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ISRAEL WATCHES SOVIET BUILD-UP OF MEDITERRANEAN FLEET; USSR NOW HAS 75 SHIPS, MORE EXPECTED By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, June 7 (JTA)--Israeli circles are keeping a careful watch on the build-up of Soviet naval strength in the Eastern Mediterranean. While the Russians normally deploy about 40-50 units in the region, recent re-enforcements have increased the number to 75 vessels, approaching the size of the fleet on the eve of the Yom Kippur War when Moscow apparently had advance intelligence of the impending Egyptian-Syrian attack on Israel.

Israeli sources expect additional Soviet naval units to join the Mediterranean fleet from the Black Sea, bringing the total to about 90 combat ships and auxiliaries. More significant, perhaps, is the arrival of the Russian missile cruiser Uchakov in Eastern Mediterranean waters with the Soviet Chief of Staff, Gen. Victor Kulakov aboard. His presence means that local Soviet commanders can make spot decisions without referring back to Moscow for orders, Israeli circles say.

The beefing up of Soviet naval strength is seen as a warning against any unwarranted intervention in the Lebanese conflict, Reserve Adm. Abraham Botzer, former commander of the Israeli Navy, said today. Botzer said the possibility of Soviet intervention was small. Although the Russian navy could land token units in Lebanon, it does not have the equipment for a full-scale military operation there, he said. Moreover, he said, the U.S. Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean is more than a match for the Soviet navy in the region, even with the addition of the newly-built aircraft carrier Kiev which has greatly increased the Russians' fire power. Botzer said the Sixth Fleet, deployed around the aircraft carrier Saratoga, constitutes a counter-force that will limit Soviet actions to muscle-flexing.

ISRAELI ARAB GROUP REJECTS RABIN'S DEFINITION OF ISRAEL AS JEWISH STATE By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, June 7 (JTA)--A group of Israeli Arab leaders that met with Premier Yitzhak Rabin two weeks ago has drafted a strongly worded memorandum to him challenging the Zionist definition of Israel as a Jewish State with an Arab minority. The group, consisting of the heads of Arab town and village councils, has taken sharp issue with Rabin for describing the Arab minority as a distinctive culture and religion but omitting any national significance. They are also bitter over Rabin's refusal to rescind the government's plans to expropriate land--some Arab and some Jewish owned--in Galilee.

The memorandum, which will be delivered to the Premier later this week, stresses that the Arabs regard Israel as a state for two nations. The Arabic word used is ambiguous but can be interpreted as a bi-national state. The group also warns that it will oppose the expropriation of "any centimeter" of Arab land in Galilee, the Negev or the so-called "triangle" east of the coastal plain. Apart from the Galilee project, there are no known plans for expropriation in any

of these areas.

The Arab leaders also criticized a government decision to create an Arab-Jewish public council to deal with problems of the Arab minority. The press has leaked the names of some 35 Arab personalities that would participate in the 73-member council. Many of them are regarded by the Arabs as establishment-oriented. The local leaders insist that committees will not solve the problems but only a change in government policy toward Israel's Arab citizens. Two prominent Arabs whose names appeared on the unofficial list have announced that they would not participate in the council.

2 DUTCHMEN HELD IN BOMB INCIDENT

AMSTERDAM, June 7 (JTA)--Two young Dutchmen, 25-year-old Hugo Muller and 26-year-old Rudolf Meyer, were remanded for one week today by a Dutch magistrate. The two men, both known for their contacts with leftist organizations, are suspected of complicity in the May 25 Ben Gurion Airport explosion.

A man who died when his suitcase exploded when opened by security agents, carried Muller's passport. Muller himself reportedly told police first that he had lost it, then that he had given it to a member of the Baader-Meinhof group to enable him to flee West Germany where he was wanted by police. The arrests involved the Baader-Meinhof group in the airport explosion. Dutch police said more arrests are likely to follow.

SEC ADMITS U.S. FIRMS MUST DISCLOSE BOYCOTT COMPLIANCE

WASHINGTON, June 7 (JTA)--The Securities and Exchange Commission has acknowledged that the securities laws require American corporations to disclose whether they are complying with the Arab boycott of Israel. This was stated in a letter from SEC chairman Roderick M. Hills to Rep. Bella S. Abzug (D.L. NY) who had requested "the opinion of the Commission as to the conditions under which participation by a corporation in an economic boycott must be reported to the SEC and to the public."

Hills said in his letter, released today, that companies participating in such boycott must disclose their participation in any instance where it has a material adverse effect upon corporate "income, assets (including good will) or profits." The securities laws disclosure requirement also applies to any boycott participation that would be "of importance to investors."

Abzug, chairperson of the House Government Information and Individual Rights Subcommittee, said that this statement marks the first instance in which the U.S. securities laws have been interpreted to require disclosure of boycott participation. Abzug expressed the hope that "this determination on the SEC's part marks the beginning of an active effort to enforce strictly this requirement." She added that "The public has the right to know which corporations are participating in the Arab boycott.... Private citizens, as well as the SEC, may go to court to require disclosure and I hope that this valuable tool will receive frequent and successful use in efforts to crush

the boycott." A recent study by another House subcommittee revealed that over 90 percent of the 637 corporations reporting to the Department of Commerce on boycott participation had complied with boycott demands from Arab countries.

LIKUD SEEKS SHARON'S RETURN

TEL AVIV, June 7 (JTA)--Likud leader Menachem Begin, who is trying to bring Reserve Gen. Ariel Sharon back into the opposition group, paid a visit to Sharon's farm today. But neither man would divulge what was said.

Sharon, who was the founder of Likud; reportedly does not want to return to its leadership until the various parties and factions in Likud unite as one party. Begin's effort today was seen as a reflection of a fear within Likud that Sharon might join Prof. Yigael Yadin, the archaeologist and former Chief of Staff, in forming a new party.

MAPAM FACES 2 OPTIONS

TEL AVIV, June 7 (JTA)--The Mapam convention, opening Wednesday, will prepare the party for two options--to remain part of the Labor Alignment or strike out on its own in the next Knesset elections, Mapam leaders said yesterday. Meir Talmi, secretary general and Nafali Feder, the faction's political secretary, said at a press conference here that the government must take the initiative in a political drive toward peace if Mapam is to continue to be part of the government. They said diversity of opinion among Cabinet ministers did not help bring peace nearer.

Mapam has taken preliminary steps for a separate election list if it finds, after the Labor Party convention in December, that it can no longer remain in the Alignment. These include the establishment of a special department to organize party branches and appoint teams and cadres to conduct election campaigns.

The Mapam leaders welcomed the entry into politics of Prof. Yigael Yadin whose dovish views coincide in many ways with their own. But they said they would prefer to see Yadin in the Labor grouping rather than seeking office as head of an independent list. Some observers here expressed the view that a Yadin list might make inroads into the Mapam constituency.

B'NAI B'RITH URGED TO JOIN WZO

JERUSALEM, June 7 (JTA)--Yosef Almogi, chairman of the World Zionist Organization, has urged B'nai B'rith to join the WZO as a full member. Speaking at B'nai B'rith's annual convention here, Almogi said the Jewish fraternal organization was already a member of the Zionist movement by its "deeds" if not officially.

He praised the organization's decision to devote this year's convention to aliya and absorption. "Immigration is actually the question of the continued survival of the people of Israel," he said. "Our problems in Israel are more of a demographic nature than a geographic one." Almogi said he believed that even in Western countries there was a large potential of immigrants and Israel should prepare itself accordingly for their absorption.

SISCO SEES HOPE FOR PEACE IN MIDEAST, BUT NOT THIS YEAR

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, June 7 (JTA)--Retiring Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs, Joseph J.

Sisco, said today that there is hope for peace in the Middle East because both the Arabs and the Israelis are "sick and tired of war." But he added that he does not believe anything could be achieved in the Mideast this year.

At a farewell luncheon given by the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, Sisco said that he shares "the deep concern" over the Mideast situation. But, he stated, "I continue to believe that peace would come to the Mideast" although "it will not be easy." Sisco is leaving his present post July 1 to assume the presidency of American University in Washington, D.C. He joined the State Department in 1951 and has dealt in Mideast affairs since the mid-1960s.

At today's reception, which was held at the Presidents Conference's headquarters at 515 Park Avenue and attended by more than a hundred Jewish leaders, Sisco was praised for his "friendship and understanding" of Israel and American Jewry. Simcha Dinitz, Israel's Ambassador to the United States, said that with Sisco "we knew we had a friend in the State Department. I think," Dinitz said, "that nobody in the American government knows Israel, understands Israel better than Sisco."

Ford Praises Contribution

President Ford and Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger sent letters for the occasion to the chairman of the Presidents Conference, Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, praising Sisco for his long and devoted service and his contribution to U.S. efforts at reaching a Mideast solution.

Ford said: "For over a decade, he (Sisco) has worked tirelessly to help achieve progress toward a final peace in the Middle East. Since October 1973, he has played a particularly significant role in the successful diplomatic efforts of our government in that area. Peace in the Middle East and the maintenance of Israel's security and survival have continued to be the priority foreign policy objectives of my Administration. They have been well served and effectively carried forward by Joe Sisco--for which I am personally grateful to him."

Presenting Sisco and his wife Jean with an illustrated Hebrew-English book of Psalms, Schindler declared that American Jews remained pledged to Israel's survival "with our very lives." Also paying tribute to Sisco were Rabbi Israel Miller, former chairman of the Presidents Conference and Max Fisher, chairman of the Board of Governors of the Jewish Agency. (See separate story on Page 3.) * * *

BUCHAREST (JTA)--Chief Rabbi Moses Rosen of Rumania in a Shabbat sermon at the Alnai Synagogue in Prague stressed that Jews in socialist countries need not abandon their ethics and mitzvot while being loyal to building the new society. He said this was one of the meanings of "Ait-Nat" (old-new). He said another meaning is that Jews must remain "faithful to the Torah and our people." The Rumanian Chief Rabbi was a guest of the Prague Jewish community during his visit. * * *

PARIS (JTA)--France will build 10 fast missile-carrying boats for Libya similar to those sold to Israel a few years ago and known as "the Cherbourg vessels." The Libyan vessels will be armed with French made sea-to-sea missiles and anti-aircraft guns.

SCHINDLER SAYS AMERICAN JEWRY'S SUPPORT OF ISRAEL UNDIMINISHED DESPITE CRITICISM OF POLICIES

NEW YORK, June 7 (JTA)--Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, declared today that criticism of certain Israeli governmental policies by American Jews in no way implies any diminution of their commitment to Israel. "Let no one be mistaken and misread our occasional questioning of this or that Israeli governmental policy as disunity or weakness. We remain committed with our very lives, all of us, to Israel's survival in security and in peace," Schindler said.

He spoke at a farewell luncheon tendered by the Presidents Conference to retiring Undersecretary of State Joseph J. Sisco. "Those differences that do exist among American Jews about Israel's foreign policy are nowhere near as serious as they are portrayed," Schindler stressed.

He took issue with the labeling of Jews as "doves" or "hawks" with respect to their views on Israeli policies. He said those terms were a throwback to the Vietnam War and "applied to the Middle East, they evoke dangerous and misleading comparisons."

Dispute Is Over 'Kind Of Peace'

Schindler observed, "I for one have never heard a Jewish 'hawk' demand that Damascus be levelled or that the harbor of Alexandria be mined. Nor have I heard any 'dove' question Israel's right to be. What divides the 'doves' and 'hawks' on Israel is not the ultimate goal of peace but the kind of risks that should be taken to achieve that peace," Schindler said.

"The real issue is not 'hawk' versus 'dove' but rather what is the 'quo' that Israel has the right to expect for its 'quid'?" The debate of late has focussed on those territories that Israel should or should not surrender. But the essential questions are these: What kind of peace will result from Israel's concessions? Is there to be a mere mouthing of phrases like 'the non-use of force' which in the final analysis means nothing at all? Or should that peace include opening of trade, travel and cultural contacts between Israel and her Arab neighbors as the foundation on which a just and lasting peace can be built?" Schindler asked.

He concluded, "When the Arab states answer these questions, Israel and the world will know whether there will be a genuine peace in the Middle East or the kind of 'peace' that the Muslims and Christians of Lebanon are enduring as Arab slaughters Arab."

DULZIN DENIES REPORT OF PLANNED YERIDA BY MANY MOROCCAN JEWS

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, June 7 (JTA)--An unconfirmed report in Haaretz this morning that substantial numbers of North African Jews in Israel were planning to return to Morocco at the invitation of that country brought a strong denial from Jewish Agency treasurer Leon Dulzin and a Knesset motion by Likud leader Menachem Begin for an investigation of reported "yerida" to Arablands.

Dulzin, addressing a delegation of world Sephardic leaders currently visiting Israel, declared "All the talk about Jewish yerida to Arab lands and to Morocco is the fruit of Arab--and particularly PLO--propaganda." He said "A few isolated cases" were being exploited by the propagan-

dists to create the impression of large-scale defections of Jews from Israel. The invitations from certain Arab states to their former nationals in Israel to return are nothing but a trap, Dulzin said. He urged the Sephardic leaders to impress that fact upon their brethren.

Begin proposed the establishment of a commission to study the motives behind yerida and why some Jews desire to leave. According to Haaretz, Arab states have set up a \$5 million fund to encourage Jews and especially Israelis who left the Arab countries of their birth, to return. Haaretz said there was opposition to the fund in Morocco because of that country's pressing economic problems but that King Hassan plans to have a "colony" of some 200 Israeli returnees in Rabat by the end of this year.

Other Allegations Made

The Haaretz report also said that French Jewish intellectuals of the left and some Israeli leftists have been trying to encourage Israeli families to consider returning to Morocco. Other recent developments relative to the issue include: allegations that Yehoshua Peretz, leader of the volatile Ashdod port workers' union, has been encouraging yerida to "get even" with Israeli authorities because of his conviction for disturbing the peace (Peretz hotly denies these allegations); a declaration of a large Jaffa family of slum dwellers that they were preparing to return to Morocco; the actual return of a former Iraqi family to Iraq. (The family of Yosef Nawi, 47, held a press conference in Baghdad and has appeared on Iraqi radio); persistent rumors that significant numbers of Moroccan Jews plan to return to Morocco.

In that connection, leaders of the Moroccan community have been less than unequivocal in their denials. While these leaders seem to have no desire to exaggerate the yerida phenomenon, they seem to feel it can be used to focus attention on the social and political grievances of their community.

Shaul Ben-Shimon, chairman of the World Union of North African Jews and a Histadrut official, was quoted by Haaretz as saying, "The information in the government's hands regarding yerida to Morocco is far more serious than publicly acknowledged. But I prefer for the present to deal with this matter quietly and without publicity." Ben-Shimon said in an interview on the army radio station yesterday that he knew of no case of actual yerida to Morocco or of a threat to that effect being implemented. He added that those who threatened yerida were often not the poor and down-trodden but well-to-do people.

RUSSIAN ORTHODOX GROUP TO VISIT ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, June 7 (JTA)--A delegation of eight leaders of the Russian Orthodox Church is due in Israel later this week. The group, headed by Archbishop Oharov, is coming officially to celebrate the Orthodox Pentecost at the holy places in Jerusalem. But more than religious significance is attached to their visit. The group will meet with the Israeli Minister for Religious Affairs Yitzhak Rafael. One of the subjects on the agenda is the enlargement of the five-member permanent delegation of the Orthodox Church in Jerusalem. Meetings with other Israeli leaders are also expected. A similar delegation visited Israel last year, headed by Metropolitan Philaret of East Berlin. That visit ended with a statement urging increased pilgrimages to the holy places from Eastern European countries. So far they have not materialized.

SECRET DIARY FROM SOVIET CAMP REPORTS HARSH MEASURES AGAINST JEWS By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, June 7 (JTA)--A secret diary written by an inmate of a Soviet forced labor camp in the Perm region of Russia disclosed that a serious disturbance occurred there last year in protest against the draconian measures taken by the camp guards, especially against Anatoly Altman, who was sentenced to ten years at hard labor at the first Leningrad hijack trial in 1970. A copy of the diary, typewritten in Russian on white paper, has reached Kibbutz Yagur which has adopted Altman as an honorary member.

According to the writer, Altman was subjected to severe punishment between May and August, 1975 because he refused to shave his beard. The diary says Altman was chained and forcibly shaved. As punishment, he was denied permission to receive visitors. He went on a hunger strike in protest and was joined by 20 other inmates. As a result, Altman was put in solitary confinement for ten days and denied the right to purchase food at the camp commissary, the diary stated.

On his release from confinement on Sept. 18, he was immediately put back in solitary for another 15 days. Fellow prisoners demonstrated in protest and threatened to react even more violently unless a petition they addressed to President Nikolai Podgorny of the Supreme Soviet was delivered. The petition demanded better conditions and a cessation of harsh punishment at the camp.

Jews In Solitary

According to the diary, many Jews were put in solitary confinement for staging hunger strikes in protest against severe punishment ordered by the camp commandant. One prisoner was put on trial for allegedly passing information on camp conditions to outside sources. The diary says that inmates are punished for such offenses as having a cup of tea during working hours, coming to inspection late or wearing their prison garb in a way that did not suit the guards.

A prisoner surnamed Lichak was given seven days solitary confinement because he stacked books on shelves instead of under them. Another prisoner, surnamed Basrab, who has spent 23 years in detention, was denied permission to buy food because he complained to the camp authorities that, after suffering two heart attacks, he was unable to perform physical labor, the diary reported.

BOSTON JCC URGES DEMOCRATS TO ADOPT STRONG ANTI-BOYCOTT PLANK

BOSTON, June 7 (JTA)--A call for strong federal legislation against the Arab boycott was made by Albert Schlossberg, president of the Jewish Community Council of Metropolitan Boston, and Maurice Zilber, chairman of the Council's subcommittee on the Arab boycott, in testimony presented to the New England Regional Hearings of the Democratic National Party Platform last week.

"Our moral argument is clear," the testimony states. "It is in keeping with traditional American values, ideals and law to prevent discrimination against American citizens, because of their race, religion, sex or national origin."

"A strong moral and legal posture against the Arab boycott will not harm American business. We should acknowledge the fact that Arab governments and businesses are pragmatic. Recent evi-

dence shows us that in economic decisions where the Arabs are caught between their ideological hatred for Israel and their practical desire to improve the economics of their countries, they choose what is economically beneficial to them. The Arab countries have increasingly turned to the United States for their purchases of military weapons, technical knowledge and skill. Our products and know-how are too valuable for the Arabs to discard."

The testimony called attention to the anti-Arab boycott laws adopted in several states and noted the pending legislation in Massachusetts. "The Jewish Community Council is pleased that so many states have acted to deal with this problem by legislation," the Council stated. "However, there is a clear need for a national unified code."

MONDALE BACK ANTI-BOYCOTT BILLS

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., June 7 (JTA)--"The boycott by Arab nations of firms that do business with Israel is reprehensible," Sen. Walter Mondale (D, Minn.) told an Israeli Bond drive dinner here last night. The Senator announced his strong support of two measures aimed at breaking the boycott in the United States.

Mondale noted that "the boycott has the destructive side-effect of poisoning relations among American firms, and striking at the principle of non-discrimination upon which our social and legal system is based." The boycott affects not only companies that do business with Israel but also companies whose officers or major stockholders have been identified not only as pro-Israeli, but also of the Jewish faith, he said. Such Minnesota firms as Reserve Mining Company and Scherr-Tumica of St. James are on the Arab blacklist as are such major national corporations as Coca-Cola, CBS, Ford Motor Company and Korvette.

"There are two ways of dealing with this danger and I strongly support both of them," Mondale pointed out. "I am co-sponsoring Senator (Abraham) Ribicoff's (D, Conn.) bill to deny U.S. tax advantages--including the foreign tax credit, deferral and Domestic International Sales Corporation benefits--on any foreign source income earned as a result of participation in the boycott. This would eliminate the tax benefits that have led many firms to choose economic self-interest over moral and legal principles of the United States."

The second way of combatting this problem is dealt with in a bill offered by Sen. Adlai Stevenson (D, Ill.) that soon should be before the Senate for a vote, Mondale said. He said it would provide for mandatory reporting of all demands, and an accounting of whether a U.S. firm plans to comply, with full public disclosure of all such requests and plans. "In other words," he said, "the bill is designed to make sure companies are forced to consider not only the desires of their OPEC clients, but also the reaction of the American people to such policies."

CHERRY HILL, N.J. (JTA)--The Koshers Hams are planning a trip to Israel in November. Koshers Hams are the more than a thousand Jewish amateur radio operators from all parts of the world who daily communicate with each other over the 14320 khz short-wave radio frequency. The Jewish amateur radio enthusiasts have organized into a group called Chaverim. Because Israel's call letters are 4X4, the Chaverim called their radio frequency the "4X4 NET."