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ISRAEL REPORTS TWO MORE VIOLATIONS OF RUSSIAN MINE SWEEPERS OFF SINAI

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Aug. 28 (JTA)--A Russian mine-sweeper entered Israel-controlled waters off Sinai again this morning but withdrew after a time without a repetition of yesterday's provocative action, it was reported here. The incursion occurred at 9:30 a.m. local time. The Russian vessel approached to a point two and a half miles from the Sinai coast north of Sharm el-Sheikh, an area known as the Straits of Milan. An Israeli navy patrol boat signaled the Russian craft to leave the coastal waters and it departed eventually without incident.

Israeli officials, meanwhile, are mulling over the possible motivation behind the Soviet provocations, especially yesterday's bizarre incident in which two Russian mine-sweepers "attacked" Israeli patrol boats with high pressure water hoses. That incident, which occurred yesterday afternoon in the Milan Straits was disclosed last night by Defense Minister Shimon Peres. None of the Israeli crew members was hurt and the boats were not damaged. According to Peres' account, the mine-sweepers are part of a large Soviet naval task force operating in the northern Red Sea and Gulf of Suez areas.

May Be Sowing New Mine Fields

During yesterday afternoon they approached Israel-controlled waters northwest of Sharm el-Sheikh and were signaled to leave by Israeli "Daboor" type patrol boats. The Russians left, only to return a short while later. They continued to play a cat-and-mouse game until about 6 p.m. local time when they approached close in shore and ignored Israeli signals to leave.

One of the sweepers turned its high pressure hoses, used in mine-clearing operations, on the Israeli patrol boats giving them and their crews a thorough dousing. The Israeli boats did not retaliate but did not withdraw and continued signaling the Russians by international code to leave the area. The Russian craft finally withdrew.

Peres expressed concern over the size of the Russian flotilla to which the mine-sweepers are attached. He said it included a helicopter carrier and appeared much too large for its ostensible task of clearing mines from the Gulf of Suez. One Israeli source intimated that the Russians may, in fact, be sowing new mine fields in the area. Last week, Peres complained to the United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF) commander Gen. Ensto Stillasvuo over Russian naval violations of Israel-controlled waters off Sinai.

GREEK GOVERNMENT NOT SUPPORTING, ENCOURAGING ANTI-SEMITISM

LONDON, Aug. 28 (JTA)--A leader of the Greek Jewish community said today that the Greek government could not by any stretch of the imagination be regarded as supporting, much less encouraging, recent anti-Semitic inferences appearing in some sections of the Greek press. Dr. Joseph Lovinger, president of the Central Board of Jewish Communities in Greece, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in a tele-

phone interview that any such assumptions were totally wrong and must be strenuously denied. He said the Greek government knew no discrimination on religious grounds and that its attitude toward its Jewish citizens was one of good will at all times.

The JTA reported last Friday that the left-wing Athens daily, "Athenaiki," refers repeatedly to U.S. Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger as "the German Jew Kissinger" and declared in an editorial recently that Greece no longer wants to be the "sole means of survival for any more Israelis."

The JTA report was based on information from a journalist who specializes in Greek affairs to the effect that Greek anger at the United States over its policies in the Cyprus crisis had an anti-Semitic component directed at Kissinger and could easily lead to a revival of anti-Semitism latent in Greece because of alleged Jewish support for the Turks in Greece's struggle for independence during the early 19th century. The journalistic source asked not to be identified.

Dr. Lovinger told the JTA: "The entire Greek people, irrespective of party affiliation, views the events in Cyprus and the attitude of the United States to them with deep anxiety. Everybody knows that American foreign policy is directed by Dr. Henry Kissinger. When Kissinger did something people approved of, he was Kissinger the Secretary of State. Now that he does something of which people disapprove violently, he becomes Kissinger the German Jew."

Dr. Lovinger observed that the Greeks are not the only people to apply such standards. But he stressed that the Greek government could not in any way be accused of fostering or holding such attitudes. He added, however, that "the Central Board watches the situation closely, being aware of the dangers of anti-Jewish propaganda wherever it occurs."

ISRAEL, HAITI SIGN ACCORD

JERUSALEM, Aug. 28 (JTA)--Israel and Haiti signed agreements of mutual cooperation here today. The signing, by Foreign Minister Yigal Allon and the Foreign Minister of Haiti, Edner Brutus, marked the end of the latter's official visit to Israel. Brutus, who serves as religious affairs minister in the Haitian government, visited the Yad Vashem Memorial and laid a wreath there. During his visit he called on President Ephraim Katzir to deliver a personal message from Haiti's President, Jean-Claude Duvalier. He also met with Premier Yitzhak Rabin and with Haim Zadok, Justice Minister and Minister of Religious Affairs.

DULZIN SAYS ISRAEL MUST ASK FOR GREATER AID FROM WORLD JEWRY

Failure Would Dash Hopes Of Soviet Olm
By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Aug. 28 (JTA)--Jewish Agency Treasurer Leon Dulzin warned 300 American Jewish leaders here today that if Israel failed to absorb new Soviet immigrants it would spell the death blow to the hopes of hundreds of thousands, perhaps millions, of Soviet Jews who might come to Israel at some time in the future. Despite Israel's crushing economic burdens and social and security problems, no Jew in Israel or abroad could dare say or think "let's wait with Soviet aliya," Dulzin said. Without aliya there was no

justification for the struggle and sacrifice which Israelis lived with daily, he said.

While the post-Yom Kippur War contributions from world Jewry had been unprecedentedly large, and despite the economic slumps in the U.S. and worldwide, Israel has no alternative but to appeal to Jewry abroad this year to give as much and more than last year to help with absorption of newcomers and absorption-in-depth of veteran Israelis still suffering from socio-economic hardships, Dulzin stated in his address to the 300 Jewish leaders who are here for the 1974 UJA Prime Ministers' Mission headed by Paul Zuckerman, UJA general chairman.

War Cost \$8 Billion

The audience was hushed and somber as Dulzin spelled out the extent of Israel's economic troubles. The war, he said, had cost \$8 billion (compared to the Six-Day War which had cost \$400 million). This year's national budget was close to \$9 billion, of which around \$4 billion was earmarked for defense spending. Defense accounted for 35 percent of the GNP—compared with seven percent in the U.S. and four percent in the larger European countries, he noted.

Inflation in Israel was currently running at 40 percent for this year. It was largely caused by the war's aftermath, but Israel's fuel bill alone had risen by \$600 million as a result of price hikes abroad, Dulzin stated. There was also a massive trade deficit—\$3.5 billion in 1974 compared with \$1.2 billion last year. Taxes had been raised to "the highest imaginable level," Dulzin said. Against this backdrop, Israel had to absorb the immigrants, which he described as the Jewish State's reason for being.

150,000 Soviet Jews Applied For Visas

This year's forecast of 60,000 olim did not seem to be in prospect, following the major slump since Jan. in Soviet aliya, he said. Nevertheless, Dulzin predicted that very soon—with a Jackson-Administration compromise in the offing—4000-5000 Soviet olim would be arriving each month, more than during the best months of last year. Israel would have to provide them with housing and jobs, he stated. Some 150,000 Soviet Jews had already applied for exit visas, Dulzin revealed, and he was certain many more would do so if, and when, the harassment ceased.

KAHANE CHARGES KISSINGER IS ENDANGERING ISRAEL'S EXISTENCE

By David Friedman

NEW YORK, Aug. 28 (JTA)—Rabbi Meir Kahane came to New York City's garment district today to launch his campaign against the policies of Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger which he said were endangering the safety of the State of Israel. A lunchtime crowd of nearly 200 warmly applauded the former Jewish Defense League leader when he said, "There will be no peace with the Arabs no matter how much the State of Israel gives back."

Speaking while standing on top of the trunk of a car, Kahane told the street corner crowd that he could not understand why American Jews were enamored of Kissinger simply because he was the first Jew to serve as Secretary of State. "Israel is desperately afraid of Kissinger," Kahane declared, charging that the Secretary was pressuring the Jewish State to give up territories.

Kahane, dressed in a gray suit with an Israeli-style open collar white shirt, said he would

lead a demonstration in Washington Sept. 15 starting at the White House and then going to Kissinger's home where he would tell the Secretary, "Henry the honeymoon is over."

Jewish Leaders, Rabbis Castigated

Saying that Kissinger was pursuing a policy of pragmatism rather than morality, Kahane charged Kissinger with forcing Israel to wait for the Arab attack in the Yom Kippur War thus causing the death of 2600 Israeli soldiers, preventing Israel from wiping out the Egyptian army and then forcing Israel to withdraw in the Sinai and the Golan Heights. He said Kissinger was the leading opponent of the Jackson Amendment, therefore depriving Soviet Jews of the major leverage that could be used to help them emigrate.

Kahane charged that American Jewish leaders and rabbis refused to oppose Kissinger and said it was up to American Jews to carry out this task in order to save Israel. "Those of you who did not go to Israel to live have the obligation to allow those in Israel to live," he declared. "God help you if there is no Israel. The only guarantee of the survival of American Jews is the survival of Israel."

Most of the people listening to Kahane, many of whom waited nearly an hour in the hot, muggy outdoors, seemed to support his views, and there were several street corner discussions claiming Kissinger was selling out Israel. Many had been supporters of Kahane before his immigration to Israel and were eager to see him again. Kahane arrived last week from Israel where he is under indictment for attempting to smuggle arms out of the country.

FRANCE LIFTS MIDEAST ARMS EMBARGO

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Aug. 28 (JTA)—France decided today to lift its seven-year embargo on delivery of arms and planes to the Middle East. The French government decided to reexamine in future all requests for French arms on "a case by case" basis. The French government decision was taken in the wake of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's disclosure that Libyan Mirages are stationed in Egypt and had actively participated in the Yom Kippur War in violation of the Franco-Libyan agreement.

French government spokesman Andre Rossi said after today's French Cabinet session that "former definitions of battlefield participation (of the Middle East countries involved in the Arab-Israeli war) are now valueless. The government has decided that the sale of this equipment (weapons and planes) will henceforth be authorized on a case by case basis."

The French decision to lift the arms embargo comes at a time when Israel is relying on American supplies while Egypt and a number of other Arab states want to diversify the origin of their military equipment and obtain French-made arms. French official sources say, however, that Israel is not obtaining from the United States the type and the amount of military equipment it wants. These sources told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that they believe Israel would thus try to obtain elsewhere what America refuses or is unable to sell and might thus try to obtain this type of equipment in France.

These sources say that the new French Mirage, the F-1, is superior and cheaper than the American Phantom or Cobra. The French believe that Israel and a number of Arab countries will try to obtain the French-made bomber-interceptor. French officials now hope that a number of Arab countries and Israel will become customers for French arms.

FORD BACKS OFF ON HIS FORMER PROPOSAL THAT THE U.S. MOVE ITS EMBASSY IN ISRAEL TO JERUSALEM
By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28 (JTA)--President Gerald Ford backed away today from his 1972 proposal that the United States move its embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem where 17 other nations now locate their ambassadors. At his first news conference since taking office Aug. 9, the President responded to a question about his proposal of two years ago by saying, "Under the current circumstances and the importance of getting a just and lasting peace in the Middle East, that particular proposal ought to stand aside."

Ford added, "We must come up with some answers between Israel and the Arab nations in order to achieve a peace that is both fair and durable." That remark and his reversal of his suggestion to move the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem were the President's only references to the Middle East conflict today.

As Republican Minority Leader on March 17, 1972, the then Congressman of Michigan told a Zionist Organization of America regional meeting in Cleveland that the Nixon Administration should transfer the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem. His suggestion, however, was opposed by President Nixon and the then Secretary of State William P. Rogers. Rep. John J. Rhodes (R., Ariz.), chairman of the Republican Platform Committee that election year, decided against including Ford's proposal in the 1972 Republican platform. The Democratic Party, however, seized on Ford's idea and incorporated it into their 1972 platform.

Ford, in his press conference today which focussed on the nation's economic problems, praised Herbert Stein of Detroit, the outgoing chairman of his Council of Economic Advisors and said that his successor, Alan Greenspan of New York, "will do an excellent job." Greenspan has been on the Council for the past two days. Stein is returning to the University of Virginia.

White House Press Secretary Jerald terHorst announced yesterday that Leonard Garment, who was White House counsel to former President Nixon and a special assistant on minorities, will continue at the White House during the present transition period. TerHorst also announced yesterday that Ford met briefly with Max Fisher of Detroit, on Monday. He said the two men discussed ways of combating inflation in this country and Fisher's visit to Israel where he will participate next week in the meeting of the full Jewish Agency Executive. Ford, according to terHorst, asked Fisher to convey his greetings to their mutual friends in Israel. Fisher is the chairman of the Jewish Agency's Board of Governors.

ALLON SAYS ISRAEL HAS SATISFACTORY EXPLANATION FROM WASHINGTON ABOUT THE FORD-HUSSEIN COMMUNIQUE
By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Aug. 28 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Yigal Allon told the Knesset today that Israel has received a satisfactory explanation from the United States of the joint American-Jordanian communique of Aug. 18. He said the explanation was in response to an Israeli message requesting clarification. The communique by President Ford and King Hussein called for continuing consultations between Amman and

Washington "with a view to addressing at an appropriately early date the issues of particular concern to Jordan, including a Jordanian-Israeli disengagement agreement."

Allon did not disclose the contents of the American explanation, but he quoted Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's remark at a press conference in Washington last week to the effect that there were different versions of disengagement.

The Knesset, officially in summer recess, convened in special session today at the demand of the opposition parties. Allon spoke in reply to a Likud agenda motion concerning the U.S.-Jordanian communique. MK Haim Landau, who introduced the motion, accused Kissinger of acting against Israeli interests and accused the Israeli government of responding blindly to the dictates of Washington.

Reaffirms U.S.-Israel Friendship

He was referring to Kissinger's announcement a week ago that Premier Yitzhak Rabin would come to Washington in the first part of Sept. although at the time no date had been set and the Rabin Cabinet had not yet approved the visit. Israelis considered this high handed but Allon dismissed the incident today as inconsequential. He said that "when the time comes to argue with the U.S. we shall argue" on more substantive issues. He described Kissinger as a "true friend" of Israel who has proven his friendship in times of need, "although it is true that he is the Secretary of State of the U.S. and not of Israel."

Allon said that while he was not always happy with Kissinger's moves, "this is the nature of productive statesmanship." He added, "If we are faced with another war, we shall not find any closer and stronger friend than the Americans." The Knesset voted overwhelmingly to refer the agenda motion to its foreign affairs and security committee.

MAXIMUS SAYS CAPUCCI IS A HERO

ROME, Aug. 28 (JTA)--Melchite Patriarch Maximus V, who arrived here yesterday, vigorously defended as a hero Greek Catholic Archbishop Hilarion Capucci arrested by the Israeli security police and accused of smuggling arms to Fatah terrorists operating in Israeli-administered territories.

The Melchite Patriarch, here to discuss the affair with Vatican authorities, said as of now there is "no certain proof" of Capucci's guilt. He further implied that Israeli security officials had planned weapons in the Archbishop's car after he was taken into custody and then claimed they had discovered the weapons.

Maximus noted that even if Capucci were guilty of aiding the Palestinians, "what the Israelis call guilt the Arabs call heroism." He added: "It is possible that the bishop might have made contacts with those the Israelis qualify as terrorists and which in Arab nations are called fedayin, that is, those who sacrifice their lives to save their country."

He then drew a parallel between Capucci's illegal action and the bishops "who did many illegal things to save the lives of Jews during the Nazi occupation. I do not see why a man should be condemned for wanting to save Arabs." The Melchites are Arab-speaking Catholics of the Byzantine rite in Egypt, Syria and Israel.

JERUSALEM (JTA)--Hearst newspapers' top European correspondent, Serge Flegiers, was operated on at Hadassah Hospital this week for removal of shrapnel received in Cyprus during the fighting there. He was flown to Israel from the British base in Cyprus and helicoptered from Ben Gurion Airport to Jerusalem by the Israel Air Force.

JEWISH AGENCY PLenary EXECUTIVE TO DISCUSS LARGE DEFICIT IN BUDGET

JERUSALEM, Aug. 28 (JTA)--A deficit of some \$200 million in this year's Jewish Agency budget will be one of the main subjects to be discussed by the Agency's plenary executive when it convenes here next week. This large deficit, expected from a total budget of \$700 million was attributed by Jewish Agency treasurer Leon Dulzin to a large decrease in income from various funds.

According to Dulzin, the financial difficulties abroad, particularly in the United States, have reduced the potential of contributions, especially by the big donors. Some cannot meet their pledges because of the difficulties they face, he noted. Dulzin said there were now pledges for some \$600 million throughout the world, but the actual income had declined considerably. "If we don't succeed in recruiting the missing funds, we will find ourselves in a most difficult situation," Dulzin said.

EFFORT BEING MADE TO EXHUME SIX REMAINING GRAVES IN ANCIENT JEWISH CEMETERY NEAR VILNA

ELIZABETH, N.J., Aug. 28 (JTA)--Rabbi Pinhas Teitz said today he had requested permission to exhume the six remaining graves in the ancient Jewish cemetery in Radin, near Vilna, which is being leveled along with five non-Jewish cemeteries, for shipment to the United States for re-burial.

Rabbi Teitz, a former member of the Presidium of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada, said he had made the request through Ephraim Kaplun, head of the Moscow Jewish community. The remaining graves include that of the Chofetz Chaim, regarded as the greatest Talmudic scholar of modern times, who died in 1933.

Rabbi Teitz had reported previously that he had learned from a Moscow source of a visit to the Radin cemetery recently indicating that a tractor had devastated the cemetery, leaving pieces of headstones and monuments strewn over the cemetery area. According to that report, the grave of the Chofetz Chaim had disappeared.

Soviet Ministry Starts Probe

Rabbi Teitz made contact with Kaplun by telephone on Aug. 20 to inform him of the report. Kaplun subsequently informed Rabbi Teitz that, at Kaplun's request, the Soviet Ministry of Culture had sent a commission to Radin to investigate the reported destruction.

Rabbi Teitz said today he had received a telephone report of the findings of the commission which said that the Jewish cemetery had not been in use since 1942 and the Radin government decided to liquidate it and the five other burial grounds. Kaplun told Rabbi Teitz that the commission was informed that a notice had been placed in the local press in Radin on May 12, announcing plans for the cemetery liquidation and requesting friends and relatives to come to the cemeteries and exhume bodies for re-burial.

However, Rabbi Teitz said, the announcement attracted little attention and no persons came to the cemeteries to reclaim any bodies, and the Radin city government began the leveling of the cemeteries. Nevertheless, Rabbi Teitz said, when he visited the Jewish cemetery two months ago, he found six graves still

untouched. He said Kaplun had informed him those graves remained undisturbed and then he asked: Kaplun to seek permission for removal of the six bodies for re-burial.

MICHIGAN STATE U SAYS IT CANNOT CHANGE OPENING DATE OF SEMESTER ON DAY OF YOM KIPPUR

EAST LANSING, Mich., Aug. 28 (JTA)--Michigan State University officials have expressed regret that they cannot change the opening date of the new semester, which coincides with Yom Kippur, but have given assurances that students will not be penalized for being absent that day. The problem was raised by Rabbi William Rudolph, MSU Hillel director. University officials replied with a statement declaring that because school calendars are set up well in advance, the date could not be changed.

The statement said the university administration had not been aware of the problem when the 1974-75 calendar was arranged, the faculty had been alerted to the situation and that attendance on the first day was not mandatory; "serious attempts" would be made in the future to avoid such conflicts, and arrangements had been made to prevent any coincidence of registration dates and the Jewish High Holy Days until at least 1980.

Rabbi Rudolph said the situation was "indicative of a general insensitivity of the administration to Jewish needs" and that "regardless of whether the administration did not know that Yom Kippur falls on Sept. 26 or whether it knew but chose to ignore the fact, the matter is most unfortunate." He added that parents who want to avoid a recurrence of the situation should make their feelings known to the MSU president, Clifton Wharton, Jr.

CONDOLENCES SENT TO DAVIES' FAMILY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28 (JTA)--The Greater Washington Jewish Community Council's president, Judge William C. Levy, has sent a letter of condolence on behalf of the Washington Jewish community to the family of the slain American Ambassador in Cyprus, Rodger Paul Davies. The letter declared that the Jewish community knows "too well and too often the tragedy of terrorism. Just two short summers ago eleven Israelis were massacred in Munich. Rodger Davies, then Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, was among those who eulogized their death, and called out for an end to terrorism." Levy said also that it was ironic that a "similar tragedy perpetrated by men of similar contempt for human life snuffed out Rodger Davies' life."

RIGHTIST GROUP TAKEN TO COURT

PARIS, Aug. 28 (JTA)--The French nationalist group "Oeuvre Francaise" (French Work) has been given a subpoena to appear in Paris Court (Palais de Justice) for having spread anti-Semitic posters in the city of Rennes and the French capital. The summons cited the group for attempting to "stir racial hatred." It was issued to Pierre Sidos, president of the organization. The trial is expected to take place in one to two months.

The suit against the group was brought by the International League Against Racism and Anti-Semitism (LICRA) after being alerted about the anti-Semitic activities by its local chapter in Rennes. The posters, which were circulated in Oct. and Nov. 1973, included such statements as "France for the French," and "The French will not follow orders from Tel Aviv." ***

NEW YORK (JTA)--Israel Zuriel will head Israel's Ministry of Tourism in North America, replacing Amram Zur who now heads Histadrut's travel agency, Histur, in Israel.