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## Soviets Decide To Resume Trial Of Leningrad Nine, Trials In Riga, Kishinev

NEW YORK, Jan. 14 (JTA)--The Soviet government has decided to resume the trial of nine Jews which was recessed last week, and will proceed with two others in Kishinev and Riga. It was learned here today from reliable sources. The Leningrad trial, which was suddenly halted ten minutes after it opened last week due, according to reports, to the illness of one of the defendants, will be held this month in the Leningrad Court, Fontanka No. 16. Informed sources have also identified the prosecutor as Karachkov and the Judge as Isakova. The first names of the prosecutor and Judge were not immediately available. The nine Jews, charged with having known about the alleged June 15th hijack plot and not reporting it to Soviet officials, have been identified as: Mikhail Korenblit, Lev Korenblit, Viktor Boguslavsky, Lev Yagman, Victor Shitlban, Lasal Kaminsky, Hillel Butman, Solomon Dreizner and Vladimir Mogilever. The relatives of these men have reportedly not seen them since they were arrested six months ago. Incarcerated in the Kishinev jail and scheduled to be tried within the first ten days of February are: Isaac Goldfeld, David Chernoglaz and Hillel Shur. The third trial is scheduled to be held late January in Riga. The names of the defendants are not known. Informed sources also reported today that a gang of hoodlums broke the windows of the Malachovka Synagogue in Moscow on New Year's Day and desecrated the Sanctuary.

## Eban Centers With Western Envoys To Forestall UAR Move To Convene Security Council

JERUSALEM, Jan. 14 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban has met in the past two days with the ambassadors of Britain, France, Italy, Belgium and Switzerland to try to forestall Egyptian attempts to convene the United Nations Security Council before Feb. 5 to effect a reinterpretation of its Resolution 242 so as to stress Israeli withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories. Britain and France are permanent members of the Council, and Italy and Belgium became nonpermanent members on Jan. 1. Israel is also maintaining constant contact with the United States on the matter, and in addition is seeking the support of West Germany--even though it is not a UN member--because of its influence with the Arab states. Eban, it is understood, made it clear to the British, French and Belgian envoys that while Israel does not reject the French-endorsed Egyptian proposal for a Big Four guarantee in the Middle East, she wants it to be an addition to a peace agreement and not a substitute for one.

The Egyptian proposal has come to Israel's attention only via press reports. The UN middleman, Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring of Sweden, has not yet conveyed it here; nor has he conveyed Egypt's reported rejection of the "substantive" Israeli proposals made to Dr. Jarring here last weekend. The Foreign Ministry is withholding comment on the Egyptian plan until Dr. Jarring formally presents it. (At the UN today, diplomatic sources said Israel considers her own proposals to Dr. Jarring last weekend to be "noncontroversial" ideas that Egypt and Jordan "should have no difficulty in accepting." At the UN yesterday Egyptian Ambassador Mohamed H. el-Zayyat emphasized that his government's plan had been formulated before last weekend and thus was not designed as a reaction to it. If so, observers noted, this failed to explain why this plan was only issued yesterday, albeit unofficially, in Al Gomhouria, organ of Egypt's only political party, the Arab Socialist Union. While none of the plan's elements is new--each has been projected during the past few weeks by Egypt's President Anwar Sadat--its appearance in Al Gomhouria gives the plan a status of an official government package proposal and an official guideline for Dr. Jarring to consider in his talks with Israel, observers noted.)

## U.S. Views Israeli Plan As Constructive; Eban Says No Map Has Been Given To Jarring

Reliable sources reported today that the United States has informed Israel that it continues to view the Israeli proposals as constructive and that a special Security Council session now would be harmful to the cause of peace. The Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today that in his talks with the foreign envoys, Eban reiterated that the Egyptian desire for a special Security Council meeting was an attempt to torpedo the Jarring talks. He also pointed out the danger of raising the specter of renewed warfare after the cease-fire extension ends Feb. 5. But one Israeli official noted today that Israel feels Egypt and Jordan are actually tempering their fears of Israeli "aggression" and "expansionism." (In Cairo today, visiting Soviet President Nikolai V. Podgorny charged that Israeli "expansionism" intensified world tension and was a threat to peace. Podgorny, who will attend the inauguration of the Soviet-financed Aswan High Dam, said he would also discuss consolidation of the friendship and cooperation between the USSR and Egypt as well as vital questions affecting the Middle East.)

In a speech last night to a student audience at Bar-Ilan University near Ramat Gan, Eban asserted that no secret map, "nor any other kind of map, for that matter," had been given to Dr. Jarring in Jerusalem, but that he had been given "extremely serious proposals" and "we expect serious answers from Egypt." Eban was pessimistic about Soviet President Podgorny's visit to Egypt, observing: "Two months after the Six-Day War there were Arab leaders who wanted peace, but Moscow convinced them that she would send the Arabs new arms 'and then you can negotiate with Israel from a position of strength.' On the basis of past experience we would be dreaming if we expect Podgorny in his present visit to counsel Arabs to react favorably to our peace offers." The Israeli diplomat noted that while there remained policy differences between Jerusalem and Washington, D.C., they were not increasing, and in fact the positive aspects of their relations have been heightened.

## Egyptian Aircraft Flies Over Israeli Defense Positions; Second Time In Less Than A Week

TEL AVIV, Jan. 14 (JTA)--For the second time in less than a week, Egyptian aircraft yesterday overflew Israeli positions along the Suez Canal in violation of the cease-fire agreement, Israeli military authorities charged today. Two Soviet-made MIG 21 jets were said to have overflown Israeli positions

in the southern sector of the Canal while two Soviet-made Sukhoi 7s were violating Israeli air space in the central sector, presumably to obtain direct views of Israeli defenses. The government has protested these overflights in its 30th complaint to the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization since the shooting truce began last Aug. 8. The most recent previous Egyptian overflights were reported by Israel on Jan. 7. Those incidents involved four Egyptian jets.

### Israeli Soldier Wounded; Arab On 'Wanted List' Captured; Curfew Violator Wounded

JERUSALEM, Jan. 14 (JTA)--An Israeli soldier was injured this morning, east of Mevo Hama in the southern part of the Golan Heights, when the vehicle in which he was riding activated some explosives concealed at the side of the road by terrorists who infiltrated from Jordanian territory. An Arab terrorist, on the Israeli Security Force's "Wanted List" for some time, was captured and wounded today by an Israeli army patrol in Jabaliya in the Gaza Strip. The patrol fired several warning shots in the air when a suspicious looking man they had asked to halt for interrogation disobeyed their command and began to run. After he continued to disregard the warning shots, the patrol opened fire and wounded him. He had two hand grenades in his possession. In a related incident, a resident of Elburj in the Gaza Strip, who violated the curfew, was shot and wounded yesterday by an Israeli army patrol. A military spokesman announced today that the incident occurred when the patrol ordered the curfew violator to halt. When he failed to do so after several warning shots were fired into the air, the patrol opened fire and wounded him.

### British Mayor Refuses To Head Delegation To Russia Because Soviet Jews Are Oppressed

LONDON, Jan. 14 (JTA)--Michael Davidson, Mayor of Newham, a large borough in East London, has refused to head a delegation of the borough to the Soviet Union next April because of Soviet oppression of its Jews. It was announced here today. The Mayor, stating that his decision was based on personal reasons, said, "I feel that under the present circumstances in which Soviet Jews are denied human rights, it would not be right for me to lead the delegation. As president of the Newham Art Council, I feel even more keenly the injustice of depriving artists and writers in Russia of the freedom of expression." The council will meet shortly to decide whether the delegation should go and if so, who should participate in and lead it. Davidson, who is Jewish, is the first British Mayor ever to refuse to lead a delegation to the Soviet Union, although municipal delegations are both frequent and numerous.

### 600 Youths From Latin America, South Africa, Australia To Study In Israel

JERUSALEM, Jan. 14 (JTA)--Six hundred Jewish youngsters from South America, Australia and South Africa have arrived in Israel to take part in the Jewish Agency's winter courses. The youngsters belong to general Zionist organizations and community centers in their countries. They will stay here for up to eight weeks.

### Arab Knesset Member Asks Mrs. Meir To Cancel His Appointment To Sub-Cabinet Post

JERUSALEM, Jan. 14 (JTA)--The attempt to appoint an Arab to a sub-Cabinet post for the first time has been temporarily stalled on the initiative of the prospective appointee. Seif A-Din Zouabi, a Nazareth Moslem who is a Deputy Speaker of the Knesset representing the four-seat Minorities Party, has asked Premier Golda Meir to cancel the move. Although he has felt himself deserving of the appointment in view of his long Knesset service, Zouabi acted to end the matter after all but one Cabinet Minister rejected him as an aide. Shimon Peres, Minister of Transport and Communications and of Posts, accepted Mrs. Meir's suggestion that Zouabi become Deputy Minister of Communications; but the Moslem MK said he would prefer to serve as deputy in a newly created Ministry of Israeli-Arab Affairs, a proposal Mrs. Meir is studying. The situation is complicated by the fact that Seif A-Din Zouabi's cousin Mapam MK Abdel Aziz Zouabi of Nazareth, also claims a Deputy Ministership and is supported for it by his party. And the two Zouabis dislike each other intensely. Furthermore, when Mapam and the Labor Party reached agreement on a compromise whereby both cousins would be appointed to similar posts, leaders of the Druze community complained, asserting that they were more loyal to Israel than Arabs and that therefore they should not be deprived of a Deputy Ministership while Moslems got two.

### WUJS Proclaims Jan. 27 International Solidarity Day With Jews In Arab Countries

LONDON, Jan. 14 (JTA)--The World Union of Jewish Students has proclaimed Wednesday, January 27th, as a "Day of International Solidarity with Jews in Arab Countries," to be observed by Jews in both Israel and the diaspora. No public demonstrations have been scheduled for that date. Activity will rather be centered on seminars on Jews in Arab countries.

### Sovietish Heimland Editorial Charges Israel Spearheading Anti-Soviet Campaign

LONDON, Jan. 14 (JTA)--The January issue of Sovietish Heimland, which is published with the approval of and under the jurisdiction of the Soviet government as the only Yiddish magazine in the USSR, contains an editorial charge that the Israeli government is spearheading a "shameful" campaign of anti-Soviet "slander." The magazine, edited by Aaron Vergelis, declares that "It is now clear that not only the Israeli reactionary press, radio and television but also the government of Israel itself have joined in the new anti-Soviet campaign." That, it continues, "means that anti-Sovietism is now the established policy of the government of Israel, and that the Israeli Cabinet is the coordinating body for actions against the Soviet Union and the shameful activities of various commissions and committees set up for the express purpose of an anti-Soviet drive." The editorial observes that "It is hard to believe that an unprecedented slander campaign against another state, a great power, is run on the basis of lies and insinuations by the leaders of Israel." It further commented: "Mrs. (Golda) Meir has branded the Soviet Union as the enemy of the State of Israel and the Jewish people. The provocative Zionist slogan 'Let my people go' has become the keynote of anti-Soviet propaganda." Vergelis was criticized by the World Jewish Congress earlier this week for his recent comments in Geneva that the publication of his magazine proved the existence of Jewish cultural freedom in the USSR and that anti-Semitism existed in the USSR "as it does anywhere in the world where Jews live." In addition, Jerry Goodman of the American Jewish Committee in New York said the publication of the magazine was "welcome" but that it was only a partial answer, a token.

**Schumann, Ben-Nathan Confer On Mideast; France Favors Big Four Guarantee In Mideast**

PARIS, Jan. 14 (JTA)--French Foreign Minister Maurice Schumann and Israel's ambassador to France Asher Ben-Nathan, met this morning for 45 minutes to review the Middle East situation. The meeting, which was held at Schumann's request, was also attended by the Secretary General of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Herve Alphand. It was understood that the two main subjects discussed were the current peace talks under the auspices of United Nations special Mideast mediator Gunnar V. Jarring and the reported current Egyptian plan for stationing a peace keeping patrol belonging to the Big Four as a "guarantee for a lasting peace." Since last week's visit to Paris of the Egyptian Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mahmoud Riad, the French officials appear to be convinced that the solution to the current crisis lies with the establishing of this "peace keeping force." It was also understood that Schumann today raised once again, as the French ambassador in Israel, Francois Hure, had done yesterday in his meeting with Israel's Foreign Minister Abba Eban, the question of a four power "Implemented" guarantee. Israel's position on this matter, which was made clear yesterday in Jerusalem and today in Paris, is that such a guarantee, if implemented, can come as an addition to a peace treaty and not as a substitute. As to the Jarring talks, both sides reportedly agreed that they are the best possible path to a settlement and must be encouraged by all available means.

**AZF Official Urges Jewish Community To Be Vigilant As Peace Talks Progress**

NEW YORK, Jan. 14 (JTA)--An official of the American Zionist Federation called today for the vigilance of the American Jewish community as the Middle East peace talks progress. Rabbi Israel Miller, president of the AZF, said that while it is not possible to predict the outcome of the new round of talks under the auspices of Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring, "much will depend on whether the Soviet Union feels that it has already achieved its goals in the Middle East and whether the Arabs have finally reconciled themselves to Israel's existence and are prepared to live with a sovereign Israel in which its Jewish character is assured." Rabbi Miller's views were contained in a memorandum sent by AZF to 3100 Zionist and Jewish community leaders in 315 communities throughout the country in which the AZF reviewed the three years of efforts by Israel to reach a negotiated peace with the Arabs under Dr. Jarring's auspices.

In an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency covering a wide range of subjects, Rabbi Miller stated that, "While the U.S. has given Israel economic and military assistance, the political differences between the two countries are real and it will take time and patience to work out these differences satisfactorily." Questioned about what could be expected of President Nixon on the matter of political support for Israel to help her achieve the kind of peace she seeks, Rabbi Miller replied: "While there will be some problems with the administration for a while on the political issues, ultimately Nixon will act in a positive fashion because he possesses a basic instinct for what is right." Rabbi Miller said that Nixon will "sense that an Israel living within secure and agreed upon boundaries at peace with her neighbors is the right objective; it is right for Israel, right for America, right for world peace, and in the best interests of the Arabs themselves." Although Rabbi Miller said he felt Nixon will "move accordingly when the chips are down," he stressed that it is "important that Nixon knows he has the backing of the American people on this issue." The AZF leader also praised Israel Premier Golda Meir and said that her qualities would serve Israel in good stead during the difficult weeks ahead.

**Report Soviets Charge U.S. With Provocation For Interceding In Rigerman Case**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (JTA)--State Department spokesman John King said today that the Soviet Union had replied "recently" to the Department's charge of last December that the USSR had violated the consular treaty by attempting to block Leonid Rigerman from entering the American Embassy in Moscow to confirm American citizenship. But aside from saying that the Soviet reply was "under study," King declined to comment on the matter other than to note that Rigerman and his Brooklyn-born mother, Mrs. Esther Rigerman, had been granted American citizenship last Dec. 19 and had applied for a visa on Dec. 28. (In New York, the city's First Deputy Commissioner for Ports and Terminals, Daniel Greer, who has been representing the Rigermans' interests in the United States, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the Soviet reply called the American charge a provocation and questioned the State Department's going to so much effort on behalf of only two individuals. Greer said also that Leonid Rigerman's uncle, Louis Michael of the Bronx, had written his nephew, as required, to make a formal request that he come to the U.S. Greer said no response had been received yet, and that "We trust that the Soviet mails have let it go through.")

**Reform-Sponsored Jewish Communal Service School Has Alumni Group**

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 14 (JTA)--An alumni association of the first graduates of the Hebrew Union College school of Jewish communal service has been formed by 12 communal workers from the United States and Canada who have completed the required attendance of the new school's first two summer sessions here. Edward Rosenthal, community relations associate of the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland, is the first alumni president, according to Prof. Gerald Bubis, director of the school. The alumni group voted to set up a \$1,200 scholarship at the school, which is scheduled to open for its third eight-week session July 5 on the campus of the HUC here. Prof. Bubis said most of the students are already active in Jewish communal work but that they enroll both on their own and with the aid of scholarships to learn more about Judaism. The curriculum, he said, is based on the premise that Jewish communal work professionals can function more effectively if they know about the sociology and psychology of the Jews and are familiar with Jewish cultural, historical and traditional uniqueness. He said the alumni group also is planning a publication, "Responsa," to discuss Jewish issues of communal workers and those they serve.

**British Official Says He Discussed Situation Of Russian Jewry With Soviet Envoy**

LONDON, Jan. 14 (JTA)--Foreign Under-Secretary Anthony Royle said today that "Although the government has no normal locus standing" in the matter of the situation of Soviet Jewry, he had "discussed some aspects of the matter with the Soviet ambassador on Dec. 27, 1970, on the instructions of the Foreign Secretary."

