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REPORT THAT ISRAEL IS TO BUY MORE
F-15S FROM-U.S. IS DENIED THEN CONFIRMED
By David Landau

JERUSALEM, April 26 (JTA)—Defense Ministry sources denied today an exclusive report published in the Jerusalem Post yesterday that Israel was exercising its option to order 25 more F-15 fighters from the U.S. Israel has already purchased 25 F-15s, regarded as among the most advanced fighter planes in the world. The sources called the Post story unfounded. "We just about have the money to pay for the first 25," they said. The F-15 costs over \$20 million, making it one of the most expensive combat aircraft on the market.

The Defense Ministry sources confirmed, however, that Israel was seriously considering the purchase of the F-16, a lighter and less expensive fighter plane which would replace Israel's Phantoms and Skyhawks when they become obsolete. Top level sources here, however, confirmed late this afternoon, despite earlier denials, that Israel is indeed contemplating the purchase of 25 additional F-15 jets as initially reported by the Jerusalem Post.

The newspaper Maariv yesterday confirmed the Jerusalem Post report on the pending purchase, citing "overseas sources." But Davar's military cor-

respondent denied the story.

(In Washington yesterday, informed Israeli sources also disclaimed the Jerusalem Post report. Two Israeli Embassy sources said they had no information on the pending order and a visiting Israeli government official categorically denied that an order had been placed.)

PRESIDENT OF LA PLATA KEHILLA,
ARRESTED AT BUENOS AIRES AIRPORT
By Asher Mibashan

BUENOS AIRES, April 26 (JTA)—Pedro Graiver, president of the La Plata Kehilla, and his wife, Cutalina Guerstein, the uncle and aunt of the presumably dead financier David Gravier, were arrested at Buenos Aires airport Saturday as they were about to leave for Israel. The arrest was not re-

vealed until yesterday.

Several of David Graiver's relatives have been arrested since the 35-year-old financier was reported to have died in a plane crash in Mexico last August. Graiver's disappearance caused the failure of his Banque Pour L'Amerique du Sud in Brussels and the American Bank and Trust Company in New York. Newspapers here have alleged that Graiver's banking group handled funds extorted by the Montonero leftist guerrilla group.

The English language daily Buenos Aires Herald praised Argentine President Jorge Rafael Videla last Sunday for his press conference last week in which he demonstrated that "he is determined not to be knocked off course by the many people who would clearly like to use the Graiver affair as a political

weapon.

The Herald said that "these people want the Graiver business to be the starting point for a thorough purge of all the individuals they dislike: left-ists, human rights campaigners, corrupt businessmen, bad fathers, the immoral, Jews and heavens knows who else....One unfortunate effect of the Graiver affairs has been its encouragement of anti-Semitism."

Francisco Manrique, who was Welfare Minister under President Alejandro Agustin Lenusse, told the national news agency Noticias Argentinas Relayad that when Graiver was his undersecretary he had an "unobjectionable record" and had good relations with the Vatican and was well received in all circles.

### Anti-Semitic Cartoon

Meanwhile, the weekly La Semana Y Usted has published an obvious anti-Semitic car toon showing a rich Jew preparing his suitcase and answering a phone call by saying his situation is "graive, graive (serious)" instead of grave, grave, a play on Graiver's name.

The government is still holding Jacobo
Timerman, editor and publisher of La Opinion,
and his deputy editor, Enrique Jara, who were
seized in their homes April 16. The government
said Timerman was being held in connection with

the Graiver affair.

### SALANSKY ARRIVES IN VIENNA

NEW YORK, April 26 (JTA)—Dr. Nahum Salansky, a leading Jewish activist of Vilna, arrived today in Vienna after having received his exit visa last Tuesday, it was reported by the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry. Salansky, a 45-year-old physicist who had held weekly seminars on Judaica at his home, was under interrogation for four months on charges of "anti-Soviet slander." Earlier this month the charges against him were dropped by the Vilna prosecutor. Salansky is due to go to Israel to be reunited with his mother.

### A NEW TWIST TO A DEMONSTRATION

PARIS, April 26 (JTA)—Jewish demonstrators last night interrupted a gala performance of the Soviet state—run Bolshoi with demands that the Soviet Union grant Soviet Jewry freedom to emigrate. The demonstrators also distributed leaflets calling on the Soviet authorities to stop persecuting the Jews and grant them the rights guaranteed and provided for by the Soviet constitution.

However, contrary to what usually happens on such occasions in Western Europe, the audience sided with the demonstrators and hundreds of spectators joined in the pandemonium. Several of the demonstrators were briefly detained by police and the show continued.

FORMER FINANCE MINISTRY OFFICIAL CONFIRMS EBAN WAS GRANTED PERMIT TO MAINTAIN BANK ACCOUNT IN N.Y. By David Landau

JERUSALEM, April 26 (JTA)—Former Deputy Minister of Finance Zvi Dinstein confirmed yesterday that the Treasury had in fact granted a permit to Abba Eban in 1967 to maintain a bank account in New York for reasons it considered legitimate. Dinstein's statement appeared to absolve the former Foreign Minister of charges that he kept the account in violation of Israel's foreign currency regulations.

Neither Eban nor Treasury officials have been able to find the permit. But Dinstein's recollection of it was confirmed by Nizza Pinnes, who once worked for Eban and is now foreign Minister

Yigal Allon's private secretary, and three other secretaries in Allon's office who signed a letter to the Treasury saying they distinctly remember that

the permit was granted.

Dinstein, who is now the government's advisor on energy, said that Eban had explained to him in 1967 that he needed a ready source of dollars in New York to pay for research and clerical work in connection with books he wrote. He also needed the money to repay advance royalties from his publishers in the event that he was unable to complete books contracted for.

Dinstein said he advised Eban at the time to apply for a permit through the proper channels and that he learned later from a Treasury source that Eban's permit was approved. What remains to be proven is that Eban did not exceed the conditions of the permit by using more money abroad than he

had originally requested.

Sources close to the Israeli diplomat said yesterday that he had requested a permit for \$20,000 but the permit itself had no ceiling. Over the years, much larger sums accrued to his New York account and many tens of thousands of dollars were transferred to Israel as required by law. Eban may be required to explain why he held some of these funds in interest-bearing accounts. But the sources said that no one in their right mind would have done otherwise.

### 10 U.S. SCIENTISTS JOIN JEWISH COLLEAGUES IN MOSCOW TO MARK FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF SEMINAR By Ben Gallob

NEW YORK, April 26 (JTA)—Ten American scientists, including several Jews, joined Soviet refusnik colleagues in celebrating the fifth anniversary of the Moscow Seminar on Collective Phenomena, held last week in the Moscow apartment of Mark Azbel, one of the refusniks, the Committee of Concerned Scientists reported here.

A spokesman said that the seminars have been held on a weekly basis since 1972, first in the apartment of Alexander Voronel and then in the Azbel apartment after Voronel emigrated to Israel. The anniversary conference began on April 17 and ended

April 20.

Two of the Americans who came to the Soviet Union to take part in the session, Nobel Laureate George Wald of Harvard, and Dr. Robert Goldberger, chief of the biochemistry laboratory at the National Cancer Institute, were told in Leningrad they could not go to Moscow. Refusnik scientists from cities other than Moscow also were barred from attending the session, the Committee said.

The seminar on "The Many Body Problem and its Applications in Physics and Other Fields," was led by Azbel. Other members of the organizing committee were Benjamin Levich, Victor Brailovsky, Alexander Lerner, Benjamin Fain and Nobel Laureate Andrei Sakharov.

#### Threats Not Carried Out

Two of the scientists, Prof. Bertrand Halpern of Harvard University and James Lander of the Varnie Mellon Institute, were detained at Moscow airport and threatened with expulsion if they attended the session. They attended and were not expelled, the Committee spokesman said. The Committee called the session the first unofficial international conference held in the USSR in more than 50 years.

The Committee said the special session served to acquaint the Soviet scientists with current Western research while the Western scientists had the opportunity to hear the latest ideas of the Soviet

participants.

The spokesman said that apart from the warnings to Halpern and Lander, the American scientists had no problems in the Soviet Union and no difficulties in getting visas, in contrast to the refusal of Soviet authorities to give visas to American Jewish academicians to attend a Moscow symposium scheduled for Dec. 19-21, which lasted only a few hours.

The Committee spokesman said the difference in the treatment accorded the two groups of American scientists stemmed from the fact that the December symposium had been scheduled to discuss means of Jews maintaining their Jewish culture in the USSR and all of the invitees were Jews. The special scientific session in Moscow was devoted entirely to science and the Soviet authorities, while opposed to the scientific session because it was held in the home of a refusnik and designed to help the refusniks to keep up with developments in their fields, did not want to hurt on-going American-Soviet scientific exchanges which provide Soviet scientists with information they need and cannot easily acquire otherwise, the spokesman said.

# SOLVING THE PALESTINIAN REFUGEE PROBLEM BY CREATING A PALESTINIAN STATE IS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO ISRAEL By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, April 26 (JTA)--Shlomo Avineri, the director general of Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, declared here last night that the proposal to solve the Palestinian refugee problem by creating a Palestinian state is "unacceptable to us." He said this was the view of his government as well as the "consensus" of the people of Israel.

Avineri's remarks were made before 1000 persons attending a dinner at the Shoreham Hotel as part of the 18th annual two-day policy conference of the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC). Among those attending the dinner were two of President Carter's chief advisors, Robert Lipshutz, his Counsel, and Stuart Eizenstadt, the director of the President's Domestic Council, and the new American Ambassador to Israel, Samuel Lewis.

Speaking about the same time Carter was hosting King Hussein of Jordan at a White House dinner, Avineri said the solution to the Palestinian problem can be found "within the context of the Kingdom of Jordan" with the West Bank permanently demilitarized as part of Jordan. "Israel may be able to live with an Arab government on the West Bank but not with an Arab military presence on the West Bank," Avineri stressed.

Speaking before AIPAC earlier in the day, Israeli Ambassador Simcha Dinitz said Israel will not accept "international promises" or a defense agreement with the United States as a substitute for a "basic change" in the Mideast that will include normal relations and a free exchange of people and commerce. He said Israel must have "defensible borders that Israel can defend by itself."

Lipshutz and Eizenstadt left the White House dinner for Hussein to attend the AIPAC banquet. But Vice-President Walter Mondale, who was originally scheduled to address the AIPAC dinner, remained at the White House. Six Senators and about 50 House members also attended the AIPAC dinner last night.

Sen. Frank Church (D. Idaho), who substituted for Mondale, took direct issue with the

Arab position that the Palestinian question is at the center of the Mideast dispute. He said the "basic issue" is whether "Is rael's neighbors now accept the legitimacy, the right—not the privilege—of Israel to live in peace as a full sovereign and legitimate state in the Middle East. That is the issue on which there can be no equivocation, no ambiguity, no discrepancy between private and public statements."

Church said that the Arabs must prove they have abandoned their claim that Israel is an illegitimate state. "Peace, in other words, must be for this generation and not for another generation, and it must be manifested in the normalization of relations—the exchange of ambassadors, commercial intercourse and cultural contacts, so that over time both Arab and Jew may adjust to normalcy."

# Warning On Arab Boycott

Warning against U.S. guarantees for Israel,
Church said that while the U.S. has a role in helping negotiations "it is a role which calls for a large
degree of discipline in restraining our natural impatience to get on with the job by doing it ourselves." He also warned against pressures from American companies which will do anything to get their
share of the "financial bonanza" from the oil-rich
Arab countries, "including compliance with the
Arab boycott."

Sen. Robert Dole (R. Kan.) endorsed Church's views on the boycott saying the Arab "boycott interferes with international trade" and "it must be met decisively."

Dole also echoed Church's views that a Mideast peace requires Israel's acceptance by the Arabs. "The primary issue is not how far Israel must withdraw but how to guarantee the Israeli people that they are in a position to defend themselves should their enemies choose to attack," Dole said. "Anything else would be meaningless and useless." He urged Israel to "stick to your guns insofar as defensible borders are concerned."

# CARTER SAYS IT IS TOO EARLY TO DEFINE PALESTINIAN PARTICIPATION IN A GENEVA MIDEAST PEACE CONFAB By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, April 26 (JTA)—President Carter said today that it is "too early" to define Palestinian participation in a Geneva conference on Middle East peace and his decision will follow another "complete round" of talks that Secretary of State Cyrus Vance will hold with Middle East leaders after his own current series of talks concludes next month.

Meeting briefly with reporters following his third and final meeting with King Hussein of Jordan at the White House, the President was asked to clarify whether PLO representatives or Palestinians who are not part of the PLO would participate in the Geneva conference as members of the Jordanian delegation.

"It is too early to start spelling out specifics about that," Carter replied. "The one thing I might add, on which all the (Middle East) leaders seem to agree, is that the more agreement we can reach before going to Geneva, the less argument there is going to be about the form of Palestinjan representation."

According to an official White House transcript of the President's remarks, Carter added that "Unless we see some strong possibility for substantial achievements before the Geneva conference can be convened, unless we see that prospect, then I think it would be better not to have the Geneva conference at all."

# Warns Against High Expectations

Carter said, however, that so far he has been encouraged and he is not "more pessimistic" than before King Hussein's visit. But, he warned, "To raise

expectations too high I think would be potentially very damaging." He said that after his meetings with all Middle East leaders end, "we will have a much clearer concept of what can be done." He side-stepped a question when asked whether Hussein was "critical in any way."

In another reference to the Palestinians, Carter said "I think that the exact composition of the delegations, including the Palestinians, of course, and the inter-relationships that exist among the Arab nations, whether part of the discussions would be done as a group and part of them on a bilateral basis, those kinds of things have to be worked out."

Later, White House Press Secretary Jody Powell, when asked to amplify the President's remarks, said that the President had "avoided talking" about the Palestinian situation. "The President did not intend to describe the details of representation," Powell said. He added that it is a matter for later "bilateral and multi-lateral discussions."

Powell refused to say what the President's position is at present, now that Carter has met with the leaders of Israel, Egypt and Jordan, on a possible Palestinian state which Egyptian President Anwar Sadat said three weeks ago that Egypt wanted. Asked to whom Israel would give the West Bank, the question was referred to a State Department specialist, George Sherman, who said the final disposition of the territories would be resolved in negotiations.

# Discuss Issue Of Weapons

Powell said the President, who met with Hussein for 70 minutes this morning and privately for an hour last night after the White House banquet, had promised that he would continue to use his good offices "for a negotiated settlement this year."

Powell said Carter and Hussein agreed that "the devastating arms burden on Arabs and Israelis alike" should be reduced. But Powell noted that this matter was "in the context of a long-term view" that looks at and beyond the prospects over the next 10 years or even 20 years. Powell also pointed out that the question of Middle East arms involves nations other than the U.S.

Powell said U.S. aid to Jordan for fiscal year 1978, beginning next Oct. 1, has been set at \$93 million in economic aid and \$130 million in military assistance. Together, this represents an increase over fiscal year 1977 of \$17 million. The current economic program for Jordan is \$76 million and military aid is \$131 million.

### SHARANSKY STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION

NEW YORK, April 26 (JTA)—Despite a report last weekend from the official Soviet news agency Tass that Anatoly Sharansky, the Soviet Jewish activist, was charged with "being a spy for the United States," the National Conference on Soviet Jewry reported today that he is still being held in Moscow's notorious Lefortovo Prison pending completion of an investigation against him by Soviet authorities. Sharansky was jailed last month following accusations that he worked for the Central Intelligency Agency.

PARIS (JTA)--Mayor Jacques Chirac laid a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Jewish Martyr as France commemorated the Jews who were killed during the Nazi occupation of France. Chirac, who was welcomed in the memorial crypt by French Chief Rabbi Jacob Kaplan, seemed deeply moved.

NEW YORK, April 26 (JTA)--A program aimed at combatting alcoholism in the Jewish community was advanced today by the Task Force on Alcoholism of the Commission on Synagogue Relations of

the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies.

For too long, according to Marshall Hochhauser, Task Force chairman, excessive drinking among Jews "has been an issue that was discussed in whispers. However, the fact that alcoholism in the Jewish community is rapidly approaching that of the general population, demands an all-out effort to achieve a solution to a worsening dilemma."

With Hochhauser at a news conference at the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies headquarters were Rabbi Isaac Trainin, director of the Commission on Synagogue Relations; Rabbi Henry Glazer, associate director; Rabbi Barry Woolf, Jewish... Chaplain for the State of Minnesota; Mel Goldstein, director of teen and therapy programs at the Samuel Field YM-YWHA, in Little Neck, Queens, an affiliated agency of Federation, and Rabbi -Sheldon Zimmerman, spiritual leader of the Central Synagogue in Manhattan.

The program outlined by the Task Force included:

\* An appeal to some 1000 synagogues throughout the city to open their doors to meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous and similar groups so that Jewish citizens and their families troubled by alcoholism would be able to seek assistance in their own community.

\* A series of seminars for members of the rabbinate and for social workers that would be led by Task Force members and by experts in the field. The New York City affiliate of the National Council on Alcoholism has offered to provide experts to take part in these educational sessions.

\* Closer ties between rabbis and social work agencies, through ongoing workshops and seminars, to educate the rabbinate on how to identify and

help the Jewish alcoholic.

\* An improved system of referrals to social work agencies and the use of the Speakers Bureau of the Commission on Synagogue Relations to develop a broader awareness of the magnitude of the problem.

### Reasons For The Problem

Trainin noted that "for too long, the theory held that "Jews aren"t supposed to drink. However, the work of Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, which touches every facet of Jewish life in and around this city, has demonstrated to us that this theory

is no longer valid."

There are several reasons for the rise in drinking among Jews, Trainin noted, "including the pressures, complexities and tension of every-day. life, a changing value structure and an erosion of the family unit that has become as evident in the Jewish community as it has among other groups. Our overall goal must be to first identify those who have a drinking problem, and then to bring to bear the manpower, resources and expertise necessary to help them to realize a solution to their difficulty."

The news session preceded an all-day conference "Alcohol Abuse and the Jawish Community," a program that is typical of those that will be conducted on a regular basis to spotlight the need to attack the problem of excessive drinking among Jewish citizens, according to Hochhauser.

# RAPS MOVE TO END ELECTORAL COLLEGE

PIKESVILLE, Md., April 26 (JTA)--Frank

Mankiewicz, who managed Sen. George Mc-Govern's Presidential campaign in 1972, warned last night that abolition of the Electoral College proposed by President Carter, could result in anti-Jewish, anti-Black and other/extremist parties gaining dangerous influence in the American political process.

"Any effort to dump the Electoral College would be a signal for every bigot in America to start a political party," Mankiewicz told the biennial convention of the National Women's Division of the American Jewish Congress here.

Any tampering with the way Americans choose their President "would cause irreparable damage to the political process and the two party system," Mankiewicz said. Direct election of the President would "fragmentize the system and lead to the same instability that has marked the European political scene. Virtually any cause, no matter how disreputable, can get a million votes In America today," he said, adding:

"The only thing that prevents these groups from contaminating the national political system is the fact that we elect our Presidents on the basis of the states they carry, not the popular

vote."

# Danger Of Move Noted

Mankiewicz warned that "Proliferation of political groupings of every stripe and hue-anti-Jewish and anti-Black parties--would be the inevitable result of abandoning the Electoral College. These parties, too weak to win but strong enough to prevent anyone else from winning, would be in a position to bargain politically in any run-off that may take place. This would enormously increase the influence of extremist groups in American life and pose a major threat to American democracy," he said.

"For all its faults, the two party system has served as the great healer of political and social conflicts in America. It has contained the pressures of our society by preventing social, religious and other tensions from being directed into

political activity," Mankiewicz said.

### YOM HA'ATZMAUT GREETINGS FROM USSR

NEW YORK, April 26 (JTA)--Soviet Georgian activists have sent an Israel Independence Day message to the Jewish State, it was reported. by the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry. The

message said:

"On behalf of many Jews who are not free to express their feelings, we wish to extend to the State of Israel our most sincere congratulations on Yom Hatatzmaut, the anniversary of its independence. On April 21, 1948, the founders of the State of Israel proclaimed in their Declaration of Independence that the Jewish State will rest upon foundations of liberty, justice and peace as envisioned by the prophets of Israel.

"In its 29-year history, the State of Israel has maintained these ideals in the establishment and development of a free and open society. Israel's principles of equality and freedom continue to inspire and give hope to Jews of Georgia and Russia, both those who wish to make aliva and those who wish to remain in the Soviet Union. Am Yisroei Chail --- the Jewish people live! Masada will not fall again!"

The signers were Dr. Grigory Goldstein, Dr. Isai Goldstein and family, Solomon Ginzberg, and two others identified only as Kzheli and Tvaladze,

the SSSJ reported.