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## SERIOUS STALEMATE DEVELOPS IN NEGOTIATIONS FOR SECOND-STAGE ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN ACCORD IN SINAI

JERUSALEM, March 17 (JTA)--Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger left for Egypt this afternoon after delaying his departure for two hours for additional talks with Israeli leaders including Premier Yitzhak Rabin with whom he had breakfasted privately this morning. Kissinger commented to reporters that the talks were "very good and constructive." But it was apparent that a serious stalemate has developed in negotiations for a second-stage Israeli-Egyptian agreement in Sinai, mainly over the political aspects of such an accord.

Israeli sources said bluntly that they regarded the "substantial ideas" Kissinger brought from Egypt last Friday as unsatisfactory. Rabin reportedly told the Secretary at their meetings last night and this morning that Egypt's conditions for a new settlement did not meet Israel's demands for a clear, public, written renunciation of belligerency by both sides.

Kissinger, who spent Saturday in Damascus and Amman in talks with President Hafez Assad of Syria and King Hussein of Jordan, returned here late yesterday. The American and Israeli negotiating teams were closeted in the King David Hotel for three hours, beginning at 6 p.m. Kissinger cancelled plans to attend a concert last night by violinist Isaac Stern celebrating the Hebrew University's 50th anniversary.

The two negotiating teams took time out for sandwiches instead of a regular dinner and continued their meetings late into the night and then resumed the sessions early this morning. Kissinger said afterwards that "the two teams reviewed once again the ideas which I brought from Egypt and the Israeli reaction to those ideas, as well as the considerations the Israeli Cabinet and the negotiating team are asking me to take to Egypt."

The Secretary is scheduled to spend about 24 hours in Aswan in talks with President Anwar Sadat. He is due back in Jerusalem tomorrow afternoon, presumably with Egypt's response to Israel's position.

## UN GROUP URGES GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO EXTEND DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY AND PRIVILEGES TO PLO REPRESENTATIVES

VIENNA, March 17 (JTA)--A United Nations legal conference passed a resolution calling on the UN General Assembly to consider extending diplomatic immunity and privileges to representatives of the Palestine Liberation Organization. It asked the same rights for all liberation organizations recognized by the Organization of African Unity or the Arab League, which have observer status with an international organization.

The resolution was passed Friday on the last day of a six-week conference convened by the UN General Assembly to draw up a convention on the relationship of government missions and delegations to international organizations. It was the first UN conference to which

the PLO was invited.

Israel, together with the U.S., France, Britain and West Germany, voted against the resolution; 53 nations, mostly the East European bloc and Third World countries, supported the resolution, and 15 abstained. The resolution recommended that all UN members grant such privileges immediately while the General Assembly's action is pending.

## SYMINGTON: MIDEAST PEACE CONTINGENT ON AGREEMENT BETWEEN U.S., USSR

WASHINGTON, March 17 (JTA)--Sen. Stuart Symington (D., Mo.) said yesterday that peace in the Middle East depends, in the last resort, on an agreement between the United States and the Soviet Union "as to what should or should not be done" in that region. He made his comments in reply to questions on the ABC television program "Issues and Answers."

The "basic problems" incident to the Middle East "not only have to do with the new oil problem but also with some form of agreement between the Soviet Union and United States," Symington said. "If we could get some agreement between these two superpowers as to what should or should not be done in the Middle East, that would be the only thing that could put us all more at ease with respect to a possible future war out there."

Symington, who has served in the Senate for 23 years and is a ranking member of its powerful Foreign Affairs and Armed Services Committees, drew a sharp distinction between America's role in the Middle East and in Indo-China.

Asked if the U.S. pull-out from Vietnam may have undermined its credibility in insuring the viability of Israel, Symington replied: "In the first place, the Israeli situation is entirely different. I was Secretary of the Air Force when the State of Israel was created. Nobody had more to do with it than President Truman, unless it was Mr. (Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei) Gromyko himself. There we did have a commitment in effect to protect the State. I know of no such commitment whatever incident to Vietnam or Cambodia."

Asked whether, in the event Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's current peace efforts in the Middle East are unsuccessful, the U.S. should return to the Geneva peace conference and re-involve the Soviet Union, Symington replied that in that event, "I don't see where else we can go except Geneva."

## UNESCO'S ANTI-ISRAEL BIAS SCORED BY 23 NOBEL PRIZE WINNERS, 125 ARTISTS, SCIENTISTS AND EDUCATORS

PARIS, March 17 (JTA)--The organizers of the conference "For the Universality of UNESCO," which met in Paris over the weekend, today released the names of 23 Nobel Prize winners and more than 125 artists, writers, scientists and educators who have announced their support for the conference and protested UNESCO's anti-Israel discrimination.

The intellectuals, who did not attend the conference but had written to announce their support, included writers Simone de Beauvoir, Frederick Durrenmat, Josef Kessel, Graham Green and Gunther Grass; cinema director Federico Fellini; and conductor-composer Leonard Bernstein.

The conference also announced that a group of

artists and architects who had participated in the construction of the UNESCO headquarters in Paris have decided to stop cooperating with the international organization until it stops discriminating against Israel. The artists, who include Alexander Calder and Joan Miro, called on UNESCO "to remain a vision of hope and not to become a symbol of tragedy."

Eighteen Nobel Prize winners have joined the five who attended the conference in expressing their support for The Universality of UNESCO and in calling on it to rescind its anti-Israel resolutions.

#### Urge Convening Of A Special UNESCO Assembly

The conference, which held a one-day session with the participation of nearly 100 intellectuals from 19 countries, voted a resolution calling upon all UNESCO member states to convene a special UNESCO Assembly to reconsider and change its anti-Israel resolutions. The participants also unanimously voted to continue working in this spirit after their return to their respective homes and organize national committees whose task will be to ensure that UNESCO's principles and especially the one dealing with its universality be henceforth respected.

Among those who took an active part in the conference were musicians Arthur Rubinstein and Isaac Stern; writers Eugene Ionesco and James Michener; and five Nobel Prize winners. The conference's chairman, Nobel Prize winner Andre Lwoff said that UNESCO must remain true to its cultural and scientific spirit and "be kept away from the game of power politics."

#### Israel's Exclusion Was Political

Earlier, Lwoff told a French news magazine, *Nouvel Observateur*, that Israel's exclusion from the European regional group of UNESCO was political, and therefore contrary to the existence of the organization. Refuting the theory that Israel was excluded from the UNESCO regional group only on the question of archaeological diggings in Jerusalem, Prof. Lwoff said:

"The problem... is not that of the diggings in Jerusalem.... The problem is that by refusing to include Israel in the European group... UNESCO failed seriously in the mission which belongs to it. This is an act of political discrimination which the member states, for diverse reasons, believed good or useful to commit."

"This political action is contrary to the meaning of the organization," the Nobel Prize winner affirmed. "An organism dedicated to education and to culture, cannot, under pain of grave regression, become the closed pasture for political rivalries."

#### DULZIN SAYS MAIN ALIYA WILL BE FROM THE SOVIET UNION

RIO DE JANEIRO, March 17 (JTA)--Jewish Agency Treasurer Leon Dulzin expressed disagreement here today with the view of Pinhas Sapir that immigration from the Soviet Union to Israel will continue to decline but large-scale aliya from North America can be expected.

Sapir, who is chairman of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization Executives, stated his views in Israel after a visit to the United States. He noted that Soviet aliya was reduced sharply in 1974 and continues to decrease. Dulzin said, however, that although

aliya from the U.S. might increase a little, the main immigration to Israel will come from the Soviet Union.

Dulzin is heading a mixed Israeli-American educational mission currently visiting Latin American countries to study means to strengthen Jewish education. The mission, which departed today for Argentina, Uruguay and Chile after visits here and in Sao Paulo, is seeking ways to increase by thousands the enrollment of children in Jewish schools with financial assistance from the Jewish Agency.

In Brazil alone, more than 11,000 children attend the country's 25 Jewish schools. But in some of the schools, the Jewish curriculum does not exceed two hours a week and the situation is not much different in other Latin American countries, with the exception of a few religious schools.

Other members of the mission are Irving Kessler, executive vice-chairman of the United Israel Appeal in the U.S.; Haim Zohar, executive director of the Commission on Jewish Education of the Conference of World Jewish Organizations (COJO); and Michael Gilead, Jewish Agency representative for Latin America.

#### JACKSON SEES LONG ROAD AHEAD FOR SOVIET JEWRY'S FREEDOM TO EMIGRATE

WASHINGTON, March 17 (JTA)--Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D, Wash.), indicated today that there is a long, hard road ahead before Soviet Jews will be given the freedom to emigrate but promised, "we won't let them down." Jackson made his comments upon receiving the Gold Medal of the Judaic Heritage Society which cited him "for his fight for the freedom of Russian Jews."

Speaking extemporaneously, Jackson said: "I assure you, we had some rough going and we'll have more of it, but we will keep the faith. This is a protracted thing. It won't be realized finally for a long time. I'm confident that by maintaining a steady course, inevitably we'll win out. "We'll do all we can in our quest to find a way. I am sure we will make it possible for people who want to leave--in accordance with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights--to do so. We won't let you down."

The medal was presented to the Senator by Robert Webber, president of the Judaic Heritage Society. The last time it was presented to a member of Congress--in 1971--the recipient was the then Rep. Gerald Ford (R, Mich.), Republican Minority Leader in the House of Representatives.

#### COURT TO TRY FOUR FORMER NAZIS

BRUSSELS, March 17 (JTA)--Belgium has transferred 6000 photocopies of military documents to West German authorities enabling a Kiel court to try four former Nazis for complicity in the deportation and murder of 12,000 Belgian Jews during World War II, it was disclosed today. The four men, Ernst Ehlers, 65; Constantin Canaris, 68; Kurt Ashe, 65; and Karl Fiehlitz, managed to escape trial so far because the Belgian authorities were unable to obtain their extradition. All four were ranking members of the Sicherheitsdienst, the security police section of the SS.

#### Reluctant To Give Testimony

Meanwhile, Dr. Adelbert Rueckerl, head of the Nazi war criminal tracing center at Ludwigsburg, West Germany, reported that 30 percent of all witnesses called to give evidence at war crimes trials refuse to do so, it was reported from Bonn today. Addressing a Christian-Jewish "Brotherhood Week" meeting in Cologne, Dr. Rueckerl attributed this situation to the reluctance of many Nazi

victims to re-open old wounds by telling of their experiences in court. He said the growing disinclination to testify made it more difficult to bring Nazi war criminals to justice.

Dr. Ruzoerki said that 30 years after the war, "Nazi trials should not be held at all costs," but only "where this is possible." The Cologne meeting was also attended by Nazi-hunter Beate Klarsfeld who accused German legal authorities of dragging their feet in bringing Nazis to justice. She charged that German authorities had protected former Nazis and given them too much consideration since the West German Republic was founded.

### AFL-CIO CONCERNED OVER ILO'S MOVE TO ADMIT PLO INTO ITS RANKS

HARRIMAN, N.Y., March 17 (JTA)--An imminent confrontation in the International Labor Organization, a United Nations agency composed of government, management and labor, over the admission of the Palestine Liberation Organization is causing much concern to the American labor movement.

It has prompted the AFL-CIO to question whether it should continue its relationship with the ILO, according to a report by Michael D. Boggs, of the AFL-CIO International Affairs Department, to some 190 labor leaders and academicians attending the 10th annual Arden House Conference of the American Histadrut Cultural Exchange Institute. The two-day conference was devoted to the overall topic of "The World in Crisis--Labor's Stake."

Boggs charged that the ILO, which is supposed to uphold the principles of progressive labor policies and trade unionism, is being undermined by its "new majority," a coalition of Arab and Soviet-bloc forces. "A true Arab labor movement does not exist," declared Boggs. "What ILO does now is discuss political questions, particularly the Middle East."

The Arabs, he said, submitted resolutions condemning Israel for its alleged "oppression of Arab workers in occupied territories." Histadrut fought this resolution day and night. So did the AFL-CIO. "But we lost. The resolution was passed in February," Boggs said. The Arab-Communist forces are now working to admit the PLO, and the subject will be on the agenda in June.

### Histadrut Strengthening Labor Bonds

Approaching the problem from another viewpoint, Uzi Bloch, representative of Histadrut, told the conference of the intense efforts of Histadrut to strengthen bonds with labor movements in Asia, Africa, Latin America and Europe. He reported on "the dangers of erosion of friendship with Japan, Latin America and other countries, as a result of the increasing weight of Arab oil and propaganda." Despite the setbacks, however, Bloch noted "our growing relations with the West German labor movement, which has opened a bank in Tel Aviv and is helping Histadrut to initiate economic projects in Germany," and "the headway in Scandinavian countries."

Bloch also noted "a continued stream of attendance at the Histadrut Afro-Asian Institute in Tel Aviv." He dwelt in detail on the situation of workers in the Arab countries, "where true trade unionism does not exist." Histadrut has stretched out to them a hand of friendship and is making genuine efforts to contact genuine Arab labor leaders, he said.

### HEBREW UNIVERSITY BEGINS 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

JERUSALEM, March 17 (JTA)--Some 200 overseas delegates began arriving here today to join another 200 Israelis for the annual meeting of the Hebrew University Board of Governors which will begin the university's 50th anniversary celebration Wednesday. On that day, the board will hold a special session on the university's Mount Scopus campus and afterwards will unveil a Jubilee Plaque near the amphitheater where 50 years ago Lord Balfour proclaimed the opening of the university.

Among the overseas delegates are 85 Americans headed by Dr. Max M. Kampelman, president of the American Friends of the Hebrew University, and Sam Rothberg, chairman of the university's International Board of Governors. "We are very proud that such a large delegation is representing the American Jewish community on this historic occasion," Dr. Kampelman said. "So soon after the terrible terrorist massacre in Tel Aviv, it is an opportunity for us to demonstrate our solidarity with the people of Israel and to let them know that they have our unqualified support whether in joy or in sorrow."

The board meeting, which ends Friday, will discuss research and development, student affairs, finance, endowment funds and academic matters. The Jubilee celebrations began last night with a concert at the Binyanei Ha-ooma where Isaac Stern played Beethoven's Violin Concerto with the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra.

### ISRAEL CORP. TO SHOW NET PROFIT OF SOME IL 34 MILLION

TEL AVIV, March 17 (JTA)--The Israel Corporation will show a net profit of not less than IL 34 million this year despite the loss of some \$9 million through the failure of financier Tibor Rosenbaum's companies in Vaduz, Lichtenstein. Israel Gilead, the new managing director of the Israel Corporation, said its favorable financial condition was the result of the increased income of its principal subsidiaries.

Among these, the Zim Israel Navigation Co. grossed \$60 million in 1974 compared to \$30 million in 1973; the Haifa Refineries IL 69 million as against IL 47 million; and the Petrochemical Industries, IL 32 million compared to IL 10 million in 1973, Gilead reported.

He also disclosed that almost all the Corporation's shareholders are continuing their investments. Baron Rothschild has increased his holdings by \$1.5 million. In addition, Gilead said, contracts have been arranged with several groups and concerns to buy out the debts owed by Rosenbaum to the Israel Corporation for more than \$2.5 million.

The loss of \$9 million in Rosenbaum's dubious enterprises has been charged to the Corporation's former managing director, Michael Tsur, who faces criminal charges of having allegedly invested monies ear-marked for Israel's capital development in the Vaduz enterprises without the knowledge or consent of the Israel Corporation's board of directors.

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WASHINGTON (JTA)--The B'nai B'rith International Council has appealed to Soviet Ambassador Anatoly F. Dobrynin this week to intercede for two Jewish activists arrested last month while demonstrating for exit visas. Dr. William A. Wexler, council chairman, in a letter to Dobrynin, asked the envoy to "prevent a miscarriage of justice" against Mark Nashpitz and Boris Tsitlikon, who are being held on unspecified charges after they and five others staged a demonstration outside the Lenin Library in Moscow.

