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FORD TAKES OVER FROM KISSINGER TASK OF COMPLETING TALKS WITH SENATORS ON U.S. MONITORING OF SOVIET EMIGRATION PRACTICES By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17 (JTA)--President Ford has taken over from Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger the task of completing negotiations for the Administration with three key Senators on U.S. monitoring of Soviet emigration practices, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today. The move came five days before Kissinger goes to Moscow.

Kissinger's withdrawal was reported at the Capitol as based on his belief that he lacks sufficient expertise in drafting legislation to continue his efforts with Sens. Henry M. Jackson (D. Wash.), Jacob K. Javits (R.NY) and Abraham Ribicoff (D. Conn.) that began early this year.

Timing and Kissinger's diplomatic relations with Soviet authorities also were seen as factors Ford, who personally involved himself in the issue shortly after his inauguration Aug. 9, is eager to have a trade law before Congress adjourns in Jan-X

Holding up the trade bill in Congress is the Jackson/Mills-Vanik législation. Congress wants to judge Soviet practices while Ford and Kissinger, up to now, have insisted on Administration authority. All other differences between them have been settled, including Senatorial assurances regarding the emigration of Soviet citizens, including Jews, and the end of harassment of prospective emigrants or their families.

#### Expected To Seek Legislative Language

With Congress departing on its election period recess and Kissinger leaving for Moscow Tuesday on a trip that will keep him out of Washington for two weeks, Senatorial staff and Presidential aides are expected to seek legislative language over the next three weeks that will enable the Senate Finance Committee to present the trade bill to the Senate when it reconvenes about Nov. 15 for a brief post-election session. The House will have to reconsider the legislation since a change in the J/M-V provision is likely to accommodate the new language on judgmental authority.

Kissinger's withdrawal reportedly came a day after Soviet Communist Party leader Leonid Brezhnev assailed as "utterly irrelevant and unacceptable" the emigration-trade linkage. His attack while U.S. Treasury Secretary William Simon was in Moscow was first interpreted as jeopardizing the Soviet assurances but American business, Congressional and diplomatic sources have discounted that view.

Donald F. Kendall, chairman of Pepsico Inc. and co-chairman of the U.S.-Soviet Trade Council which strongly opposes the J/M-V legislation, the 300-kilometer "Scud" missiles in the Egypsaid in Moscow he did not interpret the attack as an ultimatum. He told newsmen that Jackson had informed him a compromise had been reached with the Soviet government on the emigration issue.

Indicating no rupture in Soviet-American understandings on emigration, the State Department yesterday publicly referred to Kissinger's meeting Oct. 9 with the three Senators at which

language in an exchange of letters between him and Jackson on Soviet assurances was settled. Kissinger had charged that the Senators wanted "guarantees" that he could not give on Soviet assurances.

Competent Capitol sources said Brezhnev's remarks may have been designed for Soviet domestic consumption to remove suspicion that Soviet sovereignty was being impaired by a U.S.-Soviet trade agreement that involved emigration practices.

SEE EARLY RESUMPTION OF SOVIET ARMS SHIPMENT TO EGYPT. INCLUDING MIG-23S AND SAM MISSILES By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Oct. 17 (JTA)--All signs point to an early resumption of Soviet arms shipments to Egypt which almost certainly will include the new MIG-23, the fastest known combat aircraft and probably the mobile SAM-6 missiles, informed sources indicated today. The Russians have already supplied MIG-23s to Syria, which are being flown to some extent by Syrian pilots, and they have given the Syrians many batteries of SAM-6 surface-to-air missiles. The Egyptians reportedly are anxious to obtain the SAM-6 to supplement their static air defense system with a mobile missile umbrella.

Reports from Moscow indicate that the Egyptian military mission currently in the Soviet capital is well satisfied with the outcome of their negotiations with Soviet defense officials. Lebanese newspapers reported today that Russian arms have already reached Egyptian ports, ending the military supply cut-off that followed the Yom Kippur War when Egypt appeared to be leaning toward the United States.

While the SAM-6 is a defensive weapon, it would permit Egyptian offensive operations by providing a mobile cover for advancing ground forces against attack by Israeli planes. The Lebanese weekly, Al Usbue el-Arabi, has reported that Egypt now has more tanks than on the eve of the Yom Kippur War. According to the report, the Egyptian tank force consists of over 2000 vehicles spread among three instead of two divisions. Egypt also reportedly has 2500 armored vehicles and 561 interceptor aircraft, mostly MIG-2ls.

#### Element For A Total War

Syria, according to the report, has 1600 tanks including a large number of new models and 1400 armored vehicles. Israeli military circles believe that the decisive elements, which would make a new Arab-Israeli war a "total war" is the large quantity of ground-to-ground missiles in possession of both Egypt and Syria.

These include the "Frog," with an 80-kilometer range in Syrian hands, and two brigades of tian arsenal. According to the Lebanese newspaper, Israel is acquiring American "Cobra" helicopters equipped with TAU anti-tank missiles. (See related story by Joseph Polakoff from Washington on sale of planes to Kuwait.)

## OBSERVERS AT POLSKY TRIAL

NEW YORK, Oct. 17 (JTA)--Soviet authorities

are permitting a Western newsman, probably British, and Russian dissidents to attend the trial of Victor Polsky, a prominent Jewish activist, the National Conference on Soviet Jewry said it has learned today. Calling the move "unprecedented." the NCSJ said that one of the dissidents, Alexander Goldfarb, will act as an interpreter for a lawyer from California, Brad Marcus, who is attending the trial. Two other California lawyers are also at the trial, the NCSJ said. The three lawyers are reportedly at the trial as observers. Polsky, on trial for what Jewish sources say are trumped-up charges of injuring a pedestrian last March through careless driving, could receive a maximum three-year jail sentence if convicted.

## U.S. TO SELL SKYHAWKS TO KUWAIT

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17 (JTA)—The State Department would not comment today on reports that Kuwait is transferring French-built Mirage fighter-bombers directly to Egypt but confirmed other reports that about 100 Kuwaitis are presently undergoing training in the United States, apparently in preparation for flight training on American A-4M Skyhawk fighter-bombers which the U.S. is expected to sell to Kuwait.

The State Department said in reply to questions that about 100 Kuwaitis are being taught English at the Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Tex. where they have been since Sept. 1973. Of the group, 54 were described as cadet pilots and the rest technical and maintenance personnel.

State Department sources this afternoon indicated that the U.S. would soon be selling Skyhawks to Kuwait but said there was no decision on whether to sell Phantoms to the oil-rich Persian Gulf state. U.S. Phantoms and Skyhawks are the mainstay of Israel's Air Force. The Skyhawk has been described as a plane never before sold to an Arab country.

#### Transfer Of Planes To Be Studied

In reply to another question, the State Department premised to look into the terms of the contract to sell Skyhawks to Kuwait to see if it contains any provision barring the transfer of these aircraft to a third nation. Press reports from Bahrain today said Kuwait will turn over a squadron of French Mirage F-l fighter-bombers to Egypt before their delivery in view of the fact that France has ended its seven-year embargo on weapons sales to combattants in the 1967 Six-Day War.

The Kuwaitis are not training their own pilots to fly the Mirages, the reports said. The reports also mentioned a larger order of Mirages by Saudi Arabia which was conditioned on lifting the embargo so that the planes could be delivered directly to Egypt. Saudian and Jordanian pilots were reported more than a year ago to be undergoing training in the United States but information as to their number and location was not available today...

Questioned on another matter, the State Department said today that it knows of no request for visas by Yasir Arafat or other members of the Palestine Liberation Organization delegation that is to come to the United Nations in New York next month to participate in the General Assembly's debate on the Palestine Question. However, several PLO members are already in New York.

## SAPIR: ISRAEL IN DESPERATE NEED OF CASH

TEL AVIV, Oct. 17 (JTA)--Pinhas Sapir, chairman of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Or-

ganization Executives, told the United Jewish Appeal Study Mission here last night that Israel was in desperate need of cash to absorb an expected new influx of immigrants, mainly from the Soviet Union, while maintaining national security and paying the debts of the Yom Kippur War.

Sapir's message was delivered personally to the 200 members of the UJA mission headed by UJA general chairman Paul Zuckerman and was contained in a letter from Sapir to the leadership of the UJA and the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds (CJF) in America. Sapir's letter was released by Zuckerman in New York several days ago.

The Jewish Agency leader, who was formerly Israel's Minister of Finance, said here last night that the only way to prevent another Middle East war was to bolster Israel's strength by the rapid increase of its population. While Israel today has a population of approximately three million, Sapir said, "within the next five years we would like to increase to four million and thus be immensely stronger."

He said that as a result of the Jackson Amendment, Israel expected between 45-60,000 Jews to come here yearly from the Soviet Union. The Jewish Agency is preparing for the absorption of 60,000 immigrants next year, he said, even though immigration declined last year. He noted that only 25,341 emigres arrived from the USSR last year compared to 39,332 the year before.

## Short Of \$200 M In Cash

In his letter to the UJA and CJF, Sapir reminded the American-Jewish leaders that "a full third of everything we produce" goes to pay for defense needs and the costs of the Yom Kippur War "which consumed an entire year of Israel's GNP" (gross national product). "How tragic it would be if the cost of security made us diminish in the slightest degree Israel's very reason for being--providing a home for needy and oppressed Jews," Sapir wrote.

"The Jewish Agency is short of \$200 million in cash to meet its commitments, and you know they are minimum. We cannot, as in the past, ask the people of Israel to assume this burden as well. The government has just reduced its budget, including many vital services. If anything, world Jewry must think in terms of recognizing increased responsibilities," he said.

#### KENNEDY HAILS ISRAEL

Addresses Israel Bond Dinner Where 500 Leaders Purchase \$5.680 M In Bonds

NEW YORK, Oct. 17 (JTA)—Sen. Edward M. Kennedy said here that "for all of the shadows that obscure the present course of events, I am confident that Israel will survive...that Israel will secure a future of peace and happiness for its people." The Massachusetts Senator spoke Tuesday night before 500 New York business, civic and Jewish leaders and communal leaders who purchased \$5,680,000 in Israel Bonds at a dinner at the Plaza Hotel in honor of Alan King. The comedian, who is active on behalf of Israel, was given the Israel Prime Minister's Award. The amount of the Bond sale was announced by Stephen Shalom, chairman of the Greater New York Israel Bond campaign.

Kennedy, who flew in to attend the dinner after spending the day in trouble-torn Boston, said: "Israel is like the United States in many ways-both won bitter fights for independence; both acknowledge the supremacy of moral law; both believe in individual as well as national liberty-and both will fight to maintain that liberty."

## COALITION TALKS IN CRUCIAL STAGE By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Oct. 17 (JTA)--Premier Yitzhak Rabin conferred with his coalition partners and potential partners today in an effort to smooth the way to enlarging his government by inclusion of the National Religious Party. The NRP is expected to decide, at a meeting next Thursday, to accept Rabin's formal invitation to join his Cabinet. The Premier made the invitation official at a two-hour meeting with an MRP delegation on Tuesday. Last night the Labor Party's Central Committee gave its overwhelming approval to Rabin's move.

The vote was 151-2 with five abstentions. But Rabin must now overcome resistance to the NRP in his other coalition partners--- Mapam, the Civil Rights Party and the Independent Liberal Party. He met today with delegations of the ILP. Mapam and the CRP to clarify the terms of the NRP's admission to the government, namely, that it accept coalition discipline. But Moshe Kol, of the ILP, demanded clarification of the NRP's announcement that it would vote against any territorial concessions on the West Bank.

Mapam representatives Meir Talmi, Naftali, Feder and Health Minister Victor Shemtov repeated their demand, made originally last week, that the NRP dissociate itself from the illegal settlement movement. The CRP, headed by Knesseter Shulamit Aloni, opposed any changes in the status quo on religious matters that would expand Orthodox influence in national affairs. Ms. Aloni said after today's meeting that her faction would reserve its decision on remaining in the coalition until it knows the details of Labor's final agreement with the NRP.

#### NRP Remains Divided On Issue

The NRP is believed to be demanding four Cabinet portfolios as part of its price for joining the coalition. It held only three in the government of former Premier Golda Meir. This and other details are expected to be ironed out in further talks with Rabin. At this juncture, however, the religious faction is still divided. NRP secretary general Zvi Bernstein predicted after last Tuesday's meeting with Rabin that his party would agree to join the government.

But Dr. Yehuda Ben Meir, an NRP MK who is a leader of the party's militant "Young Guard," said he was not convinced that there was any more basis to join the government now than there was after earlier rounds of negotiations. In fact, according to Ben Meir, the situation has worsened in some respects from the NRP's point of view. He said his party was not satisfied with the government's stand on political matters or on the question of unauthorized settlements on

the West Bank.

The NRP's rank and file ardently supports the settlement movement. The Rabin government has condemned attempts to settle in the administered Arab territories without authorization and regards it as a partisan political act.

## CANADIAN GOVERNMENT URGED TO TAKE STEPS AGAINST SUSPECTED WAR CRIMINALS RESIDING IN CANADA

TORONTO, Oct. 17 (JTA)--A Canadian Jewish leader has urged the government to deny citizenship to and take other measures against persons suspected of major war crimes who "have been admitted to and are residing in Canada." In a statement issued here, Sydney M. Harris, national president of the Canadian Jewish Congress deplored the fact that Canadian immigration authorities in the past were less than vigilant in admitting suspected Nazi war criminals to the

country.

"It would appear" that the immigration authorities "gave more consideration to the possible Communist affiliations of potential immigrants and citizens than to the question of their membership in a 'criminal organization' such as SS, Waffen SS, Fascist militias, etc. as defined by the protocols and results of the Nuremberg trials." Harris said. He pointed out that no extradition treaty exists between Canada and the USSR or other socialist countries "and thus there is no possibility of extraditing war criminals suspected of murder to such countries."

Harris said the CJC does not claim to have a full list of war criminals in Canada but it has submitted a number of names of suspected persons to the Department of Manpower and Immigration "for investigation from the point of view of possible fraud or perjury or general undestrability" in gaining admittance to Canada and applying for citizenship.

He said the CJC was particularly concerned with the case of David Geldiaschvilli (alias Georgi Tsinaridze) who, the Soviet government informed the Canadian government in 1968, was wanted for major war crimes. "We are informed that in 1971. although this information was in the hands of the Canadian government, this man was given Canad-

ian citizenship," Harris said.

"We intend to again make representations to the appropriate government departments involved because the Geldiaschvilli case highlights an intolerable state of affairs, namely, that mass murderers may be living among us," Harris said. He conceded that to date, no confirmation of the charges against Geldiaschvilli has been forthcoming from the Jewish Documentation Center in Vienna, one of the main sources of data on war criminals still at large.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency reported from Vienna earlier this week that Simon Wiesenthal, head of the Documentation Center, has asked the Canadian government to take steps against Imre Finta, a Hungarian who commanded the Jewish ghetto in Szegged in 1944 and cooperated with Adolf Eichmann in the deportation of Jews to Auschwitz. Finta is presently living in Toronto.

#### EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT CALLS FOR SURRENDER OF BARBIE TO FRANCE

PARIS, Oct. 17 (JTA) -- The European Parliament meeting this week in Strasbourg called for the surrender to French authorities of former Nazi Klaus Barbie, the "butcher of Lyons." Barbie was gestapo chief in Lyons and was sentenced to death in absentia by a French court in 1952 for the torture and murder of hundreds of resistance workers, including Jews. He is believed to be living in Paraguay under an assumed name. The Parliament also approved a resolution that also asks all countries to identify "persons guilty of, war crimes committed during the armed conflicts of the past."

WASHINGTON (JTA)--Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger returned this week from a seven-day, seven country Mideast trip. While visiting Israel. Egypt, Jordan, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Algeria and Morocco, the Secretary exuded a somewhat guarded optimism that he was able to get the deadlocked Israeli-Arab talks unglued. But since returning to Washington the usually loquacious diplomat has been strangely reticent about what, if any, achievements he made during his trip.

# ABSORPTION PROGRAMS IN HAIFA, DIMONA By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Oct. 17 (JTA)--The Jewish Agency absorption department has launched two separate ventures, one in Dimona and the other in Haifa, intended to pioneer a system of "absorption facilities for individual professions." In Dimona, as of Tuesday, an absorption center opened catering solely to engineers, mostly from the Soviet Union. In Haifa, a pilot year-long "social workers for Israel'' program has been under way since Aug. attended by 13 young American social workers, all with Masters degrees in social work and all contemplating aliya.

The Dimona center will have an initial intake of some 150 engineers and their families. While their wives and children study Hebrew at the center's ulpan, the engineers will go through a fourstage absorption and adaptation course. In the first stage they will study basic Hebrew. Then, divided into groups of metal engineers, electrical and electron engineers, civil and construction engineers, and chemical engineers, they will be instructed by experts on the Western variations pertaining to their areas of expertise which were not current in the Soviet Union and on the Hebrew nomenclature and terminology in use.

This will be followed by more advanced courses in specialized Hebrew and, where necessary, a fourth stage of acclimatization to Israeli conditions. Throughout this period, all the job prospects in the Beersheba and Negev regions will be presented to the students at the center, without them being required to search all over for suitable employment. The Haifa group of 13 in the social workers' pilot scheme were carefully chosen from more than 40 applicants.

The course is also designed to help the social worker-immigrants adapt to local conditions and ease their way into suitable employment. "The · war compounded Israel's social problems," says department head Uzi Narkiss, "and we need manpower in all the social service disciplines, and in all areas of the country." Backing the program in the U.S. is the "Social Workers for Israel Com mittee," chaired by Sydney Gale, executive director of the Associated Jewish Community Centers of Greater Boston. His committee comprises 34 prominent American social work professionals.

The first three months of the course are largely devoted to an intensive Hebrew course, and the students are then assigned to work/study roles in agencies in the Haifa region under supervision of experienced Israeli social workers. Hebrew instruction continues throughout the year, and job counselling follows after the initial months to help the students select a regular work position. Gale's committee is already screening applicants for next year. "We feel that the program will provide a steady stream of people into the country for years to come," he says.

## CONGRESSMAN CHARGES U.S. TAXPAYERS WOULD BE MADE TO SHOULDER BURDEN OF EAST GERMAN REPARATIONS TO JEWS By Joseph Polskoff

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17 (JTA)--A Congressman charged in the House that U.S. taxpayers would be made to shoulder the burden of reparations that East Germany may pay to Jewish victims of Nazism. Rep. John R. Rarick (D.La.) made the charge in a speech Tuesday attacking U.S.-East German diplomatic relations which he claimed are "tied to consideration of Jewish reparations against East Germany by Nazi victims."

Rarick, an arch-conservative, was defeated in

last month's primaries in his bid to stand for re-election to Congress. He said that he had heard from "at least one source" that Jewish claims against East Germany total nearly \$400 million and that "material claims for property confiscation by the Nazis are estimated as high as \$4 billion."

The Congressman claimed that this money would eventually come from the pockets of American taxpayers. According to his reasoning, "Rigid socialist East Germany has indicated that one of its first diplomatic moves would be to apply for most favored nation status to enable its party leaders to obtain foreign aid and all of the other one-world goodies from the U.S. taxpayers.

"In other words," Rarick continued, "it gives the inference of the Nazi victims reparations being tax shifted onto the U.S. taxpayers. We are yet to hear from the heirs and survivors of the Christian victims of socialism under the Hitler era--especially as to charting U.S. foreign policy," Rarick said.

## REUBEN RUBIN DEAD AT 81

TEL AVIV, Oct. 17 (JTA)--Funeral services were held Tuesday for Reuben Rubin, an internationally famous Israeli artist who once served as his country's envoy to Rumania. Mr. Rubin died here Sunday night at the age of 81. Many of his paintings, which he always signed "Reuben," are on display in leading galleries all over the world.

He was born in Galati, Rumania in 1893 and came to Palestine in 1912 to be one of the first students of Boris Schatz, founder of the Bezalel school of art in Jerusalem. Later he studied at the Academy of Fine Arts in Paris and held his first exhibition in New York in 1920. He returned to Palestine in 1922 and the following year arranged an exhibition of his and other Palestinian artists' works at the Jerusalem Citadel. Among his most famous paintings are panoramic landscapes of Safed, the Galilean hills and olive groves.

When the State of Israel was established in 1948, Mr. Rubin was named to head Israel's first diplomatic mission to Rumania. He represented Israel in Bucharest for two years, returning home in 1950 to devote the rest of his life to painting. He once described his brief diplomatic career in these words: "It was a great moment for a poor Jewish boy who left Rumania driven by anti-Semitism to return there as a representative of a Jewish State."

## 30% COL HIKE FOR ISRAELI WAGE-EARNERS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 17 (JTA)--Israeli wageearners will receive a cost of living allowance next Jan. amounting to 30 percent of their base pay, according to figures released by the Central Bureau of Statistics today. It could mean an average IL 300 raise in take-home pay for most wage-earners. Cost of living allowances are tax free.

The figures released today showed a two percent consumer price rise for the month of Sept. The Jan.-Sept. figures show a 26.5 percent price increase and the increase for the 12-month period since the Yom Kippur War amounts to nearly 38 percent. The Treasury promised two months ago that the COL allowance would be paid in full in Jan., although some circles believe the government will try to persuade Histadrut to forego part of it as an anti-inflation measure. Histadrut is expected to reject any such suggestion.

Meanwhile, Treasury officials flatly denied a report in the financial newspaper, "Mabat," that the government was considering a 50 percent devaluation of the Israeli Pound.