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PERES SAYS SOVIET HELICOPTERS ARE VIOLATING ISRAELI AIR SPACE

TEL AVIV, Aug. 1 (JTA)--Defense Minister Shimon Peres complained today to the United Nations Observer Force that Soviet helicopters are violating Israeli air space in the Gulf of Suez region. According to Peres, the helicopters, based on the Soviet aircraft carrier "Leningrad," had several times crossed the cease-fire line into Israeli airspace. The helicopters are engaged in clearing mines from the Gulf of Suez. This is the first time that Soviet planes have crossed into Israeli airspace. Meanwhile, Peres was meeting today with Gen. Bengt Liljestrand of Sweden, UNDOF commander, and Lt. Col. David Richards of the United States, chief of operations, to discuss the working arrangements for UNDOF in the buffer zones.

ISRAEL REFUSES TO RELEASE TERRORIST PRISONERS IN RETURN FOR EGYPT'S CONSENT FOR MISSING BODIES' SEARCH.

JERUSALEM, Aug. 1 (JTA)--Israel has refused to exchange convicted terrorists in return for an Egyptian consent to allow the continuation of the search for missing bodies in the Sinal front, the newspaper Maariv reported today. The paper quoted Prof. David Meisler, the father of a missing soldier, who said this was explained to him by the army officer in charge of the search activities.

Maariv added, however, that several dozen terrorists who did not actually participate in sabotage acts--but merely belonged to terrorist organizations--as well as an Egyptian intelligence officer, were handed over to the Egyptians in return for the continued search for bodies, in a secret deal with the Egyptians. Maariv quotes an official security source who confirmed that there was such a deal, but the source was quoted as saying, there was no exchange of the prisoners who had actually participated in terrorist acts.

Even if Israel were to meet the Egyptian conditions, the paper said, the Egyptians are limiting the search area to places where there is no probability of finding missing bodies, and they refuse to allow searches in the areas where Israel believes there may be bodies.

See Photos Of Dead Sons

The paper also quoted members of three families who said they saw photos of their sons in propaganda leaflets the Egyptian army published. They said the photos showed clearly the bodies of their sons lying near their tank. However, the Egyptians refused to allow any search in the area where that tank was hit. They said they themselves would look for the bodies of the three, but then reported they found nothing.

The matter was brought up, according to Maariv, in a meeting between Israeli Brigadier Herzl Shafir and the Egyptian Brigadier Sharif. Shafir asked Sharif to hand him the negative of the film, so that the three can be clearly identified, but the Egyptian refused.

"The world should know," the parents were quoted as saying this week, "in what an inhumanitarian fashion the Egyptians behave. We know that the Egyptians only consent for the

search of bodies in return for bribery. Now they are asking for the worst murderers. It is unlikely that the world's public opinion would accept such anti-humanitarian acts, and we are going to express our protest throughout the world."

HOUSE COMMITTEE ADOPTS TRADE ACT AMENDMENT OPPOSING U.S. AID TO COUNTRIES RESTRICTING EMIGRATION

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1 (JTA)--Rep. Jonathan Bingham (D,NY) announced today that the House Foreign Affairs Committee yesterday adopted his amendment to the Administration's proposed Foreign Assistance Act for the fiscal year of 1975 to put the Congress on record as opposing American aid to any country which denies its citizens the right to emigrate. In the first day of considering amendments to the act, the committee adopted the Bingham amendment, which, he said, was stimulated primarily by the tragic plight of 4800 Syrian Jews who have not been allowed to leave that country.

"These Syrian Jews have been subjected to arbitrary arrest and harassment and have been denied the most basic human rights and liberties including the right to emigrate and escape oppression," Bingham said. "My amendment expressed the sense of Congress that United States aid should not be provided to such nations which deny their citizens the right or opportunity to emigrate."

Bingham, who has long supported the Jackson/Mills-Vanik legislation denying most favored nation status and trade credits to the Soviet Union until it permits free emigration, noted that his amendment was the first significant extension of this principle to other nations. The amendment was included in the section of the bill which authorizes \$2.8 billion in foreign aid, including almost \$1 billion for nations of the Middle East.

Urge Amendment Be Applied To Syria

Rabbi Joseph Harari, director of the Committee for Rescue of Syrian Jews, told the JTA in New York today that two weeks ago, in preparation for the presentation of Bingham's amendment, his committee members sent telegrams to every Senator and Congressman urging the adoption of the policy advanced by the Bingham amendment. "We urge you to insist that no aid or credit shall be granted in any form to the Syrian Arab Republic until it permits the departure of its captive Jewish minority," the telegram said in part.

"We hope that this congressional action makes it clear to the Syrian government that it cannot expect to receive any American aid until it releases our brethren," said Rabbi Harari. He said Bingham, as well as Representatives Herman Badillo, Ogden Reid, Benjamin Rosenthal and Edward Koch, all Democrats of New York, deserve credit for their part in bringing about this amendment.

ARABS EXPECT EUROPEAN NATIONS TO IMPLEMENT STATEMENTS ON MIDEAST BY OFFERING CONCRETE ACTS

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Aug. 1 (JTA)--Arab League Secretary General Mahmoud Riad said here today that the Arab world expects Western Europe "to put into concrete acts its past declarations over the Middle East." Riad, who was speaking before the

Franco-Arab Press Association, said "the nine (EEC member states) last Nov. expressed their support for the restoration of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people and Israel's withdrawal from the occupied territories." The nine also said at the time, declared Riad, "that these are the basic conditions for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East. The time has now come for Europe to turn into concrete acts its past declarations."

Riad, who yesterday conferred at length with French Foreign Minister Jean Sauvagnargues, the current president of the EEC's Council of Ministers, said that the "very start of the Euro-Arab dialogue is by itself a fact of considerable political significance."

The Arab League official refused to say whether yesterday's meeting, which officially launched the long planned Euro-Arab dialogue on economic and political cooperation, has decided on whether Europe will play a political role in the Middle East conflict as the Arabs have demanded as the price for their economic concessions.

French officials here say that this issue was not discussed at yesterday's meeting, as both sides, the European and the Arabs, tried to avoid delicate problems which might have jeopardized the continuation of the dialogue. The dialogue is now expected to become a full-fledged negotiation next Nov. when the nine European nations and the 20 members of the Arab League will form their "Central Commission."

Israel Will Be Informed

Israel will be officially informed of the dialogue's results tomorrow afternoon when Israeli Ambassador to France, Asher Ben Natan will meet with Sauvagnargues. The nine decided at recent meetings in Bonn and Brussels to keep Israel fully informed of their negotiations with the Arab states. Tomorrow's meeting will be held, however, at the initiative of the Israeli envoy.

Ben Natan, who is leaving Saturday for Israel, is expected to brief the government on the European-Arab contacts some time next week. Israel has been following with considerable interest, and some say with a certain anxiety, the resumption of the Arab-European dialogue which European diplomats believe could ultimately involve Europe deeper in the Middle East conflict and the search for a solution.

Europeans Downplay Political Aspects

According to French circles, however, during the months leading up to the Nov. meeting, limited contacts between Europe and the Arab states will take place at the ministerial aide level to work up a list of common interest, especially in the fields of agriculture, industry and technology.

Yesterday, Riad, speaking for the Arabs, restricted himself to the limited statement that "the political and economic aspects of the dialogue are very closely linked." However, other Arab commentaries were less restrained. The Algerian newspaper "Achaab" reportedly warned that the Euro-Arab dialogue would be "still-born" if Europe failed to seize the opportunity to define its position regarding the Palestinian cause.

For their part, the Europeans have played down the political aspects of the dialogue, apparently not wishing to be accused by the United States of interfering with American peace efforts in the Middle East. France, for its part,

however, has stressed that the opening of talks between Europe and the Arab world is an important political event. And for Sauvagnargues, the dialogue should have "a stabilizing effect" on the situation in the Middle East.

DRUZE RETURNED BY SYRIANS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 1 (JTA)--Druze villages on the Golan Heights celebrated last night the return of 20 Druze from 23 years of Syrian captivity. The Syrians returned 26 Druze to Israel yesterday through the Red Cross representatives. Two of them were captured by the Syrians in the opening stages of the Yom Kippur War and the other four were Druze women who were married to four of the Druze who were released a few months ago from jail.

The 20 Druze were detained by the Syrians in 1951 in the Druze villages on the Golan Heights and were charged with espionage for Israel. They were sentenced to death but the sentence was then commuted to life imprisonment. They spent 23 years in various Syrian jails, most of the time in the notorious Palmira Jail in the Syrian desert. They were released from jail five months ago and the Red Cross was requested to intervene and secure their return to the villages which have been in Israeli hands since the Six-Day War.

SETTLEMENTS PLANNED FOR RAFFAH AREA

TEL AVIV, Aug. 1 (JTA)--A number of settlements are expected to be established within a short time in the Raffah salient in the Gaza Strip area in accordance with a government decision. Defense Minister Shimon Peres, who yesterday visited the Sinai region, hinted that the government has resolved to strengthen the Raffah region by adding settlements, a decision which will be implemented within the shortest time.

According to Gen. Rehavam Zeevi (Ret.), in an article published in "Haaretz" on the Sebastia settlement affair, the decision concerning the settlements in the Raffah area was adopted prior to the Sebastia incident last weekend. He expressed hope that the controversy over Sebastia will not harm plans for settling the Raffah region.

As to the southern Sinai, Trade and Industry Minister Haim Barlev said yesterday while touring the Sharm el-Sheikh region, that Israel considered Merhav Shlomo, the southwest Sinai region, as one of the regions essential to her security, and the development of Sharm el-Sheikh enjoyed a high priority in the government's planning in various fields.

FAMILIES CHECK ALIYA POSSIBILITIES

JERUSALEM, Aug. 1 (JTA)--Some 34 families from four European countries are currently in Israel to look into immigration and absorption possibilities. The families' tour is organized by the "Tour and Immigrate" project of the Jewish Agency Immigration and Absorption Department. The families, who come from France, Belgium, Holland, and Britain are spending their summer vacation here for a month. Many are interested in settling in moshavim. This is the first family project organized by "Tour and Immigrate." The idea is to keep the tours going throughout the summer.

RIO DE JANEIRO (JTA)--Col. Shaul Afek, military attache of the Israeli Embassy in Brasilia, was honored this week with the Brazilian Military Medal, "Merito Santos Dumont," for "his personal qualities and significant services he rendered to the Brazilian air forces," according to the disposition published in the official gazette by the Ministry of the Air Force.

PLIGHT OF POLSKY TO BE DRAMATIZED BY MASS DEMONSTRATION AT AEROFLOT

NEW YORK, Aug. 1 (JTA)—Outraged by the Soviet government's plan to use a woman's suicide attempt to "railroad" Dr. Victor Pol-sky, a famed Jewish physicist, into prison, protestors are planning to stage a mass demonstration tomorrow to appeal for justice for Dr. Polsky and for other Soviet Jews seeking to emigrate from the USSR.

The demonstration, coordinated by the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry, will be held in front of the offices of Aeroflot, the Soviet Airline. Scheduled speakers include Bronx Borough President Robert Abrams, a vice-chairman of the Conference; Mario Cuomo, Democratic candidate for Lt. Gov.; and Democratic Assemblyman Anthony Olivieri.

Malcolm Hoenlein, Conference executive director, in discussing the demonstration said today that "at this very moment Dr. Polsky is facing a possible trial that could result in a severe prison term, solely because he and his family have sought repeatedly to emigrate from the USSR." He said that the Polsky case, along with other reported trials being prepared, "may signal a new wave of terror by the Soviets against Jews who have applied for exit visas. In all likelihood Dr. Polsky and others threatened with imprisonment are being exploited by the Kremlin to dissuade Jews from even considering emigration."

Hoenlein pointed out that in March of this year, Dr. Polsky, who first applied for an exit visa six years ago, was involved in an auto accident. Tatyana Aleksandrovna Zhukova, 19, whose father is a Lt. Col. in the Ministry of Internal Affairs (the KGB), had quarreled with her parents and was apparently running away from home. The woman threw herself in front of Dr. Polsky's car in what was described by witnesses as "an apparent suicide attempt" and she herself testified that Dr. Polsky was innocent of any wrongdoing, Hoenlein said.

Pol-sky Case Parallels That Of Feldman

However, Miss Zhukova and her parents subsequently changed their testimony and Dr. Pol-sky was charged with operating an automobile "in an unsafe manner." Now, after an indictment and an investigation that has spanned several months, the probe has been concluded and a trial may be imminent. Dr. Polsky could receive as much as three years in prison for what has been called "manslaughter."

The Polsky case, Hoenlein emphasized, closely parallels that of Aleksandr Feldman, a young activist who was arrested last Oct. and accused of allegedly assaulting a woman. The charge against him was "malicious hooliganism." His 10-day trial was held in Nov. in a Kiev factory. His family was not permitted to attend, nor were any witnesses for the defense allowed to testify.

Feldman, who was sentenced to three-and-a-half years at hard labor, has sought for two years to emigrate to Israel. Soviet authorities denied his application on the grounds that he possessed what they called "classified information." About a month ago, the Greater New York Conference learned that Feldman was severely beaten and his face mutilated while in solitary confinement in the prison camp in which he is being held.

AMERICANS DISAPPOINTED WITH THEIR MISSION IN EGYPT

TEL AVIV, Aug. 1 (JTA)—According to reports here today, the American military mission that visited Egypt recently was disappointed by the refusal on the part of Egyptian authorities to show them Soviet-supplied weapons. Authoritative American government sources were quoted as saying that the United States mission had not been permitted to tour bases where Soviet-made missiles are kept or to see Soviet-made electronic equipment. The only weapon seen by the visitors was a Soviet made MIG-21 although the Americans had been interested in seeing the SAM-6 missile which was proven effective against Israel in the Yom Kippur War.

THE RABINS TO REPLACE THE EBANS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 1 (JTA)—The Rabins are replacing the Ebans. The new Premier Yitzhak Rabin has decided he will not live in the house on Ben Meimol Boulevard where David Ben Gurion, Levi Eshkol and Golda Meir resided, but rather at the house that used to be the residency of the Foreign Minister. The house became vacant when Foreign Minister Yigal Allon decided to remain in his apartment in the Jewish quarter of the Old City.

Former Foreign Minister Abba Eban has almost completed evacuating the house at Balfour and Smolenskin, and he has already spent one night at the King David Hotel because most of the Ebans' personal belongings have already been moved out. The Rabins will move in after the necessary changes and renovations take place.

STUDY ON LATIN AMERICAN OLIM RELEASED

JERUSALEM, Aug. 1 (JTA)—Most South American immigrants prefer rural settlements, according to a study conducted by the Absorption Ministry. The study showed that almost half of those immigrants join villages throughout the country while some 30 percent join a kibbutz. The survey dealt with immigrants who have arrived in the last four years, and it observed their settlement habits in the first three years of their stay in Israel.

The study showed that the immigrants expressed a high degree of satisfaction with their jobs. Some 90 percent of them work in technical, scientific or white collar jobs, and 75 percent expressed satisfaction with their jobs after the first year in Israel. Their social mobility is considered high, and they integrate relatively fast into the veteran society. The degree of Hebrew-speaking among South American immigrants is high, and 80 percent of them speak Hebrew with sufficient fluency to communicate with Israelis after three years in the country.

LONDON (JTA)—Helmut Gollwitzer, a theologian of the Berlin Free University, was awarded the Carl von Ossietzky medal by the Berlin section of the International League of Human Rights. The medal will be presented in the Berlin Jewish Community Center on Dec. 8. Shortly after the war, Prof. Gollwitzer was presented with the Jewish "One of the Righteous" medal for his courageous anti-Nazi struggle.

WASHINGTON (JTA)—B'nai B'rith President David M. Blumberg today wired the 41 members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee to urge an increase in U.S. aid grants for resettlement of Soviet refugees. The Nixon Administration has proposed maintaining the \$50 million appropriated each of the past two years for resettlement assistance. Some Jewish groups suggested during hearings on the bills an increase to \$250 million.

