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4 FOREIGN AIRLINES SUSPEND FLIGHTS TO ISRAEL DUE TO RENEWED FIGHTING IN CYPRUS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 14 (JTA)--Four foreign airlines suspended flights to Israel today because of renewed fighting on Cyprus. The airlines--Air France, Alitalia, TWA and British Airways--declined to accept a routing south of the Cyprus danger zone that was charted by Israeli navigators and approved by the safety committee of the International Air Transport Association (IATA). El Al is flying the new route, however, and is reportedly maintaining its schedules despite the burden of passengers shifted from foreign carriers.

El Al has suspended service to Istanbul where the airport has been closed and a flight to Tehran this morning was delayed. But all other El Al flights to the U.S. and Europe are departing on schedule, an airline official said. An Air France jumbo jet that took off for Europe this morning returned to Ben Gurion Airport after the pilot was informed by the Athens airport control tower that the regular route over Cyprus was in the danger zone.

Israeli aviation circles expressed surprise over the suspension of service by the four major foreign air lines and said mail service might suffer as a result. Alitalia has transferred its Israel-bound passengers to El Al. According to Israeli officials, the new route adopted by Israeli planes is well south of the danger zone and in continuous contact with the Ben Gurion Airport control tower and with radio navigation beams located in Italy and Crete.

ENVOYS MEET IN ADVANCE OF UN ASSEMBLY

JERUSALEM, Aug. 14 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Yigal Allon has summoned home UN Ambassador Yosef Tekoa and other top Israeli envoys for talks preparatory to the United Nations General Assembly this fall. Observers here said Israel hopes there will be no debate this year on the Mideast, but that will depend on the progress and momentum of the Geneva and other peace efforts in the area.

Observers here are resigned to the prospect of the Assembly's admitting the Palestine Liberation Organization to active observer status. The PLO, along with 12 African "Freedom Movements," has this year gained the status in several UN bodies--including ECOSOC and the Law of the Sea Conference in Caracas. Its acceptance by consensus at the Assembly is seen as inevitable. Israel will probably express objections to such consensus and recall the policies and practices of the PLO but it is unlikely that an effort will be mounted to prevent what is seen here as inevitable.

Allon will confer next week with Israel's envoys to the nine Common Market countries in advance of the negotiations with the EEC in the fall, for a new tariff agreement. The Market's Council of Ministers gave the go-ahead for the negotiations last month.

57 ISRAELI SOLDIERS STILL MIA

TEL AVIV, Aug. 14 (JTA)--Fifty-seven Israeli armed forces members are still listed as missing in action, 10 months after the Yom Kippur

War, it was disclosed today. Forty-three of the missing soldiers saw action on the Egyptian front and one on the Syrian front. Nine were members of air crews of planes believed to have gone down at sea, two are naval commandos who disappeared after a raid on Port Said, and two are soldiers believed to have been killed by mines in the Bitter Lake.

Although a majority of the missing men were on the Egyptian front, Egypt has prevented continuation of the search for their bodies. The man missing on the Syrian front apparently became separated from his unit in the heat of battle and was said to have joined another unit but there is no official record of that. When hostilities ended last Oct. there were 406 Israelis missing on the Egyptian front and 38 on the Syrian front.

\$250 M IN ECONOMIC AID TO ISRAEL APPROVED BY SENATE, HOUSE BODIES

Senate Also Approves \$100 M In Military Aid Grants, \$200 M For Interest Loans

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (JTA)--The Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the House Foreign Affairs Committee, each with foreign aid bills under consideration, have both approved \$250 million in economic aid to Israel and Egypt. The sum is \$200 million above the Nixon Administration's previously requested aid for Israel. The Senate body also approved yesterday \$100 million in military aid grants to Israel and \$200 million to finance low-interest loans to Israel to buy U.S. military hardware.

One of a series of policy amendments approved by the Senate committee would phase out over a three-year period the U.S. military aid program which now goes to 48 nations. A committee source told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that the aid missions, known as Military Assistance Advisory Groups (MAAG), are currently active in 48 countries but Israel is not one of them.

The approval of the military and economic aid to Israel came as the Foreign Relations Committee and the Senate Appropriations Defense Subcommittee approved cuts in the military and foreign aid bills. The subcommittee slashed the Defense Department's budget by more than \$5 billion in approving a \$81.9 billion appropriations bill. The Foreign Relations Committee trimmed \$750 million from the \$3.225 billion asked by former President Nixon for foreign aid.

Israel, Egypt Unaffected By Cuts

None of these cuts, however, apply to Israel or Egypt which were specifically named to receive the identical economic aid sums. The House committee so far has not considered military aid cuts such as proposed in the Senate. The amendment to the House foreign aid bill authorizing the \$250 million for Israel and Egypt was submitted by Reps. Dante Fascell (D, Fla.) and John Buchanan (R, Ala.).

The phasing out of military grants in aid will also not apply to Israel which traditionally has paid for its military purchases in the U.S., except for the \$1.5 billion granted this year by former President Nixon to help cover Israel's costs in the Yom Kippur War.

The reductions by the Senate committee and subcommittee were seen as a move by that segment of the Senate which would like to see less emphasis on

heavy defense spending and more on government spending on domestic problems." It was noted here that any effort to reduce inflation, which President Ford has termed America's public enemy number one, could not exempt military expenditures from reductions.

White House Press Secretary Jerald F. terHorst said today that President Ford has "expressed serious disappointment at the size of the cuts" and that the President hoped "Congress will carefully analyze what the impact of reductions of that magnitude would mean to the security capabilities of the U.S."

ZABELISHENSKY IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Aug. 14 (JTA)--Leonid Zabelishensky, a former Soviet Jewish "prisoner of conscience," has arrived in Israel still suffering from injuries suffered during his six months of imprisonment for "parasitism," the National Conference on Soviet Jewry reported today. Earlier in Vienna en route to Israel, Zabelishensky sent a telegram to New York City Council President Paul O'Dwyer thanking him for helping him to gain freedom.

Last winter, with the cooperation of the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry, O'Dwyer and Manhattan Borough President Percy Sutton visited the USSR where O'Dwyer voiced particular concern over Zabelishensky. He intervened with Soviet authorities on behalf of Zabelishensky and after returning to New York corresponded with him and the American Embassy in Moscow.

Zabelishensky was dismissed from the faculty of the Ural Polytechnic Institute after applying for an exit visa in Nov. 1971. He was arrested Oct. 23, 1974 and charged with "parasitism" after he had been dismissed by administrative orders from an engineering job. The NCSJ reported today that Zabelishensky had been injured in an accident during his six-month term but the injuries had been exacerbated because he had been forced to continue working. He now has to wear a back brace.

Meanwhile, the National Conference said, the mother of Yuli Tartakovsky, the Kiev activist who is in hiding to prevent his induction into the army, said she has been told she cannot leave the USSR despite the fact that she has an exit visa. She is under constant surveillance by the KGB and has been told that her son will be prosecuted not only for draft evasion but also for other unnamed criminal acts, the NCSJ reported.

KAHANE RETURNING TO U.S. TO CAMPAIGN AGAINST KISSINGER

JERUSALEM, Aug. 14 (JTA)--Rabbi Meir Kahane, the former leader of the Jewish Defense League, left Israel for New York today to launch what he described as a campaign among American Jews against Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's detente and Middle East policies. (Kahane supporters in New York told the JTA that he was expected to arrive there late this evening.)

A police spokesman told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that a court order barring Kahane's departure from Israel pending trial was waived. The order originally was believed to be related to arms smuggling charges on which Kahane must face trial. The police spokesman said it was actually issued on incitement charges for which Kahane since has been acquitted and, therefore, his application for waiver was granted.

In a statement before he left, Kahane said he was returning to America "to lead the struggle against the foreign policy of the emperor's new clothes." According to Kahane, the "emperor"

is Kissinger and his clothes are "his general policy of detente and his Mideast intrigues in particular." Kahane, who failed to win a single Knesset seat for his JDL ticket in the Israeli elections last year, claimed that his mission to the U.S. had "the support of vast numbers of Israelis."

AJCONGRESS OFFICIALS TO MEET WITH LATIN-AMERICAN JEWISH LEADERS

NEW YORK, Aug. 14 (JTA)--Twelve officers of the American Jewish Congress will meet with Jewish community leaders in Latin America next week in a study mission that will take them to Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, Chile and Peru. The AJCongress delegates will return to New York Sept. 2.

The mission was organized in consultation and coordination with officers of the World Jewish Congress in South America and leaders of local Jewish communities there, according to Phil Baum, associate executive director of the AJCongress and director of its Commission on International Affairs, who will lead the group. Mark Turkow of Buenos Aires, secretary-general of the Latin American branch of the World Jewish Congress, will accompany the mission.

In a statement explaining the purpose of the visit, Baum said: "Recent political changes in South America confront Jewish life with a series of new and complex challenges. The leaders of Latin American Jewry believe it imperative that American Jews be apprised first hand of the implications of these swiftly evolving political events." He noted that "our visit will be private and informal. Our hope is to obtain as much accurate information about the conditions of Jewish life in Latin America as is feasible within the short compass of our stay."

The AJCongress delegates will be received by the Federacao Israelita do Estado de Sao Paulo and Federacao das Sociedades Israelitas, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Comite Central Israelita del Uruguay, Montevideo; Congreso Judio Latinoamericano and Delegacion de Asociaciones Israelitas Argentinas (DAIA), Buenos Aires; Comite Representativo de la Colectividad Israelita de Chile, Santiago; and Asociacion de Sociedades Israelitas del Peru, Lima.

GABRIEL DORON DEAD AT 60

JERUSALEM, Aug. 14 (JTA)--Gabriel Doron, 60, former Israeli Ambassador to Ecuador and latterly director of Israel Radio's advertising company "Reggie Yesrael," died here yesterday and was buried today in Jerusalem. Mr. Doron was born in Rehovot and educated at the Herzliya high school.

A Hagana soldier who rose to the rank of Captain, Mr. Doron joined the foreign service in 1949 and served as Consul in Sydney and Bombay and later as Consul General in Johannesburg. In 1960 he returned home and worked in a high position in the national radio service where he founded the commercial network. He spent a year in the mid-sixties as director of the President's Office. Mr. Doron returned to the foreign service serving in South America as Minister in Rio de Janeiro, then as head of the Israeli Mission in Cuba and finally as Ambassador to Ecuador.

SURVEY SHOWS ISRAEL SUPPORT LEVELLING

JERUSALEM, Aug. 14 (JTA)--Public support for Israel in the western world is levelling to its pre-October 1973 height following an upsurge during and immediately following the Yom Kippur War. This is the main finding of a "Survey of Surveys," a study of public opinion polls undertaken for the

Foreign Ministry, by visiting Prof. Percy H. Tannenbaum of the U.S., at the Hebrew University's Institute of Communications. Tannenbaum is professor of public policy and psychology at the University of California at Berkeley.

His survey embraced over 50 polls conducted in a dozen western countries. It showed a "hard core" of pro-Israel support averaging around one-third of the population (though in Mediterranean countries: Spain, Italy and France it is much lower) and a pro-Arab hard core of between five and ten percent.

During times of crisis—the Six-Day War or the Yom Kippur War—a "swinging vote" of some five to ten percent on the average tends to rally to Israel's support, the survey finds. But when the crisis passes, this support subsides again into "neutrals" and "don't knows." Arab support remains pretty constant in most countries, though Prof. Tannenbaum found a rise in pro-Arab sympathy in recent months in West Germany. There, while eight percent supported the Arabs after the October war, 13 percent do so today.

U.S. INVESTMENTS IN EGYPT DISCUSSED BY AMERICAN, EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (JTA)—Egyptian and American officials met yesterday at the Treasury to consider ways to attract U.S. investments in Egypt and to sound out the feasibility of Egypt's request for \$750 million worth of food grains from the U.S. Members of the American-Egyptian Joint Commission on Cooperation were also reliably reported to have discussed other economic problems while subgroups of the commission also met to discuss reconstruction of the Suez Canal, cultural exchanges, medical cooperation and scientific affairs.

The food items Egypt is seeking, and a list of other supplies, was submitted last week to Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz by Egyptian Ambassador Ashraf Ghorbal. A communique issued by former President Nixon and President Anwar Sadat in Cairo last June said the U.S. would give priority to Egypt's need for agricultural goods.

Last week 19 American construction and engineering executives were in Egypt for three days of talks on the possibility of U.S. firms participating in Egypt's development and reconstruction program. It was announced in Cairo that an American consortium is considering participating in a number of projects and agreed in principle to work on a proposal to carry out Egypt's \$700 million petrochemical industry.

Geneva Conference On The Agenda

Meanwhile, President Ford met today with Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy for a discussion of the Middle East situation. The President received the Egyptian diplomat in the Oval Office and they conferred later at a working luncheon at the White House in which Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger participated. Kissinger and Fahmy have met several times during the week.

(A report from Jerusalem today quoted Foreign Ministry sources as saying that the Middle East peace conference in Geneva could reconvene in Nov. The sources indicated that this was being suggested in the current round of talks between American and Arab officials though no firm date has been set.)

TRADE BILL TO BE PRESENTED SOON TO FORD FOR SIGNING

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (JTA)—Sen. Russell Long (D., La.), chairman of the Senate Finance

Committee, has told President Ford that he will present a trade bill that the President can sign, White House Press Secretary Jerald terHorst disclosed today. TerHorst said he presumed that a trade bill will be passed this year.

The foreign trade bill, with the Jackson Amendment pending, has been tied up for months in the Senate Finance Committee while Senators and the Nixon Administration tried to work out a compromise on the Jackson measure. Long is one of the sponsors of the Jackson Amendment linking U.S. trade benefits for Russia with Soviet emigration policy.

Meanwhile, Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R., N.Y.), a key figure in the negotiations over the Jackson Amendment, said today that the Senate would not agree to any trade bill that did not take into consideration the emigration rights of Russian Jews. "There is no bluffing. If it is not possible to make a responsible, reasonable agreement I am prepared to face the fact that we might not have a trade bill this year," Javits told a press conference.

Efforts to reach an acceptable formula will resume tomorrow when Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger meets again with Senators Jackson, Javits and Abraham Ribicoff (D., Conn.) Ford will probably attend the breakfast meeting scheduled at the White House.

SAPIR CONFERS WITH ARGENTINE JEWS

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 14 (JTA)—Pinhas Sapir, chairman of the Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organization Executives, stressed here in talks this week with local Jewish leaders the need for cooperation between Israel and diaspora Jewries based on aliya and Jewish education.

Sapir, who arrived here Sunday during his current tour of South American countries, was scheduled to attend the Ninth Congress of the Federation of Argentine Jewish Communities which opened here today. Sapir has been asserting that an increase in Israel's population increases the chances for peace.

He was given a reception by Mark Turkow, secretary of the Latin American Jewish Congress which was attended by Ram Nirgal, Israel's Ambassador to Argentina, and Shmuel Hadas, Israel's envoy to Bolivia, as well as Menachem Karni, Minister of the Israel Embassy here. Sapir has visited communities in Mexico, Colombia, Peru and Brazil and will continue his tour in Chile, Uruguay and Venezuela.

ZULU LEADER SEES BLACK NATIONALISM INSPIRED BY JEWISH HISTORY

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 14 (JTA)—Zulu leader Gatsha Buthelezi, Chief Minister of the Kwazulu Legislative Assembly, explained the objects of Black nationalism in South Africa to a large gathering of Johannesburg Jews at Temple Emanuel Hall here last night. The meeting was arranged by Johannesburg's United Progressive Jewish Congregation whose Chief Minister, Rabbi Dr. Arthur Super, introduced Buthelezi as the man who more than any other was the voice of the Black community in South Africa.

Buthelezi said that South Africa was unique in Africa in that white people as well as Black had become indigenous here. Each needed the other and should work together for welfare and progress. He said Black nationalism had taken much inspiration from Jewish history in Biblical times. He thought South Africa's Black Homeland policy could succeed if it were honestly implemented. He personally favored a federation of Black and white states in South Africa as a solution which could avoid violent upheaval.

LAWYERS GROUP URGES PRESENCE OF ONE OF ITS MEMBERS AT POLSKY TRIAL

NEW YORK, Aug. 14 (JTA)--Rita Hausner, chairwoman of the National Lawyers Committee for Soviet Jews, has sent a telegram to Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin in Washington asking that a committee member be allowed to attend the trial of the Soviet Jewish activist, Victor Polsky, scheduled to start tomorrow.

Noting that Polsky, a physicist, has been charged with "operating an automobile in an unsafe manner," Ms. Hausner wrote: "From evidence which we have been provided with, it appears to us that Polsky is innocent of all these charges, and that, if he is permitted to call witnesses, he will be proven innocent."

Ms. Hausner's telegram also noted: "This case has attracted considerable attention and it would serve the interest of both detente and international justice for an impartial observer from our committee to be permitted in the courtroom. As you know, there is a precedent for this as regards Soviet observers in American courtrooms."

In March, Polsky was involved in an auto accident in Moscow. Prosecutors held that he was criminally responsible because his car injured a 19-year-old woman. Yet the initial testimony indicated that the woman had thrown herself in front of the car in a suicide attempt. However, since March hospital records have disappeared or been altered, and the woman, the ambulance driver and other witnesses suddenly changed their testimony. The woman's father, Col. A.Y. Zhukova, is a high official in the secret police and her mother works for the Communist Party.

The National Conference on Soviet Jewry has learned that in a petition filed several weeks ago Soviet Jews expressed fear that Polsky would be brought to trial because the Soviets "wanted to make an example of him." Polsky was fired from his job after applying to go to Israel in 1968.

Meanwhile, in a demonstration sponsored by the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry at noon tomorrow, a group of costumed professional actresses will transform the steps of the New York Public Library into a surrealistic open air "courtroom" depicting the arrest and trial of Polsky. Brooklyn District Attorney Eugene Gold, chairman of the Greater New York Conference, will introduce the dramatization.

FEDERAL COURT APPROVES MOTION FOR EXPEDITED HEARING ON REDISTRICTING AFFECTED HASIDIC JEWS

NEW YORK, Aug. 14 (JTA)--The federal Court of Appeals approved yesterday a motion from the United Jewish Organizations of Williamsburg for an expedited hearing on its complaint that a recent redistricting of State Assembly and Senate districts discriminated unconstitutionally against the Brooklyn area's 45,000 Hasidic Jews.

The hearing, which is scheduled to begin Friday, is on an appeal from a lower court ruling on July 26 upholding the constitutionality of the redistricting. The UJO, representing more than 100 Williamsburg Jewish organizations, most of them Hasidic, charged that the new districts, approved by the State Legislature on May 29, discriminated against Jewish residents in favor of Blacks and Puerto Ricans.

The request for the expedited hearing was made because of the nearness of the September primary elections. Nathan Lewin of Washington, a vice-president of the National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs (COLPA), who is

representing the UJO in both the original suit and in the appeal, said the Hasidic voters of Williamsburg would suffer "irreparable harm" if the primary was held within the framework of the new districts.

JEWISH CARIBBEAN COMMUNITIES TO CONFER, PLAN FOR JEWISH SURVIVAL

NEW YORK, Aug. 14 (JTA)--Under the auspices of the American Section of the World Jewish Congress, representatives of nine Caribbean Jewish communities will meet in Curacao Aug. 29 to Sept. 1 to discuss their common problems and to plan together concerning cultural and educational programs.

This was announced here today by Jacques Torczyner, chairman of the WJC-American Section. He expressed the hope that among the benefits that will emerge from the meeting will be a common program to enable the small Caribbean communities not only to share their resources with each other, but also to use available human resources of the vast Jewish community of the U.S.

Lavy M. Becker, honorary consultant to the WJC on Small Jewish Communities, has visited every Jewish community in the Caribbean at least once, and the decision to convene the upcoming conference was taken as a result of a visit he made to the area last fall. Becker will be one of the participants in the conference. Yitzhak Pundak, Israel Ambassador to Guatemala, will be the speaker at a dinner session, and Rabbi Martin Levin, the newly-appointed rabbi of Shaarei Tsedek Congregation, Curacao, will be the leader at an Oneg Shabbat study session.

There will be a number of separate meetings with Jewish teachers from the various islands to discuss with them their special requirements. The Jewish population of the Caribbean is about 5000, the largest communities being those of Puerto Rico, Curacao, Jamaica and Surinam.

U.S. BASKETBALL TEAM LOSES TO SPECIAL ISRAELI SQUAD

TEL AVIV, Aug. 14 (JTA)--An American basketball team swept through an international tournament at Tel Aviv University by defeating all five competitors, then lost two games to a special Israeli squad preparing for the Asian Games in Tehran.

The New Mexico University team from Albuquerque, which was chosen to represent the U.S. in the world games, defeated teams from the Swiss Freiburg University, the Belgian Catholic Lueven University, the Amsterdam Free University of Holland, the Australian Flinders University and Tel Aviv University, which took second place in the tournament.

The triumphant New Mexico team was then invited for two test games with the select Israeli team, losing the first game Saturday night 88-90 and the second game Sunday night, 83-96. The Israeli coaches praised the Albuquerque players for their performances and described the post-tournament games an excellent test for the special Israeli quintet.

JERUSALEM (JTA)--A highly placed source told the JTA that Premier Yitzhak Rabin intends to bring in a third Sephardic minister into his Cabinet in addition to Shlomo Hillel (Police) and Aharon Uzan (Agriculture) and is holding the Communications portfolio open for this purpose.

SOFIA (JTA)--Nearly half of the 134 Jewish residents of Varna, in Bulgaria, have been decorated by the government for their contributions to socialism in the country.