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FORD AFFIRMS TO RABIN THAT THE U.S. WILL CONTINUE ITS ONGOING MILITARY RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL--By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12 (JTA)--President Ford reaffirmed to Israeli Premier Yitzhak Rabin today that the United States will continue its ongoing military relationship with Israel. That development was announced by the White House following a 75-minute meeting here between the President and the Israeli leader. The White House also announced that they will meet again tomorrow to complete their discussions.

Tomorrow's meeting was not on the original agenda of meetings between Ford and Rabin and the fact that an additional meeting was scheduled indicated that a Ford-Rabin understanding has not yet crystallized. The White House said that their meeting today involved "a general discussion" of the Middle East situation but the brief announcement did not disclose details.

Continuation of American military support for Israel had been forecast in advance of Rabin's visit but its dimensions are still uncertain. According to some press reports, Israel is asking for \$1.5 billion annually in military assistance for the next five years. A high Israeli official told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, however, that the kind and amounts of armaments are under discussion, not their current costs.

U.S.-Israeli military discussions were expanded today when it was reported that Gen. Mordechai Hod, an advisor to Rabin, has been meeting here with Defense Secretary James Schlesinger. Hod, commander of Israel's southern command, was not named in the original list of Rabin's entourage.

The White House announcement came against a background of reports that the Soviet Union has resumed shipments to Egypt of war planes and spare parts for the planes, tanks and missile installations Moscow has previously supplied to the Sadat government. There were also reports that the Soviets have increased their arms shipments to Syria and have made that country's strongest air power of all of Israel's neighbors. The Russians were also reported to be supplying Iraq with the latest fighter-bombers.

ROSH HASHANA SYNAGOGUE WORSHIPPERS ASKED TO BRING GUNS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 12 (JTA)--Worshippers in Safad will be carrying their firearms to synagogue on Rosh Hashana. Inspector Itzhak Deutch, the local police commander, made this unusual request in case terrorists should try an attack on a synagogue during the High Holy Days. Most of the children who were killed by terrorists in the Maalot schoolhouse were from Safad. Elsewhere in the country, the local police and civil defense are preparing plans for the protection of synagogues and other places of prayer during the holidays.

NEIGHBORS PROTEST TRANSIT CAMP

By Peter Friedlinger

VIENNA, Sept. 12 (JTA)--Neighbors of a transit camp for Jewish emigrants from the So-

viet Union continued today to protest its location in a densely populated area. "We will not cease to protest against this camp which is a danger for all of us, particularly for our children," Angelika Kneth, 34, mother of four children said. "Two of my children have to pass heavily guarded policemen every day on their way to school," she said.

Karl Kneth, her husband, 37, said: "I cannot understand this decision by the authorities to build a camp like this in this heavily populated suburb." People living nearby said they were afraid of possible Arab terrorist attacks. Residents of apartment blocs only 20 meters away distributed leaflets asking Vienna's Socialist Mayor Leopold Gratz to relocate the camp. After visiting the camp situated near a church and a kindergarten, Gratz promised to do so.

The Austrian Red Cross, without previous announcement, had transferred the transit camp from a former army barrack in Woellersdorf to Simmering. The population reacted with sharp protests. But Interior Minister Otto Roesch said only last week that there was no danger to people living near the camp. After closing down the Schoenau Camp run by the Jewish Agency the authorities will have to find a new camp for the Jewish emigrants for the third time in less than a year. The Vienna daily "Kronenzeitung" said the Red Cross has spent already 436 million schillings to find a new location.

CHILEAN JEWISH LEADERS SOUGHT TO CONVINCE PRESIDENT UGARTE NOT TO BAN 'FIDDLER ON THE ROOF'

SANTIAGO, Sept. 12 (JTA)--Two leaders of the Chilean Jewish community sought without success recently to convince President Augusto Pinochet Ugarte that the film "Fiddler on the Roof" is not Marxist-inspired and should not be banned in Chile. The issue was taken up by Gil Sinay, president of the Chilean Jewish community, and Rabbi Angel Kreiman at a private luncheon with Gen. Ugarte, leader of the ruling military junta last Aug. 30, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today.

The JTA reported on Aug. 27 that Rear Admiral Hugo Castro prohibited release of "Fiddler" after censors had passed it, on grounds that it contains "disruptive elements" harmful to the nation. The two Jewish leaders noted in their conversation with Ugarte that the ban could be construed abroad as having an anti-Semitic basis. The President said it should be made clear that the film had not been prohibited but suspended and would be subjected to a new review and analysis of its message, Sinay informed the JTA.

Ban Has Nothing To Do With Jews

Two days before the meeting with the President, the government Secretary, Col. Pedro Ewing Hodor, wrote to Sinay "to inform you and assure you categorically that said measure has nothing at all to do with the world-wide Jewish community, nor much less with the resident community with which the government maintains and wishes to continue to maintain the most cordial relations." Hodor's letter added: "The prohibition of the picture ('Fiddler') obeys the fact that it was considered to contain a message clearly favorable to the Marxist tendencies, of which the Jewish people as well as our country have been the victims." Sinay and

Rabbi Kreiman submitted to Ugarte that this analysis of the film was erroneous. They pointed out that it is based on the works of Sholom Aleichem, written at the beginning of this century, which praised the values of the Jewish tradition and referred to Jewish family life under the Czarist regime.

Factor Of Dissension In Film

According to Sinay, Ugarte said he did not deny the artistic merit of the film but did not consider it favorable to the Jewish tradition because one of the hero's daughters married a person of a different faith and another married a student with revolutionary ideas who did not accept the traditional marriage bonds. Ugarte took exception to a sequence in which he said the intervention of the military forces was magnified with the clubbing of young students who carried red banners. He said that this might not be important in other circumstances, but considering the present situation in Chile, "the junta cannot accept any factor of dissension," Sinay reported.

Sinay said that nevertheless, he and Rabbi Kreiman stressed that it would be very difficult to correct impressions abroad that the ban on "Fiddler" did not have an anti-Semitic basis and that this view would only create a false image of events in Chile. They also pointed out to the President that "Fiddler" has been banned in the Soviet Union but exhibited with great success in countries like Spain and Brazil. The latter two governments are vehemently anti-Mexican.

ISRAEL WINS FIVE GOLD MEDALS AT ASIAN GAMES IN TEHRAN

TEL AVIV, Sept. 12 (JTA)--Israel now has five gold medals in the Asian Games at Teheran after winning three medals today, one yesterday and one earlier this week. Esther Roth-Shachamoff won two gold medals today when she captured the 100-meters hurdles race in 13.33 seconds, and the 200-meters sprint in 23.79 seconds. A third gold medal was won today by tennis players Paulina Pessachov and Yair Vertheimer in the mixed couples competition after the Chinese failed to show up for the final match.

Yesterday 17-year-old Orit Abramowitz of Netanya won first place in the high jumping event with a leap of 1.78 meters. Her excellent jump was made despite jeers of a hostile crowd. Earlier Danni Brenner, 21, won Israel's first gold medal in the 100-meter free-style swimming event with a time of 55.64 seconds.

The refusal by China to play Israel is one of the reasons Israelis have been calling the games the "Arabiyade." The Arabs have been pressuring against Israel during the games. The North Koreans refused to play the Israeli soccer team today and with that forfeit Israel is expected to reach the finals because the next team, Kuwait, is almost certain not to show up to play Israel.

SCANDINAVIAN FOREIGN MINISTERS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT MIDEAST PEACE

REYKJAVIK, Sept. 12 (JTA)--The foreign ministers of the Scandinavian countries expressed optimism here this week that progress will be achieved toward a permanent peace settlement in the Middle East despite grave obstacles that still exist. That view was contained in the official communique issued at the close of the ministers' traditional meeting in the Icelandic capital. The nations represented were Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland and Iceland.

The ministers urged in their communique that the impetus toward "a just and lasting peace take

into account all due considerations including the legitimate rights of the Palestinians." The group stressed the role of international efforts to maintain the fragile peace in the Middle East and praised especially the contributions of the UN's peace-keeping forces in the region.

MOSCOW JEWISH ACTIVISTS ARRESTED Crowd Yells 'Hitler Didn't Finish The Job'

LONDON, Sept. 12 (JTA)--Four Jewish activists were arrested outside the Grand Hotel in Moscow last night and sentenced to 15 days imprisonment for "disturbing the peace and hooliganism." Jewish sources in the Soviet Union reported. It was the second demonstration in two days by Jews in the Soviet capital in support of demands for exit visas. The four were identified as Hersh Tocker, Gregory Blufarb, Joseph Beilin and Yuli Pevzner.

During the demonstration, onlookers shouted "Burn all Jews" and "Hitler didn't finish the job," the sources reported. Six Jews arrested in the earlier demonstration were also given 15-day jail terms. They had been carrying a banner calling for freedom for "prisoners of Zion."

Two Jews were arrested in Lwow in the Western Ukraine when the local militia raided a private home used as a synagogue. Jewish sources in Russia reported today. Several Torah scrolls and prayerbooks were confiscated. The premises at 38 Zhovtyeva St. belonged to A. Minin who was arrested along with another local Jew surnamed Meirowitz. They were released after Meirowitz paid a 60 ruble fine for "depraving youth by religious agitation."

BLACK LAWMAKER SAYS THERE IS GREAT SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL WITHIN COMMUNITY

CHICAGO, Sept. 12 (JTA)--A Black Congressman conceded here that the American Black community is divided over Israel but that "there remains, and I believe there always will remain, tremendous support within the Black community for Israel." Rep. Ralph H. Metcalfe (D, Ill.) spoke on "American Blacks, American Jews and the State of Israel" before the Chicago Chapter of the American Jewish Committee. The occasion was part of a Luncheon Forum Series presented by the AJ Committee's foreign affairs commission.

Metcalfe declared that it was a fallacy to believe, as some Blacks did, that support for Israel is based on pressure or intimidation by the Jewish community or that support for Black African nations is not compatible with support for Israel.

"It is easy for a supporter of Black Africa to support Israel's policy in that area," he said, noting Israel's economic assistance to many Black African states. He also noted that Israel has supplied military training to many emerging nations of Black Africa and that the labor movement in Israel has cooperated strongly with labor programs throughout Asia, Africa and Latin America through the Afro-Asian Institute and similar programs.

Metcalfe attributed the deterioration of relations between Black African nations and Israel since the Yom Kippur War to "the problems of oil and of political pressure on the African continent." He said it was important for supporters of Israel to understand that because of economic dependence the Arab countries were in a position to exert great pressure on Black African countries. "The political and economic realities of the area left the African nations extremely vulnerable to what has been called 'oil diplomacy,'" he said. Metcalfe stressed, "Black people do have a stake and will always have a stake in ensuring that Israel lives on in freedom, dignity and peace."

GOVERNMENT, CONGRESSIONAL, JEWISH LEADERS ATTEND DINNER HONORING ISRAELI PREMIER AND HIS WIFE

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12 (JTA)--A glittering array of government and Congressional figures and leaders in American-Jewish life attended a dinner given here last night for Israeli Premier and Mrs. Yitzhak Rabin by Ambassador and Mrs. Simcha Dinitz. Many of them, White House sources said, will also attend a State dinner for the Rabins at the White House tonight by President and Mrs. Ford. Last night's dinner was followed by a reception attended by more than 100.

The 40 dinner guests who dined with the Rabins included Vice-Presidential nominee Nelson A. Rockefeller and Mrs. Rockefeller; Secretary of State and Mrs. Henry A. Kissinger; Treasury Secretary William Simon; Secretary of Defense James Schlesinger; White House Chief of Staff Gen. Alexander M. Haig; AFL-CIO President George Meany; and Lt. Gen. George S. Brown, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Among the members of Congress and Jewish leaders were Sens. Frank Church; Jacob K. Javits; Stuart Symington; Edward Kennedy; Walter Mondale; and Rep. John Rhodes; Max Fisher, chairman of the Board of Governors of the Jewish Agency; Rabbi Israel Miller, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations and Paul Zuckerman, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal.

White House Dinner Tonight

The guest list for the White House dinner, the JTA was told by White House sources, includes Mr. and Mrs. Fisher; Edward Ginsberg, chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee and Mrs. Ginsberg; Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson, chairman of the World Zionist Organization-American Section; Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, president of the American Jewish Congress and Mrs. Hertzberg; Elmer L. Winter, president of the American Jewish Committee and Paul Ribner, national commander of the Jewish War Veterans.

Kissinger and Schlesinger and Sens. Edward Brooke, John C. Stennis, John Tower and Abraham Ribicoff will also attend the White House dinner. Javits will be unable to attend but Mrs. Javits will be present.

Blair House, the official residence for top-level visiting dignitaries opposite the White House, flew the American and Israeli flags today. The two flags are intertwined along the White House grounds and in front of the State Department's diplomatic entrance.

Premier and Mrs. Rabin are on their first visit to Washington since they left here 17 months ago at the end of Rabin's term as Israeli Ambassador to the U.S. The Premier has been following a rigorous schedule since his arrival Tuesday. He will meet at Blair House this afternoon with Treasury Secretary Simon, George Meany and with leaders of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. Tomorrow, the final day of his four-day visit, he will breakfast with Senators at Blair House and will meet with members of the White House before holding a news conference in mid-afternoon. The Rabins will leave Washington late Friday for New York aboard a Presidential plane from Andrews Air Force Base.

RABBI SAYS HE SIGNED AMNESTY PETITION IN ECUMENICAL SPIRIT

SANTIAGO, Sept. 12 (JTA)--The rabbi of the Chilean Jewish community, Dr. Angel Kreiman,

says he acted solely in an ecumenical and humanitarian spirit when he signed a petition, with clergymen of other faiths, asking the ruling military junta to grant amnesty to political prisoners, among them four persons of Jewish origin who were not identified.

Rabbi Kreiman, who along with Gil Sinay, president of the Jewish community, recently attended a private luncheon with President Augusto Pinochet Ugarte, stressed on that occasion that the Jewish community had no problems or quarrels with the regime. The petition drew sharp attacks from official quarters after it was published in newspapers here. It was signed by the Cardinal of Chile, Raul Silva Henríques, and the Lutheran Bishop, Hellmuth Frenz, in addition to Rabbi Kreiman.

The rabbi stated that his membership on the Committee for Peace in Chile and his signature on the clemency petition had no other reason but to act in accord with the other religious bodies. He said he specifically asked clemency for four persons of Jewish origin whose parents were members of the Jewish community if they were not. He said for that reason, he was obliged to show concern for their fate.

KOLLEK HONORED BY PUBLISHERS

NEW YORK, Sept. 12 (JTA)--Seventy New York publishers met last night at a reception in honor of Teddy Kollek, Mayor of Jerusalem, to invite continuing involvement of American publishers in the bi-annual Jerusalem International Book Fair. The reception, held in the Harvard Club, was hosted by a Committee of New York publishers on behalf of the book fair.

This seventh Jerusalem International Book Fair will be held from April 28 to May 5, 1975, in Jerusalem. The sixth fair drew 625 publishers from 29 countries with 29,000 books exhibited and an attendance of 63,000 people.

Kollek said the Fair has become the place for visiting publishers to meet publishers from all over the world to buy and sell rights, to present and examine co-publishing and co-production possibilities, to expand international sales of their lists, and to arrange co-publishing projects.

RALLIES HELD ON BEHALF OF RUBIN

NEW YORK, Sept. 12 (JTA)--The Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry's chapter at Columbia University managed to reach ailing Jewish activist Vitaly Rubin in a Moscow hospital after a night of persistent telephone calls to the USSR, the SSSJ reported. Rubin, 52, an expert on China who was fired from his professorship after applying for an exit visa to go to Israel, suffered a heart attack recently. But he was dragged from his bed by Soviet police at dawn last week and taken in for interrogation. Afterwards, he was taken to Hospital 63 in Moscow, the SSSJ said. His whereabouts had been unknown.

They said that when Prof. Rubin was finally reached by phone he thanked the students for the effort Columbia University has made in officially "adopting" him. He said he expected to be released from the hospital Friday, the SSSJ reported. Columbia, which had invited Prof. Rubin to be a guest lecturer were he able to leave Russia, was the scene of two demonstrations on his behalf this week by SSSJ members and student sympathizers from Columbia, Barnard College and Stern College for Women. ***

AMSTERDAM (JTA)--The Netherlands' Jewish congregations are facing a severe shortage of qualified persons willing to serve as honorary officers.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES **U.S.-USSR NEGOTIATIONS ON** **THE TRADE-EMIGRATION ISSUE** **IN LAST STAGES TOWARDS ACCORD**

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12 (JTA)--Specialists at the Capitol on the trade-emigration issue confirm that the U.S.-Soviet negotiations are in their last stages toward an agreement but they vary considerably on important aspects. Leaders of organizations fighting for Soviet Jewry have unanimously asserted they will extend their vigilance and strive not to leave monitoring of emigration and Jewish conditions in the USSR solely to Administration personnel, particularly in the State Department, who have adamantly opposed the legislative road against Soviet emigration restrictions that include harassment.

Information leaks to selected media circulating in major Jewish population centers have indicated that "at least 60,000 Jews and others could emigrate yearly" under the "compromise" now being worked out. Responding to questions by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, some specialists asserted that this figure is accurate. But many more characterized the figure as "neither a floor nor a ceiling" or as "misleading" because "what is important is not the number but what is behind it."

Those specialists who say the figure is "accurate" also say they believe an agreement will be reached promptly, possibly within a day or two, to meet legislative requirements to pass the Trade Reform Bill at the current session of Congress before it recesses Oct. 15 for the Nov. elections. Most others, however, declare they will not be pushed into an agreement and that "the thing is not all wrapped up by any means."

Watchful Eye Will Be Maintained

Aspects that remain undecided include whether or not to keep secret the letters of understanding on the Soviet position that will be exchanged between Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D.Wash.), author of the legislation and either President Ford or Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger. Capitol specialists say they will insist on disclosure but the Administration reportedly considers secrecy essential to meet Soviet sensibilities.

Another sticking point is the nature of the monitoring system of Soviet compliance with the compromise and how to handle the contingency of non-compliance. Critics of the State Department's position have grave doubts that it can handle the monitoring satisfactorily and believe a Congressional overview is essential.

Their position is based on the view that the State Department, preoccupied with detente and the Middle East problem, might be inclined to overlook what it considered "minor" infractions by the Soviet Union but which from the Jewish viewpoint were serious violations of the spirit of the compromise. The Capitol Hill specialists are said also to be especially wary that re-writing the Jackson Amendment to provide discretionary authority to the President does not weaken the substance of the measure.

Under these circumstances, Jewish groups are going to maintain a watchful eye on developments. An official of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry told the JTA that there is "no question" that the NCSJ will continue to function both in a monitoring role on emigration and in examining the condition of Jews who elect to remain in the Soviet Union.

A prominent source in the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations

told the JTA that the first year of the agreement will be a trial period. The source observed that it is yet to be decided whether Congress or the President will determine what is an infraction. Similarly, a spokesman for the Union of Councils for Soviet Jewry emphasized to the JTA that "a close watch" will be kept on Soviet practices. "We cannot expect the Administration people who have been opposing this thing all along to monitor it satisfactorily," he said.

MIDEAST TO BE UN AGENDA TOPIC

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 12 (JTA)--A decision on the inclusion of the Middle East as an item on the agenda of the General Assembly will be taken Monday, one day before the 29th session of the GA begins. The Mideast topic will then be the 11th item of the GA.

Under-Secretary General Bradford Morse explained today that the closing session of last year's assembly did not take up the Mideast issue because of the Yom Kippur War and therefore, the assembly did not officially close but merely adjourned. Last year's GA had the Mideast on its agenda for discussion, but with the intervention of the war, the agenda topic was not taken up in the normal course of discussions as had been planned.

Replying to a reporter's question about the Palestinian issue, Morse said no request has been made to place this on the GA's agenda. Observers here, however, did not rule out the possibility that this issue would be placed on the agenda at a later time. Sources here indicated that a Palestinian delegation is expected to arrive at the UN during the assembly session. A rumor circulating in the corridors of the UN today had it that Yasir Arafat, leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization, is expected at the UN. Algerian Foreign Minister Abdelaziz Bouteflika will be nominated President of the GA.

COURT REJECTS JEWISH COMPLAINT **ABOUT VOTING ON ROSH HASHANA**

OKLAHOMA CITY, Sept. 12 (JTA)--The State Supreme Court refused yesterday to intervene on behalf of Jews who petitioned for absentee ballots because next week's run-off primary elections fall on Rosh Hashana. The court voted 6-3 not to accept jurisdiction in a class action suit filed by Richard J. Evans and Ruth Cohen, members of Emanuel Synagogue here. Their complaint contended that their constitutional rights to vote and freedom of religion would be denied unless the court acted. Arnold Fagin, attorney for the complainants, said he might take the matter to federal court. There are about 6000 Jews in Oklahoma and about half of them are eligible to vote, Fagin said.

BONN (JTA)--A high court has been called upon to mediate a war crimes trial dispute in which the defense counsel accused the judge and his two assistants of bias. The dispute led to a one-week postponement of the trial of nine former Gestapo officials in Glessen who are accused of murdering or abetting the murders of hundreds of Jews and Poles in German-occupied Poland between 1940-44. The judge has denied the bias charge.

BONN (JTA)--An exhibition of architecture, sculpture and paintings from the Third Reich will open in Frankfurt Oct. 4. It will then tour Germany, beginning in Dec., visiting such places as Hamburg, Stuttgart, Ludwigshafen and Wuppertal. The display was organized by the Frankfurt Art Association.