



LEBANON REJECTS ISRAEL'S REQUEST THAT TWO PILOTS BE RETURNED

TEL AVIV, April 9 (JTA)--Israel has asked Lebanon to return to Israel the two pilots of the Phantom plane that crashed yesterday over Lebanese territory. The request for the return of the pilots as soon as possible was relayed through the International Red Cross Committee. As a first step Israel urged that a Red Cross representative visit the pilots immediately. The pilots were forced to bail out in the vicinity of Mt. Hermon.

(A report from Beirut said that Lebanese Premier Saeb Salaam confirmed that both Israel and Syria have requested that the pilots be returned to the respective countries. However, Salaam said that according to international regulations Lebanon will not return the pilots as long as hostilities continue.)

It has been learned that the plane was downed due to a fire that broke out in the Phantom that may have been due to an anti-aircraft missile fired by the Syrians. The pilots, however, who reported their decision to bail out, did not mention that they were hit by any missile. It was also learned that when the pilots bailed out Israeli helicopters attempted to rescue them but that Lebanese mobile units were there ahead of the Israeli rescuers and the pilots were taken prisoners.

Meanwhile, Syrian artillery and tanks were active again today along the cease-fire line. There were no casualties. A Syrian soldier captured yesterday by Israelis on the Mt. Hermon peak was identified today as Staff Sergeant Sami Abu Hanna, 31. He belongs to the special commando units of the Syrian army.

DEFENSE DEPARTMENT SAYS ISRAEL HAS BEEN RECEIVING WEAPONS FROM U.S. DURING FIGHTING ON GOLAN HEIGHTS

WASHINGTON, April 9 (JTA)--Israel has been receiving a "continuous flow" of weapons from the United States during the fighting on the Golan Heights, Jerry Friedheim, the Defense Department spokesman, said today. He gave that answer in response to a newsman's question on whether the United States has been shipping arms to Israel in the last few weeks but refused to indicate the nature of the weapons.

Friedheim did say that Israelis had indicated they wanted Shrike air-to-ground missiles to knock out anti-aircraft sites. He also said that while there have been steady arms shipments to Israel since the end of the Yom Kippur War, deliveries had not been increased since the Syrians began their daily shooting along the Israeli-Syrian cease-fire line a month ago.

Meanwhile, it was reported from Riyadh that the United States has agreed to re-equip and to start training Saudi Arabia's fastest growing military force, its National Guard. The National Guard is comprised of 50,000 Bedouin troops, who are garrisoned in Saudi Arabia's main cities while the 40,000-man regular army is stationed away from the population centers. Among other duties, National Guard units are stationed at the country's major oil-producing centers. Saudi Arabian officials reportedly are concerned about the threat of Palestinian strikes against

American oil installations.

VALERY KUKUI ARRIVES IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, April 9 (JTA)--"Today I found a new motherland and an almost new family," Valery Kukui, a 36-year-old Soviet Jewish engineer declared today as he arrived in Israel after three years in Soviet prisons on charges of Zionist activity. Kukui was met at Ben Gurion Airport by his wife and daughter who have been in Israel for almost two years.

One of the aliya activists in the town of Sverdlovsk, Kukui was sentenced to three years imprisonment in 1971 and was kept with criminals who made his life miserable because of his Jewishness. However, "after I learned that my wife and daughter arrived in Israel my stay in prison was easier," he said. "I knew I need not worry for them."

When his sentence ended he was immediately notified that he had an exit permit and his departure from the USSR was arranged without any hitch. He brought information about other Jews arrested, Vladimir Markman and Leonid Zhablitskiy, both interned in the same prison Kukui was held. Kukui arrived with a large group of Russian immigrants. On Friday, Yankl Khantsis, who was sentenced in 1971 to 18 months general regime, arrived in Israel.

DULZIN ANNOUNCES HE IS CANDIDATE FOR CHAIRMANSHIP OF JEWISH AGENCY, WZO

TEL AVIV, April 9 (JTA)--Leon Dulzin announced officially today that he was a candidate for the chairmanship of the Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organization Executives. A new chairman will be elected by secret ballot by the 296 members of the Jewish Agency General Assembly which convenes in Jerusalem in June. Dulzin, who has been serving as acting chairman since the death of Louis Pincus last year, is considered almost certain to win the election.

His only potentially serious rival is Hebrew University President Avraham Harman who is said to have the backing of the Labor Party leadership, including Premier Golda Meir. But his name has not been officially entered as yet, and some sources believe that Labor may not press his candidacy since it controls only 17 percent of the votes in the General Assembly.

Dulzin is acknowledged by most Jewish Agency members to be the most qualified person for the dual post. His only drawback, from the viewpoint of the Labor Party, is that he is a leader in the opposition Likud faction. Dulzin declared today, "Whoever thinks that in this case political coercion is possible, is mistaken."

CABINET POSTPONES FOR 48 HOURS DECISION ON WHETHER TO DISSOLVE ITSELF OR RESHUFFLE PORTFOLIOS

JERUSALEM, April 9 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir's coalition Cabinet agreed tonight to postpone for two days a decision on whether to dissolve itself or to simply reshuffle portfolios with the aim of assigning the Defense Ministry to someone other than Moshe Dayan. The 48-hour breather will presumably be taken up by a continuation of the intensive intra-party debate on how to honor the principle of ministerial responsibility for Yom Kippur War preparedness shortcomings without destroying

the Labor Party and bringing down the government.

A final decision is expected to be forthcoming just before the Knesset convenes in special session Thursday to face the government with a no confidence motion. The Labor Party remains split at the moment, with a majority of its leadership insisting that Dayan must go and the ex-Rafi faction demanding that if Dayan is to be saddled with responsibility for Yom Kippur War errors, it must be borne by other ministers as well, including Premier Meir.

Rafi spokesmen have made it clear that if Dayan has to resign, Mrs. Meir must do the same. They noted that both she and the Defense Minister were absolved of blame by the Agranat Committee's partial report on events leading up to the war last Oct.

Information Minister Shimon Peres, a leader of the former Rafi faction, said today that a Cabinet reshuffle short of collective resignations boiled down to Dayan's ouster. Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir said he opposed both Dayan's dismissal and the Cabinet's resignation. He agreed that ministerial responsibility should apply to future decisions but maintained that it should not be made retroactive. Spokesmen for Mapam, a partner in the Labor Alignment, said the faction wanted Dayan's resignation but would agree reluctantly to his remaining in the Cabinet in another capacity. The Achdut Avoda faction insisted on Dayan's resignation.

Meanwhile, public clamor for Dayan's departure continued. About 150 representatives of 75 kibbutzim affiliated with the Hashomer Hatzair (Mapam) movement demonstrated tonight outside the Prime Ministers Office demanding that Dayan resign. They were joined by members of other kibbutz movements and student protesters.

PRO-ARAB GROUP HEAD SAYS OIL FIRMS SUPPORT HIS ORGANIZATION

WASHINGTON, April 9 (JTA)--The head of a pro-Arab organization has disclosed that oil companies support his group but declined to specify how much money was being contributed or to identify the firms. The disclosure was made by John P. Richardson, president of the American Near East Refugee Aid (ANERA) during a hearing before a House Foreign Affairs subcommittee which began holding a series of hearings last fall on the international protection of human rights and U.S. policy toward countries where gross violations have occurred.

Richardson, long identified with pro-Arab activities here, was among four witnesses last Thursday who charged that the Israeli occupation authorities in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip were violating Arab civilian rights. The other three witnesses, who made similar charges, were Dr. Israel Shakh, professor of organic chemistry at Hebrew University in Jerusalem and chairman of the Israel League for Human and Civil Rights; M. Cherif Bessiouni, professor of law at De Paul University in Chicago; and Dr. W.T. Mallison Jr., an international law specialist at George Washington University Law School.

Under questioning by Rep. Lester Wolff (D, NY), Richardson said ANERA, of which he stated he is a full-time employe, emerged as a result of the Six-Day War mainly to meet the needs of Palestinian refugees. "We seek funds from the general public and corporations," he testified, "corporations primarily dealing in the Middle East." "Oil companies?" Wolff asked. "Yes, indeed," Richardson replied, adding that

he is seeking to "broaden his support." Wolff suggested that Richardson also broaden his activities in an apparent reference to the cruelties inflicted on Jews in Syria and Iraq. None of the witnesses, however, offered to discuss this problem.

Congressmen Challenge Pro-Arabists

Dr. Shakh charged that the Israeli military destroyed homes of Arabs in the administered territories who were suspected of anti-Israel activity. However, in replying to Rep. Benjamin A. Gilman (R, NY), he indicated doubt that Syria would hold a fair trial of two Jews the government has charged with the murder of four Syrian Jewish women. Dr. Shakh said that the Israeli government has not prevented him from making the same charges in Israel. He stated that friends in the U.S. financed his trip here and identified one of them as Prof. Norton Mezvinsky of Connecticut State College.

Both Bessiouni and Mallison charged Israel with violations of the Geneva Convention regarding obligations toward civilians in occupied territory. Rep. Robert Wilson (R, Calif.) expressed skepticism about a Syrian complaint that Israelis killed 30 Syrians, noting that the Syrians did not produce any evidence to substantiate this charge. On the other hand, Wilson declared, Israel "had no trouble providing the bodies" of Israeli soldiers who were beheaded.

Rep. Jonathan Bingham (D, NY) suggested that another hearing be held to give the Israeli point of view regarding the occupation. He stated that the "quality of the Israeli occupation is extraordinarily high in the history of occupations" granting, however, that "the picture is not perfect." He noted, too, that the Israeli borders are open and that Arabs are permitted to enter and leave.

Committee sources told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that this hearing about the role of Israel's occupation policy was scheduled because "Arabs had demanded to be heard" after the parents of three Israeli soldiers who were captured during the Yom Kippur War and are still held prisoners, had urged Congress several weeks ago to help identify the POWs and bring about their release. Until last month, the Syrians refused to permit Red Cross visits in violation of the Geneva Convention. (By Joseph Polakoff)

NEW IMMIGRANT HOUSING PLAN ANNOUNCED

TEL AVIV, April 9 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir was reported today to be favorably disposed toward a proposal by Leon Dulzin, Jewish Agency acting chairman, that the Agency undertake the construction of a substantial portion of immigrant housing, utilizing modern techniques and materials and the expertise of American construction experts. Mrs. Meir has called a top level meeting to discuss the proposals. Dulzin will meet tomorrow with Housing Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz.

Up to now, the Jewish Agency has purchased housing already built by the government and a severe shortage exists. Dulzin says he has been advised by special housing consultants, headed by Florida builder Robert Russel, that construction time could be reduced to six months instead of the 2-3 years it now takes to build housing units in Israel. He said material being used in Israel is considered obsolete by modern builders and that new techniques are required.

TWO GROUPS CALL ON SYRIA TO GRANT JEWS THERE FULL FREEDOM

PHILADELPHIA, April 9 (JTA)--The Committee of Concern for Syrian and Iraqi Jewry here and the Central Conference of American Rabbis in New

York issued statements this weekend calling on Syrian authorities to grant Jews in that country full freedom, including the right to emigrate, following news reports that four Jewish women and two Jewish men have recently been murdered.

W. Thacher Longstreth, president of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce and chairman of the Committee of Concern, stated in a letter to Haissam Kelani, Syrian Ambassador to the United Nations, that the right of Jews to leave Syria "is a fundamental humanitarian question and should not be confused with political issues in the Middle East."

He noted that the two young men, Yusef Shaluh and Azur Zalta, who are being held by Syrian authorities in connection with the murder of the four Jewish women, "are being utilized as scapegoats by the Syrians in order to divert world attention from the plight of the Jewish community." The two men, Longstreth said, "are both outstanding members of the Jewish community, known for their devotion to the welfare of their harassed brethren."

Rabbi Joseph B. Glaser, executive vice-president of the CCAR, and Rabbi Stephen S. Goldrich of Cleveland, chairman of the CCAR's Committee on Jews in Arab Lands, called for an international campaign to free Syrian Jews and noted that the 1100 Reform rabbis of the CCAR and their 715 synagogues in North America were being mobilized to join with like-minded groups in their communities in an all-out campaign "until Syrian Jews are permitted their human rights of free emigration."

LITVINOV SAYS HE CHOSE U.S. RATHER THAN ISRAEL BECAUSE HE CAN RETAIN HIS IDENTITY HERE AS RUSSIAN.

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, April 9 (JTA)--Pavel Litvinov, the Soviet Jewish dissident who arrived in the United States last night, said today that he plans to continue to act for the defense of human rights in the Soviet Union while living here and hopefully teaching physics. Speaking at a press conference sponsored by the Khronika Press, described as a non-profit publishing house concerned with human rights in the USSR, Litvinov, the grandson of Maxim M. Litvinov, Soviet Foreign Minister under Stalin, said that he chose to live in the U.S. because it is a country of immigrants and here he could best identify himself as Russian.

Asked if he considered emigrating to Israel, Litvinov said: "It is a little difficult to answer. I am Jewish. But I was raised up on Russian culture and I think myself as a Russian." Litvinov, who spoke Russian during the one-hour press conference, admitted, however, that in his application to leave the USSR he said he wanted to immigrate to Israel. "It was a pretext to come here," he explained. His immigration to the U.S. was sponsored by United Hias Service.

Litvinov said that one can never tell how decisions are made in the higher ranks of Soviet authority but he opined that the Russian authorities fear a mass emigration. That is the reason, he explained, that they take "preventive measures" against persons who are symbols and known in the West. By denying them work and persecuting them, he explained, the authorities are warning others. Litvinov spoke in detail about his friend Vitaly Rubin, the Soviet sinologist and Jewish activist who, according to him, asked three years ago for permission to emigrate and as a result has been jobless for the last two years.

He said that he plans to remain and live in the

U.S. even though he hopes to return some day to the USSR. Asked about the Jackson Amendment, he said he has "deep sympathy" for Sen. Henry Jackson (D.Wash.) and other Congressmen and said he does not consider this an intervention into internal affairs of the Soviet Union. Litvinov arrived last night at Kennedy Airport with his wife Maya and their 4-year-old daughter, Larissa and Dmitri, his wife's 12-year-old son by an earlier marriage. He said he has not decided where he will eventually live and teach in the United States.

HOLTZMAN SAYS IMMIGRATION DEP'T. LAXITY PERMITS AT LEAST 38 NAZI WAR CRIMINALS TO REMAIN IN U.S.

WASHINGTON, April 9 (JTA)--At least 38 alleged Nazi war criminals are being allowed to remain in the United States because the U.S. Immigration Service has neglected to move against them, according to Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman (D. NY). Rep. Holtzman made the charge in testimony before a House immigration subcommittee several days ago.

She told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service had subsequently admitted to her that it had done virtually nothing over a period of nine months to institute deportation proceedings against the alleged war criminals. They have not interviewed a single witness in any of the 38 cases. Ms. Holtzman told the JTA. She said she is asking for a complete report on the status of the investigation and for a detailed timetable for action against each of the 38 persons.

Under the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Act, any alien or naturalized citizen is subject to deportation if their entry into the U.S. was based on false statements. There is no statute of limitations on deportation, Rep. Holtzman noted. She said that some of the alleged war criminals have been in the U.S. almost 25 years and that 25 of the 38 have become naturalized U.S. citizens.

TEL AVIV (JTA)--About 30 Arab civilian prisoners serving prison terms for sabotage or subversive activities were released Sunday and handed over to Egyptian authorities at a UN checkpoint on the Balooza-Kantara road. They were the second group of civilians returned to Egypt since the Yom Kippur War. A third group is expected to be released shortly. The operation was conducted under the auspices of the Red Cross whose representatives had ascertained previously that the prisoners wanted to go to Egypt with their families.

NEW YORK (JTA)--Rabbi Israel Miller, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, announced Tuesday that the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and Women's American ORT have been admitted as members in the Conference. The total membership is now 33 groups. In addition, Rabbi Miller presented Jacob Stein, immediate past president of the Conference, the Jerusalem Medal on behalf of Mayor Teddy Kollek. Israeli Ambassador Simcha Dinitz presented an off-the-record briefing to the assembled Conference leaders.

NEW YORK (JTA)--Columbia University officials have agreed to remove all Pepsi vending machines on the campus after the university Jewish Defense League chapter demanded that action because the Pepsi Cola Company is doing business with the Soviet Union, David Fisch, executive director of the JDL reported.

TEKOAH WELCOMES EXTENSION OF UNEF MANDATE; SAYS ISRAEL WILL OPPOSE INSPECTION BY COMMUNIST BLOC NATIONS

UNITED NATIONS, April 9 (JTA)—Israeli Ambassador Yosef Tekoah said here that Israel welcomes the extension of the mandate for the 7000-member United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF) for another six months but stressed that Israel would oppose allowing any Communist bloc countries to inspect its position. The Soviet Union had insisted that UNEF units which now occupy a buffer zone between Egyptian forces on the east bank of the Suez Canal and Israeli forces deployed in the Sinai be permitted to inspect both Egyptian and Israeli zones.

The 15-member Security Council yesterday extended the life of UNEF until Oct. 24 by a vote of 13-0 with Iraq and the People's Republic of China not participating in the vote. The Chinese delegate, however, assailed Israel and pledged support to the Arab efforts to regain their territories and to help the Palestinians in their efforts to establish their own state. Soviet Ambassador Yakov Malik stated that the Geneva peace conference "must carry out its principle mission of pressing for a radical political settlement" of which UNEF is part.

The resolution did not contain any reference to the question of freedom of access by UNEF officers but only noted "with satisfaction that Secretary General Kurt Waldheim is working to solve the "urgent" problem. According to reports Tekoah and Malik had met secretly last Friday to discuss the differences. Yesterday neither would confirm nor deny that they had met.

Action on the extension of UNEF's mandate had been delayed a week because of the Soviet position. Waldheim recommended the extension last week and noted that while the Israeli-Egyptian sector currently was quiet, "the situation in the area remains unstable and potentially dangerous."

Foremost Duty Is To Ensure Tranquility

Tekoah, in his statement last night to the press, did not refer to any country by name. But he declared that "states guilty of a discriminatory and biased policy toward a party to the conflict are not entitled to demand free access to areas under the party's control, for their military contingents or for those of other states that have adopted similar inequitable positions."

He recalled that a report by the UN Secretary General in 1960 to the Security Council stated that a force should not include permanent members of the Council or countries not having a special interest in the situation, and that the UN should seriously consider objections by the host government against the participation of any specific country.

Tekoah stated that the "foremost and most evident duty" of the parties involved in the Middle East conflict is "to ensure tranquility which is indispensable for a constructive peaceful endeavor." Those who place their trust in the use of force and in continued hostility against Israel "have not learned the lessons of the decades of conflict," he said. Violence and bloodshed "have failed to affect Israel's resolve to defend its rights in the past," Tekoah said. "They will fail now and in the future."

The Israeli diplomat observed that Israel and the Arab states "can build peace in the area if they devote themselves wholeheartedly to the task of peace-making. It must be a joint effort in which construction replaces devastation, mu-

tual confidence removes mistrust, neighborly understanding and cooperation put an end to animosity and belligerency." Tekoah added that Israel has "no illusions about the difficulties and perhaps setbacks which these efforts might encounter. However, the objective is attainable if the parties so will it."

In these circumstances, Tekoah stated, "it is essential for the intricate peace-making process that third powers refrain from attitudes and actions that might increase tension and exacerbate conflict. It is incumbent on nations outside the area not to hinder, disturb or interrupt this process. This applies above all to policies pursued in the Middle East itself, but it includes also positions adopted in United Nations organs."

SYRIA TO TAKE TOUGH STAND

WASHINGTON, April 9 (JTA)—There are strong hints here that Syria in negotiating with the United States on disengagement with Israel will take an extremely hard uncompromising line. Evidence for this was seen in a statement by Sabah Kabani, Syria's new diplomatic representative here who said he viewed Israel as a "ghost."

"You can't negotiate with a ghost," Kabani was quoted as saying. "Which Israel am I dealing with—the Israel of 1948, the Israel of 1956, the Israel of 1967 or the Israel of 1974? Every Israeli politician has a different map." Kabani is expected to participate in the talks with Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger along with Brig. Gen. Hikmak Chebabi, who is scheduled to arrive in Washington tomorrow.

Kabani, a 45-year-old former lawyer arrived here in Feb. to improve communications between the U.S. and Syria and opened an office in the famed Watergate complex. He has explained his country's shelling of Israeli positions on the Golan Heights as a means of keeping Israel from fortifying and settling their positions. He charged that Israel, as soon as it takes territory, settles it to create "an Ipso facto." He declared that Syria will demand that Israel withdraw from all territory taken from her.

JEWISH COMMUNITY LEADER AWARDED ONE OF HUNGARY'S HIGHEST HONORS

BUDAPEST, April 9 (JTA)—The Hungarian government has awarded Geza Seifert, 68, the "Gold Medal for Work," one of Hungary's highest honors. It is the first time a Jewish community leader has received such an award, sources here indicated. Seifert, chairman of the Central Board of Jewish Communities, received the medal on the occasion of the Hungarian national holidays last week commemorating the Russian expulsion of the Nazi troops in Hungary in 1945.

Seifert is a former lawyer. In 1943 he was arrested by the Gestapo but managed to escape shortly before the Russian troops arrived. He was recently elected for the second time as chairman of the Central Board. He is due to attend the June meeting of Jewish leaders in New York commemorating the 30th anniversary of the deportations. Seifert was the only Jewish leader among the several religious leaders (Catholic and Protestant) to be decorated.

NEW YORK (JTA)—Jerusalem: City of Mankind, a major exhibition of over 200 black and white and color photographs of contemporary life in Jerusalem will open Thursday at The Jewish Museum. The exhibition captures the diversity of Jerusalem through the images and comments of 21 internationally distinguished photographers. The exhibition also includes a slide presentation.