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## FIRST THREE F-15S ARRIVE IN ISRAEL

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Dec. 12 (JTA)-- The first three F-15 Eagle jet interceptors of 25 ordered by Israel from the U.S., landed at an Air Force base Friday afternoon to an unprecedented public welcome. Ordinarily, the delivery of new weapons is cloaked in secrecy.

But this time, some 3000 invited guests and dignitaries were on hand, headed by Premier Yitzhak Rabin, Chief of Staff Gen. Mordechai Gur and Air Force Commander Gen. Benjamin Peled. Israel apparently wants to give maximum publicity to the fact that it is receiving one of the most advanced, sophisticated and lethal combat aircraft in the world and, in the words of Rabin, the best in the Middle East.

The aircraft, which have an effective range of 5000 kilometers, a ceiling of 67,000 feet and supersonic speeds in excess of Mach 2.5, flew to Israel directly from their manufacturer, the McDonnell-Douglas Corp. in St. Louis, Mo. They made the 7000-mile flight in less than 11 hours with one re-fueling stop. The aircraft were flown by test pilots of McDonnell-Douglas. At the request of Israeli authorities, one of them put on a display of aerial acrobatics that drew gasps from the throngs on the ground.

Rabin, speaking in Hebrew and English, thanked the U.S. and hailed the delivery as a holiday occasion for Israel. He expressed the hope that the planes would serve as a deterrent to war and help Israel achieve the peace it wants so badly. Gur said that with the F-15s, Israel's Air Force enters a new era. He also stressed the deterrent factor.

The arrival of the aircraft late Friday raised an outcry from religious circles about Sabbath desecration. It was well after dark before the ceremonies were over and the throngs leaving the air base in cars apparently offended religious sensibilities. The National Religious Party ministers said they would submit a protest motion. MK Yehuda Ben Meir of the NRP accused the government of wasting money on exhibitions that had a political flavor.

## NO TERRORIST PRESENCE DETECTED IN SOUTHEASTERN LEBANON AREAS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 12 (JTA)--Security sources said today that there is no indication that terrorist units have re-entered areas of southeastern Lebanon from which they could menace Israel. Heavily reinforced Israeli units, however, continue to guard the Lebanese border from the Mediterranean coast to the slopes of Mt. Hermon.

An alert was issued Friday following reports from Beirut that the Syrians were moving Palestinians from camps near Tripoli in northern Lebanon to the border region in the south once known as Fatahland. According to the reports, large convoys of 60 vehicles or more were seen moving south with armored cars and cannon. The convoys later split up into smaller units, apparently to avoid detection by Israel. But no terrorist presence has been detected in the border region.

The Syrians, in fact, reportedly are taking measures to avoid precipitating any response by

Israel. They have claimed they are moving the Palestinians into the southern Lebanese enclaves to facilitate surveillance of their activities which was difficult in refugee camps in the north. The terrorists have been allowed to carry their personal arms with them.

## ALL OF ISRAEL DECLARED A RABIES DANGER AREA; CLINICS INCREASING THEIR SUPPLIES OF ANTI-RABIES SHOTS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 12 (JTA)-- The government has declared all of Israel a rabies danger area and has warned pet owners that any dogs and cats wandering around will be destroyed. Foxes and other suspected rabies carriers will also be destroyed. The action came after about 50 persons were inoculated in Jerusalem last week after being bitten by dogs. Normally only one or two persons a month get anti-rabies shots in the capital.

An official of the Health Ministry's district office here said that 26 of the inoculated persons were bitten by a rabid dog which was caught and shot last Sunday. Clinics throughout the country are increasing their supplies of anti-rabies shots while municipalities are stocking up on poisoned meat which will be fed to stray animals. The Health Ministry, meanwhile, has urged people especially in Jerusalem not to panic over the situation which it says the Jerusalem municipality has exaggerated.

## SHARON FAVORS SADAT'S APPROACH FOR RECONVENING THE GENEVA CONFERENCE

TEL AVIV, Dec. 12 (JTA)--Gen. (Res.) Ariel Sharon, head of the new Shalom Zion movement, has urged Israel to accept a proposal by President Anwar Sadat of Egypt to reconvene the Geneva conference with the participation of a "united Arab delegation." Sharon, who severed his ties with Likud last month and announced that his new faction would seek Knesset seats in next year's election, told foreign newsmen here that Israel should negotiate with any Arab factions, including the Palestine Liberation Organization.

A united Arab delegation at Geneva would include PLO representatives but would allow Israel to maintain its policy of refusing to negotiate with the PLO as such. Sharon said he believed a settlement could be worked out in Geneva in two stages--an end to the state of belligerency to be followed by a contractual peace agreement.

## JACKSON SAYS U.S. MUST INSIST ON DIRECT TALKS BETWEEN ISRAEL, ARABS AS WAY TO SETTLE MIDEAST CONFLICT

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (JTA)--Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D.Wash.) declared last night that the "over-arching principle" in the peace offensive of the Arab-Israeli conflict is "a change of heart" by the Arabs toward Israel. The United States, he said, must insist on direct face-to-face negotiations between them. Jackson also declared his belief that President-elect Jimmy Carter will "fully implement" the Jackson-Vanik amendment in the Trade Reform Act.

Jackson made these statements in an address

at the annual Israel Bond Organization dinner at Temple Emanu-El in Miami Beach where the David Ben Gurion Award was conferred upon Sol and Goldie Goldstein, leaders of the temple, for their many communal activities during the past three decades; Sol Goldstein was influential in the formation of the jewelry division of the Combined Jewish Appeal. Goldie Goldstein is secretary of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation and president of the Federation Women's Division.

In one of the most outspoken analysis of international developments since the Presidential election by a member of Congress, Jackson declared: "Direct negotiations between Israel and Egypt has been and remains the key to a settlement in the Middle East." If all the talk is to lead anywhere it must lead to the bargaining table, for it is there and only there--not in the United Nations, not in the pages of Time and Newsweek--that hope for a solution may be found. It is high time that we join with Israel in supporting their challenge to years of a peace rhetoric by insisting on direct, face-to-face negotiations."

#### Negotiations, Not Interviews

In the final analysis, Jackson continued, "the Arab refusal to enter into direct negotiations--and not their soothing interviews with Western leaders and journalists--that tells the story. When negotiations do get underway they should be guided by one over-arching principle: that there must be a change of heart in the Middle East and not simply a change of borders."

Noting that Soviet Communist Party Secretary Leonid Brezhnev is now seeking "free access to the American market for Soviet products and a blank check on the U.S. Treasury to finance the importation of high technology from the United States," Jackson said his "Chanuka message" to Brezhnev is that the American electorate has said it does "not want to continue the Ford-Kissinger practice of negotiating one-sided deals with the Soviet Union."

#### 97 HOMES DEFACED BY ANTI-ISRAELI, ANTI-JEWISH, ANTI-WHITE SLOGANS

HARTFORD, Dec. 12 (JTA)--West Hartford police are searching for vandals who painted anti-Semitic, anti-Israel and anti-white slogans on some 97 homes here. Most of the homes are owned by non-Jews, the Connecticut Jewish Ledger reported. But the home of at least one prominent Jewish leader was a target. Police believe the vandals are the same ones who defaced four Jewish-owned homes in the King Philip area three months ago.

As in the earlier instance, the "4" in the word "America" was written in the form of a swastika painted on the home of the Jewish leader. The signature PELP, apparently standing for Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, appeared in large letters. A torn American flag was placed on the lawn.

Other homes bore slogans such as "Kill White America" and "Kill Honkies" as well as "Viva Amin" (President Idi Amin of Uganda); "Viva Habash," leader of the PELP and "Avenge Entebbe." Unidentifiable words also scrawled.

Police Chief Francis G. Reynolds said the incidents were "outrageous" and promised to assign additional patrols in the early hours of the morning when the incidents apparently occurred. He said a squad of detectives is seeking the per-

petrators of both last week's vandalism and the earlier episode. The two crimes are linked because of the similarities between them.

#### SOVIET OFFICIAL'S LECTURE SPARKS JEWISH STUDENT PROTEST

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 12 (JTA)--When Valentin Kamenov, the press counselor for the Soviet Embassy in Washington, spoke on U.S.-Soviet affairs and relationships last Monday to a Russian history class on the University of Missouri-Kansas City campus, the UMKC Jewish college students staged a protest on behalf of Soviet Jewry, it was reported by Loring Leifer, feature writer for the Kansas City Jewish Chronicle.

A group of 30 students and members of the community attended the class and queried Kamenov during the question and answer period following his talk, which was sponsored by the International Relations Council.

Todd Dollinger, a past president of the UMKC Jewish College Students, presented him with a petition written by Rabbi Mark Levin, assistant rabbi of Temple Bnai Jehudah. The petition requested that Kamenov "use whatever influence he might have to secure the rights of personal freedom" for Evgeny Yakir and his family, Soviet refuseniks with whom the social justice committee at the temple has been in communication.

#### Refuses To Accept Petition

Seeking the emigration of the Yakir family, the petition cited the international convention on the elimination of all forms of racial discrimination and the Helsinki agreement. According to Richard Dubinsky, a member of the Jewish College Students, Kamenov evaded the protesters' questions and refused to accept Levin's petition.

Levin explained in an interview with the Jewish Chronicle that the petition was refused on the grounds that it "interfered with internal policies of the Soviet Union." Following the class, Kamenov explained to Levin that there are "two reasons why persons in the Soviet Union are denied exit visas." One is that they are "convicted criminals," and the second is that they have "privileged information."

Kamenov explained that he could not divulge which of these reasons was preventing the emigration of the Yakir family because this type of information was not given to citizens of countries outside the Soviet Union.

#### ZOA PROTESTS PLO POSTERS IN THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS EXHIBIT

NEW YORK, Dec. 12 (JTA)--The Zionist Organization of America has strongly objected to the inclusion of four anti-Israel posters in an exhibition on "paper weapons" organized by the Library of Congress in Washington. The ZOA said that the posters call for the creation of a secular Arab state in place of Israel and carry messages of hate for Israel. Together with one poster glorifying Egypt as the defender of Arab oil, they are the only representations of the Middle East in the exhibition, the ZOA said.

In a letter sent Friday to Dr. Daniel Boorstin, Librarian of Congress, Joseph P. Sternstein, ZOA president, noted that except for one innocuous Soviet poster praising labor and one Chinese poster encouraging South American revolutionaries, all the other posters in the exhibit came either from Latin America or from the American labor movement. None, the letter

noted, were from Israel or from such Middle Eastern trouble spots as Cyprus and Lebanon, and none were from Italy, Spain or India, where the poster art is justifiably famous.

In the letter, Sternstein refused to accept the appearance of four Palestine Liberation Organization posters out of an exhibit of 25 as accidental. "By displaying them in such a fashion," he said, "the Library of Congress indicates a recognition of this terrorist gang that our State Department has repeatedly refused to grant, thus contradicting our government's policy." (The library's information officer told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that Sternstein's letter had apparently arrived but not yet read by Boorstein.)

#### WJC ANSWERS ALLON'S CRITICISM REGARDING THE MADRID CONFERENCE

PARIS, Dec. 12 (JTA)--The World Jewish Congress here issued a statement Friday in reply to Israeli Foreign Minister Yigal Allon's declaration in the Knesset last week that the conference of the European Executive of the WJC in Madrid was "an unfortunate one, at the wrong place and the wrong time--from both Israeli and Jewish points of view." The WJC response stated:

"When the Jewish community of Spain invited the European branch of the WJC to hold its meeting in Madrid--a fact which had been widely publicized in the whole Jewish and non-Jewish world--the Spanish government had agreed to welcome the delegates and the King had expressed his willingness to receive a Congress delegation.

"Under these circumstances, there was every reason to assume that the holding of the meeting in Madrid would be helpful to the normalization of relations between Spain and the Jewish people and thereby the State of Israel.

"Due apparently to Arab pressure, the participation of the Deputy Minister of Justice and President of the Inter-Ministerial Commission on Religious Liberty at the meeting was cancelled a few hours before the opening. The World Jewish Congress thereupon withdrew its request for an audience with King Juan Carlos I, in order to spare him embarrassment.

"On principle, the various regional branches of the World Jewish Congress are free to decide on their meeting places, whereas Mr. Allon's statement seems to imply that the WJC has to get agreement by the government of Israel for any such decision. The WJC--as practically all other Jewish organization--supports unswervingly the interests of Israel and will continue to help the State in all its struggles without limitations, as it has always done, but at the same time, it must maintain its autonomy and independence."

(Meanwhile in Israel, Yosef Almog, chairman of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization Executives, disagreed with Allon's view. He said the Jewish Agency knew of the Madrid meeting in advance and he would have voted to hold it in Spain. He said it is easy to second-guess after the event. However, Almog said he would have consulted with the Israel Foreign Ministry before holding the meeting.)

#### RECORD PEACE-TIME CAMPAIGN PLEDGES PRODUCED AT UJA NATIONAL DINNER

NEW YORK, Dec. 12 (JTA)--The big gifts phase of the 1977 United Jewish Appeal campaign came to a climax here Thursday night as community leaders assembled from every section of

the country pledged a total of \$15 million in support of Jews in need throughout the world.

The fund-raising results of the UJA National Leadership Dinner, according to general chairman Frank R. Lautenberg, showed a 25 percent increase over last year's giving and raised the campaign total to \$90 million, the largest sum realized on this date in any non-war campaign year. He noted that the event Thursday night completed a sustained five-week effort to confirm a major portion of the top-level gifts in the country, following "This Year in Jerusalem," the UJA's unprecedented 3000-strong national conference in Israel in late October.

Israel Defense Minister Shimon Peres, keynote speaker at the meeting, called the leadership action "a prime example of the spirit of solidarity that prevails between the American Jewish community and the people of Israel. Together, the Jews of the free world will continue to protect and sustain the quality of Jewish life everywhere...and create a Jewish future of unlimited promise and opportunity for all."

Robert H. Arnow, general chairman of New York's UJA-Federation Joint Appeal, which co-hosted the meeting, also ascribed its success to "the growing sense of unity following our encounter with Israel's people in October. The persisting problems of immigrant absorption we saw there are mirrored in the pockets of poverty still plaguing corners of American Jewish life. We are part of a lifeline that reaches Jews in need wherever they may be--across the street and around the world--and that lifeline has been immeasurably strengthened here tonight."

While the major gifts effort will continue beyond Thursday night's event, plans are being completed for the public phase of the UJA campaign; it was announced. Regional meetings in the far west, southwest and in the middle Atlantic and east central states are projected for January and February. They will be followed by a number of major national events, including a National UJA Shabbat, Feb. 19 and a National UJA Walkathon, May 15.

JERUSALEM (JTA)--The Cabinet approved an electronic eavesdropping bill Sunday. It would permit the security service (Shin Bet) to conduct electronic surveillance on the basis of a court order. In an emergency, if no judge is available, the surveillance may be maintained without a court order for a maximum of 48 hours provided that the Inspector General of Police is informed.

BONN (JTA)--Munich's State Prosecutor has launched a probe into the assault against Nazi hunter Serge Klarsfeld at a right-wing rally Dec. 4. Klarsfeld, who suffered severe head wounds, did not file any charges but the State Prosecutor is investigating because of the serious nature of the assault and because several people were involved. Dr. Hans Lamm, president of the Munich Jewish community, said Munich's Jews are filled with "disgust and dismay" because Klarsfeld was allowed neither the freedom of expression guaranteed by the constitution nor protection against the Nazi assailants.

TEL AVIV (JTA)--Five new cases of cholera have been discovered in the Gaza Strip, bringing to 28 the number of people treated for the disease in the past few months, a military government spokesman said Sunday.

## VARIOUS PROBLEMS CITED AS REASONS FOR INCREASING RATE OF DROPOUTS

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, Dec. 12 (JTA)--The Yom Kippur War and absorption difficulties in Israel were cited here Friday as major reasons for the alarming increase in the rate of Soviet Jews who leave the USSR with Israeli visas and, upon arriving at the transit point in Vienna, choose to settle in Western countries rather than in Israel.

In a seminar devoted to the issue of Soviet Jewish emigration, following the annual trustees meeting of the United Israel Appeal, Ralph I. Goldman, executive vice-president of the American Joint Distribution Committee, told the leadership of American Jewish communities and representatives of major Zionist organizations in this country who were attending the seminar that many Soviet Jews were "afraid to go to Israel since the October, 1973 war."

He claimed that letters of complaint by Soviet Jews who settled in Israel to relatives in the USSR were also a factor in the increase in the number of dropouts. Another reason, Goldman noted, is that the Jews who receive permission to emigrate do not come from Jewish communities where Zionist ideology is strong.

### Composition Of Dropouts

Irving Kessler, executive vice-chairman of the UIA, who presented a detailed account of the UIA involvement in the absorption of Soviet Jews in Israel and the U.S., said the dropout rate climbed from 45 percent last year to an estimated 60 percent this year. One reason for this increase, he noted, is that "the Russian authorities are carefully selecting the places of origin as well as using other criteria for controlling the current emigration to make certain that a large proportion are, in advance, dropouts."

As an illustration, Kessler said that emigrants from Vilna had never exceeded 16 percent in dropouts while those from Odessa had a high rate of dropouts--more than 90 percent last year. Referring to a survey last year by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service that 15 percent of the dropouts are members of mixed marriages and that 60 percent have chosen the U.S. in which to be reunited with their families, Kessler said: "Once a family is settled and finds opportunities in this 'goldeneh medinah' there is the usual move to invite and bring in relatives."

The cost of the dropouts to the U.S. Jewish community is substantial, Kessler disclosed, stressing that "the amounts taken away from programs in Israel (as a result of assisting dropouts) are truly significant."

### Problems Facing Academicians

Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson, chairman of the World Zionist Organization-American Section and a vice-chairman of the UIA, who chaired the discussion, focussed on the issue of the absorption of Soviet Jewish academicians. Noting that there are few complaints regarding their retraining in Israel, she said, however, that the cutbacks in budgets by universities and scientific institutions in Israel have created severe problems in absorbing Soviet Jewish scientists and other academicians.

"This is one of the factors for many Soviet academicians who choose the U.S. instead of Israel, not knowing that it's difficult here as well," Mrs. Jacobson said.

The discussion did not touch upon the question

of whether U.S. migration and relief agencies, such as HIAS, the New York Association for New Americans and the JDC should stop assisting dropouts. The matter is currently under review by the Committee of Ten (formerly the Committee of Eight) headed by Max Fisher.

## INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF OLIM FROM NORTH AMERICA, SOUTH AFRICA

JERUSALEM, Dec. 12 (JTA)--Some 1838 immigrants arrived in November; a slight increase from the same month last year. But whereas immigration from Eastern Europe dropped from 1004 last November to 793 this year, the number of immigrants from North America rose from 208 in 1975 to 284 in 1976, and the number of immigrants from South America doubled from 103 to 223. The number of immigrants from South Africa rose from 23 in November, 1975 to 78 in November, 1976.

Some 17,921 immigrants arrived from the beginning of the year, compared to 18,190 in the corresponding period last year. The main increase during the year was in immigration from Argentina which rose from 796 last year to 1446 this year.

There was a slight drop in the rate of Vienna dropouts of Soviet arrivals--from 58 percent in October to 55 percent in November. As in previous months, most of the dropouts are from the large cities in the European area of the USSR. The figures appear in the latest report of the Jewish Agency Immigration and Absorption Department.

## SENIOR WZO MEMBER MAY HEAD ALIYA DESKS IN U.S. FOR A FEW MONTHS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 12 (JTA)--A senior member of the World Zionist Organization Executive may go to the United States for a couple of months to head the aliya desks being set up by local Jewish communities throughout the United States and Canada, according to Yosef Almog, chairman of the WZO and Jewish Agency Executives. Almog, who returned last Thursday from London where he attended the meetings of the Jewish Agency and WZO, said he was pleased with the aliya desks that are now functioning in England and France.

Almog said the aliya desks will provide information about Israel, encourage visits, volunteering for Israel and aliya. He said the main task of the Israeli headquarters will be to provide the aliya desks with up-to-date information about Israel.

The Jewish Agency is also studying a new project in which Israeli families will host Jewish youths from the diaspora for periods of one to four years, Almog revealed. He said it is hoped that in this way Jewish youths, aged 14-17, will become involved in Israeli life. He said the project will aid Jewish education, encourage aliya, and promote involvement of Israelis in Jewish life in the diaspora and diaspora Jews in the life of Israelis.

TEL AVIV (JTA)--The military authorities have released freelance journalist and poet Raymonda Tawil who was under house arrest in Ramallah for nearly three months. Tawil, a supporter of the Palestine Liberation Organization, was ordered confined to her home following anti-Israel demonstrations in Ramallah and other West Bank towns. Many Arab notables had asked for her release.