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## BEGIN SAYS ISRAEL TAKES A 'GRAVE' VIEW OF THE NEW SOVIET-SYRIAN PACT

By David Landau and Yitzhak Shargit

JERUSALEM, Oct. 9 (JTA) -- Premier Menachem Begin said today that Israel takes a "grave" view of the new Soviet-Syrian friendship and military cooperation pact and of "the growing Jordanian involvement in the Iraqi war efforts" against Iran.

Speaking to reporters at the Defense Ministry, Begin said it was safe to assume that Syria and the Soviet Union have signed a secret agreement that parallels their publicly signed accord. He contended that this affected the entire free world and that he would discuss it with President Carter when they meet in Washington next month.

Israeli analysts said today that President Hafez Assad of Syria apparently decided that he had to enter into a formal pact with the Soviets, something he hesitated to do before, because the Iraqi-Iranian war left Syria isolated among the Arab states, all of which except Libya, are supporting Iraq. Because of Syria's long-standing rivalry with Iraq, Assad also may have felt he could not allow Iraq to draw closer to Moscow as a result of the war.

But the Israelis believe it is altogether unlikely that Syria would join the war by taking military action against Iraq. This is because Iraq has portrayed the war as an Arab struggle against a non-Arab power and Assad, heading a minority Alawite Moslem regime, could hardly cast his lot with the non-Arab side in actual combat.

With respect to Jordan's assistance to Iraq, Begin suggested that there is a danger that the Iraqis will sell Soviet war equipment to Jordan as a gesture of gratitude and "this would present a direct danger to us." He implied that the U.S. should cancel its proposed sale of tanks to Jordan. Deputy Premier Yigael Yadin also warned today that King Hussein of Jordan was making a serious mistake when he joined Iraq against Iran.

### View Of Jordan's Role

Meanwhile, the Jordanian port of Aqaba is a scene of heavy activity. But Israeli circles believe that Amman is simply trying to impress the world that its backing for Iraq is in earnest. They point out that so far, only one Iraqi-flag ship with war materiel -- from an Eastern European country -- discharged cargo at Aqaba. It is believed to have consisted of anti-aircraft guns and ammunition. Nevertheless, Jordan has become a supply route for Iraq, avoiding the Persian Gulf and the Iranian navy. But a shortage of trucks to carry the equipment from Aqaba to Baghdad has caused a bottleneck and the cargos are piling up on the Aqaba docks.

Israeli military planners are taking account of the possibility that the Iraqi-Jordan relationship will lead to heightened tension between Jordan and Syria. Israel is deeply troubled by Jordan's logistical support for Iraq which could broaden into a full-fledged alliance and King Hussein's increasingly hardline and warlike statements in recent months aimed at Israel. The Jordanian media has referred to the Persian Gulf war as a prelude to the "purification of Jerusalem from the infidel." The U.S.

and Britain have already warned Jordan against any serious involvement in the Persian Gulf war.

(On a BBC television interview last night, Hussein confirmed that his army has been put on a state of alert and that supplies were reaching Iraq by way of Aqaba. However, he said, there were "no imminent plans" to send Jordanian troops to Iraq despite reports that 40,000 Jordanian troops have been sent to the Iraqi border. Hussein said the Iraqis did not need help but if they did, Jordan would not hesitate to give it. He called on all Arab countries to support Iraq's "just cause.")

## 5000 JEWS MARCH IN ROME

By Lisa Palmieri-Billig

ROME, Oct. 9 (JTA) -- Some 5000 Jews, about one-third of the city's 15,000 Jews, marched through the center of Italy's capital Tuesday in solidarity with the demonstration in Paris and to protest against recent anti-Semitic events in France. Jewish-owned shops were closed all over the city as their owners and their families swelled the ranks of the demonstrators.

Marchers carried signs with the words "Treblinka," "Dachau," "Auschwitz" and "Risiera di san Saba." The latter was the only Italian death camp. It was located in Trieste. Other signs said "No to fascism" and "Never again."

The Democratic and Anti-Fascist Forces in Italy, a united front group, delivered a message to the French Ambassador on behalf of the Union of Italian Jewish Communities which stated that anti-Semitic incidents in France, especially the synagogue bombing, are part of one single criminal plan that united the incidents in Paris to those of Bologna and Munich where fatal bombings also occurred.

The spirit of the demonstration in Rome was perhaps epitomized by one of the young marchers who was quoted in the Rome daily, *Il Messaggero*, and identified only as "Daniel." He said: "The times have changed. Crystal Night was the work of a minority, but it led to the destruction of Europe. We, now, will cut out the disease at its roots. The Auschwitz syndrome no longer exists." As he said this he pointed to the signs bearing the names of concentration camps.

"But I am here today," continued Daniel, "above all, in order to ask my non-Jewish co-nationals, the Italians, not to tolerate the anti-Semitism in our midst as well. The anti-Jewish graffiti and the swastikas in Monteverdi, the Balduina, Fregene and Ostia (sections of Rome) do not seem to scandalize anyone and yet this is precisely how things get started, by shutting an eye to these outrages."

## FRENCH POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR A PALESTINIAN ARAB AS CHIEF SUSPECT IN THE PARIS SYNAGOGUE BOMBING

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Oct. 9 (JTA) -- French police are looking for a Palestinian Arab with a Cypriot passport as the likeliest suspect in last Friday night's bomb attack against a Paris synagogue. The police say they have conclusive evidence that the man, whose identity was not revealed, bought the motorcycle which carried the bomb used in the attack. Four people died in the explosion and 33 more were injured. One

of the injured died two days later.

Jewish leaders and Israeli officials have since the explosion charged the Palestinian terrorist groups and the Libyan regime of collusion with the anti-Semitic neo-Nazi organizations operating in Western Europe. The police investigation now seems to be headed in the same direction. Interior Minister Christian Bonnet last night told the National Assembly that police are gathering evidence on "all aspects" which seem to indicate the Palestinian angle.

Israeli Premier Menachem Begin, in an interview with the French weekly, Paris-Match published today, also accused extremist Arabs for having carried out or inspired the attack. Begin said that "with (Libyan leader Col. Muammar) Qaddafi everything is possible."

#### Temperers Continue To Run High

Temperers in France continue to run high in the wake of last week's attack. The opposition parties, especially the Socialists and Communists, continue to attack the government of President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing. They accuse it of having failed to take firm action in time and at the same time are trying to build a strong opposition front based on anti-racist and anti-fascist sentiments.

With the Presidential elections only six months away, French political circles believe that the synagogue bombing can potentially become a "surprise factor" in the forthcoming election, which had previously been viewed as an easy election win for Giscard.

Meanwhile, the Jewish community itself is beginning to show signs of a split. Most Jewish community leaders, including the French Chief Rabbi and the Representative Council of Jewish Organizations in France (CRIF) favor a non-partisan stance in the upcoming elections. The small activist splinter group, Jewish Renewal, is assailing the Giscard Administration and advocating a "protest vote" in favor of the Socialist Party led by François Mitterrand.

#### Increase In Anti-Semitic Incidents

Another effect of the bomb attack was to release into the open what were up to now repressed anti-Semitic feelings. During the last few days, apparently in the wake of the attack, anti-Semitic incidents have increased ten fold, according to police reports. In the last 24 hours, more than a score such incidents were reported by the Interior Ministry.

These included an attack against a Jewish civilian police employee who was shot in the head. Police said that the attack on 58-year-old Maurice Cohen, an administrative clerk with the Paris police department, could be connected with the current wave of anti-Semitic attacks. Cohen is described as seriously injured but no longer in a critical condition.

The other incidents included fist fights, daubings of anti-Semitic slogans and the arrest of two men in Nice who shouted during an anti-fascist demonstration, "Jews into gas ovens" and "Hitler should have gotten them all."

Police arrested at least a dozen rightwing activists this morning, including an 81-year-old former Vichy government collaborator. Ten others were arrested in the south of France and are being interrogated on charges of having mailed last month's death threats to 67 local Jewish personalities.

#### Special Friday Night Synagogue Service

The Jewish community, meanwhile, is preparing to hold a special service tomorrow night at the Rue Copernic Temple (Reform) to mark the seventh day of the bomb attack. The service will be addressed by Rabbi Alexander Schindler, a former chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations and presently the president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (Reform). Schindler, who will represent the Presidents Conference, said on his arrival here today that he will express "the solidarity and brotherhood" felt by American Jews.

Other American Jewish representatives who arrived in Paris this week to express solidarity with the French Jewish community were Maxwell Greenberg, national chairman of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and Abraham Foxman, the ADL's associate national director; and Joel Sprayregen, chairman of the Public Affairs Committee of the Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago.

#### 400 JEWS, NON-JEWS AT MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR SYNAGOGUE BOMB VICTIMS

CLEVELAND, Oct. 9 (JTA). -- Some 400 persons, Jews and non-Jews, attended memorial services here yesterday for the victims of last Friday's neo-Nazi terrorist bombing of a Paris synagogue in which four were killed and 32 injured. The service, sponsored by the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland, was held in the patio of the JCF building.

Speakers included Dr. Donald Jacobs, a Protestant minister who is director of the Interchurch Council of Cleveland; Rabbi Daniel Roberts, president of the Cleveland Board of Rabbis; Father John Helinski, chairman of the Social Actions Committee of the Cleveland Catholic Diocese; Jacques Royet, Consul General of France; and Asher Naim, Consul General of Israel.

Ed Richards, special assistant to the Mayor, read a message on behalf of Mayor George Voinovich. Last April, Voinovich was in Israel where he planted a forest in memory of his daughter who was killed in an automobile accident a year earlier. Yesterday he added four trees to the forest in memory of the four who died in the Paris bombing.

The service was concluded by Rabbi Louis Engelberg, chairman of the Orthodox Rabbinical Council, who read the 23rd Psalm and recited Kaddish.

(In New York, about 20 members of the Jewish Defense League staged a peaceful three-hour sit-in at the offices of the French Embassy's Cultural Division here today to protest the neo-Nazi bombing of the Paris synagogue. They issued a statement urging French Jews "to leave for Israel because their situation is hopeless in France." The statement said that "should they remain, they must take self-defense measures by purchasing guns, protecting Jewish institutions, etc." The ADL also demanded that "the French government provide adequate police protection for Jews.")

#### EXPERIMENT IN GENETIC ENGINEERING

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Oct. 9 (JTA). -- The Health Ministry said today that an experiment in genetic engineering performed at the Hadassah Medical Center here last July was fully in keeping with medical ethics. It involved the splicing of genes in an attempt to cure a patient of a hereditary blood ailment that often proves fatal and is believed to have been the first operation of its kind on a human subject.

The procedure was performed by Dr. Martin Cline who developed the technique in animal experi-

ments at the University of California Los Angeles and Prof. Eliezer Rachmilowitz, head of the hematological department at the Hadassah Medical Center. The Health Ministry was unaware of the case until the story appeared in the Los Angeles Times this week. That paper reported that the U.S. government was investigating the case on suspicion that it was a dangerous experiment performed on humans.

But Dr. Yehoshua Weissbrod, acting Director General of the Health Ministry, said the operation was not an experiment to alter the genetic traits of a human being but an attempt to cure a patient of a dangerous illness.

#### Procedure May Be Successful

The patient was a 21-year-old Israeli woman suffering from Beta Thalassemia Major, a condition caused by the inability to produce a component of normal hemoglobin, the molecule in red blood cells that carries oxygen from the lungs to the body tissues.

The doctors removed a small amount of blood marrow from the patient and spliced the cells to genes capable of producing the vital hemoglobin component. The spliced cells were then introduced to the patient in the hope that they would begin producing normal hemoglobin.

Cline and his team performed the same procedure on a 16-year-old girl in Naples. The conditions of both patients remained stable indicating that the procedure may be successful. Although the results will not be known for several months, the doctors believe that without the operation the patients' conditions would have deteriorated, possibly resulting in death. Most patients with severe forms of the ailment die in their late teens or early 20s.

Rachmilowitz, a world expert on Beta Thalassemia Major, said today that the operation was performed in accordance with regulations and with the approval of a special committee dealing with medical experiments on human beings.

#### ARAB MEASURE ON BOYCOTTING JERUSALEM AIRPORT ADOPTED AT ICAO CONVENTION

By Michael Solomon

MONTREAL, Oct. 9 (JTA) -- Twenty Arab countries submitted a motion to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) requesting that the ICAO's General Assembly meeting here this week add to its agenda a discussion on boycotting the Atarot Airport in Jerusalem. It was adopted by a vote of 55-13 with 28 abstentions.

Following a heated discussion on the issue the Assembly voted again on the substance of the Arabs' resolution and only Israel and the United States voted against it, while 54 countries voted in favor and 32 countries abstained. France, Greece and Spain were the only European countries voting in favor.

The resolution declared that "whereas Jerusalem is under Arab sovereignty the General Assembly (should) take the necessary steps to reinforce the resolution adopted in 1974 which states that no states be permitted to fly their planes to Jerusalem."

Although the Atarot Airport serves only local Israeli planes and is not used for any international service, observers noted that the resolution was an attempt to forestall any international flights landing at the airport in the future should the airport expand its facilities.

However, Yitzhak Maier, the Israel Consul General who headed the Israeli delegation to the

Assembly, pointed out that the real intent of the resolution was to establish on record that "Jerusalem is under Arab sovereignty." He told the Assembly that "there is no such thing as Arab sovereignty and this expression has been introduced for the first time in the ICAO vocabulary."

#### Threats By Libya Denounced

The delegate from Libya warned that his country "will take into account those who voted against or abstained (on the resolution) and those countries will have to expect resulting consequences." Maier denounced this statement "and the vile philosophy underlying it." He declared, further: "The Libyan delegate threatens to hold free nations at ransom and nobody can remain indifferent because indifference to such threats often is punished by tragedy."

In another development, the General Assembly accepted the credentials of the Palestine Liberation Organization giving it observer status. This move was denounced by Maier who said that "the so-called PLO is a terrorist organization, an illegal body, unfit and unqualified to participate in any international agency."

#### MUSKIE, BRZEZINSKI CONDEMN PARIS SYNAGOGUE BOMBING

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9 (JTA) -- Secretary of State Edmund Muskie warned today that "it is important that we will speak out against what has happened in Paris." This was in response to Rabbi Arthur Schneier's call "against indifference to ever-increasing, perverted neo-Nazi and fascist activities."

Schneier, spiritual leader of the Park East Synagogue in New York City, was speaking on behalf of a World Jewish Congress-American Section leadership delegation visiting Washington for policy discussions at the White House, State Department and the Organization of American States.

Muskie, addressing a luncheon for the delegation at the State Department, said: "I am not sure if we are just speaking about incidents -- and I use that word deliberately -- or an outcropping of something deeper. Hatred and prejudice never really die and we must be constantly vigilant."

Earlier in the day, National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski told the delegation at a meeting in the White House: "These outrages remind us of extremely ugly historical events that are a terrible stain on mankind. They show that anti-Semitism is deeply rooted and not easily erased. One would have thought that World War II had put an end to anti-Semitism. But we must remain vigilant for some have not learned history's tragic lesson."

#### CARTER SIGNS LEGISLATION MAKING U.S. HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL COUNCIL PERMANENT

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9 (JTA) -- President Carter has signed into law legislation authorizing the permanent continuation of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, saying it "should symbolize America's commitment against allowing 'such a crime against decency, civility and humanity' to occur again. The legislation, adopted by both houses of Congress without dissent, will bring about the establishment of a permanent national museum in Washington and annual national observances of the Holocaust.

The Council will be under the leadership of the distinguished author and survivor Elie Wiesel.

VIENNA (JTA) -- A new Jewish community center opened here Wednesday in the historical inner city. It was financed by the government and the city of Vienna. Extensive security measures have been installed.

## 190,000 JEWS IN U.S., ISRAEL, WORLD CAPITALS VISIT 318 LUBAVITCH SUCCAHS

NEW YORK, Oct. 9 (JTA) -- An estimated 190,000 Jewish men, women and children in almost all parts of the world took part in the blessings over the lulav and esrog during the recent Succos holiday in both stationary and mobile Succahs provided by the Lubavitcher movement, according to Rabbi Shmuel Butman, director of the Lubavitch Youth Organization.

"Succah-mobiles" mounted on flatbed trucks and manned by Lubavitcher yeshiva students, visited hospitals, nursing homes, colleges, youth centers, street corners, shopping centers, army bases, and jails, including maximum-security Green Haven in New York State.

Among the new "community Succahs" at stationary locations was one at Herald Square, opposite Macy's, in Manhattan, which did a thriving "business" in serving Jews in the area who came to eat their lunch in the Succah. Its sister Succah, opposite the UN headquarters, was also visited by a guest from Israel: Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir "benched" lulav there before going to address the UN General Assembly.

Another new Succah was erected in Daley Square in the center of Chicago. Over 1000 people, including major civic and political leaders, came to the opening ceremony.

A new concept, a "Succah-village," was featured in Minneapolis, Minn. where the Lubavitch local organization got permission to close off an entire street, Hempen Avenue, one of the main thoroughfares in the Twin Cities. They built 10 "family Succahs" and had a band to play music. Jewish families brought their food or bought it from the kosher bakery across the street and ate in the Succahs, family style.

### A Major Effort In Israel

In Israel, a major effort by the Lubavitch organization resulted in 50 stationary Succahs and 50 mobile units. Some of the outstanding locations of the stationary Succahs were: Tachana Merkazit (central bus station), Yaffo Gate and Liberty Bell Park, all in Jerusalem; the city center in Eilat; the main bus station in Haifa; and on the main street in Safed.

The 50 mobile units included 10 on army trucks provided by the Israeli army to visit all army installations and one which covered the entire area from Eilat to Sharm el Sheikh; and one in Safed that covered the Golan Heights and Upper Nazareth to the Kineret. In addition, a community Succah was built at the Kastina intersection, the largest highway intersection in Israel.

In addition to the 100 Lubavitch Succahs in Israel and the 64 stationary and 76 mobile Succahs in the U.S., Lubavitchers manned 78 mobile or stationary Succahs in other lands, making a total of 318 Succahs provided around the world. Succahs were located in major cities around the world including, Montreal, Toronto, London, Manchester, Paris, Milan, Johannesburg, Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Buenos Aires, Caracas, Sydney and Melbourne.

## AGUDAT ISRAEL PRAISES HIGH COURT DECISION ON PAROCHIAL SCHOOL AID

NEW YORK, Oct. 9 (JTA) -- The refusal by the U.S. Supreme Court this week to hear an appeal against a lower court's decision upholding federally funded remedial educational programs

for non-public school students, was hailed by the Agudat Israel of America as "an important victory for yeshivas."

The Supreme Court, in a one-line order without opinion, dismissed the appeal of the National Coalition for Public Education and Religious Liberties (PEARL). According to Rabbi Menachem Lubinsky, director of government and public affairs of the Agudat Israel, the dismissal was a "victory" because it let stand a Federal District Court ruling that the Elementary and Secondary Education Act Title I program "did not have the primary effect of advancing or inhibiting religion."

Lubinsky criticized groups that have been fighting government aid to yeshivas. Focusing his attention on those groups which filed suits to halt government aid, he said: "Rather than displaying vigilance regarding the continued erosion of Jewish values amongst American Jews, some secularist groups chose to preoccupy themselves with fighting the only hope of Jewish survival -- Jewish education. No longer content with combatting direct aid, they are now pursuing even those programs that are designed to serve all disadvantaged children regardless of the school they attend."

Lubinsky praised the Supreme Court decision, which he characterized as reflective of a growing positive mood in the nation toward non-public education.

### Charges In Suit By PEARL

Title I sends teachers employed by local public school boards to parochial schools to teach remedial reading and mathematics to educationally and economically deprived students. According to Howard Zuckerman, president of the National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs (COLPA), a panel of three federal judges ruled that New York City's federally funded Title I program does not violate the First Amendment's ban on "establishment of religion."

PEARL had filed suit to enjoin city and federal educational authorities from permitting the assignment of teachers paid with public funds to parochial schools in connection with remedial math and remedial reading programs. The PEARL suit charged that any assignment of teachers paid with public funds to "perform education services within the religious schools of New York City during regular school hours" is a violation of the establishment clause.

Zuckerman said that although the Supreme Court's action is not on the merits of the case, the dismissal of the appeal will permit the remedial programs to continue. He said that there are a number of other cases currently pending in various areas around the country challenging the constitutionality of Title I programs in parochial schools. These cases now assume added importance, he said.

WASHINGTON (JTA) -- Vice President Mohammed Mubarak of Egypt will be in Washington next week to meet President Carter and other top U.S. officials, the State Department has confirmed without giving the precise date of his arrival. Asked if Mubarak's visit was related to the Iraqi-Iranian war or the talks on West Bank-Gaza autonomy to be resumed here next week between Egypt, Israel and the U.S., Department spokesman John Trotter indicated that the autonomy talks would be "a better guess." He acknowledged, however, that the Iraqi-Iranian conflict also would be discussed. Trotter denounced the shelling of the port of Sidon in south Lebanon in the past few days by Lebanese Christian forces headed by Maj. Saad Haddad as "blackmail."