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## ISRAEL TO RECEIVE FIRST OF AMERICAN F-15 JET FIGHTERS SHE HAS ORDERED

TEL AVIV, Sept. 20 (JTA)--Defense Minister Shimon Peres indicated last night that Israel will soon be receiving the first of the American F-15 jet fighters she has ordered. He also told a meeting of Labor Party and Histadrut leaders here that Israel's army is significantly stronger than it was at the time of the Yom Kippur War.

Peres observed that there are more soldiers in the army today than there were Jews in the country when Israel was established. He also stressed the integration of diverse groups into the armed forces, noting that only a few days ago he promoted an officer from the Yemenite community to the rank of brigade commander.

Reliable sources confirmed Peres' remarks on the F-15s. Four of the highly sophisticated American aircraft are scheduled for delivery here early next month. Two will be of the single-seat fighter type and two twin-seat TF-15s, a version designed for training purposes and reconnaissance. Eventually, Israel will receive 25 F-15s, 23 of them of the fighter type.

## WIESENTHAL SAYS NAZI LITERATURE DISTRIBUTED WORLD-WIDE FROM U.S.

VIENNA, Sept. 20 (JTA)--Simon Wiesenthal, head of the Jewish Documentation Center here, has informed American authorities that Nazi literature is distributed and mailed to many parts of the world from the United States. In a letter to the U.S. Embassy in Vienna, he said that the Nazi leaflet, "NS-Kampfruf" (Battle Cry), is mailed from an address in Arlington, Va. Wiesenthal identified this leaflet as "the organ of the foreign organization of the German Nazi Party."

The Nazi-hunter said the person responsible for the mailing is Mathias Kohl, of 2507 North Franklin Road, Arlington. Kohl, Wiesenthal said, also mails the newspaper, "White Power," anti-Semitic leaflets and bibliographies of Nazi literature in several languages. "White Power" is the official organ of the American Nazi Party which is headquartered in Arlington.

The addresses of persons receiving this material include Germany, Austria, Argentina and other Latin American countries, many of whom never ordered the material, Wiesenthal said. The American Charge d'Affaires, Francis J. Meehan, informed Wiesenthal that he brought the information to the attention of the State Department in Washington.

## KATZIR ISSUES ROSH HASHANAH MESSAGE

JERUSALEM, Sept. 20 (JTA)--President Ephraim Katzir, in a Rosh Hashanah message to the Jews of the world, said that following a year of attacks against Israel as well as such triumphs as the Entebbe rescue, "Israel and Jews abroad have drawn even closer to each other, more aware of the values we share and of the central importance of Jewish education."

Katzir said despite the pressures and strains on Israel, "There is a new maturity in Jewish life throughout the world. There is a new sobriety in Israel's economic measures, difficult for each citizen as they are. There is a new empha-

sis on measures to close the social gap and to blend the cultural contributions of the various elements of its population."

The President also noted that the Middle East is less tense with the suspension of military hostilities between Egypt and Israel as the result of the Sinai agreement and the good fence along Israel's border with Lebanon.

## LABOR STRIKES CONTINUE IN ISRAEL By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Sept. 20 (JTA)--A strike by nurses, a work slow-down by physicians and a threatened strike by 42,000 government employees continued to darken Israel's troubled labor scene today. The nurses, who began their strike last week for higher pay, are providing only skeleton services at hospitals and clinics, limited mainly to emergency cases. The doctors' slow-down has forced the postponement of all but emergency surgery and imposed long waits for patients seeking treatment at public hospitals and clinics.

The sick and injured have become the prime victims of the wage dispute. Patients in most wards are being cared for by relatives who feed them, administer medication and changed bed sheets, tasks usually performed by nurses. As a result, the nurses' demands which originally enjoyed wide public support, have begun to generate public anger.

The 42,000 government workers submitted the two-week notice required by law prior to going on strike. Their complaint is that they do not receive the so-called "specific increments" -- wage increases above contract agreements -- that are paid thousands of other civil servants. The dispute, one of long standing, was aggravated by an agreement reached between the Treasury and collectors of income tax, customs duties and other levies advancing their wage scales without altering their contracts.

Meanwhile, 6000 postal workers, recently deprived of their "specific increments," announced they would strike on Oct. 1 for higher wages.

## ALLON TO DISCUSS WITH U.S. OFFICIALS EGYPTIAN VIOLATIONS OF SINAI ACCORD AND OIL DRILLING BY AMERICAN FIRM

Will Be Attending UN General Assembly  
By David Landau and Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Sept. 20 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Yigal Allon said today he will discuss with United States officials this week both Egyptian violations of the Sinai agreement and oil drillings by an American firm in the Israeli-controlled part of the Suez Gulf.

Speaking to reporters before his departure from Ben Gurion Airport to attend the United Nations General Assembly which opens tomorrow in New York, Allon said that the Egyptians have violated the one-year-old Sinai agreement because they have continued their economic and propaganda campaigns against Israel. He said the U.S. as the mediator for the agreement is responsible for its implementation.

On the drilling in the gulf by Amoco, an American oil company under contract with Egypt,

Allon said Israel is firm in its belief that it controls the eastern half of the Gulf of Suez just as it does the adjacent part of the Sinai. He said anyone wishing to drill there must receive Israel's consent. He said consent will be based on what Israel gets in return. However, he refused to answer further questions, noting that the drilling has stopped pending negotiations between the U.S. and Israel.

#### Rabin, Peres Differ On Oil Issue

Differences between Premier Yitzhak Rabin and Defense Minister Shimon Peres arose at yesterday's Cabinet meeting over how to conduct talks about the delicate oil drilling issue. The exchange occurred after Allon reported on the breakdown of talks in Washington last week between U.S. and Israeli officials. He said, however, that an immediate crisis was averted.

Rabin asked the Cabinet to endorse Allon's report and to authorize the government to continue handling the matter as it has done to date. But Peres declared that the issue should be discussed directly between Israel and Egypt in the presence of American officials rather than between Israel and the U.S. alone. He said Israel must strive to avoid the impression that it was at loggerheads with the U.S. When Rabin challenged Peres to present his views as a formal proposal, the Defense Minister demurred and the Cabinet unanimously endorsed the Foreign Minister's report.

The divergence of views between the Premier and his defense chief, not uncommon of late, reflected the sensitivity of the oil drilling issue which has become a source of friction between Israel and the U.S. It also portended a possible crisis of unity in the Labor Party as it begins preparations for next year's elections.

#### U.S. Pledges To Discontinue Drilling

The issue of oil rights in the Gulf of Suez arose when Amoco, an American oil company under contract to the Egyptian government, began prospecting in the eastern sector of the Gulf of Suez. Israel claims that under the 1975 interim accord with Egypt, she controls those waters. Israeli naval units cut the moorings of an American oil rig several weeks ago.

Talks were held subsequently between Rabin and U.S. Ambassador Malcolm Toon who apparently reached some sort of agreement in principle. The talks were to have shifted to Washington last week involving Undersecretary of State Philip Habib, Assistant Secretary of State Alfred Atherton and Ephraim Evron, an official of the Israeli Foreign Ministry. The talks did not materialize for reasons that were not made public.

Allon told the Cabinet yesterday that further Israeli-U.S. consultations would be held, and that the Americans pledged not to continue their drilling activities east of the Gulf of Suez demarcation line pending their outcome. Amoco, he said, had claimed that its franchise from the Egyptian government was about to expire. But this proved not to be the case, and future talks will be held in a more relaxed atmosphere, he said.

#### BEHIND THE HEADLINES

##### THE FUTURE OF MALTA

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, Sept. 20 (JTA)--The election victory by Prime Minister Dom Mintoff's Labor Party in Malta may result in the tiny but strategically located Mediterranean island state leaving the

British-NATO orbit and entering the Arab sphere. Specifically, it may become inextricably bound to President Muammar Qaddafi of Libya who is currently supported by the Soviet Union.

Mintoff's party won a three-seat majority over the opposition Nationalist Party in the 65-member parliament. This is regarded as a clear mandate for Mintoff to carry out foreign policy changes aimed at bringing Malta into the non-aligned group of nations.

Under Labor Party government for the past five years, Malta has become increasingly dependent on substantial loans from Saudi Arabia. Libya has shared in the island's new investment finance bank, a number of hotels, a joint company with the government, a shipyard and other new projects. With a Labor victory, that dependence is expected to increase, especially as the planned British withdrawal in three years will mean a loss of 30 million Pounds Sterling to the island.

About 14 million Pounds Sterling is in the form of rent for NATO bases. About a third of that amount is paid by Britain and about 16 million Pounds is spent by the British services on Malta.

Malta's future will depend on the extent that NATO itself is worried over the island's Libyan connection. Since 1972, when the present NATO lease was signed, Soviet power has grown in the Mediterranean and the West has become more sensitive to it than it was five years ago. Had the Nationalist Party won, the prospects for signing another lease would have been good. The Libyans want to get rid of the NATO base and were banking on a Mintoff victory.

British official attitudes are muted but are believed to be similar to those of their NATO partners. Today's elections were regarded here as important for the West as a whole.

#### RABBI YEHEZKEL ABRAMSKY DEAD AT 91

JERUSALEM, Sept. 20 (JTA)--Tens of thousands of Jerusalemites and out-of-town rabbis and yeshiva students attended the funeral yesterday of Rabbi Yehezkel Abramsky, dean of Israel's rabbis and widely considered the foremost Talmud scholar of the age. He died Saturday night at 91. He was buried at the Har Hamenuhot Cemetery near Jerusalem. The first recipient of the Israel Prize for rabbinic literature, Abramsky came to Israel in 1950 after serving for two decades as the head of the London Beit Din.

Obeysing a request he made in his will, two of his students followed his bier, which was carried on foot from his home to the cemetery, carrying all 24 volumes of his magnum opus, the "Hazon Yehezkel," a Talmudic commentary considered one of the finest in this century. Sephardic Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef and his predecessor Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim, were among the mourners. Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren was abroad. Yeshiva heads from Jerusalem and Bnei Brak delivered eulogies.

#### REINES GETS PERMISSION TO EMIGRATE

NEW YORK, Sept. 20 (JTA)--Dr. Leonid Reines, a leading Leningrad activist, has received permission for himself and his family to go to Israel. It was reported today by the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry. The family expects to leave by Oct. 8. Reines, 42, a metallurgical researcher, has been seeking a visa for the last

### three years.

(Meanwhile, in Tel Aviv, the widow of Col. Yefim Davidovich, the Red Army hero who died last April of a heart attack in his home in Minsk, arrived this morning with her daughter, Sofia, and her grandson, Alexander. Also arriving in Israel was Mark Abramovich, a former leading Soviet activist.)

### 'MASADA' FILM CLOAKS NATIONWIDE DRIVE TO CONVERT JEWS, JCRC WARNS

NEW YORK, Sept. 20 (JTA)--As part of a massive nation-wide Evangelistic campaign, a film entitled alternately "Massada... Movement to Freedom" and "Never Again" will be broadcast on New York area television stations at various times during the High Holidays, according to the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York.

The sponsors have placed ads in major American newspapers advertising the film, but without mention of the fact that it is sponsored by World Evangelism Inc., a California-based missionary group. Morris Cerullo, producer and narrator of the film, has produced other evangelistic films for the group and describes himself as "God's servant to reach the Jews now," the JCRC reported.

The film, which features Yigal Yadin and his son, Yossi, along with Israeli actor Ori Levy, tells the story of the martyrdom at Massada. However, there are interspersed messages which Cerullo clearly states in literature he has sent to Christian clergymen and others aimed at converting Jews, the JCRC said.

### Rosh Hashanah Viewing Due

The film will be shown on more than 250 stations. It has already been shown in California, Florida and Massachusetts, among other places, but is scheduled for prime time broadcast and reruns around Rosh Hashanah. The film is scheduled to be shown in New York Friday at 10 p.m. on WOR-TV Channel 9, Rosh Hashanah eve. During the program, the JCRC noted, an appeal is made for funds and a specially commissioned "Massada Medallion" is offered to viewers free of charge. Along with the medallion, literature is sent from the Evangelist group.

In an appeal to his "power partner" supporters, Cerullo describes the film as the "most exciting development in our Jewish outreach since the times of Jesus." He predicts that 80-90 percent of the English speaking Jews in the world will be reached, the JCRC reported.

Cerullo indicates he is seeking \$90,000 this month to cover the costs of the broadcasts. Each \$10 contribution, he asserts, will enable him to reach 65 Jews and nine times as many non-Jews.

Among the other enterprises listed by World Evangelism are mailings of booklets that three times have "blanketed" Israel, weekly gospel messages broadcast to Israel from Cyprus and the Israel Bible Correspondence Course in which "25,000 are now enrolled," according to the JCRC. Inocuous announcements have been sent to Jewish newspapers to publicize the program.

### U.S. OPENS PRIORITY PROBE INTO CHARGES THAT THE PLO UN MISSION ILLEGALLY RAISED FUNDS IN THE U.S.

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20 (JTA)--The United States is "trying to determine" whether a report that the Palestine Liberation Organization's Mission at the United Nations in New York is raising

funds in this country to help finance its terrorist operations and guerrilla activities, the State Department confirmed today.

"Should it turn out any members of the PLO Observer Mission are involved in fund-raising activities in this country, such activity would be clearly beyond the scope of activities for which they are admitted," spokesman Frederick Brown said. He added that the probe is on a "priority basis" and that the U.S. has asked the UN Secretariat "to convey our serious concern" to the PLO regarding fund-raising. He indicated "possible expulsion" of any PLO members involved in the reported venture but not the Mission as a whole.

### Deposited Funds In Overseas Account

Columnists Jack Anderson and Les Whitten reported today that PLO Mission members collected funds from sympathizers in the U.S. and deposited them in a PLO account overseas. The columnists said they have proof in the form of "a thank you note" written in Arabic on the stationery of the PLO's UN office. "The letter is signed by Jacob Oubedi, the PLO's top fundraiser in Beirut and is addressed to the Palestinian Committee in the state of Virginia," Anderson and Whitten wrote.

They said the Virginians collected \$4084 which Oubedi was quoted as saying would go into the "PLO national chest." "We hope you will continue to work for our holy cause and revolutionary victory," Oubedi wrote, according to the columnists.

Oubedi, whose code name is "Abud Khaled," the columnists said, noted that the Virginians' money had been turned over to him by the PLO director in New York Zoyar Tarazi. The columnists said Tarazi admitted that the Virginians delivered the \$4084 check to him. According to the columnists, Tarazi said the PLO has entered many states but money for the PLO is "scarce."

The PLO registered with the Justice Department as a foreign agent for "information activities," not fund-raising. Oubedi apparently is not registered.

Two previous violations by PLO members of their Mission restrictions--travel beyond the 25-mile limit of Columbus Circle in New York City in the past year have not resulted in their expulsion. The violations consisted of visits to Chicago and Washington. "Our very serious concern was made known to the PLO Mission," at the time, Brown said.

Meanwhile, a State Department source confirmed to the JTA that the United States has entered its fourth month of communication with the PLO in Beirut for "security reasons," although President Ford and Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger have said the U.S. would not deal with the PLO until it had recognized Israel's right to exist as a state in accordance with UN Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338.

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WASHINGTON (JTA)--A Moscow report reaching here Monday said that Jews in Kiev have been warned by the KGB they face "lengthy" sentences if they try to take part in memorializing Jews and others massacred by Nazis at Babi Yar. Three Jews at a Moscow news conference disclosed the KGB threats, the report said. The three, who have been denied visas to emigrate, said the KGB had warned Jews not to go near Babi Yar Sept. 29, the massacre's 35th anniversary.

**SPECIAL INTERVIEW****WEBER: YIDDISH CANNOT DIE**

By David Friedman

NEW YORK, Sept. 20 (JTA)--Simon Weber, editor of the Jewish Daily Forward, the largest and best-known Yiddish newspaper in the world, declared that while Yiddish may be sick it will not die. In fact, Weber, who considers himself a realist, emphasized that Yiddish cannot die.

To ensure the survival of the 1000-year-old language of European Jews, Weber was among the 500 Yiddish writers, journalists, artists, scholars and lovers of Yiddish, who participated last month in Jerusalem in the first World Conference in Israel for Yiddish and Jewish Culture.

Interviewed at the Forward's offices in the new Workmen's Circle building in midtown Manhattan, Weber termed the conference a success because it established the importance of Yiddish to Jewish culture and survival, an importance emphasized by the appearance of top Israeli government and Zionist officials.

But Weber stressed the real work of ensuring the survival of Yiddish is up to each Jewish community. He said that in the United States, a committee on which he is a member will work for spreading Yiddish culture and particularly for teaching Yiddish. He noted that while some 40 universities and colleges offer courses in Yiddish, only the ultra-Orthodox schools teach Yiddish and in fact use it as their basic language. Weber would like to see all Jewish schools teach Yiddish, starting in the elementary grades.

**Israeli Press Treatment Criticized**

While pleased with the result of the Jerusalem conference, Weber is not happy with the way it was treated by Israel's Hebrew-language newspapers. He said while some 20 stories were printed, many were derogatory and had headlines such as the "Death of Yiddish" or "Kaddish for Yiddish."

At the same time, there was a great interest in the conference by Israelis and some 2000 persons jammed the Jerusalem Theater for the opening conference. "I think they are hurting Israel" by their attitude, Weber said of the Hebrew press.

"They can't forget the competition between Yiddish and Hebrew" when the leaders of the Yishuv and then the State of Israel were trying to ensure that Hebrew would be established as the language of the Jewish State, Weber said. He noted that speakers at the conference proclaimed that the war of languages is over and all, including President Ephraim Katzir, stressed the importance of both Hebrew and Yiddish.

**Diaspora Not At Fault**

Weber noted that the English-language Jerusalem Post in an editorial echoed the comments of some Israelis--that the decline of Yiddish was the fault of the Jews in each diaspora country and that now they were coming to Israel for help in a task they should have done for themselves.

The Forward's editor said this was untrue, that they were not seeking Israel's help, but were instead helping Israel. He said the conference was held in Jerusalem as a display of solidarity with Israel. After all, he noted, they could have met in New York or Paris at a much less expense to the delegates.

Weber said another reason for the attitude of the Hebrew press to the conference is that they cannot forget the old fight with the Bund, when the

Jewish socialist group used Yiddish as a weapon against Zionism. But, he noted, today Yiddish speakers are among the leading supporters of Israel, they buy Israel Bonds and contribute heavily to the United Jewish Appeal. He said when he travels to Israel he hears Yiddish spoken by many of the passengers on El Al.

Weber noted that most of the delegates to the conference paid their own way. There were 88 delegates from the United States, the second largest delegation after the 106 Israeli delegates. There were 38 delegates from Canada and 28 from France. Delegations also came from Belgium, Rumania, Sweden, Britain, Argentina, Brazil, Venezuela, Mexico, Australia and South Africa.

**Basis For Yiddish Revival**

Hope for the revival of Yiddish in the United States comes because of the new trend toward cultural pluralism, Weber said. He noted that years ago the pressure was for everyone to be Americanized. "I remember when you rode in a bus or subway and spoke Yiddish, someone would shout, 'speak American.'"

But he stressed that the survival of Yiddish will not come through translations, although he said translations help spread Jewish culture. He quoted former Premier Golda Meir's comment to the Yiddish conference: "A child does not cuddle up to its mother in translation."

Weber also stressed the importance of the Yiddish press. Besides the Forward, there are Yiddish dailies in Buenos Aires, Montevideo and Israel and newspapers in Paris and Sao Paulo.

The Forward, which has always been the largest Yiddish daily and is the oldest continuous Yiddish daily, has now stabilized its press run at about 50,000, Weber said. The paper is now seeking to raise \$250,000 to operate for the next year. Last year the donations topped this sum, he said. "We are not a business but a cultural institution," Weber observed.

He noted that the average age of the Forward's writers is younger than when he came to the newspaper 37 years ago. He said at that time most were older than 60 and now they were under 60, which also corresponds to the age of its readers. However, he said, they do not have writers in their 30s and 40s. He hopes that some of the young Jews now studying Yiddish in college will become Yiddish writers and journalists. "If we have young writers, we will have young readers," he said.

**PROTEST FRIDAY-NIGHT TV BROADCAST**

LONDON, Sept. 20 (JTA)--The plans by the BBC to show a film about Israel's rescue operation at Uganda's Entebbe Airport this Friday night, the start of Rosh Hashanah, has drawn a protest from the Board of Deputies of British Jews. "The timing is most unfortunate," Victor Mishcon, chairman of the Board's broadcasting committee, said. "The fact that Friday is our Sabbath makes it doubly difficult." A spokesman for the BBC said that it is considering a suggestion that the program be repeated on another date.

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NEW YORK (JTA)--The National Conference on Soviet Jewry has learned that former POC Yuri Vodka has been ordered by Soviet authorities not to leave his home from 6 p.m.-6 a.m. and must register with the local police once a week as punishment for "maintaining contact with Jewish nationalities" and not "remedying his ways."