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## Report Soviet Jew Who Sought Permission To Emigrate To Go On Trial

LONDON, Dec. 22 (JTA)--Another Jew who applied for permission to emigrate to Israel will go on trial in Leningrad tomorrow morning, according to a report received here today by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. He was identified as Igor Borisovich Borisov, 42, who allegedly has been under arrest for several months. The report coming out of Leningrad but not immediately confirmed, said the charges against him are not known and that his trial will be held in secret. The claim that a new Leningrad trial is imminent followed a report late yesterday that chief prosecutor R. Rudenko has demanded the death penalty for two of the defendants in the current Leningrad trial on attempted hijacking charges and prison terms of five to 15 years for the others, all but two of them Jews. The information received here today said that Borisov and his wife had applied some time ago for exit visas to go to Israel and were subsequently called into KGB (secret police) headquarters for interrogation. According to the report, they were waylaid by roughnecks on their way home but when police intervened, it was Borisov whom they arrested. According to this unconfirmed report, Borisov was released the same evening but was re-arrested a month later and has been held in jail ever since.

The report that death penalties have been asked in the hijack case has been confirmed by Western news sources. The defendants singled out for capital punishment were identified as Maj. Mark Dymshitz, a former pilot and Edward Kuznetsov. Dymshitz allegedly confessed that he master-minded the plot to hijack a Soviet airliner at Leningrad's Smolny Airport last June and fly to Finland whence the Jewish passengers could make for Israel. According to reports he told the three-man court that he planned the hijack to escape Soviet anti-Semitism. Kuznetsov reportedly told the court that he is a Jew although his passport identifies him as an ethnic Russian. His wife, Silva Zalmanson Kuznetsov and two of her brothers are also on trial. According to today's report, prosecutor Rudenko asked 15 years at hard labor for Josef Mendelovich and Yuri Fedorov; 14 years for Alexander Murzhenko; 13 years for Leib Khanokh; 12 years each for Boris Pestner, Anatoly Altman and Isaac Zalmanson; ten years for Silva Kuznetsov, wife of Edward Kuznetsov and five years for Mendel Bodnia. Fedorov and Murszhenko are non-Jews. Another defendant, Wolf Zalmanson, is reportedly under court martial.

## Criminal Charges Being Prepared Against Czech Jews For 'Illicit' Stays Abroad

LONDON, Dec. 22 (JTA)--Czech Jews who found refuge in Britain after the Soviet invasion and occupation of their country in 1968, have been threatened with criminal charges by the Prague government and fear that their families may be harassed and their property confiscated, according to the Council of Jews from Czechoslovakia. A Council spokesman told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that refugees here and in other Western European countries have been notified by the Czech embassies that "criminal charges" were being prepared against them for "illicit" stays abroad. The spokesman said they were notified at the same time that they could obtain legal advice from the Legal Advice Bureau in Prague on payment of a \$144 fee in foreign currency. According to the spokesman, the notification and notices appearing in the Czech press made it clear that failure to appoint legal counsel would compel the Czech authorities to approach the refugees' relatives for payment which might lead to confiscation of the property of the absentees.

## Stangl, Commandant Of Treblinka, Given Life Sentence

DUSSELDORF, Dec. 22 (JTA)--A life sentence was pronounced today on Franz Stangl, commandant of the notorious Treblinka death camp, after a jury found him guilty of participation in the deaths of 400,000 inmates, most of them Jews. The presiding judge, Heinz Meven, ruled that the convicted former SS officer will be held in custody even if he lodges an appeal. The Austrian government nevertheless, is preparing its own case against Stangl though it was questionable whether he will ever appear for trial in that country. Today's sentence brought to an official end the career of a Nazi war criminal who was at large for more than 20 years after Germany's surrender in 1945. Stangl managed to evade Allied authorities at the time and found haven in South America under an assumed identity. He was tracked down in large measure through the efforts of Simon Wiesenthal, director of the War Crimes Documentation Center in Vienna, who has devoted his career to hunting wanted Nazis. Wiesenthal was in the courtroom today.

Stangl was arrested in Brazil in March, 1967 and subsequently extradited to West Germany. His trial was a prolonged one which heard testimony from many eye-witnesses, including Treblinka survivors. It was interrupted at one point when Stangl became ill. The jury which found Stangl guilty said it believed he had done everything in his power to keep the Treblinka death machine in action. Summing up the case, Judge Meven said that while it could not be proven that Stangl personally killed a single Jew, it was clear that he participated directly in the deaths of 400,000 camp inmates. Stangl remained silent after sentence was pronounced. When the trial adjourned last week, however, he appealed to the court for "understanding" that whatever he did was "under orders."

## Lindsay, Stokes Cable Leningrad Mayor To Use His Influence To Obtain Release Of 11

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (JTA)--Mayor John V. Lindsay, of New York and Mayor Carl B. Stokes, of Cleveland, have urged their counterpart in Leningrad to use his influence to obtain the release of Jews currently on trial in that Soviet city. Mayor Lindsay and Mayor Stokes addressed separate cables to Alexander A. Sizov, chairman of the Leningrad City Soviet, expressing concern over the trial in which 11 persons, most of them Jews are charged with "banditry and treason" in connection with an alleged plot to hijack a Soviet airliner last June. Mayor Lindsay's cable read in part, "Information indicates that the arrested persons are not anti-Soviet and were not engaged in hostile actions. They want to leave for Israel, to reunite with families. It is incomprehensible that people who wish to leave a country should be perse-

cited." Mayor Stokes said in his cable, "The circumstances surrounding the arrests and detention of the defendants have caused neutral observers throughout the world to question the purpose of the court action. We are led to believe that the main purpose of this trial is to discourage the growing numbers of requests by Jews for emigration from the Soviet Union."

Philip E. Hoffman, president of the American Jewish Committee, called on the Soviet leadership today to "reverse the death sentences reportedly requested by the prosecution in the current trial of Jews and others in Leningrad." In a cable to Soviet Communist Party chief Leonid Brezhnev and Premier Alexei N. Kosygin, Hoffman said, "As a signatory of the Teheran Proclamation of May 13, 1968, your government agreed that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights 'constitutes an obligation for the members of the international community.' We ask you to observe that obligation toward these people whose only crime is their expressed desire to live where they may practice their religion freely and openly..." A petition with 3700 signatures protesting the trial of Jews in Russia was sent to Soviet Ambassador Anatoly F. Dobrynin in Washington by the Baltimore Committee for Soviet Jewry. A covering letter signed by committee chairman Louis J. Fox, claimed that the Soviet Union's anti-Semitic campaign "undoubtedly stems from the government's awareness of the growing frustration and resentment by young Soviet Jews toward the discrimination they face in higher education and employment."

Some 200 Jewish youths staged a vigil this afternoon at the Isaiah Wall opposite the United Nations to protest the Leningrad trial. The rally was sponsored by the New York Union of Jewish Students, a coordinating council of local Jewish student unions in the metropolitan area and the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry. The students represented the Radical Zionist Alliance, the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry, Betar, the Jewish Defense League and Stern College for Women of Yeshiva University. They displayed signs reading "Recognize Zionism, Lenin Did!", "Zionism is the National Liberation Movement of the Jews", "Recognize the Jewish People!", "Mr. Kosygin: Free the Russian Jews!" They sang Hebrew songs and lit eight torches to symbolize the Chanukah candelabra. Earlier, the students had picketed outside the offices of Tass, the Soviet news agency. At Yeshiva University's Stern College for Women, several hundred students held a 90-minute silent vigil last night on behalf of the Leningrad 11. Rabbi Avi Weiss of the college and Glenn Richter, national coordinator of the SSSJ, read eyewitness accounts of Soviet oppression and a letter from 44 Soviet Jews declaring that "when people are thrown into prison for their convictions, this is evil."

### Thousands Of French Jews, Non-Jews March To Protest Trials

PARIS, Dec. 22 (JTA)--Several thousand Frenchmen, Jews and non-Jews, marched through the streets of Paris last night in a protest demonstration against the Leningrad trial and the repression of Soviet Jewry. Police were out in force but no incidents occurred. The demonstrators assembled at Paris' main synagogue on the Rue de La Victoire, where France's Chief Rabbi Jacob Kaplan and the Chief Rabbi of Paris offered prayers for the Leningrad defendants. Baron Alain de Rothschild, president of the Jewish Consistory, led the marchers to the Square de La Trinite where they dispersed peacefully after calling on the Soviet government to end the trials of Jews and permit free emigration. In Marseilles and Lyon about 2000 demonstrators each marched through the center of town to protest the Leningrad trial. Smaller demonstrations were reported in Nice and Bordeaux.

### Demonstrations Of Solidarity With Trial Victims Continues To Mount In Israel

JERUSALEM, Dec. 22 (JTA)--Chanukah lights were kindled at the Wailing Wall tonight as delegations from all parts of Israel continued to arrive to demonstrate solidarity with Jews on trial in Russia. One group has been maintaining a vigil of fasting and prayer at the shrine since the trial of Jews began in Leningrad Dec. 15. Today's most prominent visitor was President Zalman Shazar who told the fasters, "You can be proud of having drawn world public opinion to the plight of Jews in Russia." Minister for Religious Affairs Zerach Warhaftig conducted the candle-lighting. Earlier some 4000 youngsters demonstrated in the Wailing Wall compound. A five-bus convoy of scientists and staff members of the Weizmann Institute of Science came from Rehovoth this morning. Israel's "Youth Parliament" set up "information teams" to contact the 140 youth parliaments abroad to acquaint them with the situation of Russian Jewry. The Israel Medical Association sent a letter of encouragement to the fasters and a delegation from the Kibbutz movement visited them today. Former Knesset Speaker Kaddish Luz brought greetings from the Jordan Valley settlements. In Tel Aviv today, a group of demonstrators staged a sit-down in front of the Finnish Embassy which handles Soviet affairs in Israel.

### Kosygin Demands Israel Withdraw From Territories; Stops Short Of Demanding Time-Table

LONDON, Dec. 22 (JTA)--Soviet Premier Alexei N. Kosygin demanded yesterday that Israel withdraw from the occupied Arab territories as stipulated by the Security Council's Resolution 242 of Nov. 22, 1967. But Kosygin stopped short of endorsing Egypt's demand that Israel submit a withdrawal time-table in advance of peace talks as a condition for extending the present cease-fire. Kosygin spoke at a luncheon in Moscow honoring a visiting Egyptian delegation headed by Vice President Aly Sabry and numbering among its members Foreign Minister Mahmoud Riad and Minister of War Mohammed Fawzi. The Soviet leader warned "Israeli extremists" to be "under no illusion" that they will gain concessions from agreeing to a peaceful settlement in the Mideast. He warned that nobody was begging Israel for "peace at any price." His remarks were less vehement than those of Sabry who seemed to reflect growing Egyptian bitterness over the present Mideast stalemate. (In Washington, State Department spokesman Robert J. McCloskey said yesterday the U.S. "would be satisfied" if Israel returned to the Jarring peace talks by Jan. 5, the date on which United Nations Secretary General U Thant is scheduled to report to the Security Council on the progress of Mideast peace moves. McCloskey indicated that the government is certain that Israel will agree to resume the talks shortly. He declined however to be drawn into a warning that further delay by Israel would jeopardize the current cease-fire.)

(Sen. Henry M. Jackson, Washington Democrat, urged the Nixon administration yesterday to abandon the Mideast peace proposals advanced by Secretary of State William P. Rogers a year ago which would have Israel withdraw to its pre-June, 1967 borders with only minor territorial adjustments. Jackson

endorsed Israel's objections to the Rogers plan on grounds that it "diminishes the Israeli bargaining position and encourages the Arabs to adopt a rigid rather than flexible position." Kosygin and Sabry condemned the U.S. for supporting Israel, though Sabry was more vehement than the Soviet leader in his speech yesterday. He declared that Egypt "will not allow the aggressors to freeze the Middle East problem by using cold war methods aimed at making the Israeli occupation of Arab territories an accomplished fact." He said his country "is prepared to make any sacrifices for the liberation of our lands and the return of our legitimate rights." Some observers here thought it was significant that Kosygin failed to demand a withdrawal time-table from Israel especially as such a demand was made only two days ago by a Soviet Communist Party delegation visiting Cairo. According to one source, the Soviet government will avoid endorsing any such specific condition by Egypt for extending the cease-fire beyond its Feb. 5 deadline. The source said that Moscow does not want to commit itself in advance to military support of Egypt should warfare be renewed in the Suez Canal zone. But Kosygin nevertheless guaranteed a steady flow of weapons, money and Soviet expertise to help Egypt thwart the "Israeli aggressors."

### Mrs. Meir Rejects Withdrawal To Pre-June 1967 Borders Even If Recognized By Egypt

JERUSALEM, Dec. 22 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir today categorically rejected an Israeli withdrawal to its pre-June, 1967 borders even if they are recognized by Egypt, guaranteed by the Big Powers and protected by demilitarized zones policed by United Nations troops. Replying to questions at a luncheon of the Jerusalem Journalists Association, Mrs. Meir noted that the 1967 borders were the ones on which war broke out. "What makes these borders, which Egypt refused to recognize then, so attractive now?" she asked rhetorically. She said Israel had no faith in demilitarized zones, especially after its experience with the Syrians who violated the demilitarized Golan Heights before the 1967 war while the UN proved itself incapable of stopping them. Mrs. Meir predicted that her government would "most probably" decide at next Sunday's Cabinet meeting to return to the Jarring peace talks. She said the long delay in reaching a decision on such a crucial matter was worthy of praise not censure. According to Mrs. Meir, the Jarring talks "are not a magic wand." She predicted that they would "last quite long." Doubt was expressed in some circles that a Cabinet decision would be forthcoming next Sunday in view of the announcement that Defense Minister Moshe Dayan has taken a week's vacation and may not attend the meeting. Mrs. Meir referred bitterly to the Leningrad trial. "What is being done in the Soviet Union is the result of outright anti-Semitism," she charged.

### Prison, Demotion, For Army Officers Found Guilty Of Negligence In Truck Explosion

TEL AVIV, Dec. 22 (JTA)--A district military court imposed prison sentences and demotion in rank yesterday on two Army officers found guilty of negligence in connection with an ammunition truck explosion which killed 24 soldiers and civilians and injured 23 others in Eilat last January. The names of the officers were withheld but their former ranks were given as lieutenant and second lieutenant. One was sentenced to 18 months and the other to a nine month term. An Army captain and a sergeant were acquitted. All four had been charged with recklessness, neglect and lack of caution in handling explosives. The fatal blast occurred while unloading captured Egyptian ammunition on a dock at Eilat following a successful commando raid on Shadwan Island in the Gulf of Suez. The Army announced today that 550 medals will be awarded to reserve and regular soldiers for acts of heroism in action since the 1948 Arab-Israeli war. A special committee headed by Chief of Staff Gen. Haim Bar Lev will determine the recipients. Several soldiers will receive more than one decoration. One will be a posthumous award to Capt. Nehemya Cohen who was killed at Gaza during the June, 1967 Six-Day War.

### El Al Crew That Foiled Hijacking Attempt Feted By Conference Of Presidents

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (JTA)--The El Al crew that foiled the Sept. 6 hijacking attempt by Laila Khaled and her fellow Palestinian terrorists was feted here this afternoon after completing an Amsterdam-to-New York flight. The captain, Uri Bar Lev, said that after unsuccessful efforts by other airlines to subdue 362 previous hijacking tries, "we proved it could be done." He added that "this was not done out of heroism or patriotism or any other ism--all of us believe in something for which we strive together." Israeli Consul General Reheaveam Amir told the crew: "We Israelis are proud of you. We Jews love you. We people of the world rely on you." There were additional remarks by Rabbi Avraham Soltes, Jewish chaplain of West Point; Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson, American representative to the Jewish Agency; Menachem Cohen North American vice president of El Al, and Yehuda Hellman, secretary general of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, which sponsored the reception.

The crew, in addition to Capt. Bar Lev, included flight engineer Uri Zach, pursers Abraham Eisenberg and Shlomo Vider, steward Moshe Epstein and stewardesses Janet Demirjan, Nurith Dominski, and Michelle Eder, the karate expert. They were scheduled to fly to Tel Aviv tonight. Vider, 40, who was in critical condition after being shot during the hijacking attempt and who still carries three of the bullets in his body, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency he felt as well as he had before the fateful flight. He has been with El Al six years. Capt. Bar Lev, 39 years old, 14 years with El Al and three years a captain, told the gathering that he still endorsed joint airline-pilot efforts to stymie hijacking, even without government support, but that such a plan has been "boycotted by some airlines," which he declined to name. He told the JTA later that he was not related to Israel's Chief of Staff, Gen. Haim Bar-Lev, but had given him flying instructions and found him an apt student. El Al spokesman J. Peter Brunswick said the eight-member crew was scheduled as a unit whenever possible. "A crew that avoids a hijacking together should stay together," he explained.

### Plan Announced To Draft Orthodox Girls Of Military Age For Auxiliary Health Services

JERUSALEM, Dec. 22 (JTA)--A plan to draft Orthodox girls of military age for auxiliary health services, was announced yesterday by Health Minister Victor Shemtov in the Knesset. Orthodox girls are exempted from military service and related duties if they object to it on religious grounds. A similar plan offered 15 years ago prompted an outcry from the religious establishment and was shelved. Labor Minister Yosef Almogi has disclosed plans to recruit 42,000 11th and 12th grade highschool pupils to replace industrial workers if Israel becomes involved in an all-out Middle East war. Almogi said that his plan would allow some 2300 industrial enterprises to continue to function in a national emergency.

**JNF Agrees To Hold No Conflicting Fund-Raising Dinners With UJA From Jan. 1-June 15**

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (JTA)--An agreement whereby the Jewish National Fund "will not hold public, fund-raising dinners and events in the Jewish communities during the period from Jan. 1 to June 15, 1971," so as to insure "the maximum success of the 1971 campaign on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal and its Emergency Fund," was announced today by Jack Weiler and Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson, co-chairmen of the Committee on Control and Authorization of Campaigns of the Jewish Agency. The Committee on Control is composed of the leading officers of the United Jewish Appeal, the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds and the Jewish Agency for Israel. The agreement provides that "in those instances where such dinners have already been scheduled, the Committee on Control and Authorization of Campaigns of the Jewish Agency-American Section will confer with the communities involved to obtain necessary clearance for these dates or to arrange alternative dates." In its acceptance of "the highest priority of American Jewry" for the 1971 United Jewish Appeal Emergency Fund, the JNF calls it "the greatest fund-raising effort in Jewish history." The agreement was signed by Mrs. Jacobson and Herman L. Weisman, president of the Jewish National Fund.

The agreement gives the JNF the right to conduct all of its other "regular and traditional activities (excluding community-wide fund-raising dinners and other public functions for fund-raising) but including educational and informational events such as, for example, celebrations of holidays, festivals, anniversaries, salutes to Israel, etc." These events will be conducted as in the past "in a manner not to interfere with the 1971 campaign on behalf of the Welfare Fund--United Jewish Appeal Emergency Fund." The JNF pledged its "full cooperation" to the UJA Emergency Fund and urged its local Jewish National Fund Councils to "maintain close contact between the local Jewish National Fund Councils and the local Welfare Funds in order to assure maximum priority to the campaign and the fullest participation therein by the Jewish National Fund personnel, volunteer workers, followers and supporters throughout the country." This pledge by the JNF was made "on its own initiative to assist in meeting most urgent needs and fully in keeping with its status and role as a Zionist institution, described in the Resolution of Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael (Jewish National Fund), of the Zionist General Council of February-March 1970."

**JTA To Provide News Service To Jewish Student Press In U.S. And Canada**

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (JTA)--The Jewish Telegraphic Agency has concluded an agreement with the Jewish Student Press Service to provide the 40 student publications affiliated with the JSPS with news about the Jewish community, it was announced today by JTA president Robert H. Arnow. David Kaufman, co-editor of the press service, said the member publications have a combined monthly circulation of some 350,000 on and off campus in every major city in the United States and Canada. Kaufman noted that the ideological orientation of the publications covers the entire spectrum of political thinking within the Jewish community from Left to Right and from Socialist-Zionist to religious Zionist. Commenting on the arrangement between JTA and the Student Press Service, Arnow said that this was a vital step in reaching Jewish youths with factual objective news and developments within the worldwide Jewish community.

**Jewish Organizations Protest Christmas Stamp**

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (JTA)--This year's Christmas stamp issued by the Post Office has been objected to by major national Jewish religious and civic organizations as unconstitutional and as bad public policy. The stamp is a reproduction of the painting, "The Nativity," by Lorenzo Lotto. Through the Joint Advisory Committee of the Synagogue Council of America and the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, the Jewish organizations wrote to Postmaster General Winton M. Blount, repeating the view previously expressed to former Postmaster Generals that the issuance of stamps with a religious theme "is unconstitutional as a matter of law and unwise as a matter of policy." The views of the organizations were stated in a letter to the Postmaster General over the signatures of Jerry Wagner and Rabbi Mordecai Waxman, co-chairmen of the Joint Advisory Committee. The issuance of "Christmas stamps," they contended, has the effect of placing the "power, prestige and financial support of government behind a particular religious belief," which is prohibited by the Religion Clause of the First Amendment to the Constitution. Even if other stamps in the same denomination are available, giving purchasers a choice, this prohibition is violated, they maintained. They argued, aside from the point of constitutionality, that incorporating religious elements in stamps invites "pressures and divisiveness." Wagner and Rabbi Waxman urged that the Post Office "halt altogether the issuance of stamps commemorating religious holidays."

**4000 Records Documenting 60 Years Of Jewish Artistry Given To Lincoln Center**

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (JTA)--Four thousand phonograph records documenting 60 years of spoken and musical Jewish artistry have been given to Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts by the widow of a man who amassed what is thought to be the world's largest collection of such memorabilia. Mrs. Helen H. Stambler, the donor, was the wife of Benedict Stambler, founder of the Collectors Record Guild, who concentrated on his collection of Jewish music during the last 20 years of his life. The donation, to be known as the Benedict Stambler Archive of Recorded Jewish Music, will be housed at Lincoln Center's Rodgers and Hammerstein Archives of Recorded Sound.

**Lindsay Urges Jews, Non-Jews To Heed Lesson Of Chanukah**

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (JTA)--Mayor John V. Lindsay tonight urged all Americans--Jews and non-Jews alike--to heed the lesson of Chanukah. "Just as a single lamp had the resources of fuel to burn for eight nights, so we can draw from our ourselves the inner resources to keep going in the struggle against ignorance, poverty, intolerance and injustice," declared the Mayor. Speaking to a large crowd gathered to witness the kindling of the first Chanukah candle in the Menorah which stands in the lobby of City Hall, the Mayor also recalled the tale of the Macabees and their valiant struggle to defeat oppression and reaffirm their spiritual heritage. "In the birth and history of the State of Israel we have seen modern Macabees keeping alive the flame of their ancient heritage," he stated. "Israel is the realization of a 2000-year-old dream, but it is a beginning not an end." The kindling of the Menorah in the City Hall lobby in honor of the "Festival of Lights" is an annual event.