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2500 Academicians Sign Petition Urging Kosygin To Allow Jews To Emigrate

NEW YORK, Dec. 2 (JTA)--Some 2500 college faculty members have appealed to Soviet Premier Aleksei Kosygin to live up to a pledge, made four years ago tomorrow and allow Jews in the Soviet Union to emigrate and reunite with their families abroad. The academicians, from more than 150 American and Canadian universities, petitioned the Soviet Premier to grant exit permits to Jews who have applied for them. Among the signers were four Nobel Prize winners. They also called for the release of 35 Jews who have been arrested in recent months and held incommunicado, maintaining that the prisoners were being held for their daring persistence in seeking the right to emigrate. The petition was prepared and the signatures were gathered by the Academic Committee on Soviet Jewry, a non-sectarian group of more than 3200 faculty members. The petition cited Premier Kosygin's statement at a press conference in Paris on December 3, 1966. Responding to a question, the Premier had then said, "As regards the reunion of families, should anyone want to be reunited with their families, or want to leave the Soviet Union, the road is open and no problem exists there." The petition declared: "We appeal to you: uphold international obligations and grant what you yourself regard as a just request." "Set the prisoners free! Let those who wish go to Israel!"

In a letter forwarding the petition to Premier Kosygin, Professor Hans J. Morgenthau, Chairman of the Academic Committee on Soviet Jewry, noted that while the signers "come from a great variety of disciplines and hold sharply differing views on political, economic and social matters...on the issue presented in the petition they speak with one voice." Dr. Morgenthau, who holds chairs in political science at the City University of New York and the University of Chicago, forwarded a copy of the petition today to United Nations Secretary-General U Thant, asking his support "to facilitate this humanitarian objective." The appeal of Soviet Jews is "simple and clear," the petition asserts. "It is impossible to live with pride and dignity as Jews in the USSR. As human beings and as Jews, they seek fulfillment and family reunion in Israel, which they regard as their ancestral homeland." Nobel Laureates who signed the petition are Dr. Joshua Lederberg of Stanford University, honored for his research in Genetics; Dr. Arthur Kornberg of Stanford University, a biochemist; Dr. George Wald of Harvard University, a biologist; and Dr. Julius Axelrod of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, who shared this year's prize in physiology and medicine. The Academic Committee on Soviet Jewry was organized in 1967 by a small group of faculty members for the purpose of mobilizing intellectual and academic opinion on the issue of Soviet Jews.

Sir Alec: Maximum Security For Israel One Vital Condition For Mideast Settlement

LONDON, Dec. 2 (JTA)--Foreign Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home said today that he considered maximum security for Israel to be one of the "vital conditions" for a Middle East peace settlement. Sir Alec spoke in reply to questions put to him by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency after addressing the Foreign Press Association here. He said that as far as his government's policy is concerned, Israel must give up most of the Arab territories it occupied in the June, 1967 war. However, he added, "There are two vital conditions. Israel has the right to feel as secure after a peace settlement as she feels now; in other words, her security then must be comparable to her present security." The British diplomat said the second condition is "an imaginative solution" of the Arab refugee problem "and in this context the problem of the Palestinians must be resolved."

Sir Alec stressed that "any solution leading to a settlement must be agreed upon freely by both sides. It cannot be imposed from above or by anybody outside. I therefore hope for a return to the Jarring talks," he said. Sir Alec said there was "little difference" between the Mideast policies of his Conservative government and its Labor predecessor. "We still base our policy on (the Security Council's) Resolution 242," he said. Replying to another question, he maintained that Resolution 242 remains valid despite the move by Egypt to form a federation with Libya, Sudan and Syria, three states which have not accepted the resolution. "I realize the situation is now complicated by the...federation but I hope this does not affect the validity of Resolution 242. I hope that Egypt's three partners would regard Resolution 242 as the basis for a Middle East settlement," he said.

Cairo Radio Says Spy Ship Really Unarmed Motor Boat; All Sides Cautious About Incident

TEL AVIV, Dec. 2 (JTA)--Cairo radio accused Israel today of sinking an unarmed civilian motor-boat in the Gulf of Suez but no formal charge of cease-fire violation has been filed so far. The accusation was made only after Israel officially announced last night that one of its Navy patrol boats sank an Egyptian boat that failed to halt when challenged off the eastern shores of the Israel-held Sinai peninsula some time after midnight last Saturday. Four Egyptian crewmen were drowned. The Israeli announcement said that documents found on the three recovered bodies indicated that the men were on a reconnaissance mission for Egyptian intelligence and also yielded "signs" that they were smuggling hashish. Cairo radio claimed that "only unarmed fishing boats operate in this area" and accused Israel of a "criminal act against unarmed civilians." The three-and-a-half day delay between the incident and the Israeli announcement of its occurrence and the failure of Cairo to mention it until Israel did, indicated that neither side is interested in raising a major issue at this time which might imperil the Suez cease-fire.

Some observers here believe the Egyptians are testing world opinion before acting further but may lodge a protest with the United Nations. The absence of official comment from Washington indicated to

some here that the U.S. is waiting to see whether the incident develops or blows over. Apart from last night's brief announcement, no details emerged from official quarters here. A reliable military source told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that the documents found on the dead Egyptians showed that they were returning to base after having completed an intelligence mission. The source said the delay in announcing the sinking was caused by the need to study and analyze the documents. He said the Israeli patrol boat had not intended to sink the Egyptian craft but had to open fire after it ignored warning shots. Sources here said hashish was found on the bodies. They said the presence of the drug may have been a cover for an intelligence mission or the Egyptian agents may have been trafficking in narcotics as a sideline.

One observer said the agents may have been paid for their work in hashish instead of cash. One source noted that smugglers' boats have been used in the past to transport Egyptian spies into Israeli-held territory. Military sources have reported a great increase in Egyptian intelligence activity during the past month. The Egyptians seem to be seeking information about Israeli positions on the east bank of the Suez Canal and the roads leading to them which have been greatly improved since the cease-fire began. Some sources linked the reports of intelligence activities with reports of large scale Egyptian amphibious maneuvers under the supervision of high ranking Soviet military officers. There have also been reports from foreign sources of heavy deliveries of amphibious craft and equipment to Egypt from Russia. These reports have given rise to speculation that the Egyptians and Russians may be planning a push across the Suez Canal and the Gulf of Suez after the cease-fire ends.

Mrs. Meir Sends Note To Nixon Containing Cabinet's Views On Return To Jarring Talks

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2 (JTA)--Another note from Premier Golda Meir to President Nixon was delivered here yesterday by Israeli Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin, it was reliably reported today. The note was said to contain the views of the Israeli Cabinet on returning to the Jarring peace talks without stating specific conditions. Mr. Rabin delivered the message to the State Department where he met yesterday afternoon with Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs Joseph J. Sisco. The Israeli envoy returned to Washington Monday from Jerusalem where he had been summoned for consultations last week. Mrs. Meir is believed to have communicated with President Nixon several times since their last meeting in Washington in October. A dialogue between American and Israeli officials has been in progress ever since on the resumption of the Jarring talks and U.S. military and economic aid to Israel. Israel is expected to agree to return to the talks following meetings here later this month between Defense Minister Moshe Dayan and top administration officials, and possibly with President Nixon. Those meetings are expected to determine what Israel can expect in terms of future U.S. aid and political support and will, in turn, influence the conditions the Israel government will set for its return to the peace negotiations.

Dewey Stone, Harry Levine Extolled By Mrs. Meir For Contributions To Israel

TEL AVIV, Dec. 2 (JTA)--The services rendered the State of Israel by Dewey D. Stone and Harry Levine were extolled by Premier Golda Meir last night at a dinner at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovoth honoring the two Americans on the occasion of their birthdays. Mr. Stone, 70, is chairman of the Board of Governors of the Weizmann Institute, and Mr. Levine, 75, is a founding governor and treasurer of the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute in New York. Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir presided at the birthday dinner which was attended by Mrs. Meir; Foreign Minister Abba Eban; United States Ambassador Walworth Barbour; Dr. Albert Sabin, the Institute's president; Meyer E. Weisgal, Chancellor; Dr. Israel Goldstein, head of the Keren Hayesod, and senior scientific and administrative staff members of the Weizmann Institute.

"I can think of no two other American Jews who have done for the State of Israel--before and after its establishment--what Dewey Stone and Harry Levine did and are still doing," Premier Meir said. "The full extent of Stone's and Levine's efforts on behalf of this country cannot yet be told, but one day, when the annals of the Zionist movement and the creation of the State are written in full, this remarkable role of the two will be made public," she said. "Until then, it is enough to say that they have been active partners all along the way, however difficult and rocky that way has been," she said. Mr. Stone and Mr. Levine will be honored in New York on Dec. 16 at a dinner under the auspices of the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute.

Dayan Reports Israeli POW's In Arab Countries Generally In Good Health

JERUSALEM, Dec. 2 (JTA)--Defense Minister Moshe Dayan reported to the Knesset today that Israeli prisoners of war in Arab countries were generally in good health and that information about them was being conveyed regularly to their families through the International Red Cross. He said that according to information from the Red Cross, some Israeli prisoners were hospitalized in Cairo and others were receiving medical treatment without hospitalization. The rest were in good health. He said the prisoners' families were getting mail from them. Replying to a question on another matter, Gen. Dayan said that according to Israeli intelligence, 1900 persons were killed and 6500 were wounded during the Jordanian civil war in September. The question was asked by Joseph A. Tamir of the Gahal party who quoted Brig. Shlomo Gazit as having said that Israel fell into an Arab propaganda trap "by swallowing the lie that 20,000 people were killed in Jordan." Gen. Dayan said the Jordanian Army suffered 500 dead and 1500 wounded. Terrorist casualties were 900 killed and 3000 wounded and civilian casualties amounted to 500 dead and 2000 wounded.

Rabbi Jakobovits Receives Enthusiastic Welcome; Rumors That He Will Resign Unfounded

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, Dec. 2 (JTA)--An enthusiastic welcome was accorded Britain's Chief Rabbi, Dr. Immanuel Jakobovits, who arrived here today as part of his pastoral tour of Australia and New Zealand. The Chief Rabbi is scheduled to leave New Zealand on December 7 for the United States. Meanwhile, rumors circulating in London that Dr. Jakobovitz was considering resigning from his post were described as entirely unfounded by people close to the Chief Rabbi.

Underground Bomb Shelters Used By Children Being Evacuated

TEL AVIV, Dec. 2 (JTA)--Underground bomb shelters, where children of the Beisan Valley settlements have been sleeping nightly for the past two years, are being evacuated--but only gradually in order to ease the shock of adjustment for many youngsters who can't remember when they slept on real beds in a room with windows. The shelters were built to protect the lives of children and adults during two years of almost constant nightly shellings from Jordan. The settlements of the Beisan and Jordan valleys were the prime targets of Arab guerrillas, sometimes joined by Iraqi and Jordanian artillery, whose aim seemed to be the terrorization of Israeli civilians. The border has been quiet since the Jordanian civil war ended in a defeat for the guerrillas two months ago. But psychologists fear that the transition from an underground to a normal life will create problems, especially among the younger children who regard the shelters as their real home. Older children have already been taken out of the shelters. The six-to-eight year olds are now about to be evacuated.

State Prosecutor Demands Life Sentence For Former Treblinka Commander

DUSSELDORF, Dec. 2 (JTA)--A life sentence was demanded here today for Franz Stangl, former commander of the Treblinka death camp; who has been on trial since May 13th for complicity in the murders of a half million Jews in 1942-43. The sentence was demanded by Alfred Spies, State Prosecutor for Rhine-Westphalia. A verdict will be rendered on Dec. 18. Since the trial began seven months ago, hundreds of witnesses from Israel and America have testified against Stangl.

Problems of Jewish Education In Diaspora To Be Subject Of Full Knesset Debate

JERUSALEM, Dec. 2 (JTA)--The problems of Jewish education in the diaspora will be the subject of a full scale debate in the Knesset shortly. A motion calling for such a debate was swiftly adopted today after it was introduced by Yitzhak Korn, Labor MK, as a private member's motion. It was one of the rare occasions when a private motion has been accepted by the chamber. Mr. Korn, who is chairman of the world Labor Zionist movement, deplored the fact that only a fraction of Jewish youth in the world is getting a Jewish education. Deputy Premier Yigal Allon who is also Minister of Education and Culture, said he was in favor of debating the subject. He claimed however that his Ministry was doing a great deal to further Jewish education overseas and cited a recent agreement with the Jewish Agency's department of education and culture. He disclosed that Israel's educational television trust was going to produce a series of films for distribution to Jewish schools abroad as one way to alleviate the shortage of teachers. Mr. Korn proposed an exchange of students and teachers with diaspora communities. He proposed a system of mass "adoption" of Jewish pupils abroad--meaning bringing them to Israel--for periods of up to a year for studies. He also called for an increased allocation of Hebrew teachers from Israel for the diaspora and an enlargement of facilities in Israel to train teachers from abroad.

Motion To Debate Showing Of Play Considered Pornographic Defeated In Knesset

JERUSALEM, Dec. 2 (JTA)--The Knesset voted 35-3 today to reject a motion by the Agudat Israel party to debate the presentation of a new play which the Orthodox consider pornographic. The play, titled "Kfotz," has been approved by the state censorship board and will have its premier shortly. It is said to be on the style of the American erotic musical "Hair" but with more nude scenes. The matter was referred to committee after the vote in which the Agudat Israel was joined by two splinter factions, Rakach and Haolem Hazeh. Minister of Interior Joseph Burg of the National Religious Party called "Kfotz" "a piece of moral and religious corruption" but said he had no authority over the censorship board although it is part of his ministry. There was no indication that the objectors had seen the show.

Diaspora Jews Told Not To Worry About Diverse Statements On Mideast By Israelis

NEW YORK, Dec. 2 (JTA)--Yakov Aviad, Israeli Deputy Consul for Political Affairs, said today that diaspora Jews should not worry about the diversity of Israeli leaders' statements on the Middle East because "these voices are all very clearly talking about peace." Mr. Aviad, who addressed the National Council of Jewish Women, did not refer specifically to any particular Israeli leaders, although later, in agreeing with Defense Minister Moshe Dayan that the Soviets were a greater threat to Israel than the Arabs, he called the General "the great military expert." The Arabs, he added, should only have such public "discussion" of these vital issues. The Deputy Consul, who once served as secretary to Israel's first president, Dr. Chaim Weizmann, and whose father was Dr. Yeshayahu Aviad (Oskar Wolfsberg), Zionist leader and Israeli diplomat, told the Council that the Palestinian refugees were being "treated as a pawn" by the Arab governments, which are "not ready to accept Israel on the map." The tragedy of the refugees, he said, is that although "much more has been done for them than for any other refugees in the world,... a billion dollars has been spent without solving the problem."

The reasons, he explained, are that the \$1 billion has not been concentrated on resettlement and that in the same period \$20 billion has been spent on arms by all parties. Mr. Aviad noted that the Arabs in the Israeli-administered West Bank have doubled their income and increased their gross national product by 20 percent in three years. He added that they were actually receiving more free education than those in Israel proper, and emphasized that the West Bank-Israel border was an open one and that Jordanian laws and officials in the West Bank have been retained. The Deputy Consul took a middle-road view toward young anti-Israel Jews, saying: "We don't like the attitude of the New Left, (but) we have to know the language these kids speak. The most important part of the task is to know our part of the story...Let's make it our business to know...On the whole these youth are not a sick youth. I think we have to go at them and tell them 'These are the facts.'" Mr. Aviad predicted that there would be "a couple or three generations before real peace," but added: "That's one of the realities of our life. We know that...Every step has been a step closer to it." Arab hatred of Israel runs "very deep," he conceded, but it was not "unsurmountable."

JWV Announces Synagogue Corps To Protect Jews In Nation's Inner Cities

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2 (JTA)--A synagogue corps to provide security for Jews who still live in the inner cities of major urban areas has been established by the Jewish War Veterans. According to Albert Schlossberg of Milton, Mass., the JWV national commander, the formation of the new organization was the result of the "increasing number of attacks on Jews and synagogue property in those areas of the inner city where there are no longer any middle class Jewish families." In most inner cities of large urban areas Mr. Schlossberg said, "all that is left of the Jewish community are aged Orthodox Jews whose lives revolve around their synagogue and who have neither the funds nor the inclination to leave lifetime homes. These people have often been subject to brutal attacks by hoodlums who prey on their weakness. Often, their synagogues are vandalized and their homes terrorized." He added that among the organizations' responsibilities will be to attend Saturday and holiday services and "by their presence, afford a feeling of security to the older people who make up these congregations." Under the program adopted, JWV Pposts will be asked to "adopt" a synagogue and set up a duty roster for their membership. Members also will be in readiness to assist in any manner that "will contribute to the well being and security of the people in the inner city."

N.Y. Board Of Rabbis Lauded By Rockefeller For Decades Of Service To Community

NEW YORK, Dec. 2 (JTA)--The New York Board of Rabbis' nine decades of service to the Jewish community was praised last night by Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller. He lauded their example of "unity within diversity," and observed "there is a lesson in this for the whole nation." Addressing the 90th anniversary convocation of the Board, the Governor declared, "The sense of common destiny you have preserved amidst the diversity of Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Judaism teaches us we have to be a nation, not only tolerant of diversity, but enriched by our diversity. This is our special strength." Also addressing the audience was Mayor John V. Lindsay, who proclaimed yesterday to be "New York Board of Rabbis Day" in New York City. Avraham Harmon, president of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and former Ambassador to the U.S. cited the invaluable work the Board has contributed to the New York Jewish community. Referring to the Israeli-Arab conflict, Mr. Harmon said: "The Jews of Israel want to live in peace with the Arabs, but, in the last analysis, they want to live." The Hebrew University president also touched briefly on the plight of Soviet Jewry and noted that "No longer are the Russian Jews the 'Jews of Silence'."

In his speech, Governor Rockefeller noted that he had been working closely with the Board for almost a quarter of a century in "ensuring the survival of the State of Israel" and in "strengthening cultural diversity in the U.S." The Governor also pointed out that it had been on the recommendations of the Board that he had approved the Sabbath and Holy Day Laws--the laws that forbade discrimination against Jewish employees and Jewish students celebrating Jewish holidays. In a brief filmed excerpt from a one-hour program to be shown in full over the CBS-TV on Sunday morning, Israel's Foreign Minister Abba Eban declared, "Israel is the result of Jewish unity, not the cause of Jewish unity." He described Israel as "the unifying meeting place of all currents in Jewish history," and noted too that "Just as Israel is the result of Jewish unity, Israel is now the cause of Jewish unity." Honored by the Board for their services "to America and world Jewry," were Rabbi Harold H. Gordon, executive vice-president of the Board; Max Stern, vice-chairman of the Advisory Council of the Board; Charles H. Silver, president of the International Synagogue at JFK Airport; William Kaufman, first president of the Advisory Council and Jack D. Weiler, present chairman of the Council. Rabbi Gordon was particularly honored for his quarter-century service to the Board and was presented with a citation by Mayor Lindsay. Greetings were received from President Richard M. Nixon and Israeli President Zalman Shazar.

Yaakov Gilead, Magbit Director, Appointed Director Of Keren Hayesod For Europe

BRUSSELS, Dec. 2 (JTA)--Yaakov Gilead, director of Magbit, the Israel Appeal in Belgium, has been appointed director of Keren Hayesod for Europe it was announced today. Keren Hayesod, the fundraising arm of the World Zionist Organization, is active in most Jewish communities outside of North America. Mr. Gilead's activities will cover all of Western Europe and Scandinavia.

Rabbi Dr. David de Sola Pool, World Leader In Judaism, Dies At 85

NEW YORK, Dec. 2 (JTA)--Funeral services will be held here tomorrow for Rabbi Dr. David de Sola Pool, a world leader in Judaism, who died last night at his home. He was 85 years old. Dr. Pool, who was born in London, served as spiritual leader of the Spanish and Portugese Synagogue, Shearith Israel in New York, from 1907 until 1955, when he retired. In retirement, he continued to take an active interest in serving the congregation, the oldest in America. He graduated with honors from the University of London in 1903 with a B.A., and pursued his graduate studies at the University of Berlin and Heidelberg University, where he was awarded a Ph. D. summa cum laude. He completed his rabbinic training in Berlin. Dr. Pool emigrated to America as a young man and at the age of twenty-two was offered the leadership of the Spanish and Portugese synagogue, which was founded in September 1654 and now occupies an imposing structure in Manhattan.

He won swift respect from national Jewish and non-Jewish organizations and in 1917 was named as one of three Jewish representatives appointed to serve on the food conservation staff directed by Herbert Hoover. He also served as vice-president of the Jewish Welfare Board, in posts as field organizer of welfare work in 1917 and 1918 and as chairman of the Committee on Army and Navy Religious Activists, 1940 to 1947. In 1947 he was awarded the Certificate of Merit from the President of the United States, Harry S. Truman. An energetic and tireless worker, Dr. Pool held high office in various organizations which included the Jewish Educational Association, Young Judea, Union of Sephardic Congregations, Synagogue Council of America and the New York Board of Jewish Ministers. He also served as a delegate to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization congress in London in 1959. Dr. Pool was a prolific author and has several books to his credit. He also served as an editor and translator of many volumes of Hebrew liturgy and Spanish pamphlets.