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## 2 ISRAELIS ON BOARD CRASHED AIRLINER

TEL AVIV, Sept. 8 (JTA)—A TWA jet that crashed at sea off Greece today with the possible loss of over 100 lives is believed to have had only two Israelis aboard, according to airline officials here. But Flight 841 which left Ben Gurion Airport at 9:15 a.m. local time for Athens, Rome and New York may have been carrying American Jewish tourists. At least some 20 Americans were reported to be aboard.

According to TWA officials, 105 passengers, mostly home-bound tourists, boarded the Boeing 707 this morning at Ben Gurion; 48 left the plane at Athens Airport where 35 new passengers boarded. The aircraft was said to carry a crew of nine.

TWA officials would not disclose the names of the Israeli passport holders, reportedly a husband and wife, until their next of kin are located. The couple, however may have left the plane at Athens. The airliner plunged into the Ionian Sea near Corfu.

The first reports from rescue craft did not mention survivors. There was no indication of the cause of the crash. (A Civil Aviation spokesman in Athens said that all precautionary measures against sabotage and hijacking had been taken before the plane left Athens Airport.)

## RUMANIAN LEADER DUE IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Sept. 8 (JTA)—Rumania's Foreign Minister Gheorghe Macovescu is due here tomorrow for a four-day official visit as guest of Foreign Minister Yigal Allon. Macovescu will manage to meet with Premier Yitzhak Rabin before the Premier leaves for Washington, informed sources said. The visit returns former Foreign Minister Abba Eban's visit to Rumania last Nov.

Israeli officials are particularly pleased with the current rise in official visits here—Britain's second-ranking Cabinet Minister, Lord President of the Council Edward Short, is currently here as Allon's guest—as symbolizing an end to a difficult period for Israel of near isolation on the international diplomatic front.

France and Israel are to exchange Foreign Ministers' visits before the year's end—the first French visit here ever and the first Israeli official visit to Paris since the Six-Day War. Short met with Allon in a working session in Jerusalem Friday, having flown in from Cyprus Thursday evening in a Royal Air Force jet. He is spending the weekend with the Foreign Minister at his Kibbutz Ginosar country home.

## CABINET DEBATES POLITICAL SITUATION PRIOR TO RABIN'S WASHINGTON VISIT

No New Decisions Were Taken  
By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Sept. 8 (JTA)—For four hours today the Cabinet debated the diplomatic and international options and problems now facing Israel in advance of Premier Yitzhak Rabin's Washington visit this week. At Rabin's request, "no new decisions" were taken, Cabinet Secretary Gershon Avner told newsmen later. The decisions, apparently, have been left to when

Rabin returns with a full picture of how the Americans, and their recent Arab guests, see the future of the peace efforts.

Avner said there had been "differences of stress and emphasis" between ministers during the long debate. But, he added, the picture which some commentators had been seeking to portray --of the Cabinet split into two definite camps, the one favoring early talks with Jordan, the other preferring a second Israel-Egyptian dialogue as top priority--was incorrect.

The Cabinet debate opened with a briefing from Foreign Minister Yigal Allon who referred to U.S. Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's series of talks with Arab leaders last month and with Israeli Ambassador Simcha Dinitz over the weekend. No details of this were made available, although earlier in the day Israel Radio from Washington had quoted Mordechai Shalev, the Minister at the Embassy, as denying reports that Kissinger had indicated to Dinitz he would be seeking far-reaching concessions from Israel to Jordan during his talks with Rabin.

## Will Press For Bilateral Relations

Avner echoed other official sources here who have been stressing the part that "bilateral relations" will play--at Israel's insistence--in the talks Rabin holds with President Ford, Kissinger and Defense Secretary James Schlesinger this week. The Premier told the Cabinet, Avner said, of his intentions to press for progress in bilateral relations. This meant, he added pointedly, military supplies, economic assistance to pay for those supplies, and general economic assistance.

There has been some concern expressed here as the weeks since the Nixon-Kissinger visit have turned into months at the relatively slow pace at which the undertakings given then have been translated into action.

A propos of arms supplies, Allon also reported to the Cabinet session on Israeli Ambassador Asher Ben Natan's talks with French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing last week which he said had been the warmest such conversation in many long years. The practical results, if any, will make themselves better felt at the end of Oct. when French Foreign Minister Jean Sauvagnargues makes his planned visit to Israel, Allon told the ministers. Ben Natan's conversation with the French President had been confined to a general review of positions, with the Ambassador being given full opportunity to express Israel's views. (See separate story)

## PERES WARNS ARAB ECONOMIC, POLITICAL STRENGTH POSES SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES FOR ISRAEL

MONTREAL, Sept. 8 (JTA)—Shimon Peres, Israel's Defense Minister, declared here last night that the vast economic wealth and political strength the Arabs possess today are being channeled in a belligerent direction which will create serious difficulties for the Arab states and for Israel.

The Israeli leader, who was the guest speaker at the dinner session of the International Fall Leadership Conference of the Israel Bond Organization, attended by more than 750 delegates from the United States and Canada, pointed out that both Syria and Egypt are rebuilding their war machines

in spite of the disengagement agreements that were signed earlier this year.

Peres emphasized that Israel must construct "a new generation of Israeli strength" backed by "a modern generation of weapons" to face the dangers of war and terror. Discussing the possibility of another war, Peres observed that the Arabs are impatient to give vent to their "belligerent tendencies."

He cited the fact that Syria has not yet decided whether it will renew the mandate for the United Nations forces stationed there as a result of the Syrian-Israeli disengagement agreement which will expire this year, while Egypt, though restoring the cities that were damaged during the Yom Kippur War, is rebuilding her military strength. He also said that "terror is an immediate danger that Israel has to face daily."

The Defense Minister also warned of the massive military support extended to the Arabs by the Soviet Union, adding that captured Russian documents urged the Egyptians to join the Russian camp with "its global and nuclear power."

#### Israel's Economy Beset By Problems

He pointed out that Israel's economy is beset by two main problems at the present time: inflation and an unusually heavy deficit in its balance of payments. Peres emphasized Israel's dependence on the Jews of the United States and the rest of the free world for large-scale financial aid through the Israel Bond Organization. He said that while Israel accumulated a deficit of \$5 billion as a result of four wars and its development program, the Arabs have a surplus of \$45 billion this year.

#### Burdened By Additional Taxation

Sam Rothberg, general chairman of the Israel Bond Organization, told the delegates that the widest response to Israel Bonds was needed "not only to shore up its economy which was seriously disrupted as a result of the Yom Kippur War, but also to provide funds for industrial expansion, and the creation of jobs for new immigrants. Economic development is also a major factor in the success of Israel's search for peace."

Michael Arnon, president and chief executive officer of the Bond organization, underscored the fact that Israel's citizens must bear the burden of additional taxation as a result of the government's new measures of austerity aimed at curbing inflation and narrowing the country's trade gap.

He pointed out that the increase in compulsory defense loans under the new austerity program amount to \$240 million and an additional \$240 million will be frozen for a year under a new 20 percent compulsory deposit at no interest on imports. He estimated that the total of old and new taxes, compulsory loans and subsidy curtailments amounted to \$1.9 billion. On a per capita basis, Arnon said, each Israeli man, woman and child will now pay more than \$1500 a year in taxes, more than \$6000 for an average family of four.

#### ISRAEL TO STUDY FRANCE'S NEW MIDEAST ARMS POLICY

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Sept. 8 (JTA)--Israeli Ambassador Asher Ben Natan had a 50-minute meeting with President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing at the Elysee Palace Thursday evening which was described later as "friendly and useful." Ben Natan

told reporters that bilateral matters had been discussed but added, "I have not come with a shopping bag for arms to the President."

The Israeli envoy said that the lifting of the French embargo on arms to the Middle East was an important development "but even more important will be to find out the manner in which it will be applied." He observed that "unfortunately, Israel always needs arms and now we will have a chance to study what France has to offer in this field."

Ben Natan had similar comments to make earlier on a French radio interview after he returned to Paris from a month's leave in Israel. He expressed hope that "friendly and amicable relations will now be established between Israel and France" in the wake of the embargo's removal. But he said "everything depends on how this new policy will be applied--if it is now going to be a question of an arms race in the Middle East, I believe there is a certain equilibrium of forces in this region that should not be upset."

The Israeli Ambassador refused to say directly whether his country has plans to buy arms from France. He observed that while the French Mirages 3 and 5 are an old design, the new F-1 is "a very good airplane." He said that a large part of his talk with Giscard d'Estaing was devoted to the Middle East situation and Israel's views of it.

Observers here believe that the Ambassador's reference to bilateral matters could mean that Israel has asked for clarification of France's new arms sales policy in the Middle East. The meeting was the first the French President has had with the Israeli envoy since his election three months ago. It was arranged before France announced its decision to lift the arms embargo.

#### RABIN URGES WIDER ECONOMIC AID FROM U.S. AND CANADIAN JEWRY

MONTREAL, Sept. 8 (JTA)--Israeli Premier Yitzhak Rabin called for wider economic aid from American and Canadian Jewry in the next four months to strengthen Israel's economy in the face of the country's pressing post-war financial needs.

Rabin, in a cabled message from Jerusalem to Sam Rothberg, general chairman of the Israel Bond Organization, and Michael Arnon, chief executive officer, urged the more than 750 Jewish leaders from the U.S. and Canada assembled at the four-day International Fall Leadership Conference of the Bond Organization here this weekend, to take "immediate steps to utilize the critical fall period to mobilize the greatest possible cash sales of Israel Bonds to enable us to continue the post-war economic recovery program."

The Premier also declared that "increasing defense requirements, urgent development needs and the outlook for the resumption of large-scale immigration from the Soviet Union leave no alternative but for the Israel Bond Organization to assume the responsibility for financing essential development programs."

#### \$200 M To Create 8000 Jobs

Referring to the hope that the Soviet regime may soon permit an increased number of Jews to leave for Israel, as indicated in the Premier's message, Jack D. Weiler of New York, national president of the Israel Prime Minister's Club in the United States, declared that more funds would be required from Israel Bonds to provide jobs for the larger number of immigrants who may come into Israel from the Soviet Union.

Weiler indicated that, of the total cost of \$50,000 for the absorption of one immigrant family, \$25,000 represents the investment needed to

provide a job for the head of that family. He estimated that \$200 million would be required to create 8000 jobs for a probable immigration of that number of families from the Soviet Union this year.

Ira Gudden of New York, chairman of the board of Israel Bonds, said that Israel's economic plight was aggravated by a rate of inflation of more than three times that of the United States. Over a 12-month period ending Feb., 1974, inflation in Israel amounted to 37.5 percent, he pointed out, as compared with 11.8 percent in the United States for a 12-month period ending July.

**PREMIER'S ROSH HASHANA MESSAGE:  
MIDEAST PEACE IS 'ACHIEVABLE'  
IF ISRAEL REMAINS STRONG**

**JERUSALEM, Sept. 8 (JTA)**—Premier Yitzhak Rabin declared in his New Year's message to world Jewry that peace in the Middle East "is achievable" only if Israel remains strong, "for our neighbors will agree to negotiate only with a very strong Israel." In his first Rosh Hashana message since becoming Premier, Rabin pledged that Israel would continue to "probe every possible avenue that might lead to the end of the conflict" with the Arab nations. But, he added, "there is a limit beyond which Israel cannot go, dare not go. Israel will not surrender its vital security in return for palliative arrangements that go by the name of peace."

Rabin, who will visit Washington this week, continued: "On this, the eve of the Jewish New Year whose intrinsic message is peace, I say to our neighbors: Israel seeks the peace of our common region. It seeks reconciliation through dialogue and mutual compromise through negotiation."

He said that Israel has proven, in its disengagement agreements with Egypt and Syria, "its willingness to assume risks for the sake of the advancement of this goal, but the goal must be mutual and the quest for a solution shared." The goal of peace "is achievable—providing one primary condition is guaranteed. Israel must be strong and must be seen to be strong," Rabin said.

The Premier recalled that almost one year ago, Israel was plunged into war. "Every Jew worthy of the name will surely be moved to pause on this Yom Kippur and remember what happened on that day of fasting and prayer a year ago when the nation of Israel, confronted by a terrible threat to its very life, rushed from its synagogues to meet the invading enemy. Let the 'Yizkor' of this Yom Kippur solemnly recall the awesome sacrifice of the sons of our people who, with their bodies, stemmed the onslaught, turned the tide of battle and swept the enemy back," he said.

**Hopes For True Peace This Year**

Rabin appealed to "my fellow Jews everywhere not to falter in giving of your best, spiritually and materially for the sake of the welfare and peace of Israel which, ultimately, are the welfare and peace of Jews everywhere in need of Israel."

Expressing hope that the year 5735 would "witness true shalom for the State of Israel and for our people everywhere," the Premier declared that Israel's "strength and inner fortitude" extended "into every Jewish community and into every Jewish home where people are ready to give, to work and, if necessary, to sacrifice for Israel."

Israel, Rabin said, "speaks in the name of all Jews, in the name of decent people everywhere, when it now reiterates afresh the appeal and the demand that the gates of Russia be opened to all Soviet Jews who wish to join their brethren in Israel, just as it calls upon Syria to let its remaining Jews go."

Declaring that only loss of Jewish identity, not repression, can weaken the Jewish will to live as Jews, the Premier said the Jewish home and classroom, "our bastions against assimilation," must be protected and strengthened, a task for Israel and the diaspora together. Israel was built on aliya he said, calling "for an increased aliya for the sake of what the newcomers can give to Israel and for what Israel can give to them."

**LATE NEWS BULLETIN: PARIS, Sept. 8 (JTA)**—A group identifying itself as the Arab Nationalist Youth for the Liberation of Palestine claimed that it had planted a bomb on a TWA airliner that crashed into the sea off Greece today on a flight from Tel Aviv to New York. According to Radio Europe No. 1, the message purporting to be from the Arab youth group was received by the Beirut office of Agence France Presse, the French news agency.

**JACKSON: PRESSURE ON ISRAEL TO WITHDRAW  
CAN UNDERMINE MIDEAST STABILITY**

**ATLANTA, Sept. 8 (JTA)**—Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D., Wash.) warned tonight that the stability of the Middle East could be undermined by pressure on Israel to make further territorial concessions in the absence of genuine, negotiated progress toward peace. "In view of the unrelenting flow of sophisticated Soviet arms to Syria it is unreasonable to expect further Israeli withdrawals from the relatively favorable defensive positions they now hold," Jackson said.

The Senator addressed the opening plenary session of Hadassah's 60th annual national convention meeting at the Marriott Motor Hotel. About 2500 delegates are attending the four-day convention which began today. Jackson reiterated his support for a Middle East settlement that would leave Israel with the kind of defensible borders that the Israelis themselves, without American forces, can maintain and defend.

"The real need now is to shift the emphasis of American diplomacy away from its present focus on Israeli withdrawal toward an effort to define a future stable peace," he said. "The urgent priority is to open a direct Arab-Israeli dialogue for peace."

Jackson expressed "the gravest doubt" about the wisdom of supplying nuclear reactors to the Middle East. "There is no way adequate to safeguard a 600-megawatt reactor against Egyptian expropriation," he said. "The mere possession of such a quantity of plutonium would expose the United States to blackmail and coercion. We would have to evaluate every move in the Middle East in terms of whether the probable Egyptian reaction might be the abrogation of negotiated safeguards aimed at preventing Egyptian acquisition of nuclear weapons." Noting that the promise of reactors to Israel and Egypt was made by President Nixon when he visited the Mideast in June, Jackson urged the Ford Administration to "at once reconsider" this move.

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**BONN (JTA)**—The Foreign Office has confirmed Israeli newspaper reports that Bonn will be sending a military attaché to Tel Aviv in the near future and that Israel would send a senior military officer to its Bonn Embassy.

**RABIN'S WASHINGTON SCHEDULE SET**

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8 (JTA)—Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin will receive top red carpet treatment from the Ford Administration this week when he returns to Washington after an absence of 18 months. Israel's former Ambassador to the U.S. will arrive Tuesday for a series of momentous talks on Israeli-American relations and activities looking towards a Middle East peace settlement.

During his four-day Washington visit he will be the President's guest at Blair House. Shortly after his arrival here Tuesday, Rabin will be welcomed at the White House by President Ford. Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger will be present. The President and Rabin will meet again at the White House Thursday and that night the Premier and Mrs. Rabin will be guests of President and Mrs. Ford at a formal dinner at the White House.

Kissinger will breakfast with Rabin at Blair House Wednesday morning. They will meet later Thursday morning at the State Department and have a working lunch there. The Secretary also will attend the dinner to be given the Premier and Mrs. Rabin Wednesday night by Israeli Ambassador and Mrs. Simcha Dinitz at their residence. Later that night, the Dinitz's will hold a garden party at the residence in the Rabin's honor.

An agenda for Rabin's visit has not been announced but it is understood that among the most important subjects will be the Ford Administration's economic, military and diplomatic support for Israel, the next step in the settlement process, and the U.S. position toward the Palestinian role in the settlement proceedings.

State Department spokesman Robert Anderson, who announced Friday part of Rabin's schedule, said that Kissinger "has indicated he hopes to visit the Middle East but that he does not know when it will take place. Previously it was indicated Kissinger would be in the area in mid-Oct. However, Ford will address the United Nations General Assembly in New York Oct. 18 and Kissinger will be present. Kissinger will be at the General Assembly Sept. 22 and 23 and return to New York Oct. 2 and 3 to address the General Assembly.

**RABIN TO ADDRESS JEWISH LEADERS**

NEW YORK, Sept. 8 (JTA)—Premier Yitzhak Rabin of Israel will make his first address to the leadership of the American Jewish community since assuming office at the regular quarterly meeting of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds (CJF) to be held in New York Sept. 14, it was announced by Raymond Epstein, CJF president.

It will follow his discussions with U.S. governmental leaders during his six-day visit to the United States and will be Rabin's only public address to the American Jewish leadership during this visit. The meeting will be held in cooperation with the United Jewish Appeal.

Over 300 community leaders from the U.S. and Canada are expected at the dinner which will be the highlight of the Council's quarterly board and national committee meetings that will open on Thursday Sept. 12 and continue through Sept. 15. The four days of deliberations will be devoted to an intensive assessment of the critical issues before the American Jewish community, including the 1975 financing needs in Israel, overseas and at home, local social welfare pro-

grams, studies on the aged, Jewish education, leadership development, and varied welfare concerns.

The meeting of the Council will be augmented for the occasion of Rabin's address by the attendance of the leadership of the UJA and of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. This address will immediately precede the Premier's return to Israel after his brief visit, Epstein said. Matters of vital interest to the American Jewish community will be discussed at the CJF's quarterly meeting and finalized in programs and plans for the CJF at its 43rd General Assembly in Chicago Nov. 13-17.

**BRAZIL'S JEWISH COMMUNITY CONCERNED WITH NATION'S CHANGE OF ATTITUDE TOWARD MIDEAST, SAQAAF'S ANTI-SEMITISM**

RIO DE JANEIRO, Sept. 8 (JTA)—Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister Omar Saqaaf left today for Paris, after a seven-day official visit to Brazil which concluded with a declaration signed by the Foreign Ministers of both countries affirming that "a constructive treatment of the Mideast question has as a fundamental component the de-occupation of all territories seized by force and the recognition of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people."

Brazil thus changed entirely her traditional equi-distance policy toward the Mideast conflict. The change has created anxiety within the Jewish community, especially the anti-Semitic statements by Saqaaf at the official welcome dinner in Brasilia, and during his press conference.

Attacking "international Zionism," Saqaaf said that the Arab countries cannot reach a high level of development because of the "Jewish racist Zionism" and that after "occupying an entire country" Israel "turns against her neighbor Arab countries in an attempt to dominate them also." Saqaaf was guest yesterday of President Ernesto Geisel in Brasilia for Independence Day celebrations. This is the minister's second visit in 12 months to Brazil.

**MEMORIAL TO JEWISH MARTYRS**

BUDAPEST, Sept. 8 (JTA)—A huge and imposing memorial to Jewish martyrs was recently inaugurated in the city of Balassagyarmat, Hungary's oldest Jewish community, on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the deportations. The ceremony in this northern city close to the Czechoslovakian border drew a large number of guests, many of whom had come from as far away as the United States and Australia.

The main speaker at the event was Hungarian Chief Rabbi Laszlo Salgo, who lauded Hungarian Jews for their devotion to the Jewish community as well as their continuing patriotism to their country. The memorial service was a particularly meaningful one for Rabbi Salgo—many members of his family were deported from Balassagyarmat and some are buried there. Representatives of the Hungarian Catholic, Lutheran and Reformed churches also attended the ceremony.

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TEL AVIV (JTA)—The Likud-Religious Bloc coalition that governs Tel Aviv is threatening to come apart in a dispute over Friday night screenings at a municipally supported "Cinematique." The National Religious Party and Aguda members say they will leave the coalition unless the Friday night movies, a local youth project, are banned. Non-religious members of the Council say the "Cinematique" is valuable because it keeps youths from roaming the streets Friday nights.

There will be no Daily News Bulletin Sept. 16 and 17 due to the Rosh Hashana holiday.