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Sabotage, Terror Hit Wide Front Along Israel's Borders; El Fatah Leaves Signs of Action

TEL AVIV, Dec. 3 (JTA)—Widespread acts of sabotage last night wrecked a section of the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv railway line near Beth Shemesh, damaged the water reservoir at Almagor, a settlement near the Syrian border, and damaged road construction equipment on the Golan Heights, near the Israel-Syrian cease-fire line.

The blasted bodies of two Arab terrorists were found near the scene of the railroad sabotage where, it is believed, they accidentally stepped on mines left behind along the former Israel-Jordan frontier. Two hand grenades and two Russian-type submachineguns were found nearby. Railroad service to and from Jerusalem was delayed, but returned to normal by noon today after squads repaired the damage.

The reservoir at Almagor, built five years ago of re-enforced concrete, was breached by an explosion last night resulting in a water shortage for the settlement. Pamphlets in Hebrew and Arabic, signed by El Fatah, the Syrian terrorist organization, were found near the scene of the explosion. A similar explosion which wrecked a pumping station near S'dom on the Dead Sea last week is under investigation.

The Golan Heights incident, which damaged road building equipment, occurred about a mile and a half from the cease-fire line. Footprints and El Fatah pamphlets were found nearby.

Friday, one of two Israeli planes on patrol south of the Suez Canal was shot down today by Egyptian anti-aircraft fire. An Israeli spokesman said there was no word as to the fate of the occupants of the downed plane, a pilot and a navigator. The plane crashed into the Suez Gulf about 15 miles south of the Port Tewfik and about five miles from the eastern bank, held by the Israelis.

Israeli authorities have asked the International Red Cross to investigate the fate of the two Israeli fliers. Meanwhile, an air-sea search by Israeli units turned up a rubber lifeboat and a navigator's helmet, but no sign of the men. The master of a Greek ship in the vicinity was questioned without results. Israel has asked the Red Cross to find out if the men, who were seen parachuting after their plane was hit by anti-aircraft fire, have fallen into Egyptian hands.

Thant Posts 47 More Cease-Fire Observers in Suez Area; Costs Seen as \$315,820

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Dec 3 (JTA)—Secretary General U Thant announced today the nationalities of 47 additional cease-fire observers to be stationed in the Suez Canal area, with the approval of both Israel and Egypt. He also gave the Security Council an estimate of the cost of recruiting and maintaining the expanded force. Mr. Thant reported that Israel and Egypt have agreed to an additional nine observation posts to be set up on both banks of the Suez Canal, four on the West Bank and five on the Israel-held East Bank.

The 47 new observers, who will bring the strength of the cease-fire observation corps in the Suez area to 90, have been recruited from Argentina, Austria, Chile, Finland, France, Ireland and Sweden, the Secretary General said, and they are expected to arrive at their posts early this month.

The expense involved in recruiting them was estimated by Mr. Thant as \$315,820 as of December 31, 1967. Should the expanded corps be continued through 1968, the estimated cost will be \$873,000, he said. Mr. Thant said he will report to the Security Council at a later date on the projected use of helicopters and small craft to increase the range and mobility of the observers' corps.

Lt. Gen. Odd Bull, Mr. Thant's personal representative for cease-fire matters in the Middle East, reported today that a Lebanese tapline employee was severely injured on Nov. 29 when his vehicle, which was following a United Nations jeep, detonated a land mine on the Israeli-Syrian cease-fire line, on the Golan Heights. The Lebanese worker was en route to repair a leak which occurred in the oil pipeline in the area between the Israeli and Syrian forward defence lines.

USSR Sends 16 Jet Bombers to Egypt; Planes Make Demonstration Flight Over Cairo

LONDON, Dec. 3 (JTA)—Sixteen Russian jet bombers arrived in Egypt on a good-will mission today and immediately flew over Cairo as a demonstration of Soviet support, it was reported here. The visit by the Russian planes is believed here to be intended as a morale booster for the Egyptians, and to discourage Israeli reprisal raids.

The Soviet Government is more deeply involved and committed in the Middle East than ever before, the Sunday Observer said in dispatches from Moscow today, reporting talks this past week between Soviet diplomats and delegations from several Arab and Moslem countries, including Syria.

State Dept. Reverses Stand on Nuclear Desalination Plan for Middle East

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec 3 (JTA)—The State Department has reversed itself and given warm endorsement to a Republican-sponsored plan that would use nuclear energy to provide desalinated water for the Middle East. The plan, first advanced last spring by former President Eisenhower, calls for establishment of an international company, patterned after the Communications Satellite Corporation, that would construct three large nuclear desalting plants in the Middle East. The dual-purpose plants would be operated by the International Atomic Energy Agency, and water and electricity would be provided on a regional basis to such countries as Israel, Jordan and the United Arab Republic.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee yesterday released the testimony of two State Department officials who appeared before the committee on Nov. 17 and endorsed the Eisenhower plan — although they continued to maintain that a settlement of the "basic psychological and political problems between Israel and the Arab states" must precede the implementation of such forms of regional economic cooperation as the desalting proposal. Previously, the State Department had opposed the Eisenhower plan outright.

Technion Announces Cheaper Process for Desalting Brackish Waters

HAIFA, Dec. 3 (JTA)—A much cheaper process for desalination of brackish water than any now in existence has been developed by Prof. Abraham Kogan of the aeronautical engineering department of the Haifa Institute of Technology, the Institute reported here.

The process, involving a flash evaporation method, trims costs by eliminating tubes for heat transfer, and also requires much less energy than present techniques. Prof. Kogan has already built a laboratory-scale plant, and a pilot plant is now being built with a contribution from David Rose of New York, a former chairman of the American Technion Society.

Two Germans Get Martin Buber Foundation Awards Tonight for Rescuing Jews from Nazis

LONDON, Dec. 3 (JTA)—Two Germans, one of them a businessman and the other a former diplomat, who were responsible for saving thousands of Jews from death at Nazi hands during World War II, have been named the first recipients of the peace award to be given by the Martin Buber Peace Foundation here tomorrow night.

The men are Oskar Schindler, a Catholic from Frankfurt, and Dr. Gerhard Wolf, who was German Consul in Florence, Italy, during the war. Dr. Wolf, who risked his life to prevent the deportation of Italian Jews, will not be present for the award, because of illness.

Germany Releases, Expels Alleged Israeli Agents; Fly Home Immediately

MUNICH, Dec. 3 (JTA)—Baruch Shur and Daniel Gordon, two Israelis imprisoned here for four weeks and serving a three-month jail sentence for alleged "housebreaking," have been released and expelled from the country. They left immediately by air for Israel.

The men had been accused of attempting to break into the home of Mrs. Heinrich Mueller, wife of a missing and widely-hunted Nazi who was one of the chieftains of Hitler's Gestapo and, as such, the immediate superior of Adolf Eichmann. The local Bavarian court had refused to free them on bail while they were awaiting trial. The Bavarian district prosecutor had accused them of being "Israeli agents" on the trail of the missing Mueller.

German Socialists See Neo-Nazis Scoring 'Alarming' Progress; Street Clash Marks NPD Rally

BOONN, Dec. 3 (JTA)—One West German of every four would vote for the neo-Nazi National Democratic Party "under certain circumstances," according to a survey made on behalf of the Social Democratic Party, which marked yesterday the first anniversary of its participation in a coalition government headed by Kurt Kiesinger.

The survey indicated that fear of mass unemployment would boost the voting support for the NPD by an "alarming" 25 percent. One Social Democratic leader was quoted as saying that "the great danger in Germany lies on the right, and not enough is being done to draw attention to this threat." He added that "one day we will wake up and it will be too late."

Angry street clashes, reminiscent of the early days of the Hitler era, broke out in Duisburg this weekend, when the neo-Nazi NPD held a rally addressed by its chairman, Adolf von Thadden. A 54-year-old accountant collapsed and died of a heart attack in the melee between supporters and opponents of the NPD, and several other persons were slightly injured. Police broke up the fighting and arrested three persons who were later released. The death was the second to occur at an NPD rally. A Bavarian news photographer died of a heart attack in Ulm two weeks ago when a smoke bomb exploded next to him at a party meeting.

British Group to Send Students for Year's Work at Institute in Arad, Israel

LONDON, Dec. 3 (JTA)—A "practical project" for British university graduates and students to spend at least a year in Israel was announced here today by Gordon Hausmann, chairman of the Inter-university Jewish Federation of Great Britain and Ireland. Under the plan, he said, the students will spend at least a year at the Institute for Hebrew and Jewish Studies at Arad, one of the new developing towns in Israel's Negev area. The project, Mr. Hausmann said, had been worked out in cooperation between the World Union of Jewish Students and the Jewish Agency. He added that the federation will also intensify its present scheme under which students might spend some time in Israel at work in their chosen professions.

American Jewish Committee to Sponsor Arab Contacts at New Office in Jerusalem

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3 (JTA)—The American Jewish Committee announced here today, as its national executive board closed its four-day western regional conference, that it will move its Israel headquarters from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem "to help foster personal contact and intergroup relations between Israelis and Arabs in Jerusalem." The announcement was made by Judge Theodore Tannenwald, Jr., chairman of the organization's committee on Israel.

Declaring that Jerusalem is not only the spiritual and cultural center of Israel but also representative of the country's center "where the action is," Judge Tannenwald said the AJC is "particularly concerned with the intergroup aspects of face-to-face meetings of Israelis and Arabs in Jerusalem, since the old and new sectors were unified under Israel's jurisdiction in the wake of the June war."

To help foster personal contact and intergroup relations between Israelis and Arabs in Jerusalem, Judge Tannenwald said, the AJC had arranged with Jerusalem's Mayor Teddy Kolek to cooperate in a special program, to be headed by a fulltime intergroup specialist. Under the auspices of this joint AJC-Jerusalem municipality project, doctors, lawyers, business leaders and youth groups of the Jewish and former Arab sector of the city are being brought together. Other similar projects will be taken on, once the AJC office has been moved to Jerusalem, he added. The AJC office in Israel was established in November, 1961, "to help meet the growing need for effective channels of communication between the Jews of Israel and the United States." It arranges numerous lectures, seminars, roundtable discussions and film showings in kubbutzim as well as in the major cities, and has contributed to radio programs describing Jewish life in the United States and elsewhere.

The committee has sponsored Ammot (Evaluations), a bi-monthly journal, published in Hebrew in cooperation with an independent board of intellectual leaders. A monthly bulletin, Tfutot Yisrael (Jewish Communities Abroad), is distributed to editors, opinion-makers, and teachers, and has been cited by Prime Minister Eshkol as a prime source of information about Jewish life throughout the world. The AJC has also sponsored a three-year comprehensive study at Hebrew University on the nature and extent of Jewish identity among Israeli youth and their attitudes toward Jews in other countries. The findings will be made public shortly.

Judge Tannenwald this morning discussed the impact of the Six-Day War of last June on the American Government's Middle East policy. In that panel discussion, under the chairmanship of Arthur Greenberg, of Los Angeles, Judge Tannenwald called on the U.S. Government to pursue two aims vis-à-vis the Middle East in the near future. The Soviet Union, he said, must be kept "in line by letting it know that there is a limit in the Middle East beyond which it cannot go." Secondly, he advised, the U.S.A. must make efforts to exploit the moderate elements of the Arab world, including Tunisia, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and "possibly Egypt."

Philip Bernstein, executive director of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, recalled before the panel "the unprecedented support" given Israel during the 1967 crisis through the purchase of Israel bonds, volunteer services in Israel and in the U.S.A., and the cooperation of synagogues and many other Jewish organizations.

Rabbi Marc H. Tannenbaum, the AJC's director of interreligious affairs, declared that, contrary to some views held in the Jewish community, "the Christians, by and large, did well by Israel" during the crisis. "I am prepared," he said, "to settle for the present state of Christian public opinion in its support of Israel."

Abram Castigates de Gaulle, Compares His Theme to Dreyfus Case

Other highlights of the parley were an address at the annual dinner last night by Morris B. Abram, president of the AJC, sharply castigating French President Charles de Gaulle for "giving the lie" to his country's traditional support of human rights, through his statement of last week criticizing not only Israel but the Jews in general; and an address at the closing luncheon today by Shimon Peres, Israel's former Deputy Minister of Defense, who declared that Israel sees no prospects of peace with the Arabs in the near future, due to "internal rivalries and instability in the Arab world."

Bertram H. Gold, executive director of the AJC, outlined an eight-point program to fight anti-Semitism. Addresses were also delivered by Detroit's Mayor Jerome P. Cavanaugh, who analyzed the reasons why racial violence hit so many cities, including his own, last summer; and an examination of the recent instances of racial strife in this country by Nathan Perlmutter, director of the AJC's department of domestic affairs.

In his address, Mr. Abram, who is the United States member of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, pointed out that France had strongly supported the U.N.'s draft declaration and convention for the elimination of all forms of religious intolerance, and had lined up with those United Nations members that would call on all states to combat all prejudices, including anti-Semitism. Now, he said, through his statement at a Paris press conference last week, "Gen de Gaulle not only has failed to provide leadership against intolerance, he is promising it when he describes Jews as 'domineering' and suggests they would open the way to 'campaigns of discrimination.'"

Gen. de Gaulle's attitude, charged Mr. Abram, has evoked the themes of the Dreyfus case. "De Gaulle," he stated, "the leader of the French resistance during World War II, should know the terrible consequences of political anti-Semitism, which he saw for himself in his own fight against the barbarism

of Nazism. He knows that Nazi anti-Semitism disrupted European civilization and sent millions to death. He of all people should be leading the fight for tolerance and understanding. Instead, he is undermining the civic unity of France and creating a threat to human rights everywhere."

Gold Spells Out Program for Combating Anti-Semitism

In his program for combating anti-Semitism, Mr. Gold proposed: 1) Creation of an anti-Semitism accounting system "bringing together and systematizing all existing data on the subject" so that "an early warning system" can be constructed and counteraction planned; 2) Sponsorship of a thorough study of the basis of group anti-Semitism, a study comparable in scope to the Committee's sponsorship a generation ago of individual psychopathology that was detailed in the "Studies in Prejudice"; 3) Development of new and imaginative methods of conducting quick research into critical areas of anti-Semitism to permit swift insights that can have immediate use; 4) Assumption of an active role in exposing anti-Semitic groups infiltrating the nation's political parties, by the establishment of training institutes for political leaders — on a nonpartisan basis — to impart such information that experts possess on political extremism; 5) Increase in efforts to achieve a constructive coalition with the Negro middle class, "with whom we have intellectual kinship and with whom we can most easily communicate," and who "can exercise important influence within their own community"; 6) An examination by Jews of what they have learned about Jewish group identity that can be useful to Negroes in their own struggle for identity; 7) An effort to help Jewish shopkeepers leave the ghetto, possibly through governmental assistance or through local Jewish federations. Studies of Negro attitudes, Mr. Gold explained, indicate that the highest degree of Negro anti-Semitism exists among the poor, who see the Jewish shopkeepers as exploiters and as a bar to their own control of the ghetto; and 8) Reassessment of overseas activities to make certain that the American Jewish Committee is still "on target" in meeting the new dimensions of anti-Semitism the world over.

Peres Says Israel Will Hold No Talks With Nasser Except Directly

Mr. Peres, who is secretary-general of Israel's Rafi Party, which is headed by former Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, told the session that, "at present, Egypt is the most important factor in the Middle East" and the key to peace there. He noted that Jordan's King Hussein "faces opposition both within and outside his borders" and "must decide how independent he is, not how loyal he is to Nasser. We will negotiate with Hussein as an independent ruler, not as a representative of Nasser, with whom we would prefer to meet directly."

Mr. Peres, said that Israel insists on direct talks with the Arabs "because a third party inevitably brings an element of self-interest into negotiations that further complicates matters." He said that a U.N. personage "can be used only as a channel of communications, not in a policy-making role." As a precedent for direct talks, Mr. Peres recalled the bilateral armistice agreements that were reached between Israel and the Arab states after the 1948 war. "This time our goal is peace, but the technique should be the same," he said.

Mr. Gold announced that Hyman H. Bookbinder, until now deputy director of the Office of Economic Opportunity and "one of the chief architects of the Federal anti-poverty program," has been appointed Washington representative of the AJC.

Rabbi Lelyveld Hits de Gaulle for Relapse to 'Near-Racism'

BOSTON, Dec. 3 (JTA)—French President de Gaulle's attack on the Jews and Israel last week were denounced by the head of the American Jewish Congress as "a relapse into near racism that shames the French ideals of Liberty, Equality and Fraternity" but "happily" is not shared by the French people.

Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld, of Cleveland, national president of the AJC, called the French leader's "attack upon the corporate personality of the Jewish people" a "profound distortion of all history and a tragic insensitivity to what such gross and immoral sentiments have produced in the past. The grandeur and leadership of France will hardly be enhanced by these sad and shabby views" which were "an attempt to justify an untenable and unjust attack upon the State of Israel by an equally untenable and insupportable assault upon an entire people," Rabbi Lelyveld declared.

American Jewish Congress Hears Criticisms of Black Nationalists, 'Isolationist' Jews

BOSTON, Dec. 3 (JTA)—Black nationalists who seek to drive whites from the struggle for racial justice, and Jews looking for excuses to withdraw from the civil rights movement, were sharply criticized here today, by Dr. Kenneth B. Clark, of New York, Negro rights leader, and Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld, president of the American Jewish Congress. They joined in condemning "isolationists in both camps" who believe Jews and Negroes must now "go it alone." They spoke at a meeting of the national governing council of the AJC here, Shad Polier, chairman of the council, presided.

In urging that Jews concern themselves "not so much with anti-Semitism as with the social injustices that cause racial and religious tension," Rabbi Lelyveld declared: "We do not protect our Jewish future by abandoning our Jewish principles. Those who seek to save their skins may end up losing not only their skins but also their souls."

Rabbi Lelyveld was apparently taking issue with Bertram H. Gold, executive director of the American Jewish Committee, who has called for a Jewish coalition with the Negro middle class to combat anti-white hostility, including anti-Semitism. "This is the old-line approach to anti-Semitism, which seeks to overcome it by arguing it down," Rabbi Lelyveld said. "My own proposal is to enter into an alliance with those who are just as angry with injustice and inequality as I am." Our task is not merely to promote harmony between middle-class Jews and the deprived Negro masses, but rather to build a society that will eliminate poverty and injustice and close the 'affluence gap' between white and black in America. Preoccupation of other agencies may be with ameliorating anti-Semitism. Our emphases must be on the social problems that generate it."

Dr. Clark told the AJC leaders: "Those black nationalists who seek to preempt the civil rights struggle for themselves are among the most pathetic victims of the virulence of American racism. 'If I were white,' I could consider it absurd that anyone could tell me that, by virtue of my color, I am disqualified in asserting and working for Jewish and human dignity. I would consider myself demeaned if I were intimidated into removing myself from this struggle by black or white racists."

Clark Proposes Joint Negro-Jewish Action Program in Three Fields

Dr. Clark proposed joint Negro-Jewish action programs "to meet the racist challenge of black power" in three major areas of Negro-Jewish contact: education, consumer-merchant relations, and housing. On education, he urged that Jews and Negroes in major cities join forces "to remedy the criminally inefficient and intolerable education now being provided Negro children in predominantly Negro ghetto schools. "This problem cannot be remedied by the blind-alley approach of the black nationalists who are insisting upon all-black schools in all-black communities. This is not a job for Negroes alone. It is a job for all concerned and committed Americans."

On consumer-merchant relations, he proposed that Jewish groups organize "merchant associations that would assume primary responsibility for policing the methods, techniques and practices of all merchants doing business in Negro communities." On housing, he called for Negro-Jewish cooperation "in insisting on more effective government activity in slum clearance and code enforcements."

Dr. Clark said that anti-Jewish and anti-Israel black extremists were exploring the possibility of linking up with right-wing reactionary, anti-Semitic white groups. "Anti-Semitism, among those portions of the black nationalist movement which seem addicted to it, may reflect not only a pattern of racial cynicism and the method of racial racketeers but also a specific symptom of the general problem of racism in America," he said. He continued:

"The problem of anti-Semitism among Negroes in general is not a serious issue which requires serious concern or any special program to deal with it. Anti-Semitism among black nationalists, however, may present the problem of understanding and exposing the relationship between such groups and white reactionaries and segregationists.

"Anti-Semitism among Negroes is a barometer of Negro morale. Increased expressions of anti-Jewish feeling among Negroes may be interpreted as an indication of low morale. Systematic anti-Semitism among Negroes or whites — or even among Jews — is a manifestation of the systematic disease of racism."

Prelate of Orthodox Russian Church Sees No Reason for Banning U.S. Visit by Moscow Rabbi

NEW YORK, Dec. 3 (JTA)—Metropolitan Nikodim, chairman of the department of external church affairs for the Russian Orthodox Patriarchate, told a delegation from the Synagogue Council of America this weekend that he saw no reason why Soviet authorities would prevent Moscow Chief Rabbi Yehuda Leib Levin from accepting a Synagogue Council invitation to visit the United States.

However, the Russian prelate declined to convey to Rabbi Levin the invitation from the Synagogue Council. He told the delegation that the formal invitation should go to Rabbi Levin through "proper channels." He said he would be pleased to convey to Rabbi Levin the greetings of American Jewry. After the meeting, Rabbi Jacob Rudin, SCA president, said that the Synagogue Council would send the invitation immediately to Rabbi Levin.

The Russian prelate told the American Jewish religious leaders that not only the Russian Orthodox church but other Christian denominations in the Soviet Union, as well as the Moslem community, had been allowed to establish formal contacts with international church bodies, such as the World Council of Churches, and to visit co-religionists abroad.

Rabbi Rudin then commented that Soviet Jewry had not been allowed to establish such contacts, and expressed the hope to the prelate that Soviet authorities would facilitate Rabbi Levin's acceptance of the SCA invitation. Other members of the delegation asked the prelate and his three colleagues, who left for the Soviet Union, about the failure of Soviet officials to keep promises for publication of Jewish prayerbooks, permission for Jews to maintain a seminary for training of rabbis and for reunion of Jewish families. The Russian prelate said he was not sufficiently informed about the details of Jewish life to reply to such questions.

Other members of the SCA delegation were Rabbi Solomon J. Sharfman, chairman of the SCA commission on international affairs; Rabbi Wolfe Kelman, executive vice-president of the Rabbinical Assembly; Rabbi Henry Siegman, SCA executive vice-president; and Rabbis Joseph P. Sternstein and Harold Gordon, of the New York Board of Rabbis.

B'nai B'rith Studies See Jewish Orientation as Priority Issue in the 1970's

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec 3 (JTA)—A two-year-old study by 30 B'nai B'rith task forces, working independently of one another, took a look at the future of Jewish life in America and agreed that the major and priority concern of American Jews in the 1970's will be the Jewish orientation — or lack of it — of their children.

The results of the study, which involved 700 persons, were reported here today by Dr. William A. Wexler, of Savannah, president of B'nai B'rith, at the opening of the annual meeting of its board of governors. The study indicated that the strengthening of the cultural loyalties and Jewish identifications of youngsters, and means to cope with "impoverishments in Jewish education" are already the dominant concerns of the Jewish community. The problems of anti-Semitism and related issues arising from the civil rights movement and racial conflicts, church-state disputes and political extremism, rank second in frequency among the major issues likely to claim the attention of American Jews during the next decade, the task force studies showed. American Jewry's relationship with Israel ranked third, but, it was pointed out, this subject was investigated prior to last June's Six-Day War.

Dr. Wexler said the study showed that "more affirmative activities in organized Jewish life" are required to keep Jewish youth from "drifting away from Jewish moorings toward a more humanistic society." He urged Jewish federations and welfare funds to give greater emphasis in their allocations to Jewish educational institutions and programs, since medical and social welfare services "are increasingly subsidized by public grants."

The task forces listed the following areas of concern which, they forecast, will increase in intensity in the next decade: The loss among Jewish youth of involvement with authentic Jewish expression, opening paths toward assimilation; the domineering influence of Christian culture over Jewish experience of family life; the estrangement of Jewish intellectuals from Jewish communal life; the present lack of "contemporary relevancy" in Jewish education; and a "floating by Jewish college youth" into a new kind of Jewish identification without religious emphasis.

Aharon Becker, Histadrut Leader, Meets With Heads of Labor in U.S.A. and Canada

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 3 (JTA)—Aharon Becker, secretary-general of Histadrut, Israel's federation of labor, tonight helped launch the annual Histadrut campaign here. He and Sol Stein, director of the National Committee for Labor Israel, addressed a meeting attended by 700 persons. They also conferred here with non-Jewish leaders of organized labor as well as with leaders of the local Jewish community.

Last night, Mr. Becker met with trade union leaders, Jewish and non-Jewish, at a reception tendered for him in San Francisco by the Histadrut campaign of San Francisco and the Bay area. The Israeli labor leader had come to the West Coast from Canada, via Detroit. In the latter city he conferred with outstanding leaders of American labor, including Walter Reuther, president of the United Auto Workers. In Ottawa, prior to going West, he had met with officials of the Canadian Labor Congress.

Leader of Conservative Rabbis Denies Christians Failed to Support Israel During Crisis

NEW YORK, Dec. 3 (JTA)—Charges by Jewish spokesmen that Israel's Six-Day War proved the "failure and futility" of Jewish-Christian dialogue were termed "malicious distortion" and "narcissistic nonsense" this weekend by Rabbi Wolfe Kelman, executive vice-president of the Rabbinical Assembly.

The Conservative rabbinical leader also declared, in a statement here, that it was not true that there had been "an inadequate response" from Christians during the Middle East crisis, when Israel was "in danger of annihilation." He asserted that "most Christians in the United States and, indeed, all of Europe, both East and West, sided with Israel's cause in May and June."

"Demonstrations and petitions were signed and joined by hundreds and thousands of Christians in America, France, Holland, etc.," Rabbi Kelman asserted. "There were also thousands of individual Christian clergymen, many of great distinction, who took forthright and unequivocal positions demanding that commitments to Israel be honored and that all necessary action be taken to thwart the conspiracy to destroy Israel."

He said that clergymen such as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Dr. John Bennett, president of Union Theological Seminary, Archbishop Hallinan and Cardinal Cushing, Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr and "thousands of other clergymen of all denominations publicly expressed their identification with the anxiety which all Jews felt for the continued survival of the Jews in Israel and the integrity of the Jewish State."

Abram Eulogizes Cardinal Spellman; Lauds Prelate's Actions at Ecumenical Council

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3 (JTA)—The late Francis Cardinal Spellman, who died in New York yesterday, was eulogized by the head of the American Jewish Committee today as "a gentle, unpretentious and friendly human being" with whom the AJC enjoyed "a warm and long friendship."

In a statement issued during the annual meeting of the Committee's national executive board here, Morris B. Abram, AJC president, said of Cardinal Spellman: "The AJC will remember with appreciation the quiet but determined and effective personal leadership of the Cardinal in support of adoption of the Vatican Council's declaration on non-Christian religions which called for 'mutual knowledge and respect between Christians and Jews.' Beneath his complex public image, we knew him as a gentle, unpretentious and friendly human being, and memories of our close association with him will long be cherished. In the spirit of our ancient tradition, we pray that his soul be bound up with the bonds of eternal life."