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## ISRAEL URGES U.S. TO INTERVENE WITH DAMASCUS FOR TROOPS' REMOVAL By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Jan. 27 (JTA) -- Israel has been urging the United States for the past few days to intervene firmly with Damascus for the removal of Syrian troops from Nabatiyeh in southern Lebanon 10 miles from the Israeli border. Israel is taking a very serious view of what it regards as an alteration of the status quo in Lebanon and is apparently disturbed that Washington does not regard the matter with similar urgency.

The State Department indicated yesterday that it took a calm view of troop movements by what it termed the "Arab deterrent force" which consists mainly of Syrian formations supposedly under the orders of President Elias Sarkis of Lebanon. But Israel considers the Syrian presence at Nabatiyeh as part of plans to establish a permanent Syrian base in southern Lebanon in violation of the tacit agreement between Israel, Syria and the U.S. that has prevailed ever since Syria intervened in the Lebanese civil war last year. Israel rejects Damascus' contention that the troop movements are intended only to block terrorist infiltration of southern Lebanon.

Israel has reportedly urged the U.S. not to permit Syria to establish a precedent and intensive contacts between Jerusalem and Washington continued today. Israel wants to resolve the crisis quietly and the impression here is that the U.S. agrees in principle that the Syrian move should not be underrated. But the fear here is that any continuation of the Syrian presence in Nabatiyeh will legitimize its presence.

### Non-Political Means Not Ruled Out

In its contacts with Washington, Jerusalem has urged the use of all possible political means to solve the crisis. According to some observers, however, Israel would not rule out means "that are not political" if the political means fail to alter the situation. The impression here is that if the U.S. made its displeasure clear to the Syrians, the latter would lose no time in pulling their forces out of Nabatiyeh. The matter is also regarded as the first test of the new Carter Administration's behavior in a Middle East development that Israel views as "serious."

Yitzhak Navon, chairman of the Knesset's foreign affairs and security committee claimed today that the Syrian presence in southern Lebanon posed "a real threat to Israel's security." He said that if Israel conceded these moves, its credibility would be damaged since the Syrians have now crossed the so-called red line. Navon told a meeting here that if the Syrians are allowed to remain in southern Lebanon, Lebanon would become another confrontation state and an active participant in a new Arab war on Israel.

## 17 EUROPEAN STATES SIGN CONVENTION ON JOINT MEASURES AGAINST TERRORISM By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Jan. 27 (JTA) -- Seventeen of the 19

member-states of the Council of Europe signed in Strasbourg today the European convention on joint measures against terrorism. Only Ireland, because of its own involvement in northern Ireland, and Malta, because of its pro-Arab line, refused to sign the convention which describes as "common law crimes" practically all terrorist attacks.

The French delegate, Pierre Christian Taittinger, signed the convention but said France will ratify it only after the nine European Economic Community member states conclude their own joint work on this subject. Today's ratification was within the framework of the Council of Europe, a European parliamentary assembly with consultative voice. The Council also decided to ask the governments of member states to ratify it at the earliest so as to enable it to begin functioning within the next few months.

In an interview with the French Jewish weekly, "Tribune Juive," published today, French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing explained that the convention makes extradition for terrorism mandatory. He said that theoretically this would bind France to extradite to a potential dictatorship people accused of terrorist attacks.

This is the first time in French history that a French President has granted an interview to a Jewish publication. Observers here believe Giscard is trying to placate the Jewish community after the long rift between the Gaullist governments and Israel. In his interview, Giscard reiterated his determination to uphold Israel's right to secure, guaranteed and recognized borders.

## SENATE UNANIMOUSLY CONDEMNS FRENCH GOVERNMENT FOR RELEASING DAUOD By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 (JTA) -- France was sharply condemned yesterday by the Senate for releasing Abu Daoud, the Palestinian terrorist, and the Carter Administration was urged by the Senate to consult promptly with France and other friendly nations to prevent the recurrence of such an episode. The combined action was taken in a sense-of-the-Senate resolution which was supported by 93 Senators, seven short of the chamber's full membership. The seven members were absent.

The resolution was adopted after a 20-minute discussion during which its co-authors -- Sens. Hubert H. Humphrey (D, Minn.), Clifford Case (R, NJ) and Jacob K. Javits (R, NY) -- denounced France's action as encouragement to terrorists. The leaders of the Democratic and Republican parties joined them in supporting the measure which stated in part that the release of Daoud, a "known terrorist who is accused of planning the massacre of Olympic athletes in Munich in 1972 is harmful to efforts of the community of nations to stamp out international terrorism."

The resolution added that the U.S. "should consult promptly with France and other

friendly nations to seek ways to prevent the recurrence of a situation in which a terrorist leader is released from detention without facing pending criminal charges in a court of law." The request to consult is not binding on the Administration.

The resolution as adopted was a watered-down version of the original resolution which criticized France for not waiting for extradition proceedings before releasing Daoud. That resolution came under fire from French Ambassador Jacques Kosciuszko-Morizet who protested vigorously against what he termed interference in his country's internal affairs.

In a brief statement prior to the vote, Sen. Howard Metzenbaum (D, Ohio) said he was disturbed that the original resolution had been softened, saying that France deserved to have been censured. He said he was more concerned about the murder of Israeli athletes at the 1972 Olympics in Munich, which Daoud is said to have engineered than about friendly U.S. relations with France. "For France to have had this man in their possession...then to find some legal technicalities to let him go...is shocking to me," Metzenbaum said.

#### An Issue For All Humanity

In his remarks before the vote in the Senate, Humphrey challenged the French government's position that the U.S. Congress had no right to enter into what it called an internal affair of France. Humphrey said, "It is an issue in which all humanity has a significant stake if we are to be successful in efforts to protect innocent people from the indiscriminate tactics of terrorism. The French action seriously affects international efforts to combat terrorism."

Case noted that the Senate Foreign Relations Committee which unanimously adopted the resolution before it came to the floor, "took into account the sensitivity of the French." But, he said, the committee also had "a duty to do more... The committee and the Senate also should take into account the families of the numerous victims of international terrorism."

The Senate also has "a duty to take into account the need to bolster the campaign against international terrorism," Case remarked, adding: "The French government's action is bound to be taken as another sign that France will not take a meaningful stand against a terrorist who has the support of the oil producing nations."

While the Senate voted, a similar resolution in the House faced delay. The measure, authored by Reps. Robert Edgar (D, Pa) and Paul E. Tsongas (D, Mass), is co-sponsored by 100 other members of Congress. It is presently in the House International Relations Committee chaired by Rep. Clement Zablocki (D, Wisc). Committee sources said no action was possible until the committee organizes this week. Thus, the resolution probably will not be considered by the committee until next week.

#### Others Issue Condemnations

In related actions, American labor leaders condemned France's action. Separate statements expressing shock and revulsion were issued by George Meany, president of the

AFL-CIO; Thomas Gleason, International Longshoremen's Association president; Alvin E. Heaps, Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union president; Albert Shanker, American Federation of Teachers president; and Bayard Rustin, director of Black Americans to Support Israel Committee.

In Beverly Hills, Calif., more than 1,000 members of the Synagogue for the Performing Arts poured 500 bottles of French wine down the sewer outside the French tourist office in what marked the beginning of a boycott of French products and goods. In New York, Rabbi Benjamin Kreitman, executive vice-president of the United Synagogue of America, reported that the organization had cancelled all of its tours to France, "as a matter of Jewish honor."

In Mexico City, French socialist leader Francois Mitterand told a press conference that the French government's decision to release Daoud was illogical and wrong. The situation might have been different if Daoud had not been arrested, he said. But once he was arrested the release made no sense.

#### ACTION AGAINST EX-NAZI

CHICAGO, Jan. 27 (JTA) -- The Justice Department acted yesterday in federal court here to revoke the naturalized citizenship of a German-born Chicago resident, Frank Walus, 54, on the grounds that he failed in his citizenship application to disclose he had been a wartime member of the Nazi gestapo or war crimes, including murders of Jews, charged against him now.

The charges against Walus, who was not available for comment, stemmed from information supplied by Simon Wiesenthal, the Nazi hunter, federal prosecutor Sam Skinner told a press conference here.

Attached to the civil complaint was an affidavit from the federal Immigration and Naturalization Service, charging seven specific acts of atrocity by Walus and asserting he was "particularly active in the merciless beating and mistreatment" of Jews in Czesochowa and Kielce in occupied Poland.

Walus obtained citizenship in 1970, 11 years after migrating to this country from Poland as a Polish national. The government wants his citizenship revoked so that he can be deported, probably to Poland. Walus has 60 days to answer the complaint. Court action will begin then.

#### ISRAEL'S BALANCE OF PAYMENTS IMPROVED BY 20 PERCENT IN 1976

NEW YORK, Jan. 27 (JTA) -- According to figures released here by the government of Israel Investment Authority, Israel's exports in 1976 rose by more than 26 percent and exports to the United States increased by 34 percent over the previous year. These gains contributed to a decrease in Israel's balance of payments deficit of 20 percent over 1975.

The figures were released by a government spokesman following presentation to the Knesset Monday by Minister of Finance Yehoshua Rabinowitz of his government's \$13.5 billion budget for fiscal 1977-78.

The export increases exceeded national planning goals by 70 percent. Overall indus-

trial exports rose by 28 percent. The largest export increase was in the metal, machinery and electronics industries which showed a gain of more than 50 percent over 1975. This, according to the spokesman, signifies a restructuring of Israel's industrial production in favor of high-technology goods.

In addition, the tourism industry, one of Israel's top foreign currency earners, experienced a boom in 1976. Tourist arrivals in Israel increased by 28 percent over 1975, reaching a total of 795,000. Income from tourism grew by 20 percent.

Closing the balance of payments gap has been Israel's top priority. The main economic tradeoff, resulting from the significant improvement in 1976, was a relatively high rate of inflation. In 1977, however, the government expects the rate of inflation to drop substantially.

National goals for 1977 will be to increase exports by 14 percent, mainly of industrial goods. These exports are encouraged by the government policy to secure profitability. In addition, recent duty-free trade agreements with both the European Economic Community and the United States are likely to boost industrial exports in 1977.

#### FREEDOM OF EMIGRATION RESOLUTION SPONSORED BY 30 SENATORS

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 (JTA) -- The Senate received yesterday "a freedom of emigration" resolution sponsored by 30 Senators. It expresses the concern of the American people over the treatment of Jews and other minorities in the Soviet Union and urges the Soviet government to comply with the Helsinki declaration's human rights provision.

The resolution was introduced by Sen. Frank Church (D, Idaho) who said that Rep. Toby Moffet (D, Conn) will introduce a similar resolution in the House where 70 members have already expressed support for it. "The continued harassment of Soviet Jews and other minorities seeking to reunite with their families makes this resolution imperative," Church told the Senate.

Urging Congress to reaffirm its commitment to the spirit of the Helsinki declaration, Church said that as "a co-signer of the Helsinki declaration, the U.S. government must continue to press the Soviet government for compliance with the accord." He said the Soviet Union is preventing thousands from leaving and that this is a violation of its international agreements.

Sen. Abraham Ribicoff (D, Conn), supporting the resolution, said that the Helsinki treaty of 1975 called on all participating nations to respect human rights, including the right of free emigration. Instead, Ribicoff said, Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union has actually declined because of Soviet policy. He said the number of persons allowed to leave the USSR last year was under 12,000 which, he said, represents about a third of the number allowed to emigrate in 1974. Ribicoff said that 77 Jews are still detained in Soviet prison camps while 200-300 more are under house arrest in Moscow and Leningrad.

#### U.S. COMMISSION TO ASSESS SOVIET COMPLIANCE WITH HELSINKI ACCORD

MIAMI BEACH, Jan. 27 (JTA) -- The U.S. commission established to monitor the Helsinki agreement plans to interview Soviet emigres to Vienna, Rome and Tel Aviv as a way of assessing the Soviet compliance with its human rights provisions, an official of the agency said today.

Spencer Oliver, staff director of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, a joint body of Congress and the White House, told the annual plenary of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council "since the Soviet Union and other Eastern European countries won't let us in, we plan to meet with people who got out so that they can describe to us the gauntlet they were forced to run."

Oliver said the commission's documentation is being prepared for an international meeting in Belgrade later this year at which the 35 signatories to the Helsinki agreement are to review how well its human rights provisions are being adhered to.

Since its formation, the U.S. commission has met with government representatives and private groups in 27 countries outside the Soviet orbit to encourage the establishment of similar watchdog agencies and to urge that "the plight of those denied fundamental rights common in the Western world not be ignored," Oliver told the 350 delegates at their concluding session. The decision of Congress to create the commission was an indication of American rejection of the arguments that human rights are an "internal matter" among nations, Oliver said.

#### ADMINISTRATION SEEMS TO BE HEDGING ON FORD'S WEAPON'S AID COMMITMENT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 (JTA) -- The Carter Administration appeared to be hedging today over President Ford's commitment of last October to provide Israel with four categories of highly sophisticated weapons. State Department spokesman Frederick Z. Brown said in reply to reporters' questions that the new Administration has not yet accepted Ford's commitment and that it will hold "full consultations" with Congress on the arms sales to Israel. But he added that meanwhile, the technical process of fulfilling the commitment was under way at the Pentagon.

Brown replied, "That is correct," when asked if no decision has been made not to go ahead with the promised arms. He also cautioned reporters not to interpret his remark that there will be full consultations with Congress as meaning that the Carter Administration has made a decision not to go forward with Ford's pledge. Congress is empowered under law to consider the sales abroad of general military articles in excess of \$25 million and of special equipment in excess of \$7 million.

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JERUSALEM (JTA) -- The 29th Zionist Congress will convene February 1978 in Jerusalem, it was decided this week by the Zionist General Council's presidium.

## BEHIND THE HEADLINES HEBREW STUDIES IN UK UNIVERSITIES

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, Jan. 27 (JTA) -- The British government has promised to encourage Hebrew studies at British universities following a request by Israel during a review of the Anglo-Israeli cultural convention. An Israeli delegation, led by Dr. Abba Gefen, director of cultural relations at the Foreign Ministry, called for the introduction of a Hebrew studies course at the prestigious London School of Economics, which would embrace a wide range of Israeli subjects, as well as the Hebrew language.

The British team, including representatives of the Foreign Office and the British Council said it would consider the request for financial assistance in establishing more Hebrew teaching posts. Britain also promised financial assistance in mounting an Israeli exhibition on "The Old Testament in World Music" next month at London's Royal Festival Hall. The exhibition, organized by Dr. Moshe Gorali, director of the Haifa Music Museum, has been on tour in Italy where it attracted large crowds.

The two countries also agreed to encourage joint research projects into the history of Britain's Jewish community and are considering a joint symposium of the historical aspects of the Balfour Declaration on the occasion of the Declaration's 60th anniversary in November. The British side expressed regret that the post of scientific attache at the Israeli Embassy here has been discontinued.

### Checking School Text Books

Under another clause of the new agreement each side may draw the other's attention to the use of school textbooks containing historical misrepresentations. The Israeli side was particularly interested in this because of efforts by anti-Zionist and anti-Semitic bodies to influence school curricula in Britain.

The new agreement, which covers cultural programs over the next two years, makes no mention of cooperation in UNESCO, from which Arab and Afro-Asian countries have sought to exclude Israel. Due to what appears to be an oversight on the Israeli side, the matter was not even discussed.

Gefen was accompanied at the two-day talks by Dr. Yosef Michman-Melkman, Deputy Director of the arts division at the Israeli Education Ministry, David Ranen, scientific counsellor at the Israeli Embassy in Paris, and Moshe Dor, cultural attache in London.

The British delegation consisted of R.A.F. Sherwood, head of the Middle East and African section of the British Council; John Morgan, head of the cultural department at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office; and Mary Swinley, head of the British Council in Israel.

## CANADIAN WARNS ABOUT BOYCOTT

OTTAWA, Jan. 27 (JTA) -- All commercial representatives of Canada abroad and all the officers under the control of the Board of Trade across Canada have been instructed to refuse any assistance to any Canadian foreign firm taking part in any form in the Arab boycott of Israel.

In a circulated note dated Jan. 24, Undersecretary for Trade and Commerce, C.F.

Osbaldeston asked his officers to conform with the policy line laid down by Secretary of State for External Affairs Don Jamieson last October. At that time, Jamieson stated that the Canadian government will refuse to support any company or individual who, in dealing with a third party, will ask Canadian enterprises to discriminate on religious, racial or ethnic grounds.

Osbaldeston made it clear to all his officers that they are obliged to inform his ministry of any boycott clauses included in transactions between Canadian and foreign firms. A report on the issue will be published twice a year by the Canadian government.

## UJA ANNOUNCES SAPIR AWARDS

NEW YORK, Jan. 27 (JTA) -- The Pinchas Saper National Achievement Awards have been established by the United Jewish Appeal to recognize those communities which have consistently exhibited excellence in their campaigns on behalf of the Jewish people at home, abroad and in Israel. Frank R. Lautenberg, UJA general chairman, announced today. The first year's recipients of the Saper Award will be: Minneapolis, Minn. for achievement by a large community; Tulsa, Okla., intermediate community; and Warren, Ohio, small community.

"These award winning communities," Lautenberg said, "have demonstrated the qualities of giving which manifest themselves in leadership, in time and in hard work -- qualities which reflect Pinchas Saper's own standards of achievements and perseverance on behalf of the people of Israel in his lifetime of devotion to the upbuilding of Eretz Yisrael."

These communities' achievements, he added, "reflect a knowledge and an awareness of the needs, as well as the ability and determination to translate these needs into a campaign which becomes more than just a fund-raising activity but a consciousness -- an expression of Jewish commitment -- which pervades the entire community."

Saper served as Israel Minister of Commerce and Industry (1955-63), and for nearly 10 years as Minister of Finance (1963-68 and 1969-74). In 1974, he was appointed Chairman of the Jewish Agency. He died on Aug. 12, 1975.

## PARK NAMED FOR ASSER LEVY

NEW YORK, Jan. 27 (JTA) -- Mayor Abraham Beame signed a bill Tuesday changing the name of Seaside Park in the Brighton Beach section of Brooklyn to Asser Levy Seaside Park. Levy was the first Jew to secure his rights of citizenship in Dutch New Amsterdam on April 21, 1657.

Murray Tate, founder of the Asser Levy National Council and a historian for the Kings County Jewish War Veterans died of cancer on Dec. 3 and never lived to see his dream to honor Levy come true in Brighton Beach. The JWV is planning to hold a ceremony in April at the Asser Levy Seaside Park to officially dedicate the new name.

Alex Novitsky, WEVD radio executive, said he helped Tate to have the City Council adopt a bill to change the name of the park. Novitsky plans to write and produce a radio and television program about the event.