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## 204 Delegates From 24 Countries Will Attend Conference On Israel's 'Human Needs'

JERUSALEM, June 10 (JTA) -- An international Conference on Human Needs in Israel will open here next week with the participation of 204 representatives of major fund-raising bodies in the United States and 23 other countries. The conference will be held under the patronage of Premier Golda Meir. Invitations to the delegates were issued by Louis A. Pincus, chairman of the Jewish Agency. Deputy Premier Yigal Allon will preside at the early sessions as Acting Premier in the absence of Mrs. Meir who will be visiting London next week. She is scheduled to address the closing session of the gathering next Thursday.

Moshe Rivlin, director general of the Jewish Agency, said at a press conference today that the parley is designed to present to the fund-raisers a comprehensive, documented picture of what is being done in Israel in the fields of health, social welfare, education, higher education, agricultural settlement, housing and related subjects. He said that Israel's need for assistance in these areas has increased since the originally planned conference date in 1967 prior to the Six-Day War. Mr. Rivlin noted that until the war, Israel had borne two-thirds of the cost of immigration and absorption but had to assume a much larger defense burdens afterwards. He said the Israel Emergency Fund campaigns throughout the world in 1967 and 1968 had changed the ratio of the social needs costs borne by Israel but not sufficiently.

Mr. Rivlin said that the United States was sending the largest delegation comprising 132 delegates representing such organizations as the United Jewish Appeal, federation and welfare boards and the bodies which raise funds for such Israeli institutions as Histadrut, the Haifa Technion and others.

The other 23 countries are sending 72 delegates, with the largest single group, 17, from Britain. Mr. Rivlin said the conference's main work will be done in committees, each with the participation of an Israeli Cabinet Minister in charge of a particular field. Plenary sessions will be addressed by Deputy Premier Yigal Allon who heads the Ministry for Immigrant Absorption; Foreign Minister Abba Eban; Minister of Finance, Industry and Commerce Zeev Sharef; and Mr. Pincus. Mr. Rivlin announced that the various working committees will be chaired as follows: Agricultural settlement, Isador Magit of Australia and Rabbi Isadore Breslau of the U.S.; fund-raising, Michael Sacher and Gordon Sacks, both of London; development towns, Louis Stern of the U.S. and Nissim Gaon of Switzerland; education and culture, Ernst Weil of Switzerland and Moritz Sherman of West Germany; higher education, Charles G. Bensley of the U.S. and Mrs. Fella Perlman of Belgium; health, Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson of the U.S. and David Sabaj of Uruguay; housing, Jack D. Weiler of the U.S. and Abraham Rad of Iran; manpower, Paul Zuckerman of the U.S. and Louis D. Harris of Canada; social welfare, Mrs. Inge Gottfarn of Sweden and Morris L. Levinson of the U.S.

The conference will hold a closed session with Defense Minister Moshe Dayan and Chief of Staff, Maj. Gen. Chaim Bar-Lev. The closing speeches will be delivered by Edward Ginsberg, general chairman of the UJA, and Judge I.A. Maisels of South Africa.

## Frankfurt U. Fight Breaks Out When Arabs And Jewish Supporters Interrupt Ben Natan

FRANKFURT, June 10 (JTA) -- Fighting broke out in a Frankfurt University hall yesterday when Arab students and a group of left-wing Jewish youths who support them interrupted a speech by Israel's Ambassador to West Germany, Asher Ben Natan, and demanded the right to speak. Ambassador Ben Natan was addressing a meeting on Middle East peace attended by over 1,500 persons.

The Arab students are adherents of El Fatah. The Jewish group which supports Arab terrorist activities against Israel is called "Matzpen." Both are centered in Frankfurt. They entered the hall carrying placards reading "Arab and Jewish Socialists against Zionism" and "Nazi Kiesinger and Ben Natan are in league with Dayan." Kurt Georg Kiesinger is the Chancellor of West Germany and Gen. Moshe Dayan is Israel's Defense Minister.

The Arabs attempted to shout down the Israeli Ambassador who declared, "What a pity after 34 years there are disturbances when an Israeli speaks at a German university." Dani Diener, chairman of the Federation of Jewish Students in Germany, which sponsored the meeting, agreed to allow a member of "Matzpen" to speak. But fistfights broke out when a Palestinian Arab tried to mount the platform. Ambassador Ben Natan resumed his address afterwards. Mr. Diener said it was the first time a speaker had managed to hold the floor at all against "this anarchist element."

## Israel Is West Germany's Largest Mideast Market, 'Financial Times' Reports

LONDON, June 10 (JTA) -- The Financial Times reported today that Israel has become the largest single market for West German goods in the Middle East. The paper said that Israel's trade with West Germany has grown spectacularly in the past decade, especially since the Six-Day War. It reached a volume of \$190 million in 1968.

West German exports to Israel increased from \$63 million in 1967 to \$120 million in 1968, a rise of 90 percent compared to a rise of 76 percent in British exports to Israel in the same period. Overall British-Israel trade was higher, however, totalling \$209 million in 1968. In contrast, West German sales to Egypt in 1968 totalled only \$60 million, to Lebanon \$51 million, to Syria \$22 million and to Jordan \$15 million, the Financial Times said.

## 2 More Defendants In Hebrew U. Cafeteria Bombing Are Sentenced To Prison

TEL AVIV, June 10 (JTA) -- Two more defendants in the Hebrew University cafeteria bombing of March 6 were sentenced to prison by a Lydda military tribunal today. A Nablus driver who transported the bomb from Nablus to Jerusalem was given 20 years; a 22-year-old Israeli Arab student at the Hebrew University got seven years for his part in the terrorist act in which 22 people were injured. Yesterday, two other Israeli Arabs were sentenced to 25 and five years' imprisonment respectively in the same case.

Three more defendants are still on trial, among them 19-year-old Miriam Shachshir who was accused of having planted the bomb in the cafeteria. The Arab girl said in court that she had "no regrets" for the act but insisted she was told the bomb would "just make a big noise" and not harm anyone.

In a related development yesterday, Israeli authorities deported nine West Bank Arabs to Jordan for allegedly organizing and inciting strikes and anti-Israel demonstrations on May 15, the 21st anniversary of Israel's independence, and last Thursday, the second anniversary of the start of the Six-Day War. The deportees include a teacher, a cafe owner and two young men accused of distributing inflammatory leaflets. They brought to 53 the number of West Bank residents deported since the June, 1967 Arab-Israeli war.

## Israelis, Arabs Duel Again Across Israel-Jordan Border And At Suez Canal

TEL AVIV, June 10 (JTA) -- Israeli and Arab forces battled again today along the Israel-Jordan demarcation line and across the Suez Canal. The only Israeli casualties reported were one soldier slightly wounded when a border patrol was attacked south of Nablus last night and a border policeman injured in an exchange of fire in the Beisan area early this morning.

An Egyptian military spokesman said today on Cairo Radio that Egyptian and Israeli gunners fought a five hour artillery duel across the northern end of the Suez Canal this morning. Israeli spokesmen however reported only sporadic artillery and machine-gun fire from the Egyptian side last night and this morning and said there was no concentration of fire at any point.

About 30 mortar shells were fired from Jordanian territory last night at Nahal Tzofar, a paramilitary settlement in the Araba region south of the Dead Sea. A military spokesman said no casualties or damage were caused by the 60 millimeter shells. He did not say whether the attack came from guerrillas or Jordanian regulars.

## U.S. Interests In Mideast Will Continue To Be Target Of Arabs, Fedayeen Chief Says

NEW YORK, June 10 (JTA) -- American interests in the Middle East will be the target of continuing Arab commando raids, the leader of the fedayeen group which recently blew up the American-owned Aramco pipeline in the Golan Heights told Time Magazine. Dr. George Habash of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, whose group also claims responsibility for the hijacking of an El Al plane and the shooting up of two others, said that in the future "our main aim remains American interests."

The left-wing commando leader said "it is too bad" if the destruction of oil pipelines also hurt Arab countries but that "there are many Arab millionaires made rich by oil, or by representing Western countries... (who) are indirectly the agents of the U.S., which aids Israel." Dr. Habash said the raids were done largely for their "shock value." "We had to shock both an indifferent world," he said, "and a demoralized Palestine nation. We must make it clear to our own people and all the world there can be no peaceful, political solution short of a return to Palestine."

Dr. Habash is opposed to seeking peace with Israel. "We will not start the battle against Arab regimes," he said, "but if they try to stop us from fighting to regain our homeland, conflict is inevitable." Dr. Habash was gratified by Israeli retaliation for commando raids because they "anger the (Arab) people" and diminish chances for a peaceful solution, "which we cannot accept." He expects his struggle to last 10 to 20 years.

## Information Minister Says Pro-Terrorist Propaganda Must Be Refuted

JERUSALEM, June 10 (JTA) -- Minister of Information Israel Galili told the Knesset yesterday that propaganda depicting Arab terrorists as an anti-imperialist liberation movement must be proved to be a lie. Mr. Galili said the terrorists are not a revolutionary underground movement fighting a foreign master. He condemned backing for the terrorists--"especially pathological support of their policies on the part of deluded or renegade Jews."

## Magistrate In Israel Opens Inquiry Into Attack On El Al Airliner In Zurich

TEL AVIV, June 10 (JTA) -- An Israeli magistrate opened an inquiry here yesterday into the Arab commando attack on an El Al airliner at Zurich Airport last Feb. 18. Sixteen eye-witnesses who were passengers or crew members aboard the plane at the time were asked to testify. Three crew members gave evidence.

## Dr. Prinz Sees 'Sabotage' Efforts On Bonn Statute Aimed At 'Buying Off' Rightists

NEW YORK, June 10 (JTA) -- A leader of the American Jewish Congress charged today that some West German politicians were trying to "sabotage" the Bonn Cabinet's decision to abolish the statute of limitations on Nazi war crimes prosecutions in order to "buy off" neo-Nazis and other right-wing nationalist forces "who would re-introduce Nazi doctrines into German public life today."

Dr. Joachim Prinz, chairman of the AJConference's commission on international affairs, called upon Chancellor Kurt Georg Kiesinger to take the lead in supporting the decision of the coalition Cabinet last April 25 to press for abolition of the statute which is to go into effect on Dec. 31, 1969. An abolition bill will receive its first reading in the Bundestag (lower house) tomorrow.

Dr. Prinz, a former Berlin rabbi who fled the Nazis, referred to "disturbing reports of an imminent retreat from the Cabinet's forthright and positive decision." He said at a press conference that some German politicians were "ready to let those who carried out Hitler's brutal programs 30 years ago escape trial" because of the growing influence of right-wing groups in West Germany. "Political barter of the principle that Nazi war criminals should be held accountable affronts every canon of public decency," Dr. Prinz said.

Kurt R. Grossman, an American authority on German affairs, said the recent acquittal of a former Nazi official on murder charges made it "imperative" that the statute of limitations on capital crimes be abolished. He deplored a decision by the West German Supreme Court which in effect exempted Nazi war criminals from prosecution because they "acted under orders."

## Rep. Bingham Says Spotlight Must Be Kept On Anti-Semitism In Soviet Union

SOUTH FALLSBURG, N.Y., June 10 (JTA) -- A New York Congressman warned yesterday that it was important to keep the spotlight of world opinion focused on anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union which, he thought, "may well be intensifying." Rep. Jonathon Bingham, a Democrat, spoke at the triennial convention of the Free Sons of Israel, a fraternal order now marking its 120th anniversary.

He said there was "clear evidence that the Soviets do not ignore public criticism of their policies, especially in the United Nations." He said that the Russians and the Arab bloc recently waged a campaign to take away the non-governmental organization status of the Coordinating Board of Jewish Agencies on the UN Economic and Social Council because it "has done an excellent job of researching and bringing to light Soviet violations of the UN Declaration on Human Rights, particularly where Jews are concerned." B'nai B'rith is a Coordinating Board member.

## Cornell University Will Institute Jewish Studies Program In Autumn

ITHACA, N.Y., June 10 (JTA) -- Cornell University will institute a Jewish studies program in its Arts College this fall. It will examine the history and culture of the Jewish people. The action stemmed from a petition drive, begun last October by the Committee of Concerned Jews at Cornell. Rabbi George Sobelman, in announcing the program, said, "for a university of this caliber to have no courses on Mideast history, government or culture, or in modern Hebrew, is surprising, curious and disappointing."

The petition sponsors collected over 1,000 signatures last year and presented them to Stuart M. Brown, the university's vice president for academic affairs. When no action was taken, another petition was drafted which collected the signatures of 100 arts professors. The education policy committee of the Arts College approved the petitions on May 7. Among the classes to be offered will be modern Hebrew, through the department of modern languages, and courses in the governments and history of the Middle East.

## \$250,000 Chair In Enzymology Established At Weizmann Institute In Immigrant's Name

NEW YORK, June 10 (JTA) -- A \$250,000 chair in enzymology in the name of August Bauernfreund-Bauer will be established at the Weizmann Institute of Science at Rehovot, Israel, as the gift of his widow and son, John P. Bauer, it was announced by Dewey D. Stone, chairman of the board of governors of the Weizmann Institute. Mr. Bauernfreund-Bauer, who died in 1964, was a Bavarian food producer until he was forced to flee to France by the Nazis in 1933. In France, he organized a new food manufacturing organization but was again forced to abandon his company in 1940 with the Nazi invasion of France. Mr. Bauernfreund-Bauer came to the United States where in 1946 he formed another food concern. His son is a member of the Institute's board of governors.

## ACLU Files Appeal Against Army's Decision To Ban Nazi-Style Services For Rockwell

RICHMOND, Va., June 10 (JTA) -- The American Civil Liberties Union filed an appeal in the fourth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals yesterday contending that the Army's refusal to permit a Nazi-organized burial service of the ashes of George Lincoln Rockwell, slain by a fellow Nazi in an Arlington, Va. parking lot in 1967, was unconstitutional. Rockwell's cremation remains are still in the hands of the American Nazi Party. The Army had ruled that the proposed funeral in a national cemetery in Culpepper, Va., was improper because symbols of the Nazi movement, or any other political affiliation, are not permitted in the cemetery. The Army's contention was upheld by the U.S. District Court in Alexandria, Va.

## 'Chicago Jewish Forum' Will Cease Publication After 27 Years, Publisher Says

CHICAGO, June 10 (JTA) -- After 27 years of publication, the Chicago Jewish Forum, a national quarterly magazine of Jewish life and letters, will cease publication. Illinois attorney Benjamin Weintraub, the magazine's founder and publisher, said he must "defer" to the years that "make their own demands."

## Cardinal Tells Rabbi Tanenbaum That The Church's Relations With Jews Are 'Unique'

HOUSTON, June 10 (JTA) -- A Cardinal of the Roman Catholic Church told an American-Jewish leader that he considered the Church's relations with the Jewish people something "unique," ordained by God. Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, director of the department of religious affairs of the American Jewish Committee, described his conversation with Johannes Cardinal Willebrands in the Vatican last May 30 to the Houston Chapter of the AJCommittee.

Cardinal Willebrands was recently named by Pope Paul VI to serve as president of the Secretariat for Promotion of Christian Unity, succeeding the late Augustin Cardinal Bea. According to Rabbi Tanenbaum, Cardinal Willebrands said he felt strongly that the "Jewish question" must remain with his Secretariat rather than with that of Non-Christian Religions. "It is true that Christian unity is one thing, a separate thing, and Christian-Jewish relations is a separate thing. But they belong side-by-side," Cardinal Willebrands told Rabbi Tanenbaum.

The Catholic leader said his Church sought good relations with Moslems, Buddhists and others and recognized that other religions have great books as their sources of inspirations. "But they are written by a man or men of great talent; they are not, however, Divine books. You have received God's book and we have it through you, by the grace of God," Rabbi Tanenbaum recounted.

He said Cardinal Willebrands thought "the Jewish people preserve special values, very important and precious, and they are of permanent meaning. The Jewish people and Judaism have a permanent mission in the world and we must work together side-by-side to serve God's people and to help bring the Kingdom to the whole human family," the Cardinal was reported to have said.

Rabbi Tanenbaum reported that while at the Vatican he also met with Father Cornelius Rijk, director of the Vatican Office for Catholic-Jewish Relations, who said he planned to increase theological dialogues around basic questions arising out of inter-testamental studies and a better understanding of Judaism, the Jewish people and Israel.

## American Jewish Press Association Names Jimmy Wisch Of Texas As New President

LOS ANGELES, June 10 (JTA) -- The American Jewish Press Association ended its 26th annual convention here with the election of Jimmy Wisch, publisher of the Texas Jewish Post of Dallas-Fort Worth, as its new president. Mr. Wisch succeeded Adolph Rosenberg of the Southern Israelite, published in Atlanta, Ga.

The American Jewish Press Association is an organization of editors and publishers of English-Jewish newspapers. Joseph J. Cummins of the B'nai B'rith Messenger, a Los Angeles weekly, was re-elected vice president. Newly elected vice presidents are Albert Bloom of the Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle and Conrad Isenberg of the Jewish Civic Leader of Worcester, Mass. Mr. Rosenberg will serve as secretary and Milton Firestone of the Kansas City (Mo.) Jewish Chronicle was re-elected treasurer.

In a resolution adopted at the close of their four-day session, the delegates pledged to continue working for the benefit of the American Jewish community and to counter Arab propaganda directed against Israel.

## Dean, 9 Students And Faculty Members Of Reconstructionist College Back Anti-Draft Move

PHILADELPHIA, June 10 (JTA) -- Nine students at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College here have voiced their support for a fellow student who turned in his draft card to his local draft board and disavowed his divinity student exemption, it was reported by the Jewish Exponent, local weekly newspaper. Dr. William Chomsky, a faculty member, and Rabbi Arthur Gilbert, dean of the college, have signed the statement in support of Daniel Siegel which reads, "We believe that his action is entirely consonant with the Jewish tradition which regards each human life as equal in value to all of creation." His willingness to risk severe legal consequences for his act is in keeping with the Jewish teaching that an individual must be willing to die himself rather than commit murder, even at the command of his government. We recognize that Daniel Siegel's action is representative of the action of thousands of Jewish young men, who in conscientious opposition to an immoral draft, have refused to cooperate any longer with the Selective Service System. For many of these men, as for Daniel, the Jewish reverence for life and moral concern lies at the root of their position of conscience.

"We support Daniel Siegel and all those who have chosen to resist than to submit to a system which demands that they abdicate their inalienable rights of conscience. We believe that the Jewish community must stand behind its young men who exercise the traditional Jewish right to refuse to participate in an immoral war, even when the U.S. Government refuses to recognize that right. In the choice between immoral obedience or moral disobedience of the laws of any State, we must give our allegiance to the higher law of moral conduct in the interests of human life and peace."

## B'nai B'rith Leader Warns Against Young Jews' Involvement With Non-Jewish Causes

LOS ANGELES, June 10 (JTA) -- A B'nai B'rith leader warned here that the increasing involvement of the most gifted young Jews in most contemporary causes except those associated with the Jewish community threatens American Jewry with "paralysis" and "mediocre leadership" in the future. Jack J. Spitzer, international chairman of the B'nai B'rith Youth Commission, called for "immediate efforts to intensify Jewish learning and living experiences for teen-agers" as the "precondition for the creation of a pool of future Jewish leaders." He spoke at a testimonial dinner in his honor given by the Greater Los Angeles B'nai B'rith.