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Israel's Cabinet Approves A Budget Of IL 122.5 Billion

By Gil Sedan
Yitzhak Shargil

JERUSALEM (JTA): The Cabinet approved an IL 122.5 billion national budget for the fiscal year 1977-78 without the endorsement of Histadrut and with defense spending still undecided. The new budget is one percent less than the current budget and IL 4.5 billion under the originally proposed budget for the new fiscal year. It is called an anti-inflationary budget and is predicated on the assumption that the government will be able to hold the line on spending within its own departments and persuade labor and management to maintain wage-price stability. An inflation rate not exceeding 25 percent is projected.

The budget was approved unanimously with one abstention by Absorption Minister Shlomo Rosen of Mapam. The Cabinet did not deal with the Defense Ministry's demand for an additional IL 500 million to meet its minimal needs next year.

A special committee consisting of

Premier Yitzhak Rabin, Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz and Defense Minister Shimon Peres will meet shortly to try to reach a compromise. Government sources said the defense budget will remain within the limits of the approved budget.

Hardest Task

The government's hardest task will be to gain the cooperation of Histadrut on the wage front. The trade union federation's initial reaction to the new budget indicated that tough negotiations are in prospect, especially over the government's decision to reduce cost-of-living allowances.

According to Histadrut sources, "even if the government manages to keep inflation at 22 percent Israel will have record high inflation and the proper compensation must be paid." The government apparently intends to use a carrot-and-stick formula in dealing with Histadrut. If the latter cooperates, labor would be rewarded by a general price freeze, at least until April, after which prices would remain under strict controls. If not, the penalty

would be an increase in the value added tax. The original budget proposals called for a 5 percent hike in the VAT, but that was eliminated in the final draft.

The VAT, established this year, is currently 8 percent. Other economic measures linked to the new budget include a maximum 30 percent rise in the prices of basic commodities instead of the 40 percent rise originally anticipated and a maximum 25 percent hike in telephone, electric and water rates. This would hold down the overall cost of living index increase to 25 percent.

Interest rates on loans to industry, housing and agriculture would rise by 2-3 percent. Government bonds linkage to the cost of living will be held at 80 percent. Allowances for children, a fixed sum paid monthly by the National Insurance Institute for each child, and credit points for tax purposes would be held to 70 percent of the c.o.l. index instead of the present 100 percent. Companies will not be allowed to pay dividends in excess of those paid in 1976.

Finally, the budget calls for a 20 percent devaluation of the Pound during fiscal 1977-78 instead of the 25 percent originally planned.

Obituaries

DR. HAROLD LIBBY

Graveside services were conducted at the Sharon Memorial Park Cemetery in Sharon, Massachusetts, on Friday, December 3, for Dr. Harold Libby, 91, a retired obstetrician and gynecologist, and a charter staff member of The Miriam Hospital, who died at his home, 6 Angell Court, December 1, after a five-week illness. He was the husband of Sarah Libby.

A former staff member at The Miriam Hospital, he also served at the former Providence Lying-In Hospital, now Women and Infants, Rhode Island Hospital and St. Joseph's Hospital.

His professional affiliations included the American and the Rhode Island Medical Society, the New England Obstetrical and Gynecological Society and the Harvard Club of Rhode Island.

A native of Boston, his early education was at Boston English High School. He was a graduate of Harvard College in 1907, and Harvard Medical School in 1910.

He was born October 31, 1885, a son of the late Selig and Rachel (Levy) Libby.

Besides his wife, survivors are four daughters, Paula Feldman of Providence, Elinor Bennet and Rosamond Beck, both of Boston, and Martha Cooperman of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; 12 grandchildren and a great grandson.

LILLIAN RUBINSTEIN

Funeral services were held on Sunday, December 5, at Temple Emanu-El for Lillian Rubinstein, 67, of 9 Lincoln Avenue, wife of Louis B. Rubinstein. She died December 3 at The Miriam Hospital. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Rubinstein was a member of Temple Emanu-El and its Sisterhood, the Providence Hadassah, the Jewish Home for the

Aged and the Brandeis University Women's Club. She was active in the Jewish National Fund.

She was a 1926 graduate of Classical High School and graduated in 1930 from Pembroke College.

Born January 3, 1909, in Brooklyn, New York, she was a Providence resident most of her life. Her parents were the late Dr. Irie and Annie (Berger) Berger.

Besides her husband, she leaves two sons, Dr. Michael Rubinstein of Providence and Louis H. Summerfield of Coventry; a sister, Mrs. Evelyn Hendel of Lincoln, and three grandchildren.

MAURICE ALCH

Funeral services for Maurice Alch, 80, of North Miami Beach, Florida, who died Tuesday, were to be held December 8 at Riverside Chapel, Miami Beach.

The husband of Lillian (Eyes) Alch, he was born in Manchester, England, a son of the late Gershon and Bessie Alch. He had been a resident of Providence for 45 years before retiring eight years ago.

Besides his wife, survivors include two daughters, Gladys Kaplan of Cranston and Shelly Goldstein of Saratoga Springs, New York; one sister, Jane Kruskall of Bronx, New York; and five grandsons.

HARRY WINOKER

Funeral services were conducted at Sugarman Memorial Chapel on December 8 for Harry Winoker, 69, of 226 Saratoga Street, who died the previous day in Rhode Island Hospital shortly after being admitted. He had been stricken earlier in the day in downtown Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

Mr. Winoker was the husband of Rose (Bochner) Winoker.

He was born in Russia on July 1, 1907, a son of the late Louis and Martha Winoker. He had lived in Providence for more than 65 years.

He was a self-employed painting contractor.

During World War II, he served with the Army.

Mr. Winoker was a member of the Providence Jewish Fraternal Association, the Young People's Beneficial Association and the Elmwood Post 40, American Legion.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a son, Jerome Winoker of Providence; four daughters, Betty, Lillian and Bella Winoker, and Martha Flodin, all of Providence; and four grandchildren.

ISRAEL PEARLMAN

Funeral services for Israel P. Pearlman of 100 Taft Avenue, a business and religious leader in Providence for 56 years, who died Monday, were held December 7 at the Providence Hebrew Day School. Arrangements were by Mt. Sinai Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

Mr. Pearlman was the husband of Ida (Mines) Pearlman. Born in Poland on December 2, 1898, he was a son of the late Abraham and Anna Pearlman. He had lived in Providence most of his life.

He was a member of Temple Emanu-El and its Men's Club, the Providence Hebrew Day School Corporation, the school's scholarship committee, and the board of directors of the New England Academy of Torah. He was a Navy veteran of World War I.

Other affiliations included the Rhode Island Masonic Lodge, the Jewish Home for the Aged, the Jewish Community Center and the Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association. He was a former member of the YMCA's Businessman's Club for many years.

Mr. Pearlman was co-founder and operator with his wife of the Sterling Shoe Company, now at Westminster Mall. He was a 1920 graduate of the University of Michigan.

Besides his wife, survivors include six daughters, Alice Mandel of Brookline, Massachusetts, Anna Shabselowitz of Fall River, Massachusetts, Lila Delman and Adele Curhan, both of Narragansett, Elaine Baron of Charlotte, North Carolina, and Caroline Leighton of Van Nuys, California; five sons, Benjamin M. and Alan H. Pearlman, both of Cranston, Councilman Thomas W. and Marcus J. Pearlman, both of Providence, and Leonard D. Pearlman of Great Neck, Long Island, New York; a sister, Betty Goldsmith of Hollywood, California; a brother, Jack Pearlman of Detroit, Michigan; 40 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

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Notices

HANUKAH SERVICE

The Temple Beth El Shabbat-Hanukah service on Friday, December 17, will begin at 7:45 p.m. The new youth choir and members of the school will participate. A Hanukah Latke party will follow.

ROLE OF WOMEN

Congregation B'nai Israel will hold a breakfast featuring a special symposium on "The Role of Women in Our Synagogue" on Sunday, December 12, at 10 a.m. Questions and opinions will be welcomed.

Rabbi William E. Kaufman will explain the Conservative Movement's stand on women's role in the synagogue. Other participants, congregation members and a female guest panelist from Providence will share their views.

MIZRACHI WOMEN

The Providence Chapter of Mizrahi Women will hold a Melavah Malke on Saturday, December 18, at 7:30 p.m., at Congregation Mishkon Tfiloh. Supper will be served.

Mrs. Benjamin Hayman is chairman for the day. Co-chairwomen are Mrs. Henry Abramowitz, Mrs. Alex Goodblatt and Mrs. Bennett Formal. Other members of the committee are Mrs. Albert Brody, decorations; Bea Mal, program chairman; and Mrs. Robert Berlinsky, ex-officio. A Hanukah musical festival is planned.

The public is invited to attend. Reservations may be made by calling 831-5079, 861-4997, 274-0496 or 351-9565.

JHA LADIES ASSOCIATION

The Ladies Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged of Rhode Island is repeating, by popular demand, "Fun & Games" featuring numerous prizes. The meeting will take place at the Home on Wednesday, December 15, with a tea at 1 p.m. and the meeting at 2 p.m.

Program chairman is Jeanette Saval. Helen Kagan will lead the sing-a-long. Accompanist will be Anne Seltzer and the hospitality committee includes Evelyn Blazar, Dora Dimond and Belle Tuch.

YOUNG JUDAEA

The Young Judaea Bogrim Club of the Zionist Youth Movement (for high school youth) meets every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center in Providence. All Jewish youth are invited to attend and share in discussions and learning, dancing, singing, hiking, celebrating, eating, arts and crafts, planting, building, dreaming, camp and Israel programs.

Younger group sessions will be organized soon. For further information on either, call Don Futterman at 863-6750.

The Young Judaea Bogrim Club will sponsor a "Fallen Into Winter Convention" Friday, December 17, through Sunday, December 19, at Camp Sprout Lake, the group's own Junior Judaea Camp. For further information, contact Don Futterman at 863-6750.

TEIXEIRA TO SPEAK

Professor Warren Teixeira will speak at Temple Beth El Sabbath services on Friday, December 10. His subject will be an artist's perception of Israel. Services will begin at 8:15 p.m. Professor Teixeira headed the department of textile design at the Rhode Island School of Design from 1958-72. He has recently returned after five years in Israel where he was invited by the government to assist in the establishment of a new college of design and technology. An advisor on art to the US Department of Education, his presentation will feature works of art which he painted in Israel.

SHARAH ZEDEK SERVICES

Sabbath eve services for the South County area's Jewish community will be held tonight, December 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the

synagogue of Congregation Sarah Zedek in Westerly. Marc Charash, a URI student and member of the Hillel Foundation there, will conduct the service. Pupils of the South County Hebrew School located in Kingston will be active participants in the service and Lenore Levin, principal of the Hebrew School, will deliver the sermon.

The Oneg Shabat following the services will be served by a group of the ladies of the synagogue, headed by Mrs. Leonard Masofsky. Joseph Lewiss, president of the congregation, has extended an invitation to all Jewish families in the South County area to attend the service.

'FIDDLER ON THE ROOF'

The Temple Emanu-El School Drama Club under the direction of Maida Horovitz is in rehearsal for the performance of "Fiddler on the Roof" to be presented by the students of grades Vov and Zayin of the Religious School.

The musical, adapted for this performance, will be presented on Sunday, December 19, at 11 a.m. in the meeting house, to the Religious School, interested parents, grandparents and members of the community. Mrs. Horovitz is assisted by Linda Rudacevsky and musical accompaniment is by Florence Parmet.

Aside from the actors and singers, many students will help with scenery, props, lighting and backdrops, aided by Esther Robbins.

LEUKEMIA SOCIETY

Dennis J. Roberts, general campaign chairman of the Leukemia Society of America, Inc., Rhode Island Chapter, recently announced the appointment of three co-chairmen of the total campaign's industry committee.

They are Edwin C. Brown, secretary-treasurer of the Rhode Island AFL-CIO; William A. Carroll, president of the Lorac Company, a Providence jewelry findings manufacturer; and Marvin S. Holland, president of E. Rosen Company of Pawtucket.

AGUDATH ISRAEL

Agudath Israel of Rhode Island will hold its first general meeting on Sunday, December 12, at 6 p.m. in the vestry of Congregation Ohave Sholom in Pawtucket.

Society

DAUGHTER BORN

Mr. and Mrs. Randall Lawrence Hozid of 3 Fairfield Road, Barrington, announce the birth of their second daughter, Jaqueline Renee, on December 2.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Hozid of Cranston and Florida. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Diodati of Barrington.

BOMES BAR MITZVAH

The Bar Mitzvah of Andrew H. Bomes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey J. Bomes of 23 Colgate Road, Wellesley, Massachusetts, took place on November 13 at Temple Israel on Riverway, Boston, Massachusetts.

Rabbi Roland Gittelsohn and Cantor Maurice Simon officiated.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Abner Sisson of Woburn, Massachusetts. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Julius Bomes of Warwick, Rhode Island.

A luncheon reception followed at the temple.

FIRST CHILD, A GIRL

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Cantor of Randolph, Massachusetts, announce the birth of their first child and daughter, Shira Gabriella, on August 3.

Mrs. Cantor is the former Sasha (Sylvia) Berlinsky.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Berlinsky of Providence. Paternal grandmother is Mrs. Herbert Cantor of Miami Beach, Florida.

Maternal great-grandmother is Fay Berlinsky of Providence.

Arms Aid Protects 'Maximum Freedom'

TEL AVIV: Addressing the Labor Party's 616-member Central Committee, the forum that selected him in 1974 for the post of Prime Minister to succeed Golda Meir, Yitzhak Rabin commented that Israel, with United States help, had acquired sufficient military strength to afford it "maximum freedom of political maneuverability" to meet a political drive the Arabs are expected to begin in 1977.

Mr. Rabin added that the American commitments assured Israel of qualitative superiority over the Arabs during the next five or ten years in aircraft, armaments and naval equipment, but not in ground-to-air missiles.

The Israeli leader, who commanded the victorious Israeli forces in the war of 1967, said American F-15 fighters would be operational in Israel shortly and that F-16's were promised for the 1980's, which would assure Israel of the world's

most advanced military planes.

Whereas Israel's neighboring countries — Egypt, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon — now have fewer fighter aircraft than they had on the eve of the war in October 1973, he said, Israel's total of aircraft is 35 to 40 percent greater.

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He's The Oldest Freshman That Harvard Remembers

CAMBRIDGE, MA: It's pretty easy to pass for a professor at Harvard University, even if you are only a freshman — that is, if your name is Harry Gersh, 63, and you sport a pipe, beard, turtle neck and sports jacket. As far as can be determined, Mr. Gersh is the oldest freshman ever to enroll at Harvard.

"The guards don't usually ask me for my I.D.," according to Mr. Gersh, who is the second generation in his family to attend Harvard. His son attended there before him. Now that he is retired and has the money, he feels he would rather pursue an education than waste time playing golf. "I don't want those mush courses that most schools serve up to older students. I thought the discipline of meeting the requirements for a regular degree would be a more worthwhile experience."

Mr. Gersh was born in Philadelphia in 1912 and, shortly after graduation from West Philadelphia High School, had to drop his studies to help support his family. He took courses at various times but never completed a college degree.

For more than four decades Mr. Gersh worked as a reporter and editor, as speech writer for W. Averell Harriman, as information director for the New York State Department of Labor and, for 18 years until his retirement, as public relations director for Martin E. Segal Company, an actuarial concern in Manhattan. On the side he wrote more than 100 radio and television scripts, numerous magazine articles and nine books, mostly on Jewish religion and culture.

Mr. Gersh and his wife, Violet, lived in Tuckahoe, N.Y., where they raised their two children. Their son, John, went to Harvard but dropped out in 1968 in the spring of his senior year. He completed his studies elsewhere and now teaches electrical engineering at the United States Naval Academy. Their daughter, Ruth, a 1975 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, is a graduate journalism student at the University of Michigan.

Two years ago, with his retirement approaching and the end of his children's education in sight, Mr. Gersh decided that he wanted to complete his own college degree.

Received Grant

To help pay Harvard's \$4,200 tuition as well as other expenses Mr. Gersh managed to negotiate a form of assistance that is not usually part

of a financial aid package: a \$10,000 grant from the Ford Foundation to write about his experiences. "The guy is unusually lively and interesting," explained Peter de Janosi of the foundation staff. "We thought he would provide some useful insights into the experiences of older students."

Mr. Gersh takes a normal freshman program consisting of Byzantine history, astronomy, linguistics and American history. The only requirement he avoided was expository writing. "I thought this would be kind of stupid," he said. "Eventually they agreed."

Mr. Gersh has found that being an older student has its advantages. "There are certain things I know in history because I lived through them," he said.

But there are also disadvantages. Mr. Gersh says that he occasionally gets "absolutely lost" in his astronomy class because he learned his math so long ago. "The professor just assumes everyone knows how to calculate the convergence of two stars," he said.

'Confusion Quotient'

Mr. Gersh has developed a somewhat different perspective on the academic world. "I came with a kind of visionary image of Harvard as a community of scholars," he recalled. "The reality is a little different. For example, the confusion quotient is quite high. I wanted to take one course, but when I showed up there were 100 people out in the hall unable to get in. Young people can live with chaos, but an older person finds it upsetting."

He also finds that the academic world is "a pre-adult environment."

"There's a lot of tittering in class," he said. You know how television comedians learn how to get a laugh by saying things like "Brooklyn." Well, the professors do the same thing.

Thus far Mr. Gersh has done well above average on his grades. He got an A on his first American history paper and an 83 on his first astronomy examination. "I was worried about the astronomy test, so I called my son in Annapolis to ask about some things I wasn't getting," he said. "It cost me \$10, but I did well."

Mr. Gersh said that the only real obstacle he saw to graduating four years from now was raising the money for tuition. "My son had it much easier," he declared. "He had a rich father."

Tortures Of Life Within The Soviet

MOSCOW: A recent incident involving the beating of a dozen Jewish dissidents in a forest outside Moscow, where they had been transported, dramatically points up the degree of cruelty and torture which can befall the Jew living in the Soviet. The group was beaten by plainclothesmen following a two-day sit-in at an administrative building of the Supreme Soviet. Most of their injuries were bruises, although one man suffered a broken nose and another a black eye.

The men had been refused exit visas and had gone to the Supreme Soviet, which is the country's legislative body, to ask for written statements on how long they would have to wait to leave and what the reasons were for denying them permission.

A former editor of the magazine *Asia and Africa Today*, Arkady Polishchuk, said the group had stayed in a reception room all day for two consecutive days. At approximately 5:30 p.m. on the second day, about 30 plainclothesmen evicted them from the building, put them into a bus and let them out at the edge of Moscow.

Today the pattern was repeated, except that the bus went to a forest

about 35 to 40 miles outside the city, the men said.

"They ordered us out of the bus," Mr. Polishchuk reported. "We said we wouldn't leave. It was very dark. We didn't know where we were and we were afraid."

The plainclothesmen pushed and dragged the Jews from the bus, he said, and for what some of the demonstrators estimated was 30 minutes, chased them through the woods, pummeling and kicking them.

Vladimir Slepak, a 49-year-old electrical engineer, said his hands were kicked as he tried to hang onto the bus. "Then I was kicked on the back and the head," he said.

"Don't beat in the face," one of the plainclothesmen instructed the others, according to Mr. Polishchuk's account. Nevertheless, Zakhar Tesker's nose was broken. He is a strapping, 30-year-old former army soccer player. He served in a missile unit.

"They were beating very professionally," Mr. Tesker said. "They used very sophisticated tricks, like beating over the neck in such a way as to make the body limp."



FROM FRIDAY TO FRIDAY Widowed-to-Widowed A New Group By BERYL SEGAL

Death is final, irreversible and universal. And this is what makes death, the mystery of death, so elusive, so baffling to mankind from time immemorial to this day.

One can be philosophical about death and say that it is with us from the day we are born. The clock of life ticks away the minutes, the years, as soon as a child opens its eyes and starts looking at the world. It is the same for all animals. Man is no better nor worse.

If one is a religious person he tells us that just as we cannot fathom the beginning of life, neither can we understand the end of life. A religious person tells us that death is not the end. Just as life does not consist of material things only, so life does not end when these material things are laid in the grave. Therefore, we must not grieve. Life is a mystery. Death is a mystery. He who gave life also takes it away, and we will understand the scheme of things in time.

But death is the end of the world to the bereaved. The bereaved cry, protest, refuse to be comforted, resent, in fact, every attempt to comfort them. They lash out at everything and everybody accusing the Creator Himself for their misfortune. The bereaved cannot face the world. Everything people do and say and plan seems so trifling, so trivial. The bereaved want to be left alone with their thoughts, with their private anguish.

But all this is true when the pain is still fresh. There comes a time when the bereaved begins to take interest in life around them. To some it comes earlier, to others it is slower. But time heals

wounds. The scar remains forever, but the passage of days and weeks and months dulls the pain. People must eat. People must drink. People must attend to their business. And this is the beginning of normalcy. The bereaved seeks a friend, an understanding soul, a kindred spirit. The bereaved wants a person who has been through the agony of losing someone near and dear, a person who speaks from experience, a person before whom the bereaved is not ashamed to cry; that person will cry with them.

Such a person is acceptable to the bereaved.

The Widowed to Widowed movement reaches out to the newly bereaved. The group consists of widowed men and women who bring solace to those to whom fate has been unkind. They are not professionals. They do not come bearing charity. Nor do they carry questionnaires with them to publish papers on the bereaved. They just want to visit with the bereaved. They want to be of help to the bereaved. There are so many things they can talk over. What to do with the house? To sell it and go live with children, as so many advise, or to resist giving up their home. To get rid of all their possessions or to hold on to them? How to dispose of clothing left by the departed spouse? And dozens of other "little" problems that loom large to the newly widowed person. How did the visitors cope with similar things?

The existence of such widowed to widowed groups in many communities show their urgency. The largest of them is in Boston. Here in Providence the group was orga-

nized under the auspices of the Rabbinical Association, the Community Center and the Jewish Family & Children's Service. The group has been gathering information from many sources before embarking on their work. They are training each other.

There are many precautions to be taken when one approaches a bereaved. One false move on the part of a member may embitter the bereaved toward the whole group. You cannot be too solicitous, nor is aloofness on the part of the caller the proper manner. Calling too soon after the loss sustained by the bereaved is in poor taste. The time and the general approach can be obtained from the funeral director who has dealt with the widowed person in the trying days just passed. As a matter of fact, the funeral director who was present at the session of the widowed to widowed group was very helpful in suggesting who can be seen, when the call may be made, and the chances for being accepted.

It was suggested, for instance, that a week before a holiday is the right time for a visit from the group. It was further suggested that younger people are more favorably inclined to a visitor.

Not all calls will be successful. Sometimes just a few words such as, "I have been through this," will open the doors to a heart that was shut to outsiders. Others will prefer to stay shut within themselves and not allow anyone to come near them. Their bitterness is unsurmountable. Members of the group must steel themselves to all eventualities. Try and try again ought to be the motto of these compassionate people who want to offer of themselves to people who were severely hurt by fate.

(Mr. Segal's opinions are his own and not necessarily those of this newspaper.)

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10:30 a.m.
South Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association, Board Meeting
12:00 noon
Hope Chapter #735, B'nai B'rith Women, Chanukah Party
2:30 p.m.
Rhode Island Children's Theatre #1, Jewish Community Center
7:00 p.m.
Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood, Mitzvah

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1976

12:30 p.m.
Aleph Group of Hadassah, Regular Meeting.
8:00 p.m.
Providence Hebrew Day School Women, Board Meeting
Temple Beth El, Board Meeting
8:15 p.m.
Temple Beth Am Sisterhood, Board Meeting
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1976
1:00 p.m.
Ladies' Association, Jewish Home for the Aged, Open Board Meeting
8:00 p.m.
Congregation Mishkan Tzion, Chanukah Party
Providence Hebrew Day School, Executive Committee Meeting

8:15 p.m.

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UNSOPHISTICATED TOKYO: The Soviet MIG-25 that landed at Hakodate airport in northern Japan is less sophisticated than had been believed, bearing a resemblance more to a "manned rocket," informed sources said today, according to Reuters.

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They were honored in a salute to Israel on November 28, sponsored by the Hallandale Jewish Center. Special guest at the breakfast gathering was Robert Mayer Evans, noted foreign correspondent, author and lecturer.

The couple was honored for their dedication and leadership which

have aided many causes and which have served as inspiration for their fellowman.

Mr. Pritsker, as a member for nine years and as current president of the Hallandale Jewish Center, and Mrs. Pritsker, as a member of the board of directors and as president of the Sisterhood, were both cited as reflecting the Jewish tradition of service in their dedication and leadership. Both have been leaders in the fund-raising efforts of B'nai B'rith, ORT and other causes in South Florida.

Mr. Pritsker has been the recipient of the Ben Gurion Award of the United Jewish Appeal and the Torch of Liberty Award from the Anti-Defamation League.

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'LITTLE PICTURES'

The Providence Art Club on Thomas Street will hold its annual holiday "Little Pictures" show and sale.

Opening with a tea on Sunday, December 12, from 3 to 5 p.m., the event will continue through December 24. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily; 3 to 5 p.m. Sundays. Admission is free.

ALEPH GROUP HADASSAH

At the regular meeting of the Aleph Group of Hadassah on Monday, December 13, at 12:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, there will be a Hanukah sing-a-long with Reuben Schwartz and a Lotka party. Hospitality will be handled by Mildred Tarlow.

JWV TO HONOR

Rhode Island Post No. 23 of the Jewish War Veterans will honor its members who are World War I Veterans at its next meeting. Chairman for the meeting is former state senator and State Department commander Paul Robin. An invitation has been extended to wives and members of Post No. 23 Ladies Auxiliary. The meeting will take place at Eileen Darling's Restaurant in Seekonk, Massachusetts, on December 15 at 7 p.m.

All Jewish War Veterans are welcome to join the group at their meeting. Further information is available from Rod Locke, 421-5751 days, or 944-0488 evenings.

HANUKAH MALAVAH MALKAH

A Malavah Malkah will be held to celebrate the lighting of the Hanukah candles on Saturday evening, December 18, at 7 p.m. in the social hall of Congregation

Shaare Zedek-Sons of Abraham. A traditional Hanukah meal will be served.

Kay Spector and Phyllis Boyce, who have entertained all over the East Coast, with Jewish, Hebrew and English songs, will perform. The public is invited.

'PARADE OF LIFE'

The Looking Glass Theatre will present "The Parade of Life," a look at how life evolved, at the fifth annual Hanukah Festival on Sunday, December 19, at 11:30 a.m. Luncheon will be served and a Menorah contest will be held. For further information concerning children's gifts and to make reservations, contact Esther Falk, 171 Meadow Road, Woonsocket 02895, Tele: 766-3364.

MAJESTIC SENIOR GUILD

The annual Hanukah luncheon of the Majestic Senior Guild will be held at Temple Beth Torah on Park Avenue at noon on Tuesday, December 21.

The Hanukah prayer will be offered by Rabbi Gerald Zelermyer. Highlight of the afternoon will be a musical program and guest comedian. Reservations must be made by members.

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Boston To Have Soviet Exhibit

BOSTON: A documentary photo-panel exhibit of a show which opened in the Leningrad apartment of Evgeny Abezgauz in the fall of 1975, "Twelve From the Soviet Underground," will be presented at the Spingold Theatre at Brandeis University on February 6 through

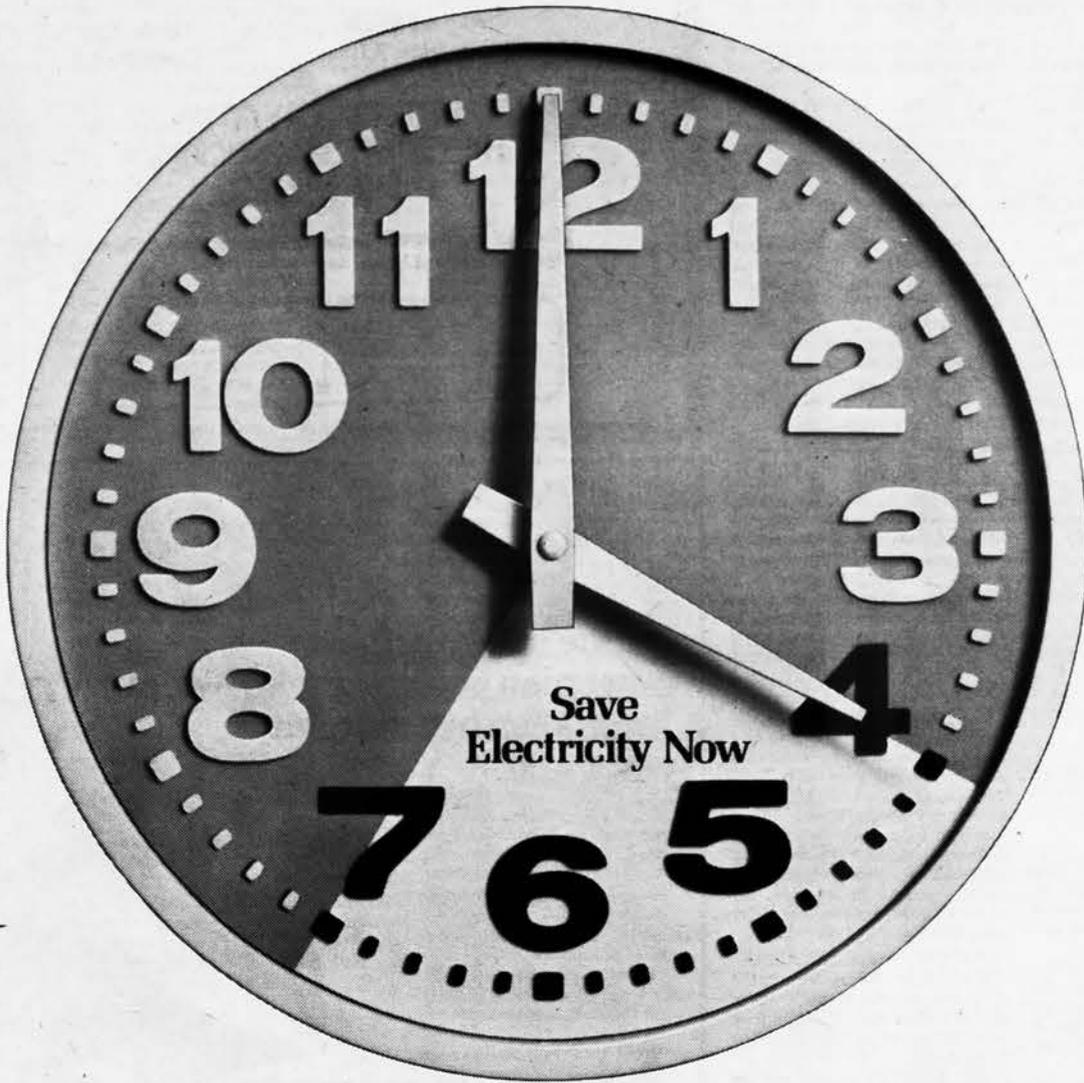
27. It is being sponsored by the Action for Soviet Jewry.

Following the Leningrad showing of the exhibit, it moved to Moscow where more than 5,000 crowded in to see it. After the show closed, Abezgauz was fired from his job. This exhibit brings to the free

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By Robert E. Starr

Some players dread taking finesse, saying they always lose. Others take all they can find,

probably enjoying the thrill of the gamble. Remember, they are 50-50 propositions unless something tells you more. Actually a finesse should only be taken when there is no other way of making a trick without it, more or less as a last resort although most have to be tried as it is the only way to catch a particular honor. Every Declarer took one in today's hand and were unfortunate to find that either of the two they tried failed causing the hand to go down. Had they thought better they had a sure way to play the hand without any finesse. Before going on see if you can see it.

North
♦ J 7
♥ J 6 5
♦ A 8 3
♠ 8 7 5 4 2

West
♦ K 6 4
♥ K 9 7 3 2
♦ Q J 10
♠ 10 6

East
♦ 8 3
♥ 10 8 4
♦ 9 7 6 2
♠ K Q J 3

South
♦ A Q 10 9 5 2
♥ A Q
♦ K 5 4
♠ A 9

East was Dealer, East and West vulnerable with this bidding:

E	S	W	N
P	1♦	P	INT
P	4♦	End	

The bidding provided no problem. North having just enough to respond to his partner's opening bid and South feeling that his hand and suit were strong enough to contract for game even opposite the weakest hand North might have. Had they played the hand differently they could have been right.

West had a natural lead, the Diamond Queen and right here is the time the Declarer should take his time to figure out just what is his best line of play. Every Declarer I watched couldn't wait to win that first trick in Dummy to take a finesse, usually the Trump finesse, which lost and now a trick had to be given up in each suit for down one. Actually, if one were to take a finesse, and with but one entry to Dummy to use to best advantage, the better one would have been the Heart finesse for even if East had the Trump King, he might have had four Trumps and still make his King whereas if the Heart finesse works it doesn't matter for a trick is gained.

True, it is unfortunate both finesse do lose but we might say justice prevails for there is a better way to make this hand. Instead of winning trick one in Dummy win in South and with that Diamond Ace still over there simply play the Ace and Queen of Hearts. But that would be giving up you might say. Look again as West wins his King (the finesse would have lost anyhow) and returns another Diamond. Win that in Dummy and now play that good Heart Jack discarding a loser. Believe it or not now you are in Dummy anyhow and can still take that Trump finesse. If you can analyze a hand well and are a true Duplicate player you will hope that Trump finesse does lose so your good play will not be in vain. If it did work now it would mean that those who gambled and won trick one in Dummy to take that finesse would make as many tricks as you would.

As I have mentioned so many times as I illustrate a hand, probably the worst part of Duplicate Bridge is the fact that often, be-

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December 20-December 23—International Conference on Pedestrian Safety

December 20-December 27—First International Conference on Cycling

Dec. 20-Jan. 3—Third Annual Family Tour of Israel, led by Rabbi Arthur Chiel

January 4-January 18—Anshe Kol Israel, led by Rabbi Milton Steinberg

Jan. 9-Jan. 19—Fourth Annual Interfaith Mission, led by Rabbi Murray Rothman, Rev. Joseph Bullock, Rev. Alvin Porteous

Jan. 12-Jan. 26—Temple Israel, led by Rabbi Oscar Rosenbaum

Jan. 18-Jan. 28—First Congregational Church, led by Rev. James Williams

January 24-February 7—Beth Emeth Assoc., led by Dr. Burt Novitsky

January 30-February 9—Adath Yeshurun, led by Mr. Harold Hoffman

January 31-February 10 — Diaspora Yeshiva Toras Yisrael

January 31-February 21 — Fairwood Group, led by Rev. Victor Abram

February 14-February 24 — First Jerusalem Conf. of Christians and Israelis, led by Rev. Malcolm Boyd

February 15-February 25—Temple Isaiah, led by Rabbi Cary David Yales

February 17-February 27—Tour of the Holy Land & Rome, led by Father J.J. Valenti

February 20-February 25—Opportunity '77 Israel American Business Week, led by Mr. Max Ratner

February 20-March 1—Combined Veterans Pilgrimage—VFW, American Legion, Disabled Amvets, Amvets, led by Commanders J. Burnett, J. Comer, M. Hurley, L. Cordeiro

February 21-March 7—Temple Beth El/Norwalk, led by Rabbi Jonas Goldberg

February 23-March 9—Temple Beth El/Portland, led by Cantor Kurt Messerschmidt

February 23-March 9 — Mass. and Conn. Visits Israel, led by Mr. and Mrs. Mel Lepow

February 28-March 10—JWV Robert F. Kennedy Post No. 668, led by Past National Commander Albert Schlossberg

March 1-March 15 — Temple Sinai and Temple Beth Israel Purim Tour, led by Dorothy Jacobson

March 1-March 15 — BBN Jewish Community Center, led by Mr. Joel Krensky

March 6-March 12 — Jerusalem Jewelry and Arts & Crafts Fair

March 7-March 21 — Temple Ner Tamid, led by Rabbi Abraham Morhaim

March 27-April 1 — International Symposium on Drug Activity

April 4-April 18 — Easter in the Holy Land, led by Father Robert Shannon

April 6-April 20 — First International Meeting on Clinical Lab Management

April 12-April 26 — Union Congregational Church, led by Rev. Alan Bedford

April 18-May 2 — Annual Spring Tour led by Mr. & Mrs. S. Heller

April 20-May 11 — Brith Kodesh Center, led by Rabbi Abraham Sharfman

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May 4-May 19 — American Physicians Fellowship Tour to Israel — Seminar on Recent Advances in Diagnosis & treatment of Neurological Disorders, led by Dr. Manuel Glazier

May 8-May 13 — Jerusalem Conference on Impaired Vision in Childhood

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May 12-May 26 — Darchy Noam Sisterhood, led by Mrs. Esther Woods

May 16-May 26 — Adath Yeshurun Club, led by Mr. and Mrs. Milton Silverman

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Discover Water

TEL AVIV (JTA): Mekorot, Israel's water company, has discovered an underground water reservoir near the Dead Sea capable of yielding one million gallons of sweet water an hour. The discovery opens new possibilities for irrigating the Negev and for increasing the number of settlements there as well as expanding existing ones.

ADL Concerned Over 'The Passover Plot'

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and The Jewish Community Council of Boston expressed deep concern over the recent American premier of the film, "The Passover Plot," which they feel disparages the Christian community. The film is based on the controversial book by Dr. Hugh Schonfield, Bert Paley, New England

Regional ADL board chairman, pointed out that both Jewish and Christian scholars have been critical of the film's thesis. For example, Professor David Flusser, of Hebrew University in Israel, a recognized scholar of the New Testament and early Christianity, told the *Jerusalem Post* that the Schonfield hypothesis is "absurd" and that, "Schonfield shows a real ignorance of the Judaism of the time. To suppose that Jesus would actually plan a scenario of his own death is a complete impossibility. There is no question but that Jesus died on the cross. I have never doubted that, and it is clear to me from all sources."

Although both the Anti-Defamation League and the Jewish Community Council oppose censorship, said Albert Schlossberg, president of the JCC, they are deeply troubled by the manner in which this film disparages a major faith within the community.

Mr. Paley and Mr. Schlossberg expressed the hope that responsible members of the Jewish and Christian community will join in issuing statements regretting the outrageous reflection on Christianity depicted in the film.

The Anti-Defamation League is the educational arm of B'nai B'rith and has played a major role in combatting anti-Semitism for the past 63 years. It has regional offices in 30 US cities and its professional staff is supported in its work by thousands of B'nai B'rith units and important lay leadership.

The Jewish Community Council is a community relations agency comprised of representatives of the 31 major Jewish organizations in the Greater Boston area. It was established in 1944 to help maintain the dignity and integrity of Jewish life. Its areas of activity include inter-faith relations, Israel, urban affairs, human rights and Soviet Jewry. The Council maintains a free community speakers bureau.

Eban Asks Vigilance

NEW YORK (JTA): Former Foreign Minister Abba Eban said here that vigilance was needed now that the civil war in Lebanon appeared to be nearing an end.

Eban, speaking at the installation of officers of Bnai Zion said that the Arabs will close ranks quickly with hatred of Israel once again a common denominator in their unification. He declared that Israel has never had any "long-term gain" from Arab intra-strife.

Eban said he had made a special trip to the U.S. to induct Rabbi William Berkowitz as president of Bnai Zion before an audience of more than 2000. Berkowitz urged both the Republicans and Democrats to refrain from making the Middle East "a political football," declaring that Israel's security is in the interest of the United States.

Eban reaffirmed that the U.S. continued to be Israel's "most stalwart" friend, "economically, militarily, in defense of Israel's interests." He said American diplomacy alone holds the "mediating role" in the Middle East because the Soviet Union is weak in the region, the United Nations has "ruled itself out and Europe is self-contained in its economic future."

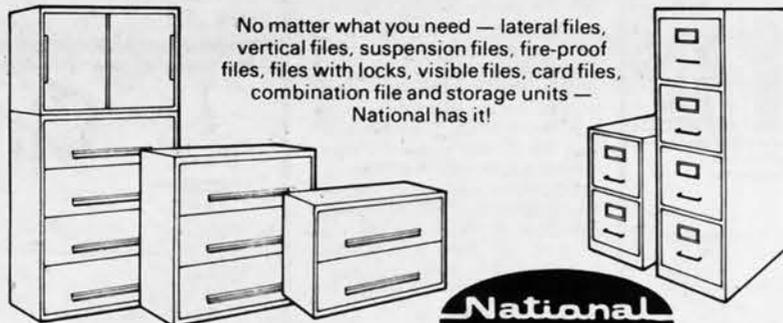
Pioneer Project

JERUSALEM (JTA): Some 1500 high school students in 18 schools in the Matte Yehuda region near Jerusalem will begin this week an educational project on "Jews in the United States."

The project, sponsored by the International Cultural Center for Youth in Jerusalem, in conjunction with the Ministry of Education and Culture and the regional council, is the first of its kind in Israel.

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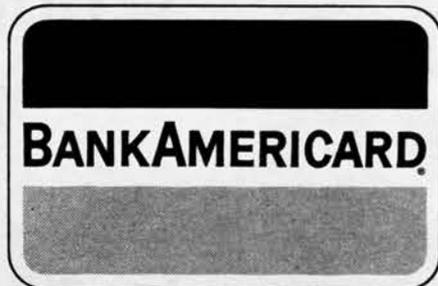
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Mizrachi Women Cite Abba Eban

NEW YORK: American Mizrachi Women presented its Golden Jubilee Rambam Award to Israeli statesman Abba Eban at its Golden Jubilee Scholarship Dinner recently at the New York Hilton. The award is presented annually to "distinguished teachers, writers, educators and scholars who have contributed significantly."

Asks Ford To Prohibit PLO Office In Capital

NEW YORK (JTA): President Ford was urged Dec. 1 by the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations to prohibit the opening of a Palestine Liberation Organization office in Washington.

In a telegram to the White House the Conference voiced "profound

dismay" at a State Department comment last week that there was no way to prevent the PLO from opening an office in Washington as long as it complies with regulations. The telegram, signed by Rabbi Alexander Schindler, chairman, and Yehuda Hellman, executive director, said "In the interest of public safety, and the cause of peace in the Middle East, our country must not permit killers of Jewish children and the assassins of

American diplomats to open an office in Washington, D.C.

"Surely there is a law or principle of law that can be invoked to protect the American people from the criminal conspiracy that constitutes the PLO. We urge you therefore to issue instructions prohibiting the PLO from opening an office in Washington."

Commenting on the statement, the telegram said: "In our view it is not a question of what is 'propitious' but rather what is the principle involved in permitting an avowedly terrorist organization to open headquarters in our nation's capital."

Notices

BETH EL BROTHERHOOD

Lincoln C. Almond, United States District Attorney, will be the speaker at the Brotherhood of Temple Beth El breakfast meeting, December 12.

The meeting is open to the public and will begin at 10:15 a.m.

Attorney Almond is a practicing attorney in Rhode Island, has served several terms as Town Administrator of Lincoln, Rhode Island, and has been a United States attorney for Rhode Island since 1968. He is also a member of the Attorney General's Advisory Committee of the United States Attorneys, serving in that capacity since 1973. He has also been active in the Industrial Foundations of the Pawtucket areas for several years.

His subject, "You and Your Federal District Attorney," will explain and clarify the role of the federal attorneys in the criminal justice system.

HANUKAH PARTY

A Hanukkah party and dinner will be held at the Joseph H. Ladd School in Exeter on December 20 at 12 noon. Rabbi Saul Leeman will conduct services.

Chicken dinner will be served, followed by refreshments of cake and fruit, to approximately 60 residents and attendants.

Gifts will be distributed to residents and attendants. Mrs. Albert Cohen, chairman, will be assisted by hostesses including Mrs. Sigmund Abrams, Mrs. Milton Silk, Mrs. Ellis Rosenthal and Mrs. Louis Gladstone. The event is sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island.

RI SELFHYP

Rhode Island Selfhelp will hold its next meeting on Sunday, December 12, at 2:15 p.m. in the Jewish Community Center in the Federation's board room, 401 Elm Grove Avenue. Guest speaker will be Abraham J. Aschkenasy, director of the Women's Division and of Public Relations for the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island. He will present an analysis of current political events.

Mr. Aschkenasy was teaching at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and at Tel Aviv University and served as lecturer on Israel and Mid-Eastern affairs for the United Jewish Appeal in New York.

Guests are invited to attend the meeting and refreshments will be served.

BETH AM SISTERHOOD

The Sisterhood of Temple Beth Am is holding its annual holiday bazaar at the temple, 40 Gardiner Street, Warwick, on Sunday, December 12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be Hanukkah candles, wrapping paper, holiday gift items, handcraft items, Tupperware, silhouettes by Carrie Gardner, an artist doing scrimshaw, plants, cosmetics by a home demonstrator and sandwiches by Seena's Luncheonette.

WALT DISNEY ART

The Art Association of Newport will present the art of Walt Disney in their main building, Cushing Gallery, 76 Bellevue Avenue, with an opening reception on Sunday, December 12, from 4 to 6 p.m. The exhibits will run through January 9.

Also on display will be "Christo: Oceanfront," assembled by the

Princeton University Art Museum.

The Art Association is open to the public Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays and holidays from 2 to 5 p.m. On December 25 and January 1, the Art Association will be closed.

FAMILY POWER DYNAMICS

A one day workshop entitled "Power Dynamics in the Family" will be held on Saturday, January 8, from 9:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Central Congregational Church, 296 Angell Street, sponsored by the Metropolitan Cooperative Extension Service of the University of Rhode Island, under the direction of Dr. Saul A. Silverman and Mr. Leonard Anderson.

Their hypothesis is that mental health is rooted in the family. The workshop is designed to help discover and work with the power dynamics in families in order to increase the humanness, sharing and relatedness for all family members.

For more information or for registration, call Sue Barker at 521-6443.

BETH TORAH BREAKFAST

The Sisterhood and Men's Club of Temple Beth Torah are planning a joint breakfast to be held on Sunday, December 12, at the temple, 330 Park Avenue, Cranston. Services will be held at 9 a.m., breakfast at 9:30 a.m., followed by guest speaker, Dr. Phillip Very, professor of psychology at Rhode Island College.

Dr. Very is recognized nationally as a leader of research dealing with birth order and its effects. He has a doctorate in clinical psychology from Pennsylvania State University and is a licensed psychologist. His topic will be "Birth Order and Your Personality."

The morning's program is being arranged by Corinne Lamchick, chairman of the Sisterhood, and Herman Pavlow and Frank Prosnitz, co-chairmen of the Men's Club. President of the Sisterhood is Renee Dreyfuss and Men's Club president is Ernest Namerow.

LUPUS ASSOCIATION

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TRANSACTIONAL ANALYSIS

The public is invited to a one-day educational workshop entitled "Transactional Analysis" on Sunday, December 12, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, Providence. The workshop is being co-sponsored by the Family Life Education Program of URI's Metropolitan Providence Cooperative Extension Service, and will be led by Marc Silverman. Mr. Silverman holds a B.S. from Cornell University and is a master's candidate in group dynamics and organizational development at Campus Free College.

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UN Promptly Amends Plan For A Mideastern Parley

UNITED NATIONS, NY: Israel offered a resolution recently in the General Assembly of the United Nations calling for a Middle East conference on its own terms, in an apparent attempt to counter an Egyptian diplomatic initiative.

Promptly thereafter, an Arab-backed amendment was introduced to redefine the conference along lines favored by the Arab side. Specifically, they wish to include the Palestinian Liberation Organization among the official participants.

Outside the hall of the General Assembly, jockeying dominated the various strategy groups as the session went through the motions of a series of set speeches on the Middle East.

Prior to this action, Egypt led off the debate at an earlier session with a proposal to summon the Geneva conference, choosing ambiguous terminology that it hoped would make the resolution acceptable to the United States and other supporters of the Israeli position.

It was to this move that Israel responded today, introducing a resolution of its own for the first time in General Assembly history, according to Chaim Herzog, the Israeli delegate.

Amendment Added

The Israeli resolution would pin down some of the earlier ambiguities by calling specifically on Egypt, Israel, Jordan and Syria — not the Palestinians — to reconvene in Geneva for a conference based on the Security Council resolutions of 1967 and 1973 that created the generally accepted framework for

peace talks.

Within two hours, India, Sri Lanka and Yugoslavia introduced an amendment after consultations with the Arab states. The amendment would add the Palestinians to the list of parties at the conference. It also refers to a third resolution, adopted by the General Assembly last year, recognizing the "inalienable national rights" of the Palestinians, including their participation in any negotiations.

Since both of these points are unacceptable to Israel, it seems possible that the Israeli resolution will be withdrawn before being voted upon.

The maneuvering is an attempt by each side to circumscribe the diplomatic dialogue in terms most favorable to its own position. Clear momentum has developed toward a reconvening of the Geneva conference in the early months of the Carter Administration; the issue is, in what form and under whose auspices.

Mr. Herzog, in introducing the resolution, told reporters that he expected Arab attempts to "torpedo" the resolution.

"But we felt it was worth putting in, terms exactly what we are prepared to do," he added.

Arab speakers in the debate have frequently accused Israel of delaying tactics to stall off a Geneva conference. Replying to this contention, Mr. Herzog said a conference organized along the lines of the Israeli resolution "could open today, tomorrow, whenever you wish."

Refugee Relocation Has Become An Issue

GAZA: Many Palestinian Gaza Strip refugees are the subject of a pending resolution in the United Nations General Assembly as the result of Israel's government aiding them to move from the densely populated refugee camps to modest government housing. The resolution is critical of Israel's relocation of refugees from the squalid United Nations camps they have inhabited since 1948. It calls on Israel to cease moving the refugees to new housing and to return the thousands who have been relocated to the camps operated by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees.

On the surface, Israel's position can be clearly defended, since they are replacing miserable dwellings with liveable housing. However, international politics complicates the issue: the disputes over Israel's retention of the Arab territories seized in the 1967 war, and the complex history of Gaza's stateless residents.

Shanties Leveled

The pawns in the dispute are the 420,000 residents of Gaza, particularly the 150,000 to 200,000 who live in the makeshift camps that for 28 years have been regarded as temporary shelters until the political fate of the area is finally decided.

Until just a few years ago, terror and murder reigned in the Gaza Strip. The Israeli authorities credit the relative calm of today in large measure to the fact that the Israeli military leveled thousands of refugee shanties to create wide roads, large enough for a half-track tank to turn around in. Before that, the camps, were streetless, tightly packed clusters of houses with rabbit-warren networks of alleys, ideal for terrorists and hopeless for pursuing soldiers.

A solution to the terror would not have been found without opening roads, said Maj. Amir Cheshin, information officer for the Israeli military command in charge of the Gaza Strip.

The initial clearing work affected 2,500 families, or roughly 11,000 people who were relocated in other parts of the Gaza Strip, many in

housing as makeshift as what they had left. In 1972, the Israeli Government began to get involved in creating housing projects for the refugees, partly, Major Cheshin said, as a preventive security measure, partly so they could start normal lives.

Humanitarian Motives

The idea behind the projects is less security and more humanitarian, Major Cheshin said. There are plans for 2,900 housing units that Gazans may purchase for \$4,000. In addition, the Government is offering vacant tracts of land for sale for the construction of homes.

Several thousand families are now living in the new projects. While hardly more than substandard, the dwellings are superior to the hovels of the refugee camps, which are free. A number of refugees interviewed said they preferred the Israeli-built dwellings because they were larger and had bits of land for greening.

"We find out that refugees who long ago left the camps are buying rooms in shelters inside the camp just to be eligible for the new projects," the major said.

At United Nations headquarters in Gaza, a less sanguine view of the housing projects prevails. Officials there say that refugees are pressured

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Bridge

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cause of the fortunate lie of the cards, an inferior play is not punished. In today's hand it was but only because the finesse did lose. Tomorrow the same exact hand could come up again with just one change, the Spade King going from West to East. Now everyone would make the hand.

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Last Major Work Given To Jerusalem By Calder

JERUSALEM (JTA): The last major work by the famed sculptor Alexander Calder, who died recently at 78, will be erected at Holland

Square in Beit Hakerem, Jerusalem next May.

Calder donated the model for the work during his first and only visit

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Former Soviet Jew Urges That All Jewish Emigrants Get Aid

NEW YORK (JTA): A Soviet immigrant now living in Israel said that all Jewish emigrants from the USSR should be helped regardless of whether they go to Israel or not. Mrs. Natasha Rubinstein, who is in the United States for a lecture tour, made her remarks in response to questions at a press conference call-

ed by the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry. Mrs. Rubinstein, speaking for herself, said it was urgent to get Jews out of the Soviet Union before they are all assimilated and Soviet Jewry disappears.

"In Russia they can't be Jews," she said. "Maybe in other countries

they will be Jews again."

A former philologist at the Pushkin Memorial Museum, Mrs. Rubinstein and her husband, Boris, and their two children, immigrated to Israel in 1974 after a three-year struggle. She said that she and her husband had been assimilationists, too, until their Judaism was

awakened by the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968 and the "anti-Semitic" Leningrad trial in 1970.

Margy-Ruth Davis, the organization's executive director, announced upcoming events, an all-day symposium Dec. 21 at the Graduate Center of City University

of New York to coincide with a symposium on Jewish culture being held by Jewish activists in Moscow Dec. 21-23.

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Construction For Center Due To Begin Next Month

NEW YORK (JTA): Construction is scheduled to begin in January on a \$4.5 million Jewish cultural center which will house three institutions near the Lincoln Center on Manhattan's West Side. The seven-story building, to be completed early in 1978, will be named for Abraham Goodman, an industrialist and Jewish communal leader, who provided \$2.5 million for design and construction.

The land was purchased by the Hebrew Arts School for Music and Dance for \$1 million in 1966. The school will be one of the three institutions to be housed in the Abraham D. Goodman House. The others are the Tarbut Foundation for the Advancement of Hebrew Culture and schools operated by the Lincoln Square Synagogue.

Goodman, who is treasurer of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, is president of the Tarbut Foundation. Those institutions are now scattered in borrowed facilities. The remaining \$1 million is being raised by members of the Orthodox synagogue, which was reported half-way toward that goal through a \$500,000 contribution from Joseph Gruss, an investment banker, and his wife, Caroline.

The Layout

The section of the Goodman House to be used by the Hebrew Arts School will have 28 music studios, an art workshop, two dance studios, a music library and an electronic music studio. The new facility will provide, for the Tarbut Foundation, administrative offices,

exhibit areas and galleries, and four classrooms. The synagogues will have 15 classrooms, offices, youth recreation areas and a roof playground.

Also to be included in the Goodman House are a 475-seat concert hall, a 150-seat recital hall, an art exhibition section and a Judaica library. Also planned are an outdoor garden and a memorial to the six million victims of the European Holocaust.

Mayor Abraham Beame presented the 86-year-old Jewish leader with the city's Scroll for Distinguished and Exceptional Service to the city at a crowded City Hall ceremony. Beame lauded Goodman for his generosity "and lifelong dedication to the highest ideals of the city's Jewish community." He added that not until plans were made for the Goodman House "has anyone come forward with plans for a comprehensive center for Jewish culture."

Relocation

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into purchasing the Israeli housing, that refugees complain of coercive tactics, and that, as one official put it, the Government wants to get rid of the camps so as to be able to claim in the international arena that there is no longer a refugee problem in the area.

Symbolic Meaning

This view has it that a major part of the Palestinian problem is the presence of the refugee camps and that the Israelis, by attracting refugees away from them, will effect a change in their status. The clamor from the Arab nations to return the refugees to the camps seems to stem from this interpretation. The Israelis say they are not affecting the Palestinians' refugee status by providing the new housing nor is that their aim.

United Nations officials say that this view is espoused verbally by the Israelis but does not exist in writing and that the Israeli position could change at any time.

One United Nations official said that so long as the camps exist, the Palestinians can still claim a right to return to their original homeland and that by moving to the new housing "the Government could claim the people are resettled in permanent homes."

Particularly distressing, said Ronald Davidson, deputy director of the United Nations refugee agency, is the fact that a refugee family relocating to an Israeli project must demolish his camp shelter before leaving. These shelters are needed for other refugees because of a growing population, Mr. Davidson said. In addition, the shelters are United Nations property.

U.N. Aide Critical

"We're not objecting to the new houses themselves," Mr. Davidson said. "If the host government wants to construct better housing, let them. But we do object to the fact that people are being forced out of the camps."

The Israeli military command and the United Nations agency are bickering on a number of issues. The Israelis say that many Gazans no longer eligible for sustenance food rations still receive them. The refugee agency says it works hard to screen ineligible and the Israelis are not helpful at providing information such as the precise number of Gazans employed in Israel.

This is so, the United Nations agency says, because many Gazans work for Israeli employers who do not register them with the state for worker benefits and the military does not want to call attention to this embarrassment.

While Mr. Kahlout, a resident of one of the more tortured arenas of international politics, works on the extension to his new house and plants his greenery, his fate continues to be debated in forums like the United Nations, which has talked of his plight for years and so far reconciled nothing.

To Visit Israel

JERUSALEM (JTA): Playwright Arthur Miller is expected to arrive in Jerusalem soon with his wife. Miller will write a book about Jerusalem and his wife will take the photos for the volume.

During his two-week stay, Miller will be Mayor Teddy Kollek's guest while in Jerusalem and will also meet Israeli writers and artists. An

English theater group from Rehovot will present one of Miller's plays at the Jerusalem Theater.

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In an attempt to determine the effects of do-it-yourself diet books, Brownell and his colleagues, Dr. Carol L. Heckerman and Dr. Robert J. Westlake, compared a group receiving no treatment to two other groups. The do-it-yourself group received a weight reduction manual by mail while the other participants received the same programs in group treatment sessions conducted by professionals.

Members receiving no treatment gained an average of two pounds during the program. The group treatment members had an average loss of ten pounds and maintained most of this for six additional months. In comparison, the do-it-yourself group lost an average of only two pounds after the program. The participants receiving group sessions lost significantly more weight than the do-it-yourself dieters.

Brownell pointed out that "recurrent weight loss and weight gain has been shown to have a bad influence on emotional and physical health.

"Each year, millions of Americans buy popular diet books. In addition, popular magazines continually offer abbreviated 'miracle diet' cures for the obese. Unfortunately little personal professional guidance is available with these diets," he noted.

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versity Faculty Club, October 13, 1976.)

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Before me was a chaotic situation to which I wanted first to bring some order. Specifically, the Babylonian Talmud, which I then (falsely) perceived to be the principal document of Talmudic Judaism, was produced in Babylonia, yet we had no clear and detailed history of the Jews in Babylonia.

Accordingly, we had no concrete notion of the historical context in which the Talmud took shape. I could not see how any progress was possible without some account of "the world of the Talmud," that is to say, the Babylonian Jewish community which produced the Talmud. In undertaking that work—which resulted in five volumes, begun in 1961 and completed in 1969, I recognized that I had to study Iranian history and language, for the Talmud was produced in a community under Iranian rule. This led to a number of byways, but also brought me into contact with some wonderful scholars.

As the work unfolded, I began to get some clear sense of the sort of historical materials I had in hand. This was the beginning of consciousness.

I recognized, first of all, that we could not even speak of "Talmudic history" any longer. For the Talmud is a document. It is not a historical period and is not definitive of a historical period. It would be equivalent to writing a history of England defined by the lives of the great writers, e.g., Shakespearean England, Miltonian England, or Chaucerian England. While literature plays a principal role in the study of the culture of diverse periods in English history, books do not impose the definition of the epochs of that history or of the chief points of historical interest therein.

Not only so, but I gradually realized that the Talmud is not a public document, but is a particular and very special creation of a small group of people. This became clear because the things I wanted to know simply do not in-

terest the rabbis of the Talmud. For example, I had in mind to consider the situation of the Jews in Babylonian life and in the Iranian state. The Talmud's fables on this subject are not illuminating—even if they were credible.

I wanted to know a great deal about the cultural and social life of the ordinary folk, not merely of a handful of religious virtuosi. The Talmud is remarkably uninterested in the ordinary people, except in relationship to its paragons themselves. It would be easy to compose a long list of topics which any historian expects to investigate, and about which the Talmud is silent. For, as I had to admit, the Talmud is simply not a historical document, and it can be made into one only by violating its own authentic character and integrity.

It is a law-book, in which principles, cases and precedents are extensively analyzed through the discipline of practical, applied logic. Along the way, it contains other kinds of materials. But it testifies—through its own contents, selection of materials for preservation and analysis—principally to the state of mind of its own authorities. I stress, the state of mind, moreover, because even here, the Talmud has no interest in such matters of circumstance as the nature of the institutions which produced it, the lives and thoughts of its individual authorities, and so on.

In the late nineteenth century, when Talmudic history was well underway, the Orthodox pietists criticized the historians bitterly. They had good reason, because historical studies were used as an instrument in the legitimation of the reform of Judaism. So they wanted to emphasize the triviality and worthlessness of history. They would then say, "Graetz can tell you what Rav or Samuel (great authorities of the third century) ate for breakfast, or what kind of clothes they wore. But we can tell you what they thought and what they stood for." In my judgment that bitter observation on the triviality of historical study was accurate, reflecting as it did the central interests and tensions of the literature itself.

For my part, I too wanted to investigate the things important not only to me but also to my sources, to find a point of contact, therefore of mediation, between the Talmudic literature and the contemporary academic concerns which brought me to it.

That point of contact proved, in my History of the Jews in Babylonia, to be far removed from the insights of Max Weber with which I began. Yet Weber meant much, and people I read thereafter, mainly historians of religion and sociologists and anthropologists of the same area, even more. From them I worked out an agendum of problems to which the Talmud indeed could bring some illumination, for example, the nature of the holy man, the religious virtuoso; the role of the holy man in society; the relationship between ordinary folk and the holy man; the legal activities of lawyer-magicians of Babylonia; and similar matters. Here the evidence seemed to me appropriately used, because what I wanted to know was what was in my hands; the viewpoint of the people who wrote the document itself.

Whether or not Mr. X really said what is assigned to him, or Mr. Y really, on such and such a day, decided a case in this way and not some other, was not a compelling issue. I framed the agendum in terms of what diverse people in a given stratum alleged was the case, and what sorts of stories people told about a situation about which, by definition, they were well informed.

During this project, I was fortunate enough to be appointed to the Brown faculty. In conversa-

tions with Abraham Sachs, I realized that, even within the limited agendum I had set for myself, there were a great many empty places. In conversation with colleagues in my own department in New Testament, I learned a great deal about the critical scholarly methods worked out in New Testament scholarship, particularly in Germany, and with Ernest Frerichs I talked forever about similar issues in Old Testament scholarship. (If I have published a lot and my colleagues less, it is because I write down the things they say to me.) It also became clear that I had come to the end of the first decade of work and had no reason whatsoever to pursue the same line in the future. A History of the Jews in Palestine, composed along the same lines as the one for Babylonia, seemed to me an exercise in doing things I had already done. Too many questions lay beyond.

Skipping rapidly by some work which completed questions on the Babylonian matter, I turn directly to the issues which have engaged me for the past six years. Progress has been exceedingly rapid, but very uneven, and not very extensive.

At this point I should note that the sizable number of my books has been made necessary by the sizable range of sources which required translation, discussion, and analysis, in preparation for the necessary studies of their character and critical content. A philosopher in ten pages may print ten pages of his own, hard won insight. I can scarcely clear my throat in under three hundred, simply because of my very fundamental conviction that before analysis (let alone synthesis) must come the source. The reader must have the source in hand. The source must be translated—as best one can—so that the reader sees exactly what is there and can follow what is said. The work of translation is not one at which I claim to excel. But my reader does have everything in hand which is needed to follow what I shall then propose to say about the sources. Keep in mind that most of the rabbinic literature has not been put into English, and if I range over a wide variety of documents, even what is in English is not apt to be consulted. This has been a labor of responsibility, motivated by the insistence on explicit statement of the character of the evidence, as well as on concrete relationship between that evidence and what I propose to say about it.

The next projects, after Babylonia, treat both a theme and a problematic, deal both with a set of sources and a series of questions, of a very limited character, addressed to said sources. I shall focus upon the questions rather than the themes.

The problematic of the first was: What shall we make of diverse versions of a single saying or story appearing in several compilations? Are these unrelated, or do they show signs of amplification and development?

The next was: What are the principal literary traits of diverse stories and sayings? Are sayings and stories assigned to a given authority essentially the same in literary character as those assigned to some other? Do sayings and stories in the names of authorities assumed to have lived early in the formation of the literature as a whole exhibit traits different from those in the names of later ones?

The third was: What is the shape of the materials attributed in successive ages and documents to a single authority? Do we see an inner discipline within the materials, or is there no cogency whatsoever in the diverse materials bearing a single name?

The statement of these questions, which I asked in sequence, shows that the historical questions with which I began had been set aside, to make place for a different set of historical questions. I had come to realize that analysis

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Former Indian Jewish Official Is Seeking Asylum In The U.S.

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON (JTA): Whether the United States returns Elijah Ephraim Jhirad to India to face criminal charges as the Indian government is demanding or allows him to remain in this country because he believes he is a target of political vengeance in his native land is now headed for a Presidential decision. Jhirad, a Judge Advocate General of the Indian Navy for 18 years and a president of the Federation of Jewish Communities in India, came to that crossroad on Oct. 4 — Yom Kippur — when the U.S. Supreme Court declined to review his appeal to stay the extradition proceedings that he has fought in the federal district and circuit courts in New York for more than four years.

Ordinarily, the Deputy Secretary of State — at present Charles W. Robinson — would determine an issue of extradition. In this case, however, considering the currently cool Indian-U.S. governmental relations and the change in the character of the government in New Delhi towards authoritarianism, Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger himself is expected to recommend a decision for President Ford's consideration. State Department sources told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the issue has not yet formally reached the Department and, contrary to a report published in media other than JTA, the case is not on the President's desk.

"There is no magic date for a decision," a White House aide said, after the case does arrive there. The formalities of transferring the case from the U.S. courts to the Department of Justice for remanding Jhirad to the custody of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service is expected to take place soon. At that point, the question of political asylum for Jhirad enters. Jhirad, 63, has been under \$50,000 bail since India sought an extradition warrant Aug. 9, 1972.

The New Delhi government alleges that 15 years ago when Jhirad was a co-administrator of India's Naval Prize Fund, he misappropriated money to ineligible recipients. In its extradition suit — which was filed in federal court in New York City four years after charges were brought against Jhirad in India — the Indian government listed 52 allegations but these were narrowed during the legal proceedings to two counts involving rupees to the equivalent of \$1600. According to the allegations, the Naval Fund totalled \$500,000 in rupees and there is no record of an accounting or audit for the three-year period 1959-1961.

The Indian government contends that when Jhirad left India in July, 1966 for stays in Europe, Israel and in America, it was his intention never to return out of fear of persecution. However, charges were not filed against him in India until more than two years later — in October, 1968. The extradition case appeared to turn on the question of whether it was Jhirad's intention, when he left India in July, 1966, to return to his native land or whether his departure was for the purposes of attending the World Jewish Congress in Brussels and then take a long, delayed vacation in Europe.

The federal court in New York held that while his departure was not for the purpose of avoiding prosecution, the court ruled that the last two counts were still valid because the statute of limitations still had two weeks to run when Jhirad allegedly decided not to return.

In view of the Supreme Court's refusal to review the case, the defense counsel indicated it would not take further judicial action on the extradition. Jhirad's appeal against extradition was opposed in the Supreme Court by Edwin Steinberg, a New York attorney, representing the Indian government. Robert H. Bork, the

U.S. Solicitor General, filed a brief that the U.S. government neither supports nor opposes the Jhirad petition against extradition.

Claiming innocence on all charges, Jhirad declares the Indian government is politically motivated against him. It is persisting in its charges, he holds, because of his outspoken defense of Zionism and Israel at a time when the Indian government staunchly supports the Arab bloc, and for his pro-Western anti-Communist views when the Indian government is closely allied with Communist and anti-Western countries. American friends of Jhirad also contend that a purpose in the Indian government's pressure for extradition is to demonstrate to its political opponents in India or abroad that its long arm is reaching

out for its enemies no matter where they may be or the cost entailed to punish them. These friends also fear that if Jhirad is returned to India, harassment of him there would result in his early demise.

Jhirad, whose counsel is the law firm of Tenzer, Greenblatt, Fallon and Kaplan in New York, contends that two other co-administrators and a secretary were involved in handling the prize fund. These three are in India, it is said, and have not been accused. The Indian government, it is also said, has never shown proof any money is missing nor ever produced a claimant for that money.

The Navy has never made an audit of the fund, named a board of inquiry to examine the charges, nor

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1st Jewish Meeting Ends On An Inconclusive Note

MADRID: An inconclusive note ended the first international Jewish meeting ever held in Spain, as some of the local Jewish leaders withdrew a request for a meeting with King Juan Carlos which had threatened to become controversial.

Those in charge of organizing this recent meeting of the European branch of the World Jewish Congress arranged a meeting between the King and Dr. Nahum Goldmann, the congress president, and delegates from some of the 13 countries which were represented at the three-day gathering.

However, the publicity given the meeting stirred up adverse reactions in the Foreign Ministry, which places great importance upon Spain's "special relationship" with the Arab world.

In an interview Dr. Goldmann, 81, commented that "I understood that there was Arab intervention because the press did some stories. My personal opinion is that the government shouldn't have given in to the Arabs."

A GOOD ARAB

Dr. Goldmann said that he expected shortly to pay a visit to King Hassan of Morocco, whom he called "a good Arab." "I don't think the Spanish have to be more Arab than the King of Morocco," he said.

But he said he had acceded to the decision of the local community to withdraw the request for a meeting with the King to avoid an embarrassing situation.

One leader of the 12,000-strong Jewish community in Spain said, "We are concerned with maintaining the excellent relations we have had—always—with King

Juan Carlos."

Foreign Ministry officials declined to comment on the reports of Arab pressure, but an official informant acknowledged that there had been considerable disquiet in the ministry, particularly after some news reports suggested that the Government viewed the holding of the congress in Spain as a gesture to world Jewry.

It appears, however, that at its higher levels the Government was barely aware that the congress was going to be held in Spain, which gained a lasting reputation for anti-Semitism after the expulsion of the Jews in 1492 and their persecutions under the Inquisition.

MISSES SESSION

The first indication of possible government concern came when Rafael Mendizabal, under secretary at the Ministry of Justice, failed to appear as expected to address the opening session of the congress. He was said to be "out of Madrid," according to congress organizers.

Maj. Abdul Salam Jalloud, Prime Minister of Libya, with whom Spain has profitable trade ties, was in Madrid on a private visit and met Prime Minister Adolfo Suarez on Friday and the King on Saturday.

There is considerable speculation among the congress organizers that Major Jalloud expressed displeasure over the gathering here, though this could not be confirmed.

Local Jewish leaders said that the meeting between the King and Dr. Goldmann has been arranged privately through a Spanish intermediary, who indicated that the appointment had become embarrassing to Juan Carlos. For this reason, they said, the request for the meeting was withdrawn today.

Tzur Says That Rumors Should Be Re-Evaluated

JERUSALEM (JTA): Yaacov Tzur, newly installed chairman of the Council for Jews in Arab countries, said here that Jewish leaders in the U.S., Mexico and other countries have fallen into the trap of rumors propagated by Damascus that Syria's Jews are no longer the targets of persecution and discrimination. Addressing the first meeting of the Council under his leadership, Tzur said it was necessary to bring the pressure of world public opinion to bear against the intolerable conditions of Syrian Jews.

He said that while it is true that President Hafez Assad of Syria has ended the torture that was the lot of Syrian Jews until 1973, they are still discriminated against with respect to employment and their movements inside Syria are severely restricted.

He said that any Jew who wants to travel more than three kilometers from the Damascus ghetto must get a special permit from the authorities. Even worse is the total

ban on Jewish emigration from Syria, Tzur said.

'Rarely Allowed'

"Rarely have the Syrian authorities allowed Jews to leave the country for commercial or medical reasons" and when they did allow it, the authorities kept their children hostage until the traveller returned to the ghetto, he said. Tzur noted that some 4500 Jews presently live in Syria, confined to three ghettos, mainly in Damascus. Syria is actually a prison for Jews and "it is our task to call upon the Syrian authorities to open the gates and let the Jews out of that country," he said. Tzur stated that he was not suggesting at the moment to permit the Jewish population to emigrate to Israel, "though this might be the most simple solution." But, he said, "What we demand is freedom to leave the country to any place in the world." He added that this was not a political demand. President Ephraim Katzir of Israel congratulated the Council and expressed hope that it would succeed in its difficult mission.

'SOLIDARITY DAY'

BRUSSELS (JTA): The Jewish Students Union held a "Solidarity Day with Soviet Jewry" at Brussels University recently.

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Israel Looks Into Idea Of Manufacturing Arms

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national Institute for Strategic Studies. The institute, a London-based independent center, engages in research on problems of international security.

In its estimates for 1976-77, the institute listed the total Israeli armed forces at 158,500, breaking the figure down to 35,500 regulars and 123,000 conscripts. It said Israel was capable of mobilizing its reserves within 72 hours to a strength of 400,000.

1973-74 Strength

In its estimates for 1973-74, the institute listed the total at 115,000 — 30,000 regulars and 85,000 conscripts. Adding the reserve potential, the institute arrived at a strength of 300,000.

Some estimates here place the current mobilized Israeli forces, regular and reserve at 600,000 — a considerable figure in a nation of 3.5 million people.

The institute's current estimate places the number of armored brigades at 15, an increase of 5 from two years ago. It puts the number of artillery brigades at 9, an increase of 6 from two years ago. Its estimates of 10 infantry brigades, 9 mechanized brigades and 5 parachute brigades are the same as those given two years ago. The institute's latest estimates also show large increases in Israel's tanks, patrol boats and aircraft. Current defense expenditure is placed at \$4.2 billion, almost a third of the estimated gross national product.

Figures tend to gloss over the commitment that the military has extracted from the average Israeli and the tremendous impact the military has in everyday life. That is driven home when one sees a prosperous 53-year-old businessman, dressed in wrinkled fatigues, patrolling a city street with a submachine gun slung over his shoulder as part of his annual reserve commitment.

A while back, annual reserve training was limited to men up to 41 years of age. Now the limit is 54. Women reservists train until the age of 34 and women are subject to a two-year draft. Men are drafted for three years.

Look at Exemptions

As part of the reorganization, the Israeli defense forces re-evaluated medical exemptions, and many marginal cases were placed on active duty.

In 1973, according to Shmuel Stempler, a military analyst, the incorrect evaluation of enemy intentions delayed mobilization of the defense forces' full power, resulting in an extremely poor balance of forces on both fronts when the war began. A major target of the

criticism after the war was Israel's intelligence service, which had enjoyed a reputation for professionalism and acumen. Much of the criticism, at least that made public, charged that the service had become rigid and bureaucratic.

In the interview, Mr. Peres said that there was now a gaffly group within the intelligence establishment whose purpose was to challenge assumptions based on information compiled by the intelligence network. Everyone can ring the bell, he said, adding that assessments of information now left room for surprises. The lesson of the surprise attack, said a ranking military man, is not to rely solely on intelligence. Summoning the population to an alert, he said, has tremendous economic and social implications, but better 10 false alarms than one attack by surprise.

The past year has been relatively tranquil for the military, at least when compared with calamities of other years. Most officials, both political and military, say this is largely the result of the current chaos in the Arab world, most notably in Lebanon. Military leaders say that the inter-Arab turmoil has given them an added opportunity to carry out necessary changes in the defense forces.

Lieut. Gen. Mordechai Gur, the chief of the general staff, commented: "The quiet on Israel's northern borders with Syria and Lebanon had enabled us, the Israeli defense forces, to worry less about current security problems and concentrate more on preparing ourselves for total war. The Lebanese conflict has enabled us to concentrate more on central matters." Mr. Peres agreed that conflicts in the Arab world had given Israel some surcease but that it was a bonus that could disappear.

Military Exports

In a recent speech to workers in the defense industry, Mr. Peres said that it had taken a long time for the rest of the world to realize that the Jews were capable of establishing an army of their own, one that could defend the people and their land by itself. "But throughout all these years, we had to curry political favors in order to obtain most of our armaments," he said.

"What we fail to acquire from abroad we must develop at home," the Defense Minister said. "More than half of our defense budget is earmarked for arms purchases. To our great good fortune we also receive financial aid from the United States. But in our long-term policy we should strive as far as possible to switch the emphasis from arms purchases to arms manufacture."

The nation's defense exports, Mr.

Nazis Go To Jail

BONN: Five elderly Germans who formerly belonged to the Gestapo have been sentenced to prison terms by a court at Fiessen for complicity in the murder of hundreds of Poles, including Jews.

The five were involved in the selection of people for "special treatment" at Gestapo headquarters at Cienchanaow, Poland, which Germany annexed in 1939 and incorporated into East Prussia.

According to the court, the rulers of the Third Reich held the "chief responsibility" for the murders. But the court rejected the claim by the accused that they did not know "special treatment" meant execution. Two of them, Hermann Schaper, 65, and Dr. Erich Bartels, 68, were each sentenced to six years. Both face separate charges in another case being heard at Giessen.

Others sentenced were Franz Hartmann, 67, to 4½ years in prison; Hans Doermage, 70, and Kurt Baresel, 50, each to four years and three months. Another defendant, Ernst Schardt, 65, was acquitted. Charges against Otto Roehr, 69, were dropped.

Peres said, had increased during the last three years by 300 percent. Israel's arms and munitions exports, he said, brought much-needed foreign revenues — \$80-million worth — to the country this year. The Israeli military industry, he went on, has embarked on the era of the personal missile. In this sphere, too, it has registered gains, he said, although it was too early to be specific.

Currently, the military is embarking on a recruitment drive to beef up the regular army. One officer involved in the effort noted that the appeal had to be a non-material one because "we cannot compete with the market for the best people." Noting a materialist trend in Israeli society, this officer said the strength of the regular army lay in the fact that Israel still had people motivated by national values, not material convenience.

Recently General Gur recalled the bad press the defense forces received after the October war and compared it with the good press they received after the daring military rescue of the hijacked plane passengers at Entebbe Airport in Uganda in July.

Three years ago, the general said, the problem was the internal image. The Entebbe rescue, he said, was the fruit of two and a half years' work on the internal image. "It was a natural continuation of the efforts that have been invested in the army all through the years and especially after the Yom Kippur war," he said.

Arab Negotiators Are Planning Talks Over West Bank State

BEIRUT, LEBANON: Talks on a Middle East settlement next year with a proposal for a Palestinian state on the West Bank of the Jordan and in the Gaza Strip, territories occupied by Israel since the war of 1967, are intended to be started by Arab negotiators.

According to Arab diplomats, some basic conflict continues to exist between what is labeled moderate Arab governments and the Palestinian leadership over the nature of such a state and the type of guarantees which should be offered to Israel.

The principle of a West Bank state has been reluctantly accepted, according to Palestinian officials, by all the major groups in the Palestine Liberation Organization, notably by Al Fatah, the largest guerrilla faction in the movement; as well as by the Marxist Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine and the As Sa'iqat, the pro-Syrian guerrilla group that carries out Syrian policy.

In Tacit Assent

The only holdouts are the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, headed by George Habash, and various splinter groups. This so-called "rejection front" has been weakened by the war in Lebanon and by the presence here of Syrian troops.

Even Libya and Iraq, the two countries most strongly opposed to a negotiated settlement with Israel, have given tacit agreement to the principle of a West Bank state, Palestinian officials say. Thus there is a virtual consensus among the Arabs on this point, they added.

The crucial unresolved question in their view, is "who will control this state?" It is on this question, the officials added, that even the moderates among the Palestinian leaders remain in disagreement with the Arab countries and, of course, with the Israelis.

The position of Al Fatah, the guerrilla group headed by Yasir Arafat, who also leads the overall Palestine Liberation Organization, is that the projected Palestinian state must be "totally independent."

In a statement last week, the P.L.O. leadership once more rejected all thought of a West Bank state as a member of the federation with Jordan under King Hussein.

The Palestinians are equally opposed to a four-power federation that would include Lebanon and Syria as well as Jordan and the Palestinian state and would be under the control of Syria.

The Palestinians' most effective ally on this point is Egypt. At the Arab leaders' conference in Riyadh that brought about the present cease-fire in Lebanon, President Anwar el-Sadat is understood to have insisted that the proposed Palestinian state should be independent — without formal ties to Jordan and Syria. Egypt, as the largest and most powerful Arab country, hopes to have its own strong influence in a future Palestinian state.

Prefer a 'Ministate'

Mr. Sadat won his point against President Hafez al-Assad with the support of the Saudis, it is reported. The Saudi Arabian monarchy, for its own reasons of security in the future, is believed to prefer a new Palestinian "ministate" standing alone to a strong new entity combining Jordan and Syria with the Palestinian and Lebanon.

The Riyadh decision in favor of a Palestinian state standing alone, however, complicates the issue of Arab guarantees to Israel and further diminishes the already faint chances that Israel may accept such a state, Arab diplomats concede.

The moderate Arab countries, these diplomats say, realize that in exchange for agreeing to a Palestinian state in the occupied territories, Israel would demand foolproof guarantees for its own security. These Arab countries also know that it would be virtually impossible to give such guarantees to Israel without bringing the new

Palestinian state under the control of one or several of the moderate Arab governments, the diplomats add.

The issue thus remains unresolved. Syria, through the 30,000 troops it has in Lebanon as part of the Arab peace-keeping force and through As Sa'iqat, the pro-Syrian guerrilla groups, is seeking to strengthen its control over the P.L.O.

Palestinians Weakened

The Palestinians are resisting as best they can after having been weakened by their reverses in Lebanon. The acceptance of a state on the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip was publicly announced in New York by Farouk Kaddoumi, the head of the P.L.O.'s political department.

It had figured prominently already two years ago in the decisions of the Palestine National Council, the equivalent of a parliament, which met in Cairo in June 1974.

At that time, however, the Palestinians argued that the West Bank state was a step toward their ultimate goal, namely a secular state in all of Palestine for both Jews and Arabs. This concept, which implies the disappearance of Israel, was put forward at the United Nations that fall by Mr. Arafat. It eclipsed their earlier acceptance of the West Bank state.

What is new now is that the Palestinians avoid all references to the secular state without, however, formally renouncing it.

Former Indian Official Is Seeking Asylum

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offered proof of wrongdoing by him, nor sent witnesses to New York to testify against him, the defense claims. The witnesses, according to the defense, were from India's special police establishment. Jhirad has denied destroying any records.

An Indian patriot with an esteemed reputation, Jhirad was practicing law in Bombay when World War II broke out. He was given command of a 150-foot boat that searched the Arabian Sea for Nazi submarines. In 1946, he was named Judge Advocate General of the Royal Indian Navy, the third highest position in the Indian government. While in that office, he became a specialist in the law of the sea.

Jhirad, who is of the B'nai Israel Jews who came to Bombay area before the destruction of the Second Temple in Jerusalem more than 1900 years ago, is ardently Jewish. As a student at Bombay University, he organized Jewish students there. In 1973, he visited Palestine at the invitation of the Keren Hayesod. Together with his father, he aided Jewish refugees from Germany and Poland who received asylum in India from the Nazis. He also introduced programs in India of the Joint Distribution Committee and the Organization for Rehabilitation through Training (ORT) which still operates schools in Bombay. He was in Israel from 1967 to mid-1972 when he came to the United States.

He and his wife have applied for U.S. citizenship. Among those supporting Jhirad's cause are Rabbi Harold Gordon, executive vice-president of the New York Board of Rabbis, who has written two letters to President Ford; Rabbi Israel Miller, former chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, who appealed to Undersecretary of State Philip Habib; and Samuel Haber, honorary president of the Joint Distribution Committee, who also has interceded at the White House. Harber worked with Jhirad in India in 1960-62 in setting up a JDC group there.

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TEL AVIV (JTA): Gen. (Res.) Ariel Sharon announced that the new political faction he has formed to participate in next year's elections will be called Shlomzion (Peace of Zion) and will be a movement for "Zionist fulfillment" through peace. Spokesmen for the various established parties doubt

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Kahane Says JDL Is Seeking To Infiltrate Jewish Groups

NEW YORK (JTA): Rabbi Meir Kahane, founder of the Jewish Defense League, announced the beginning of a new "strategy" for the JDL: the infiltration of "major Jewish establishment groups" in the United States by trained Jewish activists who "will then take these groups over ideologically."

Addressing a press conference at the Summit Hotel, Kahane, said that this is the reason he joined the National Religious Party in Israel a few days earlier. According to Kahane, the JDL will shortly establish a group named "Circle" with the purpose of "indoctrinating American Jews and then making them join the establishment."

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of the traits of sources took precedence over composition, out of said sources, of a historical account of the age of which the sources speak. Questions of literary analysis, literary history, had to be faced before more conventional historical questions could be framed, let alone asked and answered.

You will of course recognize that in asking these questions, I was moving into the range of the historical-critical work of the nineteenth century, having begun in a world in which conceptual forms of the ninth century prevailed. At this point in my career the existence of my work was an unpleasant fact to colleagues with a deep commitment to the status quo. I found remarkably little understanding or support on any front, but more among gentile than Jewish scholars, and more (to my surprise) among Catholic than Protestant ones. (The Catholic Biblical Quarterly has reviewed every scholarly book I have written, and some text books as well, and done so in a reasonable and objective spirit. The Journal of Biblical Literature, by contrast, reviewed none of my work for a long time, and then gave one book to a person known as a hostile voice, then reviewed nothing for another long period.)

I recall asking two scholars who had, in their areas, succeeded in doing something of considerable ambition: "When does it go away?"

One was Gershom Scholem, who founded the modern study of Jewish mysticism and accomplished it. He said, "When I turned forty, I discovered I had arrived and they left me alone."

Harry Wolfson told me, "If you want to be accepted by scholars, don't say anything new, don't do anything new, and don't ask any embarrassing questions. Above all, don't publish anything. But if you want to accomplish anything, just go about your business and wait. In time, they'll get used to you."

In a long period of time during which I found no fair hearing at all in my field, except, as indicated, among some biblical scholars, but received a considerable amount of personal abuse so that it was difficult to print articles in the more political journals in my field, I found it hard to believe Wolfson. But just now having lectured at the Orthodox "Religious" university in Israel and been invited to serve as visiting professor of Talmud (of all things) at the Jewish Theological Seminary (summer school), I find I can enter the bastions of the opposite side and find open doors. Still, along the way, in tough times, I was told by Otto Neugebauer that my epitaph would be, "He couldn't hold his printer's ink." And I supposed that would be so.

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Israel And Her ARAB Citizens

By H.D.S. Greenway
"The world will judge the Jewish state by what it will do to the Arabs."
— Chaim Weizmann, first President of Israel.

JERUSALEM: The "Koenig report," a confidential memorandum by an Interior Department district officer in Galilee to his superiors, has touched upon one of Israel's most sensitive subjects — the treatment of its Arab citizens — and the indignation being voiced is carrying the affair to the highest political levels.

The secret report, written six months ago, takes the view that Israel's Arab citizens in the northern district of Galilee are becoming too numerous and too influential and recommends measures to limit their population growth and power to prevent them from becoming, in the view of the officer, Yisrael Koenig, a menace to the Jewish state.

The issue is particularly sensitive because it involves not the Arabs who are under military occupation in the West Bank and in Gaza, but Israel's own 450,000 Arabs, who are Israeli citizens.

The recommendations in the Koenig report run contrary to the government's policy of trying to integrate the Israeli Arabs into the mainstream of Israeli life. The report was leaked to the left-of-center Mapam party newspaper Al Hamishmar, which published the document last week as a warning against what it called the "grave and dangerous nature of the report's findings."

"Should the recommendations be adopted it would cause a dangerous rift between Israel's Jewish majority and Arab minority," the paper said.

There is virtually no possibility that Israel will adopt Mr. Koenig's views as policy. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said he has never seen the document and officials explained that it was "shelved" because it contained recommendations that were "clearly against the democratic policies of the state of Israel."

But the leaked report has exposed a division between the hawks and doves on how the Arab minority should be treated and, although not even the hawks would advocate publicly that the Koenig plan be adopted, the memo showed that some of the officials in the field who are charged with carrying out the government's policies of Arab integration are opposed to these policies.

The gist of Mr. Koenig's confidential memo was that the Arab minority in Galilee would make up 51 percent of the population in the region by 1978 and that combined with the growth of Arab nationalism, would destroy Israeli control in the vital area bordering on Syria and Lebanon. Mr. Koenig also complained of an organized effort on the part of the Arabs to buy land in the north.

To reverse this trend, Mr. Koenig suggested that the number of Arab workers in industry and businesses be limited to 20 percent of the total and that preferential treatment in the educational system to aid Arabs be stopped in order to limit the number of Arab students by "natural selection."

Arab students should be encouraged to study abroad, Mr. Koenig wrote, but their subsequent return to take jobs should be made more difficult. Mr. Koenig said that Israel should learn from the example of other countries that taking a liberal line with a minority such as the Israeli Arabs does not pay.

Mr. Koenig also suggested the formation of an Arab political party to rival the Rakah (Communist) party and that Israeli secret agents be secretly infiltrated into the party to guide it.

Mr. Koenig's report also contained racial slurs such as the contention that the Levantine mind of the Arabs was superficial and

dealt more in imagination and rationality.

The reaction to the report has been immediate and vocal. Arabs and liberal Jews have called for Mr. Koenig's removal from the Department of the Interior. Arab editor Emil Habibi of the Rakah party paper said that if Israel had a constitution, Mr. Koenig would be behind bars for his incitement and his "sick hostility towards the Arab people."

A moderate Arab paper in Jerusalem, Al Kudis, said the memo proved that Israel wanted to drive out the Arabs and that, if curbs were being advocated to "clamp down on those who are considered citizens of Israel, it is not surprising that such measures are carried out by the military administration (on the occupied West Bank)."

The independent Hebrew newspaper Ha'aretz, while deploring the report's recommendations as unacceptable and undemocratic, defended the right of a civil servant to write a confidential working paper to his boss. And the afternoon paper Ma'ariv said there was no justification for the demands for Mr. Koenig's dismissal. "A public servant should not be disqualified because of his views."

But although there are Israelis who are worried about the demographic trends in Israel, the mainstream of opinion here deplored the document and, while questioning whether Mr. Koenig should be dismissed, there were officials who suggested that a man with such low opinion of the Arabs should be transferred to a less sensitive region.

The Arab minority accounts for 43 percent of the population in Galilee and 12.6 percent of the population of Israel as a whole. Israeli Arabs have full rights as citizens, although they are not taken into the army, an indication that they are not fully trusted despite Israeli insistence that the state is only trying to avoid the emotional strain of asking Arab to fight Arab.

Israeli Arabs are economically worse off than European Jews but better off than many Oriental Jews. They are far better off than most Arabs in Arab countries but economic advancement is never a substitute for dignity and, in a sense, they are still second-class citizens.

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British Consider Israel Investing

LONDON (JTA): Fifteen British industrial companies are at present holding discussions with the Israeli economic mission in London with a view to investing in Israel, economic counsellor Amos Lavee disclosed last week. He was speaking in the presence of Avigdor Bartel, chairman of the Israeli Investment Authority, who is here as part of a tour of European countries.

In talks with British businessmen and banking circles, Bartel has been outlining the attractions of investing in Israel, particularly in export-oriented industries. British investors are being encouraged to take advantage of the special export facilities Israel now enjoys in the rest of the Common Market, in the United States and other countries.

Smaller, expanding companies, as well as bigger concerns, are being approached. In the first half of this year, Bartel said, Israel had narrowed its 1975 trade deficit of \$4 billion by 10 percent. Two-thirds of the improvement resulted from a bigger volume of exports. As part of the export drive, Lavee said, Israel would participate in 30 international trade fairs this year.

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US Has Opened Up To Sale Of Arms To Israel

WASHINGTON: In a recent move, President Ford has agreed to lifting the ban on the sale of sophisticated American military equipment and to speed up the delivery of other equipment already approved, both long-standing requests by Israel. The announcement was made by US administration and Israeli officials.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin made the announcement to his Cabinet. Mr. Ford made the announcement at the White House during a recent visit by Foreign Minister Yigal Allon there. Mr. Allon said, "I am glad you have agreed to the new items," to which Mr. Ford responded, "It was the right thing to do so there would be no question about the support, in order to prevent circumstances we want to avoid."

Details Not Disclosed

Details on which items were approved were not made public. Officials said that price and delivery dates would have to be worked out by defense officials on both sides.

According to well-placed officials from both sides, the Israelis had become increasingly concerned about the apparent delays they had encountered in receiving delivery of many items already approved months ago by the Administration.

In addition, the Ford Administration had not taken action on some requests, for complicated equipment like laser-guided bombs and missiles, and missile-armed helicopters, that have been sought by Israel for more than a year, and had been promised favorable consideration when Mr. Rabin visited Washington last January.

There were many reasons offered for the delays, according to supporters of Israel.

The State Department had reportedly been slow in approving delivery of some items, preferring to examine each case on its merits. The Pentagon also reported production problems of some equipment, such as the M-60 tanks. The delay by Congress until last month of completion of the \$4.4 billion aid package for Israel also forced the Pentagon to hold up delivery, some officials said.

Some Israelis also suspected — although this was denied by the Administration — that the Administration was holding up delivery of some items to serve as "bait" to keep Israel interested in further negotiations with its Arab neighbors. But because of the preoccupation of Arab countries with Lebanon, Arab-Israeli diplomacy has been deferred until next year.

Two weeks ago, Mr. Rabin sent a personal message through Ambassador Simcha Dinitz asking Mr. Ford to take prompt action. On Saturday, Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger informed Mr. Dinitz of the decision to meet the requests.

Cost to Be Met

The cost of the new military equipment would be met through the large amount of aid approved by the just-completed session of Congress as well as the aid that will be approved by future Congresses.

Over the 27-month period, from July 1, 1975, to Oct. 1, 1977, Israel was authorized to receive about \$4.4 billion in assistance, of which nearly \$3 billion is in military credits. Of the credits, half of the loans will not have to be repaid.

In addition, Israel is asking the United States for \$2.3 billion more, of which \$1.5 billion would be military, in assistance for the fiscal year ending on Sept. 30, 1978. The Administration wants to keep the total closer to the fiscal 1977 total of \$1.8 billion, of which \$1 billion was military. A formal recommendation will not be made until next year.

Both Administration and Israeli officials denied publicly that campaign politics had played a part in Mr. Ford's timing of the decision.

But several supporters of Israel in Washington said they assumed that Mr. Ford took the move to head off

any criticism that his support for Israel was less than complete. He and Jimmy Carter have each sought to show how much they back Israel.

Missile Excluded

Ron Nessen, the White House press secretary, in confirming the decision, specifically denied that it included approval for the Pershing ground-to-ground missile, which can carry a nuclear warhead. The Israelis at one time had sought that weapon but withdrew the request when a storm of protest arose in Washington.

According to well-placed Congressional sources, familiar with Israeli's requests, the items that were approved included the following:

Laser-guided bombs and armed helicopter gunships equipped with antitank missiles not previously approved for sale; night-fighting equipment lacking in the Israeli inventory, and ultramodern communications and radar equipment.

The list also included a step-up in delivery of M-60 heavy tanks, which are also in short supply in the United States Army inventory; self-propelled artillery; modern armed personnel carriers, new models of the wire-guided antitank missile; large quantities of the M-16 rifle; range-finders for tanks; and TV-guided bombs.

Canada Denies Tilting Toward Pro-Arab Stance

TORONTO (JTA): Ivan Head, Premier Pierre Elliott Trudeau's foreign policy advisor, denied recently that Canada will tilt away from Israel toward a pro-Arab stance in the Middle East conflict. Responding to an article by the Toronto Star's foreign affairs writer, Mark Gayn, who claimed that such a shift would occur when Canada takes its seat in the United Nations Security Council, Head emphasized that Canadian foreign policy is designed to benefit Canada and reflect the state of the world.

Under no circumstances can it be interpreted as directed against traditional friends of Canada such as Israel, Head declared. He said that a speech by Trudeau to the Canadian Jewish Congress two years ago in which the Premier said there must be sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence for Israel and every other Middle East state, was and remains the definitive statement of Canada's Mideast policy.

Gayn's forecast, however, has stirred some concern among friends of Israel. The writer, who is known to hold strong pro-Israel views, claimed that as a member of the Security Council, Canada would side increasingly with the Third World even at the risk of antagonizing some of its traditional allies and partners.

He said that some members of Parliament were worried by the expected tilt away from Israel. Canada will not agree to the destruction of Israel and is certain to press for its preservation as an independent state "within secure boundaries." But the "love feast" with Israel is nearing its end, Gayn claimed. He said that so far the Ottawa government has been unable to decide where Israel's "secure" boundaries should lie and has no idea of how much of Israel will remain after the maps are drawn. Gayn also warned that there is now, in the External Affairs Department, an influential group of Arabists who favor "leaning on Israel" to induce it to make concessions.

In Tel Aviv, Trudeau and his wife ended their four-day visit to Israel on a cordial note. But the Canadian chief executive refused to answer reporters' questions about Canada's Middle East policy. Premier Yitzhak Rabin, who saw the Trudeau off at Ben

Charges Israel Is A Satellite To US

ASHDOD: "The State of Israel has become a virtual satellite of the U.S. Every one of the 50 individual states in the U.S. has more freedom of action than does Israel," said General Ariel (Arik) Sharon at a gathering here. In support of his thesis, Sharon referred to Lebanon, where he charged that Israel acted not in her own best interests but rather in the interests of the Americans.

"Israel has gained absolutely nothing from the events in Lebanon," Sharon stated. "By remaining completely passive," Sharon continued, "Israel was simply contributing to the realization of ancient Syrian dream of annexing the land of Lebanon. We could at least have demanded some quid-pro-quo for our passive stance, for example, freedom for Syrian Jewry; but our government didn't even have the courage to insist on this condition."

Speaking on the long term problem of integrating the Arabs, Sharon suggested three possibilities: "1) that the Arabs become full-fledged citizens (he conceded that they didn't now enjoy full rights but neither do they shoulder all responsibility); 2) if they choose, they may remain as residents without citizenship; 3) if neither of these two options suit them, they should seek repatriation in some other country."

Gurion Airport, said that Canada's policies would be determined by its own best interests.

Rabin, and Israeli Foreign Minister Yigal Allon, met privately with Trudeau during his visit. They said the Canadian leader had learned a great deal about Israel and its ideas for a Mideast settlement. "When the Middle East is discussed in Canada, I am sure the Prime Minister will know the subject thoroughly," Rabin said.

Religious Artifacts Recovered After Theft

NEW YORK: An invaluable collection of gold and silver religious artifacts which were stolen from the large synagogue in Forest Hills, Queens, have been found in a clothes hamper in a nearby apartment. Detectives seized two young aliens from Columbia and charged them with the Saturday night burglary.

Both suspects resided at the apartment where the artifacts were discovered. The two were Caesar Caro, 21, and George Bonelli, 19. They lived at 108-50 62nd Drive. The Queens Jewish Center-Talmud Torah, from which the articles had been stolen, is located at 66-05 108th Street.

According to detective Timothy McCarthy of the 112th precinct, who made the arrests along with Detectives James Restivo and Emile Furiati, the objects, including breastplates, crowns, pointers and other items used in connection with readings from the Torah, were taken in the robbery.

PROJECTS HONOR SAPIR

JERUSALEM: Four major projects will honor Pinhas Sapir, the former Israeli Finance Minister and chairman of the World Zionist Organization and Jewish Agency Executives, who died August, 1975. A settlement region in the Arava, as well as the region's chief town, will be named for Sapir; the liberal arts and science center at the Ben Gurion University of the Negev will carry his name; a scholarship fund will be named for him, and the building, complex at Kfar Saba, the town where he lived for years, will include a cultural center, libraries, a concert hall, theater, a youth center and the Sapir Museum.

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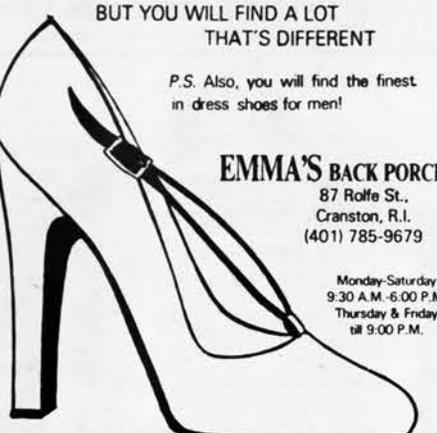
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BONDS FASHION SHOW
 NEW YORK (JTA): An Israeli fashion show, sponsored by the Greater New York Women's Division of Israel Bonds, raised \$1,150,000 in Israel Bond sales Thursday.

Mrs. Uri Ben-Ari, wife of the consul general of Israel in New York, was guest of honor at the show, which featured entertainers and prominent social figures as volunteer models.

Massive Repressions Are Reported In Arab Lands

By Maurice Samuelson
 LONDON (JTA): Many Arab countries are severely criticized in a massive catalogue of repressions and executions of political prisoners in various parts of the world, published here by Amnesty International. The annual report by the 15-year-old organization says that more than 100 countries imprisoned people for their beliefs, and denied them fair and prompt trials in 1975/6.

In many countries, the prisoners were tortured or executed. The chapter on the Middle East, including Israel, says that Iran and Iraq give greatest cause for concern, followed by Oman, Syria and Libya. In Saudi Arabia, the Yemen Arab Republic and some Persian Gulf states, there is a lack of information about the plight of prisoners, due to intimidation of the population and legal profession. Only Egypt and Israel allowed Amnesty International to send observers to political trials in the past year. (In Israel, the trial was that of an Arab nurse charged with membership in El Fatah). According to the report, there are approximately 2500 Arabs imprisoned in Israel and the occupied territories for alleged security offenses. However, the report fails to confirm or deny allegations of torture by Israel brought to Amnesty International attention. Israel is also the only Middle East country out of the 33 states where the Amnesty movement is represented by a national section, although there are individual supporters in six Arab countries.

In The Soviet

In the Soviet Union, where the leaders of the Moscow group of Amnesty International were imprisoned or exiled at the end of last year, about 300 Soviet prisoners of conscience have been "adopted" by Amnesty sections. In Bulgaria, the report deals with the cases of three Jews who face death sentences on espionage charges. Two of them had their sentences commuted. Dr. Heinrich Spetter was eventually allowed to leave for Israel. But Solomon Ben-Joseph is still serving a 12½ year jail term (reduced on appeal from 15 years).

Last year, Amnesty also heard of another Jew, Nicolas Stefamov Chamurlisky, a clerk in a cooperative, arrested in Sofia in September, 1974. He was charged with espionage on the basis of his contact with an Italian Embassy employe through whom he sent letters to relatives in the United States. However, his arrest appears to be related to his attempts to obtain a passport and to his openly critical views. He was sentenced to death and in February, 1976 Amnesty International appealed to President Todor Zhivkov urging commutation of the sentence. The appeal was heard by the Supreme Court in March but the result is not yet known. Chamurlisky is being held in the Vratza city prison.

In Iraq

In Iraq, where the incidence of reported executions is probably the highest in the Middle East, Amnesty International tried to intervene mainly on behalf of many Kurds and Shia Moslems. Two members of the tiny Jewish community for whom it still works are Shua Soffer and Akram Baher, who were arrested in 1968 and 1969. Following the Iraqi government's adoption on Nov. 26, 1975 of a resolution entitling all Iraqi Jews who left Iraq after 1948 to return home and enjoy equal rights with Iraqi citizens under the law, Amnesty appealed to President Ahmed Hassan Al-Bakr for information about Soffer and Baher but no reply has been received. Unconfirmed reports say they may have died in prison.

The report also describes the case of Alexander Leon Aronson, a Jewish male nurse from The Netherlands, who traveled to Iraqi Kurdistan in the summer of 1974

to give medical assistance to the Kurds. He was arrested in March 1975 following the Iraq/Iran agreement and sentenced to death on charges of spying for Israel and acting as an advisor to Kurdish leader Molla Mustafa Barzani. The Dutch government received confirmation only in mid-March 1976 that Aronson had been executed three months previously.

In Syria

In Syria, where Amnesty International claims to know of 600 political prisoners, it is currently working on 34 individual cases. Of 286 untried detainees, 79 have been arrested since June, 1975, including Moslem brethren, Communists, Nasserists, Palestinians and Iraqi-faction Baathists. Former President Nureddin Atassi, who suffers from diabetes, has spent the past six years in Al-Mezze military prison. He and other members of the former regime, also held there, have still not been charged or tried.

Lebanese Are Armed To Create A Buffer Zone

RUMAYSH: Here in this region of Lebanon, close to the Israeli border, Lebanese soldiers are carrying hand grenades, assault rifles and other weapons with Hebrew markings. All uniforms and other equipment—right down to the canteens—are standard issue in the Israel armed forces.

In another development, at Dovev, there are telephone lines from an Israeli command post, strung under the frontier fence and along a sandy ditch on the Lebanese side. The Lebanese soldiers willingly acknowledge to visiting American reporters that they have phone communications between their posts and those in Israel.

These are only a few of the visible aspects of Israel's attempt to establish a rapidly growing military security zone inside the Lebanese territory by organizing and arming Lebanese right-wing Christian militia units in the border region.

The objective, it is thought, is to prevent Palestinian guerrillas who are now being hard pressed in northern and central Lebanon, from regrouping in the border area and becoming a threat to Israel once more.

The Israeli action is an extension of a six-month "open-fence" policy of giving humanitarian assistance to isolated Christian villages in southern Lebanon.

Load Of Arms

After dark, a Lebanese ambulance from one of the Christian villages crossed into Israel. It came back half an hour later loaded with arms and ammunition for the Christian militia members.

Lebanese Christians drove a Soviet-made armored personnel carrier to the open gate, apparently for a chat. One of the crew members said the vehicle had been supplied to them by the Israelis, who had captured it from the Egyptians or the Syrians during the 1967 war.

Israeli soldiers standing on the Lebanese side of the border confiscated at gun point a film from an ABC crew directed by a correspondent, Jerry King. The scenes on the film were taken from Lebanese territory.

The Israeli order on the film reached Mr. King at the Lebanese Christian post here. "Our hands reach into Lebanon," an Israeli soldier explained. "I have orders to get the film."

A few months ago, there were virtually no right-wing Christian soldiers in this area. Now there are about 1,800, according to local political figures.

Many or most of these are understood to have come here from Israel, transported by sea from Haifa to Junieh, in Christian territory north of Beirut. No direct

No news has been received of Albert Elia, former head of the Jewish community in Lebanon, who was abducted to Syria in September 1971. In Libya, from where torture is increasingly reported, there has been a similar decline in human rights in the past year. In the fact of dissatisfaction with his rule, President Muammar Qaddafi has ordered the arrest of all his opponents.

Amnesty is working for about 40 Libyans arrested in April 1973 for membership in illegal political parties and still held despite a court order for their release in December 1974. It names three officers believed to have died in prison in March 1976, as a result of maltreatment. Other Arab countries mentioned in connection with alleged maltreatment of political prisoners are Bahrain, Algeria, the two Yemen republics, Tunisia, Egypt, Jordan, Sudan and Morocco.

confirmation of this route could be obtained. One soldier said he had come by sea. Another smiled and said, "Let's just say I came."

One of the soldiers said he had come here after the fighting at Tel Zaatar, the armed Palestinian camp outside Beirut that fell to Christian militia forces in August.

Quick Israeli Action

Western observers in Beirut said the close cooperation with the Christian militias gave Israel an "early-warning system," permitting it to move a task force into Lebanon quickly should it receive an alert from one of the Lebanese commanders that a Palestinian unit was approaching.

The Israelis are understood to have promised Christian militia commanders that an Israeli force would reach the scene of fighting in Lebanon within 20 minutes after receiving an alert about the presence of a Palestinian unit.

The Israelis appear to have established low-key contacts with some of the Moslem officers of the Lebanese Arab Army, the largely Moslem deserter force that is allied with the Palestinians and is stationed in the Moslem areas of southern Lebanon.

With the border region made safe for them, the Israelis are understood to be conducting night patrols regularly as far north as the Litani River, halfway between the border and the port of Saida.

The Israeli Prime Minister, Yitzhak Rabin, recently declared that Israel could never again allow the Palestinian guerrillas to entrench themselves on the Israeli-Lebanese border.

1969 Accord Curb

There are two possible ways in which guerrillas might be pushed toward that border. They could be forced into southern Lebanon by military pressure from the Syrians and the right-wing Christians. In that case, they would be caught in a two-front war, with the Israeli-backed right-wing Christians in the border area attacking them from behind. Also, in the case of negotiated settlement of the Lebanese conflict, the Palestinians would be asked by Syria and Lebanon to implement the 1969 Cairo agreements, which restricted the Palestinian military presence to refugee camps in Lebanon and to certain regions in the south of the country.

The agreements were never fully put into effect.

Israel, it would appear from today's tour of the border region, has taken measures effectively enabling the Israeli Government to veto any moves to carry out the Cairo agreements.

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Argentine Pres. Hosts Gathering

BUENOS AIRES (JTA): Two Cardinals of the Catholic Church and representatives of nine other Christian and non-Christian denominations, including a rabbi of the Jewish community and a Moslem, were the guests of President Jorge Rafael Videla of Argentina at an ecumenical luncheon here. The gathering was hailed as proof of cultural and religious pluralism in this country.

Rabbi Salomon Banhamu Anidjar, of the Buenos Aires congregation, who was provided with kosher food, told reporters afterwards that he was grateful for the opportunity afforded the representatives of different faiths to meet with the President to consider problems of the country and theological and religious matters. He said he was aware of reports abroad about an anti-Semitic campaign in Argentina and referred to the attacks suffered by some syn-

agogues and by members of the Jewish community.

At all times a positive response and support was forthcoming from government authorities, Anidjar said. He expressed hope that "the fact that we sat around the Presidential table in a climate of peace, harmony and understanding will reflect on the Argentine Republic's peace and tranquility as befits this generous land. This is the wish of the entire Jewish community," Anidjar said.

Others who attended the luncheon agreed that the dialogue was substantive, conducted in an atmosphere of cordiality without any moments of tension.

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Officially Seek Observer Office

VIENNA (JTA): The Palestine Liberation Organization has officially requested permission to open an observer office in Vienna, a government spokesman said. Farouk Kaddoumi, leader of the PLO's political department, and his deputy, Zaid Kamal, made the request during talks with Foreign Ministry officials.

The observer office is designed to carry out activities in connection with the Vienna-based international organizations to which the PLO is accredited. The organizations involved are the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).

"We told them to submit their request to the organizations and they promised to do so," the spokesman said. "The subsequent procedure is that the organizations then turn to us for permission to open an office." The opening of a full PLO office for propaganda was not discussed, the spokesman added.

Kaddoumi's visit was postponed several times because of the PLO's concern over the Lebanon situation. The Austrian Foreign Minister, Willipald Pahr, who is currently at the UN General Assembly in New York, was not able to receive Kaddoumi, which made internal discussions about such a meeting purely academic. The opposition Conservative People's Party has opposed the opening of a PLO office and maintains that Pahr should not receive Kaddoumi since he represents a terrorist organization.

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To Renew Villages Issue

JERUSALEM (JAT): The long debated issue of Arab villages of Ikrit and Birim in northern Israel is about to be revived. MK Yossi Sarid of the Labor Alignment said he would ask the Alignment's Central Committee to support the return of villagers to those sites from which they were evacuated 28 years ago.

The Birim villagers are Maronite Christians and those from Ikrit are of the Greek Orthodox faith. They were relocated after Israel's war for independence in 1948 on grounds of security and promised they could return to their homes once the situation on the northern borders stabilized.

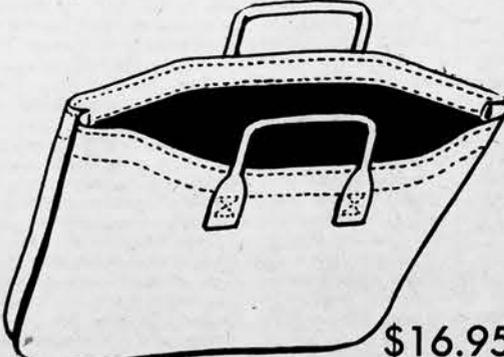
But three years later the army declared the village sites a security zone and razed all of the buildings. The matter has long been a sore spot in Israel's relations with its Arab population, particularly as the Birim and Ikrit villagers are friendly to the Jewish State. A court order directed their return but the government decided otherwise in 1972 despite peaceful protests by Arabs and Jewish supporters.

The political climate has changed since then. For one thing, Israel has opened its borders to Maronite Christians from southern Lebanon and their co-religionists in Israel feel they should be allowed the same freedom of movement. For another, Golda Meir, who was adamantly opposed to return is no longer in office.

The Labor Alignment, no longer under Mrs. Meir's influence, may change its position on the issue and this could lead to a change in the government's position, sources here said.

ALMOGI TOURING
TEL AVIV (JTA): Yosef Almogi, chairman of the Jewish Agency, is touring several Latin American Jewish communities. In addition to meeting with communal leaders to discuss aliya, education and communal affairs, he will also meet with the World Zionist Organization emissaries who were just released from detention in Argentina. Almogi's visit had been scheduled long before that incident occurred.

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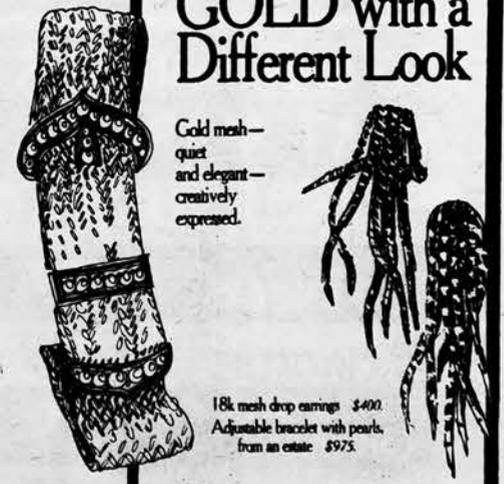
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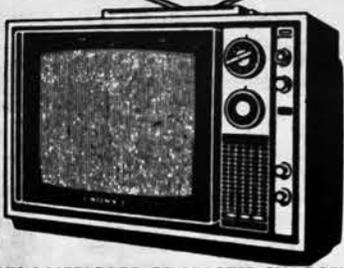
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Hebron Events Sharpen Focus Upon Jewish-Arab Interactions

JERUSALEM (JTA): The ugly events in Hebron over the Yom Kippur weekend have brought into sharp focus the long smoldering problem of Jewish-Arab relations on the West Bank. If anything, they have hardened opinions among those Israelis who believe the government must be scrupulously even-handed and others who insist that Jewish rights are paramount and that the Arabs must be dealt with harshly, in effect, "taught a lesson."

The wide gap between "hawks" and "doves" has serious political ramifications, especially with national elections due to be held next year. The government has been walking a tightrope, firmly putting down Arab rioting on the West Bank while at the same time, restricting Jewish access to towns like Hebron which contain shrines holy to religious Jews and Moslems alike.

The government's hope is to avoid violence between Jews and Arabs. Critics on both sides have accused the Rabin administration of procrastination. The "doves" are angered by the government's reluctance to take action against the militant Gush Emunim, whose base is the Orthodox township of Kiryat Arba adjacent to Hebron and who have consistently defied government orders to keep out of the Arab town.

Squatters View
 The recent failure of the military authorities to enforce their arrest of Kiryat Arba's leader and prime agitator, Rabbi Moshe Levinger, who entered Hebron last week in direct violation of the Military Government's orders, is cited as a case in point. The continued presence of Gush Emunim squatters at Kadum in the heart of Arab populated Samaria is another. The Cabinet decided last May that the squatters would be removed to an alternative settlement site approved by the government. But so far, no attempt has been made to implement that edict.

The Gush, supported by religious and nationalist elements, insist that the West Bank belongs to Israel by divine mandate and that Jews have the right to settle anywhere in that territory and, especially, to worship freely at Jewish shrines there. Although Kiryat Arba is a separate township, its residents have been demanding the establishment of a permanent Jewish presence in Arab Moslem Hebron.

They say they are merely reclaim-

ing Jewish property destroyed by Arab rioters in 1929 when 63 Hebron Jews were massacred and the rest driven out of the town. The most recent confrontations between Kiryat Arba Jews and Hebron Arabs occurred when the former laid claim to the ruins of the ancient Ohel Avraham synagogue razed by the Arabs 47 years ago.

The desecration of Jewish religious artifacts in the Machpela Cave on the eve of the Day of Atonement understandably enraged Jews all over Israel. The damage done by Arab vandals was shown on television and in newspaper photographs. While for many Jews their initial sense of wrathful indignation gave way to more pensive bitterness, the Gush have seized on the episode to castigate the government for alleged "appeasement" of the Arabs and to demand "iron-fisted" measures against the latter.

They are pressing their demands for access to the Ohel Avraham synagogue and for total Jewish control of the Machpela Cave where Jews and Moslems are permitted to worship at different times. The Gush now insist that the cave be closed to Moslem worshippers until after the Succoth festival after which the government should review the entire matter of dual prayer rights.

'Real Pogrom'
 Religious Affairs Minister Yitzhak Raphael of the National Religious Party, visited the cave

after Yom Kippur. He described the desecration as "a real pogrom." He said later on a radio interview that if there had been Jewish acts of "foolhardiness" they didn't compare to what he called a deliberate, premeditated Arab attack motivated by hatred.

Liberal opinion was equally predictable. "Doves" linked the vandalism to "incitement" by Levinger and his followers. The independent newspaper Haaretz sharply criticized the government today for "appeasement" of Levinger and his followers and accused the government of a "flabby" stance toward the militant Orthodox group.

The Likud opposition bloc, which supports the Gush, has called the Knesset into special session tomorrow to debate the Hebron violence. The Cabinet is scheduled to meet on the matter before the Knesset convenes. Defense Minister Shimon Peres, who was at Hebron yesterday in an unusually grim mood, met today with Welfare Minister Zevulun Hammer of the NRP's "young guard." Hammer is close to the Gush and to the Kiryat Arba residents. Peres apparently is trying to enlist his support to cool tempers.

Security sources said today that no changes were planned at present in the prayer procedures at Hebron. At any rate, changes would have to be decided on the Cabinet level, not by the Military Government.

Poland Will Restore 1,000 Jewish Graves

NEW YORK: The Polish government has committed itself for the first time to the principle of the restoration and preservation of an estimated 1,000 Jewish cemeteries in Poland, most of which are in very poor condition, a New York rabbinical official has reported.

Rabbi Hertz Frankel, secretary of the Rabbinical Committee for Preservation of Jewish Cemeteries, said the Polish government's commitment developed from negotiations in Warsaw between a delegation of four rabbis and a layman with Kazimierz Kakol, Polish Minister of Religious Affairs, last month.

He noted that the committee, representing all major Orthodox

rabbinical and Hasidic organizations in the United States and Canada, was organized more than a year ago to raise the issue with the Polish government. After a year of negotiations, he said, the committee was invited to send the delegation to Warsaw to discuss the problem.

Frankel also said that an effort to work out details of the implementation of the commitment would be made at a second meeting with Polish officials by another committee delegation. He said the composition of the second delegation and arrangements for the second round of talks in Warsaw should be completed by Oct. 25.

The rabbi stated that the U.S. government, through its ambassador in Warsaw, was helpful in reaching the initial agreement. Help also was received from William Perry, of New York, a survivor of the Holocaust, who is now an official of a local of the International Longshoremen's Association. Perry was the layman in the delegation.

Frankel said the Polish government's acceptance of the principle was confirmed in a letter to the committee, dated Sept. 13, from Kakol in which the official stated that some of the Jewish Cemeteries "will be recognized as historical monuments while the others will be continuously maintained without this special status."

Rabbi Menachem M. Rubin, former grand rabbi of Muzsaj, Poland, now of Brooklyn, is chairman of the committee. Affiliated organizations are the Central Rabbinical Congress of the United States and Canada; the former Hasidic grand rabbis of Bluzov, Bobov and Novominsk; the Rabbinical Alliance of America; the Rabbinical Council of America and the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada.

ALIYAH DESK OPEN
 NEW YORK: The United Synagogue of America, congregational arm of 1.5 million synagogue-affiliated Jews in North America, announced the establishment of an Aliyah Desk within an expanded Israel Affairs Department.

Rabin: USSR Prevents Reconvening Of Talks

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Premier Yitzhak Rabin charged last night that the Soviet Union prevents the reconvening of the Geneva peace conference on the basis of the original invitations extended to the parties in the Middle East conflict by the Secretary General of the United Nations following the Yom Kippur War. The Russians have adopted a policy of total support for the most extremist Arab states, Rabin said on a television interview.

He made his remarks when asked if Israel's apparent interest in keeping the Soviet Union out of Middle East diplomatic activity might not make that country a sworn enemy of Israel. Rabin said, "To the best of my knowledge, it is the Soviet Union which, through its policy, decided that Israel would be its sworn enemy, not Israel that decided this."

He said the Soviets were the main supporters of the PLO. "If the Soviet Union continues to cling to its extremist anti-Israel policy, I see no reason why Israel need be interested in its initiatives," Rabin said. On the other hand, he reiterated that Israel is prepared to

negotiate an overall peace settlement with the Arabs at Geneva on the basis of the original invitations or, alternatively, to seek agreements with its neighbors to end the state of war.

The Premier said the Soviet Union could play a role in establishing peace in the Middle East, "but to do so, it must change its approach, its policy and its attitude." As of now, he said, the Soviet policy in the Middle East has been to propose the military option to the Arab states in their struggle against Israel by means of huge arms shipments to the most extreme Arab states.

The interview, conducted on the occasion of the first anniversary of the Israeli-Egyptian interim agreement in Sinai elicited from the Premier an acknowledgment that there had been Egyptian violations of the accord during the year. "These are of secondary military significance but we should see that they are corrected," he said without elaborating on their nature. However, Rabin said that the Egyptians appeared to be interested in observing the agreement and were likely to continue to do so in the foreseeable future.

US Urged To Stop Flirtation With 'Palestinian State' Idea

WASHINGTON (JTA): The United States should abandon its "creeping toward tacit recognition" of the Palestinian Liberation Organization and "stop flirting" with the idea of a Palestinian state, a former U.S. official of the United States told B'nai B'rith.

Rita Hauser, U.S. representative to the UN Human Rights Commission during the Nixon administration, also urged a halt to American support of UN refugee camps, contending that U.S. policy of paying the bulk of refugee costs, however humanitarian in motive, had "substantially contributed" to the lack of a Middle East peace solution. A "hard-nosed insistence" on the Arab world absorbing the refugees "would have been the far wiser policy," she declared.

Mrs. Hauser's views were in a speech she was to have delivered at the annual meeting of the B'nai B'rith International Council. Unable to attend, she submitted the text for distribution at the opening session of the four-day meeting.

Chaim Herzog, Israel's ambassador to the United Nations, delivered a major address on the forthcoming UN General Assembly debate. Joseph J. Sisco, former undersecretary of state for political affairs and now president of American University, received the B'nai B'rith President's Medal for his services to the U.S. government.

ASSESSES PLO THREAT

Mrs. Hauser warned that creation of a PLO-dominated West Bank state between Israel and Jordan would preclude the stability needed for peace between Arabs and Israelis. Events in Lebanon, where the PLO has had an instigating role in Lebanon's civil war, "supports fully" Israel's refusal to accept a Palestinian state which "could become a staging

ground for a relentless irredentist attack on the Jewish State," she said.

"Even the non-radical Arab states," she added, "must by now fully realize that the PLO is more a threat to their integrity than to Israel." Absorption of the refugees by the Arab states would "wreck the remaining effectiveness of the PLO, allowing Jordan and possibly Syria to move toward a settlement with Israel," Mrs. Hauser declared.

Mrs. Hauser said that perpetuation of the refugee camps had made it easy in the past for the Arab states to exploit the refugees as "surrogate fighters against Israel, whose blood was cheap indeed." Only when the PLO "did the unthinkable" and "threatened Arab leadership in Jordan and Syria directly, did Arab brotherly support present another face," she said.

"Racist" Passage Removed From Film

In a response to a suggestion from the American Jewish Congress, Marcel Ophuls, director of the widely-praised film "The Memory of Justice," has removed a passage from the documentary which had described as "somewhat racist" an Israeli law calling for the death penalty for war crimes and crimes against humanity.

In the offending passage in the film, the impression was left that the Israeli law was directed only at crimes against Jews. In fact, the law — under which Adolf Eichmann was executed — authorizes capital punishment without regard to the religion or nationality of the victim.

Julius Schatz, director of the AJCongress' Commission on Jewish Life and Culture, wrote a letter to the director that Mr. Ophuls had apparently misunderstood the Israeli statute.

Mr. Ophuls expressed gratitude to Mr. Schatz "for the courtesy of your critical remarks."

Yadin Forms New Party

JERUSALEM: The formation of a new political party called the "Democratic Movement" has been announced by Yigal Yadin, former chief of staff and a world renowned archaeologist.

He listed a group of 78 people who will be the "founding group" of the new movement and said they will seek to win enough seats in next year's Knesset election to be able to form a government.

Yadin's announcement has raised speculation that a center coalition may be created to contest the governing Labor Alignment and the opposition Likud. Suggestions have been made that it include Yadin's movement, the new party formed by Ariel Sharon, the Free Center Party, the Independent Liberals, the Shinui movement and the Civil Rights Movement.

"Having taken the opportunity to listen once more to the incriminating passage in a cinema performance, I've come to the conclusion that it should be removed from the film. I agree with you and others that the statement of the actual provisions in the Israeli law under which Eichmann was tried is just not accurate enough, in the context of my casual conversation with Prof. Taylor, to be a fair reflection of our views.

"That's why I cut the entire reference to the Eichmann case out of my film some ten days ago."

Mr. Schatz responded to Mr. Ophuls' actions in an open letter to the *New York Times*. The American Jewish Congress spokesman said, "It is good to report that as eminent a filmmaker as Marcel Ophuls will repair a factual error in his work when it is brought to his attention. ...Here indeed is an example of an artist dedicated to the truth."

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Will Deport War Criminals

WASHINGTON: The US Immigration And Naturalization Service has announced it will institute proceedings to deport three aliens living in the United States and strip four US naturalized citizens of their citizenship as a result of investigations of alleged murder and atrocities, primarily against Jews in Eastern Europe, before and during World War II.

The INS declined to identify the seven pending formal start of the legal proceedings. A spokesman told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the deportation action will begin in about a month.

The INS said its decision to act against the alleged Nazi war criminals followed the return from Israel of Paul Vincent, Chief Trial Attorney who interviewed 32 of them. In addition, all 32 indicated willingness to come to the United States to testify in person, the INS said.

Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman (D-N.Y.) described the INS action as "a very important development," and "particularly gratifying" since it is "apparently the direct consequence of my insistence that the service seek witnesses and documentation in these cases from sources in the state of Israel. Although the actions," she said, "do not make up for nearly 30 years of immigration Service delay and neglect, they do offer the hope that the United States will no longer be a haven for persons accused of some of the most atrocious crimes in human history."

Although the INS refused to identify the seven, six of them have been named by other sources as the following:

Andria Artukovic, 76, of Surfside, California former Minister of Justice and Internal Affairs in the Nazi Puppet Regime of Ante Pavelic in Croatia, who was charged by the postwar Yugoslav government with the murder of thousands of Jews, Serbs and Gypsies.

Boleslaus Maikovskis, 72, of Minfola, N.Y., who was sentenced to death in absentia by a Riga Court on murder charges. Karl Linas, 57, of Greenlawn, N.Y., who was sentenced to death in absentia in the Soviet Union for murders committed while he was administrator of the Nazi Concentration Camp at Tartu, Estonia.

Modified Conversion Courts Opposed By Sephardic Rabbi

JERUSALEM: Rabbi Ovadia Yossef, Israel's Sephardi Chief Rabbi, is opposed to moves to establish special rabbinical conversion courts which would shorten the normal conversion procedures to two years or more through the regular Batei Din.

Rabbi Shlomo Goren, Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi, who feels that the present conversion process is unnecessarily harsh, supports the proposed courts.

He already supervises a "conversion plan" in Netanya and undertakes several dozen conversions which, as Chief Rabbi, he is entitled to do.

But he cannot keep pace with the demands and he recently applied to the Attorney-General for an opinion whether the establishment of the special conversion courts apart from the Batei Din would be permissible.

Israeli law is based on a 1927 code which specifies that individuals may legally change their religion provided that this is authorized by the head of the community concerned.

The two Chief Rabbis want to establish how the term "community head" may be interpreted.

Because of the long delays in processing conversion applications by the Batei Din, some 80 percent of applicants are being sent to special seminars on Judaism spon-

sored by Chief Rabbi Goren. However, although more than 100 men and women "graduate" from the courses every four months, their conversions are delayed because, except for Chief Rabbi Goren, few rabbis are willing to speed up the conversion itself.

MUSICAL PROTEST

JERUSALEM: An unusual demonstration was staged outside the Finnish Embassy in Tel Aviv by Victor Yoran, a Soviet Jewish emigrant cellist, to draw attention to the refusal of the Soviet authorities to allow members of his family to join him.

Yoran, 38, who came to Israel in 1969, placed his cello on the pavement and quietly played pieces of music by Bach, Ravel and other composers.

His wife, Stella Goldberg, his son and parents have been persistently denied exit visas by the Soviet authorities in spite of repeated applications by the family and appeals by scores of world famous musicians.

"I have tried everything else, perhaps this will get through to them," Yoran said.

The Finnish Embassy has been looking after Soviet interests in Israel since 1967, when the Soviet Union broke diplomatic relations during the Six-Day War. The Dutch Embassy in Moscow looks after Israeli interest in the Soviet Union.

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Are There Sinister Dealings Between Israel & S. Africa

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y.: Rumor has it that a sinister relationship exists between Israel and South Africa. The charge is being advanced by forces within the third world as well as receiving support from the Soviet Union. The focus is Israel's trade and arms sale to South Africa, as evidenced by the controversial resolution condemning Israel which was adopted by the General Assembly recently.

Commercial dealings with South Africa should rightfully be frowned upon and it is certainly intolerable to engage in arms traffic with the apartheid regime. However, it appears cynical, hypocritical and down right anti-Semitic to single out Israel as the main culprit.

Despite determined and systematic attempts to suppress it, the truth may be documented that scores of countries trade with South Africa, including 19 black African states. This trade, alone, outweighs Israel's since it amounts to many hundreds of millions of dollars annually.

The 19 are Angola, Botswana, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Gabon, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Lesotho, Liberia, Malagasy Republic, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Nigeria, Senegal, Swaziland, Zaire, Zambia.

Their economic dealings with South Africa are flourishing and growing: large-scale imports and exports of raw materials, building equipment, pharmaceuticals and foods; airline passenger and freight connections; railway projects; shipping lines; construction of office buildings, hotels and housing; tourism; technical aid in disease control; construction, engineering and metallurgical equipment for copper and diamond mines; financial investments, development loans and long-term credit arrangements.

Striking Instance

Mozambique is the most striking instance of this symbiotic relationship. Despite the militantly anti-apartheid, anti-Western, Marxist ideology of this newly independent country, its economic relations with Pretoria are varied and thriving. South Africa is its second-biggest customer and the largest source (nearly one-half) of its total foreign-exchange earnings.

The most astounding aspect, economically and morally, of black Africa's relations with South Africa concerns the blacks who work in South African gold, diamond, platinum, uranium and coal mines.

Hundreds of thousands of migrant laborers from neighboring countries — Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland, Mozambique, Malawi, Angola and others — work under arrangements that can only be described as sweetheart contracts between the black governments and South African companies.

The nearly 180,000 Mozambican gold miners are paid, for example, only 40 percent of their wages in South African currency. The remaining 60 percent is paid not to the workers but to their Government, in gold bullion. Only when the miners go home after contracts have expired does their Government pay them the rest of their wages, but only in local currency, while the state keeps the gold. This deal gives Mozambique a profit of over 200 percent on the sweat of its citizens: a subsidy to the black Marxist state for supplying indentured servants to the white apartheid state.

The Ironies

Israel's dealings with South Africa are outweighed by black Africa's. But if it is wrong for Israel, why not for black Africa? And if it is right for black Africa, why not for Israel?

Such are the ironies of the double standard that it will surprise no one to learn that such principled Arab friends of African liberation as Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Jordan, Egypt, Dubai and Abu Dhabi traffic with South Africa in oil, tourism, foods, and even arms. Nor are those progressive champions of

human rights, the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, averse to dirtying their hands in South Africa trade. A recent International Monetary Fund study shows that in 1974 South Africa exported goods worth some \$5 billion to the Soviet bloc, and imported nearly \$25 million worth from it.

The same report shows that South Africa has trade relations, amounting to millions of dollars, with four members of the United Nations Special Committee Against Apartheid (which recently issued a report condemning Israel for its relations with South Africa: East Germany, Haiti, Hungary, Peru — two rightist dictatorships and two Communist regimes, united in cant and opportunism).

As for Israel's small arms trade (six patrol boats and a missile system for them) — which I do not condone — it is dwarfed into insignificance by the South African arms traffic of other countries. France above all, but also Britain, the United States, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, Switzerland, Canada, Jordan, the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia have been involved over many years in the sale, licensing or construction of a vast array of military-related equipment amounting to many billions of dollars.

Who are Israel's accusers? India, a leading member of the United Nations Apartheid Committee, is a typical. It brazenly points the finger at Israel while it secretly makes atom bombs out of nuclear materials furnished for peaceful uses, destroys its people's civil liberties, and practices its own version of apartheid in the treatment of its 50 million wretched untouchables.

What price hypocrisy? Nothing less than peace and justice.

60% INTERMARRIAGE

JERUSALEM: A World Zionist Organization official reported today that the inter-marriage rate is soaring in Latin America, reaching 60 percent in some places. Haim Finkelstein, head of the WZO's education department who just returned from a five-week tour of Latin America, said in a report to the WZO Executive that he was particularly discouraged by the apathy of many local Jews to this situation.

Israelis Shocked By Girl's Suicide

JERUSALEM: Many Israelis have been shocked by the apparent suicide by poison of Ibtisam Habashi, a 28-year-old Arab Christian woman of El Arish in northern Sinai, who was expected to marry a 37-year-old Haifa Jew.

The two met when the Haifa man, who was divorced, was serving in El Arish during reserve military duty.

It is understood that Habashi was under great pressure from her family to break relations with her friend, but she was ready to convert to Judaism and went to Haifa.

She was returned to El Arish by Israeli police on the grounds that residents of the occupied areas were not allowed to live in Israel without a permit. She was later found dead, and an inquiry has been opened.

Police sources said that Habashi was returned at the request of the Military Government.

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