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## AZERNIKOV TRIAL OPEN TO PUBLIC; SHARP DEPARTURE FROM PREVIOUS TRIALS

Azernikov Testifies In Own Defense;  
Rebuts Anti-Soviet Charges Against Him

LONDON, Oct. 7 (JTA)--The trial of Boris Azernikov which opened in Leningrad yesterday marked a sharp departure from previous political trials of Soviet Jews. It was open to the public and the Criminal Court was packed with friends and supporters of the 26-year-old Jewish dentist, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned from Jewish sources in Leningrad today. Two defendants convicted in the second Leningrad trial, Hillel Butman and Michael Korenblit, testified in favor of Azernikov though both had been brought from labor camps by the prosecution which intended to use them to incriminate the accused. Azernikov is charged with anti-Soviet activities and membership in anti-Soviet organizations, criminal offenses under Articles 70-72 of the Soviet penal code.

The charges stemmed from a search of Azernikov's flat by KGB (secret police) agents last August who found a book of poems by Bialik, a Hebrew calendar and a copy of a letter by a group of Jews protesting the denial of exit visas. Azernikov was one of the signers of the letter. Testifying in his defense, Azernikov freely admitted possession of these items. But he contended that this could not possibly be construed as anti-Soviet activities nor could any of his associations be construed as membership in anti-Soviet organizations. He said it was no crime to own a book of Hebrew poems or to keep a calendar of Jewish holidays. Nor, he said, was it a crime to sign a collective letter with other Soviet citizens in a matter of public interest, or in an attempt to right a wrong. The trial was expected to end today.

## MRS. MEIR; ROGERS HAS RENDERED PURSUIT OF INTERIM SETTLEMENT DIFFICULT BY SPEECH DELIVERED AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JERUSALEM, Oct. 7 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir said today that US Secretary of State William P. Rogers has rendered his pursuit of an interim settlement to reopen the Suez Canal more difficult by his General Assembly speech Monday which Israel considers an unmistakable shift toward the Egyptian position. In a statement issued here shortly after midnight in reply to questions from news media, Mrs. Meir said that Rogers' speech and his subsequent conversation with Foreign Minister Abba Eban were still under study. But she made it clear that her government was highly displeased with Rogers' remarks.

"We had hoped that the Secretary of State would continue in his efforts to convince Egyptian leaders of the value of an agreement towards opening the canal as a self-sustaining settlement without binding it to conditions and deliberations connected with the overall settlement," Mrs. Meir declared. "Unfortunately, he gave Egypt the opportunity to interpret his remarks as a confirmation of their position--tying an agreement on the opening of the canal to an Israeli commitment to implement their version of the Security Council resolution."

The Israeli leader took issue with Rogers' speech on three salient points--an Egyptian troop

crossing of the Suez Canal, the duration of the cease-fire and guarantees that the terms of an interim settlement contain no commitments bearing on an eventual overall peace settlement. Mrs. Meir noted that Israel had stated that "under certain conditions we would be prepared to submit to the Knesset for its approval a certain withdrawal of Israeli forces from the canal line. But one of the main conditions is that no Egyptian forces would cross to the east bank of the canal."

## US Can Serve As Positive Factor

"Contrary to Israel's position," Mrs. Meir continued, "President Sadat declared repeatedly that Egyptian forces will cross the canal. The Secretary of State indeed admitted that Israel and Egypt differed on this point. However, he said there were prospects of a compromise. As far as we know, Egypt has not altered her stand. Under the circumstances, these remarks of the Secretary of State arouse concern since they are liable to give Egyptian leaders false hopes that Israel is expected to agree to a crossing of Egyptian forces to the east bank of the canal whereas Israel's opposition is in fact still firm."

Focusing on the cease-fire, Mrs. Meir declared: "While pointing out that a cease-fire of short duration was unrealistic, he (Rogers) deemed it right for some reason to state that a commitment to an unlimited cease-fire was unworkable within the framework of an interim agreement. One can hardly say that with such statements Rogers did a good service to the prospects for an interim settlement. Egypt's rulers can easily find support in his statements for their stubborn objection to the demand for an unlimited cease-fire."

On the matter of future commitments, Mrs. Meir said, "From the day the issue was raised, we stressed that the agreement for the opening of the canal was not to be linked to any commitments regarding additional phases of withdrawal prior to peace. The demand for such advance commitments brought about the standstill of the Jarring talks." She stated further that "We value the initiative of Mr. Rogers who was instrumental in achieving a cease-fire. However, he erred greatly in several views he expressed in his last address. I am afraid that in the process of making such statements Mr. Rogers made it more difficult for himself to offer the good services he had intended." Mrs. Meir said that Israel is convinced that the US could serve as a positive factor in achieving the desired settlement. "Our talks with the US government on this issue are still in full force and in the course of these talks we will carry on in our efforts to clarify our position to the US," she stated.

## PAUCO RESIGNS FROM POST; ADL HAILS MOVE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7 (JTA)--Dr. Joseph Paucio, an accused World War II Nazi collaborator, resigned yesterday from his post as controller of the Republican National Committee's affiliated group, the Heritage Groups Nationalities Council. His resignation came two days after a demand for his ouster was made by the B'nai B'rith's Anti-Defamation League. ADL chairman Seymour Graubard cited Paucio's record as an aide to Joseph Tito, Hitler's puppet ruler of occupied Slovakia who was hanged as a war criminal after the

war. The resignation was accepted by Laszlo Pasztor, head of the Ethnic Council and was confirmed in an exchange of letters between Dr. Pauco and Sen. Robert Dole (R., Kan.) Republican National Committee chairman.

The committee's deputy chairman of communications, Lyn Nofziger, stressed in a written note to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that Pauco "has resigned from his sole position that has any connection with the National Republican Party." The ADL hailed the resignation as "a satisfying response to the justified concern of thousands of Americans" and said that the Pauco affair should serve as a warning to political parties "of the need to close ranks against the intrusion of anti-Democratic elements seeking to use them for their own purposes."

In his letter to Sen. Dole, dated Oct. 6, Pauco said he had been "cleared twice in similar circumstances" and that as a result he was admitted into the US and was able to become an American citizen. Pauco signed the letter as secretary of the Slovak League of America whose letterhead identifies it as "a cultural and civic federation of Slovak Americans organized in 1907 in Cleveland, Ohio." Dole said in his reply to Pauco, "Without in any way giving credence to the charges made in the Jack Anderson column (which described Pauco as 'Hitler's leading propagandist in occupied Slovakia in the 1940's'), I believe you have chosen the wise and unselfish course in offering to resign from your position with the Heritage Groups Nationalities Council." After noting that this "kind offer" of resignation has been accepted, Dole wrote, "Despite this it remains my earnest hope that you will be able to prove that these charges against you are unfounded."

#### **JEWISH PRISONERS IN POTMA SUBJECTED TO BRUTAL TREATMENT**

NEW YORK, Oct. 7 (JTA)--Jewish sources in the Soviet Union reported today that Jewish prisoners in the Potma forced labor camp in Moldavia were subjected to brutal treatment and were forbidden to celebrate Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. The prisoners include two women, Ralza Palatnik, and Silva Zalmanson Kuznetsov, who is said to be seriously ill. According to the sources, Jewish prisoners have been refused permission to leave their work for even a few minutes to talk to visitors although prison regulations grant that privilege. The camp administration makes things difficult for them in other ways and there are recorded cases of brutality the sources said.

Jewish sources did not specify the cases but said that Viktor Boguslavsky, a 30-year-old engineer sentenced in the second Leningrad trial, was injured by a severe blow on the head while being driven by a camp administrator to an interrogation center. Lev Korenbli, a 48-year-old former mathematics teacher, sentenced to three years hard labor at the second Leningrad trial, was reportedly forced to work at construction sites where he is required to lift and haul extremely heavy weights in a wheel-barrow. Jewish sources reported today that seven Jews in the Soviet Georgian town of Akhachiche have been conducting a sit-down outside the local visa office for the past few days in protest against the refusal to grant them exit visas to go to Israel.

#### **CHRISTIAN SOLIDARITY WITH SOVIET JEWS**

BRUSSELS, Oct. 7 (JTA)--A pledge to help the Soviet Jews was made here last night by two lead-

ing Belgian churchmen at a moving meeting of Jews and non-Jews held in solidarity with the Jewish community in the USSR. Father Georges Passelecq, Secretary-General of the Catholic Committee for Jewish-Christian Relations, and Dr. Willem Zuidema, of the Protestant Council for Relations with Jews, both pledged "Christian solidarity with the Jews in Russia."

The Belgian Christians would fight side by side with Belgium's Jews for the rights of their Jewish-Russian brethren, they said. After the meeting, lists of the jailed Soviet Jews and their home addresses were distributed so as to allow the audience to write to the jailed men's families and thus express their sympathy personally.

#### **EBAN URGES CREATION OF MEDITERRANEAN COMMUNITY INCLUDING ISRAEL, ARAB STATES**

STRASSBOURG, Oct. 7 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban of Israel appealed today to the nations of Europe to demonstrate "understanding of Israel's claim to negotiate with its neighbors" and to prevent the laying down of any imposed solution to the Middle East conflict. Eban addressed the Council of Europe General Assembly here of which he is the guest of honor. The Council of Europe consists of the representatives of the parliamentary assemblies of 17 West European state. Eban urged the creation of "a Mediterranean community," which would include Israel and the Arab states and other nations bordering on the Mediterranean.

He said such an organization would derive its inspiration from the Council of Europe. He also asked for Israel's inclusion in the group of "developing countries to which the European Common Market is prepared to grant special tariff preferences." Eban said Israel's exclusion from the list "could only be based on political discrimination dictated by Arab hostility." Unless Israel is granted the same customs right, "our preferential agreement with the EEC would be effectively annulled," he said. He asked the Council to support all action on behalf of persecuted Jewish minorities in Russia and Syria which, he said, should be granted the right to choose their country of residence.

#### **JDL SUING MITCHELL, FBI FOR \$732,800 FOR WIRE TAPPING GROUP'S PHONES**

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7 (JTA)--Rabbi Meir Kahane and 15 other members of the Jewish Defense League filed suit for damages today against US Attorney General John Mitchell and nine agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for alleged illegal wire-tapping of the telephones at JDL headquarters in New York City. The complaint filed in the US District Court here asks damages in the amount of \$732,800. Nathan Lewin, the attorney representing the plaintiffs said the suit was based on the admission by the FBI last July that it tapped the JDL wires. The admission was made in the course of a trial in Brooklyn in which Kahane received a suspended sentence on charges of violating the Federal Gun Control Act.

According to Lewin, the Department of Justice submitted an affidavit at the time that admitted that wiretapping was necessary in the interests of the nation's foreign affairs and security. Lewin told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the suit was based on a 1968 wiretap law which provides civil damages for wiretapping not authorized by a court order. He said the alleged wiretaps took place over a period of 208 days during Oct. of last year and between Jan. 5-June 30 of this year. Each plaintiff is suing for \$20,800 in damages and \$25,000 each additional in punitive damages.

PLIGHT OF SYRIAN JEWS DETAILED

NEW YORK, Oct. 7 (JTA)--The Committee of Concern, formed two years ago to focus world attention on persecution of Jews by Middle East countries, today called on Syria to "cease persecution of the Jewish minority, to free those unjustly imprisoned and to permit those Jews who wish to emigrate to do so." General Lucius D. Clay, corporate executive and former Commander of U.S. Forces in Europe, Committee chairman, in his appeal to Syria, cited "distressing and increasingly alarming reports from reliable sources concerning the threat to the survival of Syrian Jewry." Among the instances of mistreatment of Jews listed by General Clay were the following:

Relatives of 12 young Syrian Jews held in jail on charges they had attempted to flee the country, have been interrogated under torture. Some have been held in solitary confinement for as much as three months; all Jewish prisoners who have been released from confinement are physically ill, bodily maimed or mentally deranged as a result of their imprisonment. They had been subjected to electrical torture, the ripping off of fingernails, and cigarette burns on various parts of their bodies; Jewish girls have been abducted, raped and thrown naked into the streets of the Jewish ghetto in Damascus. Recently, Jewish homes there were set on fire.

According to the Committee's statement, restrictions on Syrian Jews cover almost every aspect of life. There is a total ban on emigration, and travel within the country is severely limited. Jews are obliged to carry identity cards, and cannot be employed by the government or by banks. Their houses have been seized for the use of Palestinian Arabs, their schools taken over by the state, and their cemeteries destroyed. As a result of these and other measures, the Committee stated, the majority of the Jewish community "has been reduced to object poverty." Not the least of the Jewish hardships is the constant observation and pervasive fear.

"A higher Committee for Jewish Affairs (composed of representatives of the Interior Ministry and the security services) maintains a constant surveillance over the Jewish community and carries out frequent arrests, interrogations, and sudden house searches, invariably at night," the Committee added. When a Jew dies, the Committee of Concern reports, "his property is transferred to a Government Authority for Palestinian Affairs. His family must then pay them rent for the continued use of the home or business property." The property and assets of a Jew who manages to escape the country are automatically confiscated. Nevertheless, Jews make desperate attempts to flee because of the cruel conditions and despite their knowledge of the severe penalties. The Committee includes leading Jewish and non-Jewish figures in American business, religion, arts and sciences, public affairs, universities and civil rights.

RABIN, SISCO CONFER ON ROGERS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7 (JTA)--Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin had a breakfast meeting this morning with Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs Joseph J. Sisco. An Israel Embassy spokesman said the meeting was within the framework of a continuing dialogue between Israel and the United States and that there was nothing special about it since the diplomats of both countries are in constant touch. There were indications, however, that the meeting was requested by Rabin and was prompted by Israel's anger over Secretary of State

William P. Rogers' speech Monday to the United Nations General Assembly. Observers here said Rabin probably stated the views of Israeli officials who were astonished by Rogers' apparent shift toward the Egyptian view on some elements of an interim agreement to reopen the Suez Canal.

Israeli sources said there was nothing new in Egyptian Foreign Minister Mahmoud Riad's Assembly speech yesterday. They did not express surprise that the Egyptian diplomat said his country would not press for a special Assembly debate on the Mideast but would await the results of a fact-finding mission from four African states which will visit Egypt and Israel next month. The delegation is due in Israel Nov. 4 and will remain a week. Sources here said Egypt does not want a debate at this time because the Middle East is being overshadowed by the China issue.

TRADE MISSION ORGANIZED TO EAST AFRICAN COUNTRIES

JERUSALEM, Oct. 7 (JTA)--The foreign trade staff of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry is organizing an Israeli trade mission to visit three East African countries, a Ministry spokesman announced today. He said the mission, to leave within a few months for Kenya, Uganda and Ethiopia, will include exporters, importers and representatives of planning and contracting firms in Israel.

IMMIGRANTS FROM US, USSR WILL SOON FORM HALF OF ALL IMMIGRANTS TO ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Oct. 7 (JTA)--Israel is approaching the time when immigrants from the United States and Soviet Russia will form half of all immigrants to this country, Absorption Minister Nathan Peled said here at the opening of "Aliyada-72" an exposition displaying thousands of items available to new settlers. Peled observed however that the authorities and national institutions cannot bear the burden of immigration alone. He appealed to the established population, to the various immigrants' associations and to the newcomers themselves to help. Louis A. Pincus, chairman of the Jewish Agency, used the occasion to dismiss rumors that immigration would be curtailed because of mounting internal economic and social problems. Immigration is one of the main pillars of Israel and essential to its security, Pincus said. The "Aliyada" is expected to attract 40,000 visitors to the Tel Aviv Fair grounds.

MRS. ABZUG: MILITARY HELP TO ISRAEL DIFFERENT FROM AID TO VIETNAM

NEW YORK, Oct. 7 (JTA)--Congresswoman Bella Abzug (D., N.Y.) said here that military help for Israel is totally different from military aid to Vietnam. Helping Israel meant aiding that nation to stand on its own. Involved in Vietnam was that of "a foreign country interfering with a nation searching for its own direction." Mrs. Abzug, a leader of the National Women's Political Caucus, made these remarks on the radio program, "Washington Scene," produced by the American Jewish Committee. Hyman Bookbinder, Washington representative of the AJ Committee, asked the Congresswoman how she justified support of Israel to the New Left youth among whom she had credibility but who are largely opposed to Israel. Mrs. Abzug said she explained her support in terms of helping a democratic nation, which is the homeland of the Jewish people, to survive. She said that during her recent visit to Israel she was amazed at the interchange between Arabs and Jews in the Israeli-administered territories.

**STUDENTS SIT-IN AT HADASSAH**

NEW YORK, Oct. 7 (JTA)--About 25 Jewish high school and college students yesterday occupied the office of the national executive director of Hadassah, Miss Aline Kaplan, protesting what they claimed is Hadassah's "lack of involvement in the plight of Sylva Zalmanson Kuznetsov," who is gravely ill in a Soviet prison camp. After remaining in Miss Kaplan's office for about two hours, the students, members of Jewish Youth for Action, a coalition of Jewish youth, finally left after meeting with Malcolm Hoenlein, director of the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry.

Hoenlein, according to a Hadassah spokeswoman, was asked to come to the Hadassah offices to speak to the students. He told the demonstrators that their protest against a Jewish organization is exactly what the Russians want. He said the Russians would rather have Jews arguing amongst themselves than undertaking creative actions against the Soviet government's anti-Jewish policies. He also said that Hadassah has expressed a strong commitment to the New York and American Conferences on Soviet Jewry. He suggested that the students help organize protests on behalf of Boris Azernikov, the 26-year-old Soviet Jewish dentist who yesterday went on trial in Leningrad.

Mrs. Max Schenk, the national president of Hadassah said later, "We do not deal with other groups other than the representative organizations of which we are a member. It's not as though nothing is being done," she said, "and we don't have to justify our record and activities on behalf of Soviet Jewry." Referring to the protesters, another Hadassah spokeswoman said "They always come on a particular issue whereas we are involved every day of the week."

During their meeting with Hoenlein, the students urged him to demand greater organizational and staff assistance from major Jewish organizations such as Hadassah. They expressed frustration over what they consider the lackadaisical, inadequate efforts of such organizations in the struggle for Soviet Jewry. Hoenlein reassured them that Hadassah has undertaken a major role in current efforts on behalf of Soviet Jews, such as the Soviet Jewry rally planned for December in Madison Square Garden. After leaving the Hadassah offices, the students went to protest at the offices of Aeroflot, the Soviet airline.

**SEFER TORAH DONATED TO SERVICEMEN**

W. HEMPSTEAD, N.Y., Oct. 7 (JTA)--The Tri-Town Section of the National Council of Jewish Women has donated a Sefer Torah to the chapel at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, to provide for the religious needs of Jewish servicemen and their families at that military post. The donation was made in response to a request for religious items by Lt. Seymour Moskowitz, the Jewish Chaplain at Fort Sam Houston. A spokesman for the Tri-Town Section said, "The members felt that our boys in the Armed Forces deserve the privilege of being able to pray and conduct services, no matter in which lonely outpost or military installation they should happen to be stationed."

**MILLER URGES HARMONY AMONG ZIONISTS**

NEW YORK, Oct. 7 (JTA)--Rabbi Israel Miller, president of the American Zionist Federation, today called upon all Zionist organizations in the United States "to desist from further public criticisms and any other divisive actions" in connection with the preparations for elections of American delegates to the forthcoming World Zionist Con-

gress to be held in Jerusalem in January 1972.

"Those who are not in agreement with the method of election voted upon by more than 80 percent of the Elections Committee are free to bring their appeal to the Zionist Congress Tribunal, and should do so without public acrimonious charges," he said.

Rabbi Miller stated that this is the time for a "show of Zionist unity and the time for all of us to work together in comradely fashion for the advancement of our common Zionist goals and programs." At this moment, when Israel needs our help in the forum of public opinion, all Zionist organizations must work together so as to be most effective, he declared, adding: "There was never a more critical period calling for Zionist unity. Let us not waste our resources by engaging in internal strife, for neither Israel nor American Zionism can be the beneficiaries of such strife."

**ISRAEL TO OPEN FIRST  
ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY**

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Oct. 7 (JTA)--The first astronomical observatory in Israel officially opens Oct. 26 at Mitzpe Ramon, a little town some 100 miles south of Tel Aviv in the Negev desert. It was announced here today by the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory. Some of the world's leading astronomers are expected to attend the dedication ceremonies for the new Florence and George S. Wise Observatory, a field research facility of the Department of Physics and Astronomy of Tel Aviv University.

The \$1.5 million installation features a 40-inch reflecting telescope and its associated electronic equipment for advanced studies of the stars and galaxies and for research on quasars and x-ray sources. The location of the observatory makes it particularly useful for cooperative programs with observatories in the Western Hemisphere. The observatory was established with assistance from the Smithsonian Institution. A group of American astronomers coordinated by Dr. Myron Lecar of the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory are collaborating with Israeli astronomers in the observatory's research programs.

**CARTER NAMED PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN  
FRIENDS OF TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY**

NEW YORK, Oct. 7 (JTA)--Victor M. Carter, Los Angeles civic leader, philanthropist and businessman, who has been given an honor award by Israel, was yesterday elected president of the American Friends of the Tel Aviv University. The election of Carter, who has been active in behalf of Tel Aviv University and other educational institutions for many years, took place at a meeting here of the Board of Directors of the American Friends, Tel Aviv University, with a faculty of more than 2,200 and a student body of some 14,000, including more than 1,200 from the United States, was founded in 1956.

Carter has received the Shield of David Award of the State of Israel in recognition of his outstanding leadership in a wide variety of causes relating to that country. He was chairman of the Israel Bond drive for Los Angeles for four years, and is chairman of the Israel Development Corporation, one of the country's largest investment companies. He is a member of the Board of Governors of Tel Aviv University and the Hebrew University, and is active in support of Technion. Carter has served as general chairman of the Los Angeles United Jewish Welfare Fund and is a Fellow of Brandeis University. He is also a board member of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.