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## Author Of New Anti-Zionist Book Published In Russia Had Visited Israel, Officials Said

TEL AVIV, Feb. 9 (JTA) -- Israeli officials have identified the author of a newly published anti-Zionist book in Russia as a Soviet publicist who visited Israel in 1965 as a delegate with a Soviet sports team but who was refused a visa this year to attend a convention of the Moscow-oriented faction of the Israel Communist Party. They said that Yuri Ivanov, author of "Danger: Zionism," met with a number of Israeli Communist leaders when he was here four years ago.

His book, the first one wholly devoted to Zionism to be published in the Soviet Union in many years, received a favorable review in the Soviet youth newspaper Komsomolskaya Pravda. But the paper thought it did not go far enough in exposing "Zionism's participation in ideological diversions against our country and the other Socialist countries." The paper claimed that Zionist intrigues were behind counter-revolutionary forces in Hungary, Poland and Czechoslovakia.

Hadassah Magazine, published in New York, featured an article in its February issue by Dr. William Korey charging the Moscow regime with reviving the Protocols of the Elders of Zion, a 19th century forgery that was used by the Czarist authorities to generate anti-Semitism for political purposes. According to Dr. Korey, the Jewish "underground government" described in the original Protocols "has now, in paranoid Communist minds, been replaced by a global 'Zionist corporation' which serves the vast monopolies of the West in an attempt to 'establish control of the whole world.'" Dr. Korey said one purpose of this propaganda "is to set the stage for the 'show trials' of Jews in Prague and Warsaw, such as the Slansky trial in 1953 in the former city."

(Metropolitan Nikodim, a leader of the Russian Orthodox Church, denied at a New York press conference that anti-Semitism exists in the Soviet Union. He claimed that all religions were treated equally and that concern in the U.S. about Russian anti-Semitism was a result of "misunderstanding." He refused to say whether he thought American Jewish leaders had been misled on the subject.)

## Credit World Opinion, Diplomatic Moves With Iraq's Announcement Not To Try Jews

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Feb. 9 (JTA) -- Aroused international public opinion, behind-the-scenes diplomatic representations and criticism from Arab quarters were credited this weekend with apparently persuading Iraq not to try Jews any more on spy charges. It was also understood that Secretary-General U Thant, who had strongly criticized the Jan. 27 hangings of 14 persons--nine of them Jews--took additional steps to convey to Baghdad authorities his view of the seriousness of the matter. He said further comment would not be in the public interest.

The Israeli public was heartened by reports from Baghdad that 21 to 25 Jews had been released from prison, assuming that they were the Jews kept behind bars since the Six-Day War. But authorities continued efforts to persuade other governments to offer asylum for Iraqi Jews if Baghdad permits them to emigrate. "When the last Jews have left, we shall regard it as good news," one official said.

Fear still grips the small Iraqi Jewish community. It was exemplified by the comment of one member Elias E. Abdou to a London Sunday Times correspondent. A supporter of the executions, he said, "I am an Iraqi. Israeli is my enemy." He offered no objection to a Palestinian guerrilla poster pasted on the wall of his shop.

The American Jewish Committee disputed a remark by Iraqi Premier Ahmad Haasan al-Bakr that Iraqi Jews were free, like other Iraqis, to emigrate under the law. He "knows very well that...no Jews have been permitted to emigrate" in years, it is said. "The Jews of Iraq would welcome nothing more today than for the Government to open its gates."

Foreign Minister Abba Eban told the Israel Cabinet today that several governments have notified Iraq of their willingness to accept Jews as settlers or transients. He said Israel would continue to alert world opinion to their plight.

The London Guardian reported from Baghdad that the reign of terror was continuing, and that correspondents approaching Jews were met with pleas to "leave immediately and ask no questions."

In Washington, Rep. Leonard Farbstein, New York Democrat, introduced a House resolution co-sponsored by 40 other Congressmen of both parties, condemning Iraq for "genocidal murder."

## Israeli Property Registration Law, Subject Of UN Complaint, Extended Until May

JERUSALEM, Feb. 9 (JTA) -- An Israeli law that had required East Jerusalem Arabs to register their property in Israel by Feb. 23 has been postponed until May 21, Justice Minister Yaacov S. Shapiro announced today. The United Nations Security Council was preparing over the weekend to meet at the request of Jordan--where the Arab property had previously been registered--who complained about the law.

Jordan's UN envoy, Muhammad H. al-Faria, said Saturday in a letter to Security Council presi-

dent Armand Berard, of France, that the measure--which had not been extended at the time of the complaint--"threatens not only the economic life of Christians and Moslems of Jerusalem but also international peace and security."

The complaint focused on an Administrative Regulation Law published last Aug. 23 in the Israeli Official Gazette. A spokesman for the Israeli UN Mission said the law was merely a requirement for renewal of all licenses for businesses and professional men in the Jerusalem area. It was understood to be an element of a 1967 parliamentary act that unified East and West Jerusalem under Israeli rule following the Six-Day War.

The Jordanian spokesman held that the "law sets out the principles in the Jerusalem area that mean that all businesses and professional men must be amalgamated with Israeli counterparts or become Israelis themselves." He called the measure repressive. He said that Israel disregarded the July 4, 1967 Security Council resolution forbidding any change in Jerusalem's status.

### Eban Tells Cabinet United States Remains Opposed To Enforced Mideast Settlement

JERUSALEM, Feb. 9 (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Abba Eban disclosed at today's Cabinet meeting that the Nixon Administration had informed Israel that the United States does not believe in an enforced settlement of the Middle East conflict. Cabinet Secretary Michael Arnon told newsmen after the meeting that high level contacts had taken place between the U.S. State Department and the Israel Embassy in Washington before and after the American reply to the French note proposing Four Power talks on the Middle East. He said that Mr. Eban briefed Cabinet members today on the five approaches to a Middle East solution outlined by President Nixon at his press conference last Thursday.

Those approaches were: support of UN envoy Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring's peace mission; bi-lateral talks among the Big Four at the UN to precede full, formal talks; meetings with the parties concerned in the Middle East dispute; and advancement of aid plans for the Middle East, such as the nuclear-powered water desalination project formulated by Admiral Lewis L. Strauss two years ago and endorsed by former President Eisenhower.

Gideon Rafael, director-general of the Foreign Ministry said earlier on a Kol Israel radio interview that the five approaches outlined by Mr. Nixon constituted a new diplomatic approach but not a new policy. He said he did not know if the projected Four Power talks would hurt Israel but thought they might pose an obstacle to direct Israel-Arab negotiations.

Foreign Ministry sources nevertheless praised the Nixon Administration's "careful approach" to Middle East problems. They said the President had demonstrated that he would not be "rushed in" to any action by his proposal for exploratory steps through bi-lateral talks at the UN before a decision was made to go ahead with the Four Power talks. They said that despite the urgency with which Mr. Nixon viewed the Middle East crisis, he intended to explore all possibilities and consider all options before presenting any proposals of his own.

The Foreign Ministry today denied a report by the syndicated Washington Post columnists Rowland Evans and Robert Novak that President Nixon had warned Israel on reprisal raids against the Arabs while Big Four talks were going on. Officials said it was in Israeli and U.S. interests that the border should be quiet. They said that Israel has frequently stressed to U.S. officials that the current tension in the Middle East was artificially generated by the Arabs to create an impression that a new explosion was imminent and thus force the hand of the U.S.

Ambassador Rafael said on Kol Israel it was possible that the United States and Egypt would resume diplomatic relations, severed by Egypt during the 1967 Six-Day War. President Nixon and President Gamal Abdel Nasser, of Egypt, recently exchanged cordial letters. The Egyptian leader was known to have appealed for a U.S. attitude more responsive to Arab views on a Middle East peace. President Nixon's reply was friendly, according to informed diplomatic sources, but was non-committal and contained no specific proposals on Middle East peace talks or on the resumption of diplomatic ties with Cairo. According to Mr. Rafael, the initiative for renewed relations with Washington was taken by President Nasser who is more interested than ever in re-establishing Egypt's contacts there.

### Unrest Simmers in East Jerusalem, Occupied Areas; Troops Prevent Disorders

JERUSALEM, Feb. 9 (JTA) -- Unrest simmered in East Jerusalem, Gaza and in the principle West Bank towns over the weekend but the presence of Israeli troops prevented demonstrations, mainly by Arab youngsters, from erupting into serious disorders. Twenty-seven Arab youths were arrested, 10 of them in East Jerusalem and the rest in Ramallah. An Israeli bus driver was slightly injured in Gaza where school boys and girls stoned passing vehicles yesterday.

About fifty Arab youths carrying small Jordanian flags marched through East Jerusalem where leaflets were distributed Friday calling for a general strike and demonstrations. But all Arab shops were open yesterday and only a few schools were closed. Shops also stayed open in Tulkarem but schools were closed there and in Jenin. A demonstration by Tulkarem students was averted when police fired warning shots in to the air.

In Nablus, the largest West Bank town, with a population of 80,000, police sealed off the old quarter, scene of disturbances for the past week. A business stoppage there went into its seventh day. Youths waving banners and portraits of El Fatah leader Yassir Yarafat paraded through the Casbah but no arrests were made.

Round-Up Of The News

NEW YORK, Feb. 10 (JTA) -- Prime Minister Levi Eshkol was quoted today as declaring that Israel was willing to negotiate with the Arabs over most of the areas occupied in the Six-Day War but he made it clear that Israel would never give up Jerusalem and would insist on continued control of the Golan Heights. He described the Israeli position on the future of the occupied territories as "flexible" but avowed that "there will be no return to the situation preceding the June (1967) war." Mr. Eshkol's statements were made to Newsweek magazine which said that the Israeli leader rejected proposals made by President Nasser of Egypt last week. Mr. Eshkol told the magazine, "I am ready to meet him (Nasser) anywhere, anytime, and I won't quarrel about procedure, agenda or the shape of the table."

Defense Minister Moshe Dayan yesterday told Labor Party members, "I don't think there will be war this summer, and if we are strong, not even next summer. War will break out when and if the Arabs are sure they are stronger than Israel." He advocated continuation of an "open gates" policy which enables Arabs in occupied territory to maintain contact with Arabs in neighboring countries.

The four-member Free Center faction in the Knesset (Parliament) to submit a motion for a no confidence vote today following a Kol Israel broadcast of Mr. Eshkol's Newsweek interview. The motion will be debated tomorrow. According to the radio broadcast, Mr. Eshkol told the magazine that Israel was not interested in keeping West Bank population centers such as Nablus or Jenin. Minister Without Portfolio Menachem Begin of the Herut Party also questioned the alleged statement. Meanwhile, the Prime Minister's office said the passage had not been included in a text submitted for Mr. Eshkol's approval by reporters who interviewed him. The Prime Minister was not able to reply because of illness. It was not clear if he had made the statement attributed to him. The Gahal faction in the Knesset (an alignment of the Herut and Liberal parties) may leave the Cabinet over the purported statement, a reliable Knesset source told JTA.

TEL AVIV, Feb. 10 (JTA) -- Israeli defense forces brought artillery into play Sunday night to silence Arab terrorists who brought the potash plant at Sodom under fire from rockets. More than 20 rockets, fired from Russian-built Katyusha launchers, were directed at the works during three barrages. Some damage was suffered by the plant, located at the southern end of the Dead Sea, and one workman was injured but plant operations continued. The Israeli artillery fire was directed at the Katyusha positions near the Jordanian village of Asaffi.

Previously, a period of quiet in the area followed an Israeli punitive foray against Jordanian road and rail bridges after an attack on the potash works. The Jordanian authorities recognized the Israeli raid as a warning against further attacks. The latest rocket attack was seen here as evidence of further deterioration in the position of the Jordanian regime which, apparently, cannot obtain compliance with its orders from the regular Jordanian forces. Authorities at a Jordanian border police station at Asaffi were apparently either unwilling or unable to stop the terrorists.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10 (JTA) -- National leaders of the Jewish, Negro and white Christian communities offered a program today to end what they termed "escalating bigotry" in New York City and the nation. The program was contained in a statement released jointly by Roy Wilkins, executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and Arthur J. Goldberg, American Jewish Committee President. Its 20 signatories represented the national leadership of religious, civil rights and defense organizations.

The program called on "every city agency, including boards of education, (to) clearly designate the penalties faced by their employees who foment racial and religious bigotry." It also urged "national, state and local governments, as well as private foundations, to terminate funds or other grants-in-aid to any organization or individual proved to be engaging in the promulgation of racial or religious bigotry."

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## JDC Is Providing Food, Lodging And Medical Care For 1,200 From Eastern Europe, Mideast

GENEVA, Feb. 9 (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee is currently taking care of some 1,200 Jewish trans-migrants from Eastern Europe and the Middle East. Living out of suitcases, they wait in Rome, Vienna and Paris for papers that will let them move on to a new life. This was revealed by Samuel L. Haber, JDC executive vice chairman, on his arrival at JDC's overseas headquarters here after a swing through Iran, Israel and Europe where JDC conducts a wide range of health and welfare operations, with funds from the United Jewish Appeal.

The "refugee in transit" operation is currently costing JDC about \$120,000 a month, Mr. Haber said. He pointed out that JDC spends approximately \$25 a week for food, lodging, and medical care for each refugee during the period in which the United Hias Service processes his travel papers. Depending on the difficulties which may have to be untangled, this can take up to three months or longer, he said. More than 800 of the 1,200 transients are in Rome, including over 650 Jews from Poland, the JDC executive said. Another 200 are in Vienna, among them a substantial number of Czechs as well as Poles. Over 100--most of whom are recent arrivals from the Middle East--are in Paris. In addition, he noted, there are a few Eastern Europeans who have found their way to Brussels, Antwerp and Stockholm.

Mr. Haber said that, depending on world events, the number of trans-migrants in JDC's care can fluctuate at any given time from a few hundred to several thousand. "Just before the Six-Day War broke out, the figure was down to some 400 Jews from various East European and Middle Eastern countries," he said. "But, in the months right after the war, developments like the mass influx of Libyan Jews into Italy sent it up to nearly 2,000. Fortunately, the Libyans as a group proved unusually easy to resettle. But the number skyrocketed again when the Czech Jews came out after the Soviet invasion last August. Since then, nearly 3,000 Czechs have passed through the JDC office in Vienna, in need of help for shorter or longer periods. In the same period, as a result of the anti-Semitic campaign in Poland, the number of Jews coming out of there increased substantially."

Most of the trans-migrants in Rome and Vienna are on their way to the United States or Canada, Mr. Haber said. "The main cause of the Rome migrations was that many of the men were arbitrarily dismissed from their positions in Poland," he said. "An unusually large percentage of the group have high professional qualifications. They are university professors, figures in the entertainment world and communications, films and radio. Most of the women have professional training too. They are doctors, teachers, chemists and engineers."

## Israel's Ambassador, Kiesinger Confer; Believe U.S. Policy, Nixon Visit On Agenda

BONN, Feb. 9 (JTA) -- Israel's Ambassador Asher Ben Nathan met with West German Chancellor Kurt Georg Kiesinger for an hour yesterday and told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency afterward that their talk was "good, frank and useful." It was believed that they discussed American policy in Europe and the Middle East and the coming European visit of President Richard M. Nixon.

Minister of Justice Gustav Heineman told the press yesterday that the statute of limitations on war crimes prosecution could be abolished only if a majority of the Christian Democratic Party favored abolition. He said this was not the case at the present time. The CDU's coalition partners, the Social Democrats, favor abolition of the statute which is scheduled to go into effect at the end of this year.

## West German, Israeli Officials Plan Subsidized Exchange Visits By Youths

BONN, Feb. 9 (JTA) -- West German and Israeli officials have worked out a program of subsidized exchange visits by youth of both countries during 1969. It calls for visits to West Germany of about 120 Israelis, 16 and 18 years old, who will participate in various programs in the Federal Republic. An additional group of Israeli youth leaders will come here to study German youth facilities and engage in an exchange of views. German youth groups and experts in German youth work will visit Israel for various study programs during the year. Expenses for the visits will be covered by West German and Israeli institutions.

The program was drawn up in conferences between officials of the Federal Ministry for Youth and Family Affairs, the International Youth Exchange and Visitor Exchange Service of the Federal Republic, and the Israeli Foreign Ministry, Ministry of Education and the Israel Municipalities Association. A subsidized program of German youth visits to Israel was established in 1967. In that year, 451 young Germans spent a combined total of 22,347 days in Israel as volunteer workers.

## American Rabbis Invited To Attend 75th Birthday Event For Rabbi Levin In Moscow

NEW YORK, Feb. 9 (JTA) -- At least two American rabbis will attend a "gaia celebration" planned by the Central Synagogue of Moscow to observe Rabbi Yehuda Leib Levin's 75th birthday on Feb. 23. Rabbi Arthur Schneider of Park East Synagogue, New York, president of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation, and Rabbi Pinchas Teitz of the Jewish Education Center of Elizabeth, N.J., both Orthodox friends of Rabbi Levin, have received invitations to the event written in Hebrew by M. Michalowitz, president of the Central Synagogue. The Foundation is concerned with religious freedom in the Soviet Union and is headed by clergymen of other faiths as well as Rabbi Schneider.

## Israel And West Germany Report 1968 Increase In Exports To One Another

WEST BERLIN, Feb. 9 (JTA) -- Israel's exports to West Germany rose by 25 percent in 1968 while German exports to Israel increased by 100 percent. West German imports accounted for a quarter of Israel's exports of citrus fruits to Western Europe.

## Plans Under Way To Tackle Problem Of Negro Anti-Semitism In New York City

NEW YORK, Feb. 9 (JTA) -- Plans for fresh efforts to diminish the problem of anti-Semitic activities stemming from Negro sources were underway this weekend. Mayor John V. Lindsay met with 10 members of the New York Board of Rabbis, which had accused him of failing to act on the issue, particularly as it involved the city Human Rights Commission and teachers in schools in ghetto areas. The meeting was attended by Simeon Golar, a Negro named to head the commission after the Mayor named William H. Booth, to be a judge of the New York City criminal court. Mr. Booth, as head of the commission, had been under fire from Jewish organizations for "a singular insensitivity to anti-Semitic incidents."

Mr. Golar said that while he would, as chairman, try to fight discrimination against Puerto Ricans and Negroes, he would be equally alert to anti-Semitism and all kinds of racism. Rabbi Gilbert Klaperman, president of the rabbinical board, who headed the delegation, said after the meeting that he had discussed with Mr. Lindsay "the need for establishing lines of communication with all groups," including between Jews and Negroes. He said he was favorably impressed with Mr. Golar.

At another City Hall conference, religious, political, union and civic leaders, headed by Bernard Botein, former presiding justice of the Appellate Division, discussed racial tensions. Mr. Botein said that the Mayor had called the meeting to start some programs of action -- "translating goodwill statements into goodwill works." Justice Botein said that there would be a meeting of black, white Christian and Jewish clergy who will be asked to preach a doctrine of understanding from their pulpits and to carry a message on religious and racial understanding into their parishes. Among those at the conference were Archbishop Terence J. Cooke of the Catholic Archdiocese of New York, Rabbi Klaperman, former Supreme Court Justice Arthur J. Goldberg, Sen. Jacob Javits and Harry Van Arsdale, Jr. president of the Central Labor Council.

In a related development, an official of radio station WBAI announced that invitations had been extended to a number of Jewish groups, as well as to the United Federation of Teachers, to join in cooperative efforts to use the station to keep the community informed. Dr. Harold Taylor, chairman of the WBAI board, said invitations had been extended to the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, the American Jewish Congress, Workmen's Circle, the National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs, the Jewish Defense League and the New York Board of Rabbis. He said groups associated with the black community had received the same invitation. He said that Albert Shanker, president of the UFT and target of an anti-Semitic poem read on the air, had agreed to speak on WBAI "as soon as possible." Dr. Taylor also called the poem "morally, politically and socially repulsive" but also described the reading as showing "the existing reality of how some school kids reacted to the teachers strike" last year by the UFT. He defended the WBAI program directed by Julius Lester, a Negro militant, on which Campbell read the poem and on which another Negro said Hitler had not killed enough Jews.

### CCAR Hits Racism, Urges Jewry To Continue Aiding Rights Movement

In a statement condemning all manifestation of racism, lawlessness and violence, "whether black or white," the Central Conference of American Rabbis has urged Jews to continue active participation in the civil rights effort and oppose a split between Negroes and Jews because of anti-Semitism of militant blacks. The plea was contained in the Reform rabbinical agency's annual message for Race Relations Sabbath, observed in conjunction with Lincoln's birthday. Referring to current outbreaks of Negro anti-Semitism, the statement denounced "racism in any form, whether the anti-Semitic ravings of white Nazis or black agitators."

The 1,000-member organization urged Jewish builders, realtors and defense agencies to play "a significant role" in the building of open housing, and asked Jewish employers, labor leaders and institutions to seek more jobs for Negroes. Jewish teachers, students and schools were urged to be active in helping to reduce Negro illiteracy. The CCAR called particularly for vigilance by Jews to make sure that the Nixon Administration did not retrench programs for the rebuilding of the urban ghetto or abandon the poor.

### AJ Committee Study Finds Wallace Campaign 'Significantly Free Of Anti-Semitism'

NEW YORK, Feb. 9 (JTA) -- The George Wallace Presidential campaign was "significantly free of anti-Semitism despite the known presence of anti-Semites in the Wallace camp," the American Jewish Committee reported yesterday. Milton Eliert, who directs the organization's trends analysis division which conducted the study, attributed the lack of anti-Semitism to four factors:

"The American voter is too sophisticated today to be influenced by racist material." The anti-Semites who supported Wallace did not want to alienate potential supporters who would regard with "disfavor... dissemination of anti-Semitic or racist material. The very astute Alabama professional politicians who ran the Wallace campaign" protected the former Governor's image by suppressing anti-Semitic and racist bigotry. "In the main, the 1968 campaign was more concerned with men than issues."

### Mrs. Tzippe Bergelson, Widow Of Executed Russian Writer, Dead At 65

LONDON, Feb. 9 (JTA) -- Mrs. Tzippe Bergelson, widow of the famous Soviet-Jewish novelist David Bergelson, died in Moscow at 65, according to news reaching here. A group of Yiddish writers attended her funeral in addition to her family. Mr. Bergelson was one of the Yiddish writers executed by Josef Stalin.