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DAIA Protests Argentinian TV Program Which Depicts Jews As Villains

BUENOS AIRES, April 26 (JTA)--The Delegacion de Asociaciones Israelitas Argentinas (DAIA), the central organization of Argentine Jewry, has protested to Channel 13 here for telecasting programs in which the villains were Jews. "In view of the enormous persuasion powers of tv," the DAIA said, "it is obviously intolerable to create artificially anti-Jewish feelings." It said "anti-Jewish intent is clearly visible" in the programs. The DAIA's protest centered on an episode titled "The Frustration" in the weekly series "The Beginning and the End," dramatizations of cases of corruption and other sensational true incidents. "The Frustration" concerned a Jewish client of a bank who, by offering a sum to the bank manager, preempted 150 small personal credits, causing despair to 150 families. The client was depicted as a usurer, and the actor who played him spoke with an unmistakable Jewish accent and caricatured mannerisms. The bank manager was depicted as an honest man who succumbs to a Jewish bribe. Channel 13 replied that it had not considered the characters as Jews or as non-Jews, since "we are all equal Argentinians." It noted that out of 30 episodes criticizing aspects of Argentine life, only twice "was the negative part personified in Jews." The channel nevertheless apologized publicly, as the name of one of the villains was similar to that of a well-known Jewish banker here. But the apology was made a week after the broadcast and was little noticed by the general public.

Israelis Open Fire On Egyptian MIGs During Overflight

JERUSALEM, April 26 (JTA)--A military spokesman announced today that Israeli positions opened anti-aircraft fire on an Egyptian MIG-21 which had overflown Israeli positions in the northern sector of the Suez Canal. The announcement did not say whether the plane was hit. It is assumed that the Israelis deliberately missed the plane in order to avoid provoking a battle but opened fire in order to chase the plane away. According to reports by United Nations observers here, this was not the first occasion in the current cease-fire period on which the Israelis have directed fire at Egyptian planes, but it is the first time a military spokesman has announced it. Since the beginning of the cease-fire there have been 19 recorded cases of Egyptian overflights of Israeli positions on the canal. The military spokesman's office, asked by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency why an announcement of the Israeli fire was made today, was not able to give any reason and said it was orders from higher authority. The reason however is believed to be the Israeli government's determination not to show any softness in the face of the recent Egyptian and Soviet threats. It was learned that Egyptian planes overflying Israeli positions usually come at least in a pair, sometimes in two pairs. Today's plane came alone. It was also learned that when Egyptian planes come in, Israeli positions usually hold their fire but open fire only if military reasons make it necessary to drive the plane off.

Report Soviet Authorities Eliminate Defense Witnesses In Riga By Granting Them Visas

TEL AVIV, April 26 (JTA)--Mrs. Rebecca Aleksandrovich, whose daughter Ruth is one of five Jews awaiting trial in Riga on charges of "subversive" activities, reported here today that Soviet authorities have eliminated all possible defense witnesses by granting them exit visas. Mrs. Aleksandrovich arrived here this morning with her 18-year-old son Avigdor on an El Al charter flight from Vienna which brought another large group of emigres from the Soviet Union. Her report confirmed the frequently expressed view that the relative easing of Soviet visa policies during the past two months was intended to get rid of Jewish activists and others who could embarrass the regime. Others among today's newcomers reported that Soviet authorities are once more tightening up on the issuance of visas to Jews. They said there was growing fear among Russian Jews that emigration would be cut down to a mere trickle. These reports corroborated Jewish sources in Vilna who claimed in a telephone conversation with Israeli relatives yesterday that fewer exit visas were being issued now than a month ago. The new arrivals told of many families who received their papers and sold their homes and belongings as a consequence, only to get official notice that their exit permits were cancelled.

Many knowledgeable observers here and abroad attributed the spurt of Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union last month to a desire by Soviet authorities to protect their image before and during the 24th Communist Party Congress early in April. They said that once the Congress ended, the Soviets would revert to their earlier restrictive policies. Today's reports seemed to bear out this analysis. One immigrant from Riga said that during the Party Congress the local director of the Interior Ministry who was known for his anti-Jewish attitude, became polite to Jews seeking exit permits. Since the Congress adjourned, he has resumed his old behavior, the immigrant said. Mrs. Aleksandrovich told newsmen at Lydda Airport of her own family's dilemma. She, her husband and son were granted visas after her daughter was arrested. Her daughter, 23, who is a nurse, urged her mother to go while she had the chance. The family decided that the mother and son would go to Israel while the father remained in Riga for the trial. When and if the trial will actually take place remains a mystery. Usually reliable sources said last month that it would begin on April 15. But it failed to materialize and no new date has been mentioned since in any quarters. Today's new arrivals included families from Riga, Vilna, Tzernovitz and the Georgian Republic.

Zand Threatened With Expulsion From Moscow For Being Jobless; Daughter Harassed

NEW YORK, April 26 (JTA)--Dr. Mikhail Zand, the Soviet Jewish professor and activist who was fired last month by the Institute for Eastern Studies in Moscow, has been threatened with expulsion from the city by the police there for being unemployed, reliable Jewish sources reported here today. Soviet police have the authority to expel persons who are "unproductive," the sources said. Zand, 44, was arrested with other Soviet Jews on March 26 at the office of Prosecutor General Roman A.

Rudenko; all were sentenced to 15 days in prison. Zand was subsequently released after staging a two-week hunger strike that left him in a state of total exhaustion. He has explained his situation to the police and stated that he is an invalid. Meanwhile, Zand's daughter Ina, a third-year medical student at the Moscow Institute of Medicine, has been expelled from the school's Komsomol (Communist youth organization) for the "treasonous" activity of applying for emigration permission, the sources said. Additionally, the Komsomol asked the institute to expel her from her classes, but she pleaded for permission to complete the school year so that she could be better able to earn a living. She noted that the Zand family was now living on the salary of her sister, a nurse. The Jewish sources said the institute's administrators found her request laughable; but there is no word as yet on their decision. In a related development, another of the Jewish activists arrested at Rudenko's office, Viktor Bolsky, has lost his job for signing emigration petitions. Also, a first-year philology student in Kharkov, Marina Kantsburg, has been dropped from classes for seeking an emigration visa, the sources reported.

Fourth Victim Of Mine Explosion Dies;

TEL AVIV, April 26 (JTA)--A fourth victim of a mining incident on the West Bank last Tuesday died yesterday of his injuries. He was Lt. Col. Ori Peretz, 49, of Ramat Gan. Three of his fellow officers were killed instantly when their command car struck a plastic mine on a muddy road near Beit Jubrin.

Neumann Hails Pincus' Historic Role As Architect Of Reconstituted Jewish Agency

NEW YORK, April 26 (JTA)--Louis A. Pincus, chairman of the Jewish Agency and of the World Zionist Organization, was hailed by Dr. Emanuel Neumann, chairman of the Jewish Agency-American Section, for "the historic role he played as the architect of the Reconstituted Jewish Agency." Dr. Neumann presented Pincus with the second copy of the newly published "Encyclopedia of Zionism and Israel." The first copy was presented to Israeli President Zalman Shazar on his recent visit here. "Louis Pincus," said Dr. Neumann at the close of the work of the Planning Committee of the Reconstituted Jewish Agency, "has brought a splendid level of leadership to the Zionist movement."

No Change In Rogers' Itinerary; Israel Still Officially Last Stop In Mideast

WASHINGTON, April 26 (JTA)--State Department sources told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that there has been no change in Secretary Rogers' Middle East itinerary. They were commenting on reports that Rogers might advance his visit to Israel. The sources said that as far as they are aware, Israel remains the last stop on the Secretary's five-nation tour unless there has been some last minute "very radical" change. Larry Pomeroy, CBS Radio Network News correspondent, reported from Tel Aviv today that "reliable sources" in Israel said "there is reason to believe" that Rogers will visit Israel before Egypt, to "dramatize the U.S. move to narrow the negotiating gap between Israel and Egypt." Rogers announced the plans for his Mideast visit at a press conference here last Friday. He said he would visit Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia and Israel beginning about May 1, following his participation in a meeting of the Central Treaty Organization (CENTO) powers in Ankara, Turkey. Rogers flew to London today on the first leg of his trip. State Dept. sources would not say in what order the Secretary of State would visit the Middle East countries but did say on Friday that Israel "definitely" would be the last country on his itinerary. Some circles in Israel have made it known that they consider this a slight.

The State Department meanwhile imposed a blackout on details of Rogers' movements. Department spokesman Charles Bray told newsmen today that he would not reply to questions on the Secretary's itinerary for the next week or ten days for "obvious reasons." Apparently he referred to security reasons. Bray said that any announcements of Rogers' schedule would be made by the Secretary's party or other competent authorities while he is abroad. Bray would not say whether diplomatic negotiations for an interim arrangement to reopen the Suez Canal would continue while Rogers is away from Washington. He observed that the Secretary had made it clear that he would discuss various ideas for reopening the canal with the Israeli and other interested governments. Asked if this included the Soviet Union, Bray replied that he only had the United Arab Republic in mind. Bray described Rogers' trip, as it was described by the Secretary himself last Friday, as "supplementary" to the Jarring peace talks which are currently stalled. Bray said in reply to questions that the United Nations mediator Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring who is presently back at his ambassadorial post in Moscow, would be kept informed of the progress of Rogers' talks with Arab and Israeli leaders. Dr. Jarring is scheduled to meet with UN Secretary General U Thant on Wednesday in Geneva.

Demonstrators Release White Mice At Soviet Fashion Show

LIEGE, Belgium, April 26 (JTA)--Around 30 demonstrators broke into the Congress Palace yesterday and let loose several white mice during a Soviet fashion show within the framework of a "Soviet Decades" exhibit. The action was similar to one staged in New York several weeks ago by Jews protesting the treatment of their Soviet coreligionists. One of the protesters here, wearing a talith, mounted the rostrum and led the others in singing "Let My People Go." The demonstrators were arrested. They said they belonged to a newly formed Antwerp-based movement in support of Soviet Jewry, and that yesterday's action was the first in a planned series.

Lewis, Socialist MP, Elected Leader Of NDP; First Jewish Leader Of A Federal Party

OTTAWA, April 26 (JTA)--David Lewis, Socialist Member of Parliament from Toronto, was elected here yesterday as the leader of the New Democratic Party, Canada's third largest political organization. He defeated James Laxer, Marxist-Socialist head of the party's radical wing, by a 1,046-612 vote on the fourth ballot, becoming the first Jewish leader of a Canadian federal party. The 61-year-old Lewis, a prominent labor lawyer and politician for 30 years, came to Canada five decades ago with his Polish Jewish parents. He has been deputy leader of the NDP since 1961 and was first elected to the House of Commons in 1962. His son Stephen was recently elected president of the Ontario NDP.

Push On For Senate Approval Of Genocide Treaty; Calley Conviction May Stall It

WASHINGTON, April 26 (JTA)--A spokesman for Sen. Jacob K. Javits said today that the Senator believes the United Nations Genocide Convention could be ratified by the U.S. Senate at this time and should be brought to the Senate floor. The aide to the New York Republican reported Javits' view to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency when asked to comment on reports that the outlook for ratification at this time was poor. He said Javits, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, was pushing for early action on the treaty. The committee approved the treaty on March 30 by a 10-4 vote. Approval marked the most advanced stage the treaty has reached since President Harry S. Truman first sent it to the Senate in 1949. The Nixon administration has also asked for its endorsement. The U.S. is one of the few countries that has failed to ratify the convention, a fact that has been a source of embarrassment to U.S. diplomats.

But the national controversy over the conviction of Lt. William Calley and other alleged war crimes in Vietnam has provided ammunition for opponents of the treaty. They are expressing fear that some foreign government will seek to try Americans on charges of genocide in Vietnam, a fear apparently shared by many others. Two members of the Foreign Relations Committee, neither of them opposed to the treaty, have reported that their mail was running 100-1 against ratification. An aide to Sen. Mike Mansfield, the Senate Majority Leader, told the JTA today that the treaty and an accompanying report by the Foreign Relations Committee will be filed for placement on the Senate's executive calendar this week or next week. He said the report was still being cleared by individual committee members. The aide denied press reports that the Montana Democrat said he has no intention of bringing the measure to the floor unless there is an assured two-thirds majority for ratification. Once the treaty is filed, the Senate leadership may determine when it will be called to the floor or may withhold it. Mansfield has said that the Calley case and the Vietnam situation in general raised the question of the wisdom of proceeding with the bill at this time.

Survivors Of Nazism To Establish Latin American Federation

BUENOS AIRES, April 26 (JTA)--The first Latin American conference of surviving victims of Nazism convened here today and adopted a number of resolutions including one to establish a Latin American Federation of Nazi Survivors. The convention also adopted a resolution rejecting any final German law on restitution or a statute of limitations on war crimes prosecutions. The delegates attending the convention from Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Uruguay, Venezuela and Argentina also voted to demand life pensions from Germany for all survivors without need of medical certification. The new organization also voted to adopt the Jerusalem Program as a symbolic reply to the world-wide anti-Israeli campaigns, and voted to affiliate with the World Federation of Jewish Survivors which is headquartered in Israel and to affiliate with the Latin American Jewish Congress. The gathering was organized by the Argentine Association of Survivors, whose president, Jose Moskovits, chaired the convention.

Right-Wing NPD Loses All Seats In Schleswig-Holstein Elections

BONN, April 26 (JTA)--The extreme right-wing National Democratic Party (NPD) sank to its lowest ebb in yesterday's local elections in Schleswig-Holstein, West Germany's northernmost province. The reputedly neo-Nazi NPD lost all four seats it held in the provincial parliament. The 5.8 percent of the vote it polled in the last election fell to 1.3 percent.

Gur: Egypt May Reopen Fire Across Canal; Cost To Israel Would Be Greater Than Before

LONDON, April 26 (JTA)--Gen. Mordechai Gur, conqueror of the Old City of Jerusalem and now commander of Israel's Northern Command, said here over the weekend that Egypt might reopen fire across the Suez Canal at any time, and that "if this happened the cost to Israel would be greater than that of previous wars, though the outcome was not in doubt." Delivering the keynote address to a meeting of 400 chairmen and key workers at a national conference of the Joint Palestine Appeal, Gur explained that if Egypt gained some initial success in a new cross-canal attack, Jordan and Syria might be tempted to enter the fray. But, he continued, Israel had learned from her experiences in 1948, 1956 and 1967 and was prepared for such a contingency. The conference was also addressed by Israeli Ambassador Michael S. Comay, who declared: "Israel is not prepared to be rushed, bullied or coerced into commitments which would endanger her security. We need strong nerves and patience." JPA chairman Michael Sacher, who presided over the meeting, said of the organization's 1971 fund-raising campaign: "There is a new set of needs in Israel and we cannot fail to respond to them. This demands from us both time and material resources, dedication and self-sacrifice."

Freedom Forest For Soviet Jewry To Be Planted In Israel

NEW YORK, April 26 (JTA)--A Freedom Forest for Soviet Jewry will be planted in the Judean Hills near Shaar Hagai in the vicinity of Jerusalem. This is a world-wide expression through the Jewish National Fund of solidarity with Jews, striving to leave the Soviet Union for Israel. Heading the American Committee for the new forest will be Herman L. Weisman, president of the Jewish National Fund of America. A national committee, now in formation, will include the presidents of major American Jewish organizations and other prominent figures. The recent Brussels Conference on Soviet Jewry adopted the idea of a Freedom Forest as a symbol of the ongoing struggle of Soviet Jews for a new life in Israel. Weisman stated: "Next to the security of Israel there is no cause more urgent than the cry of the Soviet Jews for freedom to live in Israel, in dignity and in accordance with the tenets of their faith."

Lima's Jewish Community Marks 28th Anniversary Of Warsaw Ghetto Uprising

LIMA, Peru, April 26 (JTA)--The Jewish community marked the 28th anniversary of the Warsaw ghetto uprising in solemn ceremonies at the monument for the victims of the Nazi holocaust and at the synagogue. The main speakers were Israel's Ambassador Moshe Avidan who several days ago presented his credentials to President Juan Velasco Alvarado, and Dr. Luis Bramont Arias, the dean of the Peruvian Lawyers Association.

B'nai B'rith Cabinet Calls For Defensible Borders: Sets \$27M Goal For Israel Bonds

WASHINGTON, April 26 (JTA)--American national interests in a stable Middle East "are better served by a peace constructed out of defensible borders than one dependent on questionable international guarantees," Billy B. Goldberg of Houston, chairman of B'nai B'rith's Cabinet on Israel Affairs, said yesterday. Addressing the Cabinet's annual meeting, Goldberg said that, as abstract theory, one might not agree with the concept that real security for Israel lies not in "geographic" but in "political arrangements--a view expressed by Secretary of State William P. Rogers--but past experiences with international guarantees in the area have clearly demonstrated otherwise." He maintained that Sharm el-Sheikh and the Golan Heights are of negligible importance to "the defense or economy of Egypt and Syria and "their only practical and symbolic value are as daggers poised at Israel's vulnerable points." American diplomacy, Goldberg said, in its concern for Middle East stability "for its own sake as well as to stem Soviet domination of the area," should seek to thwart the return of territory that can again, as in the past, be used as a launching pad for aggression against Israel.

This view was also emphasized by Herman Edelsberg, director of the B'nai B'rith International Council, who called "diplomatic interventions" in support of an Israel pull-back as a precondition for further negotiations, "a case of returning Israel to the military vulnerability which has so often in the past tempted Arab military adventurers." Edelsberg praised American diplomatic resourcefulness and military firmness for bringing about the cessation of Egypt's war of attrition along the Suez Canal last August and for persuading President Anwar Sadat to announce publicly his readiness to recognize and sign a peace treaty with Israel--the first time any Arab leader had done so. "But," he added, "it would be a mistake for the Nixon administration to minimize the potential dangers and to insist that Israel depend on international guarantees for her security." The Cabinet adopted a \$27 million goal for Israel Bond sales by B'nai B'rith, more than double the record \$13.7 million achieved last year. A quarterly report on tree-planting in the B'nai B'rith Martyrs' Forest near Jerusalem showed an increase to 46,600 for the first four months of 1971, as against 12,475 trees purchased under B'nai B'rith auspices in the same period last year.

Urge Immediate Consideration Of Resolution On Koch Bill To Aid Soviet Jews

NEW YORK, April 26 (JTA)--City Council Minority Leader Eldon R. Clingan has introduced a resolution calling upon the United States Congress to enact the Koch Bill which provides for the issuance of special immigration visas to Soviet Jews. In a letter to all members of the Council, Clingan, a Manhattan Liberal, said that he would ask for immediate consideration of the resolution at the next Council meeting tomorrow. Clingan said that Congress has previously passed legislation to enable the refugees of Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Cuba to emigrate to this country. "Yet, the current refugee quota to the Eastern Hemisphere would bar thousands of Soviet Jews from our shores even if they were allowed to emigrate on a modest scale," he noted. Congressman Edward I. Koch, a New York Democrat-Liberal, has introduced the Soviet Jews Relief Act of 1971 which authorizes 30,000 special visas outside the regular immigration quota system. "Support for this bill would further evidence New York's appreciation for the contribution of immigrants to our city and nation," Clingan said.

Jewish Community Foundation Funds First University Course On Kibbutz

LOS ANGELES, April 26 (JTA)--The first university course ever given in the United States on the kibbutz is now being funded by the Jewish Community Foundation of the Jewish Federation-Council at UCLA. The class has already drawn capacity student attendance of 135 for this quarter, according to Aaron Zaidenberg of UCLA, course co-ordinator. Funds for the four-unit course will be dispersed by the Los Angeles Hillel Council, working through Rabbi Richard Levy, UCLA Hillel director. All lecturers for the course are volunteering their services. The money is required for teaching assistants, printing, library and various administrative costs. The class was established at the request of students with the approval of the UCLA Council on Educational Development. In the absence of other funding the Foundation stepped in and agreed to meet the basic financial requirements of the course.

AIPAC Appeals To Administration To Reconsider Stand On Mideast Territorial Issues

WASHINGTON, April 26 (JTA)--The American Israel Public Affairs Committee appealed to the Nixon administration to reconsider its stand on territorial issues, so that Israel might negotiate freely and establish agreed and secure boundaries. AIPAC's position was outlined in a policy statement approved by its Executive Committee for submission to the administration and Congress at its 12th annual policy conference in Washington, April 29-30. At the same time, AIPAC commended the administration for its determination not to permit an arms imbalance. AIPAC said it was essential that the government continue to provide Israel with military aid to enable her to deter renewed aggression. The committee expressed regret that the United States had accepted Egypt's position that Israel must withdraw to the old international frontier, abandoning territories which have served as bases for Egyptian aggression.

Pointing out that the United States had recognized that Security Council Resolution 242 did not endorse the old armistice lines, the committee said that the U.S. proposals are tantamount to an endorsement of those precarious frontiers and that the procedure it had adopted impeded attainment of a negotiated peace. AIPAC also urged the United States to work for withdrawal of Soviet military forces and "to oppose any arrangements which might legitimize their presence in the area, which constitutes a threat to the survival and independence of all the countries of the region." AIPAC said it believed that all outstanding issues could be resolved by direct negotiations. The policy statement will be submitted to 200 Senators and Representatives who have accepted invitations to attend committee luncheons on Capitol Hill celebrating Israel's 23rd birthday and honoring Israel's Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin. The Executive Committee, which met in New York last week, re-elected Irving Kane of Cleveland as chairman. It also re-elected L.L. Kenen of Washington as executive vice chairman and Louis C. Grossberg of Washington as treasurer.