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PALATNIK APPEAL POSTPONED AGAIN; KOCHUBIYEVSKY SUBJECTED TO HARASSMENT, DENIGRATION

LONDON, Sept. 27 (JTA)--The High Court of the Soviet Ukrainian Republic in Kiev has postponed indefinitely its hearing on an appeal by Roiza Palatnik, a Jewish librarian from Odessa serving a two-year prison sentence for alleged anti-Soviet activities, it was learned today from Jewish sources in Russia. Miss Palatnik is confined to a labor camp. Her hearing was to have taken place last Thursday following an earlier postponement. There was no indication as to why it was postponed again.

Boris Kochubiyevsky, a Jewish engineer sentenced on June 15, 1969 to three years' hard labor for allegedly slandering the Soviet Union, has complained of his treatment at the strict labor camp of Zholtiye Vodli, near Dniepropetrovsk, according to Jewish sources in the USSR. His complaint was addressed to the chief Soviet prosecutor, Roman Rudenko. He claimed that he was being subjected to a constant campaign of harassment and denigration and that his complaints to camp authorities have gone unheeded.

DR. LOUIS FINKELSTEIN RESIGNS AS CHANCELLOR OF JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY; HAD SERVED 20 YEARS

Says Younger Hands Should Lead
Seminary, Conservative Movement

NEW YORK, Sept. 27 (JTA)--Dr. Louis Finkelstein resigned today as Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and President of its Faculties, effective next June 30, after 30 years as the chief executive of the Conservative center. Dr. Finkelstein served as President of the Seminary from 1940 to 1951, after which he became Chancellor. He served as Provost from 1937 to 1940. The gray-bearded Jewish leader cited his age--he will be 77 next June 14--as the reason for his resignation. He explained that "it is necessary and proper for the professional leadership of the Seminary and the Conservative Movement to be in younger and stronger hands."

He would not speculate on his successor, who will be named by the board of directors following recommendations by a committee representing the board, the faculty, the studentry, the Rabbinical Assembly and the United Synagogue, the latter including the National Women's League. But Seminary sources said there was a "strong consensus" for either Rabbi Bernard Mandelbaum, 49, President of the institution, or Rabbi Gerson D. Cohen, 47, professor of Jewish history. Dr. Finkelstein said he would serve past next June if no successor is named by then. "I will, of course, be glad to offer my successor any help for which he asks," he commented, "and will be careful not to offer any help or advice which he does not request."

Will Retain Some Positions

Dr. Finkelstein added to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that his successor, being considerably younger, would probably give the Seminary leadership a "slightly different emphasis." He described his own basic philosophy as one rooted in education, remarking: "All other problems stem from lack of education and lack of scholarly leadership. All my life I've tried to stress excellence in scholarship." He said Hebrew day schools in the United States

"certainly" need financial aid, but declined again--as he has for 30 years--to discuss the question of public aid to private schools.

"I've been elected here not to give my views," he explained, adding: "It's not cowardice, it's a matter of principle." The Conservative leader said his greatest regret was that his plan for a World Academy of Ethics had not been realized. "Maybe the way I present it, it's too abstract," he mused. Dr. Finkelstein, who is working on two books, will continue as Solomon Schechter Professor of Theology and as chief academic officer of the new Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities. Rabbi Wolfe Kelman, excoutive vice president of the Rabbinical Assembly, the International Association of Conservative Rabbis, commented to the JTA that under Dr. Finkelstein's leadership, the Seminary had experienced its "greatest growth."

EBAN INTENDS TO CALL FOR RHODES-TYPE PEACE CONFERENCE BETWEEN ISRAEL, EGYPT IN HIS ADDRESS TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

NEW YORK, Sept. 27 (JTA)--Israel's Foreign Minister Abba Eban intends to call for a Rhodes-type peace conference between Israel and Egypt when he addresses the United Nations General Assembly on Thursday, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today. Eban reportedly made the disclosure at an off-the-record meeting with 200 American Jewish leaders today sponsored by the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations at which Dr. William Wexler, Conference chairman presided. According to the reports, Eban said he would ask for a meeting under the auspices of United Nations mediator Gunnar V. Jarring along the lines of the 1949 armistice talks with the Arab states at Rhodes.

Eban said that any one of several subjects could be on the agenda, including the Palestinian refugees, Sharm el-Sheikh and the crossing of the Suez Canal by Egyptian civilians under an interim agreement. He reportedly said that under such a procedure it may be possible to begin with relatively trivial matters and thereby gain momentum that would lead to agreement on more basic and fundamental issues. He said that was how the agreement on Berlin was reached.

Positive Aspects To Accord Cited

Eban reportedly did not indicate that he thought Egypt would accept the proposal. But he was said to have pointed out that direct contact is now the theme of international life, citing President Nixon's projected visit to Peking, West German Chancellor Willy Brandt's visit to Moscow and the visit by Black African leaders to South Africa. According to reports, Eban also referred to his country's dialogue with the United States. He said positive aspects were the agreement that there should be no Israeli withdrawal from occupied territories without peace, no imposed solution and maintenance of the military balance of power.

On the negative side, however, Eban reportedly said, the doctrine of military balance is not being observed. While MIGs are delivered to Egypt, no Phantoms are going to Israel. The Foreign Minister reportedly told the American Jewish leaders that Israel's internal problems were more serious than her external ones. He cited labor relations,

poverty and the religious controversy over marriage. Eban reportedly said that halacha, Jewish religious law, was big enough to find a solution to that problem but so far has not found one.

**THANT, NAKAGAWA TO DISCUSS
IMPLEMENTING SECURITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION ON JERUSALEM**
Big Four Meeting Cancelled

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 27 (JTA)--Secretary General U Thant is planning to meet late this afternoon with the President of the Security Council, Toru Nakagawa of Japan, to discuss implementation of the resolution adopted by the Council Saturday night which declared invalid any changes by Israel in the status of Jerusalem. The resolution--passed by a vote of 14-0 with Syria abstaining--confirmed "in the clearest possible terms" that all legislative and administrative actions taken by Israel to change the status of Jerusalem are totally invalid and cannot change that status.

The resolution also asks Thant to take whatever measures he deems fit to implement the resolution's intent and to report back to the Council. It is expected that Thant will appoint a representative or delegation to go to Jerusalem, although Israel has served notice in advance that it would not admit emissaries for that purpose. Meanwhile, Thant cancelled tonight's working dinner with the Big Four foreign ministers. The official explanation of the cancellation of the dinner, to which UN special Mideast envoy Gunnar V. Jarring had also been invited, was US Secretary of State William P. Rogers' inability to attend. Rogers is in Alaska with President Nixon who is meeting Emperor Hirohito of Japan.

UN observers stated, however, that the meeting could have been held without Rogers' presence, but was called off because Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko would not attend without Rogers. A spokesman for Thant said schedule conflicts precluded re-scheduling the dinner, but as in previous years, Thant will host separate working lunches with the four foreign ministers between now and Oct. 8. These meetings were set up over the weekend after Rogers announced he would be unable to attend the dinner scheduled for tonight.

Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban conferred for 90 minutes today at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel with the British Foreign Secretary, Sir Alec Douglas-Home. Sources said Britain is eager to renew activities toward an interim Middle East arrangement to reopen the Suez Canal. Also today, Eban hosted a lunch for 13 foreign ministers and Dr. Jarring.

KOLLEK: NO OBJECTIONS TO UN MISSION

JERUSALEM, Sept. 27 (JTA)--Mayor Teddy Kollek told newsmen last night that he personally had no objections to observers or a mission coming to Jerusalem on behalf of the United Nations. Kollek made his remark after the Cabinet made it clear that Israel would not admit emissaries of the UN Security Council to investigate conditions here in compliance with the resolution adopted Saturday. Kollek said he could not issue visas but if a mission was admitted, he would show it around. He said he was confident that it would reach the same conclusions as Ernesto Thalmann, a UN emissary who studied the situation in Jerusalem late in 1967. Thalmann, a Swiss national, submitted a positive report to the Security Council on the city's progress toward integration. There is no doubt that this progress continues and the city is flourishing, Kollek said.

ZAND: CONTINUE DRUMBEAT OF PROTEST

NEW YORK, Sept. 27 (JTA)--Prof. Mikhail Zand, the Soviet Jewish orientalist who won the right to emigrate to Israel last spring after a prolonged struggle, urged American Jews at two separate meetings here yesterday to keep up the drum-beat of protest against the denial of exit visas to Jews because Soviet authorities are sensitive to the pressures of world opinion. "We Russian Jews need the help of every free man over the world," Dr. Zand declared at a meeting of the Board of Governors of B'nai B'rith District 1 which embraces more than 100,000 members in New York and New England. "The Soviet government should know that its Jews have sympathizers all over the world. We need not only Jewish support. It is a general humanitarian problem. It is a problem for every human being who has a conscience," he told the annual fall meeting of the Board of Governors.

Earlier in the day Dr. Zand addressed 1,000 persons at a Babi Yar Memorial rally at Congregation Kellath Jeshurun sponsored by the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry. "It is not a coincidence," he said, that Soviet Jewry's opportunities for emigration peaked when American and world pressures were exerted in their strongest form. He said Soviet Jewry was not facing "physical genocide" but "a national and cultural genocide." "Help us," he pleaded, "by using the only slogan we are in need of. 'Let my people go,' not 'Let my people live.'"

Dr. Zand claimed that there was no possibility of Jewish life in the Soviet Union "except as slaves." He said the Jewish struggle was against the Soviet government, not the cultural and national feelings of the Soviet people. He urged American Jews to write letters to "Soviet authorities, international organizations and to our people in the Soviet Union." Dr. Zand is touring the US under the auspices of the American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry. At the B'nai B'rith meeting yesterday he was awarded a special citation by Phillip F. Faneuil, of Boston, president of District 1.

**KAHANE: TWO SOVIET DIPLOMATS WILL DIE
FOR EVERY JEW WHO DIES IN THE USSR**

JERUSALEM, Sept. 27 (JTA)--Rabbi Meir Kahane, chairman of the Jewish Defense League, warned today that for every Jew who dies in the Soviet Union, two Soviet diplomats in the world will die. Kahane's threat was made at a press conference marking his public debut since he arrived on aliyah in Israel earlier this month. Kahane said the killing of Soviet diplomats would not be by his hand or by members of the JDL because, he explained, he has been put on five years' good behavior by an American court. He said the assassinations would be carried out by "Jewish militants." He refused to elaborate.

ISRAELI SOLDIER FATALLY WOUNDED

TEL AVIV, Sept. 27 (JTA)--An Israeli soldier was fatally wounded yesterday and two residents of the Gaza Strip were killed last night as violence continued to plague the area. A terrorist was killed in a clash with a military patrol Saturday morning. The soldier was identified as Pvt. Elyahu Ostermayer, 19, of Ofarim. He succumbed to wounds inflicted by a hand grenade thrown at an Israeli patrol at Beth Lahya. Another member of the patrol was injured. Last night's fatalities occurred in the Sheikh Zoued area south of Gaza. The victims were shot when they failed to obey an order to halt by an Israeli patrol after curfew. Israeli security authorities disclosed yesterday that 90 persons were arrested on suspicion of organizing an El Fatah cell on the West Bank.

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL SAYS CALL FOR SILENT PRAYER ON YOM KIPPUR IS NOT CALL FOR PUBLIC RALLIES

NEW YORK, Sept. 27 (JTA)--The Synagogue Council of America, the coordinating agency of the Reform, Orthodox and Conservative branches of American Jewry in the United States, issued today a statement to clarify a call it issued last week to synagogues throughout the nation, urging them to gather in front of the synagogue on Yom Kippur, immediately following the Musaf service, as an expression of solidarity with Jews in the Soviet Union. The Council statement today declared:

"This action should not be misconstrued as a call for public rallies, which would be a desecration of the High Holy Day, and entirely out of keeping with the sacredness of Yom Kippur. We urge synagogues to observe this expression of our awareness of the deprivation suffered by Soviet Jews by gathering silently in front of their synagogues, and engaging in silent prayer. Public speeches and any other actions that would constitute a violation of the Holy Day should be scrupulously avoided." The statement added: "In situations where leaving the synagogue may pose a danger of a violation of the Holy Day, silent prayer should be observed within the synagogue."

RABBI GROSS CONDEMNS SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL

NEW YORK, Sept. 27 (JTA)--Rabbi Abraham Gross, president of the Rabbinical Alliance of America, took sharp issue with the Synagogue Council of America's proposal in which Jews were asked to leave the synagogue on Yom Kippur to gather in front of the synagogue as an expression of solidarity with Soviet Jews. Such action is "contrary to the spirit of the holiest day of the year when Jews go to the synagogue to pray for our brethren and all of humanity," Rabbi Gross said.

He stated that he was amazed that the Orthodox segment in the Synagogue Council did not exercise its veto power to "prevent this flagrant desecration of Yom Kippur." Continuing, Rabbi Gross declared: "Such cheap publicity-seeking methods tend to harm the cause. The Rabbinical Alliance calls on all Jews, even those who did not plan to attend synagogue service, to reconsider in light of the difficulties confronting our brethren, to come to the synagogue and pray with increasing fervor this Yom Kippur."

PINCUS URGES ZOA TO COOPERATE FULLY IN ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO CONGRESS

NEW YORK, Sept. 28 (JTA)--Louis Pincus, chairman of the World Zionist Organization, has appealed to the Zionist Organization of America to "cooperate fully for the time being" in the preparation for the election of 152 American delegates from the American Zionist Federation to the World Zionist Congress scheduled next January in Jerusalem. Pincus issued this appeal in a cable to Herman Weisman, ZOA president. The cable was released today by the AZF. Weisman had appealed to the Congress Tribunal to declare the AZF method of mail ballot elections "null and void" and also sent an appeal to the WZO Executive urging it to direct the AZF to "desist and refrain" from implementing the election process until the Tribunal reached a decision. The ZOA called for direct balloting at voting booths.

In his cable to Weisman, Pincus stated that the "issue you raise is under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Congress Court." In view of this, Pincus noted that he would not "deal with numerous allegations...many of which I consider to be inaccurate and contrary to the facts." He stated that "without prejudice to any rights your organization may have

in relation to its appeal to (the) Congress Court, I appeal to you to implement the decision passed unanimously at actions committee enabling the controller's representative to check membership drive (of) your organization as he has done in all other organizations."

The reference here was reportedly to the refusal of the ZOA to permit a Congress auditor from Jerusalem to check the membership lists to ascertain the number of valid members in ZOA who can cast ballots in the forthcoming elections. Other Zionist groups have permitted an auditing of their lists to provide an accurate count of the actual number of members against claimed membership. Pincus stated that this procedure "is a sine qua non (of) your participation in any form of elections." Furthermore, Pincus stated, "(I) recommend you cooperate fully for the time being in preparations for the elections of the constituent organizations as decided by over 75 percent of the constituent organizations of the Area Elections Committee."

Meanwhile, Rabbi Israel Miller, president of the AZF, said he was "somewhat puzzled" by the Americans for Progressive Israel-Hashomer Hatzair statement yesterday criticizing the AZF for its failure to give American Jews "an opportunity to be part of the Zionist endeavor by holding secret, democratic elections for the American delegation." Rabbi Miller stated that the API-HH had voted for the AZF plan to hold mail ballot elections which, he noted, was adopted by the AZF election committee.

ALLENDE HAILS CHILE'S JEWISH COMMUNITY

SANTIAGO, Sept. 27 (JTA)--Chilean President Dr. Salvador Allende today sent "most cordial best wishes" for the year 5732 to the Jewish community in a letter to the President of the Jewish Representatives Committee of Chile. The message said "I wish to reiterate that my government has a heartfelt sentiment of respect for communities that you represent which have made such valuable efforts for the social and cultural progress of Chile." Dr. Allende expressed the hope that the Jewish community would get to know the democratic "vocation" which inspired the actions taken by the government to meet the overriding economic, social and political needs of the people and nation and would join in "our fight for a better future for everyone." The President's letter will be read in all Chilean synagogues on Yom Kippur.

OISTRACH SENDS GREETINGS TO ISRAELIS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 27 (JTA)--David Oistrakh, the famous Soviet Jewish violinist, has sent greetings to all citizens of the State of Israel. They were broadcast on the radio by Shmuel Mikunis of the Maki Communist faction who met Oistrakh in Bucharest where the latter gave a concert last week. The Maki Communists do not accept the Moscow line and Mikunis is persona non grata in the Soviet Union though welcome in several other East European Communist countries. He said Oistrakh told him he would never forget his visit to Israel some years ago and the warm welcome he received here. The violinist has not been known to have spoken out publicly before on the issue of Soviet Jewry. His unexpected greetings to Israel, conveyed through a Maki leader, was interpreted by some observers as another sign that Moscow is seeking to thaw its relations with Israel through unofficial channels.

There will be no daily bulletin Thursday, Sept. 30 due to Yom Kippur on Wednesday, Sept. 29.

DEPUTY MAYOR AGREES THERE MUST BE PROPORTIONATE JEWISH REPRESENTATION ON ANTI-POVERTY AGENCY BOARDS

NEW YORK, Sept. 27 (JTA)--Deputy Mayor Richard Aurelio agrees that there must be proportionate Jewish representation on the boards of locally-elected anti-poverty agencies in designated poverty areas in New York City where there are Jewish poor. S. Elly Rosen, director of the Jewish Anti-Poverty Workers Association reported. The association has charged that Jewish poor in New York City are victims of discrimination in anti-poverty programs and that the Jewish poor are not represented on boards of Community Corporations, the local poverty agencies, in some 15 of the city's 26 designated poverty areas.

Rosen said Aurelio's agreement emerged from a meeting last Thursday at City Hall, attended also by Dr. Marvin Schick, assistant to the Mayor for Intergroup Relations; Rabbi Samuel Schrage, director of the Mayor's Neighborhood Action Program; and Gordon Davis, an assistant to the mayor in poverty programs. The meeting was an outgrowth of a campaign waged by the Jewish Anti-Poverty Workers Association, which led to investigations by the federal Office of Economic Opportunity and the New York City Human Resources Administration. The HRA is the city's superagency for welfare and poverty programs. Reports by the OEO and the HRA earlier this month substantiated many of Rosen's charges.

Rosen said that Aurelio also agreed that the community corporations must be made by comply with federal guidelines on adequate representation of all minority poverty groups. Rosen said that to accomplish that objective without stirring new ethnic conflicts, the Deputy Mayor said the city administration would work with the HRA and the Association to obtain such representation. Currently only two community corporations--those of Williamsburg and Crown Heights--have substantial Jewish representation on their boards.

\$1.5 M Grant Scheduled For JASA

The Association also has urged city-wide grass roots funding. Rosen reported that Aurelio said he would look into existing Jewish-sponsored poverty programs such as those of the Jewish Association for Services for the Aged, an affiliate of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies. JASA is scheduled to receive a \$1.5 million grant, mainly from state and city funds for its programs. That grant is awaiting approval from the State Department of Social Services. It will be transmitted to JASA by HRA.

Rosen told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that his Association was opposed to poverty funds going to JASA if that agency lacked Jewish grass roots community representation. Dr. Schick told the JTA that the JASA program was helping thousands of elderly and poor Jewish residents and that the city intended to stick by that program with funds. He said that if any other group had a program to help such Jews, the city would welcome such proposals. Dr. Schick said it was a "sad day" when Jewish groups, instead of offering concrete proposals to help Jews in need, merely opposed the activities of other Jewish groups.

Dr. Schick said that JASA officials came to Mayor Lindsay's Office for the Aging a year ago with a small pilot program, involving some \$100,000 to help Jewish elderly residents. He said he told the JASA officials that he felt the sum was too small and the program too limited and that he urged the JASA officials to return with a larger and more adequate program, which, he

said, that agency did. That is the program for which the \$1.5 million appropriation now awaits state approval.

EBAN CONDEMNS DEMONSTRATION AGAINST AWARD GIVEN TO REAGAN FOR ISRAEL AID

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 27 (JTA)--Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban sharply condemned yesterday a demonstration Saturday night by radical Jewish students who protested the presentation of Israel's Medal of Valor to California Governor Ronald Reagan. Addressing a meeting of more than 1,000 young Jews who had visited Israel this summer, Eban said the demonstration "was a discourtesy to the State of Israel." Eban told the young people, which included several of the protesters, that Reagan had been honored for his contribution to Israel, not for his political views. The two, Eban said, should be divorced from one another. He said there were ways in a democracy to voice protest over an elected official and that is in the voting booth.

In his address to the young people, Eban expressed confidence that the cease-fire along the Suez Canal would be maintained. "Neither we nor the Egyptians have any interest in the resumption of hostilities," he said. Commenting on the resolution by the United Nations Security Council declaring invalid any changes by Israel in the status of East Jerusalem, Eban declared that Jerusalem has been in better hands under the Israelis than under anyone else. "Jerusalem is one of the more peaceful cities in the world," he said. Focusing again on the Security Council, Eban stated: "For the Arab states it is like a trial jury stacked with uncles, brothers and sisters. No one can take it seriously."

During his address Saturday night at the Israel Bonds Organization dinner at the Century Plaza Hotel, Eban said he would go before the UN General Assembly on Thursday to "offer many alternatives to the Arab governments and particularly the chief Arab government, the Arab Republic of Egypt." Asked by one of the young people at yesterday's meeting to comment on Israel's internal problems, Eban focused on the religious question. "The Orthodox community needs a more humanistic outlook on halacha," he said. Eban noted that this was necessary in order that the problems of the Israeli people might be solved on a more individualistic basis.

CITY HALL PARK RENAMED BABI YAR PARK

NEW YORK, Sept. 27 (JTA)--City Hall Park was re-named Babi Yar Park today in a gesture by the City of New York to honor the memory of the Jews who perished in the Babi Yar massacre 30 years ago. The anniversary of the massacre of the Jews by Nazi machinegunners in a ravine outside Kiev on Sept. 29, 1941 coincides with Yom Kippur this year. Dedication ceremonies at City Hall Park were attended by city officials and leaders of the National and Greater New York conferences on Soviet Jewry. Mayor John V. Lindsay's proclamation temporarily re-naming the park was read by Deputy Mayor Timothy Costello. Mayor Lindsay was out of town.

LET MY CHILDREN GO, JEWISH MOTHERS SAY

BRUSSELS, Sept. 27 (JTA)--A group of Jewish women in the Soviet Union have begged authorities to allow their children to emigrate to Israel though they themselves have been denied visas. The appeal, the second in recent months, was disclosed at a meeting here of Jewish women's organizations sponsored by the local chapter of WIZO.