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## Bingham Drops Plan For Measure Cutting Off U.S. Aid To Guerrilla-Controlled UNRWA Camps

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20 (JTA)--Rep. Jonathan Bingham dropped today his proposed amendment to a foreign aid bill that would have cut off U.S. funds for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) in 14 Arab refugee camps controlled by guerrillas in Lebanon. The New York Democrat said that he had reached the conclusion that a severance of funds might undermine "the delicate situation of the Lebanese Government" and result in the penetration of that country by extremist Arab elements. The Congressman was subjected to heavy pressure from the State Department, which had gotten pressure from elements close to UNRWA. He said today that he had decided not to act after consultations "with various colleagues and persons interested in Israel in and out of the Government."

The United States now supplies more than \$22 million a year in aid to the UN relief agency and has supplied a total of \$45 million since the first Arab refugee camps were set up 20 years ago. Fourteen of the 15 camps in Lebanon, housing 170,000 Arabs, have been taken over by armed guerrillas. Earlier this week Israel urged at the United Nations that funds be withheld from these camps which it described as recruiting and training centers for Arab guerrilla warfare against Israel. UN officials warned that a cut would be "catastrophic" for UNRWA which is already severely short of funds.

(Lebanese Army troops clashed with Arab guerrillas today for the first time since the Nov. 3 Cairo agreement which was supposed to have brought peace between the commandos and the Beirut regime. According to reports received in London, the clash occurred when armed guerrillas attacked an Army post at Nabatiyyeh, 43 miles south of Beirut. Six soldiers and nine guerrillas were reported wounded.)

## Security Forces Net Arabs Responsible For Bombing 5 Apartment Houses In Haifa

TEL AVIV, Nov. 20 (JTA)--Israeli security forces have rounded up the gang of saboteurs responsible for bombing five apartment houses in Haifa last month in which two persons were killed. Police said that six Arab residents of Acre, a town across Haifa Bay, have confessed to the crime.

In another communique, security officials announced the capture of two other terrorist gangs, one in East Jerusalem and one in Hebron. Twenty persons have been detained.

Two of the men apprehended in Haifa are drivers, two are fishermen and one is a carpenter. They are believed to have gotten their explosives by boat, a method which is apparently still in use. The Israel Navy disclosed that it captured a boat load of terrorists with high explosives several days ago. Some were identified as former residents of Israel and were apparently delivering explosives to a terrorist cell in northern Israel.

The seizure of the boat led to the round-up of the Haifa bombing gang, a security official said. And the confession of one of the latter, a former resident of Halhul village near Hebron, resulted in the arrests in Hebron and East Jerusalem. The West Bank gangs belonged to El Fatah and another underground group that calls itself the "Popular Freedom Organization." Large caches of arms were seized. The terrorists were said to have specialized in throwing hand grenades at busses filled with sightseers. According to security officials, they were also responsible for throwing a grenade at a bus in Halhul and at a car in which the military governor of Hebron was riding. In addition, they planted explosives at a fence around the Israel Broadcasting Services headquarters in Jerusalem and at Hama-shbir Hamerkazi cooperative stores there. The Acre Arabs were found in possession of pistols with silencers, tubes of tear gas, explosives and detonators.

## Shooting Flares In Beisan Golan Areas; Israeli Wounded At Canal; Dayan Warns Gaza

TEL AVIV, Nov. 20 (JTA)--Shooting flared in the Beisan area and the Golan Heights last night and this morning. An Israeli soldier was wounded yesterday in the southern section of the Suez Canal. A curfew remained in effect in the northern part of the Gaza Strip today after a series of attacks on vehicles in which three Israelis were injured.

Defense Minister Moshe Dayan warned Gaza Strip residents that harsher measures would have to be taken unless the escalation of terrorism ceased. The curfew was lifted in the twin towns of Ramallah and El Birreh yesterday at the request of the newly elected mayor of Ramallah, Moussa Halil. It had been imposed Sunday after a grenade was thrown at an Israeli Army unit there.

A military spokesman said that the area of Gesher in the Beisan Valley and Nahal Golan in the northern Golan Heights came under fire from Jordanian and Syrian territory. Bazookas were fired at Gesher and Iraqi artillery went into action after Israeli forces returned the bazook fire. Several shells exploded in Nahal Golan. There were no Israeli casualties in either action.

Israeli forces returned the body of a slain Egyptian commando today in return for the body of an Israeli Druze soldier who was captured by the Egyptians in a commando raid a week ago and later died of his wounds. The exchange, under the auspices of the International Red Cross, was delayed when the Egyptians fired mortars at a Red Cross convoy.

## Mapam Stands Firm Against Joining Government With Gahal As Negotiations Continue

JERUSALEM, Nov. 20(JTA)--Negotiations continued today on the formation of a new National Unity Government but whatever progress has been made, if any, has not been disclosed. The left-wing Mapam is standing firm on its refusal to join a coalition with the rightist, nationalist Gahal (Herut-Liberal Alignment) except on the basis of the same policies and structure that prevailed in the outgoing national Unity Government.

It was learned today that the Achdut Haavodah faction, one of the constituents of Premier Golda Meir's Labor Party, has dissociated itself from Gahal's demands for the compulsory arbitration of labor disputes and the sale of State-owned land to private individuals. Gahal believes the latter policy could yield important revenues to the national treasury.

There has been no discussion yet of the distribution of portfolios in the new Cabinet. It is generally believed that Gahal will receive at least three ministries. It holds two ministries-without-portfolio in the outgoing Government. There are also reports that several prominent persons who are not members of the Knesset will be invited to join the Cabinet on behalf of the Labor Alignment. Among the names mentioned are Gen. Yitzhak Rabin, Israel's Ambassador to the United States, and Shlomo Hillel, a former Knesset member and ambassador who is assistant director general of the Foreign Ministry. Mr. Hillel was born in Iraq. The Labor Party has traditionally sought to have at least one minister of Oriental background in the Cabinet.

## Report 'Hard Dialogue' Between Israel, U.S.; No Change Seen In Basic U.S. Policy

JERUSALEM, Nov. 20(JTA)--Press reports that a "hard dialogue" was presently going in between the United States and Israel were confirmed today by Foreign Ministry sources. They said however that the dialogue did not involve any basic change of U.S. policy which is that a Mideast peace settlement can be implemented only after agreement is reached on all issues between the concerned parties. The reports appeared in Israel's two evening newspapers, Maariv and Yediot Achronot, which referred to a recent conversation between Israel's Ambassador to the United States, Yitzhak Rabin, and Undersecretary of State Elliot Richardson.

## Will Circulate Letter From Jewish Girl To Kosygin In Free Countries, At UN

JERUSALEM, Nov. 20(JTA)--A letter that a Jewish girl in Moscow allegedly wrote to Premier Alexei Kosygin demanding the right to emigrate to Israel will be circulated by Israel to all free nations and among delegations to the United Nations, it was learned today. Israel will also circulate to all free nations the letter from 18 Jewish families in the Soviet Georgian Republic appealing for emigration aid.

Copies of the letter purporting to come from Tina Brodetzkaya were published in Israeli newspapers yesterday, coinciding with a special Knesset session on the situation of Soviet Jews. Premier Golda Meir said today that the girl's letter was brought to Israel by a "tourist" but gave no further details.

## Becker Asks German-Trade Union Leader To Intervene For Soviet Jewry

BONN, Nov. 20(JTA)--An Israeli trade union leader has asked his West German counterpart to intervene in behalf of Soviet Jews when he visits Moscow shortly. Aharon Becker, secretary general of Histadrut, made the request of Heinz Vetter, chairman of the German Trade Unions, which is sending a delegation to the Soviet Union. Mr. Becker asked Mr. Vetter to do all in his power on behalf of Soviet Jews who want to leave Russia. Mr. Vetter promised to do what he could. Mr. Becker was received by Gustav Heinemann, President of the Federal Republic today, and attended a reception in his honor given by the Israeli Ambassador, Asher Ben Nathan. Mr. Becker was scheduled to meet with Chancellor Willy Brandt tomorrow.

## JNF Plans Fund-Raising Campaign Throughout World To Finance Forest In Shazar's Name

JERUSALEM, Nov. 20(JTA)--The Jewish National Fund has announced that it will conduct a special fund-raising campaign throughout the world to finance a forest that will be planted outside of Jerusalem in honor of President Zalman Shazar on the occasion of his recent 80th birthday. The project was endorsed in a resolution signed by Premier Golda Meir; Louis A. Pincus, Jewish Agency chairman; Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of Keren Hayesod; and Jacob Tsur, president of the JNF.

The JNF said also that it has planted more trees in the Judeaea-Samaria districts (West Bank) in the past two years than the Jordanian Government did in 15 years. According to the JNF, two million saplings were planted in the region and hundreds of Arab workers were employed in the afforestation projects.

A European conference of the JNF will be held in Paris this weekend. About 15 delegates from 13 countries are expected to participate in planning JNF activities for the year ahead. The delegates will represent JNF branches in Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Spain, Finland, France, Britain, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, West Germany, Sweden and Switzerland. A delegation is also expected from Iran.

## Israel Expects To Account For 25 Percent Of Mediterranean Citrus Shipped To Europe

LONDON, Nov. 20(JTA)--Israel is expected to account for 25 percent of the total citrus production of the Mediterranean area shipped to European markets during the 1969-70 citrus season, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was told yesterday by the European director of the Israel Citrus Marketing Board. Moshe Levin said that his projection, based on past experience, is that Israel will be sending 725,000 tons of citrus to Europe out of an expected total of three million tons from all citrus-producing countries in the Mediterranean. Mr. Levin said there was every reason to expect a "fair" season. He said that prices were good at the start but have been dropping owing to an abundant supply from Israel, Cyprus, Morocco, Spain and Honduras.

He said Israel is expected to ship 41 million containers of various citrus fruits to Europe this season plus another four million containers from the Gaza Strip.

### Israelis Extend Welcome Mat and 'Adopt' Young North Americans On Voluntary Service

TEL AVIV, Nov. 20(JTA)--Israeli families are "adopting" young men and women from North America who are doing a year of voluntary service in Israel under the Sherut Laam program. The families will welcome the youngsters to their homes on holidays and other occasions. They will also provide them with keys so that the volunteers will have access to their homes whenever they are in town.

### Jewish Defense League Asks Dollars For 'Civilian Patrols', Hit By 3 Organizations

NEW YORK, Nov. 20(JTA)--The Jewish Defense League, an organization which purports to protect Jewish life and property in racially tense and high crime areas, received a sharp rebuff today from three major national Jewish organizations. It had asked contributions totalling \$100,000 from several organizations to help staff and equip its "civilian patrols."

The JDL's request, from the organization's director, Rabbi Meir Kahane, asked \$12,500 from the American Jewish Congress, American Jewish Committee, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, United Synagogue of America, Jewish War Veterans of the United States Workmen's Circle, the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. Most Jewish organizations have taken a dim view of JDL activities in the past.

Mr. Kahane an Orthodox rabbi, claimed that the organizations had come under "widespread criticism" for allegedly not contributing to the defense of Jews against neighborhood crime, which, he said, is rampant in Jewish sections of New York City.

Will Maslow, executive director of the AJCongress, said in a statement issued today. "We have not received any request from the Jewish Defense League that we contribute to help support its activities. Were we to receive such a request, we would throw it into the waste basket." Mr. Maslow said the AJCongress did "not consider the JDL a responsible Jewish organization; on the contrary, we think that its activities do more harm than good. The JDL tactics do not enhance the security of the Jewish community...they serve only to heighten tensions, increase hostility and create panic."

Arnold Forster, general counsel of the ADL, called the JDL's request for money an example of "chutzpah." Noting that the ADL has always worked effectively and successfully with legitimate law enforcement agencies, Mr. Forster declared, "If all groups were to form their own so-called 'defense leagues' this country would be headed toward national polarization and violence fast approaching anarchy. The ADL will have no part in the Jewish Defense League's business of hysteria. The Jewish Defense League is a vigilante group and its activities are no less harmful and dangerous because it has called itself Jewish."

Edward Moldover, president of the New York chapter of the AJCommittee, said "We prefer to put our faith in Police Commissioner Howard Leary and New York's Finest to provide protection for the residents of our city. If there are needs for additional police protection, the way to achieve that is through duly established legal authorities, not through vigilante groups. Building a safer city is one of the prime concerns of the AJCommittee and in that connection we have been, and will continue to be, in contact with the New York Police Department concerning effective and comprehensive police protection."

### American Zionist Council Protests Greeks' Postponement Of Terrorists' Trial

NEW YORK, Nov. 20(JTA)--The chairman of the American Zionist Council has protested "on behalf of 700,000 American Zionists" against the Greek government's recent decision to postpone the trial of two Arab terrorists who attacked an El Al airliner at Athens Airport last December, killing one passenger. Rabbi Israel Miller said in a letter to the Greek Ambassador in Washington, Basil Vatsaxis, that postponement of the trial for political reasons "is causing many friends of Greece throughout the world, including the Jewish people, to lose faith in the Greek Government's desire to mete out justice."

### Italian Jews Worry About Effect Of New 'Mein Kampf' Edition Set For Publication

ROME, Nov. 20(JTA)--Some Jews here are worried about the forthcoming Italian edition of Hitler's autobiography, "Mein Kampf", which they fear could be damaging even though the volume will contain a preface by the noted Jewish historian, Prof. Max of Frankfurt who was himself a victim of Nazism.

The unabridged Italian translation will be published by Longanesi, a publishing house which says the book is intended for historical research and notes that a British edition of "Mein Kampf" was published recently by Hutchinson in London. But Jewish circles here say that unlike the very expensive London edition, the Italian version will be within the price range of most ordinary books and available to a large section of the public. These Jews claim that political life in Italy has been "radicalized" and much of the population is susceptible to demagoguery from various sources. They are not convinced that Prof. Horkheimer's preface would prevent the misuse of anti-Jewish and other Nazi slogans contained in the book. Residual rights to "Mein Kampf" reside with the Bavarian Government which can request an injunction or seize the book if it is published without their approval.

An earlier Italian translation of "Mein Kampf" was published several years ago by the neo-Fascist newspaper La Sentinella D'Italia in Monfalcone, near Trieste. It was published however in the principality of San Marino to avoid conflict with Italian laws prohibiting Fascist activities. Some Jews here believe Prof. Horkheimer's preface is intended for the same purpose.

### Jewish Writers Have Been Expelled From Communist Party By Czechoslovakians

LONDON, Nov. 20(JTA)--A number of Jewish writers are among those who have been expelled from the Czechoslovakian Communist Party, according to information reaching here. They include Jiri Hochman, Jiri Lederer, Michael Lakatos and Jiri Ruml. Hochman and Lederer were former editors of the weekly "Reporter," a magazine which was closed down by the authorities earlier this year.

## Kissinger Calls Photostat Copy Of Purported \$20,000 Pledge To ZOA A Forgery

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20 (JTA)--Henry A. Kissinger, President Richard M. Nixon's assistant for national security affairs, said yesterday that a photostat copy of pledge he allegedly signed bequeathing \$20,000 to the Zionist Organization of America was a forgery. The copy was received anonymously by the Washington Post and several other newspapers and magazines. Mr. Kissinger's denial was confirmed by Jacob Rubin, director of the ZOA Foundation Fund, who said "unfortunately we don't have such a pledge from any Henry Kissinger, the White House Kissinger or any other."

Mr. Rubin explained that the ZOA has circulated many pledge forms and one could easily have fallen into the wrong hands. The signature on the form appears to be Mr. Kissinger's. The White House aide said yesterday that it was either a photographic copy of his signature or a tracing. He has asked the Justice Department to investigate the document. The Washington Post said it had received a copy of the pledge from an anonymous letter writer who said that he and others were disturbed that a close adviser to the President should be "affiliated with the Zionist movement."

## AJCongress Urges N.Y. State To Put Welfare Above Religion In Adoptions

NEW YORK, Nov. 20 (JTA)--The American Jewish Congress today urged repeal of New York State laws requiring adoptive parents to be of the same religion as the child they wish to adopt. Stanley Geller, chairman of the AJCongress' Metropolitan Council, said that the present laws place religious status above the child's welfare.

Mr. Geller testified at a hearing of the domestic relations law subcommittee of the State Assembly's judiciary committee sitting here. He said the religious factor often caused unjustifiable delays in adoption placement. Parents have a constitutional right to determine their child's religious upbringing but when the parental relationship ceases, the state must focus on the child's welfare, he said. "For the state at this point to base its actions on a theory of religious status in the child constitutes a form of aid to religion which the (Constitution's) separation principle prohibits," Mr. Geller said.

He urged outright repeal of the laws. But failing that, Mr. Geller proposed a state constitutional amendment that would place emphasis on the child's welfare and only secondarily refer to the religious wishes of the child's original parents.

## American Christian Editors View Arab-Israel Cultural-Social Dialogue In Jerusalem

JERUSALEM, Nov. 20 (JTA)--A Hebrew language course which has developed over the past two years into a cultural and social dialogue between Israelis and East Jerusalem Arabs was witnessed here by a group of American Christian editors of religious publications on a tour of the Middle East. The group is in Israel as guests of the American Jewish Committee. They attended a meeting at the Ecce Homo Convent of the Sisters of Zion Order in the Old City where more than 300 East Jerusalem Arabs are studying Hebrew under the auspices of the Hebrew University's adult education center.

The group has visited Egypt and Lebanon and met with King Hussein, of Jordan in Amman last week. Its spokesman, the Rev. Charles P. Angell, editor of the Lamp, published by the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement in New York, said they had so far received "a confusing impression" of the Mideast situation and hoped that their visit might be of benefit to all people in the region. Dr. Yoni Teel, an East Jerusalem ophthalmologist who spoke on behalf of the Arab participants in the course, said that the students tried to get to know and understand one another despite different political convictions. A question and answer session was held with a panel comprised of two Jewish and two Israeli Arab journalists.

In addition to Rev. Angell, the visiting Christian editors are: the Rev. J. Martin Bailey, editor of the United Church Herald, United Church of Christ in New York; the Rev. Curtis A. Chambers, editor of Together, United Methodist Church of Illinois; Wayne Cowan, managing editor of Christianity and Crisis in New York; Ben R. Hartley, editor of the Presbyterian Survey, Presbyterian Church of Atlanta, Ga.; Robert G. Hoyt, editor of the National Catholic Reporter, Kansas City; the Rev. Vincent S. Kearney, associate editor of the Jesuit Weekly America, New York; the Rev. Robert J. Leuver, editor of the U.S. Catholic World in Chicago; Arthur J. Moore, editor of World Outlook, the United Methodist Mission journal in New York; The Rev. Everett C. Parker, director of the office of communications of the United Church of Christ, New York; the Rev. John B. Sheerin, editor of Catholic World in New York; The Rev. Hward E. Short, editor of the Christian, St. Louis, Mo.; and the Rev. Carl T. Uehling, assistant editor of The Lutheran, Philadelphia, Pa.

## \$300,000 Endowment To Create Chair In Law At Dropsie Is Established By Judge

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 20 (JTA)--\$300,000 endowment to create a chair in Jewish and American law at Dropsie University here has been established by Judge Abraham Lieberman, a philanthropist of Weehawken, N.J., it was announced today. Dr. Abraham I. Katsh, president of Dropsie, said the endowment would make possible the study and teaching of the inter-relationship of Jewish law and Hebrew jurisprudence and Israel and American law. "This professorship will open up new areas for students and scholars to delve into the history and development of Jewish and American jurisprudence," Dr. Katsh said.

## New Soil Research Center, Named For Former Rep. Tenzer, Is Dedicated At Kibbutz

JERUSALEM, Nov. 20 (JTA)--A new soil research center has been dedicated at Kibbutz Dan in northern Israel in honor of former New York Congressman Herbert Tenzer whose friends sponsored the project. The center will serve settlements throughout the region. Mr. Tenzer, an attorney and civic leader, served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1965 to 1968. He was instrumental in initiating and passing major social legislation. The research center was named in recognition of his philanthropy in behalf of various causes in the U.S. and Israel.