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## STATE DEPARTMENT TAKES DIM VIEW OF JACKSON AMENDMENT

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29 (JTA)--The State Department indicated today that it took a negative view of the Jackson Amendment to the foreign aid bill which the Senate passed by an 82-14 vote last week providing \$500 million in military sales credits for Israel. Department spokesman Charles Bray observed that the State Department "never had an opportunity to express itself" on the amendment introduced by Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D., Wash.) which goes before a Senate-House conference committee later this week.

Bray noted that "the administration had requested substantial funds for military sales in its initial budget request for Israel." He referred to \$300 million in military credits contained in legislation now before Congress and a supplementary \$85 million grant for economic aid to Israel which was not included in the administration request.

"The level of the (administration's) request reflected the level of need," Bray said. "If the Congress provides additional funds they will be available if the need increases," he said, adding, "I cannot predict that it will at this point." Bray announced that Israel's Premier Golda Meir will have a "working lunch" with Secretary of State William P. Rogers next Thursday prior to her meeting with President Nixon in the White House. Mrs. Meir is scheduled to appear on the "Meet The Press" television program next Sunday.

## MIDEAST DEBATE BEGINS THURSDAY Thant Preparing Report On Mideast

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 29 (JTA)--A United Nations spokesman confirmed today that the General Assembly's Middle East debate will open Thursday afternoon. The first two speakers will be the representatives of Egypt and Somalia, two of the most hostile nations toward Israel. The UN spokesman added that Secretary General Thant is expected to have a Mideast report ready for the Security Council by the start of the debate. The report is being prepared under a Council request. There is no specific deadline for its submission.

Meanwhile, the UN's Mideast Intermediary, Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring of Sweden, returned here last night from his post in Moscow. A UN spokesman said Dr. Jarring will be consulting with interested parties on the Mideast situation. Western diplomats here were reluctant to predict the effects on the debate or on the search for a Mideast peace of what they called the "regrettable" assassination yesterday of Jordanian Premier Wasfi el Tal by Palestinian terrorists. But one diplomat observed: "It can't help." He added that the assassination would be a particular "embarrassment" for Egypt, but did not elaborate.

## Riad: Sanctions Questionable

In an interview with Time magazine last week, published in part in this week's issue, Egyptian Foreign Minister Mahmoud Riad suggested that some nations "may think it is time to invoke" sanctions against Israel for "refusing to accept UN resolutions," while others "may think that no country should be permitted to send arms to Israel as long as they are occupying our territories." But Riad noted that while such proposals "probably would get a majority" in the Assembly, the

vote would only be a recommendation to the Security Council, "and since the Security Council has never taken such a decision, some countries might say that now is not the opportune time."

Riad said that despite Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's threats to resume the shooting war with Israel, "there is no decision that 'Tomorrow I will fight.'" Riad criticized Secretary of State William P. Rogers' "failure to persuade" Israel to accept his peace plan, and criticized Israel for her "harsh rebuff" to that plan. Noting the Senate's overwhelming vote in favor of more Phantom jets for Israel, the Egyptian said: "(It) looks like a very funny situation. Does the US really have any policy for peace in the area? Is the US a partner in the aggression, or is it a big power trying to bring about peace in a very sensitive area? It's very confusing to us."

Riad was happy, however, that China has "informed us that they are giving us full support against Israeli aggression." He also noted that the only alternative to a renewal of the Jarring peace mission is war. "If we are for peace--and we are for peace--we must push again to keep this process alive," Riad told Time magazine. A proposal for resuming the Jarring mission was also issued by the four African Presidents who visited Israel and Egypt on fact-finding peace mission quests. Informed sources in Israel said yesterday that Israel's response to the four-member proposal appears to be favorable with the understanding that there be no prior condition--meaning that Israel will not commit itself to withdraw from all occupied territories.

## MRS. MEIR TO MEET WITH JEWISH LEADERS

NEW YORK, Nov. 29 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir of Israel will confer with American Jewish leadership on Monday afternoon, Dec. 6, at a meeting of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, the Conference announced today. "This will follow her meeting with President Nixon on Thursday, Dec. 2," the announcement continued. Aside from her appearance at the United Jewish Appeal on Saturday evening, Dec. 11 and at the Israel Bond Organization dinner Sunday, Dec. 12, this is the only meeting scheduled with Jewish leaders for the Israeli Prime Minister.

## JEWISH COMMUNITY ASSURED THAT CENSUS OF MINORITY EMPLOYEES IS NOT AIMED AT ESTABLISHING REVERSE DISCRIMINATION

NEW YORK, Nov. 29 (JTA)--The chairman of the New York City Commission on Human Rights sought today to allay the fears expressed by some Jewish groups that the census of city employees now being conducted by the Commission was aimed at establishing a reverse discrimination in which minority groups, mainly blacks and Puerto Ricans, would be favored over others in hiring for city jobs.

In an "Open Letter to the Jewish Community" released to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today, Commissioner Eleanor Holmes Norton gave assurances that there would be no tampering with the civil service merit system and that no quotas would be imposed or tolerated for municipal employees.

Mrs. Norton said she issued the "Open Letter" to correct "inaccuracies" contained in stories

printed in certain unnamed newspapers serving the Jewish community. She said some of those stories raised fears about the census of city employes which includes the major deprived minority groups, women and the handicapped. The purpose of statistics, such as those being compiled by the census is to serve as "indicators" of where to look for deeper information. She noted that similar census' have been taken of employes on the Federal and State levels and in New York City by the then Human Rights Commissioner Stanley Lowell in the Wagner administration without in any way endangering the merit system of government employment.

No ethnic group, she said, need "fear professional use of statistics designed to help those who have been less fortunate than they. Blacks and Puerto Ricans, other minority groups, women and the handicapped expect government to proceed on an informed basis to correct their awesome problems in fair employment and unemployment..." But every ethnic group has the right to expect that fairness for deprived groups will not be achieved at the expense of others who have fought hard to gain their job status. Neither destruction of the merit system nor infamous quota systems can be tolerated."

Commissioner Norton noted that "At one time or another in this country, quota systems have been used against minorities, most notably Jews and blacks. Now there is talk of quotas being used to favor some who suffered discrimination. While I know of no government that has approved the use of quotas, I can speak only for the City Human Rights Commission. We have not and will not use quotas," she declared. Mrs. Norton added: "I am painfully aware of the historic basis for...apprehension by Jews and of some more recent events in this city that have fed that apprehension. But it would be a tragedy if history were to become not only a cause for vigilance, as it must, but for hysteria and intergroup conflict based on false statements and conclusions, as it can."

#### SOVIET JEWRY TO BE ISSUE WHEN KOSYGIN ARRIVES IN DENMARK

COPENHAGEN, Nov. 29 (JTA)--Foreign Minister K.B. Andersen of Denmark promised today to raise the question of Soviet Jews with Premier Alexei Kosygin when he visits Denmark beginning this Thursday. Andersen made the pledge at a meeting with three representatives of Danish Jewish youth organizations. They asked him to intervene with Kosygin specifically on behalf of Silva Zalmanson Kuznetsov, one of the Leningrad hijack trial defendants who is serving a 10-year sentence in the Potma labor camp and is said to be gravely ill.

The Foreign Minister told the youths that the matter of Soviet Jews was discussed by the Danish Cabinet and that the Cabinet authorized him to bring it up with Kosygin. The delegation that visited Andersen today consisted of Finn Altschuler of the Jewish Youth Association, Flemming Nivaro of the Jewish Students Club and Michael Melchior of Bnai Akiva, the son of Denmark's Chief Rabbi Bent Melchior. They brought a petition addressed to the Danish Cabinet which described the cultural and religious deprivations suffered by Jews in the USSR. It contained 26,000 signatures. There are only 6,000 Jews in Denmark out of a population of nearly five million.

Thousands of stickers bearing the slogan "Kosygin--Let My People Go" began to appear on cars in the capital today in preparation for Kosygin's visit. Representatives of Jewish organizations announced plans for a torchlight march from the main synagogue to the city hall square Thursday night and smaller demonstrations for Soviet

Jews at the airport when Kosygin lands. Jewish sources here said the campaign directed at Kosygin would have the same impact as that which greeted Soviet Communist Party Secretary Leonid Brezhnev on his visit to France last month.

#### GEORGIAN JEWS DENY REPORTS EMIGRES TO ISRAEL SEEK RETURN TO USSR

LONDON, Nov. 29 (JTA)--Jewish sources in Soviet Georgia have indignantly denied reports in the Israeli press that a number of Georgian families who emigrated to Israel have petitioned for permission to return to the USSR. In some of the reports, the number of families said to be seeking repatriation was put at 200. But the sources said there was no basis for such reports. They said information reaching Georgia from emigres in Israel indicated that there were no returnees or prospective returnees. The sources said that one or two "agents provocateur" have infiltrated the emigres from Georgia and might now pose as returnees.

Some sources in Israel said that Communist provocateurs have been trying to foment discontent among Georgian immigrants who have grievances against immigration authorities and try to induce them to write despairing letters to relatives in the USSR. The sources in Georgia noted that aliya from there began only last Sept. and the new arrivals hardly had time to assess their condition and prospects in Israel, much less petition for return if indeed they ever considered it. The sources recalled that a number of Jews emigrated to Israel from Georgia in 1967 and that none have returned.

#### ISRAEL ENVOY CHARGES SYRIA SUSPENDS LAWS WHERE JEWS ARE CONCERNED Arabs Try To Stop Presentation

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 29 (JTA)--Israel charged in the United Nations today that Syria suspends its general laws insofar as Jews are concerned "so as to prevent the application of such law or any of its provisions to Jews." The charge was made by the Israeli representative, Ambassador Joel Barromi, before the General Assembly's Third Committee. He said the deprivation of Syrian Jews of their citizens' rights under Syrian law was one of the powers vested in a special statutory commission set up in Damascus to oversee Jewish affairs. The commission is composed of representatives of the security and military intelligence services, the Ministry of Justice, the Treasury and the Council of Palestinian Refugees, Barromi said.

"It has full power to make all such regulations as it deems necessary or expedient for the restriction of business and movement of Jews, their religious and educational activities and the administration of their property," the Israeli Ambassador said in the course of a 16-page report on the condition of Jews in Syria. "The laws of succession and will do not apply to Jews," he said. "Jewish property of whatever nature devolves with the death of the owner on the State. Immovable property owned by Jews may not be disposed of by him, even during his lifetime. Notaries are not allowed to legalize documents submitted by Jews."

Continuing, Barromi stated that bank credit has been denied to Jews and notes due to them remain unpaid. Jews cannot engage in foreign trade. "Jewish merchants in Kamishli and Aleppo, who traditionally purchased their goods in Damascus, cannot work now, being unable to get permits to do that city," Barromi charged. He said further that mail sent to Jews inside Syria from abroad is

detained and Syrian Jews are forbidden to write abroad, even to close relatives.

"It is obvious that in these circumstances religious Jewish life is severely curtailed," the Israeli envoy said. "Jewish communities are indeed permitted to operate on condition that every one of their acts be approved by government authorities. Most synagogues have been closed. Jewish cemeteries have been destroyed and confiscated for the construction of public highways. Only a few Jewish schools such as the Alliance Israelite Universelle School in Damascus are still open. An Arab principal, responsible to the security services, supervises studies. The use of the Hebrew language is forbidden which makes the teaching of the Hebrew Bible impossible," Barromi said. The Israeli Ambassador's presentation was interrupted several times by angry delegates from Syria and Morocco.

#### RABBI SCORES DOCTOR, MEDICAL JOURNAL ON JEWISH BLOOD LIBEL

NEW YORK, Nov. 29 (JTA)--The director of the Rabbi Isaac Eichanan Theological Seminary of Yeshiva University has excoriated a pathologist and the New York State Journal of Medicine for publishing an "infamous accusation" of Jewish blood libel. Rabbi Zevulun Charlop, who is also the rabbi of Young Israel of Mosholu Parkway, the Bronx, cited the article "Strange Murder of William Of Norwich, 1144" in the November Issue of the Journal. Its author is Dr. William D. Sharpe of New York, director of laboratories at Columbus Hospital and professor at the College of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey at Newark.

Dr. Sharpe presents a five-page "medicolegal analysis" of Thomas of Monmouth's account of the murder of a Christian teenager, William, in the Jewish quarter of Norwich, England, during Holy Week, 1144. Dr. Sharpe writes: "It is...definite that the Jews claimed the sheriff's protection and bribed him before William's body was found and that the Jewish community knew of his death long before the Christian community...."

The last time William was seen alive, Dr. Sharpe continues, "he was seen entering a house in the Jewish quarter, and his dead body was first seen in the custody of two Jews. In modern terms, the Jewish community were at least accessories after the fact... Ritual murder can be neither implicated nor excluded on the evidence, but the death's careful planning and sadistic nature raise the possibility of cultist murder....Sadistic murder by a Jewish psychopath, followed by a united Jewish community attempt to avoid the possible bloodshed which might follow, would best explain Thomas' account...."

#### Accusation A Macabre Nightmare

Rabbi Charlop told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that "it was altogether incredible, almost a macabre nightmare, to discover this infamous accusation alive and well, exhumed for the pages of New York's official medical publication." He continued: "Stripped away of all its niceties and scientific gibberish, (it) is little more than an ingenious rehashing of one of the basest canards invented by medieval Christianity to hold the Jew at bay."

Especially disturbing, Rabbi Charlop said, "is Dr. Sharpe's reliance on the word of a man, Thomas of Norwich, who wrote his account 29 years after the alleged incident and suffered from ludicrous anti-Semitic feeling." Dr. Sharpe "should have told us that the linchpin of Thomas' version rests upon the hateful testimony of Theobald, a Jewish apostate who afterwards became a monk," the rabbi added.

He concluded: "One can only hope that the lack of objectivity, at once grossly and subtly pervasive, in

Dr. Sharpe's offering is not reflective of the scientific inquiry which ordinarily carries the imprimatur of the (New York Medical) Society." Dr. Sharpe, a Christian, asked for comment on Rabbi Charlop's charges, told the JTA: "I've heard this accusation several times--the familiar old thing." He said such charges were made by those who were "uninformed."

#### MRS. MEIR APPEALS FOR END TO HARASSMENT OF PATHOLOGISTS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 29 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir appealed to the public yesterday to assist police in their investigation of a campaign of harassment and death threats being waged by religious zealots against pathologists who perform autopsies in public hospitals. The problem was discussed at yesterday's Cabinet meeting. A statement issued in Mrs. Meir's name declared that all necessary steps would be taken to "root out this phenomenon." The statement pledged that the government would bring the full weight of the law to bear against "hooligans engaged in terror."

#### CHARGES AGAINST RABBI GOLDMAN, LEVIN DISMISSED

NEW YORK, Nov. 29 (JTA)--A city criminal court judge has dismissed charges of disrupting a religious service against Rabbi A. Bruce Goldman, adviser to the Radical Jewish Union at Columbia University, and Victor Levin, now a graduate student in Madison, Wisconsin. The charges stemmed from RJU demonstrations at Temple Emanu-El, the largest Reform synagogue in the world in May, 1970.

Charges originally had been filed against the two men and against Anne Rosen, a member of the RJU. Miss Rosen agreed last June 9 to accept a lesser charge of disorderly conduct and she was given an unconditional discharge on her guilty plea. Charges were continued against Rabbi Goldman and Levin but there were repeated postponements on their requests for a jury trial until last week when the case was heard by Judge Frederick L. Strong. He dismissed the charges "in the interest of justice" without further explanation.

#### MRS. GLUZMAN AND HUSBAND REUNITED

NEW YORK, Nov. 29 (JTA)--Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, chairman of the Interreligious Affairs Department of the American Jewish Committee, and a commentator on radio station WINS, revealed yesterday in a broadcast that Mrs. Rita Gluzman had advised him that "after two years of anxious waiting," the Soviet authorities have given her husband, Yakov, an exit visa to join her and their 15-month-old son whom he had never seen in Israel. Mrs. Gluzman was helped in her campaign to be reunited with her husband by the AJCommittee and the American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry to bring her case before the United Nations and the United States government. Rabbi Tanenbaum said "All of us are deeply gratified that these interventions have resulted in the union of this family."

#### FURTHER DEFENSE BUDGET CUTS SOUGHT

JERUSALEM, Nov. 29 (JTA)--The Finance Ministry has asked the Defense Ministry to reduce its 1972 fiscal budget from an original estimate of \$1.54 billion to \$1.25 billion, it was learned from reliable sources today. The Defense Ministry had voluntarily reduced its budget request to \$1.30 billion. The Treasury insists further cuts are possible.

### WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

TEL AVIV (JTA)--"I will take my truth with me to Washington," Premier Golda Meir declared Friday night in an address to the Labor Party's Central Committee in which she charged that American delay on Phantom jet sales to Israel was encouraging Egypt to make war. Already, she stated, the hopes for an interim agreement reopening the Suez Canal have "collapsed" as a result of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's recent war threats. Mrs. Meir also scored "outside forces who are interested in spreading the rumors that Israel is disintegrating, that Israel is falling apart and that Israel is divided." This was an apparent reference to US Secretary of State William P. Rogers reported remark last Thursday to a group of Senators that Israel's society was collapsing.

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LONDON (JTA)--Forty-seven Moscow Jews have cabled the Central Committee of the Soviet Communist Party and the Soviet Interior Minister to protest what they termed police laxity toward "hooliganism" against Jews. The writers said five persons harassed a group of Jews on Oct. 30 as the latter waited outside the office on Kirov Street of the official handling exit visas for Israel. The harassers reportedly shouted: "Dirty Jews, we shall finish you off. We shall throw you under the train before you go." The police arrested all five but released four of them and filed no charges against the fifth, despite eyewitness evidence by five Jews. It was also disclosed that Yuri Aronovitch, the Jewish conductor of the Moscow radio-television orchestra, was fired for applying for an exit visa to Israel.

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PARIS (JTA)--Moroccan Jews in Israel have a champion here in the person of Madam Alix de Rothschild, a prominent supporter of the Jewish State. She heads the 200-member Provisional Committee to Help Moroccan Immigrants in Israel. The Committee, which met last Thursday night, called for additional aid to Moroccan immigrants beyond what is done for them by the Israeli government, it was disclosed here Sunday. It decided to create a permanent body to plan such aid.

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NEW YORK (JTA)--Israel's Foreign Minister Abba Eban has been named as recipient of the Zionist Organization of America's Theodor Herzl Award. The gold medal will be presented to Eban by Herman L. Weisman, ZOA president, at the organization's annual dinner Sunday, Dec. 12, at the New York Hilton. Proceeds from the \$125-a-subscription dinner are for support of the ZOA's cultural, educational and public affairs programs and for ZOA projects in Israel.

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JERUSALEM (JTA)--The price one pays to marry a non-Jewish girl depends on what one gets--or can afford. Prices of Moslem and Druze brides vary with age and physical stamina and depend on whether they are city or country bred. According to the Central Bureau of Statistics, the price paid by a Moslem bridegroom to the father of the bride is IL 3,900 (\$928.57), while the price for a Druze bride is IL 3,500 (\$833.33). The lowest prices are paid in the cities--IL 2,600 (\$619.05)--the highest are paid for girls sold to Bedouins in the Negev--IL 4,900 (\$1,116.67). These figures are almost three times higher than in 1969 when the Bureau of Statistics began registering these prices on the basis of the marriage contracts.

JOHANNESBURG (JTA)--Dr. Meyer Feldberg, 29, who earned his Masters Degree in business administration at Columbia University in New York, has been appointed professor of business administration at Cape Town University Graduate School of Business. He is the youngest professor on the faculty. Dr. Feldberg is the son of Leon Feldberg, founder and former editor of the South African Jewish Times. South African Naval headquarters at Simonstown announced the appointment of Lt. Commander Raymond Epstein as commanding officer of the Port Elizabeth Naval Base. Col. Alf Edelman, district criminal investigation officer for Cape Town, has been promoted to rank of Brigadier, thus becoming the highest ranking Jewish officer in the South African police force.

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TEL AVIV (JTA)--Mapam refused Saturday night to close all doors to better relations between Israel and the Soviet Union. The Party's General Council rejected an outright anti-Soviet resolution which appeared certain to pass, and adopted a more moderate one. The resolution, following three days of debates by Mapam leaders, expressed only strong reservations over the present character of the Soviet regime and the Soviet attitude toward the Jewish question. A clean break with Moscow was averted after Meir Yaari, Mapam's leader, declared: "I consider that we should not entirely denounce the Soviet style of Socialism. I want to leave a window open to that world and not shut it altogether." Another Mapam leader, Yaacov Hazan who favored a break with the USSR, modified his position.

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MONTREAL (JTA)--The Canadian government and the government of Poland have signed an agreement for the payment by Poland of lump sums of \$1,225 million to Canadian citizens for property nationalized or otherwise expropriated, according to Saul Hayea, executive vice-president of the Jewish Congress. This agreement is the culmination of a concerted effort by the CJC which, for a number of years, has urged the Canadian government to pursue compensation claims by Canadian citizens. Negotiations between the two governments began in Warsaw in Oct. 1968 and subsequent discussions were conducted in Ottawa. The agreement provides for payment in seven equal annual installments.

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NEW YORK (JTA)--The Jewish National Fund will hold its Macabean Festival Salute to major Orthodox religious organizations on Dec. 16. The festival, which will be dedicated to the 70th anniversary of the JNF, will pay tribute to the Orthodox religious community for its contribution to the rebuilding of the land of Israel.

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JERUSALEM (JTA)--Shethk Mohammed Ali el Jaabari, the Mayor of Hebron, is still trying to get King Faisal's permission for Israeli Moslems to make the pilgrimage to Mecca in Saudi Arabia. Jaabari's announcement last week that the Saudian monarch had granted permission was denied by the latter. Jaabari has since sent another request through the Saudian Embassy in Jordan. He said that a high ranking Saudian official had informed a Hebron notable that Faisal said he could not prevent any Moslem from visiting the holy places in Mecca.