UNEMPLOYED DEMONSTRATE IN PETACH TIKVAH; ATTACK LOCAL LABOR COUNCIL

TEL AVIV, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Jobless workers in Petach Tikvah rioted today, smashing windows and furniture in the local Labor Council offices. A planned march by the 150 protesters on the mayor's office in the nearby municipal building was stopped by police who dispersed the workers.

They had obtained a police permit for the demonstration and a delegation of the unemployed met with Labor Council officials. Jobless workers in other sections of Israel indicated they were planning protest meetings against continued idleness during Israel's current economic slump.

A team of experts, representing the Bank of Israel, the Economic Planning Authority and the Israel Treasury, came to the conclusion that unemployment in Israel may rise even higher in 1967 before it declines toward the end of the year. They said that 1966 unemployment averaged 60,000 persons, or 7 percent of the work force, almost double the average of joblessness in 1965.

They also predicted that Israeli production may rise in 1967 by 5 percent, compared with only a 1.2 percent rise in 1966. Prices are expected to go up next year by 5 percent, while wages will rise by only 3 percent.

ISRAEL WILL NOT ACCEPT U.S. VIEWS CLASHING WITH HER INTERESTS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 27, (JTA) -- Premier Levi Eshkol declared here last night, in a reference to United States criticism of Israel's November 13 raid into Jordan, that Israel would not accept United States views on such issues if those views clashed with Israel's vital interests. He stressed that generally the two Governments had a good understanding.

Addressing a gathering of 70 university professors, the Premier said that the U.S. Government had been angered by the raid but that this was one of those things that could not be helped.

Since the raid, he said, the tide of the security situation had started to turn for the better. He remarked that King Hussein was still reigning in Jordan, that foreign Arab troops had not entered Jordan and that incursions into Israel by Arab saboteurs had virtually ceased. He hinted that the Soviets might be credited for the suspension of guerrilla raids from Syria.

The Premier also described efforts to improve relations with the Soviet Union as bringing no favorable response so far. He also said he had tried very hard for a new approach to Israel's defense problems but that in his three years as Premier he had found that the correct course was that which was followed in the prior 15 years.

SECRET ARAB COUNCIL FORMED TO DEPOSE HUSSEIN AND ATTACK ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27, (JTA) -- Reports received here today from Cairo revealed the announcement of formation of a secret Arab revolutionary council aimed at overthrowing King Hussein of Jordan and igniting an Arab war against Israel.

Ahmed Shukairy, head of the so-called Palestine Liberation Army, announced formation of the new group. He said it would be made up of activists both inside and outside of Jordan and would "undertake the preparation of the people to wage a battle for the liberation of Palestine with the Palestine Liberation Army in the vanguard."

Shukairy charged that Hussein, to preserve his throne, obstructed and persecuted commandos seeking to attack Israel. The new revolutionary council will replace the Palestine Liberation Organization's 11-member executive committee. The identity of its members will be kept secret. An appeal was made for cooperation by the Jordanian army.

From other quarters in Cairo came charges that King Hussein met secretly with King Faisal of Saudi Arabia at Aqaba on Dec. 23 to agree on a secret multi-million dollar aid agreement with England. Cairo reports said the kings feared the rising tide of Arab leftist revolution and decided to cooperate to preserve their thrones and prevent the stationing of other Arab forces in Jordan.
ISRAEL COMPLAINS TO U.N. OFFICIALS ON INFILTRATION OF SYRIAN SHEPHERDS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Syrian shepherds are again grazing their flocks in the Israeli demilitarized zone along the border, Israeli officials reported today. The shepherds are being given protective cover by Syrian gunners.

Infiltration of this kind took place a couple of months ago but was ended after Israel took counter-measures. Israeli officials have notified United Nations observers about the return of the shepherds to the zone.

CARDINAL CUSHING SPEAKS IN SYNAGOGUE; APPEALS TO MOSCOW ON JEWISH RIGHTS

BOSTON, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Richard Cardinal Cushing, Catholic Archbishop of Boston and one of America's leading churchmen, appealed to the Soviet Government to permit the Jews in the Soviet Union to practice their religion without any restrictions. He emphasized that Jewish religion and culture are being suppressed in the Soviet Union.

Cardinal Cushing spoke at a meeting held at Temple Chabieli Shalom, in Brookline, Mass., under the auspices of the American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry. Declaring that it is fitting for Christian neighbors to join with their Jewish friends "in seeking the freedom of the oppressed Jewish community in the Soviet Union," he said:

"Wherever freedom is deprived, all of us are deprived in some measure; wherever the expression of man's religious spirit is forcefully curtailed, there all religion suffers. For two decades we have witnessed the slow and steady erosion of the religious and cultural institutions that should be at the service of millions of Jews in the U.S.S.R., and this process has been initiated and encouraged by official Soviet policy, aimed at the death of the traditional Jewish community in that land.

"Many national and ethnic groups have cultural and religious traditions closely intertwined; none more so than the children of Abraham so that an assault on one becomes, in effect, an assault on the other. The second largest Jewish community in the world is within the borders of the Soviet Union; it consists of a people whose cultural achievements in times past were a wonder to the world, a people, too, whose deep spiritual qualities were widely manifest and universally admired."

Says Jews in Russia Are Struggling, But Judaism Did Not Die

Emphasizing that one repressive law after another in the Soviet Union has closed Jewish theaters, suppressed schools, forbidden the publication of books, and attacked the Jewish culture at its very roots, and that Jewish houses of worship have been closed, ritual necessities denied, and the training of new rabbis made impossible, Cardinal Cushing declared:

"Three million Jews have been suffering and struggling against odds that are overwhelming. But Judaism did not die. In spite of all that has happened, evidence appears again and again that, even in the most difficult circumstances, faith and hope have not merely survived but have shown increased vigor and enduring life. The young people, so long alienated from religion by their environment, have turned again in impressive numbers to the spiritual origins of their fathers. As so often in the history of man's faith in God, the persecutions of the world have given new strength to religious commitment, new intensity to humanity's deepest yearnings.

"In the case of the Soviet Union, we raise our voices today asking them only to be faithful to what is their own declared policy for the peoples of their country. For decades they have boasted that there is no persecution of religion in their land; let them be true merely to what they have claimed for themselves. They acknowledge also that they recognize the just claims of nationalities to their own cultural life in the Soviet state. They have, however, made Jews the exception to the rule in these last years.

"So here again we ask of them no more than what they have claimed for themselves. Surely, this is not an extravagant appeal, nor one that can be cast aside by reasons of politics or ideology. The Soviet state has begun to show some leniency in small things; we urge them in the name of God and humanity to extend it to its widest limits." 

Speaking from the same platform on the Soviet policy against Jewish culture and religion were also Dr. Forrest L. Knapp, general secretary of the Massachusetts Council of Churches, and Rabbi Manuel Saltzman, chairman of the Massachusetts Board of Rabbis.

GERMAN EDUCATOR DECORATED FOR SERVICE TO GERMAN-ISRAEL RELATIONS

BONN, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Cologne's chief of education, Johannes Giesbert, was awarded here today the National Service Cross, for "service to the cause of West German-Israel relations." He has been instrumental in arranging German youth exchanges with Israel.

Shaul Levin, head of the education and cultural department of the City of Tel Aviv, now visiting Germany, was one of a number of Israeli educators attending the award rite.
ISRAEL CONDUCTS STUDY ON ITS STUDENTS AND PROFESSIONALS IN U.S.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- The Israeli Government has conducted a survey in the United States to determine the reasons for the "brain drain" of professionals and students who work or study in the United States, and to encourage them to return to Israel, it was disclosed here today.

Special offices to aid the return of the trained Israelis to Israel, where they could contribute to the country's development, have been established in New York and Los Angeles, with a branch in Tel Aviv aiding the project by arranging jobs, homes and other facilities for the returnees.

Some results of the survey were revealed today by Abraham Ben-Zvi, American representative of the Israeli Ministry of Labor, who is in overall charge of the project, with an office in New York.

He said he has found that there are 2,000 Israeli students in the United States, of whom the majority, 1,100, are graduate students or men and women engaged in post-doctoral studies. In addition, 1,500 Israelis are in this country, having completed their studies and working here in various professional pursuits. Among the latter, 40 percent are engineers, 10-15 percent are physicians, and 20 percent are scientists, artists and social scientists.

There are also about 1,000 other Israelis in this country who have completed their studies but, for various reasons, have not replied to questionnaires sent out by his New York office, Mr. Ben-Zvi said. While the latter group may include many Israelis who have no intention to return to Israel, the majority of the 1,500 Israeli professionals working in the United States indicated by their answers to the questionnaires that they do plan to go back to Israel. Of the total of those 1,500, all but about 15 percent have retained their Israeli citizenships, Mr. Ben-Zvi stated.

He disclosed also that a study attempting to trace the motivations for continued or permanent residence in this country by both students and professionals was launched by the Israeli Government. The study is now being conducted by the Bureau of Applied Social Research of Columbia University. He said that the United States Government has underwritten this project, believing that the study may bring out motivational information relating, in general, to the researches into reasons why various countries are threatened by "brain drain."

LEADER OF GERMANY'S NEO-NAZI PARTY DUE IN CANADA; JEWS TO DEMONSTRATE

TORONTO, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- A leader of the Canadian Jewish Congress said here today that protest demonstrations of a "massive character" will be staged here if Adolf von Thadden, head of the extremist West German National Democratic Party, comes to Toronto on a scheduled visit next month.

It was reported that von Thadden would come to Toronto on January 29 to address a public meeting and to appear on Toronto television. However, it was not learned what group he would address and no local television station has admitted asking him for an interview appearance. The External Affairs Department of the federal government in Ottawa said it was looking into the matter.

In announcing plans for a demonstration, Meyer W. Gasner, chairman of the CJC central region, said support for the protest would be sought among all sections of the community, including veterans groups, the trade union movement, ethnic groups and youth organizations, as well as from public leaders generally.

CHILDREN OF ITALIAN FAMILIES STRICKEN IN FLOOD ARRIVE IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- A group of 112 children of Florence families stricken in the mass floods which hit Italy arrived in Israel for a two to three week visit organized to help them forget the disaster.

The initiative for the idea came from the Rotary Club of Israel which provided most of the expenses of the visit and Alitalia, the Italian airline. Alitalia and El Al provided the air transport. Final details were arranged by Italian Rotary officials, Ambassador Shad Avriel and the Youth Aliyah office in Italy. The children, aged 13 to 16, include both Jews and non-Jews.

They are being sent to various settlements, including Kfar Silver, Neot Mordechai, the kibbutz of Ambassador Avriel and others. They will also tour the country.

AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION ELECTS JEW AS PRESIDENT FOR FIRST TIME

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- David A. Matlin, Los Angeles attorney and member of the National Jewish Welfare Board's National Health and Physical Education Committee, was elected president of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States. He is the first Jew to head this major amateur sports body.
RABBI WHO SERVED TOKYO'S COMMUNITY REPORTS ON JEWISH LIFE IN JAPAN

NEW YORK, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- A report on the Jewish community in Japan was given to the World Jewish Congress here by Rabbi J. Adler, who for the past three years served as the community's rabbi in Tokyo. He said that apart from the 500 to 600 Jews living in Tokyo, there is a community in the Kobe district of about 150, with a few individual families scattered in a number of other cities.

Rabbi Adler stated that the Tokyo community consisted primarily of business and professional people from the United States, Europe, Israel and other parts of the world. Many of them are stateless. The community in Tokyo maintains its own center and, while in Japan, Rabbi Adler taught about 25 children in afternoon classes at the center.

Prior to his occupying the Tokyo pulpit, Rabbi Adler, who was born in Britain, spent a year as the minister of the Jewish community in Hong Kong. During his service in the Far East, the English rabbi would fly to Hong Kong or Tokyo at a moment's notice to perform a marriage, a brit, or prepare poultry according to kashrut regulations. In a comment on the life of both communities Rabbi Adler said that neither had ever met or experienced anti-Semitism in any form.

HISTADRUTH IYRITH CONVENTION VOTES TO ADVANCE HEBREW CULTURE IN U.S.

LONG BEACH, N.Y., Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Dr. Judah Pilch, New York educator, was elected president today of the Histadruth Iyrith of America at the closing session of the organization's convention. The Histadruth Iyvith seeks to advance the Hebrew language and culture in this country.

Dr. Pilch told the convention that a plan proposed earlier in the convention for creation of an American Council for the advancement of Hebrew language and culture could mark "a new epoch in the history of the Hebrew movement in America." Rabbi Theodore Friedman, South Orange, N.J., and Shemeon Pollack were elected vice-presidents.

DR. SCHWARTZ TO CONFERENCE WITH ESCHKOL ON 1967 ISRAEL BOND CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice-president of the Israel Bond Organization, left for Israel today to discuss the forthcoming 1967 Israel bond campaign with Premier Levi Eshkol and Finance Minister Pinchas Sapir.

In connection with his departure, Louis H. Boyar, chairman of the Board of Governors of the Israel Bond Organization, said today that adverse developments on the economic front in Israel will make the country dependent to a larger extent than ever before on the proceeds of sale of Israel bonds to finance Israel's development projects and to promote industrial expansion.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ARTS GRANTS $10,000 STIPEND TO NOTED YIDDISH AUTHOR

NEW YORK, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Isaac Bashevis Singer, the noted Yiddish writer, many of whose works have been translated into English, has been voted a stipend of $10,000 by the National Council of the Arts, it was announced here today. The award was given Mr. Singer to enable him to complete a novel on which he is currently at work.

The National Council of the Arts is a body created by Congress to encourage all the arts in the United States. Last week, the Council voted awards totaling $1,300,000. Among the grants were five of $10,000 each to writers, to aid them to complete works in progress. Mr. Singer was one of those five.

ISRAEL HUMANITIES AWARD PRESENTED TO PUBLISHER OF MIAMI HERALD

MIAMI BEACH, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- John S. Knight, publisher of the Miami Herald, was presented here last night with the Eleanor Roosevelt-Israel Humanities Award by the Greater Miami Division of State of Israel Bonds.

He spoke at the Ambassador's Ball, sponsored by the division, declaring that world conflicts could perhaps be settled "if the antagonists maintained lines of communication." He paid tribute to the memory of Mrs. Roosevelt and recalled her deep interest in Israel. Avraham Harman, Israel's Ambassador to the United States, was an honor guest at the ball.

LEON CREDITOR, DEAN OF JEWISH WRITERS IN ENGLAND, DIES IN LONDON

LONDON, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Leon Creditor, a veteran Jewish educator and journalist, died here at the age of 88. He was the dean of Jewish journalists in England. Born in Russia, Mr. Creditor came to England 70 years ago and combined a career of Hebrew teaching with writing for the Yiddish and Hebrew press. After he retired from teaching, he devoted all his time to writing, serving as associate editor of "The Jewish Voice."