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Immigration Increases 34 Percent During First 6-Month Period of Allon's Ministry

JERUSALEM, June 8 (JTA)--Deputy Premier Yigal Allon reported to the Cabinet today that immigration to Israel during the first six months of the existence of the Ministry of Immigrant Absorption, which he heads, represented a 34 percent increase over immigration during the corresponding period of the previous year. Mr. Allon said that from the beginning of November, 1968 to the end of April, 1969 there were 15,262 new arrivals compared to 11,400 during the same months of 1967-68.

He said that of the newcomers, 9,597 declared themselves immigrants on arrival, 4,526 came as temporary residents with the intention of registering as immigrants at a later stage; and 1,139 were tourists who decided to remain permanently. The figures did not include 1,182 Israelis who returned home after long periods abroad and are being looked after by the Ministry.

Mr. Allon said his Ministry also looks after 4,400 overseas students presently in Israel and expects their number to be increased by 100 next year. In addition, he said, 1,500 students are expected to come to Israel for one year courses of study during 1969. He said the number of yeshiva students from abroad is 1,100 of whom 700 have registered with the Ministry. Mr. Allon stated that there is complete cooperation between his Ministry and the Jewish Agency.

Cabinet Members Hit Israel's Moscow-Oriented Communist Faction For Resolution at Parley

JERUSALEM, June 8 (JTA)--Cabinet ministers have denounced Israel's Moscow-oriented New Communist Party whose delegates, attending the world Communist leaders' conference in the Soviet capital, proposed a resolution condemning Israel for alleged "imperialism" and voiced support of the Arab states. It was not known whether any legal action was contemplated against the Communist delegates who include several members of the Knesset. Such action would be unusual inasmuch as Israel permits its citizens free speech at home and abroad. It was learned that the Rumanian Communist delegation at the Moscow parley did not vote for the Israeli Communists' resolution.

Israel's other Communist Party faction (Maki) meanwhile has dissociated itself from the Moscow conference on grounds that the gathering does not represent the entire Communist movement "as long as the Soviet Army of occupation remains in Czechoslovakia."

(The Kremlin parley called on progressive forces around the world to support actively Arab peoples "in their struggle against Israeli occupation of Arab lands." It was reported that Rumania urged that the resolution include wording from the UN Mideast resolution saying that all countries in the region have a right to exist, but the proposal was disregarded.)

At today's meeting, the Cabinet heard reports from Foreign Minister Abba Eban, Defense Minister Moshe Dayan and Minister of Police Elisha Sasson. No details were released but it was believed that Mr. Eban devoted his report to the Big Four Mideast talks in New York and the concurrent U.S.-Soviet talks in Washington.

Pravda Article Assails Arab Guerrillas, Says Peace Solution Must Be Political

LONDON, June 8 (JTA)--The Communist Party newspaper Pravda has lashed out against "reactionary" forces in Egypt that it said were trying to push President Gamal Abdel Nasser on an "adventurist course" and thereby bring about the downfall of his regime. The article, written by V. Rummyansteve, a Middle East specialist, declared that "a sober, realistic approach to the (Arab-Israeli) conflict's solution by political methods will ultimately open the road to the restoration of the country's territorial integrity and serve the further consolidation of the progressive regime."

Diplomatic observers here saw the article as a clear warning to the Arabs that Moscow would continue to support them only if they sought a political solution of the Mideast conflict. Although it accused "world imperialism headed by the imperialism of the United States," of using "Israel's ruling Zionist circles" to disrupt Arab ties with the Socialist states and frustrate their progress, the article was also Moscow's most direct attack so far on the Arab guerrilla movement and its supporters.

The Pravda article singled out for attack an un-named "well known Cairo journalist" for writing recently in the influential newspaper Al Ahram that the Arab resistance movement should be "outside politics, outside the social struggle." Cairo's best known journalist is Mohammed Heikal, editor of Al Ahram and a close friend and confidant of President Nasser. He wrote last week that Egyptian forces would try to regain the Israeli-held territories next winter.

Pravda said that "reactionary elements were whipping up nationalistic and revenge-seeking moods in the people and army with the aim of pushing Egypt on to an adventurist course...as a result of which, by their calculations, the existing regime would not be able to survive." The Nasser regime, according to Pravda, "is for political settlement of the (Mideast) conflict in keeping with the UN Security Council resolution of November, 1967." Observers here noted that Moscow has been unhappy over the apparent

growing influence of Arab guerrilla groups, the largest of them being El Fatah, which claims it is apolitical. The guerrillas have gained Chinese Communist support and are now strongly backed by the Syrian regime which recently sent a military mission to Communist China. It was recalled here that last April 15 the Soviet Communist Party Central Committee's journal "Soviet Russia" expressed only "mixed feelings of sympathy" for El Fatah because "the liquidation of Israel is not realistic." The Soviets reportedly turned down an El Fatah request for arms in Cairo on grounds that guerrilla warfare served no purpose.

Eban Says Parties to Mideast Conflict Must Decide On Contents of Any 'Package' Deal

JERUSALEM, June 8 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban said in a radio interview yesterday that even if the Soviet Union agreed to a "package deal" on a Middle East settlement, the contents of the package could be decided only by the parties to the conflict. Mr. Eban spoke in reply to a question concerning the announcement last week by Secretary of State William P. Rogers that there had been some measure of agreement at the Big Four Mideast talks, the most important being that Moscow now agrees that there must be a package deal.

The term "package deal" has been used to describe an agreement by which the terms of the Security Council's Nov. 22, 1967 Mideast resolution would be implemented simultaneously rather than piecemeal. The Soviets and Arabs have insisted that Israel's withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories must precede implementation of any of the other terms contained in the resolution. Mr. Eban said Israel will insist on a comprehensive peace settlement and rejected the notion of a partial settlement.

Premier Golda Meir said this weekend that Israel did not go to war in June, 1967 to conquer land or "liberate areas with which we have historic ties" but only "for our existence--that the nation should not be annihilated." Speaking at a meeting of her Labor Party political committee, Mrs. Meir added that "peace is not around the corner and we do not know when it will come." She made her comments in reference to differences between Labor Party secretary general Pinhas Saphir and Defense Minister Moshe Dayan on the future of the administered Arab areas.

"We are debating annexation or not annexation as if this is the question on which peace would rest," she declared, adding that Israel's struggle with the Arab countries "is not over areas but on the elementary issues of our existence. We want to live here and they do not want us anywhere."

Reiterating her opposition to the Big Four talks, Mrs. Meir expressed "astonishment" that the U.S. was sitting down for talks with the Russians, "the profound enemy of Israel," which is actually "responsible for war in the Middle East." She said that there might develop an accord among the Big Four which would bring "pressure on us. Nobody thinks they will use soldiers to enforce it on us, but there are ways to press even without soldiers."

Deputy Premier Allon warned Egypt's President Nasser not to assume the responsibility for "another adventurous war." Speaking at a meeting of intellectuals he declared that Israel's defense deployment could not be broken by any or all of the Arab countries. He added that while the Government had not made a decision on the future of the occupied areas, it was "essential that we settle those areas that we regard as vital for our security and future security borders."

Israeli And Egyptian Artillery In Hot Exchange Over Weekend; Sniper Kills Jew

TEL AVIV, June 8 (JTA)--An Israel-Egyptian gun duel raged for eight hours across the Suez Canal Saturday night and Sunday morning. It was the second consecutive night of shooting along the 102-mile waterway. The opposing forces battled for seven hours Friday night and Saturday morning. There were no reports of casualties on the Israeli side during the barrage, but a 19-year-old Israeli soldier was reportedly killed by an Egyptian sniper yesterday.

An Israeli spokesman said Israeli troops and Arab guerrillas fought a mortar battle across the Lebanese border late Saturday without casualties. But an Israeli soldier was reported killed and two others seriously wounded in an Arab ambush near El Hamma on the south shore of the Sea of Galilee. Saboteurs damaged a water pumping station near Kissufim in the eastern end of the Gaza Strip last night and damaged a water pipeline near Nahal Oz. The main railway line south of Gaza was damaged by an explosion today.

Palestinian Woman Claims Planning, Executing Supermarket Bombing

LONDON, June 8 (JTA)--A young Palestinian woman said in Amman she planned and executed a supermarket explosion that killed two persons and injured nine others in Jerusalem on Feb. 21, according to reports reaching here. Rashida Abdel-hamid Ebeido said none of the estimated 500 persons arrested by Israeli authorities had anything to do with the explosion. Miss Ebeido, of Hebron on the West Bank, was said to have fled to the East Bank recently when she learned Israeli police were on her trail. A teacher in the Persian Gulf state of Bahrain until the Six-Day War, she left for Jordan in 1967 to join the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. Miss Ebeido said she has a sister still in an Israeli jail although her parents have been freed.

United Kingdom, Israel Will Sign Convention Aimed At Improving Cultural Relations

LONDON, June 8 (JTA)--A United Kingdom-Israel convention to further cultural relations will be signed Tuesday. Signatories will be Minister of State at the Foreign Office Goronwy Roberts and Israel Ambassador Aharon Remez. The two countries will agree to exchange visits by university professors and others engaged in scholarly and scientific activity; scientists, research workers, technicians and graduate students will be involved. Each country will send representatives to study the other's language and literature and strengthen cooperation between universities and other educational institutions in order to consider whether mutual recognition of various degrees could be made possible.

American Jewish Conference Urges Soviet Leaders To Release Kochubiyevesky

NEW YORK, June 8 (JTA)--The American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry has called on Soviet leaders to release a Jewish engineer, Boris Kochubiyevesky, who was sentenced to three years in a Soviet prison camp for allegedly slandering the Soviet Union and its social system.

According to Lewis M. Weinstein, chairman of the Conference, the sentence was further proof of Soviet official anti-Semitism. "Boris Kochubiyevesky's only crime is that he wants to be accorded the same religious and cultural rights that are allowed other Soviet nationalities," Mr. Weinstein said. The engineer had applied for permission to emigrate to Israel before his arrest. The permission was denied. One of the charges against him stemmed from remarks he allegedly made at memorial services for Jews slaughtered by the Nazis at Babi Yar ravine outside of Kiev. He referred to the victims as "part of the Jewish people." Soviet policy prohibits reference to the martyrs' Jewish origin.

In urging Mr. Kochubiyevesky's release, Mr. Weinstein said, "We call upon the Soviet Government to fulfill its promise of equality of nationalities under the Soviet Constitution and, by subscribing to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights which guarantees the right of departure to everyone, also to allow Kochubiyevesky to emigrate."

Human Rights Commission Still Awaiting Petition From 55 Russians

WASHINGTON, June 8 (JTA)--The United Nations Human Rights Commission has still not officially received a petition by 55 Russian citizens protesting political trials, although others have seen the document, the Washington Post reported from the UN yesterday. The petition cites the imprisonment of Mr. Kochubiyevesky and the trial of Yuli Daniel, a Jew and Andrei Sinyavsky for publishing artistic works critical of Soviet reality" abroad, correspondent Robert H. Estabrook reported.

Mexican Students Opposing Soviet Policy Accused Of 'Dual Loyalty'

MEXICO CITY, June 8 (JTA)--Jewish students who demonstrated here recently against the repression in the Soviet Union have been accused of "dual loyalty" by a group that calls itself the Mexican Students Front. Some Jewish circles believe the Front is a pro-Communist group influenced by Arab agents. The accusation was contained in a statement issued over the names of Alvaro Flores Rico, president, and David O. Szabo, secretary of the Mexican Students Front. They alleged that "there is no anti-Semitism in Russia" and that "all the trouble is caused by conflict between Jews." To back up their claim that the Kremlin has an benevolent policy towards Jews, the statement named the late Leon Trotsky and Lazar Kaganovitch as Soviet rulers" and noted that Soviet Communist Party chief, Leonid Brezhnev, has a Jewish wife and his children are Jewish."

Jewish Theological Seminary Awards Degree To 98 At Largest Commencement

NEW YORK, June 8 (JTA)--The Jewish Theological Seminary of America awarded degrees to 98 graduates at its 75th annual commencement exercises here today. It was the largest graduating class in the history of the Seminary, the academic center of Conservative Judaism in America. The graduating class represented 17 states, Canada and Argentina. Seven of the graduates were Israelis, two of whom received doctorates in Hebrew literature and religious education respectively.

Of the 98 degree recipients, 25 were ordained as rabbi, teacher and preacher; three received doctorates in Hebrew literature and two in religious education; 40 were graduated from the Teachers Institute-Seminary College of Jewish studies; four from the Cantors Institute-Seminary College of Jewish Music. Three of the latter received the diploma of Hazzan, two received the additional degree of Bachelor of Sacred Music and one the degree of Master of Sacred Music.

In other ceremonies, the New York school of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (form) today ordained 12 members of its graduating class as rabbis and invested two as cantors.

Rabbi Solomon J. Sharfman Heads Synagogue Council, Succeeding Rabbi Philip Rudin

NEW YORK, June 8 (JTA)--Rabbi Solomon J. Sharfman has been elected president of the Synagogue Council of America, the representative body of the rabbinic and congregational bodies of the three branches of Judaism. Rabbi Sharfman, spiritual leader of Young Israel of Flatbush, Brooklyn, is prominent in American Orthodox Judaism. He succeeds Rabbi Philip Rudin of Great Neck.

Harold Friedman Is New United Hias Treasurer; Carlos L. Israels Heads Council

NEW YORK, June 8 (JTA)--Harold Friedman, a stockbroker and treasurer of United Hias Service, a Jewish migration agency, was elected president at a meeting of the Hias board. He succeeds Carlos Israels, who was president for the past two years. Mr. Israels was named chairman of the Hias National Council. Carl Glick, former associate secretary, was elected treasurer.

Moshe Gilboa Named Israel Consul General For Southern U.S. Region

LONDON, June 8 (JTA)--Moshe Gilboa, a former director of the Youth and Hachalutz Department of the Jewish Agency in London and former chairman of the emergency committee here during the Six-Day War, was appointed today consul general of Israel in eight of the southern United States. He will reside in Atlanta, Ga.

American Zionist Leaders Meet To Draft Structure, Program For Projected Federation

NEW YORK, June 8 (JTA)--American Zionist leaders met here last week to draft a structure and program for the projected American Zionist Federation that is designed to replace the existing American Zionist Council. The establishment of territorial Zionist federations in every country was decided by the 27th World Zionist Congress in Jerusalem in June, 1968.

The Zionist Federation would differ from the Zionist Council in several respects, according to Rabbi Israel Miller, Council chairman. It would be open to individual members and to non-Zionist organizations such as synagogues and fraternal orders on national and local levels. The present national Zionist organizations would continue to function but each of their members would automatically be members of the national Zionist Federation. The existing Zionist organizations would have a voice in the new Federation according to a voting formula to be worked out. The formula would also establish the rights and obligations of individual members and non-Zionist organizations.

Rabbi Miller said the Federation, which would establish local branches in major communities across the country, "will be a democratic organization both on the national and grass roots level, open to new approaches and new forces." He said its emphasis will continue to be on immigration, youth and Jewish education and public information relating to the Middle East. He said it was hoped that the Federation would become a reality during the coming year. (The Zionist Organization of America has announced it will not join the Federation for fear of losing its autonomy.)

Philadelphia Jewish School Among Defendants In Suit Filed on Aid-To-Education

PHILADELPHIA, June 8 (JTA)--Two Jewish day schools here are among defendants in a suit filed by six organizations, including a Jewish one, asking a Federal court to bar state-financed help to non-public schools as a violation of the Federal Constitution. The two Jewish schools are the Akiba Hebrew Academy and the Beth Jacob Schools. The Pennsylvania Jewish Community Relations Conference is one of the plaintiffs. The suit, filed in U.S. District Court, asserted that the law would "perpetuate and promote" racial segregation in schools and ultimately would result in two school systems, "a public school system predominantly black, poor and inferior, and a non-public schools system predominantly white, affluent and superior."

Also listed as defendants were State Superintendent of Public Instruction David H. Kurtzman; Grace Sloan, state treasurer; two Catholic schools, Germantown Lutheran Academy and others. The suit asked that a three-judge Federal panel be convened to bar Mr. Kurtzman and Mrs. Sloan from approving any payments under the law. Spokesman for the plaintiff organizations said that the suit would be treated as a "precedent-setting action" and that it would be carried to the U. S. Supreme Court. The Non-public School Aid act, first of its kind in the United States, was approved last year. The original bill would have provided \$4.2 million this year to non-public schools in Pennsylvania. This year, the State House of Representatives approved a measure increasing 1969 funds to \$21 million and next year's funds to \$41 million.

(Washington Rabbi Moshe Sherer, executive president of Agudath Israel of America, in House Appropriations Subcommittee on Education testimony, has called upon Congress to restore the full funding of all Federal aid programs for education. The "partnership between the public and non-public schools can only meet the historic responsibility of this generation if Congress places a top national priority on educational funding," he said. Agudath favors Federal aid for the secular programs of religious schools.)

Jewish War Veterans of New York State Rap Forman's Demands For 'Reparations'

KIAMESHA LAKE, N.Y., June 7 (JTA)--The Jewish War Veterans of New York State have pledged full support to the Negro struggle for economic and social justice in a statement which also denounced "extortionist" demands for economic "reparations" from churches and synagogues. The statement, issued at the JWV 39th annual convention here, criticized James Forman for his demands for a half billion dollars in such "reparations."

The statement said that the organization "will support all sound emergency methods and long range planning to remedy existing inequities" but that it deplored "the opportunism and demagoguery of such self-styled leaders" as Mr. Forman. The veterans accused him of creating "division and antagonism with his extortionist demands on churches and synagogues."

Services Held For Morris Morgenstern; Was Financier And Philanthropist

NEW YORK, June 8 (JTA)--Funeral services were held here Friday for Morris Morgenstern, a financier and philanthropist, who died Thursday at 87. He had contributed to numerous causes, Jewish and non-Jewish. He set up in 1949 the Morris Morgenstern Foundation to provide financial aid to religious, educational and charitable institutions of all faiths. He often served as a cantor on High Holy Days. Mr. Morgenstern owned several important historical documents, among them George Washington's famous letter to the Touro Synagogue of Newport, R.I., which included the phrase "to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance."

Prof. Eri T. Jabotinsky, Son Of Late Zionist Revisionist, Is Dead At 59

TEL AVIV, June 8 (JTA)--Prof. Eri T. Jabotinsky, son of the late Vladimir Jabotinsky, Zionist Revisionist leader, died here on Friday, after returning from a lecture tour given for Israeli soldiers in Sinai and the Suez Canal areas. He was 59. Prof. Jabotinsky, born in Odessa, came to Palestine with his father. He was a professor of mathematics at the Haifa Technion and was co-founder of the right-wing faction of the Herut Party--the free center--with Shmuel Tamir.