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## Report 14,000 Polish Jews Have Registered To Emigrate And 3,000 Have Left

LONDON, Dec. 12 (JTA)--Fourteen thousand of Poland's 25,000 Jews have registered for emigration and about 3,000 have already left the country in the wake of a continuing anti-Semitic campaign and a series of "show trials" in which most of the accused are Jews, an authority on Polish Jewry reported here today. The disclosures were made by Dr. S. J. Roth, director of the Institute of Jewish Affairs at a press conference sponsored by the Institute and the World Jewish Congress.

Reporters were given copies of a new publication of the Institute titled "The Anti-Jewish Campaign in Present Day Poland." The publication was prepared by Lucjan Blit, a journalist and research fellow at the London School of Economics. It lists the names of 152 prominent Polish Jews or persons of Jewish origin who have been purged since the summer of 1967. Most of those listed were university teachers, editors, factory managers, high ranking civil servants and officials of various institutions.

The press conference also made public, with the permission of Bertrand Russell, a letter which Lord Russell wrote to Wladyslaw Gomulka, First Secretary of the Polish Communist Party, in which he declared that, "The wave of anti-Semitism in Poland requires that Socialists everywhere speak out." He declared that Mr. Gomulka could have prevented the discriminatory acts.

Dr. Roth stated that the officially inspired anti-Semitic campaign in Poland continues and has taken on outright racist features. He said the trials of students — mostly Jewish — who are accused of having fomented the student demonstrations for liberal reforms in Poland last spring are going on and a number have already taken place, the latest on Dec. 5, following the Communist Party Congress. He said more trials were scheduled for the near future and that the liquidations of Jewish institutions or the curtailment of their activities was also continuing.

Lord Russell referred to the trials in his letter to Mr. Gomulka. He wrote, "One might have hoped that the Fifth (Communist) Party Congress would call a halt to the trials of students, mostly Jews. However, the trials continue as I write, with the accused divided into small groups and the foreign press barred in the clear hope that these disgraceful events will not be noticed." Lord Russell's letter went on to say, "By some twisted logic, all Jews are now Zionists, Zionists are Fascists, Fascists are Nazis, and therefore Jews are to be identified with the Nazis." Lord Russell reminded Mr. Gomulka, "Your own son is half Jewish. Surely you understand the criminality and danger of such a practice...Anti-Semitism in Poland has been exalted as the cover for factional struggle. You, Mr. Gomulka, could have used the authority of your high office to prevent this. The world awaits an answer from you."

## Presidents Conference Leaders Tell Katzenbach Of Alarm Over Polish Situation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (JTA)--A delegation representing the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations voiced their alarm about the condition of Polish Jewry in a 70-minute conference yesterday with Undersecretary of State Nicholas deB. Katzenbach. They also discussed the status of Jews elsewhere in Eastern Europe.

A Conference spokesman said that Mr. Katzenbach agreed with their position about the plight of Jews and advised them that the United States Government was pursuing efforts to alleviate it through channels in Warsaw and Washington. "At this stage of history — 25 years after the virtual destruction of Polish Jewry — the world cannot remain silent while Polish authorities attempt to use anti-Semitism as a weapon of terror and intimidation," a Conference spokesman said.

## Candelabrum Will Be Lighted In Front Of Polish Mission To UN

NEW YORK, Dec. 12 (JTA)--A 12-foot-high candelabrum will be kindled on Chanukah eve in front of the Polish Mission to the United Nations to symbolize demands for freedom for Polish Jews and to protest the "show trials" of Jewish students and others in Warsaw who have been accused of responsibility for last spring's student uprising. The event, to take place Sunday evening, Dec. 15, was announced today by Jacob Birnbaum, national coordinator of the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry, which is sponsoring it. Mr. Birnbaum said that city officials are expected to attend.

## Israeli Papers See Selection Of Rogers As Sign That Nixon Will Conduct Foreign Policy

JERUSALEM, Dec. 12 (JTA)--Israel's two evening newspapers — Maariv and Yediot Ahronot — were the first to comment today on President-elect Richard M. Nixon's choice of a Cabinet. Both papers agreed with a large segment of the American press which said that in the area of foreign affairs, the selection of William P. Rogers as Secretary of State-designate indicated that the President himself will conduct foreign policy. Both papers called on Israel to augment its diplomatic efforts by a drive to promote Israel's viewpoint throughout the world. The papers contrasted Israel's comparative silence with the Soviet, Arab and French campaigns directed against Israel and intended to impose

a solution to the Middle East deadlock from the outside. Maariv commented that judging by Mr. Nixon's past statements, he was not likely to agree to such a course. "We are sure that Mr. Scranton will correctly report the position of Israel and her Government but a further clarification of it cannot hurt," Maariv said.

(The Washington Star, in a front page analysis of the political thinking of new Cabinet members, reported today that Secretary of State-designate William P. Rogers is "pro-NATO, pro-Israel, and pro-foreign aid." But asking what effects his beliefs will have in practice, it simply said: "Who knows?")

### Reports Israelis See They Must Re-Explain Position To New Administration

LONDON, Dec. 12 (JTA)--The Guardian reported from Tel Aviv today that Israelis realize that with a Republican in the White House "much of what could be taken for granted with Democratic politicians or officials will have to be started afresh" and Israel will have to renew its efforts to explain its position to the new Administration and the new personalities in the State Department and the Foreign Service.

The paper said that Israelis were wary of William W. Scranton, President-elect Nixon's fact-finding envoy to the Middle East, but believed that he may have absorbed the fact that Middle East crisis cannot be judged from the viewpoint of the Arab leaders alone. The Guardian believed that "some months may elapse before the new American Administration is ready to try to crack the Israel-Arab nut" and reported that much discussion was going on in Israel on how to best utilize that time.

(In Washington today, Mr. Nixon's spokesman, Ronald Ziegler, dissociated the President-elect from Mr. Scranton's remark that the U.S. should pursue a "more even-handed" policy in the Middle East. He said that Mr. Scranton "was in the Middle East strictly as a fact-finder" for Mr. Nixon and "his remarks are Scranton remarks, not Nixon remarks." Mr. Scranton made his comment about "even-handedness" in several Arab capitals and repeated it when he arrived in Israel. He said the U.S. should consider the feelings of all peoples and all nations in the Middle East, and not necessarily espouse the cause of only one. His words aroused concern in Israel that they possibly presaged a change in U.S. policy detrimental to Israel's interests. Mr. Ziegler also spiked a remark by Mr. Scranton at the Rome airport on his way home when he said the Nixon Administration would offer its own peace plan for the Middle East soon after it took office. Mr. Ziegler said "that will be determined by Mr. Nixon after he has received Mr. Scranton's report and has studied it along with all other available evidence.")

### French Claim General Support For Four-Power Conclave On Middle East

PARIS, Dec. 12 (JTA)--French political circles claimed today that reaction to the de Gaulle Government's proposal yesterday for a Four Power conference on the Middle East was "hopeful" in most of the capitals concerned. The only one known to be energetically opposed to the principle of an imposed settlement was Jerusalem, they said, "but if everybody else agrees, Israel will do the same." According to these circles, reaction in most Arab capitals has been one of "satisfaction." They said that Washington had not brushed the proposal aside as it did similar proposals in the past. They said that Moscow has always indicated conditional acceptance of a Big Power conference on the Middle East and that French diplomats were expecting an answer on the subject from the Soviet Ambassador Valerian Zorin when he meets with President de Gaulle next week.

(In London, Prime Minister Harold Wilson said today that he did not think that the Four Power conference proposed by France would be "productive in the present circumstances.")

### Eban Says Egyptian Intransigence On Peace Moves Has Worsened Recently

LONDON, Dec. 12 (JTA)--Abba Eban, Israel's Foreign Minister, declared here tonight that not only had Israel been met by an "obdurate refusal" by the Arabs to discuss an end to the Middle East stalemate but also that "the most recent definitions" of Egyptian policy "are more negative than those of a year ago." Speaking at a dinner opening the Joint Palestine Appeal drive, Mr. Eban said that when the full story of the past 18 months -- the period since the 1967 Six-Day War -- was revealed, it would show that Israel's pursuit of peace had been "constant, versatile, strenuous -- and unilateral." He asserted that Israel had "scorned no procedure, neglected no contact, refused no possibility of serious dialogue." He charged that Egypt, "which provoked the war, now obstructs the peace. There has been a refusal to negotiate directly, a refusal to confer under (United Nations) Ambassador (Gunnar V.) Jarring's auspices, and now a refusal to formulate positions and attitudes on the specific issues involved in peace-making." This was a reference to a memorandum submitted by Mr. Eban to the Egyptians through Dr. Jarring in which Israel posed a series of questions about Egypt's position on outstanding issues.

The Foreign Minister asserted that the latest information was that "Cairo requires Israel to abandon her security without gaining peace, that we return to the precise conditions of vulnerability which placed our existence in peril in the unforgettable summer days in 1967, that no secure and agreed boundaries be negotiated, that no Egyptian recognition be given to our maritime rights whose violation brought the Middle East to war and the world to universal anguish." He added that no Arab response had come to the Israeli proposal for a conference of Middle Eastern and other countries to work out a five-year plan to solve the Arab refugee problem or to "our readiness to negotiate agreements on all the matters mentioned in the Security Council resolution of November, 1967," which gave

Dr. Jarring his mandate. (Foreign Ministry officials in Jerusalem said today that Egypt was presenting a facade of reasonableness to the press and world opinion while taking a very tough and intransigent line in private diplomatic exchanges, including their contacts with Dr. Jarring. The officials said only the most restrained parts of Egypt's reply to Secretary of State Dean Rusk's reported seven-point Middle East peace plan had been "leaked" to the press. The actual Egyptian reply was much longer and demanded complete Israeli withdrawal behind the pre-June, 1967 armistice lines as a prior condition for any other step, they said. Egypt refused outright to consider any steps that might lead to a peace agreement, even in the spirit of the November 1967 Security Council resolution, according to Foreign Ministry officials. They described the Egyptian note to Mr. Rusk as "arrogant and stubborn" containing not a single new positive element.)

### Jordan Charges New Israeli Air Attack After New Shooting Duel

TEL AVIV, Dec. 12 (JTA)--Fighting broke out anew last night and this morning along the Israel-Jordan demarcation line in the Beisan Valley region. A Jordanian spokesman charged in a broadcast heard here that four Israeli jet fighters attacked in the area of the Sheikh Hussein Bridge for 25 minutes today, destroying one house but causing no casualties. There was no Israeli confirmation of the alleged air raid. Jordan claimed that the air attack followed a 10-minute duel between Jordanian troops and an Israeli halftrack near the Sheikh Hussein Bridge in which the halftrack was allegedly destroyed.

An Israeli military spokesman said Jordanian forces fired on Israeli positions and settlements in the Beisan area last night. A heavy exchange developed this morning when Jordanians fired bazookas at the Maoz Chaim region. Israeli artillery silenced the Jordanian positions. Large fires were seen from the Jordanian side, opposite Kfar Ruppin and Maoz Chaim, the Israeli military spokesman said. As a result of the shooting, settlers were forced to spend part of the morning in shelters. No casualties were reported.

The Palestine Liberation Organization in Amman claimed today that its guerrillas fought a rocket and machinegun battle with Israeli forces along the demarcation line Monday and inflicted four Israeli casualties while sustaining none of their own.

Beirut radio quoted newspaper accounts of a riot in Baghdad where Iraqi troops and tanks were called out to suppress a mob that was setting fire to municipal cars. The account did not specify the cause of the riot but speculated that it was the result of last week's Israeli air strike against Iraqi troops stationed in Jordan.

### Soviets Reported Holding Off Supplies Of Newest Jet Fighter To Egypt

LONDON, Dec. 12 (JTA)--The Daily Telegraph said today that Russia is not prepared to supply Egypt with its advanced, 1,800 mile-per-hour all-weather MIG-23 jet fighters which might give the Egyptian Air Force superiority over the American F-4 Phantom jets to be sold to Israel. Western military analysts say the MIG-23 is too secret a weapon to risk the loss of one to Israel and that Egyptian pilots have yet to master the slower, less sophisticated MIG types already supplied to Egypt, the Telegraph reported. According to the newspaper, Soviet equipment supplied to Egypt since the June, 1967 war includes the bulk of Egypt's subsonic MIG15s and MIG17s. But Egypt also has some 40 supersonic SU-7s which can be used for ground attack as well as 80 MIG-19 all-weather fighters and 110 MIG-21 interceptors, the Telegraph reported.

### Eshkol Says Israel Opposes 'Grabbing Land' For Settlement In Arab Areas

JERUSALEM, Dec. 12 (JTA)--Prime Minister Levi Eshkol told the Knesset (Parliament) yesterday that urban Jewish settlements would be established in areas "which we consider to be Israel" but said that Israel does not believe in "grabbing land" for settlement in the occupied Arab territories. He said, however, that the establishment of Nahal -- para-military youth settlements -- in uninhabited portions of the occupied areas was a security consideration. He said he would like to see 100,000 more Jews settle in Jerusalem but that he "shuddered" at some statements by public officials regarding settlement of occupied territories.

### Arab Saboteur Killed In Clash; El Fatah Members Get Prison Sentences

TEL AVIV, Dec. 12 (JTA)--An Arab saboteur was killed and another was wounded in a clash with an Israeli patrol near Kahn Yunis in the Gaza Strip last night. A military spokesman said both saboteurs were responsible for a rash of sabotage in the area. No Israeli casualties were suffered in the clash.

Sentences including 15 years at hard labor were pronounced on two El Fatah members convicted of sabotage by a Gaza military tribunal yesterday. Two other saboteurs received sentences of 12 and five years respectively. The marauders were captured by an Israeli patrol last May after a mining incident near Gaza. They were charged with attacking Israeli vehicles in the Gaza Strip and with planting explosives on railway tracks. Two houses in the outskirts of Gaza were demolished by Israeli sappers today. The property belonged to two local youths who admitted that they had thrown hand grenades at an Israeli Army vehicle which injured one soldier.

## Leaders Call Upon U.S. Jews To Give Generously As UJA's 30th Conference Convenes

NEW YORK, Dec. 12 (JTA)--American Jewish leaders from all parts of the United States, meeting in advance of the opening of the 30th anniversary conference of the United Jewish Appeal, voted today to ask American Jews to "match and surpass the generous outpouring" of philanthropic aid which followed the 1967 Six-Day war. The campaign, which will be the UJA third Israel Emergency Fund effort, comes as tension increases along Middle East demarcation lines.

Edward Ginsberg of Cleveland, UJA general chairman, reported that representatives of the UJA national campaign cabinet, the organization's main steering committee, also responded personally "with unprecedented giving" in response to "the grave crisis in Israel." As 3,000 American Jewish leaders gathered for the opening session tomorrow, Louis Pincus, Jewish Agency chairman, said the people of Israel had to spend "all of their tax dollars on national defense" and that for this reason, expenditures for social services "must be met by unprecedented aid given to the people of Israel by Jews throughout the world." He said the American Jewish community was "under a particularly heavy obligation" to help assure "the success of this year's campaign, due to its uniquely influential position in the world."

National Cabinet members were told that Israeli social services, including hospital construction, infant welfare clinics and welfare grants had been frozen at 1968 levels in the face of a continuing flow of Jewish refugees from the Arab world. Mr. Ginsberg also told the Jewish leaders that the people of Israel "have voluntarily contributed two-thirds of the funds for UJA supported programs" and that the Six-Day War and the current crisis "makes continuation of this level of giving beyond their means. It now falls to the Jews of America to meet this responsibility to the fullest."

The conference will focus attention on a series of seminars on world Jewish needs and reviews of the situation in Jewish communities in France, Austria, Uruguay and Switzerland. Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, UJA executive vice-chairman, will address the convention tomorrow on the needs that must be met by the UJA in 1969. Gen. Moshe Dayan, Israel's Defense Minister, will make his first appearance in the United States since the Six-Day War when he addresses the conference Saturday evening.

## AJCongress To Mark 50th Anniversary In Philadelphia, Where It Was Founded

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 12 (JTA)--The American Jewish Congress will mark its golden jubilee here Dec. 14-15 exactly 50 years to the day since it was founded in this city as an organization to protect Jewish rights and to further the establishment of a Jewish national home in Palestine. The keynote address will be delivered by Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld of Cleveland, president of the AJCongress, the seventh person to hold that office. Rabbi Lelyveld will present citations to two men who are the last survivors of the AJCongress' original group of founders: Dr. Horace M. Kallen, professor emeritus of philosophy at the New School for Social Research in New York, and Bernard G. Richards, director of the Jewish Information Bureau in New York.

The AJCongress was founded in Philadelphia in 1918 to seek guarantees in the Versailles Treaty of the civil and legal rights of Jews and other minorities in states carved out of the defeated German and Austro-Hungarian empires and to win the peace conference's endorsement of the Balfour Declaration. It met again in Philadelphia in 1920 and constituted itself as a permanent organization for the protection of Jewish and other minority rights.

## Funeral Services Slated Sunday For Arthur Hays Sulzberger, Headed 'Times' Board

NEW YORK, Dec. 12 (JTA)--Funeral services will be held at Temple Emanu-El Sunday for Arthur Hays Sulzberger, chairman of the board of The New York Times and publisher of that paper from 1935 to 1961, who died yesterday at the age of 77. The body will be cremated. Dr. Nathan A. Perilman, senior rabbi of Temple Emanu-El, will officiate at the memorial services. The New York Times came under Mr. Sulzberger's direction upon the death of the previous publisher, his father-in-law Adolph S. Ochs. He guided it through the Depression years, World War II, the post-war period of prosperity and revolutionary scientific and social change. He is credited with many striking innovations that kept the newspaper abreast of the changing times while maintaining its basic traditions. He carried on Mr. Ochs' Christmas-time appeal, the Hundred Neediest Cases. From 1912 through the 1967 appeal, it raised \$18,233,133 for major Roman Catholic, Protestant and Jewish charities. Mr. Sulzberger was born in New York City and was educated at Columbia University. He was a life-long member of Temple Emanu-El, the largest Reform congregation and biggest Jewish house of worship in the world. He served as a trustee from 1935 to 1955. Early in his tenure as publisher, the Times in its editorials advocated opposition to Nazism and Fascism and attacked American isolationism. Mr. Sulzberger was deeply opposed to Zionism. He believed that Judaism is a faith, not a nationality and that Jews should not be regarded as a race or separate people.

## Dr. Boaz Cohen Dead At 69, Was Professor Of Codes At Jewish Theological Seminary

NEW YORK, Dec. 12 (JTA)--Dr. Boaz Cohen, a professor of codes at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and an authority on Jewish and Roman law, died here yesterday at the age of 69. Dr. Cohen was a graduate of City College, and earned his doctorate at Columbia University, and was ordained by the Seminary. He was the author of "Law and Tradition in Judaism," "Jewish and Roman Law, a Comparative Study" and "An Annotated Bibliography of the Rabbinic Responsa of the Middle Ages." Dr. Cohen was a past chairman of the law committee of the Rabbinical Assembly.