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## Jakobson Says Matter Of Jewish Emigration From USSR Is Internal Soviet Matter

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., May 3 (JTA)--Dr. Max Jakobson--the Finnish ambassador to the United Nations, a declared candidate for Secretary General, and a Jew--said today that he considered the question of Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union to be an internal Soviet matter. Dr. Jakobson did not elaborate in response to a formal question by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent at a press luncheon of the UN Correspondents Association. Afterwards, however, he agreed that his position meant that Soviet Jewry could not look to him as Secretary General for emigration aid. Asked if as Secretary General he could use his office to aid Soviet Jewish emigration by means of quiet diplomacy or moral suasion, Dr. Jakobson said no, because "it would be very difficult." He thus took the same position as U Thant, the Secretary General since 1961 who has indicated his unwillingness to serve another term.

In reply to another question, the Finnish diplomat criticized the religious overtones of the reported Arab agreement to ask Thant to serve another term after Dec. 31 and failing that, to oppose Dr. Jakobson because of his "vulnerability to outside pressure"--believed to be a euphemistic reference to his religion and thus, by implication, his relationship with Israel. If he had such vulnerability, the envoy said, he would not have been allowed to serve his country for 20 years, would not have been given "sensitive" posts and would not have been nominated by his government for the UN leadership. As to his heritage, he asked rhetorically if any Secretary General could possibly be "of no religion, of no race...a man who casts no shadow." Dr. Jakobson declined to discuss specific Middle East issues, but reported that the world leaders he had met on his recent international tour were "intensely interested" in the Mideast. Most of the 45-minute press conference was devoted to the issue of the People's Republic of China, whose entry into the UN Jakobson favors; but he did not discuss the impact Red China would have on the Mideast crisis as a member of the UN and as a member of the Security Council.

## Report U.S. Efforts Aided In Release Of Iraqi Jews From Prison

WASHINGTON, May 3 (JTA)--Diligent American efforts to obtain the release of the 35-42 imprisoned Iraqi Jews have apparently been successful, Sen. Jacob K. Javits announced today. The New York Republican released a letter he received from David M. Abshire, Asst. Secretary for Congressional Relations at the State Department reporting that "according to reliable information all those arrested have been released." Abshire wrote in reply to a letter from Javits to Secretary of State Rogers last month requesting U.S. intervention in behalf of the Iraqi Jews. The Senator wrote that according to his information "some 35-42 Iraqi Jews, including some dozen of the community's chief leaders, are being held in prison either without trial or subject to secret trial." He said the Iraqi Jewish community lived in an atmosphere of "terror" and was fearful of "a repetition of the trials and show executions that shocked the world two years ago."

In his reply to the letter, Abshire pointed out that the U.S. has no diplomatic or consular relations with the Iraqi government. He detailed American efforts through other nations and parties. "When we first started receiving reports of arrests of Iraqi Jews...we approached the British, French, Dutch, Spanish, Italian and Swiss governments and asked that they consider interceding on behalf of those being detained," he wrote. "In the meantime, we instructed the Belgians, who represent us in Baghdad, to express our concern to the Iraqi government about the plight of those arrested who were relatives of American citizens. We also exchanged information with the Israeli Embassy here in Washington. Finally, we were in close contact with Prince Sadruddin Khan, UN High Commissioner for Refugees, who at our request stopped in Baghdad during an Asian tour and made personal inquiries and appeals to the President of Iraq on behalf of the Iraqi Jewish community. These approaches and appeals have apparently been successful and we are now pleased to report that according to reliable information all those arrested have been released. We will certainly continue to watch developments in Iraq closely and will endeavor to do what we can," Abshire's letter said.

## ADL Asks HEW Head To Act In Federal Grant To Black Anti-Semite

NEW YORK, May 3, (JTA)--The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has asked Elliot Richardson, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, to reexamine and "take appropriate action" in the case of a \$523,000 federal grant to a paramilitary-type group headed by a man the League charges with "professional anti-Semitism" and seeking to establish "a guerrilla army." Seymour Graubard, national chairman of the League, spelled out the details of the case in a letter to Richardson, the fourth protest made by the League to the department but the first to Richardson himself. The League contends that it is "counter to public policy for government to function through bigots." The HEW grant was made last January to the Blackman's Development Center in Washington, D.C. for a remedial education and occupational training program for the disadvantaged--including narcotics addicts. The center is part of a complicated maze of operations, including a "Blackman's Volunteer Army of Liberation," directed by Col. Hassan Jeru-Ahmed. The League said the "Army" is being trained in the use of small arms and guerrilla tactics at camps established by Hassan on farms in Virginia.

According to the League, Hassan, a 46-year-old black nationalist, who was born Albert Ray Osborne, and is "Minister-General" of an organization he calls the "Provisional Government of the United Moorish Republic," has a long record of anti-Semitism. He has boasted of "heartening" support from the late George Lincoln Rockwell and the Ku Klux Klan. He has also collaborated with Willis Carto, a known anti-Semite who is leader of Liberty Lobby, a far-right Washington-based propaganda apparatus. Hassan was listed as an "Afro-Adviser" in literature of Carto's American Colonization Society, a white

racist group which advocates sending blacks back to Africa. Graubard said that the League first impounded HEW officials to reconsider the grant on February 3 of this year. In a letter to Timothy Halton, program director of HEW's Manpower Development and Training Division, the League described Hassan's background and enclosed samples of anti-Semitic materials distributed by his Blackman's Development Center. A February 25 reply from Richard Hobson, chief of the Experimental and Utilization Section, declared that the grant would stand and that it did not imply HEW endorsement "of other activities of the organization or members of its staff."

After a second letter from ADL, dated March 19, Hobson replied that Hassan had assured him that the anti-Semitic activities had ended five years ago. The League response documented anti-Jewish activities engaged in by Hassan at least as recently as the fall of 1970. In the current correspondence to Richardson, the League points out that Hassan gave wide distribution to anti-Semitic tracts in September 1970 at a gas station he owned, at the U.S. Department of Labor, and on District of Columbia streets. One of these tracts, signed by Hassan and on the stationery of the "Blackman's Volunteer Army of Liberation," declares that "America's deadly enemy...is The International Jewish Conspiracy." Labeled "An Open Letter To Americans," the piece asserts that "America is threatened with takeover from within by a people that are conspiring to destroy the American heritage." The letter was reprinted in the American Mercury, an anti-Semitic publication which is part of Carto's operation. Hassan has admitted to being "anti-Zionist" but claims he is not anti-Semitic. Graubard said that "Hassan's writings are clearly anti-Jewish and make obvious that he considers the words 'Jew' and 'Zionist' to be synonymous."

### Pope Paul Says He Is Ready To Work With All Nations To Achieve Mideast Peace

ROME, May 3 (JTA)--Pope Paul VI received today the new Egyptian Ambassador to the Vatican, Salah El Din Mohamed Wasfy, and expressed his hope for peace in the Middle East. He said he was ready to work with all nations toward that goal. The Pontiff stated he has been following peace efforts from the beginning and hoped that "courage and wisdom will meet harmoniously from both sides to arrive at a satisfactory solution and establish a durable peace." The Pope said, "Today, more than ever, this seems to many the favorable moment to engage in a decisive way. For our part...we are ready to work tirelessly to further a fruitful agreement between all these parties in full respect for freedom and the legitimate rights of everyone."

### Rabin Says No Material Results Should Be Expected From Rogers' Mideast Tour

TEL AVIV, May 3 (JTA)--Israel's Ambassador to Washington, Gen. Yitzhak Rabin, arrived here today to be present during the visit of Secretary of State William P. Rogers who is expected in Israel on Thursday. Rabin told newsmen at the airport that he shared Rogers' own stated view that no material results should be expected from the American diplomat's current Mideast tour although he hoped for a change in the present situation. Asked if there was a chance for a partial agreement between Israel and Egypt to reopen the Suez Canal, Rabin replied, "We shall all be wiser after his (Rogers') visit." Rabin agreed that the positions of the U.S. and Egypt had drawn closer since January on some subjects but apart from that there has been no rapprochement. He will confer with Premier Golda Meir, Foreign Minister Abba Eban and other Cabinet ministers in preparation for the talks with Rogers.

### Murder Of Georgian Jew Condemned; Bodes Ill For Future Emigration From Georgia

JERUSALEM, May 3 (JTA)--The murder of a Jewish hatmaker in the Soviet Georgian village of Gudauta was condemned as an anti-Semitic act by the Association of Immigrants from Soviet Georgia meeting here today. The victim was Shalom Khakmishvili. The emigres said his murder boded ill for the future of Georgian Jews who want to immigrate to Israel. (The Soviet Embassy in London today accepted a letter from a group of 55 Jewish women who had been maintaining a vigil for the release of Roiza Palatnik, a Jewish girl in Odessa imprisoned last Dec. 1 after she applied for an exit visa. The Embassy refused the womens' request for a meeting with an official. According to reliable sources, all efforts to obtain her release have failed. Several lawyers seeking to defend her in court have been warned off the case. The sources said the girl has been on a hunger strike for several days and is in poor health. A 24-year-old Moscow Jew, Alexander Zhenin, was reported today to be confined to a mental hospital after his arrest several days ago while playing Hebrew records on his phonograph.)

### Aharon Calls For Guaranteed Minimum Wage For Israeli Workers

JERUSALEM, May 3 (JTA)--Histadrut secretary-general Itzhak Ben Aharon called for a guaranteed minimum wage for Israeli workers last night because 20 percent of the nation's wage earners had an income that did not allow them to maintain a "dignified standard of living." Appearing on a television interview, the trade union official said Israel had sufficient unused capital reserves to improve the living standard of the underprivileged classes. He said he did not have new taxes in mind but improved tax collection procedures under existing regulations. Ben Aharon announced that Histadrut planned to spend between \$14-\$17.5 million for the rehabilitation of 1,200 underprivileged families. He announced that he would soon go to West Germany to return the recent visit to Israel of the president of the German Trade Union Federation. He pointed out that in the past year German labor organizations have "supported Israel's national struggles." He said he would be going to Germany "not free of personal inhibitions."

### SPD Delegation Says Visit To Israel Clarified Misunderstandings

JERUSALEM, May 3 (JTA)--The leader of an 11-member delegation representing the Social Democratic Party (SPD), the senior partner in West Germany's governing coalition, said here today the group's meetings with Israeli leaders have cleared up "many a misunderstanding of our political actions." Herbert Wehner, chairman of the party's Bundestag faction and Chancellor Willy Brandt's No. 2 man spoke at a press conference as the delegation prepared to leave after a four-day visit to Israel as guests of the Labor Party which included a long private conversation with Premier Golda Meir.

He said, "We are convinced that without negotiations between Israel and the Arab countries no peace can be found." However, he added, "We are not teachers or referees. Israel must find her own way." The purpose of the visit apparently was to dispel doubts that have clouded Israel's relations with Bonn, particularly since Chancellor Brandt embarked on his "Ostpolitik" seeking West German rapprochement with the Soviet Union and the Communist bloc. The visitors assured their Israeli hosts that nothing has altered the Federal government's attitude toward Israel. "Our visit comes to demonstrate the amity between our two big parties and two countries," Wehner said. One member of the West German parliamentary group, Hans Jurgen Wisniewsky, secretary of the SPD, was a controversial figure in Israel. Last September, when some 300 passengers and crewmen of hijacked airliners were being held hostage by Palestinian terrorists in Jordan, Wisniewsky visited Amman, reportedly to make a deal for the release of West German hostages, leaving the Jewish passengers to their fate. Today, Wisniewsky said the press reports stemmed from a "misunderstanding." He said he went to Amman to offer himself for "all of the hostages." He said he started his talks "only after the international Red Cross gave up efforts." Wisniewsky conceded that he had "excellent" relations with the Arabs but claimed it was an "advantage" because it enabled him to convey Israel's views to them.

### Sit-In At Federation Ends Peacefully; Students, Officials To Meet On Demands

SAN FRANCISCO, May 3 (JTA)--A spokesman for the student group which staged a sit-in at the offices of the Federation here told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that his group had "withdrawn temporarily" on Saturday night while "recognizing that our demands have not yet been met." Bruce Ballin, spokesman for the 35 members of the Jewish Education Coalition which began the sit-in on Friday morning and ended it with Havdalah on Saturday evening, said that his group had left to participate in Israel Independence Day festivities yesterday and would return next week for talks with Federation officials. The Coalition has made four demands on Federation officials for a reordering of priorities. Ballin told the JTA that Federation officials had proposed a small private meeting with four representatives of each side, and although members of his group felt a "closed" meeting was "undemocratic," would attend nonetheless "for informational purposes." Meanwhile, a spokesman for the Federation told the JTA that the students had been peaceful during their sit-in and left without incident.

### Timing Of Sabry's Ouster Makes It Seem As Pro-American Gesture

JERUSALEM, May 3 (JTA)--President Anwar Sadat's dismissal of Vice President Aly Sabry, announced in Cairo last night, caught Israeli political circles by surprise. Sabry, who was named one of Egypt's two Vice Presidents last Oct. 31 when Sadat succeeded the late President Gamal Abdel Nasser, was generally regarded as sympathetic to the Soviet Union and deeply hostile to the United States. Foreign Ministry sources said today that they didn't think Sabry's ouster was planned as a conciliatory gesture toward the United States on the eve of Secretary of State William P. Rogers' first visit to Cairo. But Ministry circles admitted that while Sadat may have been planning to get rid of Sabry for some time, he chose the opportune moment to make it appear to be a pro-American gesture. Rogers is due in Cairo tomorrow and will leave Wednesday. Observers here noted that Sabry was dismissed brusquely and was not even offered the chance of a dignified resignation. The 50-year-old Egyptian politician was one of the officers who seized power from King Farouk under Nasser's leadership in 1952. He served Nasser as Minister of State for Presidential Affairs, Premier, Vice President and Secretary General of the Arab Socialist Union, Egypt's only political party.

### Foreign Ministry Denies Military, Political, Economic Cooperation With South Africa

JERUSALEM, May 3 (JTA)--A Foreign Ministry spokesman said yesterday that South Africa was manufacturing Israel's Uzi submachinegun under a sublicense agreement but denied all other allegations of Israeli military, political and economic cooperation with the Republic of South Africa. The allegations were contained in a New York Times dispatch by correspondent Cyrus Sulzberger writing from Johannesburg. The spokesman denounced as "lies" Sulzberger's allegation that Israel gave South Africa the plans for the Mirage "Atar" jet engine which it obtained illegally from a Swiss engineer, Alfred Frauenknecht in 1968. Frauenknecht was sentenced in Lausanne last month to 4 1/2 years' imprisonment for selling the engine plans to Israeli agents. The spokesman conceded that South Africa was making the Uzi but said Israel was powerless to prevent it. He said a Belgian firm licensed to produce the weapon in 1955 had in turn sublicensed it to a South African firm. When this came to light, Israel inserted a clause in all subsequent licensing agreements forbidding sublicense to third parties without Israel's permission, the Ministry spokesman said.

### JDL's Protest Arrest Of Soviet Jews; 77 Arrested During Sit-In Near Soviet Mission

NEW YORK, May 3 (JTA)--Close to 400 Jewish Defense League members picketed yesterday across the street from the United Nations in protest against the arrest of a Soviet Jew, Leonard Kilchinsky, on charges of promulgating anti-Soviet propaganda. Later that day, the demonstrators obstructed traffic for more than an hour by staging a sit-down a block away from the Soviet Mission to the UN, which culminated in the arrests of 77 persons. At the Dag Hammarskjold Plaza near the UN, the youthful pickets marched around in an orderly fashion in a large area cordoned off and ringed by police. According to Eli Schwartz, JDL National Youth Chairman, Kilchinsky had been inducted into the Red Army following his renunciation of his Soviet citizenship. Kilchinsky smuggled out several letters to Western countries deploring the oppressive policies of the Soviet Union and was subsequently arrested. "He was arrested," said Schwartz, "on charges of spreading anti-Soviet propaganda. We are here today to demand his release." After the picketing at the Plaza, a large contingent of demonstrators marched towards the Soviet Mission. They were stopped a block away from the Mission by police barricades where they were instructed by Schwartz to sit down in the streets. The 77 demonstrators who were taken into custody an hour after the sit-down strike began and made no attempt to resist arrest, were charged with disorderly conduct. Later in the evening, about 300 persons held an orderly prayer vigil sponsored by the JDL outside the Soviet Mission compound in Glen Cove, L.I.

## Synagogue Council Urges Congress To Extend Concept Of Conscientious Objection

NEW YORK, May 3 (JTA)--The Synagogue Council of America, in what it described as a "major policy statement backing selective conscientious objection," called on Congress today "to extend the concept of conscientious objection to individuals who object not to all wars but to a particular war only." The Synagogue Council is the umbrella organization of the lay and rabbinical branches of Reform, Conservative and Orthodox Judaism in America. Its president, Rabbi Solomon J. Sharfman, explaining the background of the policy statement noted that a recent decision by the Supreme Court has thrown the issue of conscientious objection once again to the legislative branch of government. "The action of the Synagogue Council of America is therefore particularly timely," he said. "It will enable the Council to join with the National Council of Churches and the National Conference of Catholic Bishops who previously adopted similar positions, together to urge new legislation that will provide for selective conscientious objection." The Synagogue Council's statement said, "While there is no absolute right for any man to be exempt from the demands of the law, the gravity of the moral issues in war are such that it behooves a government as committed to the dignity of the individual as that of the United States to pioneer in this area of respect for the conscience of man." The statement noted that the Jewish faith supports the extension of conscientious objection to those who object to a particular conflict on genuine grounds of conscience.

## Atlanta Marks First Israel Day Celebrations; Mrs. Coretta King Praises Israel

ATLANTA, Ga., May 3 (JTA)--More than 600 persons participated yesterday in a "Salute to Israel" parade and Israel Independence Day celebrations, the first ever to be held in this city. Mrs. Coretta King, widow of the late civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., sent greetings to the Jewish community in which she stated: "Upon the occasion of the 23rd anniversary of the modern-day State of Israel, I would like to extend my most sincere congratulations to you and the thousands of people of Jewish descent in the Atlanta community, who hope and work daily for world peace and brotherhood. We live in a world of turmoil and contradictions, however there are millions of people throughout this world who cherish humanity and the worth of human personality, and I know that they too join you upon this occasion." Governors Reubin Askew of Florida and Jimmy Carter of Georgia also sent congratulatory messages expressing solidarity with the State of Israel and admiration for the courage, achievements and progress of its people. Moshe Gilboa, Israel's Consul General for the Southeast, announced that Askew had proclaimed April 29 as Florida's day of dedication to Israel's independence. The Israel Independence Day celebration last night at The Temple was co-sponsored by the Jewish Welfare Federation and its affiliated organizations, and the Consulate General of Israel. Max Rittenbaum, Federation vice-president delivered greetings on behalf of the city's Jewish community, and Gilboa delivered greetings on behalf of the State of Israel.

## Orthodox Rabbi Appeals To Israel To Declare Moratorium On Religious Problems

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., May 3 (JTA)--The head of the largest Orthodox Rabbinic body in this country issued today an appeal to the Israeli government to declare a moratorium on all inner conflicts with the religious community and Chief Rabbinate. Speaking before more than 500 delegates assembled here for the 35th annual convention of the Rabbinical Council of America, Rabbi Bernard L. Berzon also issued a warning that the modern American college campus poses "a threat of frightening proportions" to Jewish survival. Rabbi Berzon, president of the RCA, called upon the Orthodox Jewish community to establish 10 colleges in major cities under the auspices of Yeshiva University to counter "the campus environment with its emphasis on agnosticism, self-autonomy, sexual permissiveness, drugs and experimentation with exotic ideologies." He stated that this environment is "alien and hostile to the traditions and moral values which the Jewish student received in his home atmosphere." Rabbi Berzon asserted that "liberal arts colleges exercise a generally destructive influence on the religious convictions and identity of Jewish students."

He observed that only by creating academic institutions of excellence in both secular and religious fields, could the Jewish community hope to combat "this critical threat to meaningful Jewish survival." Rabbi Berzon contended that establishment of 10 new colleges would make a powerful impact on the complexion of Jewish life in America. "It is our firm conviction that Orthodox Judaism has a powerful message for modern man who no longer feels comfortable in the secular city," he declared. Referring to the recent statement of Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Dayan that he would urge civil marriage in Israel, Rabbi Berzon stated that Israeli government officials must realize that "Israel is a result of thousands of years of religious prayer and that its concept was kept alive by the pious Jews who adhere to the principles of the Torah. To relegate this vast segment of the Jewish world to an inferior position would be a betrayal of our history." He concluded, "Israel's problems, like those of any dynamic state are many, but they will be resolved through debate and discussion, not through pressure or threat."

## UJA Campaign Will Considerably Top 1967's Record Breaking \$250 Million, Says Dulzin

NEW YORK, May 3 (JTA)--Confidence that the United Jewish Appeal in the United States will raise considerably more money in 1971 than the record breaking \$250 million raised in 1967 was expressed by Leon Dulzin, treasurer of the Jewish Agency for Israel, who is in this country for a two-week speaking engagement for the UJA. Dulzin said that record breaking campaigns are necessary to finance the continuing large aliyah to Israel. He said that during April, Israel received 1,500 immigrants from Russia, the largest for any month in Israel's 23 year history.

## Planeload Of Russian Jews Arrives In Israel; Many Are Professionals

TEL AVIV, May 3 (JTA)--Another planeload of Jewish immigrants from Russia landed at Lydda Airport yesterday on an El Al flight from Vienna. They were reported to include families from Tiflis, Moscow, Riga and Vilna. The exact number of immigrants was not disclosed. Officials said there were many academicians, construction engineers, chemists and other professionals among the new arrivals.