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## Police Break Up Peaceful Demonstration By Jewish, Israeli High School Students

BONN, Nov. 23 (JTA)—A peaceful demonstration by about 60 Jewish and Iaraeli high school students in front of the Soviet Embassy was broken up by West German police today after the Russian political attache, A. J. Bogomlov, asked them to "liquidate this swinish action of anti-Soviet provocation." The youngsters carried placards protesting the treatment of Soviet Jews and upholding their right to emigrate to Israel. They tried to deliver a letter to the Embassy listing examples of alleged discrimination and indignities suffered by Jews in the USSR. The letter demanded the right of emigration, the right for Soviet Jews to practice their culture and speak their own language and the right for them to assimilate fully if they so desire. Asked by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency if the letter was passed on to the Soviet Ambassador, Mr. Bogomlov replied, "We did not accept it."

## Israel Charges Egyptian Fighter-Bombers Fly Over Suez Canal

TEL AVIV, Nov. 23 (JTA)—Israel charged Egypt with provocative flights over the east bank of the Suez Canal and lodged today three cease-fire violation complaints with the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization (UNTSO). The complaints were the first to be filed by Israel since the Aug. 7 cease-fire was extended for another 90-day period on Nov. 6. (Egypt protested an alleged truce violation to the United States yesterday. It charged, in a note handed to Donald C. Bergas, the senior American diplomatic representative in Cairo, that an American U-2 plane flew a reconnaisance mission over Egyptian positions on the west bank of the Suez Canal.) According to the Israeli complaints, two pairs of Egyptian Soukhol fighter-bombers flew over the east bank of the canal from Ismallia to a point north of Ras el Alsh yesterday. This morning, the Israelis charged, two pairs of Sukhol-7s traversed Israeli positions while flying from Kantara to Ismallia and overflew the positions a second time on a northward flight from Ismallia to Ras el Alsh, There was no immediate indication of the reasons for the overflights at this time.

A Foreign Ministry epokesman told newsmen today that the Egyptian overflights and Cairo's complaint to the U.S. were intended to demonstrate that the post-Nasser regime is tough. According to Mrs. Yael Vered, head of the Ministry's Middle East department, the incidents were symptomatic of internal troubles in Egypt. She said strong pressures were building up inside Egypt for the Sadat government to abandon Egypt's role of leader of the Arab world and to concentrate on Egyptian interests. She said the Egyptian government has apparently not decided what it would do if the Jarring peace talks are not resumed by the time the cease-fire expires. It is clear, she said, that the Egyptians are unwilling to take any risks at present so they must put up a tough front. Mrs. Vered said the new Jordanian regime under the premiership of Wasii el Tai, was applying a firm hand in its relations with terrorist organizations. She said the new firmness was a result of King Hussein's military success in the September civil war which proved that his army was loyal and united. Mrs. Vered said the terrorist groups have been weakened by mass desertions and huge losses of arms and ammunition.

## Cabinet Working On Peace Talks' Formula; Report U.S. To Give Israel \$1.4 Billion

JERUSALEM, Nov. 23 (JTA)—The Cabinet is expected to come up shortly with a formula for Israel's return to the Jarring peace talks, according to informed sources here. Yesterday's session yielded no decision. The deliberations will be resumed after the arrival of Ambassador Yithah Rabin who has been recalled from Washington for consultations. Most Cabinet members, including Foreign Minister Abba Eban, are said to favor making the reactivation of the Jarring talks conditional on certain commitments by the United States. These reportedly include further improvement of the Mideast arms balance in Israel's favor, substantial new economic aid and American political support. The Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned from highly reliable sources that Israel can expect \$1.5 billion in economic aid from the U.S, between 1970-1972. According to the sources, the Nixon administration has agreed to grant Israel \$200 million a year during each of the next two years in addition to an earlier commitment of \$500 million per year in the same period. Israel has received \$100 million from the U.S, this year. At the present time however, the only sum definitely ear-marked for Israel is a \$500 million gran start for military purchases contained in the Pentagon's fiscal 1971 authorization bill which has been passed by both houses of Congress.

Political circles here believe Washington's sudden generosity reflects a radical re-appraisal by the U.S. of Israel's role in the Middle East. According to these circles the U.S. has concluded—and has intimated to Israel—that Israel's existence prevents a Communist take—over in Lebanon and Jordan, American strategists are said to believe that despite the stability achieved recently by the Hussein regime, Jordan would soon fall prey to Communist-dominated groups if it weren't for Israel. He same situation is said; apply to Lebanon which is militarily weaker than Jordan. Sharp differences of opin on between Foreign Minister Eban and Defense Minister Moshe Dayan surfaced at yesterday's Cabinet meeting. Foreign Ministry circles oppose Gen. Dayan's proposal for a mutual military disengagement along the Suez Canal which they consider impractical because it would be contingent on acceptance by the Soviet Union and Egypt. While the Cabinet is not altogether opposed to another Dayan plan which would have Israel and Egypt re-negotiate their original cease-fire agreement of Last Aug. 7, most ministers feel that any new agreement that might be drafted with the Egyptian should not be tied up with the Jarring talks. The government is reported to be considering a request to the U.S. for guarantees against future Egyptian truce violations as one condition for returning to the Jarring talks.

Meanwhile, Gahal leader Menachem Beigin warned yesterday that his faction would hold the government to its pledge not to return to the Jarring talks until Egyptian truce violations are rectified. Mr. Beigin led his party's defection from the coalition government last August in opposition to the Jarring peace talks and the cease-fire. He argued yesterday that the Jarring talks would not result in peace because no peace proposals by Israel would be acceptable to the Arabs. According to Beigin, the Arabs need not agree to any compromise with Israel because all of the Four Powers were on record in favor of Israel's withdrawal to its pre-June, 1967 borders. Beigin insisted that Israel must retain the Sinai peninsula because it has been used three times as a staging area for attacks on Israel.

#### 100 Cholera Suspects In Gaza Strip; 43 Confirmed Cases Hospitalized

TEL AVIV, Nov. 23 (JTA).—Israeli health authorities reported nearly 100 suspected cases of cholera in the Gaza Strip today. They said that 43 confirmed cases have been hospitalized and preparations were being made to admit more patients to hospitals if necessary. The new outbreak of cholera, the second in Israel and Israel-held territories this fall, has been confined to the Gaza Strip so far.

### Teachers Resume Classes For Eighth, Twelfth Graders; Mail Drivers End Strike

JERUSALEM, Nov. 23 (JTA)—The strike of high school teachers which began 17 days ago ended today—but only for eighth and 12th graders. The teachers agreed to resume classes for a two week period in order to prepare those grades for examinations they must take early next year. Negotiations on the teachers' wage demands will continue during the two weeks. Education autorities hope the strike will be settled by then permitting the bulk of the 150,000 students in grades nine through eleven to return to their classes. The teachers union said the total strike would be resumed if negotiations fail to produce a settlement. Striking mail truck drivers went back to work today. Post Office and untorities said it would take several days before the back-log cause by the strike is disposed of and deliveries return to normal.

## Plot By Swiss Youth To Blow Up Shalom Tower Disclosed As Trial Opens

TEL AVIV, Nov. 23 (ITA)—Details of a plan to blow up the Shalom Tower, Israel's only skyscraper office building, were disclosed here today at the opening of the trial of a 20-year-old Swiss youth, Rene Brejuel. He was arrested at Haifa port has summer with high explosives concealed on his person. The young man has been linked to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and to Arab circles in Switzerland. His parents have arrived here with a Swiss lawyer reportedly paid for by the Swiss manager of the Arab Bank in Switzerland. If convicted, Brejuel could be sentenced to death but it is considered unlikely that capital punishment will be applied in his case. Police said that Brejuel taked freely of his plans after he was picked up in Haifa. A sharp-eyed customs inspector spotted the youth after he disembarked from the Halian motorship Messapia with a tourist passport. Despite the summer heat he was wearing a jacket and an overcoat. A search showed him to be wearing a specially racte corset in which 20 briquets of high explosives were concealed.

According to police Brejuel told them "I am a leftist." He said he wanted to help the Arab cause and went to Beirut, Lebanon where he contacted the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a terrorist group headed by Dr. George Habash. They trained him in the use of explosives and provided him with the corset. He returned to Switzerland, secured a fresh passport and went to Israel to commit sabotage. Police said Brejuel told them he intended to plant the explosives in a lavatory in the Shalom Tower and make his get-away. The 20-story building in the old business district of Tel Aviv is the tallest in Israel. An explosion during business hours could have caused heavy casualties, police said. Police announced yesterday that 12 members of an Arab terrorist cell, all of them Jordanian citizens, have been arrested in various West Bank villages. The round-up followed the confession by 22-year-old Said el-Farah that he planted the two hand grenades which blew up in the Tel Aviv central bus terminal on Nov. 6 fatally wounding two persons and injuring 25 others. El-Farah is an Israeli Arab from Baga al-Charibya village near Hedera in central Israel. Magistrate Menachem Ilan ordered him detained.

## Author Claims Hussein Was Prepared To Accept Aid From Israel To Save His Throne

LONDON, Nov. 23 (JTA).-King Hussein of Jordan told Western diplomats that he was prepared to accept military help from Israel to prevent the overthrow of his regime by Palestinian guerrillas during the Jordanian civil war last September, according to a new book to be published here shortly. The book, titled "The Civil War in Jordan and the Hijackings" was written by Peter Snow, a television commentator regarded as a Middle East expert. Mr. Snow claimed that King Hussein urged Western Ambassadors to summon help and told them he would not mind if Israeli troops participated in an expedition to help him preserve his throne. Questioned by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, a Foreign Office spokesman said, "We had no requests by King Hussein to pass on such a proposition to the government of Israel." The spokesman did not deny however that such a proposal had been made.

# Israel Expects Larger Export Of Citrus To West European Customers

LONDON, Nov. 23 (JTA).—The citrus market is depressed this year but Israel nevertheless is exporting a bigger crop to its West European customers than last year, according to Moshe Leven, European general manager of the Israeli Citrus Marketing Board, Mr. Leven said that Israel will have over 48 million boxes of citrus fruits available for export this season compared to 45 million last year. He said that up to now the main shipments have been grapefruit, amounting to 1,650,000 cases compared to 1.3 million cases at this time last year. He said that 460,000 cases of grapefruit have already been sold in consignment markets in West Germany, Belgium, Holland and the UK against 375,000 cases last year. But this year's price is currently running five shillings higher than last year. Mr. Leven predicted however that the price would drop when Spanish fruit reaches the market later in the season. The price for Spanish oranges is ten percent lower this year than last year and can drop as much as 30 percent under last year's price when the export season reaches its peak after Christmas.

## NDP Loses All 15 Of its Seats in Bavarian Parliament; Free Democratic Party Wins 11

BONN, Nov. 23 (JTA)—The radical right-wing National Democratic Party lost all 15 of its seats in the Bawrian State parliament in yesterday's elections. The party, widely regarded as neo-Nazi, polled only three precent of the total vote compared to the 7.4 percent it won in the last elections. According to West German law a party must poll at least five percent of the total vote to be seated in the state or federal parliaments. The NPD failed to win the required 10 percent from any one ward and was automatically disqualified. In the last elections, when the party headed by Adolf von Thadden was at its political peak, it won 12. 2 percent of the vote in Central Franconia. Earlier this month the NPD words worded out of the state parliament of Hesse. The Free Democratic Party, which had no seats in Bavaria, won 11 in Sunday's election. The Free Democrats are the coalition partners of the Social Democratic Party of Chancellor Willy Brandt. Political observers said a large part of the NPD vote went to Franz Joseph Strauss' conservative Christian Socialist Union, the Bavarian wing of the Christian Democratic Union.

## 67 Congressmen Send Letter To Rogers Urging U.S. To Confirm Rigerman's Citizenship

WASHINGTON. Nov. 23 (JTA) -- A bipartisan group of 67 members of the House of Representatives sent a letter to Secretary of State William P. Rogers today urging the State Department to confirm immediately the U.S. citizenship of Leonid Rigerman, a 30-year-old Soviet Jew. Mr. Rigerman was seized by police on the U.S. Embassy steps in Moscow two weeks ago after he filed an application for American citizenship. He was charged with resisting an officer and spent seven days in jail. He was reportedly freed last Wednesday but sources here believe he is in imminent danger of long-term punishment for his attempts to establish American citizenship in order to leave the country. Mr. Rigerman has based his citizenship application on the fact that his mother is American-born and his father is a naturalized U.S. citizen. He was born in Russia.

The letter to Mr. Rogers was released by Rep. James H. Scheuer, New York Democrat. In an accompanying statement, Mr. Scheuer said: "It is becoming perfectly clear that the Soviet Union is using its international anti-Israel position as a pretext to step up active anti-Semitism within the Soviet Union." The Congressman contended that "the case of Mr. Rigerman is only a single example of what is happening to Jews in the Soviet Union. While there are limits to what our government can appropriately do to counteract Soviet anti-Semitism, here is one case where immediate State Department action can help one human being." A State Department spokesman said earlier today that no decision has been made yet in the Rigerman case. The Department was said to be seeking additional information from Mr. Rigerman.

#### Soviet Embassy Protests Seizure Of Tass Office By Eight Jewish Students

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23 (JTA).—The Soviet Embassy has protested orally to the State Department over the demonstration by eight Jewish students in the offices of Tass, the Soviet press agency, in the National Press Building last Friday. A department spokesman said today that Embassy counselor Uliy Vrontosov had made the protest to Adolph Dubs, State Department director of Soviet affairs. The spokesman said Mr. Dubs voiced regrets over any violations that may have occurred. But the spokesman emphasized that the Tass offices are not diplomatic premises and that there were no indications of property damage. The students had entered the offices—after knocking on the door, a spokesman for them said—and had chained themselves together to protest Soviet denials of emigration permission to Jews. After being ejected and booked by the police they were released on their own recognizance and are scheduled to appear in Police Court tomorrow on charges of unlawful entry and failure to leave premises. The State Department spokesman indicated the department would not become involved in two recognizance.

### Conference On Hijacking Due Next Month; UN Condemns Hijacking By 99-0 Vote

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Nov. 23 (JTA)—The work of the international conference on hijacking in The Hague in December will be eased by the General Assembly's 99-0 approval of a resolution condemning air hijacking and other interference with civil air travel. The 34-power draft was voted on as the Assembly ended its consideration of the matter last week. United Nations observers noted the significance of not not be the overwhelming vote but the assemt to the draft by three major Arab states—Egypt, Jordan and Lebanon. The late Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser gave a hug-and-kiss reception to the members of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine who had hijacked air passengers to Jordan. The 10 nations abstaining on the vote were Algeria, Cuba, Guinea, Iraq, Libya, Mali, Saudi Arabia, Southern Yemen, Syria and Yemen. There were 18 absentees.

The resolution condemns "without exception whatsoever" all acts of aerial interference; calls on states to deter, prevent or suppress such acts and to prosecute and punish the transgressors or extradite them; urges states to care for passengers and crew diverted to their territories, effect their quick freedom, and return planes and cargo to their rightful owners; calls on states to see to it that those hijacked "are not used as a means of extorting advantage of any kind"; and recommends rafication or accession to the 1963 Tokyo Convention of air offenses and a meaningful resolution at The Hague, The 34 sponsors of the draft included Belgium, Brazil, Britain, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Iran, Japan, the Netherlands, Norway and Sweden.

#### Dr. Sabin, On Latin American Tour, Welcomed By Thousands Of Brazilian Children

SAO PAULO, Brazil, Nov. 23 (JTA)—Albert B. Sabin, discoverer of the oral polio vaccine, was well-comed by thousands of Brazilian children when he landed at the airport here yesterday for a brief stopover on a Latin American tour. Dr. Sabin, president of the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovoth, left for Buenos Aires this morning, While in Sao Paulo he was received by civic and health authorities and local Jewish leaders. He was made a fellow of science at the Albert Einstein Hospital here.

There will be no Jewish Telegraphic Agency Daily News Bulletin on Thursday, Nov. 26 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

## Histadrut Scored By Jewish Youths For Honoring Police Commissioner Rizzo

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 23 (JTA) -- The Philadelphia Histadrut Committee was embroiled in a bitter controversy today following its \$50-a-plate dinner last night honoring Police Commissioner Frank Rizzo and Mrs. Rizzo. While some 1200 Histadrut guests heard Mr. Rizzo halled as a civic leader and staunch friend of Israel, an estimated 200 youths demonstrated outside the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel accusing the Commissioner of oppressing blacks and other minorities. The demonstrators included a radical Jewish group known as Na'aseh and members of Habonim and Hashomer Hatzair, Labor Zionist youth movements. A separate contingent of protestors included black militants and supporters of El Fatah, the Palestinian guerrilla organization. A counter demonstration was staged across the street by members of the militant Jewish Defense League who claimed that since Rizzo had been honored by other groups there was no reason to single out a Jewish affair for picketing. Some of the Jewish, pro-Israel youths carried signs reading, "Labor Zionism is Not Equal to Police Stateism," "Israel Yes, Rizzo No," and "Jews Live By Isaiah's Laws, Not Rizzo's." Habonim did not participate officially in the demonstrations although its members were among the pickets. But it sent a cable to Histadrut Secretary General Itzhak Ben Aharon in Tel Aviv deploring the Philadelphia Histadrut's choice of a guest of honor. Several Jewish demonstrators said they were angry because Labor Zionism was "being perverted" by Histadrut's choice of honoring Mr. Rizzo.

(Yehoshua Levy, Treasurer of Histadrut in Israel who is presently visiting New York, told the JTA today that Histadrut campaign functions are selected by local committees without prior consultation with Histadrut in Israel which is not responsible for local selections.) A Histadrut spokesman told the JTA that the Philadelphia Committee had checked beforehand with local trade unionists and civic leaders and their concensus was that Mr. Rizzo fully deserved to be honored. He said that a number of black leaders attended the testimonial dinner and noted that the benediction was recited by a black Baptist minister. The Philadelphia dinner was intended to raise funds to build a "Frank and Carmella Rizzo Youth Center! in Israel. It included a tribute to Mr. Rizzo from Dr. Sol Stein, national director of the National Committee for Labor Israel. In Dr. Stein's absence, the statement was read by Nahum Guttman of New York, director of public and community relations of the Israel Histadrut Campaign. It thanked Mr. and Mrs. Rizzo for "linking your lovely city with a great humanitarian institution in Israel." A Histadrut spokesman conceded to the JTA that Mr. Rizzo was a controversial figure because he used "tough" methods against black militants and other groups. He claimed, however, that despite such tactics the Commissioner avoided bloodshed and "kept the city cool." He said that Mr. Rizzo, who Mayor James H.J. Tate has reportedly designated as his successor in the next mayoralty race, "has a good record among many people."

## Salkind: Protestors Are 'Communist Hippies'; Masch: Rizzo Employs Violence

According to Harold H, Salkind, chairman of the Pennsylvania Histadrut Council and regional vice-president, the youths who demonstrated against Rizzo were "disgruntled Communist hippies." He said that only "the lower class elements," white and black, were against the testimonial dinner. Asked by JTA to explain who the "flower class elements" are, Mr. Salkind replied, "trouble-makers." He insisted that the demonstrators were really opposed to the dinner because "the money is going for Israel, not the Arabs." Mr. Salkind's views were disputed by Mike Masch, a spokesman for Na'aseh, the "Radical Jewish Fellowship for Action." Mr. Masch, who described his group as committed to Jew'sh affairs and strongly pro-Israel though non-Zicnist, told the JTA that it took part in the demonstratons as a constituent of the Coalition of Organizations for Philadelphia Police Accountability and Responsibility (Coppar.) He said that Coppar represented a broad spectrum of Philadelphians ranging from the militant Black Panthers and Young Lords to such groups as the American Civil Liberties Union. According to Mr. Masch, Commissioner Rizzo ordered police to employ violence against Black Panthers and other unpopular groups and has publicly denounced even non-militant civil libertain organizations.

He noted that Commissioner Rizzo and his department are under a temporary restraining order issued by the U.S. District Court in Philadelphia enjoining them from infringing upon the constitutional rights of certain black and white minority groups. He said the order was the result of a suit brought by Coppar against Mr. Rizzo and the Philadelphia police department. Similar charges against Commissioner Rizzo and sharp criticism of the Histadrut dinner honoring him were contained in elter published in the Nov. 20 edition of the Jewish Exponent, a weekly newspaper published here. The writter, Burton Caine, charged that "The youth of our community have been the constant target of Izzo's itactics and the award to the Commissioner must seem especially abrasive to them" because the proceeds are going toward the construction of a youth center in Israel. The Philadelphia Histadrut Committee nevertheless defended its choice. In a statement intended for distribution to the demonstrators it said, "The committee would under no circumstances select an honoree whose record is known to be inimical to the best interests of the American people or of Israel. Thus, no Fascist or Communist has ever been cited by the American Friends of Histadrut." A Histadrut spokesman in New York said that the dinner honoring Mr. Rizzo had been decided upon a year ago.

## Jewish Week Publishing New York Edition; Hochstein Is Editor And Publisher

NEW YORK, Nov. 23 (JTA)—Expanding itself, the "Jewish Week," an established English language Jewish newspaper, has begun publication of its New York edition under the direction of Philip Hoc'stein, a former executive of the Newhouse newspaper chain. The paper has been publishing in Washington, D.C. since 1965. Its New York edition is the result of a merger with the American Examiner, a Jewish weekly with roots as far back as 1857. Mr. Hochstein is editor and publisher. The executive editor of the Jewish Week is Victor M. Beinstock, a newspaperman and foreign correspondent who retired this year after 37 years as general manager and editor of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. Bernard Postal, former public relations director of the National Jewish Welfare Board, and David Horowitz, last editor of the American Examiner and former president of the Foreign Press Association in New York, will serve as associate editors.