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## B'NAI B'RITH DISCLOSES THAT ARAB BLACK AFRICAN STATES MAINTAIN EXTENSIVE TRADE WITH SOUTH AFRICA

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30 (JTA)--Third World countries, while excoriating Israel for its relations with South Africa, are themselves maintaining extensive--but often circumspect--trade with the apartheid-practicing state, the B'nai B'rith International Council said yesterday.

Virtually every Black African country, along with Arab and Communist nations, has commercial relations with South Africa, a B'nai B'rith report, released at the Council's annual meeting here, disclosed.

The report, prepared by Dr. Harris Schoenberg, B'nai B'rith's deputy director for United Nations Affairs, noted that South Africa's largest trading partner, after Great Britain, is the African continent where some two dozen Black states trade with South Africa directly or disguise the relationship through intermediaries or purchasing agents.

Several Black states, after importing partly-finished products from South Africa, finish, label and sell them in African markets without any South African identity, the report said.

### Hypocrisy in Anti-Israel Stand

It said the current Arab propaganda drive charging Israel with racism and citing South African Prime Minister John Vorster's recent visit to that country as evidence of a "Tel Aviv-Pretoria axis," hypocritically ignores their own growing commerce with Africa, that of a generally pro-Arab France which has become South Africa's principal arms supplier, or Vorster's state visits to the Ivory Coast, Senegal, Liberia and Zambia.

Saudi Arabia, which had openly supplied South Africa with one-fourth of its imported oil before the 1973 embargo made South Africa's energy supplies a classified matter, the Persian Gulf sheikdoms and Jordan are among prominent trading partners with South Africa, the report said. It pointed to large purchases of South African food, pre-fabricated materials and gold by Saudi Arabia.

The report said that Kuwait's royal house, as owner of a London-based conglomerate with 59 subsidiaries in South Africa and Rhodesia, earned profits in Black Africa and used them to subsidize projects in the white-ruled southern states.

### Selective Concern Over Apartheid

Mozambique, one of the most militant opponents of South Africa, aids the South African economy by sending some 100,000 miners to work in the state's gold mines. In return, Mozambique receives an annual South African subsidy of some \$120 million--more than the country receives from either the United Nations or the Soviet Union.

South African exports to other countries have been growing at an annual rate of almost 40 percent and many Black African states seek loans and credits from the Vorster government, the report said.

Schoenberg cited a 1975 UN economic report as "typical of the selective Third World and Com-

munist concern over apartheid." The report charged the United States and other Western countries by trading with South Africa, of supporting the brutal and ruthless plunder and exploitation of human and natural resources," but it failed to mention the Third World and Communist trade.

In an address to the Council this afternoon, Israeli Ambassador to the UN, Chaim Herzog, warned that Yugoslavia and Cuba are trying to lead the anti-Israel and anti-Jewish offensive at the upcoming General Assembly. (See full story P. 3.)

## RABIN CHARGES USSR PREVENTS RECONVENING OF GENEVA PEACE TALKS ON BASIS OF ORIGINAL INVITATIONS

By Tuvia Mendelson

JERUSALEM, Aug. 30 (JTA)--Premier Yitzhak Rabin charged last night that the Soviet Union prevents the reconvening of the Geneva peace conference on the basis of the original invitations extended to the parties in the Middle East conflict by the Secretary General of the United Nations following the Yom Kippur War. The Russians have adopted a policy of total support for the most extremist Arab states, Rabin said on a television interview.

He made his remarks when asked if Israel's apparent interest in keeping the Soviet Union out of Middle East diplomatic activity might not make that country a sworn enemy of Israel. Rabin said, "To the best of my knowledge, it is the Soviet Union which, through its policy, decided that Israel would be its sworn enemy, not Israel that decided this."

He said the Soviets were the main supporters of the PLO. "If the Soviet Union continues to cling to its extremist anti-Israel policy, I see no reason why Israel need be interested in its initiatives," Rabin said. On the other hand, he reiterated that Israel is prepared to negotiate an overall peace settlement with the Arabs at Geneva on the basis of the original invitations or, alternatively, to seek agreements with its neighbors to end the state of war.

The Premier said the Soviet Union could play a role in establishing peace in the Middle East, "but to do so, it must change its approach, its policy and its attitude." As of now, he said, the Soviet policy in the Middle East has been to propose the military option to the Arab states in their struggle against Israel by means of huge arms shipments to the most extreme Arab states.

The interview, conducted on the occasion of the first anniversary of the Israeli-Egyptian interim agreement in Sinai elicited from the Premier an acknowledgement that there had been Egyptian violations of the accord during the year. "These are of secondary military significance but we should see that they are corrected," he said without elaborating on their nature. However, Rabin said that the Egyptians appeared to be interested in observing the agreement and were likely to continue to do so in the foreseeable future.

## MIDEAST ARMS AID PROPOSALS DUE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30 (JTA)--The Ford Ad-

ministration is due to present to Congress this week proposals to provide a total of about \$5 billion in military equipment and services to Israel, Iran, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia, the State Department said.

Department spokesman Robert Funseth, in revealing this action, would not provide figures for individual countries. He said the proposals were being made to enable Congress to have the necessary 30 days for consideration of the sales before the scheduled adjournment Oct. 2 for the Presidential election campaign.

Funseth pointed out that the \$5 billion does not represent the "total programs for the countries concerned," but only those parts that Congress may be able to consider in its present session. This seemed to leave the door open for much bigger programs to be announced to the new Congress that convenes in January.

#### AUSTRIAN DELEGATION IN ISRAEL TO INVESTIGATE BUYING KFIR JETS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 30 (JTA)--An Austrian delegation headed by Defense Minister Karl Ferdinand Von Luetgendorf arrived here last night to investigate the possibility of buying 25 Israel-made "Kfir" jet interceptors for the Austrian air force. The delegation, greeted at Ben Gurion Airport by Defense Minister Shimon Peres, includes six members of the Austrian Parliament and three senior officers of the Austrian air force.

Austrian test pilots have flown the Kfir and are apparently satisfied with its performance. But sources here said it was unlikely that a transaction would be completed during the delegation's visit. The general feeling, however, is that Austria will eventually conclude a deal despite strong political pressure against it.

The Viennese newspaper, Die Presse, noted yesterday that "a big disadvantage lies in the political field" because "the country where the Kfir is produced is situated in the Middle East conflict area." The paper added that "We have to take care of the Arab markets too, and who can guarantee the shipment of spare parts in case of a new outbreak of war in the Middle East?"

A major factor in favor of the purchase is the low price of the Kfir in comparison to similar aircraft produced in other countries. The Kfir, the first combat plane designed and produced in Israel, is priced at \$4.5 million per plane compared to \$6 million for the French-made Mirage F-1C. Only the less sophisticated American Northrop F-5 "Tiger" is cheaper, Austrian sources have pointed out. According to Die Presse, Israel is willing to negotiate a multi-million dollar bargain with the Austrian state-owned Stell Industry in exchange for the plane deal.

#### DAYAN REVEALS HE TRIED TO ARRANGE MEETING WITH ARAFAT, NASSER IN 1968

By Tuvia Mendelson

JERUSALEM, Aug. 30 (JTA)--Former Defense Minister Moshe Dayan reveals in his new autobiography that in 1968 he tried to arrange a meeting with Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasser Arafat and Egyptian President Gamal Nasser, but failed. Details of his autobiography, due to be published this week in Hebrew and English, were presented last night on Israel television by Dan Raviv, a reporter who had read the galleys of the book. He said he found political and military information which was never before published.

Dayan relates that he made an attempt to ar-

range a meeting between himself and Nasser, to find out if the Egyptian President was ready to make an agreement with Israel. In 1968, in his efforts to meet with Arafat, Dayan was prepared to release from prison a Palestinian terrorist and send him as an emissary to Arafat in order to arrange the meeting.

In his book, Dayan writes that the prisoner refused to be set free for this purpose. However, the poet, Fadua Touckan, agreed to make an effort to arrange the meeting with Dayan, but she did not succeed. In other revelations, Dayan states that the late David Elazar, who commanded the army during the Yom Kippur War, was not his candidate for Chief of Staff, but Dayan accepted Premier Golda Meir's decision to appoint Elazar.

Dayan also writes that there were "basic disagreements" between Elazar and himself after the first two days of the war. Dayan said he could not share Elazar's optimism and maintained that the Israeli army would not be able to stop the Egyptians from crossing the Suez Canal. Thus, Dayan said, he suggested that all the army bunkers at the canal should be evacuated.

During the past few days Dayan seems to have embarked on a "comeback" course. After a long period of silence he gave a stream of interviews to the local and foreign press during the course of which he presented a number of criticisms of Israel's foreign policy. The "comeback" also appears to have been timed for the momentary appearance of a new daily, "Hayom Haze" (This Day) of which Dayan is chief editor.

#### FORD, CARTER EXPECTED TO ADDRESS B'NAI B'RITH BIENNIAL CONVENTION

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30 (JTA)--The Presidential candidates are expected to bring their campaign to the Jewish community next week with appearances here at B'nai B'rith's biennial convention. David M. Blumberg, president of the 500,000-member Jewish service organization, announced today that Jimmy Carter, the Democratic Party nominee, had accepted an invitation to address the convention. White House indications "make us hopeful that President Ford will also be able to participate," Blumberg added.

Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger, Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D., Minn.) and Israel's Ambassador Simcha Diniz will also address the six-day convention which opens Sept. 7. Blumberg said the convention will be the largest in B'nai B'rith's 133-year history. Some 2000 persons are expected for the session, including representatives of B'nai B'rith affiliates in Canada, Europe, Israel, Latin America, Australia and South Africa.

Humphrey will speak at outdoor exercises dedicating the B'nai B'rith International Center, an expansion of the organization's international headquarters building here. A \$2.5 million wing has been added, doubling the size of the eight-story structure, enlarging its public museum of Judaica and library and adding a chapel and public conference center.

The latest B'nai B'rith convention held in Washington, in 1968, featured campaign appearances by Nixon and Humphrey, the competing candidates, and an address by President Lyndon Johnson.

TEL AVIV (JTA)--The Hebron municipality has renamed one of the town's quarters Tel Zaater, after the Palestinian refugee camp in Lebanon captured by Christians.

# HERZOG SAYS YUGOSLAVIA, CUBA WILL LEAD THE ANTI-ISRAEL, ANTI-JEWISH OFFENSIVE AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY By Yitzhak Rabi

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30 (JTA)--Chaim Herzog, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, indicated today that Yugoslavia and Cuba are going to lead the anti-Israel, anti-Jewish offensive at the up-coming General Assembly. He made this observation in an address to the B'nai B'rith International Council, which opened here this weekend.

In his sharply worded and comprehensive analysis, Herzog also dealt with the decline of the UN, the Lebanese crisis, the Palestine Liberation Organization, the relations between Israel and South Africa, international terrorism and other major issues relating to Israel and the Jewish people.

"Over the past year (we have) been experiencing a major anti-Semitic attack against our people on the part of Yugoslavia, Cuba and others," Herzog said. "The Yugoslavs have made some of the strongest possible attacks on our people on the United Nations front. On one issue in the Security Council, when only the Arabs and some Moslem countries attacked us, Yugoslavia insisted on coming to the fore and joining them in the attack." Herzog referred to the Yugoslavian attack on Israel during the Security Council meeting over Israel's rescue operation in Uganda.

## Jewish Silence Aids Enemies

But the Israeli envoy said that in the face of this anti-Semitic offensive there is a "silence" on the part of world Jewry. "If there is one aspect of these deliberations which causes me concern it is the fact that Jewish communities throughout the world, while being vaguely aware of unpleasant developments in the United Nations, do not appreciate the fact that a major international anti-Semitic attack on the Jews is under way," he declared. "The silence of the Jewish community is encouraging our enemies who feel they can get away with it."

Citing the hostile attitude of Cuba against Israel and the Jewish people Herzog asked: "How can Jews here or elsewhere ignore the extreme hostile attitude of the Cubans to Israel and the Jewish people as reflected in the United Nations?" Charging that the United Nations is the "main center of anti-Semitism in the world" today, Herzog accused the UN of being in effect an obstacle to any peaceful solution in the Mideast. "The United Nations is gradually being turned by a small group of despots into the war-mongering center of the world," Herzog declared.

He pointed an accusing finger at the UN General Assembly, stating: "The Assembly, by allowing itself to be dominated by a group of intransigent extremists, whose declared purpose is to fight against any move towards peace, is encouraging dissent instead of accord, intransigence instead of compromise.... By allowing small groups of irresponsible extremists to dictate to the UN, the tragedy of the Mideast conflict is being prolonged."

## Tragedy Of Lebanon

With the UN ignoring entirely the tragedy in Lebanon, and instead being preoccupied with condemning Israel, the UN's silence, Herzog said, "is as shattering as is that of the Christian church's which, gagged by expediency, contemplate in shameful silence as their flock is threatened with extinction."

Herzog said that the Lebanese crisis shows that the main issue in the Mideast today is not the Israeli-Arab conflict. "True, it is an issue of great importance. But the Lebanese situation has placed the whole problem of the Mideast in a new and more meaningful perspective." Instead, Herzog continued, the major problem facing the world today is the torn, "disunited, working at cross purposes," Arab world.

## Raps Supine Attitude Of The West

Addressing himself to issues facing the up-coming General Assembly, which convenes Sept. 21, Herzog said that the infamous resolution by last year's Assembly equating Zionism with racism will be ignored this year by many countries. "The reason is that the African countries are aware that the Arab initiative in this matter spells doom for their Decade for Action Against Racism and Racial Discrimination," Herzog explained.

Herzog was skeptical on any UN action against terrorism this year. "Indeed," he said, "how can one not be skeptical when from the first of September the representative of Libya will occupy the Presidency of the Security Council" and the PLO has been proposed for observer status at the International Atomic Energy Agency.

During his long address, Herzog did not spare criticism of the Western members of the UN. "The fact that the Western countries who know the allegations (against Israel) to be untrue, abstain on major issues, is yet a further example of a tendency to cowardly and craven capitulations on the part of the West to expediency," Herzog warned that this "lack of moral backbone on the part of the Western countries" portends "great danger to the world."

"An ominous and fearsome process is overtaking the world and we are all silent. For how long?" Herzog asked, calling on the Jewish people "to stand up as a proud people which has given to the world the sublime principles and traditions which are being trampled underfoot in the United Nations today."

## LEBANESE FATHER SAVED

TEL AVIV, Aug. 30 (JTA)--A Lebanese father of eight from the township of Zahleh, who was suffering from a heart ailment, has been saved after undergoing heart surgery at the Rambam Hospital in Haifa. Antoine Youssef Zerib, 30, had been told by doctors in Lebanon that they couldn't help him and suggested that he try to reach the Israeli border where he might be treated. He should have undergone open heart surgery months ago but because of the civil war he could not be admitted to any hospital in Lebanon.

Taking the advice of the doctors, Youssef Zerib was driven by a friend to a point near the Israeli-Lebanese "good fence." As he got out of the car and began to walk toward the fence, he collapsed. An Israeli soldier who noticed this rushed toward the Lebanese and with the help of others brought him to a medical station where the doctors ordered an immediate operation. Youssef Zerib was taken to the Rambam Hospital where surgery was performed to replace a faulty heart valve. His condition is reported to be very satisfactory and he is expected to be discharged within a few days. Youssef Zerib's case is the latest in a series of medical actions taken to help Lebanese since the "good fence" was opened last April.

# U.S. IMMIGRATION POLICIES CITED AS HAVING SEALED THE FATE OF JEWS EXTERMINATED BY NAZIS DURING WW II

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30 (JTA)--Morris B. Abram, former U.S. Representative to the UN Human Rights Commission, charged today that restrictive and inflexible American immigration policies sealed the fate of European Jews exterminated by the Nazis in World War II. He urged that the President be given discretion to vary immigration policies for the victims of genocide to avoid a similar disaster in the future.

Testifying before the House Foreign Policy Research and Development Subcommittee, Abram, a New York attorney who is honorary president of the American Jewish Committee, also urged Congress to ratify the UN Genocide Convention, to maintain "absolutely firm and unmistakable commitments to the security of Israel," and to adopt legislation aimed at preventing discrimination against American citizens and firms resulting from the Arab boycott.

Abram urged that the U.S. maintain a flexible immigration policy with respect to victims of genocide and an "unyielding position against genocide on behalf of human rights." He charged that almost no voices were raised against the murder by Indonesia of one-half to three-quarter million of its citizens after the overthrow of President Sukarno. Likewise, he pointed out that UN bodies were "very quiet" when the Ibos were being slaughtered during the Nigerian rebellion a few years back.

## U.S. Had Pertinent Information

Turning to U.S. failure to help European Jews survive, Abram charged that the State Department had reliable information on Hitler's plans to exterminate all Jews as early as 1942. However, he added, both the U.S. and Britain rejected requests for cooperation in rescue efforts during the war and immigration officials here so administered the law that few Jewish refugees from Germany were permitted entry into this country.

Tracing the rise of the Nazis to power in Germany and Europe, Abram declared that there were many opportunities "to chain this criminal state after its course was clear and its crimes against its own people were established, but the world failed to consider human rights problems with Germany as of any concern outside. So, the beast was able to devour its own and eventually it stalked abroad and devoured Europe."

Continuing, Abram insisted that "without taking any steps to their disadvantage, I submit that it was possible for the West to have saved the Jewish populations of France, Belgium, The Netherlands, Italy and perhaps of Germany, had these states the time and will to do so. Immigration quotas, bureaucratic lassitude or indifference, administrative runaround and in many cases blatant prejudice resulted in the liquidation in these countries of unnecessary thousands of men, women and children, who could have been rescued by foresight and forceful policies undertaken at the right time."

He contrasted these actions with the accomplishments of the Danish people, who, in spite of the fact that their country was occupied by the German army, kept almost all 8000 Danish Jews hidden and then ferried them to Sweden, where they remained until the end of the war.

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There will be no Bulletin dated Sept. 6, due to Labor Day, a postal holiday.

# SOVIETS REFUSE TO ALLOW ILYINKA FAMILIES TO EMIGRATE TO ISRAEL; CLAIM THEY ARE NOT REALLY JEWISH

NEW YORK, Aug. 30 (JTA)--Moscow authorities have refused to allow 80 families from the Soviet village of Ilyinka to emigrate to Israel on the grounds that they are not really Jewish, the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry has learned. The families are descendants of Russians who were converted to Judaism several centuries ago.

Bronx Borough President Robert Abrams, Conference chairman, explained that the authorities had earlier permitted the emigration of eight families from Ilyinka, which is located in the Voronezh region 1400 miles from Moscow. However, in the past year, 109 invitations from relatives in Israel have not been delivered.

In an effort to isolate the villagers, Soviet activists Vladimir Slepak and Anatoly Sharansky were barred from visiting the village earlier this summer. The Ilyinka Jews are forced to have their internal passports stamped with a false entry stating that they are Russian nationals since they have Russian surnames.

According to Moscow activists, Abrams said, the Ilyinka villagers observe Shabbat and Jewish holidays, bake matzot on Passover and give their children Biblical names. On the birth of a baby boy, the child is taken 650 miles to Daghestan for circumcision. The villagers originally lived elsewhere in the Soviet Union, but were forced to escape from their homes when threatened with pogroms in 1913.

## JEWISH EDUCATORS, STUDENTS MEETING ON WAYS TO UPGRADE JEWISH EDUCATION

PROVIDENCE, R.I., Aug. 30 (JTA)--More than 300 Jewish educators and students are participating in a five-day conference on Alternatives in Jewish Education which opened here last night at Brown University under the sponsorship of the North American Jewish Students Network. Myra Leysorek, conference coordinator, noted that the participants who represent every type of traditional and alternative Jewish schools, were gathered "to discuss current problems and techniques with the goals of creating a working bond among Jewish educators while radically upgrading the quality of Jewish education."

A spokesman for the sponsoring organization said the conference intended to write a manifesto on Jewish education and conduct an analysis and critique of the establishment's role in Jewish education.

The two keynote speakers last night were Rabbi Itzhak Greenberg of Riverdale, N.Y., chairman of the department of Jewish studies at City College, New York and his wife, Blu Greenberg, a lecturer on religious studies at Mt. St. Vincent College, and a leader of the Jewish feminist movement. Rabbi Greenberg, speaking on the theme, "Restructuring of the Philosophy of Jewish Education," said that "The key reason for the failure of Jewish education is the unresolved problem of modernity. The future of Jewish education lies in a fundamental critique of this process of modernity," he said.

Blu Greenberg asserted that "If Jewish education strives to make each individual more of a Jew, it should be experiential in inverse ratio to the quality and quantity of Jewish life in the home." The Student Network is the umbrella and service organization for Jewish student groups throughout North America.