and 83 from Petach Tikvah. Of the casualties, 320 were from kibbutzim and 229 from moshavim (collective settlements). The book will be distributed to the public beginning tomorrow.

JEWS SUSPECTED OF LEAKING TECHNICAL INFORMATION TO ISRAEL

PARIS, March 11 (JTA)--The French weekly, "Le Point," reports that French military security officials suspect Jewish engineers working in the aeronautic and armament industry of leaking technical information to Israel. The security services are currently investigating the matter, according to the weekly.

In this week's issue, "Le Point" reveals military security suspicion was aroused when officials noticed that the Israeli military industry was currently using methods and techniques

similar to those classified as secret in France. The "Le Point" article confirms a recent report here implying that Prime Minister Pierre Messmer examined in secret Feb. 25, with officials from the military security, secret service, DST (counter-espionage), and several ministries, files on suspected espionage activities by Jewish engineers in the electronics and armaments industries.

The report appeared in the "Letter from Expansion" and said the Interior, Justice and Foreign Affairs Ministers were present. There has been no official government confirmation of the report. The "letter" is a supplementary confidential newsletter published by the economic weekly, "Expansion."

ISRAEL ACCUSES SYRIA OF CEASE-FIRE VIOLATIONS, AGGRESSIVE ATTACKS

UNITED NATIONS, March 11 (JTA)--Israel accused Syria today of cease-fire violations and "aggressive attacks" against the Israel Defense Forces in recent days. In a letter addressed to Secretary General Kurt Waldheim, Israeli Ambassador Yosef Tekoah cited four cases of Syrian violations of the cease-fire and warned that these attacks "indicate that Syria pursues a policy aimed at creating conditions of military confrontation along the cease-fire line."

Tekoah, who requested that his letter be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly and the Security Council, claimed that the Syrian leadership openly proclaims its intention to "persist in a state of war against Israel." Tekoah drew Waldheim's attention to a statement by President Hafez Assad on March 8 in which the Syrian President declared: "Palestine is not only a part of the Arab world but it is the principal part of southern Syria. It is our inescapable duty and our right to insist that Palestine should be a liberated part of our Arab land and Syria."

POPE PAUL VI DEFENDS POPE PIUS XII

ROME, March 11 (JTA)--Pope Paul VI yesterday defended Pope Pius XII, recently accused of failing to intervene and prevent Nazi reprisals in Rome 30 years ago. Pope Paul VI told a crowd of 8000 gathered for the regular Sunday benediction at St. Peter's that Pope Pius XII had always done his utmost to prevent inhuman acts. Pope Pius XII never refrained from intervening "within the framework of his rights, when human life and liberty were in danger....He always tried courageously to prevent all injustice," said the Pope.

In his book, "Massacre in Rome," Robert Katz asserts that Pope Pius XII had foreknowledge of Nazi reprisal projects which ultimately cost 335 lives, but did not intervene. Katz's lawyers last week asked the Pope to furnish material proving the contrary. Katz and film producer Carlo Ponti are accused of having dishonored the memory of Pope Pius XII, who was a close friend of the present Pope.

SISCO: TASK IN MIDEAST IS TO ACHIEVE ISRAELI-SYRIAN DISENGAGEMENT

WASHINGTON, March 11 (JTA)--Undersecretary of State Joseph J. Sisco told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee today that the task in the Middle East now is "to achieve something similar" on the Syrian-Israeli front to what was achieved on the Egyptian-Israeli front earlier this

year. He said Israel would send a high level representative to Washington within two weeks and that Syria has agreed to do the same in the near future.

Referring to the same developments, State Department spokesman George Vest could not say when disengagement talks between Israel and Syria would get started here. Asked why the time was estimated at two weeks a week ago and is still estimated at two weeks, Vest said the opening of the talks was "naturally tied" to the formation of a new Israeli government.

Not Yet Disengagement Discussions

He said that Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban who is due here today and is scheduled to meet with Kissinger Thursday would review "the whole range of events of mutual interest" to Israel and the U.S. But this will not be a start of disengagement discussions, Vest said. He noted that the person who will represent Israel at the talks has not been designated so far. He said there was "no specific information when the Israeli group or individual or the Syrians will be coming as yet." Vest added that the realities of local politics in those countries could not be ignored.

Asked if the disengagement process was delayed by recent political events in Israel, Vest replied that "No one is going to say if somebody didn't come in two weeks that an extraordinary critical political event has occurred." He would not comment on the cancelled meeting of Arab oil ministers in Cairo yesterday. He said the oil embargo picture remained exactly the same as it was and observed that the problem "was among themselves," meaning the Arabs. Asked why Kissinger had intimated last Jan. that the oil embargo would be lifted in less than 40 days, Vest replied, "We have to have a Biblical view of 40 days and 40 nights." He added that there was no point in trying to establish a hypothetical quid pro quo between the embargo and U.S. peace efforts.

Meanwhile it was learned that leaders of major national Jewish organizations are scheduled to meet with Kissinger late this afternoon. It was assumed that the meeting is to discuss Kissinger's statement last Thursday before the Senate Finance Committee that he has been meeting regularly with Jewish leaders to "explain the U.S. policy in the Middle East and the degree of cooperation between the U.S. and the Soviet Union to bring about a moderate evolution."

BURG PRAISES NEW COALITION

JERUSALEM, March 11 (JTA)--The National Religious Party's leading minister, Interior Minister Yosef Burg, told newsmen here today that the new coalition agreement was better than any of its predecessors and included religious and moral achievements. Burg, who held a news conference to explain why the NRP had joined the government after its previous refusal, maintained that neither Chief Rabbi had actually forbidden the NRP from joining the government.

The Sephardic Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef had refused to involve himself in this political question, saying he left it to the politicians. The Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren ruled in the Chief Rabbinate Council that "there were no grounds to permit" NRP's joining, but he had in private conversation with Burg not expressly forbidden the party to join, Burg claimed.

He pointed out that the coalition negotiations had resulted in the NRP achievement whereby the other parties recognized that conversion was

a halachic concept. NRP's joining the government had saved the Labor Alignment from falling to the mercies of the left-wingers such as Shulamit Aloni's party which was anti-religious, Burg contended.

In addition to Burg, the NRP's Knesset faction selected Michael Hazani and Yitzhak Rafael to fill the posts of Minister of Social Welfare and Minister of Religious Affairs, respectively, in the new Cabinet. Rafael, who was not in the old Cabinet, replaces Dr. Zerach Warhaftig. The party is trying to persuade Warhaftig to accept a ministry without portfolio offered the NRP by Premier Golda Meir.

The way was cleared for the NRP to enter the government when the party's court acted last Friday to rescind an injunction that barred it from joining the coalition pending a final decision by the central committee. The central committee has not met as yet but that meeting is now regarded as a formality and it is fully expected to approve the decision of the NRP executive to participate in the government.

MAPAM DEMAND THIRD MINISTER IN GOV'T.

JERUSALEM, March 11 (JTA)--Mapam's Knesseters decided today that they would not take part in the Labor Alignment factions meetings unless and until Mapam's demand for a third minister is met. Mapam complained that while the National Religious Party and the Independent Liberal Party increased their Cabinet representation, Mapam remained static with two ministers--and was therefore prejudiced. The NRP has 10 Knesset seats and four ministries, the ILP has four Knesset seats and two ministries, and Mapam has seven Knesset seats.

Mapam's Secretary General Meir Talmi stressed that the party would do nothing to endanger the government, but on the other hand would refuse to cooperate with Labor in the alignment on normal Knesset business. Thus Mapam did not take part in an Alignment faction meeting today which recommended Yitzhak Navon (ex-Rafi) as chairman of the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee instead of Haim Zadok, the new Justice Minister.

FATHER HERMAN-LEO VAN BRED, 63

BRUSSELS, March 11 (JTA)--Franciscan Father Herman-Leo van Breda, a long-time friend of Israel and the Jewish people is dead at 63. Father van Breda, who was awarded the Yad Vashem Medal for his support of Jews during the Nazi occupation, was a professor at the Catholic University at Louvain. He was a member of the administrative councils of the "Belgian Friends of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem" committee and the "Belgian-Israeli Friendship" committee.

UNITED NATIONS (JTA)--The murder of four Jewish women in Damascus was brought to the attention of UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim by Israel's UN Ambassador Yosef Tekoah in the course of a meeting they had Friday, informed UN sources disclosed to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today. Tekoah emphasized the horrible nature of the crime and asked the Secretary General to intervene immediately to prevent a recurrence; the sources said, Waldheim promised to act.

LONDON (JTA)--Samuel Silkin, the new Attorney-General, who is Jewish, has declined the knighthood which goes automatically with the job. He thus becomes the first Attorney-General in Britain's parliamentary history to decline.

HIAS CELEBRATES 90TH ANNIVERSARY

Resettled 3788 Persons in 1973,
Provided Assistance To 48,000 Others

NEW YORK, March 11 (JTA)--United Hias Service celebrated its 90th anniversary yesterday, marking a period in which it rescued and resettled some four million Jews, and pledged to continue its work of helping people immigrate and resettle. "The history of the Jewish people is the history of migration," Carl Glick, the organization's president, told the anniversary celebration at the Hotel Roosevelt. "We know the future will bring thousands of refugees from countries known and yet unknown. As long as Jews have the need to move, Hias will be there to help them migrate to freedom."

Among those attending were some 100 Soviet Jews who emigrated to the United States in 1973. They watched as Mayor Abraham Beame received the agency's 1974 Liberty Award because his "vision of New York City offers hope to the weary and freedom to the persecuted. Generations of refugees and migrants, inspired by his example, will seek self-fulfillment...proud of their heritage and unafraid for their future." Beame, the son of Polish Jewish immigrants, was himself brought to the United States as a child in 1906. The Mayor noted that New York "is still open to each successive generation... which seeks a full and active participation in American life."

In 1973, Hias resettled 3788 people including 1768 Soviet Jews and gave related migration assistance to 48,000 others. This year Hias anticipates resettling 5000 Jewish refugees, the largest number since 1970, and aiding a total of some 50,000 people. This program requires a budget of \$3,368,000, an increase of \$260,000 over 1973.

Largest Number Came From Eastern Europe

Gaynor I. Jacobson, executive vice-president of Hias, noted, "Ironically, as in our beginning, the largest number of assisted migrants this year (1973) came from Eastern Europe." The Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society was founded to help Jews fleeing from Czarist Russia. In 1954, Hias merged with the United Service for New Americans and the migration department of the Joint Distribution Committee to form United Hias Service, Inc.

Jacobson said that "because of the determination of the Soviet Jews, protests from the outside world, and diplomatic pressures, the USSR has allowed more Jews to leave." He added that 90 percent of the Soviet Jews have gone to Israel. He said that in addition to "continued large-scale movements from the Soviet Union" Hias also expects Jews in Arab lands to leave when they are allowed and the agency is also "prepared for the possibility of an upsurge of activity in Latin America."

The organization adopted a resolution urging the Soviet Union as a signer of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights to allow Jews to freely emigrate. In another resolution it voiced concern for the 4000 Jews in Syria and 500 in Iraq and urged "all possible diplomatic, political and human resources must be mobilized in the coming months by voluntary and intergovernmental organizations to secure for this group, the right to emigrate."

In other resolutions, Hias reaffirmed its solidarity with Israel "and pledged to share the vast responsibilities of helping to redeem broken lives"; commended the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Prince Sadruddin

aga Khan, and the Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration; and urged the U.S. Senate to ratify the treaty outlawing genocide. Hias gave its Zvi Hirsch Masliansky Award to U.S. District Court Judge Murray I. Gurfein, a past president.

CHAPLAIN CAPTAIN DAVID M. SOBEL, 28, KILLED IN CRASH IN THAILAND

NEW YORK, March 11 (JTA)--Chaplain Captain David M. Sobel (USAF), Jewish Chaplain in Thailand, was killed March 7 in an automobile accident on a road from Bangkok to the airport, the Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy of the National Jewish Welfare Board (JWB) learned today. He was 28 years old. He had been assigned as a Chaplain in Thailand last fall.

Chaplain Sobel, of West Hartford, Conn., was a graduate of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion on June 2, 1973. He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Dartmouth College in 1968, had served the Farmington Valley Jewish Congregation in Simsbury, Conn., from Sept. 1972 to June 1973, and was a member of the Beth Israel Congregation in West Hartford. He belonged to the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

ISRAELIS AMBIVALENT ABOUT SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL DELEGATION'S VISIT

TEL AVIV, March 11 (JTA)--There are mixed feelings here over the arrival of the Socialist International delegation from Europe headed by Austria's Chancellor Bruno Kreisky later this week and the kind of reception they will receive from the Israeli public is uncertain. The Socialist International is still regarded as a major international forum where Israel's voice is heard and which regards Israel as an important member.

But there is no secret that Israel has lost considerable support among this group, once one of its staunchest allies, and feelings still run high here against Kreisky, despite--or possibly because of--his Jewish origin. Kreisky was the object of bitter criticism in Israel shortly before the Yom Kippur War when he decided to shut down the Jewish Agency's transit camp for Soviet emigres at Schoenau Castle near Vienna and refused to be moved by Premier Golda Meir's personal plea to reverse his decision.

He has since made remarks which many Israelis regard as pro-Arab. The delegation he heads is to visit Egypt and Syria as well as Israel for the stated purpose of studying the Middle East situation at first hand to examine conditions for a lasting peace. Another announced aim is to study conditions for economic cooperation between the Arab countries and Europe and between Israel and the European states. Members of the delegation represent the Socialist parties in Sweden, Britain, Italy, West Germany, Holland and Austria.

Kreisky had maintained at first that there was no need to visit Israel because Premier Meir's views on the Middle East conflict were well known to the Socialist International at whose meetings she had expressed them. But Israel was later included on the itinerary. It will be Kreisky's first visit to Israel although he has a brother in this country whom he helps support. (By Yitzhak Shargil)

WASHINGTON (JTA)--King Hussein of Jordan arrived in Washington late today. State Department spokesman George Vest said he would meet with President Nixon at the White House tomorrow, would lunch with Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger and would be a dinner guest of Vice President and Mrs. Gerald Ford during his stay.

REPORT ON PLIGHT OF SOVIET JEWRY**JAVITS ACCUSES USSR OF INTERRUPTING
TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN
AMERICAN AND SOVIET CITIZENS**

WASHINGTON, March 11 (JTA)--Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R.N.Y.) has asked the State Department to make "proper representations" to the Soviet government regarding non-delivery of cables and interruptions of telephone communications by Americans to Soviet residents. In a letter to Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger dated March 8 and made public today by the Senator's office, Javits attached "a list" of 31 of more than 1000 "undelivered wires" and also a list of phone calls that "have recently not been consummated or have been consistently interrupted in mid-passage."

Javits called Kissinger's attention to the international telecommunications convention to which the United States and the USSR are both signatories that "specifically" obliges signatories to "undertake to inform one another of infringements" of the convention and its regulation. An aide to Javits told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he had been informed of the violations by the National Conference on Soviet Jewry.

ACTIONS PLANNED TO AID SOVIET JEWS

NEW YORK, March 11 (JTA)--To protest the Soviet Union's refusal to abide by the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights, the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry and the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry has declared the week of March 11-15 as "Exodus Week." A series of actions will take place at the Isaiah Peace Wall opposite the UN including vigils, fasts, studies, and readings from the book of Exodus, the UN Declaration of Human Rights and appeals by Soviet Jews.

The two Soviet Jewry groups issued an "urgent appeal to the people of New York to participate in aiding Sylvia Zalmanson, Alexander Feldman and Peter Pinkhasov. The appeal stated that Mrs. Zalmanson is "dying in the Potma labor camp from tuberculosis and peptic ulcers and is going deaf from vitamin deficiencies"; Feldman, sentenced to 3 1/2 years for malicious hoodliganism, is now in solitary confinement; and Pinkhasov, an invalid, was sentenced to five years after he had already received, along with his wife and six children, exit visas.

The GNYCSJ and SSSJ also reported that the plight of Valery and Galina Panov will be dramatized tomorrow on the occasion of Valery's 35th birthday by a rally at Plaza Square on Fifth Ave. and 59th St. Participants will include celebrities of stage, screen, opera, ballet and city officials. (A rally of concern will also be held tomorrow in London organized by the British Committee for the Release of the Panovs. A "Release the Panovs" march from Hyde Park to the Soviet Embassy will include leading figures from the world of the arts, cinema and ballet.)

**CHICAGO AREA CHRISTIAN, JEWISH
LEADERS MAP ACTIONS ON SOVIET JEWS**

CHICAGO, March 11 (JTA)--More than 50 Chicago-area Jewish and Christian leaders met several days ago in the offices of the National Conference of Christians and Jews here to study and act on the plight of Soviet Jewry. This Midwest Regional Consultation on Soviet Jewry was co-sponsored by the National Interreligious Task Force on Soviet Jewry, the National Conference of Christians and Jews, Chicago Conference on Religion and Race, and the American Jewish

Committee.

David Geller, European Affairs specialist for the AJCommittee, the keynote speaker, warned that "the present circumstances of Soviet Jews remain, in many respects, quite serious." Geller noted that despite the fact that "over thirty thousand Jews emigrated from the USSR to Israel in 1973," there are still "tens of thousands more who are denied exit visas," thus protests and action on their behalf are still needed.

The Task Force's executive director, Sister Ann Gillen, reported on the organization's existence, and expressed her satisfaction with the establishment of local Interreligious Task Forces in other cities throughout the U.S. Sister Margaret Traxler, one of the founding co-chairpersons of the National Interreligious Task Force on Soviet Jewry, closed the conference with a statement calling for "increased and heightened activity in 1974" on behalf of Soviet Jewry.

**KHENKIN SAYS 'WALL OF SILENCE'
BEING IMPOSED ON SOVIET JEWS**

NEW YORK, March 11 (JTA)--Kiril Khenkin, a former leading Moscow activist and journalist who emigrated to Israel last Oct. and is now in the United States on a national speaking tour, told more than 100 students that a "wall of silence" was again being imposed on Soviet Jews. Addressing a New York area campus action conference at Beit Ephraim at Columbia University sponsored by the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry, Khenkin declared that "no one has to be under the illusion that things are getting better" for Jews in the Soviet Union who are seeking to emigrate. He described emigration as still "selective, restrictive and absolutely unfree."

The switching of political charges to criminal charges, although "purely fabricated," against Jewish activists has decreased Western protest to a "deafening silence," he said. The disconnection of most phones of the active Jews might mean "the end" of the vital communication link to the free world, he observed. Khenkin also challenged the assertion that the Jackson Amendment endangered Soviet Jews. Without it, he said, they would be much worse off. His visit to New York is jointly sponsored by the SSSJ and the Long Island Committee for Soviet Jewry. His national tour is under the auspices of the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews.

During the all-day conference of action workshops and committee meetings last week, the students called for the countering of the new Soviet trade offensive now under way in this country by the 11-member Soviet trade delegation; called on large corporations to intervene on behalf of individual Soviet Jews and urged that pressure be exerted on key importers of Soviet products; and urged greater efforts to enlist the aid of humanitarian and political groups on American campuses in the struggle for human rights in the USSR.

BONN (JTA)--Israel is hoping for a dialogue with the European Community, like the one being prepared between the EEC and the Arab states, Israel's Ambassador in Bonn, Eliahu Ben Horin, stated in an interview with the "Nuernberger Nachrichten." The envoy said Israel had been interested in such a dialogue for years, and not just since the oil crisis.

TEL AVIV (JTA)--Quiet continued today on the Syrian front. But while tension has decreased somewhat there has been no relaxation of the full alert ordered last week.