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## A Novel, A Mimeograph Machine, A Subversive Introduced As Evidence in Trial

NEW YORK, May 12 (JTA)--Leon Uris' "Exodus," a stolen mimeograph machine and a subversive known as "The Groom" are among the matters at issue in the new Leningrad trial, according to reports today from reliable Jewish sources. The sources, providing details on the proceedings on the first day of the trial on Tuesday beyond those already reported, said that the charges against the nine Jewish defendants included their alleged distribution of "Exodus" and of a book on Jewish history by a writer named Ranan. The mimeograph machine was alleged to have been stolen for use by the Jews in disseminating anti-Soviet propaganda. "The Groom" was alleged to be the code name for defendant Mikhail Korenblit in the first draft of last June's alleged hijacking attempt at the Leningrad airport, the reputed plot itself being known as "The Wedding." One of the defendants, 38-year-old Grigory Ilya (Hillel) Butman, admitted complicity in the alleged hijacking try and pleaded for mercy from the court, it was reported late yesterday afternoon by Tass, the Soviet news agency, in a statement distributed overseas but not within the Soviet Union.

According to Tass, Butman admitted conspiring with Maj. Mark Dymshitz and Edvard Kuznetsov, who were convicted in Leningrad last December in the alleged hijacking attempt, and with Israeli authorities in carrying out his "criminal actions." Sources said this was the first time the Soviets have formally implicated the Israeli government in anti-Soviet activities. Tass confirmed that two of the defendants in the newly opened trial, Butman and Mikhail Korenblit, 33, were charged with treason under Article 64A of the Criminal Code for allegedly "preparing the seizure of a passenger plane in order to flee abroad." They and the other seven defendants were also charged under Article 70 ("Anti-Soviet Agitation and Propaganda"), Article 72 ("Organizational Activity Directed to Commission of Especially Dangerous Crimes Against the State and Also Participation in Anti-Soviet Organizations"), Article 89 (theft of property) and Article 189 (concealment of knowledge of criminal acts).

The Jewish sources said Dreizner and Mogilever confessed. Tass said Viktor Shtilbans and one of the Korenblit brothers confessed. The Jewish sources said Viktor David Boguslavsky protested the charges against him vehemently. The trial, in a courthouse on Sontanka Street in Leningrad, opened at 9 a.m. yesterday. The interrogation of Butman began at noon and continued into the evening. In attendance were approximately 150 persons--15 of them relatives of the accused, admitted by special pass, and most of the remainder security officers, the Jewish sources said. A group of Jews protested to the Supreme Soviet over the barring of foreign newsmen. Some friends of the defendants complained that their permission to attend was not honored at the courthouse door. The appearance of the defendants was said to be poor. Tass identified the defense attorneys as Simeon Kheifetz, Ilya Braiman, Fyodor Rogistavskiy, Yuri Nabuziner and Viktor Cherniak, the last-named one of Leningrad's most prominent lawyers. Jewish sources said at least Kheifetz and Braiman are Jewish. The sources added that three friends of the accused--identified as Friedman, Geldfeld and Mackler--were removed from their jobs and ejected from Leningrad to prevent their aiding the defendants. The sources said Geldfeld was sent to the Ural Mountains and the other two to Siberia.

## Rallies, Protests in L.A., Washington Against Trial Of Leningrad Nine

LOS ANGELES, May 12 (JTA)--More than 1,000 students at the University of California at Los Angeles demonstrated today as part of a nationwide one-day "fast for freedom" on 27 American and Canadian campuses; sponsored by B'nai B'rith-Hillel Foundations in support of Soviet Jewry. Thomas Bradley, a black City Councilman, declared: "There are no boundaries to oppression. Therefore, every concerned human being must express indignation against Soviet oppression of Jews." Also rallying the demonstrators were Rep. Alphonzo Bell, Republican of this city, and County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn. The coordinators of the nationwide student protest have vowed to continue their pressure on the Soviet Union until trials of Jews are ended and freedom of emigration is granted.

(In Washington yesterday, 75 members of the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington distributed leaflets on a busy downtown corner near the Soviet Embassy to open an 11-day program of protests against the Leningrad trial of nine Jews. The leaflets said "the sole crime of those being tried is their desire to maintain their Jewish identities, their religious and cultural heritage, and their desire to emigrate to Israel." The Council will sponsor a public meeting May 19 at Ohr Kodesh Congregation in nearby Chevy Chase, Md., at which Mrs. Rivka Aleksandrovich, mother of Riga prisoner Ruth Aleksandrovich, will speak. Also planned are visits to the Soviet Embassy by Jewish and Christian delegations; war veterans and senior citizens. The University of Maryland Committee on Soviet Jewry staged a demonstration last night at the Embassy.)

## Brooklyn College President Calls For Cooperation To End Campus Tension

NEW YORK, May 12 (JTA)--President John W. Kneller of Brooklyn College, whose campus was the scene of black-Jewish fisticuffs on May 4 and 5, has issued a statement that does not try to affix blame for the incidents but rather recommends that "We should try all the harder to work together." He said: "It will avail us nothing to make any group bear the brunt of the blame. This is a campus problem and we must deal with it together. We must reestablish the principle of community." The "campus problem" referred to by Kneller is the continuing tension at Brooklyn College between black and Jewish students. "I deeply believe that we must reestablish dialogue," the college president said, "and have initiated a series of meetings with all groups under the auspices of the Dean of Students. This campus is big enough for everyone. No group, no interest, no legitimate activity will be left behind or kept out or

ignored." "Let us not," Kneller continued, "forget that we are different people, with different consciences and causes. But let us not, simply because we dwell in such close quarters, underestimate our unity--our great need to stand together despite disagreements against the forces that threaten us all." Kneller added that while Brooklyn College was "often unwieldy, sometimes mistaken and occasionally unjust," it "nonetheless offers a truer representation of its citizens' aspirations than much of the society that surrounds it." Kneller also stated his support of open admissions and announced the hiring of a security director and the expansion of the campus security force. "But crime will stop," he stressed, "only when we all have the will to make it stop." Continuing, Kneller declared: "In Vietnam, thousands and thousands continue to die in a needless, unconscionable war. In Soviet Russia Jews are kept captive and are prevented from going to their homeland. In the Mideast tensions continue to build--the security of Israel is endangered--and the possibility of a new war grows... I have supported and continue to support peaceful activities against these wrongs... (and) all of us must convince those in authority that we will no longer acquiesce to evil." But, the executive concluded, "Let us not waste our efforts bickering and fighting among ourselves. We have wars to end, Jews to free, racism to destroy and poverty to abolish."

### Memorial Services For Jewish Martyrs Held in Vilna, Minsk

NEW YORK, May 12 (JTA)--Memorial services for Jewish martyrs were held recently in the Soviet cities of Vilna and Minsk, Jewish sources here said today. In Vilna on April 24, at the site of the World War II murder of numerous Jews, hundreds of Jews turned out for a ceremony that included the laying of wreaths, the lighting of six torches and the reciting of Kaddish. The wreaths were laid in the form of a Mogen David. In Minsk on May 2, around 100 Jewish youths convened at the stone marking the site of the former ghetto. They laid flowers, recited prayers and cleaned up the area. Last year at this time, only 40 persons showed up for the Minsk ceremony, which was then considered a notably large turnout.

### Goldmann Says New Trial 'Miscalculated and Misdirected'

LONDON, May 12 (JTA)--Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, deplored the new Leningrad trial today as "miscalculated and misdirected," and said it "creates a climate of fear among Soviet Jews...encourages discrimination against them (and) further alienates world public opinion from the Soviet Union." The Jewish leader voiced on behalf of the WJC his "deep concern at the decision of the Soviet authorities to continue trials of Soviet Jews on various charges of a political nature." Dr. Goldmann said he "had hoped that the intervention by many governments, religious leaders, international organizations and political parties closely allied with the Soviet Union...would cause these kind of trials to be finally abandoned." But, he said, "It now appears that the Soviet government intends to pursue these procedures in order to dissuade Soviet Jews from expressing their desire to go to Israel." World Jewry, said Dr. Goldmann, does not want to be "involved in any aspect of cold war politics"; on the contrary, "their sole interest is that those of their Soviet Jewish brothers and sisters who desire to go to Israel should be allowed to do so without restraint." A large number of London Jews have applied for visas to go to Leningrad to attend the trial. They have asked for an appointment Thursday with the Soviet Consul to explain their requests.

### Rabbi Miller Says While Soviet Jews Being Tried American Jews Being Tested

NEW YORK, May 12 (JTA)--The American Zionist Federation today assailed the trial of the nine Soviet Jews and declared that the current attempt by the Soviet government "to deter the Jews from requesting permission to emigrate to Israel" and from "identifying themselves as Jews," will have as little success this time as it did in the past. Rabbi Israel Miller, AZF president, issued a statement saluting "the courage of the nine on trial. They are an inspiration to humanitarians and their fellow Jews in the USSR and throughout the world." The AZF leader added that "We wait for the voice of protest to be raised by the United States government, the leaders of the free world as well as the leaders of the Communist world not under the domination of (Leonid) Brezhnev and (Alexsei) Kosygin, and the heads of the Roman Catholic and Protestant Churches."

Continuing, Rabbi Miller declared: "Are they only to be heard when the death penalty is involved? Are innocent people to be imprisoned for conscience without even a whisper of protest from those who spoke out last Dec. when both Jews and Basques were involved in trials?" While it is the Soviet Jews that are being placed on trial in Leningrad, "in a sense it is Jews everywhere who are on trial with them," he stated. "American Jewry particularly is being tested." Rabbi Miller said that the AZF pledges to the imprisoned Jews in Russia "that we will not remain silent. We will continue to speak out vigorously against violations of human rights of our brothers and sisters, just as Jews traditionally have spoken up for the rights of the oppressed and downtrodden of all peoples."

### Report El Fatah Activity in Argentina Growing Bolder

BUENOS AIRES, May 12 (JTA)--Nehemias Resnitzky, general secretary of the DAIA, the representative organizations of Argentine Jewry, reported a resurgence of Arab-inspired anti-Jewish action, abetted in part by the worsening general economic situation and social tensions. Resnitzky reporting to the DAIA's monthly plenary session, stated that El Fatah's campaign in Argentina was growing bolder. He said the Palestinian terrorist group holds open meetings and places advertisements in newspapers in an effort to recruit the support of Argentine political and church figures. He said the meetings were poorly attended.

### Mrs. Aleksandrovich Seeks Cardinal's Help For Her Daughter

LONDON, May 12 (JTA)--John Cardinal Heenan, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Westminster, received Mrs. Rivka Aleksandrovich in audience last night. Mrs. Aleksandrovich sought the Cardinal's help in connection with the detention and impending trial of her daughter Ruth in Riga. She said afterwards that her appeal was based on humanitarian grounds and that she was "very satisfied" with the response of the Cardinal.

## Belgian Demands Government Resign; Eban Says Knesset Must Approve Any Withdrawal

JERUSALEM, May 12 (JTA)--Gahal leader Menachem Begin today demanded that the government resign "for having betrayed the trust of the people." Presenting a motion for the agenda on the proposed interim agreement between Israel and the Egyptians, and a possible pull-back from the Suez Canal, Begin stated that the government has decided to retreat despite the fact that it does not have the constitutional power to do so. He said that the Knesset, and coalition factions themselves, have voted to remain on the June, 1967 cease-fire lines until a formal peace treaty is signed between the countries involved in the Middle East crisis. Foreign Minister Abba Eban replied for the government and assured the House that no decision on withdrawal would be made without the prior approval of the Knesset. He said that Israel would only agree to a pull-back from the canal zone providing that the following conditions were met: a total cessation of belligerency in the area; that no Egyptian or other military units be allowed to cross over onto the eastern bank of the canal; that Israeli defense projects which have been constructed in the area be protected, and that any pull-back from the canal zone must not be used as a lever to pressure Israel into further withdrawals.

The Foreign Minister contended that the benefits to be reaped from an interim agreement were numerous. Firstly, the reopening of the canal would necessarily mean that Israeli ships would be allowed to use the vital waterway, and secondly, if the canal was opened normal economic life on both banks could be fully restored, a factor which would greatly facilitate the establishment of peace between the sides. Even if the interim agreement failed, Eban said, Israel would have at least demonstrated once again that it is striving for peace in the area. With regard to the Rogers' mission, Eban said that it was still alive and that consultations between the sides were continuing under the auspices of the American government. He said that at present, peace was Israel's major national aim, and claimed that every Israeli initiative to bring about a peaceful settlement to the Middle East conflict had been met with a flat 'no' by Begin and his party. "This incessant intransigence and perpetually negative policy will have tragic international consequences," Eban said. Peace could not be attained in one step, he said. Peace was a gradual process which had to be achieved stage by stage. One of these stages was the interim agreement.

## Big Four To Get Report On Rogers' Trip; Jarring May Be Relieved Of Mission

WASHINGTON, May 12 (JTA)--A Big Four meeting of sorts will take place at the United Nations in New York next Monday when Secretary of State William P. Rogers and Assistant Secretary Joseph J. Sisco report on their Middle East mission to Secretary General Thant and Mideast intermediary Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring. Dr. Jarring is due to return to UN headquarters tonight. State Department spokesman Robert J. McCloskey, who made the announcement, added that Sisco conferred for an hour here this morning with Israeli Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin on the subject of Sisco's consultations in Cairo. In New York, the Assistant Secretary will also meet with the ambassadors of Jordan, Britain, France and Italy "and others," McCloskey said. State Department sources added that United States Ambassador George Bush probably will not divulge details of the Rogers-Sisco talks in the Mideast at the next meeting of the real Big Four, next Tuesday at the Soviet Mission in New York. The sources did not explain the reason for this decision.

One State Department official suggested that the future of the Jarring peace mission might depend on a favorable report from Rogers. Observers speculated that if Secretary General Thant saw no progress in the Rogers report he might decide to relieve Dr. Jarring of his Mideast duties. In his brief public remarks since ending his tour, however, Rogers has indicated that he made some progress. It is also possible, observers said, that if Thant does not see any progress developing on an interim agreement to reopen the Suez Canal, the attempt at an interim pact might be shifted from an Israeli-Egyptian issue to an Israeli-Jordanian issue. A State Department official also left the impression that a negotiator other than Dr. Jarring might be brought in to handle the details of an interim agreement. He emphasized, however, the State Department's position that the U.S. is not angling to be a third party.

## Jewish Agency Official Chides U.S. Jews For Stinting On Jewish Education

LONDON, May 12 (JTA)--A Jewish Agency official who was formerly Israel Consul General on the West Coast of the United States, chided American Jewry today for not doing enough for Jewish education. Michael Ravid, director of the Jewish Agency's department of education and culture in diaspora, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that while there was "an upsurge of Jewish identification with Israel all over the U.S." after the Six-Day War, "strangely enough this new mood did not affect Jewish education in America." He said there were no more Jewish children in Jewish schools now than in 1961. Ravid said his department planned to send 180 qualified Hebrew teachers to diaspora communities for the next school year.

## Memorial Service Held For Victims Of Terrorist School Bus Ambush Last May

TEL AVIV, May 12 (JTA)--A memorial service was held at the Safad cemetery on the first anniversary -- according to the Jewish calendar -- of the school bus incident when Arab terrorists killed eight school children and six adults while on a bus to school from the Avivim village on the Lebanese border. Bereaved parents and children as well as representatives of the border police, of the local councils in the region and of the moshavim movement, attended the ceremony officiated by Rabbi Menachem Masoud of Avivim. Candles were lit and a seven-year-old boy whose father, Mahloul Beton, was one of the bus passengers killed in the ambush, recited the kaddish.

## Several Hundred U.S. Youths Seeking To Establish Settlements In Israel

JERUSALEM, May 12 (JTA)--A Jewish Agency official disclosed today that the Agency had been approached by several hundred young people from the United States for assistance in setting up their own independent settlements in Israel. According to Avraham Rosenman, deputy director of the settlement department, the inquiries came from persons in their 20s with university backgrounds who said they were disillusioned with the materialistic American way of life and wanted to escape from the polluted urban centers of America where people lived in loneliness and in fear of violence.

### Three Branches Of American Judaism In General Agreement On Day School Funding

MONSEY, N.Y., May 12 (JTA)--A two-day study conference on the theme "Public Aid to Non-Public Education," sponsored by the Synagogue Council of America found "surprisingly large areas of agreement" among the three branches of American Judaism, according to Rabbi Solomon J. Sharfman, Council president. The conference brought together representatives of national rabbinic and synagogal agencies of Conservative, Orthodox and Reform Judaism. Also participating were observers from the major Jewish educational and community relations organizations. While Conservative and Reform bodies maintained their traditional opposition to outright support for the secular programs of religiously sponsored schools, they admitted a new openness within their ranks to formulas that might bring needed funds to day schools without leading to "an establishment of religion" that is constitutionally prohibited. The most startling revelation of the conference, according to Rabbi Mordecai Waxman of Great Neck, N.Y., who served as conference chairman, was the unanimity of support expressed for the Jewish day school by spokesmen for Reform Judaism, whose movement had for many years opposed it. Representatives of all three branches deplored the lack of financial support given to the Jewish day school movement by federations and welfare funds.

A major theme of the Study Conference was struck by Dr. Ben Halpern of Brandeis University and carried through by several of the conference's speakers, including Dr. Judd Teller of the Synagogue Council of America, Rabbi Emanuel Rackman of the Fifth Avenue Synagogue of New York, and Dr. Bernard Lander, president of Touro College. That theme was that while the major concern of the Jewish community in the early decades of the 20th century was political equality and social and economic advancement, the central preoccupation in the decade of the seventies is Jewish religious and ethnic survival. This was also confirmed by those who spoke vigorously against any compromise of the Church-State separation principle, including Dr. Leo Pfeffer, the noted expert on constitutional law, and Dr. Robert Gordis, Editor of Judaism magazine. Dr. Pfeffer and Dr. Gordis maintained, however, that the prospects for vital Jewish survival are dim indeed if the Jewish community must rely on other than its own internal resources for support of a religious educational system it so desperately needs. Rabbi Henry Siegman, executive vice-president of the Council, said that the proceedings of the conference would be submitted to the policy-making bodies of each of the Council's six constituent agencies. "Ultimately, the rabbinic and synagogal constituents of the Synagogue Council will together determine whether a new consensus on the subject of public aid to non-public education exists within the Jewish religious community," Rabbi Siegman said.

### More Than 100 Synagogues Adopt '100 Percent Plan' For Contribution To UJA

MILWAUKEE, Wisc., May 12 (JTA)--To date, more than one hundred synagogues around the country have adopted the "100% Plan," calling for a contribution to the United Jewish Appeal as an obligation of synagogue membership, it was announced here today by Rabbi Dudley Weinberg, chairman of the UJA Rabbinical Advisory Council. The plan was initiated, and its adoption encouraged by the Rabbinical Advisory Council, in the belief that "it is inconceivable for an American Jew to participate in the spiritual activities of the synagogue without expressing a commitment toward his fellow Jews in need." Rabbi Weinberg, spiritual leader of Temple Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun, said: "The act of giving is a fundamental precept in our religious tradition. Furthermore, giving to the UJA is the active fulfillment of the Mitzvot (religious demands) of Pidyon Sh'vuyim (redemption of those in captivity) and Pikuach Nefesh (preservation of human life). The purpose of the "100% Plan" is to remind every Jew who is a synagogue member of his additional responsibility for the continued existence of the Jewish people. The "100% Plan," which was initiated in January, is having a definite impact on 1971 campaign results. Because of its success, the Council is urging its adoption in synagogues throughout the country. "Both as rabbis and as strong supporters of the UJA, we feel that this is a matter which will demand great effort, but will reap great rewards," Rabbi Weinberg said.

### More Than 30,000 Expected To Attend Israeli Cultural And Trade Fair

SHORT HILLS, N.J., May 12 (JTA)--More than 30,000 New Jersey residents are expected to attend the first New Jersey state-wide Israel Expo-71--an Israeli cultural and trade fair--to be held here at Temple B'nai Jeshurun from the evening of May 15 through May 19. The exposition of Israeli culture and industry, sponsored by the Brotherhood of Congregation B'nai Jeshurun and Women's Association of the Temple, is being held in cooperation with the American Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc., the Israel Government Tourist Office, and El Al Israel Airlines. The purpose of Expo-Israel-71, according to Joseph Hamilton, Expo coordinator and national associate treasurer of the Zionist Organization of America, is to "promote the sale of Israel made products; to encourage tourism and to present the many cultural aspects of Israel." The opening of the fair will be heralded by the blowing of the Shofar horn that was blown on the day that Israel became a state, May 14, 1948. The fair will offer for sale Israeli merchandise of every conceivable type. Temple B'nai Jeshurun, on two levels, will be decorated to look like an Israeli city and market, with booths, stalls, and streets to houses, displays of fine craft and arts. Erected outdoors will be an Israel-American cafe and an archaeological dig for youngsters.

### Zena Harman Heads Advisory Committee For New Hadassah Community College In Israel

NEW YORK, May 12 (JTA)--Zena Harman--sociologist, writer, educator--and wife of Ambassador Avraham Harman, president of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, has just accepted the chairmanship of the Hadassah Community College Advisory Committee in Israel, Mrs. Benjamin E. Gottesman, national chairman of the Hadassah Israel Education Services announced. "We are proud to enlist the expert knowledge and prestigious background of Mrs. Harman who is a mother of the Knesset, parliament, in guiding us through the pioneering period in the development of this, Israel's first community college," Mrs. Gottesman said. The College has begun its first semester with an enrollment of 125 students, many of whom are army veterans and recent arrivals in Israel from Eastern Europe. The Community College emphasizes a comprehensive curriculum which includes general education as well as occupational training.