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**VISITING EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTER
GENERATES RESENTMENT IN ISRAEL**

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, July 20 (JTA) -- The official visit here of Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel Meguid, the first by a top Egyptian statesman since Israel invaded Lebanon in 1982, began under a cloud Monday.

Feelings are running high over Egypt's invitation to Austrian President Kurt Waldheim--issued by Meguid last week -- to visit Egypt. In addition, the Labor-Likud conflict over the peace process was aggravated by Meguid's call upon arrival at Ben Gurion Airport for the Israeli government and people "to stand together and support" an international conference for Middle East peace.

Meguid also indirectly triggered a row among Labor Party Knesset members and between Labor and Likud over what many in both parties saw as a slight by the Egyptian visitor toward the Israeli lawmakers. According to Abba Eban, chairman of the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee, there was no slight, only a misunderstanding.

Officially Smooth

The official aspects of Meguid's visit went off smoothly. He was greeted at the airport with full diplomatic protocol. He met separately with Premier Yitzhak Shamir and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres Monday morning and lunched with President Chaim Herzog.

Political observers said Meguid's call for an international peace conference would carry no weight with Shamir and Likud, who are flatly opposed to that scenario. Shamir's aides briefed reporters in advance of his arrival not to expect any changes.

In his airport remarks, Meguid said, "Egypt will continue to exert all its efforts for an early resumption of the peace process through convening an international conference before the end of the year." He said, "The message to the Israel government and people is the urgency of peace."

Meguid had scarcely arrived when the Knesset House Committee plunged into debate over Knesset Speaker Shlomo Hillel's order to cancel a meeting between Meguid and the Foreign Affairs and Security Committee because it would take place at the King David Hotel rather than in the Knesset.

Hillel felt the venue was an insult which amounted to a boycott of Israel's parliament by the Egyptian Foreign Minister. Likud members of the House Committee backed Hillel, a Laborite.

But Eban, also a Labor MK, criticized Hillel's action and called the House Committee's debate "insulting and superfluous." He said it was never intended for the Foreign Affairs and Security Committee to meet with Meguid at a hotel, and he would not think of convening it anywhere but in the Knesset.

According to Eban, he had arranged for some committee members to meet with Meguid informally at his hotel because the Foreign Ministry had not scheduled a visit to the Knesset for him. Eban said he would meet privately with

Meguid at the hotel. Shamir and Peres both announced before Meguid's arrival that they would raise the issue of Cairo's invitation to Waldheim, who is accused of complicity in Nazi atrocities during World War II. The announcements drew an angry response from Meguid before he left Cairo warning Israel not to meddle in Egypt's internal affairs.

But the feeling here is that the invitation, issued almost on the eve of Meguid's visit here, showed an insensitivity to Israeli and Jewish sensibilities on the matter. Shamir charged over the weekend that Arab countries seemed to "court" Waldheim as a way of "expressing hatred" for Israel.

Waldheim has visited Jordan at the invitation of King Hussein and reportedly has been invited to Libya.

**ISRAEL TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES
TO PROCESS U.S. TOURISTS WHO
MAY BE RISKS TO SECURITY**

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, July 20 (JTA) -- Israel will establish a body of rules and procedures for processing American tourists who may be security risks or are likely to overstay their visas, it was announced Monday.

The decision by a panel of senior officials was apparently in response to expressions of "serious concern" by the U.S. State Department that Americans of Palestinian origin and Black Hebrews from the U.S. were subjected to harassment by Israeli authorities when they arrived in the country and that many were denied admission after interrogation.

The panel, headed by Yossi Beilin, Political Director General of the Foreign Ministry, consisted of representatives of the Interior and Tourism ministries and the security services. The State Department has indicated it might issue a travel advisory warning Palestinian and Black Americans that they could face difficulties entering Israel. Such a warning could have adverse effects on Israeli tourism in general.

The panel decided that a senior government official would be put in charge of interrogations, that the room where tourists are interrogated at Ben Gurion Airport will be renovated and that tourists held there will have the opportunity to telephone their families, lawyers or the American Embassy in Tel Aviv. The same rules apparently will apply to tourists entering Israel via the Allenby Bridge from Jordan.

It was also decided that the U.S. Embassy will be asked to appoint a liaison officer to deal with disputes arising from the cases of American tourists denied entry to Israel.

Security sources were quoted Monday as saying that the changes may result in an increase of terrorist activity in Israel. According to those sources, "the security check-up of suspects including Americans, has prevented terrorist activities."

The Interior Ministry claimed that more than 2,000 American citizens of Palestinian origin who arrived here as tourists remained illegally after their visas expired. Most Palestinian Americans

who come to Israel as tourists are on visits to their families in Israel or in the administered territories.

Black Hebrews are denied admission because they claim the right as Jews to remain under the Law of Return. The religious authorities have determined that Black Hebrews are not Jews.

The State Department said in Washington last week that about 40 Arab Americans and 35 Black Hebrews have complained that they were denied entry to Israel or had their passports confiscated. "We have continued to express our deep concern to Israel about discriminatory, arbitrary treatment of some American citizens," State Department spokesman Charles Redman said.

Israeli sources were quoted as saying that Israel's treatment of American visitors was lenient compared to the tough handling of many Israelis by American immigration authorities.

U.S. WELCOMES ISRAELI CHANGES FOR BLACK, PALESTINIAN VISITORS

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, July 20 (JTA) -- The State Department appeared pleased Monday that the Israeli government has taken steps to meet complaints that some Black and Palestinian Americans are being harassed as they try to enter Israel.

"The Israeli officials have informed us that they are instituting changes to deal with the concerns we expressed regarding treatment of some Black and Arab Americans seeking entry into Israel," State Department deputy spokesperson Phyllis Oakley said. "We are encouraged that this problem is being addressed and we hope that it can be resolved."

The Department had expressed "concern" both to the Israeli Embassy here and the government in Jerusalem over charges that some Palestinian Americans who were visiting relatives as well as Black Americans suspected of being Black-Hebrews have been denied entry or had their passports confiscated and were forced to post bond.

The Israel government announced Sunday that it would henceforth allow detainees to make telephone calls and to contact the U.S. Embassy. There were reports that the U.S. threatened to issue a travel advisory for Israel, although the State Department has never publicly confirmed this.

DEMJANJUK AFFIRMS FIRING OF COUNSEL O'CONNOR, BUT NO REPLACEMENT HIRED

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, July 20 (JTA) -- Suspected war criminal John Demjanjuk affirmed to the Jerusalem district court Monday that he has decided to replace American lawyer Mark O'Connor as his chief defense counsel.

Demjanjuk signed a letter of dismissal two weeks ago. O'Connor contended that his Ukrainian-born client, on trial here for war crimes committed when he was allegedly a guard at the Treblinka death camp, was confused over the consequences of his letter.

The court, meeting in special recess session last week, gave Demjanjuk five days to reconsider. He told the court Monday that after careful consideration and consultation with his family, his dismissal of O'Connor stands.

The court intervened because it must approve a change of counsel in mid-trial. It also

made clear to Demjanjuk that it would entertain no motion to postpone the trial, which is scheduled, to be resumed July 27. The defendant said his decision to fire O'Connor was not linked to a request for postponement.

Meanwhile, Demjanjuk's family is trying to find a replacement for O'Connor. Last week it had reportedly engaged Washington attorney John Broadley. But Broadley was unable to accept the brief.

LABOR'S HOPE FOR EARLY ELECTIONS STALLED BY TEHIYA PANEL VOTE

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, July 20 (JTA) -- The Tehiya Party Central Committee's 29-9 vote Sunday against early elections, has killed Labor Party hopes to dissolve the Knesset before summer recess. Labor cannot muster the requisite majority without Tehiya's five votes. But it has pledged to do everything possible to block the rapid expansion of Jewish settlements in the West Bank, promised by Premier Yitzhak Shamir Sunday to Tehiya leader Yuval Neeman.

The Tehiya leadership insisted that its stand against early elections did not result from the latest opinion poll, which showed the party would suffer if it helped bring down the Labor-Likud unity coalition government. They also denied having served Shamir with an ultimatum that Tehiya would support Labor's early elections efforts unless its demands for new settlements are met.

Nevertheless, the party seemed pleased with Shamir's assurances. Neeman told the Central Committee that the Premier promised funds would be made available to expand existing settlements, strengthen the Jewish infrastructure in the territories and complete building the six new settlements called for in the coalition agreement.

Promised Thousands Of Units

He promised that "thousands" of new housing units would be built in the West Bank this year. According to Neeman, at least 3,000 flats will be added in Kiryat Arba, Emanuel, Ariel and smaller settlements. Neeman said Shamir also approved Tehiya's plan for massive road construction in the territories. Work on the new settlements of Hadar Beiter near Jerusalem, and Avnei-Hefetz near Kalkilya will begin immediately, Neeman said.

In addition, he said he was assured by Shamir that the dispossessed Arabs of Ikrit and Biram in the Galilee will not be allowed to return to the sites of those villages which were razed by the Israel Defense Force during the War for Independence in 1948. Labor is determined to prevent Shamir from delivering on his promises. Next Sunday's Cabinet meeting will debate last Sunday's attempt to begin breaking ground for the new settlement of Avnei-Hefetz before building permits were issued.

A fleet of bulldozers, dispatched to the site by Minister of Commerce and Industry Ariel Sharon, was turned back by troops acting on direct orders from Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

LAVI Foe TO HEAD ISRAELI AIR FORCE

TEL AVIV, July 20 (JTA) -- Major General Avihu Bin-Nun, regarded as one of the staunchest opponents of the Lavi jet fighter project, will be

the next commander of the Israel Air Force. The decision was announced by Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Dan Shomron Monday.

Bin-Nun, who is head of the Israel Defense Force's planning branch, will succeed Maj. Gen. Amos Lapidot on September 22.

The planning branch will then be headed by Brig. Gen. Danny Yatom, who will be promoted to Major General.

Bin-Nun commanded an Air Force unit in the 1967 war, downed Soviet-flown aircraft during the war of attrition in 1970 and later commanded a major air base in the north.

Yatom has served as a military aide to then-Defense Minister Moshe Arens and later commanded a division on the Eastern front. He recently studied at Tel Aviv University.

FOXMAN TO HEAD ADL

NEW YORK, July 20 (JTA) -- Abraham Foxman, 47, has been appointed national director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, succeeding the late Nathan Perlmutter. ADL national chairman Burton Levinson announced Monday.

Foxman served as associate national director and head of the ADL's International Affairs Division since 1978. He and Perlmutter were a "remarkable team," Levinson said. "Thanks to the unusually close relationship, both personal and professional, ADL is assured the continuity of leadership essential to continued progress in meeting the many challenges which confront the world Jewish community."

Foxman received a law degree from New York University Law School. He is also a graduate of City University of New York and did graduate work in advanced Judaic studies at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and in international economics at the New School for Social Research.

He is a member of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council, the advisory council to the New York City Holocaust Memorial Commission and the New Jersey Advisory Council on Holocaust Education.

Born in Poland in 1940, he was saved from the Holocaust by a Polish Christian nursemaid who claimed him as her own child after his parents were imprisoned by the Nazis. He was baptized and raised as a Catholic in early childhood, until reunited with his parents, Helen and the late Joseph Foxman, in 1946. Sixteen family members died in the Holocaust.

The Foxmans arrived in the U.S. in 1950. Abraham Foxman was educated at the Yeshiva of Flatbush (NY). In addition to English, he is fluent in Hebrew, Yiddish, Polish and Russian.

42 SOVIET JEWS ARRIVE IN ISRAEL, LARGEST SINGLE GROUP IN 5 YEARS

TEL AVIV, July 20 (JTA) -- The largest single group of Soviet Jewish immigrants to arrive here in five years landed at Ben Gurion Airport Sunday night. The 42 men, women and children came on a flight from Moscow via Vienna, unannounced. The size of the group surprised Jewish Agency personnel waiting at the airport. It included several former activists for Jewish and Zionist rights in the USSR.

The newcomers are from Leningrad, Minsk, Moscow, Novosibirsk, Moldavia and Soviet Georgia. They reached Vienna Sunday and trans-

ferred immediately to a flight to Tel Aviv. Most Soviet Jews travelling via Vienna stop-over there to apply for visas to the U.S. or other Western countries. Only a minority have gone on to Israel.

Meanwhile, Soviet Jewry activists continued to picket the Tel Aviv Hilton Hotel Monday where a three-man Soviet consular delegation and their staff are staying. The Soviet delegation arrived a week ago. The activists carried posters demanding free emigration for Soviet Jews. They took turns reading out the names of Soviet Jews who have been denied exit visas.

SEVERAL FIRSTS AT EUROPEAN INTERFAITH CONFERENCE

By Tamar Levy

GENEVA, July 20 (JTA) -- An interfaith seminar held in Fribourg, Switzerland last week ended with a declaration against anti-Semitism by the 200 participants who included Jews and Moslems from Israel and, for the first time, church leaders from Poland and East Germany.

The seminar was organized by the International Council of Christians and Jews (ICCJ), founded in Fribourg 40 years ago. The final declaration urged Christians to work to stamp out new seeds of anti-Semitism and to stress that Christians are not inheritors of Judaism but an addition to Judaism.

Bishop Henryk Muszynski of Gdansk, spoke of growing interest in Judaism among the younger generation in Poland. Moshe Rezmikof of the Israeli-American Committee attended as a member of a group of 30 Israeli Jews and for the first time, Moslems.

A workshop on Islam decided it was important for both Jews and Moslems to achieve a better understanding of the Arab-Israeli conflict and the problems of Christians facing a growing Moslem population in Europe.

Rabbi Alexander Safran of Geneva said he was generally pleased by the changes that have taken place in the Roman Catholic Church. But he was concerned by Pope John-Paul II's meeting with Austrian President Kurt Waldheim at the Vatican last month and the beatification of Edith Stein, a Jewish-born convert who became a nun and died at Auschwitz during World War II.

Christians at the seminar expressed hope that their efforts to come to terms with Judaism would be matched by Jewish efforts to evaluate a theological relationship with Christianity.

The next meeting of the ICCJ will be held in East Germany on September 12. Israeli participants are expected to receive visas.

SOCIALISTS SPEAK UP FOR EDELMAN

By Yossi Lempkowitz

BRUSSELS, July 20 (JTA) -- The Socialist faction in the Parliament of Europe has protested to the Polish government over the dismissal of Dr. Marek Edelman, one of the survivors of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, from his post at the Lodz general hospital.

CORRECTION: Elie Wiesel has written to JTA that contrary to a recent report he is not involved in the construction of the U.S. Holocaust Museum overseen by the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council since he resigned as Council chairman last December.

**SPEED-PAINTING RECORD SET BY
SELF-DESCRIBED 'KOSHER HAM' KATZ**
By Marlene Goldman

NEW YORK, July 20 (JTA) -- Surrounded by paint buckets, canvas and completed works, Morris Katz set a world record Wednesday by creating 103 saleable paintings during his 12-hour marathon in the lobby of the New York Penta Hotel.

Never ceasing to entertain the crowds and cameras with his banter, Katz, who calls himself the "first kosher ham I ever met," sold 55 paintings at \$50 a piece, raising \$2,750 for the Greater New York Councils, Boy Scouts of America.

This "Guinness Book of World Records" entry actually encompasses two records -- painting non-stop for 12 hours, with an allotted five-minute break after each hour, and creating the most saleable works of art in the shortest period of time. They are not Katz's first.

He already holds the world record as most prolific painter of saleable art with upwards of 162,000 paintings in his 41-year career, and a speed record with his 16-by-25-inch canvas of a skier, created in 43 seconds at the Limelight Nightclub in Chicago.

Starts With A 'Shmear'

The recipe for Katz's Instant Art, which allows him to paint at the rate of 2.64 square feet per minute, appears haphazard, although he insists each idea is well-formed. Using a palette knife for speed, Katz begins with a "shmear" of white acrylic for background.

In one painting, a black line is added to represent a tree and a wad of toilet paper is dabbed over the wet bark to detail the branches. Katz then forms two black horses into the background with the trowel, and using a snappy wrist, slashes on "de-tail," as he described the ends of the horses.

Finally, he scrapes his name and time (7 minutes, 32 seconds) at the bottom, staples the canvas into a frame and triumphantly holds it high above his head for the audience.

He developed his art, which he has termed impressionistic realism, 31 years ago. "It's quality painting with speed," Katz said while indenting line details with his knife into a rainbow New York City skyline. "I can sell them for less money and make more people happy."

Clad in green beret and yellow T-shirt, Katz is his own best promoter. Randomly printed across his shirt is a collage of his speed achievements, including the words "Paint Good and Fast," the title of his "how to" book which will be incorporated in his new book to be called "Amazing Artists: The Life and Works of Morris Katz."

Learned In D.P. Camp

Katz, born in Poland in 1932, escaped the Nazis more than 12 times. Living in a displaced person's camp after the war the 13-year-old Katz began art lessons with a former teacher from the Warsaw Academy. He then apprenticed at the Munich Academy of Art, paid for by his mother with a handful of chocolates.

In 1949 he immigrated to the United States and by 1950 he supported himself solely through painting. Six years later he created the Instant Art after finishing a work for a high school class in 30 seconds.

Since then he has added his humorous shtick of audience interplay and plays on words, usually

jokes with Jewish flavor. "In spite of his accent and showmanship, he's down-to-earth," said David Boehm, editor of the "Guinness Book of World Records," which is published by Sterling Publications, the same company handling Katz's books.

"Katz claims art is experience," Boehm continued. "By hiding in haylofts and cellars he got the experience of danger...life and death. It makes him more down-to-earth in his work than if he had been living in an ivory tower."

Katz' paintings utilize the motifs he studied -- pastorals, cityscapes, landscapes and still life. Some of his most popular works are based on Jewish tradition, such as "Dancing Rabbis" at the Western Wall or "Desert Camels."

Visitor To Israel

For at least a few weeks a year, Katz commutes to Jerusalem, although he spends most of his time in his studio and apartment here. In Israel, which he said adds to his "spiritual uplifting," Katz appears on kibbutzim and describes himself as their Johnny Carson.

Katz expresses gratitude to the United States, which is why he chose the Boy Scouts of America as a charity. "America has given me the privilege to express myself here and has made me able to go to Israel," Katz explained. He is attempting "to feed back to the future of America by giving my skin to charity."

Between America and Israel, Katz reportedly has raised some \$1 million for charitable organizations.

Katz, reveling in the attention of the international audience passing through one of the busiest lobbies in the city, finds his speed-painting an endless challenge despite the apparent ease at which he can produce.

"All the time I am rejuvenating with the challenges," he said. With eternal ideas, Katz described his paintings as originals "fresher than the bagels in the bakery."

**SUSPEND ISRAEL-INDIA TENNIS MATCH
UNLESS INDIA GRANTS VISAS: ADL**

NEW YORK, July 20 (JTA) -- The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has called on the International Tennis Federation to suspend the Davis Cup tennis match between Israel and India in New Delhi July 24-26 because of the Indian government's refusal to grant visas to Israeli visitors and journalists.

ADL national director Abraham Foxman charged in a telegram to ITF president Philippe Chatrier that India's actions "violate the spirit of international cooperation which is at the heart of the Davis Cup matches and is symbolic of India's record of hostility towards the State of Israel and its citizens."

He urged the ITF to "suspend the match until a neutral site is chosen, if India persists in barring Israelis or others who want to attend the competition."

PIPE BOMB FOUND AT CAMP

TEL AVIV, July 20 (JTA) -- A small pipe bomb planted in a Tel Aviv youth center was safely neutralized Thursday. It was discovered by an employee of the center during a routine inspection of the grounds before the arrival of youngsters attending a summer camp.