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Manhattan Day School Vandalized, \$1-2,000 in Damages, Stolen Property

NEW YORK, June 7 (JTA)--Unknown persons vandalized the Manhattan Day School last night, smashing walls with fire axes and hammers, breaking doorknobs, desks and locks, stealing papers, chemicals and pens, and escaping with a microphone, a loudspeaker and a \$400-500 IBM electric typewriter. Rabbi Sholom Rephun, head of the yeshiva, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the time of the incident was determined by the times on the two clocks that were smashed by the vandals. One clock had been stopped at 9:45 p.m., the other at 11:30 p.m. The block-square school, at Manhattan Ave. and 104th St. near Central Park, has been the victim of "12 or 14" less-serious incidents since he arrived there in 1964, Rabbi Rephun said. Last night's vandalism, he said, amounted to \$1-2,000 in damaged and stolen property. The sum does not include the walls, he explained, because the building is due to be razed for a low-income housing project. A sign outside the school indicates that its students will be moving from the site. The 28-year-old yeshiva will be relocated around next spring at Riverside Dr. and 75th St.

Three gaping holes, around three feet square each, were found in the school's walls and doors. One of them was in a wall eight inches thick. The night janitor reported to Rabbi Rephun that he had heard nothing. Rabbi Rephun said the school's neighborhood was largely black and Puerto Rican, with a "very negligible" number of Jews. But he said there were no racial or religious tensions in the area. The only dissension he could recall involved the school's refusal to allow a community association to use the building at night without posting bond. But Rabbi Rephun declined to accuse the association or any of its members of last night's incident. He was, however, critical of the Police Dept. Although the yeshiva has been "on very good terms with the police," he said, there has been "a certain amount of apathy" on their part and no "adequate protection," he told the JTA. Asked how the damages would affect the Manhattan Day School's teaching of its 300 pupils, Rabbi Rephun said: "We have no funds, really. We've been struggling to manage. We'll have to do the best we can."

Schweiker Terms Cairo-Moscow Pact Most Serious Development Since Six-Day War

WASHINGTON, June 7 (JTA)--Terming the new Soviet-Egyptian 15 year treaty of friendship and cooperation the "most serious development in the Middle East since the Six-Day War," Sen. Richard S. Schweiker urged the U.S. government today to respond promptly to Israel's latest request for more armaments, particularly combat aircraft. The Pennsylvania Republican, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, expressed concern over the State Department's lack of response so far to Israel's request for more aircraft. Speaking at a press conference, Schweiker said that in light of the Soviet-Egyptian pact "the burden of proof rests on the U.S. to show where we stand on the Middle East. Inaction at this time would be inopportune and could be a sign of weakness detrimental to our interests." The Sen. said that the supply of additional aircraft to Israel would be a "minimal investment for high returns in terms of America's strategic interests." Not to give more military aid to Israel, he warned, would encourage a war situation.

Schweiker, who returned from a visit to Israel last week said all the aircraft contracted for by Israel so far, including supersonic Phantom F-4s and subsonic Skyhawk A-4s have been delivered. Two months ago, he went on, Israel submitted a request for additional planes but the State Department has not responded. Schweiker said he sent a letter to Secretary of State William P. Rogers asking for a report on the military situation in the Middle East and an explanation of the U.S. government's "apparent failure to make any response to the new Israeli request for military aid." The Senator said that Rogers' reply would be "an indication of what administration policy would be." Schweiker said the specifics of Israel's aid request were classified. He said he thought Israel was asking for the delivery of two Phantoms a month but could not say for how long a period.

Ruth in Solitary Confinement; Mother Appeals To Kennedy; Kukui Trial Due June 17

NEW YORK, June 7 (JTA)--Ruth Aleksandrovich has been put in solitary confinement in Riga for fashioning a Star of David from pajama threads and attaching it to her prison uniform, Jewish sources here said today. Her father, Rubin Aleksandrovich, who was to meet with her last Friday, was not permitted to do so because of her new status, the sources said. Today marked the beginning of Miss Aleksandrovich's ninth month in prison; she has four more months to serve to complete her recently imposed 1-year sentence for alleged anti-Soviet activities. An urgent appeal to Sen. Edward M. Kennedy to intercede with the Soviet Union on behalf of Miss Aleksandrovich was made by her mother, Mrs. Rivka Aleksandrovich, at a meeting last Friday in Washington, D.C. with Kennedy. Mrs. Aleksandrovich, currently in the U.S. on a speaking tour in Ruth's behalf, went to Senator Kennedy "in desperation," she told the American Jewish Congress today. The Senator gave her a sympathetic hearing and promised "to do everything he could" to expedite the appeal. Mrs. Aleksandrovich reported. Meanwhile, sources reported that Valeri Kukui, a Sverdlovsk Jew charged with anti-Soviet slander for distributing petitions criticizing the trials of Soviet Jews, may go on trial himself June 17. The 33-year-old Kukui, who has a 31-year-old wife, Ella, and a 6-year-old daughter, applied for an emigration visa a year ago. Sources said an anti-Kukui article recently appeared in the controlled Sverdlovsk press.

Soviet Union Reported Seeking Pacts With Other Arab Nations

JERUSALEM, June 7 (JTA)--Well informed sources here said today that the Soviet Union is trying to conclude treaties with Iraq, Syria and other Arab countries similar to the 15-year treaty of friendship and cooperation it signed with the Egyptian government in Cairo on May 27. The Israeli govern-

ment reportedly is waiting for further information on the new Moscow-Cairo pact and on the talks between President Anwar Sadat and President Nikolai Podgorny that preceded it. Israel was reportedly advised by the United States not to take hasty action or to draw premature conclusions about the treaty at the present stage. Israel apparently agrees with this approach and has indicated that it still favors the principle of a partial interim settlement with Egypt to reopen the Suez Canal. Sources here said Israel subscribes to the American view that diplomatic activities connected with a partial settlement militate against an immediate resumption of warfare. In spite of Egypt's hardening attitude reflected in Sadat's recent speeches, Israel does not consider an outbreak of fighting likely within the next few weeks at least and believes that every attempt to advance the cause of a partial settlement should be encouraged.

Premier Golda Meir meanwhile has postponed her previously delayed political report to the Knesset from tomorrow to Wednesday. The session has been advanced from noon to 9:30 a.m. (local time) so that the house has an opportunity to debate the report and vote on it the same day. The government is apparently anxious to get a speedy endorsement of its policies. The debate is expected to be a bitter one with attacks on government policy coming from the right-wing Gahal opposition and the pro-Moscow Rakach Communist faction. Mrs. Meir's political report was originally to have concentrated on the results of U.S. Secretary of State William P. Rogers' visit to Israel May 6-7 and his Middle East tour. While the Premier will cover that subject on Wednesday, she is expected to devote much of her report to subsequent developments, particularly the Soviet-Egyptian pact. Most informed circles here believe the treaty contains secret clauses, the nature of which can only be speculated on, and, therefore, Mrs. Meir cannot present an exhaustive analysis of the pact and its probable consequences.

Schumann Reported Doubtful Over Chances Of Interim Settlement Between Egypt, Israel

PARIS, June 7 (JTA)--A highly placed French diplomatic source told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that Foreign Minister Maurice Schumann is very doubtful over the chances of achieving an interim settlement between Israel and Egypt and told U.S. Secretary of State Rogers so at their meeting yesterday. Schumann, however, promised that his government would do nothing to hamper American efforts in that direction, the source said. Rogers met with President Georges Pompidou for nearly two hours yesterday. The Middle East situation was believed to have been one of the major subjects of their talk. Rogers conferred with Schumann last night. State Department spokesman Robert J. McCloskey confirmed later that they had discussed the Middle East. Rogers told newsmen that his talks with Pompidou were "useful and constructive." The Secretary of State is in Paris for a two-day ministerial meeting of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, a coordinating body for western economic and trade policies.

Remains Of Pre-Herodian Building Uncovered During Excavations In Old City

JERUSALEM, June 7 (JTA)--Prof. Nahman Avigad, head of an archaeological team, disclosed today that the remains of a pre-Herodian building of "monumental" proportions were unearthed during excavations in the Jewish quarter of the Old City last year. He said a column base almost two yards wide was found indicating that the structure possessed columns at least 12 yards high, reminiscent of the Hasmonean palace once built in Jerusalem. According to Prof. Avigad, such columns were usually used in a temple rather than a palace. King Herod, a ruler of Judaea, lived between 73-4 BCE. The archaeologist said capitals of "supurb design" were found near the column base.

Kolchinsky Badly Beaten, Sent To Corrective Camp For 'Hooligans,' 'Drunkards'

LONDON, June 7 (JTA)--A group representing the Universities Committee for Soviet Jewry demonstrated peacefully outside the Soviet Embassy today to protest the alleged mistreatment of Leonid Kolchinsky, a 19-year-old Jewish youth from Kharkov who, reportedly, was forcibly drafted into the Red Army after he expressed a wish to go to Israel. The group left a letter at the Embassy stating that according to their latest information, Kolchinsky was sent to a "corrective camp" in Siberia and is suffering from pneumonia. Mrs. Lena Volkova, a Soviet emigre from Kharkov who knew the Kolchinsky family, said the young man was drafted for military service after he renounced his Soviet citizenship and said the only country he would fight for was Israel. According to Mrs. Volkova he was ordered to report for duty in 24 hours but before he could he was badly beaten, arrested and jailed for 20 days for "causing a disturbance." Once in the Army he was told he would be sent to the Chinese front. Instead he was sent to a "corrective camp" for "drunkards and hooligans," Mrs. Volkova reported.

Jewish Community In Rumanian Town Celebrates Anniversary Of Rabbi

BUCHAREST, June 7 (JTA)--The Jewish community of Timisoara marked the 30th anniversary of the service of their Rabbi, Dr. Ernest Neumann. A festive service took place in the local synagogue. A memorial service for Rumanian rabbis, communal leaders and community officials who perished in the Nazi era took place at the Choral Synagogue in Bucharest. In accordance with an established tradition, the names of the martyrs were read during the service.

Yugoslav Jews Pledge To Continue Fight Against Anti-Semitism

BELGRADE, June 7 (JTA)--A conference of Jewish communities in Yugoslavia pledged today to continue to fight against any signs of anti-Semitism and praised the Yugoslav people and government for giving their fullest support to that struggle. The conference re-elected Lavoslav Kadelburg to another three-year term as president of the Yugoslavian Jewish communities. The popular weekly "Nin" reported five anti-Semitic incidents in its current issue. The paper condemned them. "Such things may happen elsewhere, in our country they cannot be tolerated," the article said. The Jewish conference adopted resolutions asserting Yugoslavian Jewry's solidarity with other Jewish communities all over the world. It approved reports on cultural activities, education, youth work, adult education and summer camp programs.

IBO Says Strike Has Little Effect On Sales; Shapp Refuses To Cross Picket Line

NEW YORK, June 7 (JTA)--The Israel Bond Organization claimed today that the strike of 500 employees now in its fourth week "has had very little effect so far in reducing Bond sales." A spokesman for the Bond Organization told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that according to unofficial estimates, at least \$2 million in bonds were sold at functions in 16 cities outside of New York yesterday. The spokesman confirmed reports that Gov. Milton J. Shapp of Pennsylvania refused to cross the picket line to attend a Bond dinner in Philadelphia last night at which he was to be the principal speaker. According to the IBO spokesman, the Philadelphia Bond office had advised Gov. Shapp, who is Jewish, that there was a strike and that he would be "excused" from attending the function because "we didn't want to embarrass him politically." A spokesman for Local 1707 of the Community and Social Agency Employees Union, AFL-CIO, told the JTA that 500 people were expected at the Philadelphia Bond dinner, the major function of the current campaign in that city, but only 200 showed up. The spokesman said he got the figure from the pickets. The IBO spokesman claimed that only 300 were expected, that 280 attended and that \$526,000 worth of bonds were sold. He was unable to confirm or deny a claim by the union spokesman that only 25 persons showed up for a Bond affair in Long Beach, Calif. yesterday at which 100 were expected. The union and the Bond management are continuing their negotiations through the New York State Mediation Service. A mediation session is scheduled for tomorrow. A session held last Thursday failed to produce progress toward a settlement, the union spokesman told the JTA.

Agudath Israel, COLPA Praise Bill Prohibiting Discrimination Against Sabbath Observers

NEW YORK, June 7 (JTA)--Agudath Israel of America and the National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs (COLPA) praised the State Legislature today for its passage of a bill prohibiting discrimination against Jewish Sabbath observers employed by private concerns. The Senate, echoing last week's action by the Assembly, approved the bill today. Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller, who endorsed the bill, is expected to sign it this week. Under it, a private employer may not release an employee who must leave early on Fridays or on the eves of Jewish holidays, nor may he refuse employment to an applicant who must follow that schedule--unless the employer can prove that the absences will adversely affect his business. Ample traveling time is also guaranteed. A similar bill, passed four years ago, applied to public employes. Rabbi Moshe Sherer, executive president of Agudath Israel, called the new bill "a historic breakthrough in the field of legislation affecting Jewish rights." He praised Rockefeller and the Governor's staff for "the sensitivity that they displayed to the needs of the religious Jewish community by tirelessly shepherding this landmark Sabbath bill through the labyrinth of the state legislative bodies." Rabbi Sherer also praised COLPA, which helped in the drafting of the Agudath Israel-sponsored measure. Julius Berman, COLPA president, said: "This legislative action is the culmination of a long legal and legislative effort to eliminate discrimination against Sabbath observers in employment. We are confident that this bill, when signed into law, will provide equal employment opportunities to Sabbath observers."

Trudeau Scored For Accepting Kosygin's Word That Many Jews Permitted To Emigrate

MONTREAL, June 7 (JTA)--Mrs. Catherine Shiff, an official of the Canadian Jewish Congress, castigated Canada's Premier Pierre Elliot Trudeau last night for "accepting a statement" by Premier Alexsei N. Kosygin that substantial numbers of Soviet Jews are being permitted to emigrate to Israel. Mrs. Shiff presided at a rally attended by 1,000 persons honoring Mrs. Rivka Aleksandrovich. The rally was organized by the CJC and the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry. "How is it Mr. Trudeau that you accept such a statement when the trials of Soviet Jews have resumed and people are harassed for expressing their wish to go to Israel?" Mrs. Shiff asked. She claimed that the number of Jews permitted to leave Russia was "mere tokenism." Mrs. Shiff's complaint was directed to the remarks by Premier Trudeau in the Canadian House of Commons replying to questions about his recent visit to the USSR. Referring to his meeting with Kosygin in Moscow, Trudeau said that while in the Soviet Union for a 10-day tour ending May 28, "I expressed to Mr. Kosygin the widespread concern in Canada over the alleged refusal of the Soviet government to permit its Jewish citizens to emigrate to Israel or to other countries of their choice. I was assured by Mr. Kosygin that these allegations were not well founded and that, in particular, his government had permitted the exit of Jews to Israel for many months in substantial numbers. I might add," Trudeau continued, "that Mr. Kosygin's statement has been corroborated by the Canadian government from other independent sources."

Hebrew Day School's Head Lauds Passage Of Non-Public School Aid Bill

NEW YORK, June 7 (JTA)--The State Legislature's approval over the weekend of \$33 million in additional grants to non-public schools--more than \$2 million of which will go to Jewish all-day elementary and high schools--was hailed today by Dr. Joseph Kaminetsky, national director of the National Association of Hebrew Day Schools. "Once again," he said in a telegram to Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller and the Legislature, "the Empire State has demonstrated its leadership in this breakthrough legislation of alleviating the burdensome cost which has beset the 55,000 children of our educational system. We applaud the unity that this legislation represents in recognizing the inestimable contribution our non-public schools are making to the total community." The \$33 million grants had been proposed by Rockefeller in his "Aid to Non-Public Schools" bill. They are earmarked for "acceptable secular educational services. Rabbi Moshe Sherer, executive president of Agudath Israel of America said today that the bill does not "prevent an actual expansion of the private-school system," as reported in the JTA Daily News Bulletin of May 27. The bill, he said, more accurately "limits the aid of the state to existing schools or to schools formed by the consolidation or merger of existing schools." He added that "very few elementary- and secondary-level yeshivas opened in New York State in the past few years." Dr. Kaminetsky will confer next Monday in the Young Israel Building, with Dr. Thomas W. Heath, state coordinator for non-public school services, "in order for our principals to be informed of the particulars of this bill." He reported that according to Dr. Heath, the June 3 checks to the yeshivas under the 1970 Mandated Services Act were not mailed as scheduled, "due to the state's financial condition."

