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## State Official Urged To Investigate Charges Of Block-Busting

NEW YORK, Aug. 29 (JTA)—John Lomenzo, New York Secretary of State, has been asked by the Association of Jewish Anti-Poverty Workers to investigate what it charges are moves by the New York City Welfare Department to allegedly pave the way for block-busting in Jewish neighborhoods. Elly Rosen, Association executive director, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today, that he wrote to Lomenzo last Friday urging him to create legislation prohibiting "insensitive city officials from destroying our neighborhoods." The AJAPW charged on Aug. 18 that the Welfare Department has "leased homes in the heart of Jewish sections "and dumped multiple fatherless families into these houses," thereby "causing panic in the community and opening a wedge for the onerous block-busters." The group made the same charge on Friday when it met with Jules Sugarman, head of the Human Resources Administration and Commissioner of Social Services. Rosen told the JTA that Sugarman asserted, during the meeting, that he planned to continue this practice and that the middle class communities would be expected to help the city with its welfare burdens. According to Rosen, Sugarman indicated that he had no other alternative: these families needed homes and the city would have to place them wherever it could find available housing. Sugarman could not be reached today for comment.

Rosen stated that the families being "dumped" in these "stable middle class neighborhoods," were so destructive that even the City Housing Authority refused to rent them apartments in the city's housing projects. According to him, these families are now being placed in Laurelton and Rockaway in Queens, and East Flatbush in Brooklyn. These are the same areas being plagued by block-busters and recently declared "non-solicitation" areas by Lomenzo, Rosen asserted. He also noted that Mrs. Eleanor Holmes Norton, the City Human Rights Commissioner, has ordered a probe into the block-busting practices in those areas. "What good are those probes when the city itself is the biggest block-buster?" Rosen asked. Block-busting is a practice of unscrupulous realtors who sell a home on a white block to a Black family and then offer to buy homes from the other white families on the block at deflated prices caused by the panic the realtors seek to create. As white owners flee, the realtors sell the homes to Black families at inflated prices.

The AJAPW stated that this practice was being encouraged by welfare officials, and that homes in such upper middle class areas as Forest Hills, Kew Gardens, Rego Park and in Queens, and Boro Park in Brooklyn would soon be leased at highest prices and made available to welfare clients. Rosen said this would finally achieve "what the most vicious block-busters could not: destroy the Jewish neighborhoods and accelerate the abandonment of the city by its middle class residents." In his letter to Lomenzo, Rosen stated that Blacks and whites are opposed to indiscriminate placing of families with severe social and economic problems in areas in which they could not relate. Moreover, Rosen added, these families were never given supportive services by the Welfare Department and consequently were left without any contacts, causing them and their children further anguish. "Unless this terrible practice is stopped," Rosen stated, "block-busters will have an ongoing holiday in New York City." The AJAPW indicated that despite Sugarman's appeal for support in middle class areas, he has not attempted to place welfare families in Bensonhurst, Rosedale and other non-Jewish white neighborhoods. "Once again, the passive Jew is made a patsy of this city's administration," Rosen declared.

## SPECIAL TO JTA

### Possible Nominee For District Judge Accused Of Bias Against Jews, Other Minorities

MILWAUKEE, Aug. 29 (JTA)—Rep. Glenn R. Davis, considered a possible nominee for judge of the U.S. District Court in the Eastern District of Wisconsin has been accused by four Wisconsin organizations of being anti-Semitic and prejudiced against Blacks and Italians. The Milwaukee Jewish Council, the Wisconsin State Conference of Branches of NAACP, the Wisconsin Regional Board of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, and the Pompeii Men's Club, representing Italians, announced in the press their opposition to the possible appointment of Davis, a Wisconsin Republican. They charged he held deep prejudices against these minority groups and that he has demonstrated a lack of judicial temperament and the standards of a United States district judge. Davis, who reportedly has been cleared by the Justice Department and has had his name referred to the American Bar Association, claimed he was not prejudiced and that the accusations were politically motivated. A telegram sent to President Nixon by Roy Wilkins, National Chairman of the NAACP, stated that Davis lacked the "ability to administer equal justice without regard to race, creed or national origin. The nomination of a man like Mr. Davis to the Federal Judiciary can only undermine respect for law and the courts." The Jewish Council also released the text of a letter written to Attorney General Mitchell in June. The letter charged that Davis accused the late Sen. Alexander Wiley (R-Wis.), in 1956 of acting as an agent of a foreign country because Wiley spoke at an Israel Bond Dinner.

The Council letter also included a complaint that in November 1962, Davis, then in private law practice in Waukesha, Wisconsin, wrote on behalf of a client to the credit manager of a building company in Wisconsin who had requested payment of an obligation and included in his letter the statement that "we do not particularly expect a response in the language of a Jewish bill collector." The home office of the building company, located in Minnesota, contacted the executive director of the Minnesota Jewish Community Relations Council. When the director wrote a letter to Davis about Davis' anti-Semitic language, Davis insulted the director by labelling him as a "professional Jew," a phrase questioning not only the director's leadership status but also his personal status as a Jew. Davis made no effort to apologize to the credit manager or the community relations director until almost one year later when the Capitol Times, of Madison, Wis., published an article relating the incident. Davis had just announced his candidacy for representative of the 11th district of Wisconsin and claimed that the article was politically

motivated, Davis said his phrase "Jewish bill collector" referred to the character of Shylock in Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice, who wanted a pound of flesh and that he did not consider the remark to be anti-Semitic. In an interview last week, Davis challenged any individual to prove that he discriminated against anyone on the basis of race, color or creed.

Davis then cited two exceptions which he termed "unfortunate incidents." Those were of the 1956 accusation of Wiley and the letter in 1962 in which he called the credit manager a "Jewish bill collector." Davis again stated that all of the charges against him were politically motivated. Several days ago, Sen. Birch Bayh, Democrat of Indiana, said that he had urged President Nixon not to appoint Davis to a federal judgeship. Bayh said he sent a letter to Nixon earlier last week stating: "Davis has not demonstrated the high standards of temperament and impartiality that we must demand from all federal judges. I urge you not to send his name to the Senate. Bayh said it was his responsibility as a member of the Senate that the credibility of the legal institutions be held as high as possible. Bayh, who led campaigns to defeat Nixon's nomination of Clement F. Haynsworth, Jr. and G. Harold Carswell to the U.S. Supreme Court, said he would lead a similar fight to prevent Davis' nomination, if necessary. The Indiana Democrat made this disclosure at a press conference preceding a testimonial dinner by the Jewish National Fund of Wisconsin for Attorney Harry S. Reemson, a leader of the Jewish community and president of the First National Bank of Glendale, Gov. Patrick Lucey, the main speaker at the dinner, asked to comment on Bayh's attack on Davis, said he would be "disappointed if President Nixon saw fit to nominate Rep. Davis for a judicial post." Davis was out of town and could not be reached for comment.

### Egypt, Jordan Preparing Anti-Israel Offensive in General Assembly, Security Council

JERUSALEM, Aug. 29 (JTA)--Israel anticipates a two-pronged diplomatic assault in the United Nations next month, spear-headed by Jordan in the Security Council and Egypt in the General Assembly. Foreign Minister Abba Eban said at today's Cabinet meeting that the Israeli delegation would expose the full story of atrocities and desecration during Jordan's 19-year occupation of East Jerusalem if Jordan raised the question of Jerusalem in the Security Council. Egypt, meanwhile, was said to be planning to seek a pro-Arab "interpretation" of the Security Council Resolution 242 when the General Assembly begins its session Sept. 21. The semi-official Cairo newspaper Al Ahram reported yesterday that Egypt will press for a Security Council debate on the Middle East crisis next week and will request permission to participate although it is not a Council member. Other sources said, however, that Egypt intends to bypass the Council and seek an Assembly consensus that Resolution 242 requires total Israeli withdrawal behind the pre-June, 1967 armistice lines. The sources said that Egypt is convinced that one of the Western powers would veto such a resolution in the Security Council but that it could muster the two-thirds majority necessary for passage in the Assembly. An Assembly resolution would be in the nature of a recommendation and, therefore, not binding but would have a strong political effect. Beirut radio said today that President Anwar Sadat of Egypt and other Arab heads of state may attend the Assembly session, apparently to capture the initiative and the limelight from Jordan. In the Middle East debate, According to Al Ahram, Egypt's UN Ambassador Mohammed Hassan el Zayyat will leave Cairo tomorrow for New York to lead the Egyptian diplomatic offensive. Most observers here, however, doubt that Sadat would leave Egypt at the present time. According to Michael Aronson, the Cabinet Secretary, Eban warned that a Security Council debate on Jerusalem would be harmful to the peaceful situation that prevails in the city. The Foreign Minister stressed that Israel's position on Jerusalem is unchanged—that the city must remain united, undivided and must be developed for the benefit of all of its inhabitants. Several Cabinet ministers reportedly criticized the United States for not doing enough to avert a Council debate on Jerusalem. Eban did not give an evaluation of the possible outcome of a vote on the subject in the Council. It is understood that Israel raised the subject in recent diplomatic contacts with the United States. Sources here said Washington has apparently reversed a previous stand and is not now making active efforts to avert a Jerusalem debate.

### Warm Welcome in Moscow For Six Israeli Visitors; Meet With Worshipers, Rabbi

TEL AVIV, Aug. 29 (JTA)--Six Israelis currently visiting the Soviet Union on the invitation of the Soviet Peace Committee received a warm welcome when they arrived in Moscow last Thursday and had a "general discussion on Israeli-Russian relations" with Peace Committee members, one of the delegates reported today in a telephone conversation from Odessa. Prof. Dan Miron, of the Hebrew University's literature department said the group met with Jewish worshippers at the Odessa synagogue yesterday and had a talk this morning with the Odessa Rabbi Israel Schwartzblatt. Their itinerary includes Kishinev, Leningrad and other Soviet cities. The Soviet Peace Committee, which extended the invitation, is a government-sponsored unit. The Israeli visitors are members of the Committee for Improving Relations with the Soviet Union but none has an official position in Israel. Two are affiliated with the Communist-sponsored Israeli League for Friendship with the Soviet Union. Tass, the Soviet news agency, described the group as "progressive public figures" seeking "to become acquainted with the life of the Soviet Union."

One of the delegates, Nathan Yalin-Mor, former Stern Gang leader and a former Knesset member, was quoted as saying on his arrival in Moscow that the group hoped to talk to Soviet Jews, "listen to them (and) learn first hand of their experience here." He added, "We are certainly going to talk with our hosts and perhaps some other people about the political situation in the Middle East. I think there is a basis for understanding, even on that." The Israeli said his group "shall certainly interest ourselves" in the question of Soviet Jewish emigration. Other members of the delegation are James Jacob Rosenthal, Parliamentary correspondent emeritus of the newspaper Haaretz, Yaacov Riffin, a former Mapam MK, Ruth Luvitch and Moshe Edelberg, members of the Israel Peace Committee and the Israeli League for Friendship with the Soviet Union.

### Sverdlovsk Jews Ask To Be Allowed To Meet With Israeli Delegation

NEW YORK, Aug. 29 (JTA)--Eight Jews from Sverdlovsk sent a cable Friday to the Soviet Committee for Peace in Moscow asking that they be allowed to discuss with six Israelis now in Russia the case of Valery Kukul, the 33-year-old engineer sentenced in June to three years imprisonment for alleged anti-Soviet activities, informed Jewish sources reported here today. The Israelis—members of the Israeli

Committee for Improving Relations with the Soviet Union—were invited by the Peace Committee, a government-sponsored unit, to spend two weeks in Russia. The Sverdlovsk Jews wrote in their telegram that Kukul's only crime was his struggle for the right to go to Israel. They asked the Peace Committee to do its utmost to convince the authorities to grant exit visas to Israel to Kukul, his wife, Ella, his child and his friends who struggled together with him for their right to emigrate. The signers of the telegram to the Peace Committee were his wife, Valadimir Aks, Vira Voltovietzky, Ilya Voltovietzky, Bina Zeevina, Rita Kiselman, Yuli Kocherovsky, and Vladimir Markman.

### Jewish Agency Fund-Raising Committee To Increase Goals For 1972

JERUSALEM, Aug. 29 (JTA)—The United Jewish Appeal in the United States and the United Israel Appeal—Keren Hayesod in other countries are expected to raise this year one-third more money than they did last year, the Jewish Agency's committee on world fund-raising was told today. The provisional target figure of the UJA and the UIA for 1971 had been \$600 million—\$400 million in the U.S. and \$200 million in other countries. This target figure is now not considered large enough and a decision on how much to increase this is expected tomorrow. The Jewish Agency's fund-raising committee met today under the chairmanship of Edward Ginsberg of Cleveland, Ohio. The associate chairman is Michael Sacher of London. After hearing from Jewish Agency members about Israel's defense needs in addition to the burdens imposed by aliyah absorption settlement, welfare, housing, education and the problem of poverty, the committee resolved that in 1972 world Jewry will be called upon to make a still greater effort. This decision was taken despite the fact that this year's contributions are expected to reach a record figure. Ginsberg reported that in the U.S. there are now one million contributors to the UJA. Shmshon Kreutner, director of Keren Hayesod, said that in countries in which the UIA is active, there are 340,000 contributors. This means that in most communities the fund-raising agencies have reached the majority of Jewish families.

### Ben-Gurion Says Israeli Scientist Worked For Year In Communist China In 1963

TEL AVIV, Aug. 29 (JTA)—David Ben-Gurion disclosed Friday that during his term in office a top Israeli scientist spent more than a year in Communist China helping the Peking government solve a problem. The former Premier spoke at a meeting of Hagana veterans in Haifa commemorating the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Jewish defense movement. He did not mention the scientist's name but said he was in China in 1963. Some observers here believe Ben-Gurion was referring to Prof. Helmut Epstein, an internationally known expert on raising cows. Ben-Gurion told the meeting that a rapprochement between the United States and China may emerge as a factor promoting world peace provided that "America helps the Chinese redeem the lands the Russians took from China."

### Dayan Agrees To Permit West Bank Mayors To Hold First Political Meeting Since 1967

JERUSALEM, Aug. 29 (JTA)—Defense Minister Moshe Dayan has given permission for the first political meeting of West Bank Arab notables since the June, 1967 Six-Day War. Dayan was reported today to have informed the mayors of towns in Judeaea and Samaria that they may convene a large gathering to discuss "whatever it deemed fit." Shelkh Mohammed Ali Jaabari, the Mayor of Hebron, has confirmed that a gathering "will be held" though the time and place have not been decided. The projected meeting will be an outgrowth of the first conference of West Bank mayors held at Beit Sahur two weeks ago. The agenda of that meeting was limited to the Arab League's threat to boycott products from the West Bank and Gaza Strip exported to neighboring Arab states. Jaabari has scheduled a luncheon next Sunday for the same mayors who participated in the Beit Sahur conference. Nothing has been said about the topics that might be raised but Jaabari has been stressing recently the necessity to work for an "end to the military government" on the West Bank. He said yesterday that the local population cannot accept the present situation indefinitely. But he dismissed a recent warning by President Anwar Sadat of Egypt that this year would be the decisive one. Jaabari noted that he had "heard similar statements in the past" and added, "Even 1972 will not be decisive."

### Israeli Troops Fire On Overflying UAR Planes; Lebanon Approves Budget For Weapons

TEL AVIV, Aug. 29 (JTA)—Israeli troops along the eastern bank of the Suez Canal opened anti-aircraft fire yesterday at Egyptian military planes which flew over their positions, a military spokesman here said. The spokesman said Israel complained to the United Nations staff in Jerusalem about this Egyptian violation of the Middle East cease-fire. According to the spokesman, a pair of Sukhoi-7, Russian-built jet fighter-bombers, flew over Israeli positions along the northern sector of the canal. Fifteen minutes later, he said, two more flew over positions along the central sector. Meanwhile, the Lebanese Parliament, in an extraordinary closed-door session Thursday, approved a budget of 200 million pounds—around \$60 million—for equipping the army with modern weaponry. Beirut radio reported Friday. Acting Defense Minister Elias Saba said the new equipment would include the most sophisticated arms, usable for 10 years, as Lebanon could not afford to replace her weaponry more often. Premier Saeb Salaam said the new equipment would be obtained from "any source possible." He called Lebanon "not aggressive, but determined to quell any aggression."

### 16 Suspected Terrorists Detained By Security Forces; Armed Terrorist Killed

TEL AVIV, Aug. 29 (JTA)—Sixteen suspected Arab terrorists were detained yesterday by Israeli security forces searching the El Burej refugee camp in the Gaza Strip. Some of those detained may have been involved in a murder in the camp last week, according to Israeli officials. El Burej was one of the first camps in which security roads were constructed and it has been one of the quietest camps in the Gaza Strip. But because of the murder there last week, Israeli forces accompanied by Defense Minister Moshe Dayan and the army's southern commander Aric Sharon, surrounded the camp yesterday morning and ordered the men to concentrate in the plaza. After an identification parade, the Israelis detained the 16 who are suspected of subversive activities. In another refugee camp, Jebalya, an armed terrorist was killed during an encounter with an Israeli army patrol yesterday afternoon. Three other terrorists escaped and searches were conducted to catch them.

### 23,000 Workers From Occupied Territories Presently Employed In Israel

JERUSALEM, Aug. 29 (JTA)—Labor Minister Yosef Almog reported to the Cabinet today that 23,000 laborers from the occupied territories are presently employed in Israel and another 7000 are working in the country who did not obtain their jobs through the labor exchanges.

### Three Riga Jews Arrested; Riga Jewish Family Appeal For Emigration Refused

NEW YORK, Aug. 29 (JTA)--The American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry has learned of the arrest of three Riga Jews, at least two of whom had been on a hunger strike at the Office of Registration and Visas (OVR) in the Latvian capital. According to Richard Maass, chairman of the Conference, early reports indicated that Yerahmiel Trubeskin (Triskin) and Muna Yechielson had launched a hunger strike in order to dramatize to the world the refusal of Soviet authorities to grant their requests to leave for Israel. The Conference reported that the two were arrested shortly after a demonstration was launched Aug. 22. Together with a third associate, Menuha Tesel, they were sentenced last Monday to fifteen days in prison for "hooliganism."

Maass denounced the police persecution of those Soviet Jews who "have merely utilized non-violent methods to demonstrate the denial of their human rights to their Soviet fellow-citizens and to the citizens of the world." Maass also reported that a Riga Jewish family had sent an appeal to the UN Commission on Human Rights but that so far there has been no acknowledgement by the United Nations Human Rights Division in the Secretariat. Gregory Abramovich Glikstein, a 40-year-old engineer has requested the right to leave for Israel for himself, his wife, their two sons and parents. Their latest request was refused on July 4 but, according to Maass, "Mr. Glikstein is prepared to face the Soviet bureaucracy, once more, and request that permission be granted for his family to leave and to live as Jews in Israel." Maass urged that American Jews and Christians join in a humanitarian effort to have those Soviet Jews who wish to do so be granted the right to leave for Israel or elsewhere.

### Penn State Moves To Avoid Conflict Between School Activities, Rosh Hashana

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 29 (JTA)--To avoid conflict this year between academic activities and the Rosh Hashana holy days for Jewish students enrolled at the Pennsylvania State University and its Commonwealth campuses, alternate plans have been developed, it was announced by Dr. Norman M. Wall, of Pottsville, Chairman of the Pennsylvania Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith Regional Advisory Board and David S. Zelitch, of Philadelphia, Chairman of the Pennsylvania ADL Board's Discriminations Committee. According to Zelitch, the Pennsylvania State University invited the ADL to assist them in developing appropriate alternate arrangements for Jewish students and that the ADL regional director, Samuel Lewis Gaber, was in communication with University officials in the spring and at a later meeting on Aug. 11 at the University Park Campus. "These consultations in which the Hillel Foundation at Penn State was involved with the ADL were intended to resolve wherever possible the conflict this year with the Rosh Hashana holy days which are observed from sundown on Sunday, September 19 to sundown on Tuesday, September 21," Zelitch said. The university's statement on the matter noted that "it is sensitive to the concerns of the Jewish community for the appropriate observance of holidays such as Rosh Hashana. Where conflicts resulting from these observances occur, the University has made alternative arrangements for the students affected. Students who wish to avail themselves of these alternative arrangements should contact the Office of Religious Affairs."

Zelitch stated that the university's statement is applicable to the entire university, but the reference to the Office of Religious Affairs obviously concerns only the University Park Campus. Consequently, Zelitch pointed out, the university has told us that the Directors of the Commonwealth campuses have been advised that: "In preparing the calendar for an academic year, the university makes every effort to avoid conflicts with religious holidays. However, conflicts are sometimes unavoidable. When they occur, efforts are made to provide alternative arrangements for the students affected. This year the Jewish New Year is observed from sundown on Sunday, Sept. 19, to sundown on Tuesday, Sept. 21. If these days fall during the orientation, advising, or registration at your campus, it is suggested that you provide alternative times for these activities for those students who wish to observe these religious holidays." Dr. Wall and Zelitch said they were pleased by the cooperation of the university, and that Gaber will be in continuing consultation with the university to obviate conflicts in the future.

### National Foundation For Jewish Culture Awards Fellowships, Grants

NEW YORK, Aug. 29 (JTA)--Ten pre-doctoral fellowships to American graduate students in Jewish Studies, and five grants-in-aid to faculty members teaching and doing research in Jewish Studies have been made by the National Foundation for Jewish Culture, it was announced by Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver, president of the Foundation. The new grants bring to almost \$250,000 the grants made by the Foundation over the last decade. The awards were recommended by the Foundation's Academic Advisory Council, of which Prof. Salo W. Baron of Columbia and Prof. Harry A. Wolfson of Harvard are Honorary Chairmen. In making the announcement of the awards, Rabbi Silver said that the selection of "only 15 grantees from among the more than 120 qualified applicants was a difficult and unhappy task. In many cases, the major reason for turning down an applicant was the lack of sufficient funds. We can only hope that increased funding will be available next year." Commenting on the ten NFJC Pre-doctoral Fellows, Dr. Silver stated, "They will be a welcome addition to the growing number of well-prepared American scholars needed to fill the college faculty positions in Jewish Studies now opening up throughout the United States." Subject areas of the projects aided by the grants cover a wide range from ancient to contemporary in many disciplines, including Jewish History, Philosophy, Art, Language and Literature, Sociology, Politics and Rabbinics.

### Three JDL Members Freed Of Charges Of Unlawful Entry Into Soviet Embassy

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29 (JTA)--Three members of the Jewish Defense League, all college students from New York City, were freed Friday of charges of unlawful entry onto Soviet Embassy grounds here. Chief Judge Harold H. Greene of Superior Court dismissed the action, brought by the Metropolitan Police, after the Embassy failed to produce a complaining witness to substantiate the charge against Arie Ilowitz, 18; Josh Weiss, 19, and Gene Kleinhedler, 18. The trial without jury of Rabbi Meir Kahane, national JDL chairman, and three other members was concluded Wednesday, with Judge Greene reserving decision. The JDL'ers had been charged with demonstrating within 500 feet of the Embassy.

### Dr. Goldman Awarded Prize For Aiding Jewish-Christian Amity With Israel

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 29 (JTA)--The Numo Wertheim Prize, given annually by Argentine House in Israel, a friendship society of Jews and Christians promoting good relations with Israel, has been awarded this year to Dr. Moises Goldman, former President of the DAIA and of the Latin American Jewish Congress.