



Remembering the Holocaust

Assistant Secretary of State Joseph I. Sisco (above, left) and three other State Department officials in front row listen intently as author and concentration camp survivor Elie Wiesel, opening a year-long observance of the 30th anniversary of the Holocaust, recalls the indifference of world chancelleries to the fate of Europe's Jews. Foreign diplomats, religious leaders, educators and students were among 250 invited guests at ceremonies opening "The Holocaust and Resistance," a photographic exhibit in the B'nai B'rith Building in Washington, commemorating the anniversary. With Sisco (from left) are Deputy Assistant Secretary Richard T. Davies; James Sutterlin, chief of German Desk; and Deputy Assistant Secretary Alfred L. Atherton. Photo at left: West Germany's Ambassador Rolf Pauls (right) studies photographs of Jewish martyrdom. Pauls was first German envoy to Israel.

CHAD'S BREAK WITH ISRAEL

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Chad's diplomatic break with Israel after ten years of cordiality and cooperation does not appear to represent a domino-like collapse of the delicate framework of relations with more than 30 Black African states painstakingly built up during the "independence decade."

One seasoned observer of African affairs believes the peculiar combination of circumstances in which Chad President Francois Tombalbaye found himself -- harassed by Libyan pressure, yet seduced by President Muammer el-Qaddafi's blandishments, and at the same time deep in economic and military straits, the French having forsaken him -- is unlikely to repeat itself elsewhere.

Also, there is an unmistakable feeling in Africa that Qaddafi spells danger, that he aims for a sinister kind of Moslem egemony even in areas south of the Sahara. Many African leaders experienced an uncomfortable wariness of his aspirations and intentions following his aid to Uganda President Idi Amin against Tanzania. Aside from Guinea, which cut its ties

with Israel in 1967 along with the Communist bloc, and Uganda and Chad, Israel's position in Africa is intact and even flourishing if United Nations votes are not the yardstick. Meanwhile, the newspaper Maariv has reported Israel gave Chad a \$1-million loan to try to keep it from breaking off relations and claimed Israel knew of the impending break, Chad giving as the reason its difficult financial position. It added Chad has begun repayment as required by the agreement.

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NEW YORK (WNS) -- Clive Barasa, New York Times dance and drama critic, telephoned to Dr. Leonid Tarassuk of Leningrad, fired as curator of The Hermitage museum after applying for a visa to Israel. It was the first of a series of press conferences

sponsored by the National Conference on Soviet Jewry and Artists and Writers for Peace in the Middle East (AWPME) at which celebrities will spotlight the plight of Soviet Jews. Appeals, sent to Soviet President Nikolai V. Podgorny and Culture Minister Ekaterina Furitseva above the signatures of the press conference's participants and tenor Richard Tucker, cited "arbitrary" rebuffs to Soviet Jews seeking emigration.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The Israeli government is currently looking into charges that Defense Minister Moshe Dayan has illegally exported items from his personal collection of antiquities to the US for sale to wealthy Jews. Israeli law forbids exportation of antiquities without written approval from the Antiquities Department.

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- The King Christian X Annual Memorial Lecture on Christian-Jewish Relations has been established here by this city's Jews and Lutherans in honor of the Danish King and his government for their protection of Jews in Denmark during the occupation by Germany during World War II.

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