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HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE PROMISES SOVIET EMIGRE AID IN RELEASE OF HUSBAND

State Department Testimony Scored
As One-Sided, Half Truths

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10 (JTA)--The House Foreign Affairs Committee's European subcommittee promised Mrs. Rita Gluzman today that it would ask the State Department to seek the release of her husband from the Soviet Union so that he can join her and their year-and-a-half-old son--whom the father has never seen--in Israel.

Rep. John Buchanan (D., Ala.), speaking for the subcommittee chairman, Rep. Benjamin S. Rosenthal (D., N.Y.), and other members of the unit, made the pledge after the 23-year-old emigre testified on her personal difficulties as a Jew in the Soviet Union and on the problems faced there by Jews wishing to live as Jews. Mrs. Gluzman went to Israel two years ago, but her 23-year-old husband, Yakov, was held back at the last minute and has not been allowed to leave the USSR.

Charge Times Story Slanted

Also today, Richard Maass, chairman of the American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry, challenged the testimony yesterday of Sol Polansky, a Foreign Service officer. Polansky, who is Jewish, said that the number of Yiddish-speaking Soviet Jews made it not "worthwhile" for the Voice of America to broadcast Yiddish programs to the USSR.

Maass suggested that Soviet statisticians had lopped off from the total number of Soviet Jews those Jews who had decided not to identify Yiddish as their mother tongue any longer. Maass noted that between 1969 and 1970, the official Soviet Jewish population decreased from 2,268,000 to 2,151,000--a drop of 117,000--while the number of Jews who deemed Yiddish their first tongue dropped from 488,000 to 381,000--a drop of 107,000. Published reports have indicated that fear may be the factor leading many Soviet Jews to lower their Jewish profiles.

Maass, Mrs. Gluzman, Rep. Rosenthal and Rep. Edward I. Koch (D., N.Y.) all criticized the New York Times for its front-page story today headed "U.S. Asserts Soviet Jews Are Not Living In Terror." They challenged what Maass called the Times' "rather gross misrepresentation" of testimony yesterday by Richard T. Davies, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State For European Affairs. They said the Times report, by Bernard Gwertzman, over-emphasized Davies' denial of a "state of terror" for Soviet Jews. It was not until the 19th paragraph that the Times noted Davies' statement that the US would in fact endorse a pending resolution calling for improved conditions for Soviet Jews and freedom of emigration.

State Department Denounced

At the hearings yesterday, Rabbi Avraham Weis of Rockland County, N.Y., board member of the Center for Russian Jewry, charged that the State Department during World War II "ducked chance after chance to save Jews and bears the burden for the death of hundreds of thousands of Jews. Regrettably, the situation has not changed." He also charged that Davies' statement told "half

truths" and "may have been written because of the forthcoming visit to Moscow by President Nixon."

Rabbi Weiss declared that "political and economic expediency should not outweigh what is morally and ethically correct." He also told the hearing that the onerous tactics of the Jewish Defense League could be curbed only if the State Department undertook a genuine move to aid Soviet Jews. The winds could then be taken out of the JDL's sails. Davies had earlier condemned the JDL for its "stuck and mindless fanaticism" which he said "plays into the hands of those in the Soviet Union who oppose any easing of current Soviet policies toward Jews."

AJ CONGRESS ASSAILS STATE DEPARTMENT

NEW YORK, Nov. 10 (JTA)--The American Jewish Congress declared today that it was "shocked and outraged by the attempt of the State Department to diminish the severity of the situation facing Soviet Jews" in Department testimony yesterday before a House Foreign Affairs subcommittee. In a joint statement, Theodore Bikel, co-chairman of the Congress' National Governing Council, and Eleazar Lipsky, chairman of the organization's Commission on International Affairs, stated that "at this late date, when we have had testimony to the contrary by hundreds of recent Soviet Jewish emigres, it ill behooves the US State Department to paper over the cruelty of the Soviet regime, or to tell us from these shores who is terrorized and who is not."

The AJ Congress spokesman added that attempts by the Department to characterize the condition of Soviet Jewry as relatively secure "are absurd in the light of arrests, trials, convictions and sentences in Leningrad, Riga and Kishinev this year." They said the "near-absence of Jewish religious and cultural institutions and facilities" in the Soviet Union is "dramatic testimony to the oppression of Jewish life" there.

MRS. MEIR RULES OUT CIVIL MARRIAGES

JERUSALEM, Nov. 10 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir today ruled out civil marriage for Israel on grounds that it would split the nation. Her remarks at a press luncheon coincided with "Mamzer Day" proclaimed by an Israeli group demanding civil marriage. The day was so designated to call attention to a brother and sister deemed "mamzerim" (illegitimates) by the rabbinical authorities and denied marriage licenses on those grounds. Several hundred members of the Public Committee for Civil Marriage in Israel demonstrated in front of the Knesset led by Rabbi Volia Ben-Chorin, an Israel-born Reform rabbi who described the demonstration as a "pray-in."

Mrs. Meir said the application of halacha should be "laced with mercy" and said she was supported in that attitude by "a renowned rabbinical authority." She did not name the authority. She also said she was opposed to mixed marriages because usually the offspring are not raised as Jews.

Goren: No Deviation From Halacha

Rabbi Shlomo Goren, Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv and former Chief Chaplain of Israel's armed forces, said today that halacha could be applied to

the problems of modern Israel without any deviations from the law but deplored the fact that the present generation lacked the scholarship and courage to make the necessary innovations. He blamed the situation mainly on the Nazi holocaust which exterminated "many of those learned rabbis and experts on halacha--men with vision and thorough knowledge of the sacred halacha."

Rabbi Goren, addressing a convention of National Religious Party leaders in Tel Aviv on religious problems, insisted that there must be no deviation from halacha in performing conversions. Last week Rabbi Goren conceded to a B'nai B'rith religious group that halacha was sadly behind the times and urged tolerance and good will on both sides to solve Israel's religious problems. Rabbi Goren has sought, so far without success, to resolve the "mamzer" case. Rabbinical authorities have refused to review it. But it has aroused public opinion in Israel.

THREE MOROCCAN JEWS ARRESTED

PARIS, Nov. 10 (JTA)--In connection with what it calls an anti-corruption drive, the Moroccan government announced yesterday the arrest of 13 notables, including the secretary general of the Jewish Community Council, David Ben Amar, and two Jewish businessmen. The Rabat regime of King Hassan II also put out a warrant for the arrest of Paul Ohana, the Jewish general manager of Morocco's biggest oil refinery, who may be in Israel. Ohana is being sought for alleged oil-price rigging. The names of the two Jewish businessmen arrested were not immediately available here.

On Nov. 4, the JTA Daily News Bulletin reported the arrest, according to sources, of Baruch Dahan, a realtor and former member of the Rabat Jewish community's Executive Council, for alleged misuse of public funds and corruption of state officials. Dahan is presumably one of the two Jewish businessmen whose arrests were announced yesterday. According to the American Jewish Year Book, there were 45,000 Jews in Morocco at the end of last year, out of a total population of 15 million.

BLACK PANTHERS CALLED HEALTHY PHENOMENON

JERUSALEM, Nov. 10 (JTA)--Jerusalem's Black Panthers were called a healthy phenomenon by Dr. Isaac Katz, director of the Institute of National Insurance. He said the militant slum youths of Afro-Asian origin have made an important contribution by increasing the nation's sensitivity to its social problems which was, in itself, a sign of national strength. Dr. Katz spoke last night at the annual conference of the National Council of Jewish Women, an American service organization holding its first conference in Israel.

He said that while every social barometer indicated enormous progress for every sector of Israeli society in absolute terms, most Israelis demand progress in relative terms as well. There are groups in Israel which have not been fully absorbed, Dr. Katz claimed. He observed that in relative terms, 10 percent of Israel's population is poor. Only one student in 20 from the Oriental communities passes the matriculation examinations compared to one student in three from the Western communities, he said. A society which considers problems of relative deprivation is strong enough to proceed to remedy them, Dr. Katz told his audience.

SESAME STREET DEAD-ENDED IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Nov. 10 (JTA)--"Sesame Street," the American educational television series for pre-school-age children, was turned down for Is-

rael TV today by a special committee appointed by Yigal Alon, Deputy Premier and Minister of Education. According to the committee, headed by Prof. Avraham Minkowich of the Hebrew University, the series--which has been widely lauded by educators and parents--is entertaining but not educational enough for Israeli children.

The committee also objected to the use of pigs to explain numbers, on grounds that they would offend certain segments of the Israeli population. (In New York, a spokesman for the Children's Television Workshop, which produces "Sesame Street," said the show was being shown on TV networks in 30 foreign countries and in 20 others over Armed Forces TV. The series begins its third year next week.) The BBC also recently rejected the program as unsuitable for its audience.

SOVIET JEWS PETITION GOVERNMENT TO AID JEWS IN SYRIA

LONDON, Nov. 10 (JTA)--For the first time since the Russian Revolution of 1917, Soviet Jews have petitioned their government to aid Jews in another country. Russian Jewish sources reported today that a group of Muscovite Jews wrote to the Kremlin's Big Three--Communist Party chief Leonid I. Brezhnev, Premier Aleksei N. Kosygin and President Nikolai V. Podgorny--to intervene with the Damascus government for a cessation of restrictions on Syrian Jews. The names of the petitioners were not disclosed, but the sources said they were all activist Jews, many of whom have applied for migration to Israel. The petitioners based their appeal on humanitarian grounds and on the fact of good Russian-Syrian relations.

JEWS LEADER DEFENDS US MIDEAST POLICY

JERUSALEM, Nov. 10 (JTA)--An American Jewish leader defended the Nixon administration's position in the Middle East today. Philip E. Hoffman, president of the American Jewish Committee told a press conference here that the US shares Israel's view that it must negotiate with the Arabs from a position of strength and said a decision on the shipment of more Phantoms to Israel could be expected before the end of the year. Hoffman is here with a five-member mission of the AJ Committee visiting Europe and Israel. Last Tuesday he met in Washington with Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs Joseph J. Sisco.

Hoffman said he heard the American view that the supply of Phantoms to Israel might impair Washington's role as "honest broker" in the Arab-Israeli dispute. However, he said he was convinced that America intends to honor its commitment to keep Israel strong. He said that after his delegation met Foreign Minister Abba Eban they were equally convinced that Israel will show more flexibility over an interim Suez agreement once the shipment of Phantoms is resumed. Hoffman said the Nixon administration does not feel there has been any erosion in its policies toward Israel. Washington still believes that the terms of a peace settlement can be fixed only by the two parties themselves, he said.

UN MIDEAST DEBATE TO BE POSTPONED

JERUSALEM, Nov. 10 (JTA)--Egypt has reportedly asked the United Nations General Assembly to defer its Mideast debate, which had been scheduled for later this month, until the four African presidents who visited Israel and Egypt last week have completed their mission. The presidents who are conducting a fact-finding mission for Mideast peace on behalf of the Organization for African Unity, will return to the Mideast but at a later date than originally expected. No new date has been set.

**JEWISH HISTORIAN WARNS US JEWS MUST
CONFRONT THEIR IDENTITY CRISIS; WOMEN
SEEK GREATER ROLE IN REFORM JUDAISM**

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 10 (JTA)--A leading Jewish historian warned here that American Jews must confront the unique identity crisis created by their increasing role in the nation's service and knowledge-oriented economy or face an even more massive defection and attrition. Dr. Ellis Rivkin, historian of the Hebrew Union College-Institute of Jewish Religion in Cincinnati, told the 3,000 delegates at the 51st biennial General Assembly of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations that although each of Judaism's three main branches--Reform, Conservative and Orthodox--claim a million or so communicants, some 2.8 million persons of Jewish background are relatively remote from their religious cultural and ethnic antecedents.

Such "post-industrial economy" Jews are involved in major merchandising, banking, insurance, professions, computerization, and they have a high quotient of "individuality," he said. Dr. Rivkin observed that gravitation to these areas of personal and professional involvement are inevitable among Jews whose college and university preparation is at a peak of some 80 percent, virtually double that of the non-Jewish population.

America's post-industrial phenomenon and the high level involvement of the Jewish sector has created special identity problems for Jews whose organizations and synagogues have not developed a realistic "post-ethnic" program to match the changed situation, according to Dr. Rivkin.

Instead of remaining geared to the out-of-date belief that the drifting Jew must "return" to the synagogue, Dr. Rivkin suggested the synagogue must "listen to the highly individualistic Jew, the defecting Jewish youth, in terms of the new situation, in order to convince him that Judaism still holds values for the new self-developing individual" who feels he no longer needs "labels." The Jew in America, like the national economy, is ready to "go global" and stop relying upon narrower, though once necessary, attitudes that confronted the ghetto or ostracized ethnic Jew, Dr. Rivkin asserted.

At another session of the five-day assembly which ended yesterday, demands were voiced for greater participation by women in the decision making problems confronting American Reform Judaism. Mrs. Norma Levitt, president of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, told delegates that "women were already using their talents and initiative carrying on activities of the congregation, adult education, youth, community affairs." She added, "They are not being utilized commensurate with the use of their talents and numerical strength.

Mrs. Levitt, of Great Neck, New York, estimated that there are 250,000 women among the one million Reform Jewish members. She said, "We need all the help available to cope with such issues as the disaffection of our children, restoring a Jewish identity and returning the synagogues as the center of Jewish life." Earlier this year a special committee of the UAHC's Board of Trustees rejected a proposal for a minimum of 25 percent women representation but agreed to intensify and search for qualified female leaders. At the present time two women serve on a Board of 160. Three additional women were named to the Board at the convention.

Mrs. Calvin Weiskopf, Chicago, chairman of the Reform Federation's Education Committee, expressed amazement that such conditions could exist in the liberally oriented branch of Judaism where Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise, the late founder of the principal institutions of Reform Judaism fought to assure that women play an equal role in religious services. She

said, "We permit women to sit on the bima, read from the torah and open the ark doors, and are even ordaining our first woman rabbi in June of 1972, yet we still respond in Orthodox fashion towards the feminine leadership role."

Jane Evans, New York City, executive director of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, observed that both the secular and religious educational systems build a "male dominated society from early childhood." Miss Evans called attention to "textbooks in the public schools portraying the non-equal position of the girl, starting with the nursery age, and the religious school books, which despite the biblical books of Ruth and Esther glorify the masculinity of Bible figures."

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, vice-president of the UAHC, conceded, "the balance has been wrong," and promised that the Union would engage in an intensive search not only for new qualified feminine leadership but young men and women.

**FRANCE RATIFIES EXTRADITION TREATY
WITH ISRAEL; MAY REMOVE LEGAL
OBSTACLE TO LIPSKY'S EXTRADITION**

PARIS, Nov. 10 (JTA)--The French Senate today ratified an extradition treaty with Israel which it has kept pigeon-holed since 1959. The surprise action was taken to remove the legal obstacles to the extradition of Claude Lipsky, a French-Jewish financier who fled to Israel in Sept. after warrants were issued for his arrest in connection with a major financial scandal.

The extradition treaty was negotiated in 1958 and approved a year later by the French National Assembly. It was ratified by Israel. But the French Senate refused its approval because Israel does not have capital punishment. The treaty stipulates that extradited persons must not be subjected to punishments that are not in force in the country where they took refuge. The Senate regarded that clause as a possible infringement of France's sovereignty.

France has been pressing Israel to extradite Lipsky or at least expel him. The Israeli government has refused to act in what Jerusalem termed an "illegal manner," pointing out that the extradition treaty never went into effect. Last Friday, the government presented the Senate with the treaty and urged speedy ratification. The ratification process was expected to take several weeks. But it was voted on immediately and adopted by an overwhelming majority. It is retroactive in criminal cases. The Foreign Ministry was expected to ask Israel officially for Lipsky's extradition this week.

DEWEY D. STONE HONORED

TEL AVIV, Nov. 10 (JTA)--Dewey D. Stone was honored yesterday by the Scientific Council of the Weizmann Institute of Science. The founding chairman of the Institute's Board of Governors was presented with a special scroll of honor for his "thirty years of unparalleled devotion and service" to the institute as one of its founders. The presentation was made by Prof. Gideon Yekutieli, chairman of the Scientific Council, at a special festive meeting of the Council. Stone, of Brockton, Mass., is a member of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency Board of Directors.

JEWISH BOOK MONTH SCHEDULED

NEW YORK, Nov. 10 (JTA)--"Know Thyself: Read Jewish Books" is the theme of the 29th annual Jewish Book Month beginning Nov. 12 under the sponsorship of community groups and the Jewish Book Council of the National Jewish Welfare Board.

YOUTH CAUCUS AT CJF ASSEMBLY TO PRESS FOR FUNDING OF STUDENT PROGRAMS

Will Also Urge Commitments To Educational Reforms; Support For Jewish Studies Programs, AAJE, NFJC

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 10 (JTA)--A special caucus of youth, students and young adults holds its first meeting tonight to adopt a program for submission to the 40th General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds (CJF) opening here at the same time. According to Itzhak Epstein, outgoing secretary general of the North American Students Network, an affiliate of the World Jewish Students Union, the main efforts of the caucus will be directed toward informal lobbying rather than influencing CJF resolutions.

Epstein told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that as many as 200 participants are expected, some with and others without official delegate credentials for the General Assembly. He said the CJF provided an office and other physical facilities for the Youth Caucus and opportunities to participate in some of the cultural programs. One of the principal concerns of the caucus is funding for Jewish youth and student activities and it will communicate this concern to the 1,500 CJF delegates, Epstein said.

He stated the opening caucus meeting will consider a list of demands in the field of Jewish student funding drafted by an Ad Hoc planning committee and a draft statement by the planning committee of Jewish youth needs and goals. The caucus hopes to have the funding proposals incorporated into the General Assembly's resolutions and local federations' policy. It calls, among other things, on each Jewish community through its federation and other communal agencies to be responsible for the proper funding of Jewish student programming in the area.

Critical Of Community Leadership

"Each community should establish procedures through which student-controlled groups and projects will receive sufficient funds on a yearly basis" to be disbursed by committees "composed of representatives of the involved Jewish student community," the proposal states. It also asks that "The federations and welfare funds shall provide among themselves for the North American Jewish Students Appeal \$175,000 during this school year and meet its needs in the following years."

Another demand is that "massive funding commitments and educational reforms should be undertaken to insure that Jewish youth of pre-college age be provided with quality Jewish education. Similarly, massive support for the development of quality Jewish Studies programs in colleges and universities should be provided." The students ask that "The American Association for Jewish Education and the National Foundation for Jewish Culture should be properly funded and assisted to fulfill their tasks."

Also before the Youth Caucus will be a three page draft statement accusing the American Jewish leadership generally of superficiality and indifference to Jewish survival and "Jewishness." The statement ends with the warning, "We come to you as those who will lead the Jewish community in our own day. We ask you to shape a Jewish community filled with Jewish meaning which we can preserve; for we assure you if you do not, this 'organized Jewish community' will not survive us."

1000 SOVIET JEWS SIGN PETITION APPEALING FOR EMIGRATION; TEKOAH PRESENTS TO UN

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 10 (JTA)--The largest single appeal by Soviet Jews seeking migration to

Israel--a petition signed by more than 900 Jews of more than 20 cities, many of them representing families of up to 22 members--was presented today to the president of the General Assembly, Ambassador Adam Malik of Indonesia, by Israeli Ambassador Yosef Tekoah. It was the second Soviet Jewry petition to be transmitted to Malik during the Assembly's current 26th session.

The appeal, a copy of which was also directed to the Kremlin leadership, declares that "The question of the free emigration of the Jews...becomes more acute with every passing day." It continues: "Here in the USSR, where there is no Jewish culture and national life, where there are no Jewish schools and Jewish theaters, where there is no possibility to study the Jewish language and the history of the Jewish people, where every day there is an unprecedented diminishing of the percentage of Jews who know their own language, in this country we, as Jews, have no future."

The appeal added: "Our desire to live in a Jewish State and to be equals among equals, sure of our future and the future of our generations, is indestructible...We want and we will live under the Star of David, which personifies our proud Jewishness and our unbreakable ties with the past, the present and the future of the Jewish people." The Israeli Mission this week distributed to each delegation one of the new commemorative coins reading "Let My People Go."

CORRECTION

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency Daily News Bulletin of Oct. 27 reported from Jerusalem that the Jewish population in Israel at the end of 1970 was 2.3 million. The correct figure is 2,561,000. The Arab population at the same time was 440,000. By 1985, given the current rate of growth, the Arab population will be about 750,000 and the Jewish population will be 3.4 million. The total population at the end of 1971 was 3,050,000 and is expected to reach 4,250,000 by 1985.

SEPARATE ASSISTANCE BILL TO JEWS, VICTIMS OF NAZISM INTRODUCED

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 10 (JTA)--A bill that would separate assistance granted to Jews and other World War II victims from social welfare was introduced into the Dutch parliament today with the support of the five government coalition parties. Payments up to now have been made through the welfare agencies to victims of Nazism, mostly Jews and to persons who suffered during the Japanese occupation of Indonesia, the former Netherlands East Indies. The channeling of reparations through welfare has been widely criticized as humiliating to the recipients.

The government-sponsored bill differed from one introduced by the opposition in that it regulates payments according to the recipient's state of health. The opposition measure called for payments regardless of health. Dr. J.Z. Baruch, chairman of the Dutch Sephardi Congregation and a member of Parliament for the Democratic Socialists, a new coalition party, submitted the government bill. He said that financial payments to war victims seemed adequate but the bill was aimed at overcoming the "psychological objections" to the form of payment used.

REPLY TO U THANT IN FINAL STAGES

JERUSALEM, Nov. 10 (JTA)--Israel's reply to UN Secretary General U Thant on Jerusalem's status is in the final stages of drafting and may be sent this week, it was learned from reliable sources.