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PINCUS: 2,000 SOVIET JEWS ARRIVED THIS MONTH, ESTIMATED 12,000 BY YEAR'S END Housing Resources Strained By Influx

TEL AVIV, Dec. 20 (JTA)--The immigration of Jews from the Soviet Union has increased to such an extent that it is putting a severe strain on Israel's housing resources, Absorption Ministry circles said today. Louis Pincus, chairman of the Jewish Agency, told a Labor Party meeting last night that 2,000 Soviet Jewish emigres have arrived so far this month.

He estimated that the total Jewish immigration from the Soviet Union this year would be about 12,000. Absorption Ministry officials said that if the present rate of influx continues it may be necessary to temporarily house two childless families in a single three room flat. They said that arrangement would continue until smaller flats are made available for couples without children.

Jews From Bokhara Expected Next

About one-third of the emigres come from the Soviet Georgian Republic, but the focal point of emigration will soon shift further eastward, according to Gen. Uzi Narkiss, director of the Jewish Agency's Immigration department. Narkiss said yesterday that Jews from Bokhara in Central Asia may be the next group allowed to leave Russia in large numbers. His remarks confirmed a report from Moscow published here last week by the Soviet journalist Victor Louis that Bokharan Jews would follow the Georgians.

Like the Georgian and other Soviet Jews, the Bokharan Jews are townsmen not used to agricultural work. Large numbers of them settled in Palestine in the early 1920s, centering in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. The latter city has a Bokharan quarter adjacent to the Mea Shearim quarter. The Bokharans who settled here 50 years ago were strictly Orthodox. Narkiss said that to meet the influx of new immigrants, 10,000 homes should be built in Beer-sheba, the Negev capital, where there is no shortage of jobs.

BAR LEV WARNS CAIRO RENEWAL OF WARFARE WILL BRING SWIFT RETALIATION; CHANCES FOR PEACE 'SLIGHTLY MORE THAN ZERO'

JERUSALEM, Dec. 20 (JTA)--Israel's retiring Chief of Staff Gen. Haim Bar-Lev served notice on Cairo that any renewal of warfare would bring swift and destructive retaliation against Egypt. Addressing a conference of mayors in Tel Aviv last night, Gen. Bar Lev said the chances for renewed hostilities were 50-50 and have been for some time. He said a peaceful settlement was still theoretically possible but the chances at present "are only very slightly more than zero."

Bar-Lev, who leaves the Army next year for a Cabinet post, spoke with confidence of Israel's ability to hit back hard and decisively against attacks by Egypt or a combined Egyptian-Syrian assault on the cease-fire lines. "If the Egyptians attempt to hit any civilian targets in Israel we can retaliate in kind with such force that they would quickly drop whatever plans they have," Bar-Lev said.

He added, "We can do this despite all their anti-aircraft defence installations, despite their Russians and despite their missiles." He said Israel had its "answers" to Egyptian long range air-to-ground missiles, though he conceded that one rocket might get through Israeli defenses. But, he said, "I do not ex-

pect any massive missile strikes on any target." Bar-Lev said that should Egypt resume warfare on a large scale, he would not be "surprised" if Syria joined in as well. However, he said, "Israel is ready for all eventualities, and not merely on paper."

Discount Reports Egypt To Renew War

Meanwhile, press reports that Egypt has decided to resume warfare against Israel were discounted by informed sources here today. The sources said there was no authoritative news of the results of yesterday's meeting of Egypt's National Security Council in Cairo. According to the Daily Telegraph of London, President Anwar Sadat told the Council that he has finally decided to resume the shooting war but intends to keep it a limited one.

Arab news media carried no reports of the Cairo meeting which Sadat summoned on short notice to discuss Egypt's military and political situation. The Daily Telegraph's report which carried a Beirut dateline, quoted official sources in Cairo as saying that there was no alternative to a resumption of hostilities. According to the Telegraph, the Cairo sources said that initially Egyptian warfare would be confined to artillery barrages and air strikes along the Suez Canal.

FOUR INFANTS REMOVED FROM INCUBATOR

JERUSALEM, Dec. 20 (JTA)--All of the four surviving babies of the quintuplets born to Mrs. Hadassah Berman here in October have been removed from the incubators where they spent the first two months of their lives. The largest of the infants, a boy, was taken out of the incubator last week. His three sisters were removed yesterday.

STATE DEPT MILDLY CRITICAL OF SOVIET PLEDGE TO AID EGYPT IN PEACE AND WAR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (JTA)--The State Department responded belatedly and with only mild criticism today to a reported Soviet pledge to support Egypt "in peace and in war" made in Cairo last Thursday by the Russian Ambassador Vladimir M. Vinogradov. The State Department refused to comment on the Ambassador's reported remark at the time claiming that it was not authenticated.

Department spokesman Charles Bray said that the Soviet envoy "made comments in a private session with a small group of Egyptian journalists" which "obviously are not helpful to the whole process in which the parties and others have been engaged over the past month looking to an interim agreement or a full settlement." Bray said he was still not certain that Vinogradov had been quoted correctly but described his observation today as a "considered" comment by the State Department following inquiries made in Moscow and Cairo. It was understood that Bray's comment was based on information from Cairo.

The State Department spokesman declined to comment on reports that President Anwar Sadat of Egypt would deliver a new war-oriented speech later this week. He said it would not be useful to anticipate what anyone might say in a speech. Asked about reports of mounting preparations for

war in the Middle East, Bray said the US is not aware of any mobilization in the region and has not received any message of concern as the year's end approaches. He said the US was still prepared to advance talks between Israel and Egypt. The possibility of such talks has not moved forward, he said, but on the other hand, neither party has closed the door to them.

DR. GOLDMANN: JEWISH SURVIVAL DEPENDS ON LONG-RANGE INTERNATIONAL PLANNING

Must Continue To Fight For Rights Of Jews In USSR Who Decide To Remain

LONDON, Dec. 20 (JTA)--Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, addressed himself today to the problem of Jewish survival in a world in which the power and influence of the West is on the decline, the influence of the East--the Communist bloc--is ascendant and in which the Third World forces represented by developing nations of Africa and Asia may prove decisive. Dr. Goldmann spoke before the Board of Deputies of British Jews and guests who gave him a standing ovation at the conclusion of his remarks.

Dr. Goldmann stated that planning for the future can only be effective if there is international Jewish cooperation and diaspora-Israel cooperation in such planning. There is no time to lose, he warned. "Some three million Jews live in the Soviet Union. It would be an untenable proposition that we should give up the fight for the rights of Soviet Jews to live as Jews."

Continuing, he observed: "Protests alone--and sometimes it is necessary to protest--will not do it. We must plan ahead, and one day we may yet talk to the Soviet leaders, together with Soviet Jews as to how Jewish rights could be safeguarded within the Soviet Union."

Dr. Goldmann noted that there was no Jewish problem within the Third World but that those nations know little or nothing about Jews, past and present. At the same time, they are a decisive power in the United Nations whose future may yet be more effective than its past and present. "We must establish contacts with them and enlighten them as to what we are and what we represent as a Jewish people," Dr. Goldmann said.

Finally, he referred to the deterioration of Jewish prospects in Latin America. "Latin America hovers between the West and the Third (World) force. It is a continent in turmoil and revolution. There is some anti-Semitism there, but this is not the main danger to Jews," the WJC Congress leader said. "The main danger is inherent in the revolutionary situation within Latin American society. We can learn something from Cuba. Castro is friendly to Israel and Jews. But a community of ten thousand souls has been ruined because it did not fit into the new pattern," he said.

SOVIET JEWS TO STAGE HUNGER STRIKE

TEL AVIV, Dec. 20 (JTA)--According to reports here from Jewish sources in the Soviet Union, Jewish prisoners in the USSR will stage a one-day hunger strike next Friday, Dec. 24, the anniversary of the sentences handed down in the first Leningrad hijack trial. The prisoners have asked Jews in Israel to observe a hunger strike on the same date. Dr. Benjamin Harely, a Knesset member of the Gahal faction, has asked the government to grant automatic citizenship to all Jewish political prisoners in the USSR on the anniversary date. There are about 40 Jews presently in Soviet jails and labor camps.

EBAN: COMMON ELEMENT BINDS PERSON WHO IS ANTI-SEMITIC, ANTI-ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (JTA)--Israel's Foreign Minister Abba Eban said last night that "discrimination" was the common element between the person who is an anti-Semite and the man who is anti-Israel. The former says every man is equal, except the Jew; the latter says every nation is equal, except Israel, Eban stated. Addressing some 500 people attending the Synagogue Council of America's annual Statesmen Award Dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, Eban commented on the "lack of moral values" of a world community of 132 nations that can recognize the equality and sovereignty of every nation but Israel.

He noted that throughout the world there was a growing concept of dialogue and negotiation to settle the world's problems. Everywhere, but in the Middle East, he said. But, he added, "I do not believe the Middle East can long be left out of the current vogue of dialogue and negotiations."

Discussing the advice of the big powers that Israel "need not worry about this boundary or the other, about Sharm el-Sheikh or the Golan Heights" because the Security Council would "guarantee" Israel's security, Eban said "there is only one thing wrong. They (guarantees) do not exist. They did not exist in the past and they don't exist now." Eban was presented with the Council's "Judaism and World Peace Award," a silver menorah created by Israeli artist Moshe Zabari.

Christians Support Israel, USSR Jews

Earlier in the evening, Dr. Cynthia Wedel, president of the National Council of Churches of Christ, conceded that "the Christian community has often failed to support the cause of the Jews and of Israel today as you wish we did." But she added "there are many Christians who are supporting you." Mrs. Wedel said "We share fully your concern that the whole question of peace in the Middle East be brought to the conference table for discussion by those directly involved."

Bishop Joseph L. Bernardin, General Secretary of the US Catholic Conference, spoke of the Christian support for the plight of Jews in the Soviet Union. "This oppression calls forth, from all men of good will, sympathy toward the oppressed and indignation towards the oppressors." He said he believed this "also demands unceasing protest on the part of the Christian community, many of whose own members experience the same suppression of fundamental human rights and liberties."

7 BLACK HEBREW FAMILIES SERVED WITH DEPORTATION ORDERS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 20 (JTA)--Seven families of self-styled Black Hebrews from the United States were arrested in Jericho yesterday and served with deportation orders. The families were charged with remaining in Israel illegally after their one-month tourist visas expired and with establishing residence in an occupied area without permission of the Military Government. The families have three days to appeal the deportation orders to the Supreme Court.

Similar orders issued for eight other black families are to be served later this week. There was no word today on the status of several hundred black Hebrews who began coming to Israel two years ago and were granted temporary residents permits although they claimed citizenship under the Law of Return. Most of them are quartered in the Negev town of Dimona.

SHOW CAUSE ORDER ISSUED AGAINST HUD, HOUSING AUTHORITY IN QUEENS PROJECT

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (JTA)--The New York City Housing Authority and the Department of Housing and Urban Development will answer a show cause order in Federal court here Jan. 18 to demonstrate why they should not be enjoined from continuing construction of a controversial low income housing project in Forest Hills, Queens. The project is being built by the Housing Authority and is financed by the Federal agency.

Suit against the Authority and HUD was filed by the Queens Jewish Community Council last Friday in the US District Court for the Eastern District of New York. The order was signed by Judge Edward R. Neaher. The basis of the suit is the alleged failure of the City and HUD to comply with terms of the National Environmental Policy Act.

The QJCC is opposed to the project on grounds that it would drastically alter the character of the white, middle class, predominantly Jewish neighborhood. The QJCC was one of several Jewish organizations that boycotted a meeting Friday at City Hall which Mayor John V. Lindsay called to bring together opponents and supporters of the project.

The meeting was attended by representatives of the American Jewish Congress, American Jewish Committee, B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Urban League and the Liberal Party, all of which favor the project. Opponents were represented by the Forest Hills Residents Association.

Dr. Alvin Lashinsky, QJCC president, notified Lindsay by letter prior to the meeting that his group would not attend. Dr. Lashinsky said they would "gladly meet privately" with the pro-project groups, but felt that "such a meeting in your (Lindsay's) presence...will tend to confuse the issue."

The meeting ended in an impasse. City officials said the size of the projected 840-unit project could not be scaled down to meet community objections because that would increase costs and thus be tantamount to killing it. But the City agreed to a proposal to establish a citizens committee of Forest Hills residents to help screen applicants for the project.

18 JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTERS, YM-YWHA'S HIT BY STRIKE

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (JTA)--The approximately 400 group-work personnel of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York went on strike today because, as a spokesman put it, "management has made no move to date to come forward with anything." The group workers have been seeking salary increases comparable to those granted last spring to Federation's case workers, up to \$300 a year.

Erik Strong, speaking for Local 1707, Community and Social Agency Employees Union, said the walkout affects 18 community centers and YM-YWHA's in the five boroughs and Westchester. Residents of the Y's will not be affected, he said, except that "as far as we know" they will not be getting heat and other services, since the custodial staffs are among the strikers. "I don't see how any of the centers can stay open," Strong told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

A spokesman for Federation told the JTA that "in keeping with the provisions of the Federation bylaws," Federation could not involve itself in the negotiations because "the strike by the members of Local 1707 is not a strike against the Federation but a strike against affiliated community centers."

The spokesman added, however, that Federation

was "deeply concerned" about the walkout because it was "affecting services to many of those who are least able to be without them," namely, children and the aged. The negotiators for the centers and Y's are Sidney Sugarman and Howard Lichtenstein.

RABBI JAMES G. HELLER DIES AT 79

CINCINNATI, Dec. 20 (JTA)--Rabbi James G. Heller, a leader of Reform Judaism and the American Zionist movement, died here yesterday at the age of 79. Rabbi Heller had served as president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, a member of the board of governors of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion and of the executive committee of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. He was a president of the Labor Zionist Organization of America and a national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal.

Dr. Heller was born in New Orleans and educated at Tulane University and the HUC-JIR where he was ordained. He held pulpits in Philadelphia and Little Rock, Ark. and was rabbi of the Isaac M. Wise Temple here from 1920-1952. Dr. Heller was also an author and musician. For many years he wrote the program notes for the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra. His oratorio, "Watchman, What of the Night," was performed at the Cincinnati May Festival in 1939. He was a former professor of musicology at the Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. Rabbi Heller was the author of a biography of Isaac M. Wise, the founder of American Reform Judaism, and of a history of the Wise Temple.

LORD CARADON CALLS FOR OVERALL PEACE SETTLEMENT OF MIDEAST CONFLICT Warns Piecemeal Proposals Dangerous

LONDON, Dec. 20 (JTA)--Lord Caradon, the former British Ambassador to the United Nations, urged in a letter published today in The Times that an international peace conference be convened in Geneva to reach an overall settlement of the Middle East conflict. Lord Caradon recalled that he had proposed such a conference "long ago in the Four Power talks in New York." Now, he wrote, "No one can watch the drift and delay in the Middle East without a sickening sense that the last hope of peace is draining away."

The British diplomat, who served in the Labor Government of Prime Minister Harold Wilson, said that "piecemeal proposals, such as that for the opening of the Suez Canal, have failed" and warned that such an interim agreement "might dangerously delay or even preclude a full settlement of all outstanding problems and prolong the sufferings of the refugees now facing yet another winter of mud and misery."

In his letter, he said that Resolution 242 should serve as the basis for an international peace conference convened in Geneva under the auspices of the Security Council "with an independent chairman and everyone concerned taking part, most certainly with an opportunity for the Palestinians to be heard."

YOUTHS EXPRESS SOLIDARITY WITH PLIGHT OF SYRIAN JEWS

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20 (JTA)--Forty representatives of the 17 organizations and youth movements comprising the Zionist Federation here gathered at the Liberty Bell today to voice solidarity with Syrian Jewry. The Syrian government's repression of Jews was discussed in remarks by Israeli Vice Consul Zvi Gabay. Participants sent a scroll to George Bush at the UN.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

NEW YORK (JTA)--Many Jews, having been programmed to view Christmas as "something American, like baseball or apple pie," feel that Chanukah and Christmas have become merged and that "the observance of Chanukah is now little more than the carrying out of an inter-faith exercise." This dreaming of a "white Chanukah" was deplored by Rabbi Jacob J. Hecht, executive vice-president of the National Committee for Furtherance of Jewish Education. He warned that Jews who adopt such an ecumenical approach to Chanukah do a disservice to themselves and to their children by blurring religious identities and "diluting the observance of their own faith." The situation this year, he noted, has reached such "absurd heights" that some stores are selling Chanukah bushes and Chanukah ornaments for use on Christmas trees.

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AMSTERDAM (JTA)--A ground-breaking ceremony for a new Jewish school that will house 400 pupils was held here Friday. The school will have elementary and secondary education departments as well as a nursery. The Municipal Council is financing the school's total cost of some \$65,000. The school will, however, be owned by a Jewish organization, the Foundation Joods Bijzonder Onderwijs.

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LIMA, Peru (JTA)--Seventy-five leading Latin American intellectuals adopted unanimously a resolution denouncing the Soviet Union's discriminatory policies against its Jewish citizens. The Conference of Intellectuals on the Jewish Minority in the USSR, meeting here earlier this month, also called upon the Soviet Union to permit Jews to emigrate to Israel or any other country of their choice. Among those attending were five former Cabinet ministers of various countries and intellectuals from 17 Latin American nations including 35 from Peru. Dr. Mauricio San Martin, Honorary Rector of the Universidad Mayor Nacional de San Marcos in Lima, was elected presiding officer of the Conference.

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WASHINGTON (JTA)--Congress adopted Friday a continuing resolution on foreign aid which provides for expenditure in military credits to Israel at an annual rate of \$300 million. This resolution is effective until Feb. 22, 1972. Under the original appropriation, in the previous aid budget adopted by the Congress, the annual rate was \$500 million as authorized by the Jackson amendment. The vote Friday was 45-9, and the House agreed without objection. The Senate also adopted by 33-21, a Senate-House conference committee report on an authorization bill, effective until June 30, for foreign aid assistance including \$300 million in military credit sales for Israel plus \$50 million in economic assistance. The House will not vote on this bill until after Congress reconvenes Jan. 17.

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TEL AVIV (JTA)--Egyptians fired two shots across the Suez Canal Saturday at an Israeli patrol moving along a rampart on the northern section of the waterway. It was the third such incident in several weeks. There were no casualties in any of the incidents nor did the Israelis return fire. On Friday an Israeli soldier was killed and an officer and soldier wounded in a clash with terrorists in the Jebeliya refugee camp in the Gaza Strip. The dead soldier was identified as Corp. Avinoam Gal, 19, of Tel Aviv. He was the first Israeli soldier killed in the Gaza Strip since last Sept. 29. Corp. Gal's

father, Itzhak Yagness, was a commander of the Irgun Zvai Leumi during the pre-Statehood era. Two terrorists were killed and three children wounded in the Friday clash.

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LONDON (JTA)--Joseph Lovinger, chairman of the Jewish community in Greece, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that the 5,000 Jews in Greece constitute a stable community. Lovinger, here attending the meeting of the European Executive of the World Jewish Congress, said some Greek Jews still emigrate to Israel occasionally, but that all who wanted to live in Israel had gone there many years ago. There had never been any impediment to aliya from Greece, he said, nor any Jewish problem. As far as the Jews are concerned, the change of regimes makes no difference, Lovinger stated. It is Jewish education and Jewish identity that is of concern to Jewish leaders in Greece. The Jewish population is located in Athens, Thessalonika and Larissa.

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RIO DE JANEIRO (JTA)--The Aranha family of Brazil announced the establishment of an all-expense scholarship for study in Israel to honor the memory of the late Brazilian statesman, Osvaldo Aranha, who presided over the United Nations Assembly Nov. 29, 1947 which endorsed the partition of Palestine and the establishment of the State of Israel. The scholarship will be awarded annually on Nov. 29 to the best student of the eight Jewish schools here.

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BONN (JTA)--A Frankfurt magistrate conducting an official investigation into the whereabouts of Hitler's former deputy, Martin Bormann, has concluded that he was "most probably" dead. Judge Horst Von Glasenrapp said that the only eyewitness testimony, as opposed to theories, indicated that Bormann died on May 2, 1945 in the Invalidenstrasse in Berlin as the Soviet army fought its way into the German capital. Von Glasenrapp's probe lasted a year. He based his findings on testimony of Arthur Axman, a former Nazi youth leader, who told the Nuremberg war crimes tribunal in 1946 that he had personally seen Bormann's dead body. Legal circles here said that in view of the magistrate's findings the Bormann case would probably be officially closed.

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TEL AVIV (JTA)--Mayor Hans Vogel of Munich attended Sunday night dedication ceremonies of a new \$700,000 synagogue and community center for German Jews. The Munich municipality had donated \$50,000 of the total sum for the construction of Congregation Ichud Shivat Zion. Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren of Tel Aviv officiated and Dr. Zerach Warhaftig, Minister of Religious Affairs, Dr. Joseph Burg, Minister of the Interior, and Mayor Yehoshua Rabinowitz were among the many officials that attended the ceremonies.

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PARIS (JTA)--Artur Rubinstein, the concert pianist, has been officially admitted to the French Academy of Arts to which he was elected last spring. The Academy hall was filled with hundreds of well-wishers including some of France's foremost personalities. Rubinstein has lived in France for many years and is a member of the Legion of Honor.