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SPECIAL TO JTA

Court Gives Government Another Week To Give JDL Copies Of Wiretap Transcript

NEW YORK, June 27 (JTA)--The government has been given another week - until next Friday - to comply with an order by the United States District Court, Brooklyn, to provide 10 Jewish Defense League leaders charged with gun conspiracy the transcripts of wiretaps made on their phones without a court order. Judge Jack Weinstein agreed to the government request last Friday after the court had given the government a week to produce the wiretap transcripts when the case was first heard on June 18. In an unusual move, U.S. Attorney Edward Neaher personally asked Judge Weinstein for the postponement. Neaher said Attorney General John N. Mitchell has been too busy with the controversy over the publication of the secret Pentagon report on the Vietnam war to consider the transcripts and decide whether to comply with the original deadline. Sources close to the case said Neaher's personal appearance and request for a delay, despite reports that the Justice Department would, consistent with earlier policy, not turn over the transcripts, indicated a battle between the Justice Department's office in Washington and the U.S. Attorney's office in New York. The sources said that while the Justice Department does not want to turn over the transcripts and is willing to wait for the Supreme Court ruling next summer on the legality of "national security" wiretaps not authorized by court order, the U.S. Attorney is so anxious to prosecute the JDL it is willing to hand over the logs.

Sources close to the case said the seeming discrepancy between Neaher's requested delay and the anxiousness to prosecute was motivated by the feeling that a week's delay would provide Neaher with more forceful arguments against the Justice Department in Washington. The government has argued that "overriding considerations" of national security permit the President to "engage in intelligence-gathering operations which he deems necessary for the conduct of foreign affairs." Judge Weinstein agreed to the week's delay to "avoid a confrontation between the Judiciary and the Executive." According to the government brief the wiretap was not based on internal national security but that "such surveillance was deemed necessary and essential to protect the nation and its citizens against hostile acts of a foreign power and to obtain information against foreign intelligence activities deemed essential to the security of the United States." There was no identification of the foreign power nor the nature of "hostile acts" in the government brief which was first presented to the U.S. District Court on June 18.

Foreign Ministry Denies Reports Israel, USSR Talk On Resumption Of Relations

JERUSALEM, June 27 (JTA)--The Foreign Ministry today emphatically denied press reports about talks between Israel and the Soviet Union on a possible resumption of diplomatic relations between the two countries. A senior official said there "have been no such talks and there are none now." On the other hand, the Foreign Ministry readily agrees that such relations would be most desirable. Foreign Minister Abba Eban said at a news conference on June 22 that the time was ripe for it. Israel would be anxious to have an ambassador in Moscow for a wide variety of reasons, not the least being a more tangible link with Soviet Jewry. But all hints Israel has so far made have been left unanswered, Foreign Ministry officials say. At today's Cabinet meeting the "publications around the Israeli donation of food and blankets to the Organization of African Unity were mentioned," it was learned, but the subject as such was not discussed. Officials afterwards stated that the Israeli offer has not yet been withdrawn, nor has a deadline been set for its lapse in case the Africans persist in their refusal to take it up. "It is up to the government to decide whether the offer should be declared lapsed," officials said. It is to be recalled, however, that the donation itself was decided by officials and not at Cabinet level.

ADL Chairman Says Charge Of 'Informer' Relic Of Medieval Times

ATLANTA, June 27 (JTA)--The chairman of the B'nai B'rith's Anti-Defamation League replied forcefully today to Jewish groups which criticized the defense agency recently for "informing" on members of the militant Jewish Defense League to the FBI. Seymour Graubard, addressing the annual plenary meeting of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council at which the ADL is a constituent, said the charges of "informer" raised "serious questions of principle." He termed the precept that Jews should not "inform" on other Jews a relic of medieval times when Jews "were universally the victims of anti-Semitism" and "the State was the enemy of the Jew." Its application to a Jewish community in the U.S., he added "suggests there is a similarity" between the American government and medieval regimes, a "comparison all of us reject out of hand." Graubard asked if the JDL's "violent activities" had been the work of non-Jewish groups, "would there be any question of our responsibility to respond to inquiries by a government agency about them? Are there separate criteria for Jews and non-Jews?" Graubard said the ADL was criticized for having responded to an FBI request for information about the JDL. He said the information it supplied was "inconsequential." It merely confirmed the identity of three local JDL leaders in the Philadelphia area who had already been so designated in newspaper stories.

Knesset Releases \$31.5 Million In Frozen Funds For War On Poverty

JERUSALEM, June 27 (JTA)--The Knesset Finance Committee took an important step in the war on poverty today by authorizing the release of \$31.5 million in frozen development budget funds to be used mainly to help the poor in Israeli cities and towns and to provide better housing for young couples with large families. The committee recommended further that the government find additional funds to apply toward solving the twin problems of poverty and the shortage of housing. Absorption Minister Nathan Peled addressed himself to those problems in a radio interview and replied to critics who charged discrimination against immigrants of Oriental origin. Peled, a member of Mapam, said all immigrants

were entitled to the same assistance and benefits regardless of their countries of origin. He said the size of apartments allocated to newcomers was determined by the size of the families only and by no other criteria. Peled said that most housing aid to immigrants was in the form of mortgages which were repaid to the State after a number of years.

Peled conceded that there were serious social problems in Israel. "The Black Panthers have given expression to a problem that has always existed," he said, referring to the militant Jerusalem slum youths who have been demonstrating against poverty and squalid living conditions. Peled agreed that social problems deserved high priority and admitted that mistakes have been made in the past such as spending far too much on public buildings while neglecting the housing needs of large families. Police meanwhile are investigating a fire in the Musrara slums last Thursday evening that destroyed a shack used by the Black Panthers for their headquarters. A police spokesman said the investigation was searching for evidence of arson and promised a report "in the next few days." Angry youths said the fire had destroyed all documents as well as several suits of clothing the Panthers received recently from the United States. Mayor Teddy Kolek was one of the first to arrive at the scene of the blaze Thursday. He said the municipality offered to help repair the damage but that he had not been approached for compensation for the loss of belongings or help in finding the Panthers a new building.

Zand in Israel Says it is A Dream Come True; Will Teach At Bar-Ilan University

TEL AVIV, June 27 (JTA)--A breathless Mikhail Zand arrived here by plane Thursday night with a group of other Russian Jews from Vienna and said over and over again "I can hardly believe it--my dream has come true." He was accompanied by six members of his family--his wife and two children, his mother, his sister and his sister's daughter. The Russian Jewish Orientalist scholar had undergone unusual mistreatment even for Soviet Jews seeking to leave for Israel, including a suspension of his visa on the eve of a scheduled departure. Academic groups in the United States and Europe had appealed to Soviet authorities on his behalf and he was again given exit documents earlier in the week. Speaking to reporters in good Hebrew, Dr. Zand, who will be a lecturer at Bar-Ilan University, said: "Is it true? This morning I was still in Moscow and now I am at home, and alive." He told reporters of his experiences in Soviet jails, of ill treatment, of his hunger strike and efforts by his Russian jailers to feed him forcibly. After he was dismissed from his job, he said, he was banned from publishing any research studies. But, he added, "I am here and I feel good." He expressed the opinion that the best way to help Jews still in Russia was arousal of public opinion in their behalf.

Pincus Urges Jewish Communities To Give Top Priority To Jewish Education

JERUSALEM, June 27 (JTA)--Jewish Agency chairman Louis Pincus urged Jewish communities abroad to give top priority to Jewish education. Addressing a meeting of the Zionist General Council, Pincus said "Whereas previously the construction of hospitals or old-age homes may have occupied pride of place, today it belongs to Jewish education." He said that equal emphasis should be given to the content of Jewish education and how to maintain the unique status of Judaism in a multi-cultural society. Pincus said study of the Hebrew language was of major importance in this respect. However, he added, Jewish education must also place Israel in the center of the Jewish people and Jews must regard Israel as the focus of Jewish historic continuity and part of their identity. Jewish education, he concluded, must be based on the eternal values of the Jewish people as well as all that is good and beautiful in the cultures of other nations.

Rabbi Emanuel Rackman, a member of the Jewish Agency executive in New York, proposed that the World Zionist Organization establish a "think tank" to develop a four-point program of action. His points were: a reconstitution of Jewish life abroad, using among other things the mass communications media; subsidies for Jewish camps that are "truly Jewish in character" and for free Jewish universities and Jewish communes; Zionist leadership in Jewish day schools throughout the United States; the re-casting of Jewish textbooks to free them from the East European heritage and adapt them to the real experience of the diaspora. The Board of Governors of the reconstituted Jewish Agency held its first meeting in Jerusalem Friday and decided to convene three times a year. The next meeting was scheduled for the end of August. It was also decided to convene the next session of the Jewish Agency's Assembly in Dec., 1972. The Jewish Agency Executive was authorized to handle all current issues between formal meetings of the Board of Governors and the General Assembly.

Roiza Palatnik Sentenced To Two Years In Detention Camp; Denies All Charges

NEW YORK, June 27 (JTA)--Jewish librarian Roiza Palatnik was sentenced Thursday to two years in a regular detention camp, Jewish sources here reported. They said the female prosecutor, surnamed Tipunova, summed up for an hour and a half, calling Miss Palatnik a "traitor," influenced by "Zionist propaganda," who had engaged in "very dangerous" activities, having distributed "anti-Soviet materials" as a member of an "ideological front" that had made use of the nature of her job to further its designs. In her 40-minute defense, Miss Palatnik, who was 36 last Wednesday, denied the charges and said the trials of Soviet Jews were meant to intimidate Jews into relinquishing their attempts to migrate to Israel. She had not been influenced by "Zionist propaganda," she said, but by her own conscience, and would remain "strong and dignified" so as not to let down her fellow Jews. "I allowed myself the pleasure to think, which is still forbidden in the Soviet Union nowadays," she stated. The three judges deliberated five hours before rendering their decision. Relatives of Miss Palatnik called out: "We are with you, Roiza. All the Jewish people are with you. We will meet in Israel." Officers of the KGB (secret police) evicted the relatives from the courtroom for their outburst, the sources said.

Cabinet Approves National Five Year Slum Clearance Program

JERUSALEM, June 27 (JTA)--Spurred by recent demonstrations by slum dwellers, the Cabinet today took steps to solve the problem of squalid living conditions in Israel's major cities and towns. It approved a five year national slum clearance program, the details of which will be announced in the Knesset tomorrow by Housing Minister Ze'ev Sharef. It also approved a preliminary announcement by the Ministry to designate the run-down Nahlaot quarter of Jerusalem a slum rehabilitation area.

Moro Says Mideast Peace Prospects Remote; No Results From Jarring, Rogers Efforts

ROME, June 27 (JTA)--Italy's Foreign Minister Aldo Moro expressed serious concern yesterday over the situation in the Middle East. He told the Senate's foreign affairs committee that in his view peace prospects are remote. He said the Jarring Mission yielded no results and the peace initiative launched by U.S. Secretary of State William P. Rogers nearly a year ago "has been overtaken by the same fate." Moro said it was unrealistic to harbor illusions about the Middle East and added that he wasn't sure the present truce would endure. Italy wants the Suez Canal reopened but there's nothing the Italian government can do about it in the present circumstances, Moro told the lawmakers.

Kollek Charges Mrs. Meir, Pincus Appeasing Black Panthers

JERUSALEM, June 27 (JTA)--Mayor Teddy Kollek today accused Premier Golda Meir and Jewish Agency chairman Louis Pincus of, in effect, bending over backwards to appease the militant Black Panthers after having ignored for years the problems of poverty that gave rise to Panther agitation. Kollek specifically disapproved of the interviews Mrs. Meir and Pincus recently granted spokesmen for the disaffected Jerusalem slum youths. He said that when Panther leader Eddie Malka was asked to come for a job interview, the latter checked his calendar and said he couldn't make it because he had to see several Knesset members and Cabinet ministers. Kollek assailed Pincus and the Jewish Agency leadership for allegedly ignoring Jerusalem's social problems until now. "Mr. Pincus suddenly discovered that there are social problems in the city," he said. "Two-and-a-half years ago when I spoke at the Conference on Human Needs, I said that social problems in the cities are most acute because of the contrast between wealth and poverty. The great brains of the Jewish Agency argued me out of court. Now Mr. Pincus thinks he will solve the problem by seeing a Panther," Kollek said.

Jewish Anti-Poverty Official Charges Jews Excluded From Participation In Programs

NEW YORK, June 27 (JTA)--A Jewish anti-poverty official charged here that poor New York Jews were "systematically denied participation" in city poverty programs except in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn. The charge was made Friday at a hearing by a House subcommittee on poverty and manpower by S. Elly Rosen, speaking for the New York Association of Jewish Community, Anti-Poverty and Municipal Employees. He also told the Congressmen that the city's anti-poverty agencies were fomenting ethnic conflict between Blacks and Jews. He said poor Jews had been "forcibly prevented" from voting in elections for community corporations which, in 26 officially-designated poverty areas, serve as channels for allocating federal and city funds for anti-poverty projects. Asked who barred Jews from such voting, as well as allegedly beating and otherwise abusing them, Rosen replied that it was usually Blacks who, he said, controlled most of the anti-poverty programs in New York City. Asserting that 800,000 Jews in New York City live below the poverty line, he said that "the indignities suffered by the poor Jew in this city are enormous, horrendous and growing." He said the agency to correct the problem was the New York City Council Against Poverty, the city's principal agency for dealing with poverty. The Congressmen are conducting hearings on New York City's anti-poverty programs but do not have specific legislation before them.

Government To Withhold Funds From Black Group Until Anti-Semitism Disproved

WASHINGTON, June 27 (JTA)--The Blackman's Development Center, run by the Blackman's Volunteer Army of Liberation, will not get a \$197,847 government training grant until an administrative audit proves that its director, Col. Hassan Jeru-Ahmed, is not an anti-Semite and that the funds will not be used to breed bigotry. Charges to that effect have been leveled against the Center by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and by Rep. Robert M. Gialmo, Democrat of Connecticut. Gialmo said last week that as a member of the District of Columbia Appropriations subcommittee, he planned to press for a General Accounting Office audit of the Center's operations and a "high-level review" of federal funding. Jeru-Ahmed responded with a \$10 million slander-and-libel suit, but said he welcomed an audit and has repudiated 1967 statements that led to the charges of anti-Semitism against him. Jeru-Ahmed, 47, self-proclaimed head of the "provisional Government of the United Moorish Republic," has been receiving federal funds for his narcotics-rehabilitation programs here and in Spotsylvania County, Va. But ADL general counsel Arnold Forster told the JTA April 14 that Jeru-Ahmed had a background of "racism, bigotry and anti-Semitism," and ADL fact-finding director Justin Finger added that Jeru-Ahmed has been "involved with known anti-Semites and racists."

Peace Committee Says Israel Fully Committed To Negotiate With Arabs

BRUSSELS, June 27 (JTA)--A 20-member delegation of the "Committee for a negotiated peace between Israel and the Arab states" returned from a visit to Israel today fully committed to Israel's position with regard to peace talks and the nature of a Middle East settlement. The delegation was headed by Henri Rolin, a Socialist Minister, and included ten leading members of Belgium's parliament. Their report stated: "There is a unanimous desire in Israel to negotiate with the Arabs. The Israeli military presence in the administered territories presents a low profile and is hardly evident. The policy of open bridges and free movement contributes to a climate of peace. Israel has a right to demand secure and recognized borders. Certain rectification of the armistice lines are indispensable for a peace settlement. We believe negotiations between Israel and the Arab states involved be held without prior conditions of any kind. Any proposal to divide Jerusalem again must be rejected if peace is to reign in the Middle East."

LATE BULLETIN: WASHINGTON, June 27 (JTA)--Rabbi Meir Kahane, national chairman of the Jewish Defense League and at least 37 of his youthful followers were arrested today in a series of scuffles with police in front of the Soviet Embassy. According to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency reporter's eye-witness account, many of the police had removed their badges and name identification plates. About 16 unbadged police beat up Larry Fine, the JDL's executive director, when he cursed a police officer for putting a wrestler's hold on a youth aged about 14. Fine was handcuffed at the time. He was seen bleeding from the head, according to the JTA account. Rabbi Kahane and 11 of his followers were arrested Friday for gathering closer than 500 feet from the Soviet Embassy.

NCRAC Leaders Warn Jewish Community Not To Become Isolated From Social Issues

ATLANTA, June 27 (JTA)--Two leaders of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council warned the organized American Jewish community today not to allow its "priority concerns" of Israel and Soviet Jewry to isolate it from the grave social problems confronting America. The warning was contained in addresses by Albert E. Arent of Washington, D.C., newly re-elected chairman of the NCRAC, and his immediate predecessor, Jordan C. Band, to 250 representatives of the Council's 29 constituent organizations attending the NCRAC's annual plenary meeting here. Both drew a distinction between emphasizing "top priority" as a category in which each placed the issues of the Middle East and Soviet Jewry--and treating them as "pre-emptive concerns" which Arent and Band said, tend to separate Jewish activity from the mainstream of American life. Arent deplored the fact that "too many Jews seem prepared to withdraw into an exclusive Jewish particularism." Community relations, he told the gathering, "is the recruitment of allies." He said "it would be arrogance" for the Jewish community "to imagine that we can effectively communicate with our fellow Americans" in seeking public support for Israel and Soviet Jews while remaining indifferent to "crucial national problems."

Band similarly urged the NCRAC constituents to become more actively involved in the problems of urban decay, crime, drug abuse, poverty and ecology. The plenary meeting explored a number of such issues. A proposed policy statement calling for "immediate" American withdrawal from Vietnam--long a divisive issue among NCRAC agencies--produced a compromise resolution calling for withdrawal "at the earliest possible date, and pending that time, immediate steps by our government to initiate a cease-fire and steps to ensure free elections in South Vietnam." In another action in which only the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America dissented, the plenary reaffirmed its opposition to tax-supported sectarian-sponsored education. A policy declaration on civil liberties condemned secret data gathering by government agencies on the personal habits and political views and activities of private citizens. The declaration warned of a threat of "cesser dictatorship" posed by the uncontrolled collection of such data and expressed strong opposition to the government's use of computerized data banks to store information on private citizens: "unless they are severely limited as to purpose, content and use." The NCRAC plenary opened Thursday and will close tonight.

ADL Leader Urges Congress To Pass Bills Authorizing VOA To Broadcast In Yiddish

NEW YORK, June 27 (JTA)--Citing "the more than 3 million Jews in the Soviet Union who have been deprived of their cultural heritage and who would welcome support from abroad in their struggles to retain their ethnic identity," the chairman of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith urged that Congress pass two pending bills to authorize the Voice of America to beam Yiddish and Hebrew broadcasts into the USSR. The official, Seymour Graubard, also asked the State Department to initiate two such weekly broadcasts--one in Yiddish, one in Hebrew--"for the culture-hungry Jewish audience in the USSR." Graubard rejected the recent contention of Frank Shakespeare, director of the United States Information Agency, that while the U.S. has "deep concern" for Soviet Jews, it was "not prepared" to initiate such programming because "we would be in effect, increasing our costs without materially increasing our audience." Said Graubard: "The United States of America has always stood for the rights of intellectual freedom and education which such broadcasts would represent. It is time that the Voice of America truly became the 'voice of American conscience' with regard to the agony of Soviet Jews. The Jewish ethnic group, singled out by the Soviet authorities for special harassment and denial of rights, has never been represented (by the VOA)." The VOA is an arm of the USIA.

CCAR Postpones Vote On Intermarriage, Affiliation With WJC

ST. LOUIS, June 27 (JTA)--The Central Conference of American Rabbis put off until next year final votes on officiation at mixed marriages and CCAR affiliation with the World Jewish Congress. The Conference, ending its 82nd annual convention last Thursday, stood by its position of "discouraging" officiation at mixed marriages; the CCAR president, Rabbi Roland B. Gittelsohn, had asked for a stronger statement flatly opposing such officiation. The convention said it wanted more information before voting on WJC affiliation; Rabbi Gittelsohn and vice president David Polish had recommended the tie as the WJC "guarantees the autonomy of all of its respective member organizations."

Two Sukhoi-7 Bombers Overflying Israeli Territory Draw Anti-Aircraft Fire

TEL AVIV, June 27 (JTA)--Two Egyptian Sukhoi-7 fighter-bombers overflew Israeli positions on the east bank of the Suez Canal yesterday morning, drawing anti-aircraft fire. Israel has lodged another complaint of cease-fire violations with the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization. Security officials reported Friday that 11 Arab terrorists were killed during the preceding 48 hour period in clashes with Israeli patrols on the Syrian and Lebanese borders. No Israeli casualties were reported. A wounded terrorist was captured by an Israeli patrol Friday near the site of one of the clashes on the Lebanese border. A cache of arms and ammunition was found nearby. Israeli officials said that one of the terrorists killed last week was a senior commander. His funeral was described over Damascus radio.

Bernard G. Richards, Jewish Leader, Founder Of AJCongress, Dies At 94

NEW YORK, June 27 (JTA)--Funeral services were held today for Bernard G. Richards, a Jewish leader whose career spanned more than 50 years, who died Friday at the age of 94. He was a founder of the American Jewish Congress and a member of the executive committee of the Zionist Organization of America and served as a member of the American Jewish delegation to the Peace Conference in Paris in 1919. Ten years ago he had been honored on the 25th anniversary of the Jewish Information Bureau, which he had created and headed almost until his death. He had worked as an editor and correspondent for a wide variety of general and Jewish periodicals. He was widely known for his fictional character, Keidansky, embodied in his first book, "Discourses of Keidansky," a wryly philosophical Jewish amateur philosopher. Born in Keidan, Lithuania, he followed his father, an earlier immigrant, to Idaho Springs, Colo., where he worked in his father's drygoods store. He was then 13. He then went to Boston and eventually settled in New York City.