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ISRAEL OFFERS AUSTRIA KFIRS FOR INDUSTRIAL, AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

VIENNA, Oct. 26 (JTA)--Israel has offered Austria 20 Kfir interceptor fighters in exchange for industrial and agricultural products, government sources said. Under the projected arms-for-products deal Austrian exports to Israel would include steel, timber, railway equipment and agricultural products.

Austrian news media described the Israeli offer as "very attractive" but feared that such a deal would annoy Austria's trade partners in the Arab world. Other offers include the French Mirage F-1, Sweden's Viggen and the U.S. Northrop SF-5. Defense Minister Karl Leutgen-dorf is pressing for sophisticated interceptor fighters designated to safeguard Austria's neutral policy.

Chancellor Bruno Kreisky, however, has opposed the fighter deal, maintaining that there is a lot of other equipment the army needs more urgently. The government is expected to make a decision later in the year.

CANADA TO ACT AGAINST TELEPHONE RACIAL, RELIGIOUS HATE MESSAGES

TORONTO, Oct. 26 (JTA)--Canada's federal government is planning legislation to prohibit taped racial and religious hate messages over the telephone, Justice Minister Ronald Basford told parliament in Ottawa yesterday. He said the messages were produced mostly in the Toronto area by a group called "Western Guard." He said they breed "racial prejudice and bigotry, arousing anxiety among racial minorities and undermine confidence in the protection they should be afforded under law."

Basford said the hate messages were aimed against Blacks, Asian groups and Jews. "This is a delicate area in which to legislate," he said, but he assured parliament that his proposals would deal with the problem properly while "protecting freedom of speech in a free society." The proposed legislation will be part of what the government hopes will amount to a comprehensive anti-discrimination code. Ontario Attorney General Roy McMurty has been asking for such federal legislation for a year.

ECHVERRIA STRESSES MEXICO'S COOPERATION WITH ISRAEL IN TALK WITH DELEGATION OF JEWS FROM TEXAS By Chaim Lazdetski

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 26 (JTA)--President Luis Echeverria received a delegation of prominent Jews from San Antonio, Austin and other Texas cities at his private residence in San Jeronimo Lidice. He told them that Mexico is a friend of all nations, a supporter of all just causes and stressed Mexico's cooperation with Israel in the fields of scientific research and irrigation programs. He said the two countries faced similar problems in the struggle toward their social, economic and cultural goals. He invited American Jews to visit Mexico.

The American group visited Echeverria on the invitation extended by the Mexican President when he visited San Antonio several weeks ago. It was

headed by William Sinkin, of San Antonio, and included Jeff Freedman, Mayor of Austin, Sidney Weintraub, Les Mendelsohn, Noel Brauber, Carl Lifson, Ben Siegel, Bob Ross, Mike Beldon and Dr. Elliott Wessner.

They were introduced by Echeverria to members of his Cabinet including Finance Minister Ramon Beteta, Minister of Tourism Julio Hirschfeld Almada and Minister of Industry Campillo Sainz. They also visited President-elect Jose Lopez Portillo who assured them that his administration would follow a policy of cooperation with all nations.

The visiting Texans were accompanied by Sergio Nudelstejer, the Mexican representative of the American Jewish Committee, who served as their guide and advisor. They attended a luncheon given by the Central Jewish Committee and visited various local Jewish institutions and the sports center.

ZIONIST CONGRESS TO SEEK TO STRENGTHEN ZIONIST SENTIMENTS AMONG ISRAELI, DIASPORA YOUTHS

TEL AVIV, Oct. 26 (JTA)--The forthcoming World Zionist Congress will be asked to approve a project aimed at strengthening Zionist sentiments among young Israelis as well as among Jewish youths from abroad. The plan, drafted by Aryeh Zimouki, chairman of the Zionist Council in Israel, calls among other things for the establishment of student communes on all Israeli campuses which would be dedicated to Zionist activities by both Israeli and foreign students.

Another facet of the program is to involve Israeli high school students and youth movement members in Zionism. Zimouki said that a mini-Zionist Congress to be attended by delegates from Israel's secondary schools would precede the World Zionist Congress due to open in Jerusalem next January. Zimouki also wants to establish a settlement in Galilee for Israeli and foreign students to combine farming with Zionist education and to hold Zionist seminars for youth from abroad.

BRZEZINSKI, IN 90-MINUTE TALK TO PRESIDENTS CONFERENCE, OUTLINES HIS POSITION ON THE MIDDLE EAST By William Sapphire

NEW YORK, Oct. 26 (JTA)--Prof. Zbigniew Brzezinski, foreign policy advisor to Gov. Jimmy Carter, spoke at length here today about America's "intimate" relationship with Israel which, he said, was not a partisan issue because it was deeply rooted in this country's historical, moral and strategic interests.

In a 90-minute address and question-and-answer session with the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, Brzezinski also outlined his ideas for a "comprehensive settlement" of the Middle East conflict and explained how his approach differed from that of Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger.

He said he did not think an imposed solution was a serious possibility because it would not stick and an "accommodation" was far more preferable. He sharply criticized the U.S. sale

of sophisticated weaponry to the Arab states, particularly Saudi Arabia. He said the Arabs must realize that the U.S.-Israel relationship cannot be even-handed compared to the U.S.-Arab relationship and that he had told this to Arab leaders.

Cites Three Factors

Brzezinski, a professor of history at Columbia University, has been mentioned as possible National Security Advisor or Secretary of State in a Carter Administration should the Democratic candidate win the Presidency on Nov. 2. He said the U.S.-Israel relationship rested on three factors: the role of the American Jewish community which is "a legitimate and important" force in building an understanding among the American people and the government of its "deeply felt concern about Israel"; the shared sense of guilt of the American people for the destruction of European Jewry by the Nazis in World War II; and the "strategically complimentary" interests of the U.S. and Israel that the Soviet Union does not attain "paramountcy" in the Middle East.

Brzezinski said that these interests do not preclude tactical differences and even occasional friction between the two countries. But he said it was "unwise" for the U.S. to use pressure "on the weaker party" to make concessions that it thinks would jeopardize its security and survival.

U.S.-Israel, U.S.-Arab Relations

He said he has told Arab leaders that the U.S.-Israel relationship was an intimate one based on a shared historical and spiritual legacy constantly strengthened by the political actions of American Jews, while U.S.-Arab relations do not contain any of those factors.

The Arabs must recognize the "disqualitative distinction" between U.S.-Israeli and U.S.-Arab relations as "a fact of life" and must understand that the U.S. will not abandon Israel because "to do so would be a betrayal of ourselves," Brzezinski said. He added that anyone who told the Arabs otherwise was deceiving them. On the other hand, he said, the intimate U.S.-Israel relationship is not necessarily a barrier to improved U.S.-Arab relations.

Brzezinski said the recent article by Israeli Foreign Minister Yigal Allon in Foreign Affairs Quarterly was "an indication of Israel's inclination to begin to think of the outline of an eventual settlement." He said the development of Arab thinking along those lines "is retarded by the fragility of the Arab leadership" and the crisis in Lebanon. Nevertheless, the Arabs must "come around to recognize Israel's legitimate and permanent place in the Middle East," he said.

Peace Process Outlined

According to Brzezinski, the search for a "comprehensive settlement" in the Middle East was about to enter the first stage of what he saw as a three-stage process. Stage one, he said, would be to "define the essential principles of the structure on which to build that comprehensive settlement." Allon's article is "one step" and should be responded to by the Arabs, Brzezinski said, adding that he expected that it would be.

The second stage, he said, was negotiations, including the matter of who participates in them; and the third stage would be the implementation of the agreements arrived at through negotiations. He thought that would take "a long time."

Brzezinski said he differed with Kissinger in that the Secretary of State seeks "small steps toward an indeterminate future" while his idea is to determine the shape of the future settlement and then take small steps toward it including "fail safe options" to build trust and protect both sides.

Brzezinski said the sale of such advanced weaponry as air-to-ground missiles to Arab countries, notably Saudi Arabia, was "very misguided," "very unwise" and "highly undiscerning" of their easy transfer to a third party. On the other hand, he said that the increasing dependency of the Arab states on the U.S. for weapons and other items gives this country "leverage" in the Arab world.

He noted in that connection that Carter's statement that he would impose a counter-boycott in the event of a new Arab oil embargo is only credible in the context of Arab dependence on the U.S. Such a counter-embargo would have a strong deterrent effect because it would put the Arab ruling elite in jeopardy, he said.

He noted that the Arab world was now in the process of revival and modernization and the question is will it become westernized or radicalized. He said both the U.S. and Israel have a shared interest against the radicalization of the Arab world.

Referring to specific aspects of a Middle East settlement, Brzezinski said he would prefer a Palestinian entity linked to Jordan because it would be more stable than a separate state. He said such an entity would have to have close relations with Israel and be demilitarized. He said he agreed with those Israelis who view Israel's absorption of the West Bank as counter-productive and disruptive of Israeli society.

On The UN, Soviet Jewry

Referring to the United Nations, Brzezinski said the moral basis of the UN's involvement in the search for a Middle East settlement was destroyed by its resolution condemning Zionism as racist.

Brzezinski also referred to the issue of Soviet Jewry. He said the USSR must clearly understand that U.S.-Soviet relations will be affected by what happens in the social dimension. He said the Helsinki Accords give the U.S. the right to raise the issue of human rights and immigration rights with the Russians. He said the present administration was "inadequate" in its exploitation of that right.

GOP OFFICIAL TO JEWISH EDUCATORS: AID TO NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO BE TOP PRIORITY OF NEXT FORD ADMINISTRATION

NEW YORK, Oct. 26 (JTA)--A White House aide told a meeting of Jewish educators that assistance to non-public schools will be a top priority in the next Ford Administration. According to David Lissy, associate director of President Ford's Domestic Council and White House liaison with the Jewish community, "The President feels strongly that non-public schools should be eligible to receive federal monies, and the next Ford Administration will give this matter major attention. Perhaps this aid could be worked out through tax programs or other mechanisms."

The meeting yesterday at the Roosevelt Hotel, was attended by a large, wide-ranging group of educators, including administrators of the Board of Jewish Education of New York, Torah Umesorah and principals of Hasidic schools and other

yeshivot, as well as day schools run by the Solomon Schechter movement.

"The Jewish community is not getting its fair share of available federal aid," Lissy said. "It is entitled to such aid, but is not getting it because it has not been aggressive enough. There are about 30 programs whose eligibility includes non-public schools, among them programs for the handicapped, disadvantaged, and low income communities with problems."

Lissy said that a review of current regulations and procedures for delivery of aid to non-public schools was projected for the next Ford Administration. A government-sponsored workshop to deal with these problems was also planned.

Terms Meeting Unique, Historic

George Klein, a national coordinator of the Ford campaign, who chaired the meeting, said: "The convening of a meeting devoted to Jewish education and its problems under White House auspices is unique and historic. Education is the backbone of the Jewish community and a key to its future. Bipartisan support is needed to help meet the problems of non-public schools."

Klein said that the meeting with Jewish educators is a continuation of Ford's concern with problems of the Jewish community, "which was demonstrated during his visit earlier this month to Flatbush and Borough Park in Brooklyn."

FIRST JEWISH FILM, TV FESTIVAL

By Tuvia Mendelson

JERUSALEM, Oct. 26 (JTA)--To all intents and purposes it looked like Hollywood and its halcyon days when klieg lights, the news and radio media and thousands of spectators filled the main street to scan the motion picture celebrities making their way into a posh cinema for a world premiere. Here, however, the din outside the Jerusalem Theater marked the opening Sunday night of the first "World Jewish Film and Television Festival."

Fifty entries from 15 countries have been selected from more than 160 submitted for consideration at the fest, organizing officials reported. An international panel of judges participating in the event include top ranking members of film and television arts from the United States, Great Britain, and Scandinavia. Twenty television networks are also participating, including BBC (Britain), CBC (Canada), ABC (U.S.), Television Francaise I and networks from other European countries.

The festival got underway with the showing of several documentaries. The first was "Next Year in Jerusalem," a 90-minute presentation by CBC with a star-studded cast, reviewing Jerusalem's history through the ages. At a brief ceremony at the opening of the festival, Aharon Yadin, Education Minister, stressed that his ministry regards film making a major art and an integral part of Israeli culture. Melville Mark, festival director, recalled a visit to David Ben Gurion at Sde Boker in 1969 when he told the former Premier of his dream to organize a Jewish film festival and a Jewish world communications center.

The festival comprises three concurrent events: a film contest, a symposium and an exhibition. An average of 15 films a day will be screened covering a wide range of Jewish subject matter, including public affairs, Bible, travel, politics, culture, religion and drama. Symposiums will include such topics as "The Image of the Jew

in the Mass Media" and "Towards a Jewish Communications Center."

PALESTINIAN TERRORISTS DEFENDED

NEW YORK, Oct. 26 (JTA)--A Turkish public prosecutor who said last August he would seek the death penalty for two Palestinians accused of killing four El Al passengers and injuring 24 at the Istanbul Airport, reversed himself last week and asked instead for life imprisonment claiming there were mitigating circumstances in their case, according to reports reaching here from Istanbul.

The prosecutor made his statement at the start of the trial of Mohammed Hussein al-Rashid and Mohammed Mehdi Zilhe who admitted at the time of their arrest that they were members of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and that they were in the pay of Libya. The two terrorists, in a machinegun and hand grenade attack on the passengers who were about to board a Tel Aviv-bound El Al plane, killed two Israelis, Shlomo Weisbach and Ernest Eliash, a Japanese tourist guide, Yakao Hirano, and an assistant to Sen. Jacob Javits (R,NY), Harold W. Rosenthal.

The public prosecutor said the violence committed by the two men had been random, that they surrendered themselves to the police and had openly confessed their guilt. A lawyer representing three Israelis injured in the attack called for the death penalty. The case was adjourned until Nov. 16.

PLAN TO STIMULATE YOUTH IN SMALLER JEWISH COMMUNITIES WORLD-WIDE

LONDON, Oct. 26 (JTA)--A plan to stimulate the youth in smaller Jewish communities throughout the world has been launched here by the World Union of Jewish Students. Suitably qualified volunteers will work in communities for at least a year trying to encourage interest in the communities' own roots.

Entitled "Project Areivim," the scheme has been launched with the blessing of the Jewish Agency. Potential host countries include Greece, Yugoslavia, Norway, Sweden, Spain, Italy, Turkey, Iran, India and Singapore.

Project coordinator Talya Eishman told the JTA that in Britain alone 25 applicants have come forward in the first three weeks. Recruitment of potential community workers is also taking place in Israel and in the United States, through the Jewish Student Press Service. It is intended that the project will become operational next August.

Participants will work in education and community work and carry out documentation of the culture and history of the community. Field workers will study the needs of the communities before volunteers are placed. Host communities will be expected to arrange for accommodation and to cover the living expenses of volunteers during their period of service.

NEW YORK (JTA)--Final preparations are underway for the publication of the first Hebrew-language daily newspaper in the United States. A spokesman for the Israel Daily Herald, Ltd., a company behind the new paper, said the first issue is expected to appear toward the end of November. The tabloid, which does not yet have a name, will start with a circulation of 50,000 copies, hoping to draw its main readership from the large Israeli community in New York and vicinity. It will not appear on Saturdays.

3000 U.S. JEWISH LEADERS BEGIN FIRST UJA CONCLAVE IN ISRAEL

Joined By 4000 Israelis, Opening Night Is Mass Solidarity Rally
By Gil Sedan and Tuvia Mendelson

JERUSALEM, Oct. 26 (JTA)--The largest ever delegation of American Jewish leaders--more than 3000 of them--were joined by 4000 Israelis at the Yad Eliahu sports stadium in Tel Aviv last night for the opening of the first United Jewish Appeal national conference ever to be held in Israel.

The event turned into a mass demonstration of solidarity with Israel, a theme stressed by President Ephraim Katzir who addressed the throng and received a standing ovation when he declared: "You are not strangers to this country. You are part of our families and thousands of homes are open to you to share with you our hopes and dreams."

The UJA delegates each wore a navy blue jacket with the slogan "This Year in Jerusalem" stencilled in gold. As they entered the stadium they were greeted by Israeli woman soldiers who pinned carnations on their jackets. An Israeli army band played rousing marches. Hundreds of school children swarmed into the arena waving banners that glowed in the dark. A team of student gymnasts formed a tableau spelling UJA.

Need For Aliya Stressed

Katzir, speaking to the delegates about Israel's external and internal problems, urged a joint campaign to open the doors for the immigration to Israel of Jews in the Soviet Union and those still in Arab lands. He stressed, however, that Israel's future required the immigration of Western Jews as well. He did not ignore the shortcomings of Israeli society. He said the country needed the joint efforts of world Jewry to overcome them. He predicted that in the long run, Israel would enjoy peace and cooperation with its neighbors.

Mayor Shlomo Lehat, of Tel Aviv said, in greeting the UJA delegates that Israel's main problem was no longer to secure itself because Israel will "live forever." The main problem, he said, is to learn how to live together and for increased aliya. "We need your experience and partnership. The most important thing is to have you with us as citizens of the State," Lehat said.

Israel Is An Inspiration, Not A Burden

Frank Lautenberg, general chairman of the UJA, observed in his speech that whereas some say that Israel is a burden, "We say that Israel is not only not a burden but a source of inspiration to freedom loving people everywhere." He was referring to a remark made by U.S. Gen. George S. Brown that Israel was a military "burden" on the U.S. Lautenberg pledged that the American-Jewish community would continue to support Israel with greater zeal and greater effort than ever before. "We want to tell the entire world that our lives are tied to Israel by eternal ties," he said.

Former Premier Golda Meir was unable to address the UJA opening as originally planned. She was discharged yesterday from Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem where she was treated last week for an intestinal infection and is now convalescing.

Week Of Intensive Activity

The welcoming ceremonies in Tel Aviv marked the beginning of a week of intensive activity which

will include, in addition to meetings with top Israeli leaders, a series of study tours that will take the UJA delegates to virtually every part of the country. The delegates will also be the guests of thousands of Israeli families who have invited them to their homes for an evening.

In Jerusalem, preparations were being made for a grand march by the UJA delegates to the Old City and the Western Wall. The first winter rains started Sunday but the organizers of the march hope the weather will clear. There was only one sour note that marred the effusive welcome extended to the American visitors. Yosef Almog, chairman of the World Zionist Organization and Jewish Agency Executives, declined to greet the UJA delegates at last night's opening.

According to sources here, Almog was piqued because of an incident with the UJA Prime Minister's Mission earlier this year. The sources said the WZO chief had been asked to be the main speaker at the Mission's dinner at the Jerusalem Hilton Hotel. When he arrived there he was informed that another speaker would address the gathering after him. The final speech is normally reserved for the principal speaker and, Almog took offense, the sources said. But he will meet privately with the UJA delegates and will participate in their various conference activities.

2000 U.S., CANADIAN JEWISH LEADERS TO ATTEND 45TH CJF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 26 (JTA)--More than 2000 Jewish leaders representing 800 communities in the United States and Canada will meet here Nov. 10-14 for the 45th General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds (CJF). The five-day agenda will examine the challenges to Jewish continuity and the crucial role of leadership in meeting with them. It will also consider major local, national and international needs facing North American Jewry.

Jerold C. Hoffberger, CJF president, will address the first plenary session Nov. 10 on "The State of our Federations." Other major speakers during the Assembly will include Israeli Ambassador Chaim Herzog; Philip Bernstein, CJF executive vice-president; Frank Lautenberg, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal; Mordechai Bar-On of the Jewish Agency; Dr. Robert Gordis of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America; and Dr. Daniel Elazar of Temple University, Philadelphia.

The Assembly's 100 workshops, forums and lectures will include women in federation, community relations programs and issues affecting the Middle East, Jewish responsibilities for social advocacy in American society, Soviet Jewry, Federation-synagogue relations, the changing Jewish family, U.S. election 1976 and its implications for the Jewish community, Israel and diaspora and reports on the world Jewish community by leaders from England, France and South America.

Hoffberger, who will be ending his first term as CJF president, said the 45th General Assembly "must resolve the grave problems caused by inflation which threatens the basic human rights of the Jewish poor and elderly in America." He said "Our Federations are pledged to improve the quality of life, physical and spiritual, for all Jews in North America, Israel and other overseas countries." He warned that if spiralling costs continue, "vital service programs face curtailment."