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Top Israeli delegation visits Japan for talks

Abba Eban, foreign policy committee head of the Israeli Knesset, is now leading a parliamentary delegation to Japan. He accompanied Prime Minister Shimon Peres to Alexandria a week earlier for the summit with President Hosni Mubarak.

political advisor, reached in Jerusalem, the trip signals a dramatic turn for the better in Japanese-Israeli relations, which "had been hampered by Japan's total dependence on Arab petroleum." Eban's adviser said the Japanese had demanded that Eban lead the delegation, to underline the importance of the trip.

"Mr. Eban will certainly be discussing the Marshall Plan, to prepare the terrain for more concrete deliberations on specific items and projects," his political adviser told *EIR*. At the summit with Egypt's Mubarak, his adviser confirmed that Peres's proposed "Marshall Plan" for the region had not been specifically discussed.

Although the two leaders lamented the "lack of time" which made such discussions impossible, "it would be futile to discuss the Marshall Plan without the participation and proposals on the part of those countries which should play a major role in making it possible. . . . Yes, I mean the U.S. and some countries in Western Europe, and also Japan."

Brits, Soviets expand 'cultural contacts'

"There is an expansion of reciprocal cultural contacts between Britain and the Soviet Union planned," a London source close to the British Foreign Office said privately Sept. 17.

"This will be under the auspices of our reciprocal cultural agreements. There had been a break of several years in many of these contacts, following the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, which had led to a ton-

ing down of cultural relations, but this is changing."

The source added that this expansion would take the form of "major manifestations of culture taking place again," such as the recent British tour of the Bolshoi Ballet.

Such contacts are mediated in significant part, he said, by "people in Britain who play a similar role to that of Armand Hammer for the United States, but who work more in the background, privately, without their names being known, and less on the overt political side of things."

Soviets fear SDI's economic impact

Recent pronouncements from Russian military leaders demonstrate that, as *EIR* has long contended, it is the economic revolution portended by the Strategic Defense Initiative, not its military implications, that is giving Ivan sleepless nights.

In an Aug. 25 press conference, Red Army Chief of Staff Marshal Sergei Akhromeyev stated: "If the U.S. continues to work to implement its Star Wars plans, the Soviet Union will have to take countermeasures." He categorically rejected President Reagan's offer for the Soviets to jointly develop the SDI.

Another Red Army spokesman, Col. Vasily Morozov, stated on Sept. 6 that the goal of the American program, apart from its military purpose, was "the exhaustion of the Soviet Union's economic resources. The Americans would like us to try to create an SDI because, in their view, this would place such a huge burden on the Soviet economy that it would collapse."

Predict 'war of cities' in Gulf

Following Iran's firing of a surface-to-surface missile into the Iraqi capital of Baghdad, the Iran-Iraq war will now escalate into "the war of the cities," France's *Le Figaro*

and *Le Monde*, and Italy's *Corriere della Sera*, all predicted on Sept. 13.

Says *Le Figaro*, this will be characterized by a "reinforcement of violence . . . oriented toward economic zones."

The Iranian missile landed during the night of Sept. 11-12. While the Iraqis are denying Iranian claims that it hit and destroyed the Iraqi secret police headquarters, Iraq is admitting that at least 21 were killed, and over 80 wounded.

The following day, 250,000 Iraqis marched through the streets of Baghdad, demanding retaliation. According to *Le Monde*, Iraqi defense minister and assistant chief of the armed services, Gen. Adnan Kharallah, declared that Iraq will now "wipe off the map" several Iranian cities.

Le Monde says that Iraq, thanks to Soviet-supplied materiel, has superior missile technology. This will make the whole war "more violent and bloody," it concludes.

British doctor warns of AIDS 'plague'

"'Plague' Warning on AIDS," headlines the Sept. 13 *Daily Express* of London, reporting: "The disease AIDS is set to claim more victims than the Black Death plague of the Middle Ages or both World Wars, an expert warned.

"Mankind is on the threshold of a viral catastrophe too horrible for most people to contemplate," Dr. John Seale told the British Veterinary Association Congress in Britain. He said AIDS was so infectious, it could be spread in blood and saliva. "There is no risk in shaking hands with someone who has AIDS, but playing rugby with them could be a different matter," he said.

The *Daily Mail's* coverage of Seale's speech is headlined, "AIDS Can Be Spread by Kiss of Death," citing his warning that AIDS is just as likely to be transmitted by kissing as having sex. "The result could be the killer disease spreading rapidly among children," says the *Mail*. It quotes Seale attacking members of the medical community

for "repeatedly failing to give credible advice" on the 20th-century equivalent of the Black Death. "There is a psychological block," said Seale.

Carrington insists Soviets want to talk

In the midst of the most massive outbreak of Soviet irregular warfare ("terrorism") ever seen in the West, NATO Secretary General Lord Peter Carrington told an audience in Mainz, Germany Sept. 16 that NATO has a major opportunity to "do business" with the Soviet Union under Mikhail Gorbachov's leadership.

Carrington, the former British foreign secretary and a champion of the "New Yalta" faction in the West, told the annual assembly of NATO that the Soviet leadership is ready to think "in radical terms" in the field of arms control and disarmament and to push through the decisions that will be necessary.

He added ruefully that the Western alliance has the problem of persuading Western public opinion, as well as itself, that such an opportunity exists.

U.S. detects Soviet ABM breakout?

According to leading government defense analysts, the United States is assessing reports that show that the U.S.S.R. has begun to deploy large anti-satellite-capable, ground-based lasers. Some experts believe that the lasers could be readily upgraded for use against ballistic missiles. This, together with the apparent stockpiling of more conventional ABM missile interceptors and construction of another ABM battle management radar, reveal Russian preparations for a breakout of the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty.

According to *Aviation Week and Space Technology*, the Soviet laser construction sites were only recently detected by a U.S.

Air Force imaging reconnaissance satellite. But the sites, located on mountain tops near the Afghanistan border, are in an advanced stage of construction.

One site appears to contain two lasers. The second has one laser and one microwave facility. *Aviation Week* quotes one government official: "Nothing in the U.S. directed-energy program compares to what we see."

U.S. intelligence sources also report that the Soviets are stockpiling more conventional ABM missile interceptors, similar to the old U.S. Spartan/Sprint models. The discovery of an apparent battle-management radar in the Caucasus is continuing to be assessed.

East-West confab sees sparks over Daniloff

Despite some cancellations because of the Daniloff affair, the largest-ever U.S. delegation visited the Baltic city of Yurmala, U.S.S.R., in mid-September under the auspices of the Chautauqua Institute. More than 270 U.S. representatives, government and non-government, were due to examine "the obstacles standing in the way of the normalization of U.S. -Soviet relations."

Defense Undersecretary for Technology Transfer Richard Perle, former National Security Adviser Robert McFarlane, and former U.N. Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick canceled due to Daniloff frame-up.

In the Sept. 15 session, Jack Matlock, White House adviser on the Soviet Union, was laughed at when he tried to bring the Daniloff case into the discussion. He said in fluent Russian, "We cannot and will not equate a professional spy caught red-handed with an innocent American journalist."

Soviet and U.S. speakers also clashed over the Strategic Defense Initiative. Col.-Gen. Nikolai Chervov charged that America wanted the SDI to achieve military superiority. U.S. journalist Strobe Talbot shot back that Reagan wanted the defense system because of Soviet numerical advantage in ICBMs.

● **AN 'AIDS concert'** scheduled for Nov. 21 in Dusseldorf, West Germany, backed by Elizabeth Taylor, was cancelled on Sept. 16, according to an official at the hall where the concert was to have taken place. Earlier this month, a "megaconcert" whose proceeds were to go to purchase of condoms and clean needles for "safe" perversions, scheduled for Turin, Italy, also with Taylor's backing, was cancelled.

● **PRESIDENT REAGAN** responded to claims he caved in to the Russians in the Daniloff affair during a session with reporters Sept. 15. "I don't know where they get that idea. No, we have not blinked. [Daniloff] is a hostage. . . . The individual we're holding is an accused spy and there can be no trade between those two. . . . From the very first I felt it was absolutely essential that we get Daniloff out of their hands and out of that cell which he occupied with what was obviously a Soviet aide—and four-hour-a-day interrogation."

● **COPENHAGEN** Central Station has installed a dispensing machine where addicts to illegal drugs can obtain disposable syringes free of charge. This is the result of a campaign by Danish health authorities, who argue that by using these needles, the infection-rate of AIDS in this "risk-group" can be reduced.

● **ISRAELI WEAPONS** dealers have shipped at least 3,600 tons of U.S.-made weapons to Iran, in violation of U.S. restrictions, the Danish Sailors Union said Sept. 14. Citing one 900-ton shipment union members transported, the spokesman said: "We have the documentation, the log, and the testimony of the sailors on board. We have the exact dates. There is absolutely no doubt."