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ZALMANSON ON WAY TO ISRAEL; LEFT MOSCOW AND ARRIVED IN VIENNA

TEL AVIV, Sept. 10 (JTA)--Silva Zalmanson, released from a Russian prison three weeks ago after serving four years of a 10-year sentence for an alleged hijack attempt, is expected in Israel tonight. She left Moscow this morning for Vienna where she is expected to board a plane that will bring her to Israel at about midnight. Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Yigal Alon was reportedly planning to greet her at the airport.

Mrs. Zalmanson was one of a group of Lenin-grad Jews convicted and sentenced in Dec. 1970 for allegedly attempting to hijack a Russian plane to escape to Israel. Her husband, Eduard Kuznetsov is serving a 15-year sentence for the same offense. Her brothers Vulf and Israel Zalmanson are serving sentences of 10 and 8 years, respectively.

According to reports from Moscow, Mrs. Zalmanson had a four-hour meeting yesterday with her husband but was not permitted to see her brothers. She told reporters at Moscow airport that she believed the pressure of public opinion abroad played a big part in her release and that she thought her husband would also be released before completing his sentence. One report said Mrs. Zalmanson expected to spend a day or so in Vienna before coming to Israel where she has an uncle.

She arrived in Vienna by a regular Soviet airliner and was immediately whisked off by police without permitting any newsmen to talk to her. At the Moscow airport she reportedly had difficulties with Soviet customs officials and only reached the plane the last minute, after the officials confiscated a golden bracelet and a necklace with a Star of David.

BOMB INJURES 3 IN GAZA

TEL AVIV, Sept. 10 (JTA)--Three members of a television camera team were injured slightly this afternoon when a bomb was hurled at their parked car in the central square of Gaza opposite the municipal building. All three were released from a hospital this evening after receiving first aid treatment. The team was headed by Victor Nahmias, the Arab affairs commentator on Israeli television. Last night a hand grenade was thrown at an Israeli army car on Gaza's main street but caused no casualties. Security forces are investigating both incidents.

Meanwhile, Israeli military units and police have been alerted for possible terrorist outrages during the High Holidays next week. Every available man has been called up for guard or patrol duty and the public has been urged to be particularly watchful for possible attempts at sabotage.

BULGARIAN JEWISH CHEMICAL ENGINEER GIVEN 15 YEARS AT HARD LABOR Was Convicted For 'Economic Crimes'

LONDON, Sept. 10 (JTA)--Protests are expected to develop here against the reported conviction and sentencing of Solomon Ben-Josef, a 54-year-old Bulgarian Jewish chemical engineer who was given 15 years at hard labor after a secret trial in Sofia last week. According to a terse

announcement from the Bulgarian capital, Ben-Josef was convicted for "economic crimes." But observers believe that he is the victim of trumped up charges simply because he is a Jew.

They see strong similarities with the recent case of Dr. Heinrich Spetter, a prominent Bulgarian Jewish statistician who was sentenced to death on treason charges at a secret trial several months ago but was freed after an international outcry of protest. Spetter is now in Israel.

Like Spetter, Ben-Josef is a member of the Communist Party. He was employed by the directorate for the development of the chemical industry. The directorate has had numerous visitors from Arab countries recently and the presence of Ben-Josef was obviously an embarrassment. This may have been an element in bringing him to trial, circles here believe.

Ben-Josef's mother and sister live in Israel. His wife and two sons still live in Sofia. Ben-Josef spent a sabbatical leave in Paris in 1970-71 where he was in touch with an international firm interested in the construction of chemical plants. He also visited the Krupp factories in Essen, West Germany. His foreign business contacts may have been used to discredit him much as foreign contacts were used to discredit Spetter, the circles said.

WALDHEIM SAYS GENEVA MIDEAST TALKS WILL NOT BEGIN BEFORE YEAR'S END

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10 (JTA)--United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim said today that he believes the Geneva peace conference on the Middle East will not be resumed before the end of this year. The first and only session of the conference was a two-day meeting last Dec.

Referring to the "lessons" of UN peace-keeping in Cyprus and in the Middle East from 1956 to 1967, Waldheim appeared to confirm the long-held Israeli view that international guarantees and peace-keeping forces cannot by themselves effectively safeguard Israel from Arab attacks at times suitable to the Arabs but that pragmatic activities by Arab governments toward Israel are essential to make and keep the peace.

Waldheim, speaking before the National Press Club, said that a UN peace-keeping force fulfills "a vital role in keeping conflict situations under control," but added that "the presence of a UN peace-keeping force is not a solution in itself and that it must not be allowed to be a pretext for slackening the momentum of the search for a political settlement." The UN Emergency Force and UN Disengagement Observer Force now in the Sinai and Golan Heights, he said, "have bought time for negotiations" but they "by themselves cannot achieve the lasting peace which is essential if we are to avoid a repetition of the critical confrontation of last Oct."

Waldheim said that the Geneva conference, to be effective, must be well prepared. He, therefore, seemed to indicate that discussions held thus far in Washington between President Ford and Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger with Middle Eastern leaders have not yet brought about sufficient understanding for discussions under UN auspices. Waldheim discussed the Geneva talks at the White House yesterday with Ford.

TEKOAHS DETAILS SYRIAN MISTREATMENT OF ISRAELI PRISONERS OF WAR

By William Saphire

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 10 (JTA)--A 15-page document detailing "The complaint by the Government of Israel against the Government of Syria concerning grave breaches of the Geneva Convention relating to the treatment of prisoners of war" was submitted to Secretary General Kurt Waldheim today by Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, Yosef Tekoah.

The complaint, which Tekoah requested to be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly and the Security Council, contains nine sections, each devoted to specific incidents of murder, torture, degradation and other cruelties practiced against Israeli soldiers and airmen on the battlefield and in prisons after their capture by Syrian forces during the Yom Kippur War.

The document noted that on Nov. 10 and Dec. 8, 1973, the Israeli government lodged two serious complaints with the International Committee of the Red Cross concerning the murder of Israeli soldiers who fell into Syrian hands. "Now with the return of the prisoners-of-war from Syria, the government of Israel has evidence which complements the accounts given in the two complaints," the document said.

It also noted that three judges on the bench of district courts in Israel were appointed to collect evidence on oath from repatriated POWs in order "to establish the absolute veracity of all that happened to the prisoners-of-war during their captivity in Syria."

Red Cross Confirmed Conditions

The accounts contained in the Israeli complaints omitted the names of some of the victims out of consideration for their families. The names of others were given in incidents of murder, torture and brutality. Appended to the document submitted to Waldheim was a copy of the findings of Red Cross representatives who visited the Syrian jails which confirmed, in more general terms, the abhorrent conditions cited in detail in the Israeli complaint.

Under the heading, "Further cases of murder," the Israeli document cited two incidents involving four Israeli airmen who, after parachuting to safety over Syrian territory and surrendering, were shot repeatedly at point blank range by the Syrians. Other cases cited told of Israeli soldiers and air crews deliberately wounded by Syrian soldiers after surrendering.

The section of the complaint dealing with "Treatment during detention" cited among others the ordeal of an Israeli pilot, Gabi Gerzon who "was beaten on the nape of his neck and lost consciousness" and was subsequently stripped naked, blindfolded, his feet in stocks elevated at an angle of about 90 degrees and subjected to electric shock on sensitive parts of his body in the course of interrogation.

Isolation Cells Unfit For Humans

Electric shock, particularly applied to the genitals, was a favored form of torture used by the Syrians according to cases cited under the heading "torture." In addition, "the Syrians, interrogators and jailers alike, delighted in pressing burning cigarettes and matches to all parts of the POW's bodies, and especially their faces," the Israeli account said.

The complaint charged that "Many of the prisoners who were wounded on the battlefield

were not given the minimum of medical treatment on capture." In hospitals they were given better medical treatment but the Syrian authorities did not "assign physicians with the specialized knowledge which the particular therapy required."

The complaint stated that POWs were kept in isolation cells called "drawers" for periods of 4-5 months that "were totally unfit for human habitation." According to the documented reports, the Syrian jailers "systematically prevented the POWs from going to the lavatory for long spells so that they were forced to exercise their bodily functions in their cells, dressed, with no possibility of washing themselves or changing.... This hellish misery was hideously aggravated by the fact that, at that time, owing to the severe cold, the POWs suffered from inflammation of the urinary tract and diarrhea," the report said.

A summary at the end of the document stated that the findings constituted "plain proof that the grave violations of the Geneva Convention were the outcome of the deliberate official policy of the Syrian authorities."

DAYAN URGES ISRAEL TO SEEK CLOSER TIES WITH SOUTH AFRICA

TEL AVIV, Sept. 10 (JTA)--Former Defense Minister Moshe Dayan returned yesterday from a 20-day visit to South Africa and urged Israel to seek closer ties with that country. South Africa is a progressive country which is carrying out a huge development program and despite some restrictions it belongs to the free world, Dayan said. He said there are some things about South Africa that should be criticized and Israel does not need to hide its criticism. But he said this need not prevent good relations with South Africa. Dayan repeated his statement made in South Africa that he does not see a new war in the next two or three months and that he hopes negotiations with the Arabs will continue.

Before he left South Africa Sunday, after his visit as a guest of the South African Foundation, Dayan spoke as both a friend and a critic of that nation. "I am one of your admirers and I believe you have many friends," he said in an interview with South Africa's Prime Minister and Defense Minister Botha. But, he added, all countries, including Israel and South Africa, could benefit by studying criticism levelled against them.

Referring to South Africa's law which forbids miscegenation, Dayan said: "I find it impossible to understand how, in 1974, a government can believe it has the right to dictate that certain couples cannot marry because they are of different races, are not permitted to be friends or to marry. This situation I find impossible to justify."

TEL AVIV (JTA)--Israeli soldiers who saw at least three days of action during the Yom Kippur War will be awarded a special Yom Kippur War decoration at ceremonies to be held Sept. 24. Additional decorations will be presented to men wounded in action and, posthumously, to the fallen. The latter will be delivered to the next of kin at their homes by delegations of army officers. The decoration, a red, white and blue ribbon, will be accompanied by a citation inscribed on a scroll.

BRUSSELS (JTA)--Twenty rabbis from Belgium, France, Holland, Italy, Luxembourg, Switzerland and Israel, who participated in a European rabbinical conference last week in Luxembourg, agreed to appeal to their respective Jewish communities during the coming holidays for increased material support to Israel.

FORD PLEDGES CONTINUING U.S. SUPPORT TO ISRAEL AS HE WELCOMES RABIN AT THE NATION'S CAPITAL

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10 (JTA)--President Ford pledged continuing support to Israel in welcoming Israeli Premier Yitzhak Rabin to Washington today. Rabin responded that he was confident of returning to Jerusalem assured of American cooperation with his country and advancement on the road to peace. Ford and Rabin exchanged remarks in a glittering ceremony on the south lawn of the White House. Approximately 1500 persons, many of them carrying Israeli and American flags, cheered the two leaders as they emerged from the White House with their wives.

Among those present were Secretary of State and Mrs. Henry A. Kissinger and Israeli Ambassador and Mrs. Simcha Dinitz. Dinitz, who was hospitalized two weeks ago, looked fit and ready for the four days of talks that began immediately at the White House between Ford and Rabin. Rabin had arrived at Dulles Airport and was flown by helicopter to the White House.

Ford, praising Rabin as the "leader of a great country," said that "the United States is proud of its association with Israel." When the President declared, "We shall continue to stand with the State of Israel," he was greeted with a round of applause. "We are committed to Israel's survival and security," Ford added that "we hope and trust that this relationship" of cooperation in many fields "will grow and expand."

Referring to the movement for peace in the Middle East initiated by the United States and in which the Rabin-Ford talks form a major element, the President said Israel had cooperated and has been helpful and expressed confidence that in their talks a further contribution to peace will be made.

Strong Israel, A Guarantee For Peace

In his response, Rabin indicated he will seek assurances of a continued strong Israel to ensure peace in the Mideast. Referring to Ford's inaugural speech in which the President said that a strong America is a guarantee for peace, Rabin pointed out that this "also is true for Israel in its part of the world." Alluding to Israel's numerous problems--economic, diplomatic and military--Rabin remarked to Ford, "You can appreciate the weight on my shoulders." Israel, Rabin continued, "faces great challenges but also opportunities."

"Ever since the revival of Jewish independence in the land of our forefathers," Rabin said, "Israel has received the support of the United States and it will be recorded forever in the annals of our country." He said that despite the recent tests of arms, "Israel is prepared to continue its quest for peace" with the United States "a strong and determined partner."

The dark clouds which threatened rain all morning disappeared in the early afternoon and the pomp and ceremony of an official welcome to the visiting Premier took place in bright sunshine. A 19-gun salute boomed and the 30-piece red and white clad Marine band played "Hatikva" and "The Star Spangled Banner," as Ford and Rabin and their wives came out on the White House lawn. Contingents of the U.S. Air Force, Army, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard were drawn up in dress uniforms.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned at the White House today that the State dinner Pres-

ident and Mrs. Ford will give for the Rabins Thursday night, to which 100 guests have been invited, will feature roast duckling and will be non-kosher. Guests requiring kosher food will be served fruit plates, the JTA was informed. In addition to the 100 dinner guests, another 100 guests have been invited to a reception for the Rabins at the White House that evening.

Rabin's official party includes his military secretary, Brig. Gen. Ephraim Poran; the chief of the Prime Minister's Office, Mordechai Gazit; and the Premier's secretary, Eli Mizrahi.

RABIN CONFIDENT THAT ALL PROBLEMS THAT EXIST BETWEEN U.S. AND ISRAEL WILL BE RESOLVED DURING TALKS

By David Landau and Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Sept. 10 (JTA)--Premier Yitzhak Rabin, in a pre-departure statement at Ben Gurion Airport this morning, said that this was not the time "to detail the targets of my visit (to Washington) and the subjects to be discussed; this I shall do after my return." He added, however, "All problems that exist between us and the U.S., problems which are based on understanding and friendship of a long time, will no doubt find, in part, their solution during this visit and in part will remain for future discussions."

Well placed sources in Jerusalem said today that during Rabin's talks with President Ford, Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger and other U.S. officials he would state Israel's preference for talks with Egypt as the next stage of the peace negotiations, but would stress that this priority of Egypt over Jordan is a preference and not a condition.

Rabin will stress, too, the sources said, that Israel is now seeking full peace or real and tangible progress towards peace, and the Arab states' readiness to advance in the same direction are seen by Israel as a touchstone of their future intentions. The Premier will point out that while the disengagement accords were vitally necessary, they were essentially military arrangements while what is required now is real political progress.

During the Cabinet's four-hour discussion Sunday in advance of his visit, Rabin told ministers he would reiterate Israel's position of defensible borders but would refrain from drawing maps; Israel's determination to hold its talks with each of its neighbors individually, and Israel's opposition to multilateral talks at which it would be in an uncomfortable minority of one with the Arab participants inevitably drawn after the stand of the most extremist among their number.

Regarding mandates for the UNEF and UNDOF--due for renewal in Oct. and Dec. respectively, Rabin is expected to state that failure to renew them would be tantamount in Israel's view to the abrogation in effect of the entire disengagement agreements.

YOUTH ACCUSED OF MURDER, A SUICIDE

TEL AVIV, Sept. 10 (JTA)--One of two youths accused of a double murder committed suicide in his jail cell this morning. Itzhak Bitton, 19, took his life and left a letter in which he said no one was to blame for his fate. He and his brother, Gabriel, 24, were charged with the murders last month of Shmuel and Regina Choresch, the father and step-mother of Mrs. Raya Jaglom, president of WIZO. The brothers, who ran a matrimonial agency, had rented a flat from the elderly couple and killed them when asked to vacate it. Police said the pair had been cooperative in reconstructing the crime.

KATZIR'S ROSH HASHANA MESSAGE: FATE OF ISRAEL IS LINKED WITH JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN THE DIASPORA

JERUSALEM, Sept. 10 (JTA)--President Ephraim Katzir linked the fate of Israel with that of world Jewry in a Rosh Hashana message released here today to Jewish communities abroad. "We face the new year with new knowledge of how closely we are bound together, and how indeed we both in Israel and abroad are exposed with particular vulnerability to the attack of those economic and strategic forces which are attempting to undermine the structure of the free world," the President's message said.

He declared, however, "Our inherited response to danger, our will to survive, the new wind of vitality and change sweeping through Israel itself--all of these, we have no doubt, will come into play in this year before us. They should enable us to nurture our tradition, continue to build and create and learn, strive for decent, peaceful relationships between Israel and its neighbors."

Katzir recalled with deep sadness the events that less than one year ago plunged Israel into its most costly war. "As we approach Rosh Hashana," he said, "we look back upon the year that has been and forward towards the year that is taking shape. There is no cause for easy optimism in either case. There must be very few Jews in the world who do not at this point in time recall the tragic, staggering shock of last Yom Kippur when massive Arab armies launched their attack on Israel. We in Israel and you abroad felt instinctively and with terrible force that we were fighting for the continuity of Jewish history."

Courage Of Israeli Soldiers

Katzir's message continued: "That the unthinkable did not happen was due, in the first place, to the courage of Israel's soldiers who overwhelmingly reversed the course of battle and so broke open the way to disengagement of forces and the possibility--however complicated and remote--of a peaceful political settlement in the Middle East."

Noting that "for the many hundreds who died and for their families, no words of gratitude and consolation are adequate," Katzir observed that no analysis or recollection of the past year's events would be correct "without very great emphasis on the major role played by Jews throughout the world in strengthening and aiding Israel during the attack and the counter-attack and the binding up of wounds that followed upon the open hostilities. We in Israel have developed new appreciation of the family links binding us all and of the efforts made abroad for Israel, with such extraordinary dedication."

He concluded with an appeal to world Jewry to "work together to deepen the Jewish education of all our children and to bring more and more of the younger generation from abroad to Israel for shorter or longer periods of time and eventually even for the complete identification that is aliya. Jointly let us concern ourselves with the well-being and satisfactory absorption in Israel of the tens of thousands of immigrants from Soviet Russia and elsewhere for whose coming we hope."

EBAN WARNS AGAINST LETTING MIDEAST MOMENTUM DECELERATE

ATLANTA, Sept. 10 (JTA)--Former Foreign Minister Abba Eban of Israel said here that the "new momentum of activity" which the disen-

agement agreements have set in motion toward a Middle East peace settlement should not be allowed to lessen. "It is dangerous to have a diplomatic vacuum," Eban said in an address at the opening plenary session of the 66th annual convention of Hadassah here Sunday night.

"We must end this six-year debate on procedures and tactics and get back to the concrete issues," he said, adding that it didn't matter whether the next round of agreements is with Jordan or with Egypt. Eban, who is in this country as a visiting professor at Columbia University in New York, stressed that the time has come to think ahead in the Middle East toward the regional development of the area. He envisioned future cooperation between Lebanon, Israel and Jordan along the lines of the Benelux nations "in a reciprocal entanglement of projects and ideas where boundaries are at once respected and transcended."

Eban told the 2500 delegates at the convention that Israelis "are in a psychological crisis in which they became diminished in their own eyes," since the Yom Kippur War. "Even though they made an amazing recovery in October and came out victorious, they are not used to a victory which is only 80 percent, not 100 percent," he said. "They are too impressed by the wealth of the Arab world and not enough by their own resilience as a people which is not as tangible or visible."

Eban will speak in New York Sept. 22 at the inauguration dinner for the new Salanter-Akiba-Riverdale Hebrew School, a \$3 million building architecturally designed for "open plan" teaching. He will address a meeting of the Akiva Day School in Detroit Oct. 20.

KATHERINE MICHEL, AND SON, JEREMIAH AMONG TWA CRASH VICTIMS

NEW YORK, Sept. 10 (JTA)--Katherine Michel, chairman of the board of governors of the American College in Jerusalem, and her youngest son, Jeremiah, 9, died in the crash of the TWA airliner Sunday. They were returning to New York from Jerusalem when the airliner with 86 other persons aboard the Boeing 707 went down in the Ionian Sea off Greece shortly after leaving Athens Airport on the way to Rome.

Mrs. Michel, who was born in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., was returning belatedly from a special mission to Jerusalem to remedy the college's problems, according to Dr. Abraham Soltes, vice-chairman of the college's board of governors. He described her work for the institution as one of unqualified loyalty and devotion. Dr. Soltes said Mrs. Michel came from a long line of educators. Her grandfather, Arthur Twining Hadley, was president of Yale University from 1899-1921, and her mother, Mrs. Morris Hadley, was chairman of the board of governors of Vassar College. According to Dr. Soltes, Mrs. Michel was a Protestant who converted to Judaism before she married and brought up her children according to religious law.

Meanwhile, the Athens coroner ruled out today the possibility of sabotage in the crash. He said post mortems of some of the crash victims showed there had not been an in-flight explosion. Among the 88 killed were also two Israeli couples, Dr. Richard Katzman and his wife, Alida; and Ben Zion (Barry) Shai and his wife, Elisheva.

LONDON (JTA)--Jewish sources in the Soviet Union reported Tuesday that Victor Polesky has been discharged from a hospital after a hernia operation. His trial, scheduled to have opened Aug. 15, was postponed because of the operation.