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MORE THAN 12,000 JEWS STAGE PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION AGAINST KOSYGIN; KAHANE DEPORTED AFTER ARRIVAL IN MONTREAL

OTTAWA, Oct. 19 (JTA)--More than 12,000 Jews from Montreal, Toronto and Ottawa massed here today near the Soviet Embassy and conducted a peaceful demonstration against the visiting Soviet Premier Aleksei N. Kosygin on behalf of Soviet Jewish rights. Some 60-65 buses from Toronto and some 40 buses from Montreal packed with Jewish demonstrators were detained outside the Ottawa city limits after police received an anonymous phone call reporting that a bomb had been placed in one of the buses.

Police led the passengers from the buses and conducted a thorough search but no bomb was found. The buses then proceeded to the capital without further incident but highway traffic was clogged for miles as a result of the bus brigade. Meanwhile, the Canadian Jewish Congress asked all Jewish organizations and business firms in Canada to close today in protest against Soviet policy.

Earlier today, Rabbi Meir Kahane, chairman of the Jewish Defense League, was deported from Canada after arriving in Montreal last night with six other JDL members from New York. The group flew to Canada in an effort to meet with Kosygin to request that the Soviet Premier intercede on behalf of the Leningrad Nine. Before leaving Kennedy Airport in New York last night, Rabbi Kahane told newsmen that he would try to disrupt Kosygin's visit to Canada. The seven JDLers were stopped by Canadian Immigration authorities upon arrival at Dorval Airport in Montreal and kept overnight in detention cells. Rabbi Kahane was placed aboard an Air Canada plane this morning for return to New York.

Rabbis Hold Fast; Prayer Vigil

The other six JDL members, who were not deported with their leader, harassed the New York-bound passengers in retaliation for the deportation and told them and Canadian authorities that "if Rabbi Kahane is refused entry into Canada so should Kosygin." The demonstrators left the airport after a 15-minute meeting with officials. Canadian Immigration officials gave no reason for Rabbi Kahane's expulsion but it was believed this was part of a general tightening of security after Kosygin was assaulted yesterday in Ottawa by a Hungarian refugee.

Also yesterday, Kosygin was confronted by non-violent Jewish protesters. The New York-based Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry and a Canadian affiliate, the Jewish Student Council for Soviet Jews, chanted freedom songs on Parliament Hill and displayed the food served in "strict regime" Soviet prison camps, to which several Jews have been sent for alleged anti-Soviet activities. A similar demonstration was staged outside Kosygin's hotel. Also, 70 shawl-garbed Canadian rabbis gathered outside Government House after a 24-hour fast and prayer vigil, and sang "Am Yisroel Chai."

Rabbi Gunther Plaut of Holy Blossom Temple, Toronto, national chairman of the Canadian Jewish Congress' Religious Affairs Committee, explained: "We are here to draw the attention of Mr. Kosygin to the plight of our Jewish brethren in Soviet Russia and ask him to allow those of them who wish to leave for Eretz Yisrael to do so." The rabbis will try to present a petition to Kosygin today. Prime Minister

Pierre Elliott Trudeau apologized yesterday for the Hungarian's attack on Kosygin, who was uninjured. Trudeau said such an act made it "increasingly difficult for me to raise with Mr. Kosygin humanitarian problems regarding the reunion of families." Violence, said Trudeau "can only have an adverse result."

AMENDMENT TO LAW AIDS JOB RIGHTS OF RELIGIOUS PERSONS First Proposal Of Kind In US

NEW YORK, Oct. 19 (JTA)--The first legislative proposal anywhere in the United States that would protect a religiously observant person from discrimination in employment because of the type of garb he wears for religious reasons, is contained in an amendment to the New York City Administrative Code submitted yesterday to the City Council by Mayor John V. Lindsay. The unique nature of the proviso was pointed out to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency by Marvin Schick, the Mayor's assistant for inter-group relations.

According to Schick, it may be the first proviso of its kind in the history of Western law. He indicated that the principal beneficiaries would be Hassidim and other Orthodox Jews who wear yarmulkas and other unconventional types of dress because of their religious beliefs. The amendment would make it unlawful for an employer to deny any individual employment because of his religious practices, including the observance of special holy days and the wearing of special dress.

Schick said the proposal goes beyond the Sabbath observance laws adopted by the New York State legislature at its last session. He said the validity of the present law was challenged by a decision of the New York State Court of Appeals last year in the case of a non-Jew who was denied employment because he wore a beard in compliance with his religious beliefs. The court ruled against the complainant and in the course of the ruling hinted that the Sabbath observance statutes were challengeable, Schick said.

Lindsay's proposal includes an accompanying provision that employers wherever possible make up the time taken off for religious observance. It would exempt employers who are able to prove that compliance would cause them undue economic hardship. It would not apply to employees in any position in public employment directly dealing with public health and safety who must be available for duty whenever needed. Schick said he expected the amendment to come up before the City Council within a few weeks.

FRANCE TO ASK FOR BARBIE'S EXTRADITION

PARIS, Oct. 19 (JTA)--The president of the International League Against Anti-Semitism, Jean Pierre-Bloch, announced here today that France has decided to ask for the extradition of former gestapo commander of Lyons, Klaus Barbie. Pierre-Bloch said that French Foreign Minister Maurice Schumann has told him that French experts are currently studying the Franco-Bolivian extradition treaty and will formally ask for Barbie's extradition as soon as basic formalities are settled.

Pierre-Bloch, who also serves as president of the Liaison Committee for the Investigation of

Nazi Crimes, said that he met with Schumann to discuss the possible implications of West Germany's decision to reopen its file against Barbie who is reported to be residing in La Paz, Bolivia, under the assumed name, "Wilm."

**BUS EXPLODES IN DOWNTOWN HAIFA,
SECONDS AFTER PASSENGERS EVACUATED
110 Persons Held For Questioning**

HAIFA, Oct. 19 (JTA)--More than 110 persons were detained for questioning today following an explosion that wrecked a bus in downtown Haifa only seconds after the passengers and driver evacuated the vehicle. Heavy casualties were averted only because passengers spotted a suspicious looking parcel on the bus which was incoming from Western Galilee. Three persons suffered minor injuries from flying splinters. The bus had stopped at several Arab villages that were the scene of hostile activities recently. Police disclosed that an explosive charge was discovered aboard another bus that arrived from Western Galilee 20 minutes earlier. It was removed and safely dismantled. A terrorist was killed in the Golan Heights this morning by explosives he was trying to plant on the Israeli side of the cease-fire line. The detonation attracted an Israeli patrol which identified the body as an infiltrator from Syria.

DEFENSE BUDGET FACES \$33.6M CUT

TEL AVIV, Oct. 19 (JTA)--The possibility of a \$33.6 million cut in Israel's defense budget is under consideration by a joint subcommittee of the Knesset Defense and Foreign Affairs and Financial committees. Defense Minister Moshe Dayan and his deputy, Gen. Tzvi Tzur and Chief of Staff Gen. Haim Bar Lev attended the first meeting which was held here, the outcome of which was described as inconclusive. Another meeting has been set for next week. Finance committee chairman Israel Kragman will report to Premier Golda Meir and Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir.

Proponents of a defense budget cut claim it is an economic necessity. Opponents allege that it would hurt vital security needs. Sapir said last week that no cuts would be made in the funds needed to purchase armaments. He did not say whether he would support a reduction in the expenditure of Israeli pounds by the Defense Ministry. It was learned meanwhile that fewer reserve units will be called for duty which may help keep the Defense Ministry's expenditures down.

ALLENDE TO VISIT ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Oct. 19 (JTA)--President Salvador Allende of Chile has accepted an invitation to visit Israel some time during 1972, it was announced here today. The invitation was extended by President Zalman Shazar and its acceptance was conveyed to Shazar by Carlos Diemer Johansen, Chilean Ambassador to Israel. The visit will have more than usual political significance inasmuch as Allende is an avowed Marxist who was elected to office with Communist and other leftist support. Nonetheless, he has frequently expressed good will toward Israel and Jews generally.

At his inauguration last year, Allende received Naftali Feder, political secretary of Israel's Mapam Party, and on the occasion of the Jewish New Year last month, he extended his greetings to the Jewish community in Chile and to Israel. Some sections of the Jewish community in Chile and abroad have expressed anxiety over the future of Chilean Jews and have urged them to emigrate to Israel. While there has been no hint of anti-Semitism in the Al-

lende regime, Jews in Chile are predominantly middle class shop-keepers, tradesmen and businessmen, a class that has been squeezed out of the economy in other Latin countries such as Cuba when Marxists take over the government and proceed to nationalize basic industry.

**FRENCH GOVERNMENT EXPECTED TO RAISE
SOVIET JEWRY ISSUE WITH BREZHNEV**

PARIS, Oct. 19 (JTA)--French Jewish leaders believe that the government will raise the issue of Soviet Jews with Communist Party chief Leonid Brezhnev during his official visit here beginning Oct. 25. This belief is based on contacts the Jewish leaders have had with government officials on the matter. The latter have indicated that they would raise the problem of Soviet Jews with Brezhnev should the circumstances be "favorable."

They have stressed, however, that "it will all depend on the general atmosphere of the talks," the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today. Brezhnev is due to hold talks with President Georges Pompidou, Premier Jacques Chaban-Delmas and Foreign Minister Maurice Schumann. Jewish leaders here point out that despite its differences with Israel, France has quietly undertaken important humanitarian missions on behalf of Jewish communities in lands of oppression. These have remained secret at the request of French authorities.

The JTA has learned, however, that French intervention earlier this year led to the release of members of the captive Jewish community in Egypt. According to informed sources, repeated requests by the French Ambassador in Cairo persuaded Egyptian authorities to allow the Jews to leave on condition that they did so with French travel documents and were allowed to remain and settle in France.

WIESENTHAL CRITICIZES EBAN

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 19 (JTA)--Simon Wiesenthal, head of the Vienna Documentation Center, charged today that Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban had placed himself "in opposition to the vast majority of the Jewish people" by expressing disinterest in the continued tracking down of Nazi criminals. Wiesenthal, interviewed by the Dutch Radio in Vienna, was reacting to Eban's comments yesterday on American television's "David Frost Show."

On the show, Eban said that while he does not oppose trials of Nazi criminals who happen to be captured, the subject in general "hardly interests me." The crimes of the Nazis are not "capable of expiation," Eban explained, and the important thing for Israelis and other Jews now is to build on the past. "I don't really care," he said, if "some wretched man in Paraguay or Brazil" is captured or not.

Wiesenthal said: "I, for one, have not learned about Nazism from newspaper reading or from café small talk. I have experienced Nazi persecutions on my own skin." The historian, who will be 63 on Dec. 31, survived a dozen concentration camps, although most of his family, including his mother, did not. He was instrumental in the capture of some 1,000 ex-Nazis, including Adolf Eichmann and Franz Stangl. (In New York, a spokesman for Eban said the minister would have no comment on Wiesenthal's statement.)

There will be no JTA Daily News Bulletin on October 25 due to Veterans Day.

18 RUSSIANS, INCLUDING 7 JEWS, TO TOUR US; ABRAMS SUGGESTS US JEWS WELCOME VISITORS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19 (JTA)--An official Soviet tour group consisting of 18 members--about half of them Jews--is expected in the United States later this week. The group is travelling under the auspices of the Soviet Government and will visit New York, Washington, Kansas City, San Francisco, Los Angeles and possibly other cities. There few if any national Russians in the group indicating that one purpose of the visit is to show that ethnic minorities co-exist in harmony in the Soviet Union. Another purpose, according to observers here, is to counter the appeals by Jews and others in the US for emigration rights for Soviet Jews and the allegations that Jews in the USSR are singled out for discrimination and denied their cultural and religious rights.

This seems to be borne out by the presence in the group of Col. Gen. David Dragunsky, the highest ranking Jewish officer in the Soviet Army who has gone on propaganda missions for the Kremlin before. Gen. Dragunsky was in Brussels last February where he organized a counter-meeting to the World Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry being held there. Later in the year he visited Latin America on a similar mission. The tour group includes Jewish and non-Jewish professors of law, historians and scientists.

Morris Abram, former president of Brandeis University and of the American Jewish Committee and a US representative to the United Nations during the Kennedy and Johnson administrations, recommended today that American Jews welcome the Soviet visitors. He told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he believed American Jews should invite the Jewish members of the group to sit down with them and discuss Jewish problems as Jews. He said such an approach could have the effect of negating propaganda ploys by the visitors.

The Soviet group is expected to hold news conferences in the cities they visit. Their trip was arranged by the American Express Co., the only American travel agency with a branch in Moscow. (In New York, Glenn Richter, Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry national coordinator, said the tour was apparently set up to try to counter the "negative image" in the United States of Soviet policy toward Jews. He said the group would be given "a rather warm welcome" by SSSJers.

DEMONSTRATION ON BEHALF OF SYRIAN JEWS

LONDON, Oct. 19 (JTA)--Sixty members of the World Union of Jewish Students demonstrated outside the Syrian Arab Airlines office here yesterday to protest what they called the oppression and brutal treatment of the 4,500 Jews remaining in Syria. A spokesman for the group said the airline office was the target because there is no Syrian Embassy in London. Similar demonstrations have occurred in Amsterdam and Copenhagen.

INTERIM ACCORD TALKS TO BE ON AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL

JERUSALEM, Oct. 19 (JTA)--The United States intends to pursue an interim agreement between Israel and Egypt to reopen the Suez Canal but will conduct its quest on the ambassadorial level in Washington or New York rather than in the Middle East, Foreign Ministry sources said today. The Ministry sources disclosed that the idea was broached by Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, Joseph J. Sisco at a meeting last Tuesday with Yitzhak Rabin, Israel's Ambassador to Washington.

The plan was to have a senior American official

establish contacts in the Middle East and travel between Jerusalem and Cairo much as the United Nations Secretary General's special emissary, Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring did nearly two years ago. That plan was abandoned because of the negative stand taken by Egypt, the Israeli sources said. Foreign Minister Abba Eban is expected back in Israel shortly. He will return to New York next month for the Middle East debate in the UN General Assembly.

STERNER TO REPLACE BERGUS IN CAIRO

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19 (JTA)--Michael Sterner, the State Department's Director on Egyptian Affairs for the past two years, is to take charge of the American "interests section" in Cairo. He is scheduled to take his post sometime this week. Sterner had previously served in Cairo as the American Embassy's political officer in 1960-64. Sterner, who is 43, has been connected intimately with Arabic matters for almost 20 years in both private and diplomatic affairs.

He succeeds Donald Bergus who has held the post since shortly after the Six-Day War. Bergus, upon his return to Washington, will be assigned as a diplomat in residence to a university where he will be free to reach or write for the remainder of the current academic year. The United States and Egypt established "interests section" in Cairo and Washington to carry on matters involving the two countries when Egypt charged that the United States supported Israel in the Six-Day War and broke relations on a normal diplomatic basis.

Sterner Close To Sadat

Sterner's appointment as the chief American diplomatic official in Cairo does not require confirmation by the Senate. The State Department, it is understood, consulted with Senate Foreign Relations Committee chairman J. William Fulbright and several other members on this aspect. Sterner's appointment is expected to be formally announced within the next few days. Sterner was born in New York City. After graduating from Harvard in 1951, he worked for three years as the government relations representative for the Arabian Oil Co. in Saudi Arabia.

Joining the Foreign Service of the United States, he served in Aden and Yemen. He was then assigned to Cairo and upon his return to Washington he started a five-year term as a Desk Officer concerned with Egyptian and Arab-Israeli affairs. Sterner, fluent in Arabic, is regarded as perhaps the leading specialist on Egypt in the State Department. He was the official escort to Egyptian President Anwar Sadat when the latter visited the US for a month in the winter of 1966, when he was president of the Egyptian National Assembly. Sterner and Sadat are understood to be on most friendly terms from their associations both in Egypt and in the United States.

REPARATIONS FOR DUTCH JEWS

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 19 (JTA)--Premier B. Biesheuvel revealed here today that 6,200 people, mainly Jews, have already been paid compensation by the Dutch government for their sufferings at the hands of the Nazis during Holland's wartime occupation by the Germans. The Premier said that the number of applications received by the authorities from victims of Nazism has exceeded all expectations. Biesheuvel added that the registration for reparations has not yet been closed and that more requests are arriving, many from abroad, including from Israel. Jewish organizations in general have said that they are satisfied with current reparations arrangements.

CHRISTIANS ADOPT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING RIGHT OF SOVIET JEWS TO EMIGRATE

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Oct. 19 (JTA)--The Board of Directors of the Minnesota Council of Churches adopted a resolution expressing solidarity with the efforts of Soviet Jews to emigrate to Israel or to live as Jews in the Soviet Union with full cultural and religious equality. The resolution termed the plight of Jews in the Soviet Union "one of the great humanitarian issues of our day" which "transcends political affiliations, partisan politics and religious differences."

The resolution, adopted several days ago, expressed profound concern for the fate and future of Soviet Jews and "strong opposition" to the suppression of the "historic Jewish cultural and religious heritage." The resolution stated further, "We believe that Soviet Jews, cut off from the rest of the Jewish people, as the Soviet authorities are attempting to do, is a crime against the basic human rights of any people...Tens of thousands of Jews have petitioned the Soviet authorities for the right to settle in Israel and raise their children in the Jewish tradition and culture...The reaction of the Soviet authorities to this Jewish awakening has been to mount a campaign of harassment, arrests and virulent anti-Jewish propaganda; the recent Leningrad trial being but one manifestation of such persecution."

The resolution called on President Nixon, the State Department and US senators and Congressmen to urge Soviet authorities to: "Recognize the right of Jews who so desire to return to their historic homeland in Israel, and to ensure the unhindered exercise of this right; enable the Jews in the USSR to exercise fully their right to live in accord with the Jewish cultural and religious heritage and freely to raise their children in this heritage; put an end to the defamation of the Jewish people and of Zionism reminiscent of the evil of anti-Semitism which has caused so much suffering to the Jewish people and to the world."

ISRAEL CONSULATE GENERAL-MISSION TO UN MOVES TO NEW LOCATION

NEW YORK, Oct. 19 (JTA)--Officials and staff members of the Consulate General of Israel and the Israel Mission to the United Nations are more energetic and jovial these days and appear more relaxed at the end of their day's work. All agree that the decision to move to new offices in a midtown location at 800 Second Avenue was a wise move. David Rivlin, Consul General, said that the shift to the new location had numerous advantages politically and economically.

It is only one block away from the UN compared to the 32-block distance at its previous location on East 70th Street. The new location also makes it more accessible to the public and establishes better communication with those who require the services of the Consulate or Mission. According to Yoel Arnon, the administrator of the Consulate and Mission, the new location will save the Israeli government \$25,000-\$40,000 a year.

The savings, he explained, will come from not having to worry about the maintenance of the leaky, outdated building the government previously occupied for 22 years; being a tenant instead of an owner; and not having to pay the cost of constant transportation between the UN and the previous Consulate-Mission complex. Rivlin noted, too, that the previous building was not designed as an office and a great deal of space could not, therefore, be utilized. The new complex was designed as an office and space utilization is greater. Arnon said no decision has been made on

whether to sell the previous buildings used by the Consulate-Mission. Israel has put \$600,000-\$700,000 into them over the years, he said, and more investments would be required for repairs.

Arnon advanced two possibilities: the buildings could be retained for apartments or for a school for children of Israeli officials here, or they could be sold. Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir favors selling the building to aid the Ministry's coffers. Arnon said, but a decision has not been made and the buildings have not been offered for sale despite inquiries from numerous prospective buyers. For the Israelis, happiness is being in the new location. Mazel tov.

GOVERNORS OF EIGHT STATES, ON TOUR IN THE USSR, VISIT TBILISI SYNAGOGUE

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 19 (JTA)--The governors of eight states and Puerto Rico, on an exchange visit to the Soviet Union last week, made an unscheduled stop at the synagogue in Tbilisi, capital of Soviet Georgia. They did it at the special request of one of their group, Gov. Warren E. Hearnes of Missouri, according to the Kansas City Jewish Chronicle. Before his departure on the tour sponsored by the National Governors Conference and the US State Department, Hearnes was briefed on the situation of Soviet Jewry and the obstacles placed before those Jews who desire to emigrate.

He was advised that an expression of interest by him or by the other governors could help assure the safety of 40 Soviet Jewish political prisoners and others who are imperiled because they seek permission to leave. The eight governors met with the rabbi of the Tbilisi synagogue and some of the congregants. Gov. Marvin Mandel of Maryland was the only Jew in the group. The other states represented were Michigan, Wyoming, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Colorado.

NIXON URGED TO RESTORE JEWISH SEAT ON US SUPREME COURT

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19 (JTA)--Jerome D. Cohen of Brooklyn, N.Y., national commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A., called on President Nixon today to restore the "Jewish seat" on the United States Supreme Court, which existed from 1916 to 1970. Cohen told Nixon that he "broke tradition" in naming Judge Harry A. Blackmun, a Protestant, to the seat held by Justices Louis D. Brandeis, Felix Frankfurter, Arthur J. Goldberg and Abe Fortas.

"Surely," Cohen wrote, "there are qualified Americans of the Jewish faith who could meet your requirements. Indeed, such an appointment would once again establish a balance reflecting the pluralism of American life. We believe we are speaking for Jews throughout the country and of all political persuasions when we urge such an appointment."

The JWV leader said the organization "held back our disappointment and chagrin" when Nixon broke "tradition" with Judge Blackmun, "on the assumption that at least one of the upcoming seats would go to a Justice of the Jewish faith." He explained: "We could not conceive of this tradition being ignored in future appointments. For us, then, the moment of truth is at hand. We urge the President to make this appointment on one of the (two) pending seats." Cohen also called on American Jewry to "speak out on this issue."

54-DAY STRIKE ENDS

TEL AVIV, Oct. 19 (JTA)--Workers at the Rogosin plant in Ashdod ended their 54-day strike today after union and management reached an agreement over the dismissal of 45 workers.