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## JEWISH DOCTOR ASSAILED AS ZIONIST

AJ Congress Calls For Probe

NEW YORK, Sept. 7 (JTA)--Leonard DeChamps, chairman of the Harlem Chapter of CORE, said today that he "totally dissociates" himself from leaflets circulated by a black group demanding the ouster of a white doctor from the Harlem Hospital staff because he was a "Zionist" and a "racist." But DeChamps told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that CORE continues to press for the dismissal of Dr. Frank Lewkowitz because he allegedly "insulted" the black community and therefore "has no place" in the hospital. According to DeChamps, the 26-year-old first-year resident physician "spat" on a black woman dietitian during an altercation in the hospital cafeteria on Aug. 13 and "assaulted" a black man who came to her aid.

The charges against Dr. Lewkowitz were dismissed by the hospital's executive director, Elliott C. Roberts, following a hearing at which both sides were represented. Roberts told the JTA today that his decision "stands" and that he considers the matter a "mute issue." Dr. Lewkowitz is on paid leave and could not be reached for comment. His attorney, Michael J. Horowitz, told the JTA that his leave was voluntary, "not because of any threats." He said Dr. Lewkowitz was free to return to the hospital any time but wanted "to think it over." Horowitz said "the case is at an end."

Circulation in the hospital of leaflets describing Dr. Lewkowitz as a "racist" and "Zionist" brought a demand today from the American Jewish Congress that the city's Human Rights Commission investigate the matter to "determine whether any persons on the staff of Harlem Hospital bear responsibility for the distribution of racist literature and whether pressure is being placed on the hospital administration to dismiss Dr. Lewkowitz on the ground that he is 'Zionist,' or more plainly because he is Jewish." In a letter to Commission chairman Eleanor Holmes Norton, Theodore J. Kolish, chairman of the AJ Congress' Metropolitan Council observed that "What racism there may be is manifestly that of The Concerned Citizens for the Preservation of Harlem," the group charged with distributing the leaflets.

### Transfer Of Doctor Sought

Roberts told the JTA that the leaflets appeared in the hospital only once, on a day about two weeks ago when seven persons, including DeChamps were arrested after "sitting down" in the hospital record room. He said that since that incident nothing further has been mentioned to him of the Lewkowitz matter and that there did not appear to him to be any widespread interest in the case in the Harlem community. He said that as far as he knew the "Concerned Citizens" organization was a recently formed group numbering a handful of people. DeChamps told the JTA that he never heard of the organization until the Lewkowitz incident and that their leaflets were "totally unnecessary" and a "feeble attempt to misdirect the issue."

He said the issue was not whether Dr. Lew-

kowitz was black or white or Jewish but that he had insulted the community and aroused tensions and should be transferred. He acknowledged that Dr. Lewkowitz denied the charges against him but insisted that even if his alleged act was not deliberate, "the damage has been done." DeChamps criticized Roberts' ruling in the case. But he said he was "very happy" that Mrs. Norton has been brought in to the picture and was sure that she will "resolve the situation." Asked if CORE would drop its efforts to have Dr. Lewkowitz fired if Mrs. Norton found him innocent, DeChamps declined to comment. Roberts told the JTA that there were 215 doctors on the hospital's house staff of whom about ten percent were black and the rest white or of "foreign extraction." He couldn't say how many residents were Jewish but believed that a "substantial number" were Jews.

## RABIN: DOOR TO INTERIM ACCORD OPEN

Efforts To Reach Agreement To Continue

TEL AVIV, Sept. 7 (JTA)--Israel's Ambassador to the United States, Yitzhak Rabin, said today the door is still open to an interim settlement with Egypt on reopening the Suez Canal, along the lines proposed by Israel. He said efforts to reach an interim settlement would continue. Rabin left for Washington today after a brief home leave and consultations with government leaders. The envoy who has been sharply critical of American policy in the Middle East and especially the Nixon Administration's delay in responding to Israel's request for more Phantom jet aircraft, said the U.S. repeats that its policy is to maintain the balance of power in the Mideast. It is Israel's task to see to it that this policy is carried out in practice and does not remain on paper only, Rabin said.

## MINISTERS TO UPHOLD RESOLUTION 242

Will Seek Implementation At UN Assembly

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 7 (JTA)--The foreign ministers of the five Scandinavian countries decided here today not to reverse their current joint position on the Middle East which is based on their support of the Security Council's Resolution 242. Foreign Minister Paul Harting of Denmark, who chaired the semi-annual meeting, declared that the Scandinavian countries have decided to continue to support the implementation of Resolution 242. Their decision assumed added importance inasmuch as the resolution is expected to come up for discussion at the UN General Assembly which opens Sept. 21. Apart from their numerical importance the Scandinavian countries--Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland and Iceland--exert a moral influence on a number of non-committed countries.

## U.S. TO RESIST ANY CHANGE IN RESOLUTION 242 WORDING

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7 (JTA)--The State Department declared today there is "no intention" on the part of this government to support any change in the wording of Security Council Resolution 242. Charles Bray, a Department spokesman, made the statement after he was asked at the Department's daily briefing whether the United States policy continues to be to resist and, if necessary, veto any effort to change the wording of the resolution. The question was based on a report that anti-Israeli representatives at the forthcoming United Nations General Assembly

session may attempt to modify the resolution which would insist that Israel withdraw from "every inch" of territory occupied as a result of the Six-Day War.

#### **AVIATION WORKERS END STRIKE**

**Custom Officials Continue Strike,  
Factory Workers Growing Restive**

TEL AVIV, Sept. 7 (JTA)--The wild-cat strike by 800 civil aviation workers which paralyzed Lydda Airport yesterday, ended today after a stern warning was issued by Histadrut Secretary General Yitzhak Ben Aharon that the strikers faced back-to-work action. But striking customs officials at Lydda and Ashdod continued their walk-out and discontent was reportedly mounting among workers in large factories who are demanding higher cost-of-living allowances. Ben Aharon promised the aviation workers that their wage negotiations would begin immediately and urged them to wait for the results. The ten-hour strike created chaos for hundreds of airline passengers who either couldn't leave Israel or couldn't land there.

Many travelers were stranded at foreign airports. When the strike began, in-air flights were diverted to Cyprus and Greece. Passengers who did land at Lydda were forced to carry their luggage from plane to terminal and then to taxis. Eilat, which is almost wholly dependent on air transportation, was virtually isolated until domestic flights were resumed this morning. International air traffic returned to normal but with some delays in the aftermath of the strike. More serious for Israel's economy was the customs strike which has halted the movement of cargo at Lydda and Ashdod, Israel's second largest seaport. Stores and bonded warehouses were filled to capacity and many export orders had to be cancelled because they depended on delivery dates that the strike made impossible to meet. Ships waiting to unload at Ashdod were diverted to Haifa where customs men are still on duty.

The situation in the factories stemmed from the devaluation of the Israel pound and the subsequent price increases. Workers, some influenced by Mapam, threatened to "go to the barricades" unless their demands were met. Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir was denounced as "anti-labor." Deputy Premier Yigal Allon took off from strike-bound Lydda Airport on a special diplomatic mission to Scandinavia yesterday but only with the help of the Israel Airforce which was not subject to strike action. A "Nord" transport flew Allon to Athens where he boarded a regular flight to Scandinavia today.

#### **SPURT IN RAMALLAH SCHOOL BUILDINGS**

JERUSALEM, Sept. 7 (JTA)--More new school buildings have been built in the Ramallah area since the Six-Day War than during the whole period between 1948 and 1967, Dr. Abbas Elkurd reported. Dr. Elkurd is the Ramallah District Superintendent of Education. Since 1967, Dr. Elkurd said there have been 21 new schools in Ramallah, 193 new classes and 164 new teachers who have teacher's certificates. In 1967 only 31 teachers in the Ramallah district had academic degrees whereas today there are 80. Altogether 70 percent of West Bank teachers have at least teacher's certificates.

Dr. Elkurd said that "Education should aim at mutual understanding between nations and not hatred." He noted that one of the main educational problems in the West Bank was a lack of vocational school facilities. There were far

too many humanities graduates, he said and not enough jobs for them. The annual education budget for Judea/Samaria is about \$24 million of which some \$1 million is spent on new buildings. Since 1967 there has been an annual growth rate of 250 classrooms a year.

#### **FRENCH, EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTERS MEET** **Discuss Joint Approach To UN Assembly**

PARIS, Sept. 7 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Maurice Schumann met with Egyptian Deputy Foreign Minister Hafez Ismail for nearly two hours yesterday, reportedly to work out a joint Franco-Egyptian approach on the Middle East at the forthcoming session of the UN General Assembly. According to reliable sources, the two ministers agreed to a position in which France would support Egypt's call for an Israeli withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories and would also stress the necessity to renew the Four Power joint efforts to find a solution to the Middle East conflict. Neither diplomat would comment. The Egyptian minister said later that bilateral Franco-Egyptian relations were also discussed. A more detailed discussion of the economic aspects of relations between the two countries was believed to have been put off until later this month when an Egyptian trade mission is expected in France.

#### **ZAND FIRST JEW TO BE INTERVIEWED** **ON VOA FOR BROADCAST TO USSR**

NEW YORK, Sept. 7 (JTA)--Dr. Mikhail Zand has become the first Russian Jew to be interviewed on the Voice of America, it was learned today. According to the VOA editor who interviewed Dr. Zand on Sunday by telephone while he attended the Zionist Organization of America annual convention, he was chosen because he is an "extraordinary man." The sixteen-and-a-half-minute interview was broadcast today in full on the VOA's Russian "political show," a 40-minute program of news and events. However, there were no advertising spots publicizing the interview or informing listeners of the program and the time, as is usually done with special programs.

Zand was interviewed in Russian, not Yiddish, the VOA editor told the JTA, because non-Jewish Russians, he said, could understand Dr. Zand's remarks. The VOA is under considerable pressure to begin directing Yiddish broadcasts to Russian Jews, but has so far resisted urgings by most major Jewish organizations. In the interview, Dr. Zand told the VOA officials that anti-Semitism manifests itself in educational quotas and limits on promotions for Jews. Asked why the number of Jewish emigres rose dramatically during the last Communist Party Congress in March and then slackened to a trickle, Zand suggested that the Russians wanted to avoid discussions on the subject by concerned Western Communist Parties. Public opinion played a large and important role, Dr. Zand added.

#### **NO GOVERNMENT AID TO SECULAR SCHOOLS**

TORONTO, Sept. 7 (JTA)--William Davis, Premier of Ontario, has announced that the government will not give any direct aid to Jewish and other sectarian schools. Responding to a request by the Province's Association of Jewish Day Schools for government aid for the secular portion of their teaching program, Davis stated: "To accept such a philosophy (of the direct and necessary link between religion and education) and to foster it, the government would be obliged to create an entire educational system which would be, at the very least, a dual one...." The Liberal and New Democrat parties have pledged support to Catholic schools.

**NO CHANGE IN NUMBER OF SAM MISSILES****Egyptians Continue Routine Work**

TEL AVIV, Sept. 7 (JTA)--There has been no change in the number of Soviet-made SAM ground-to-air missile sites in the vicinity of the west bank of the Suez Canal, Israeli sources reported today. Egyptian troops are continuing with routine work on fortifications and road construction on their side of the waterway, the most notable being paved ramps to the water's edge suggesting preparations for amphibious operations across the canal. A year ago, following the cease-fire which went into effect on Aug. 7, 1970, Israel accused Egypt of moving SAM missile launchers into the canal zone in violation of the stand-still provisions of the cease-fire. The Egyptians claimed they introduced no new missile sites but shifted around existing ones. According to Israeli sources there are 40-50 SAM missile batteries in the zone today and a similar number further back, many of them manned by Soviet personnel.

Israeli sources also confirmed that sophisticated Soviet aircraft like the new MIG-23 interceptors and the Sukhoi-11 fighter-bombers are flying over Egypt but none have been observed so far in the area close to the canal. During the week that ended last Sunday, there were four overflights by Egyptian jets of Israeli positions on the canal's east bank. Protests were lodged with the United Nations truce supervision organization. Otherwise the canal front has been quiet. In two instances the Egyptians broadcast to Israeli troops over loudspeakers. One program consisted of music. The other was an obvious propaganda thrust playing up the gap between the Ashkenazic (Western) and Sephardic (Oriental) communities in Israel.

**ISRAELI DELEGATION REPUDIATES TASS****Never Called For Israeli Withdrawal**

JERUSALEM, Sept. 7 (JTA)--A member of the Israeli delegation currently visiting the Soviet Union as guests of the Russian Peace Committee has denied that two of his colleagues had told their hosts that Israel must withdraw from the occupied Arab territories. According to Tass, the Soviet news agency, such statements were made by Yaacov Riffin, a former Mapam leader, and Ruth Luvitch, a member of Israel's New Communist Party. Riffin was expelled from Mapam recently for holding views too far left. But according to James Jacob Rosenthal, former parliamentary correspondent of "Haaretz," no such statement was made by Riffin or Luvitch.

Rosenthal, in a telephone conversation from Leningrad to the Israel Broadcasting Service, said, "We have made it quite clear to everyone that we do not represent prevailing opinion in Israel." The group visiting the USSR are members of the Israel Peace Committee. They are the first non-Communist delegation invited to tour the Soviet Union since diplomatic relations were broken off during the Six-Day War. The group returned to Moscow after visiting Khabarovsk and Leningrad. Rosenthal reported that while in Russia he had not met any ordinary Jewish citizens and did not know if any other members of the delegation had. He said he was not "innocent enough" to believe he was shown everything.

**WRITERS GET REMEMBRANCE AWARD**

LONDON, Sept. 7 (JTA)--Abba Kovner, an

Israeli poet, and Nadezhda Mandelstam of Moscow were yesterday named the winners of the 1971-72 Remembrance Award for outstanding literature relating to the holocaust and its aftermath. The award is sponsored by the World Federation of Bergen-Belson Associations. Mrs. Mandelstam is the author of "Hope Against Hope," a biography of her late husband, the Russian-Jewish poet Osip Mandelstam who was a victim of the Stalin purges. Kovner is the author of "Little Sister of Mine" and several volumes of poetry and prose dealing with his experiences as a ghetto fighter and member of the anti-Nazi resistance movement during World War II.

**RELIGION TO BE COMPUTERIZED****Electronic Rabbi To Issue Rulings**

TEL AVIV, Sept. 7 (JTA)--A special team at the Weizmann Institute of Science is working on an "electronic rabbi," a computer capable of issuing rulings on any question of Torah or halacha (religious law) that could possibly arise, it was disclosed today. The team is studying the problem of indexing and feeding the computer's "memory bank" with the hundreds of rulings by Jewish scholars over the centuries. It will be able to come up in minutes with answers that would require years of delving by the greatest scholars. The computer will be programmed in stages and its "memory" completed in 10 years.

**ARAB CALAMITY SELF-IMPOSED****Jaabari Says Governments To Blame**

TEL AVIV, Sept. 7 (JTA)--Sheikh Mohammed Ali Jaabari, Mayor of Hebron, told a visiting delegation of the Canadian United Jewish Appeal that the Arab governments were to blame for the calamity that befell the Arab world. Replying to a series of questions, he said Arab leaders were ignorant if they thought they could eliminate Israel. "It is here to stay," he said.

**VIOLENCE INIMICAL TO JEWS****Right, Left Extremists Scored**

HONESDALE, Pa., Sept. 7 (JTA)--An American Jewish youth leader warned here today that "the Jewish community could ill afford the politics of violence or the madness of the street confrontation." Steven Windmueller, program specialist for campus and youth of the American Jewish Committee's Jewish Communal Affairs Department, speaking at the annual conference of the North American Jewish Youth Council being held at Camp Moshava here, took issue with the tactics of extremists of both Left and Right who despair of democracy's solving its problems peacefully.

Windmueller insisted that the survival of American Jewry depended on making democracy work so that minority group members, Black, Jewish and others, "can process their grievances within a legitimate and open political system." He warned that irresponsible attacks on Jewish institutions in America may leave a legacy of a weakened Jewish community. Jewish continuity and Jewish security, he continued, may not survive "political extremism, social fascism and nihilism, and cultural authoritarianism," he declared. Windmueller called for Jewish communal institutions to "adjust their services and priorities to the upgrading of a quality of life for American Jewry."

**ISRAELI-THAI RELATIONS GOOD**

TEL AVIV, Sept. 7 (JTA)--Gen. Surakig Maylarp, commander of Thailand's ground forces who arrived here Sunday for a two-day visit as a guest of the Israeli Army, said yesterday that his country wanted to foster and maintain good relations with Israel's armed forces. He said Israel has sold various types of arms to the Thai Army.

## JTA SPECIAL

## JEWISH STUDENTS IN SEARCH OF HEIGHTENED JEWISH CONSCIOUSNESS

By JOEL MANDELBAUM, JTA Staff Writer

ZIEGLERVILLE, Pa., Sept. 7 (JTA)--The wooden dining hall at the Jewish Ys and Centers camp here rocked last night with the enthusiasm of nearly 300 young Jews celebrating their Jewishness. They were singing Hebrew songs, and many were dancing with intensity between the tables while others clapped their hands, stomped their feet and even whistled and shouted for emphasis. On the surface, the group appeared to be a homogeneous one: all Americans, perhaps, at a religious summer camp, or Israelis on a religious kibbutz. But those in the large hall were students and young adults from 18 different countries, and they ranged across a religious and political spectrum of affiliations which included the Lubavitcher Hassidic movement as well as secular radical-Zionist groups.

About 150 of the conference delegates were North Americans, another 128 were from Europe and Israel, one was from Colombia, South America, and one from Australia. They had all come to exchange ideas, share experiences and explore their Jewish identities during a five-day conference on Jewish life-styles and culture. The conference, organized by the World Union of Jewish Students (WUJS), a federation of Jewish student groups in over 30 countries, was the first international Jewish student seminar ever held in America. It began last Thursday and ended late last night.

Throughout the seminar--entitled "Jewing It '32: Encounters in the month of Elul"--Jews learned about fellow Jews, and about themselves as well. At least a few foreigners were disturbed by the political and religious fragmentation of American Jewry. Americans noted the predominantly secular orientation of the Europeans. And many of the Europeans experienced a spirited celebration of the Sabbath for the first time in their lives, being quite taken by it, though they all could not fully identify with it. Edy Rauch, the 30-year-old Chilean-born chairman of WUJS, said the Europeans were brought to the U.S. because there is a vacuum in the European Jewish student world while here there is a Jewish revival which frequently manifests itself in spiritual and religious forms.

Although differing local social dynamics make it difficult to transfer experiences, Rauch said, it's "good for European students to see what is going on in America." Thus, American Jewish life-styles and artistic creativity were often on display or under discussion here. Workshops dealt with Jewish theater and films, Mussar (ethics), Havurot and alternative communities, student organizing, and Yiddish culture. A number of Europeans also joined in the "innovative" Friday evening Sabbath services. One WUJS official said that the conference broke the isolation of the American Jewish community. Geographically and organizationally, the European and Israeli Jewish student groups have been closer to each other than either has been to the Americans. Here, a large number of Americans interacted with foreign Jewish students.

Different Views, Common Goals

At one workshop, for example, Americans joined with Israelis and others in a discussion

of the conflict between the European and Oriental Jewish communities in Israel. And during private conversations, Americans became aware of the relative lack of meaningful Jewish life in countries such as Holland. According to Rauch, the fact that American students with different religious and political backgrounds came together to participate in such a conference demonstrates the need for increasingly coordinating the activities of the various American student groups so that common goals, such as a heightened Jewish consciousness among American students, can be more effectively achieved. The North American Jewish Student Network, WUJS' North American affiliate, is attempting to improve the communication between the different student groups on this continent.

Israel and aliyah were often discussed by the delegates, both at workshops and privately. While there were some here who are content in their native lands, many others who participated in the conference intend to make aliyah. But a number of the latter, including an Englishman and the Australian, want to build up the Jewish student organizations where they now live before they move to Israel. Also, some of those seriously considering making aliyah expressed concern that Israel has in many ways become a Jewish state without being Jewish, a view that several Israelis shared. At a workshop entitled "American-Israeli Encounter," Americans and Israelis revealed their feelings about each others' way of life and discussed the reasons Americans often find it difficult to become integrated into Israeli society.

Another subject that generated excitement as well as tension was "Jewish Women." More than fifty men and women sat together on the men's side of the mechitza in the outdoor chapel yesterday and talked about Jewish women's liberation. Some of the women charged that the halacha is sexist when, for instance, it prohibits women from leading religious services and testifying as witnesses. But a bearded Orthodox student accused them of "liberating" their quotations of halachic texts from their contents.

Thus, many of the encounters at the conference produced sharp disagreements and the delegates' differences were apparent throughout the weekend. But after last night's vibrant demonstration in the dining hall, Rabbi Abraham Shemtov, a Lubavitcher Chusid from Philadelphia, said as he held the new hagaddah of the Jewish Liberation Project, a radical-Zionist group: "There is more that unites us than divides us." When the delegates sang out "the nation of Israel lives, our forefathers still live," one really had to believe them.

PARLEY SET FOR VOA BROADCASTS

AJCongress, State Dept. To Meet

NEW YORK, Sept. 7 (JTA)--The American Jewish Congress announced it has accepted a State Department offer of a meeting to discuss Voice of America broadcasts in Yiddish to Soviet Jews. The meeting will take place Sept. 14 at the State Department and will include VOA officials, the AJCongress announced. Representatives of the American Jewish Congress on Soviet Jewry are also expected to attend.

The offer "to discuss the issue in more detail" was made by a State Department official to Will Maslow, executive director of the AJCongress, in response to a letter Maslow sent President Nixon asking him to approve such broadcasts.