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ZIONIST LEADERS ASSAIL DECISION TO BAR DR. GOLDMANN FROM ADDRESSING WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS SESSION Term It A Betrayal Of Democracy

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 (JTA)--American Zionist leaders sharply criticized today the decision by the Jewish Agency Executive to cancel Dr. Nahum Goldmann's speech at next month's World Zionist Congress in Jerusalem. The invitation to Dr. Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, was withdrawn last Friday by a vote of 7-2 with one abstention because of the "circumstances" following his Dec. 19 remarks in London on Soviet Jews.

Dr. Judah J. Shapiro, president of the newly organized Labor Zionist Alliance, called the Jewish Agency Executive's decision "a shock to those who regard the (World Zionist) Congress as a forum for the free and open exchange of ideas on the liberation of the Jewish people." The Agency Executive, Dr. Shapiro said, was committing "a betrayal of democracy and freedom of expression" by "punishing Dr. Goldmann for a public statement expressing his honest convictions on Soviet Jewry."

Dr. Shapiro concluded: "Even if one disagrees with the particular position of Dr. Goldmann, the question still remains as to whether or not the Jewish Agency may allow itself the effrontery to insult a leading figure of the Zionist movement and one who has made unusually imaginative contributions to world Jewry for almost half a century. The present action can be a serious blow to ideological Zionism in America."

Uphold Jewish Rights Everywhere

In his address to the Board of Deputies of British Jews, Dr. Goldmann hailed the aliya of Soviet Jews and added that for those who remain in the Soviet Union "it would be an untenable proposition that we should give up the fight for the right of Soviet Jews to live as Jews." The Times of London, however, erroneously reported that Dr. Goldmann had said that it would be a betrayal to take the view that Soviet Jews should be released to go to Israel. Dr. Goldmann repudiated this report in a letter to The Times.

Dr. Joachim Prinz, chairman of the Governing Council of the WJC, viewed the Jewish Agency decision "with great concern," commenting that "responsible Jewish organizations concerned with the plight of Soviet Jewry" have always demanded, in addition to aliya rights, "that Jewish citizens of the USSR should be accorded the right to maintain their Jewish identity, develop their cultural freedom, establish their own institutions and enter into contact with fellow Jews in other countries."

Speaking as an individual, Dr. Prinz maintained that "there is not, and cannot be, an inherent contradiction between these two demands." He explained: "World Jewry can never abdicate or be silent about the rights of Jews everywhere to live as equal citizens and as Jews, nor do the advocacy and defense of these rights weaken in any sense our insistence on the right of freedom of immigration."

Insistence On Absolute Conformity Rapped

Rabbi Joseph Karasick, chairman of the WJC-American Section, registered "shock and dismay" at the withdrawal of Dr. Goldmann's invitation to speak on "Seventy-five Years of Zionism." He had

been invited, Rabbi Karasick noted, by a panel to whom his views were "well known."

The "paramount issue," he said, is "whether there is not infiltrating into Jewish public life an almost hysterical insistence on absolute conformity which is repugnant to the principles of any kind of democracy, and which deserves no place whatever in the councils of Jewish leadership." Least of all, Rabbi Karasick said, "does one expect censoring and censoring of opinions in the World Zionist Organization, one of the great revolutionary movements of modern times, a movement whose history has been shaped by the constant clash of ideas."

Americans for Progressive Israel-Hashomer Hatzair voiced "strenuous" objections to the Jewish Agency Executive's "high-handed" action, calling its emphasis on the centrality of aliya a "flimsy excuse." In a cable to Louis A. Pincus, chairman of the Executive, in Jerusalem, API-HH said of Dr. Goldmann that "There's no other man scheduled to speak or who is a member of WZO who has done more for Zionism and who has better Zionist credentials." The API-HH cable was signed by Bruno Aron, national chairman of API-HH, and Moshe Kagan, chairman of its Executive.

Pincus had advised Dr. Goldmann that "Russian Jewish activity is the peak of 75 years of Zionist activity and therefore the majority of the Executive members thought it would be inappropriate that you should be the sole or main lecturer in evaluating the 75 years of Zionism."

Jewish Couple's Whereabouts Unknown: SOVIET AUTHORITIES REMOVE DOCTOR AND WIFE FROM TRAIN BOUND FOR VIENNA

TEL AVIV, Dec. 28 (JTA)--Immigrants arriving here this morning from the Soviet Union via Vienna reported that a Georgian Jewish couple were taken off the train at the Soviet-Polish border by Soviet authorities and have not been heard from since the incident occurred last week. Relatives of the couple said that Dr. Mischa and Lili Kozlaskivili, were taken off the train at Brest Litovsk after 60 rubles was found in the doctor's possession. Dr. Kozlaskivili was detained on a charge of illegal possession of money. His wife, a chemist, followed her husband and both disappeared. Their whereabouts since then are unknown.

RABBI CRITICIZES JEWISH OPPONENTS OF PROJECT IN FOREST HILLS

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 (JTA)--Rabbi Robert J. Marx, director of the New York Federation of Reform Synagogues, criticized today those Jews in Forest Hills, Queens who oppose the 840-unit public housing project there because they fear it would destroy the institutions of the Jewish community. Rabbi Marx asserted that the project's opponents are the very people who "have abandoned every institution for Jewish survival, such as the synagogue, Jewish centers, and Jewish education" and "they rally to the banner of Jewish community only when the issue is that of providing housing for the poor."

Speaking at a meeting of the New York Association of Reform Rabbis, Rabbi Marx stated that "If a Jewish community of 400,000 people can be

destroyed by inviting 2,000 Black people to live in its midst, then there is something terribly wrong in that community and in the fabric of Judaism itself." He said "Low income housing represents one of our nation's most important problems. If Forest Hills is to be a significant lesson, the Mayor (John V. Lindsay) must show the city and nation that low income housing should be constructed not only in Queens, but in all segments of the community and that this type of housing will be accompanied by imaginative social service programs that will alleviate fear and promote genuine integration."

Rabbi Marx said "the situation in Forest Hills has become so emotionally entangled that reason and objectivity have been destroyed." He suggested that the presence of Lindsay, actively involved "to deal with the fears of Forest Hills residents about schools, transportation, crime and the fear that community structures and services are about to be destroyed" would be the best way to reduce the tension.

The New York Federation of Reform Synagogues, representing 120 Reform temples in the metropolitan area, and the New York Association of Reform Rabbis have adopted statements endorsing the Forest Hills housing program. The two groups have called for the establishment of a new committee made up of residents of the community and future tenants of the project to jointly deal with community problems and plans.

The two groups also sharply condemned threats by congregants of Forest Hills synagogues against local rabbis who have supported the Forest Hills project. The organizations said that "not only have these spiritual leaders been attacked but they have been threatened with the loss of their jobs because they dared to uphold the very principles of both Judaism and American democracy."

TWO EXTREMISTS SENTENCED TO DEATH IN KIDNAP-MURDER OF ISRAELI OFFICIAL

Three Death Sentences Commuted To Life Imprisonment, Four Acquitted

LONDON, Dec. 28 (JTA)--Five members of the extreme left-wing Turkish Peoples Liberation Army were sentenced to death yesterday by a military court in Istanbul for their part in the kidnap-murder of Israeli Consul General Ephraim Elrom last May 22. The death sentence for two of the members was reduced to life imprisonment. Kamil Dede, 22, and Meomi Demir, 27, both male, were found guilty of attempting to overthrow the government by force, kidnapping, murder and other acts of terrorism.

Three women students in their 20s--Ilkay Demir, wife of Meomi Demir; Kadriye Denizozen, and Ruchan Manas--had their death sentences on the same charges reduced to life imprisonment. Tulay Tad, 30, a nurse, was sentenced to 10 months in jail for harboring several of the accused, and three youths and a young woman were acquitted. The three chief suspects--Mahir Cayan, Ulas Bardakol and Ziya Yilmaz--escaped from prison earlier this month and are still at large.

Elrom, 58, was abducted at his diplomatic residence May 17 by armed persons who hustled him into a car and drove off. In a subsequent note the kidnappers said his life would be spared if "all revolutionary guerrillas under detention presently are set free." The Turkish Peoples Liberation Army was said by Turkish authorities to be aligned with Palestinian terrorist groups.

On May 19 a message believed to be in Elrom's handwriting was delivered to his wife, Elsa; it assured her: "I am OK. Do not worry." Three days later he was slain. Elrom was buried May 24 with full honors in the Kiryat Shaul military cemetery in Israel.

DAYANS END MARRIAGE AFTER 36 YEARS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 28 (JTA)--Defense Minister Moshe Dayan and his wife, Ruth, ended today their 36-year marriage. The divorce was reportedly requested by Mrs. Dayan. Although it was no secret that the Dayans' relationship had deteriorated, their decision to end the marriage came as a surprise.

Rumors about the impending divorce circulated last night in Knesset corridors and were finally confirmed by Mrs. Dayan, who reported she was sick in bed but would attend today's divorce proceedings at the home of this city's Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren.

Neither the 54-year-old Mrs. Dayan nor the 56-year-old Cabinet Minister would comment on the divorce. "It's a private matter," she said last night. This morning, the Defense Minister said "It's my private affair and I am not prepared to make any statement about it."

Divorce Endorsed By Rabbinical Court

The couple's three children, all of whom are married, are said to have attempted to restore relations between the two. But when things did not work out as the children wished, they decided to let the parents decide their own lives. Both Assaf Dayan, the actor, and his brother Ehud, a farmer from Nahalal, said they knew what was going on, but they stressed they would not intervene.

Daughter Yael, the novelist, wrote that "it was difficult for the mother to get along with such an individual and well-fortified personality as" Dayan. Yael is in Paris where her husband is an Israeli attache.

None of the children were among the six people who attended the divorce proceedings this morning. The divorce agreement was endorsed by a three-man rabbinical court presided over by Rabbi Goren. Dayan will remain in his present home, it was learned, while his former wife, who is head of the handicrafts in Israel's Ministry of Labor and founder and manager of the Maskit handicraft works and shops, will take an apartment elsewhere.

MRS. KUZNETSOV; WILL NOT RECALL OR SPY EVEN IF IT MEANS 20 YEARS

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 (JTA)--Silva Zalmanson Kuznetsov was not only offered a reduction of her Soviet prison sentence if she recanted her charge of inadequate medical care but was asked "to be a spy" for the authorities, according to the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry. The SSSJ today updated a report in Amsterdam yesterday by the prisoner's brother, E. Zalmanson, that she had been offered a 4 1/2-year reduction of her 10-year term if she withdrew her charge.

The SSSJ identified the Soviet official involved as Zippul'shkin and said he made both the commutation and "spy" offers Dec. 23. Mrs. Kuznetsov refused both, the student group reported, asserting: "Even if they put me in for 20 years I won't do this." The SSSJ said that similar offers were made to her by the Mordovian chief prosecutor in Zippul'shkin's presence. Mrs. Zalmanson's condition, heretofore reported as grave, is now said to be "slightly improved"; she did not participate in the hunger strike last Friday.

NEW SETTLEMENTS TO BE ESTABLISHED

TEL AVIV, Dec. 28 (JTA)--A number of new settlements will be established in the admini-

stered territories next year according to Jacob Tsur, chairman of the Jewish National Fund. Addressing the inauguration meeting of the Women's Circle of the United Israel Appeal in Israel, Tsur said that the final settlements to be reached would be influenced "by the facts we establish." Several settlements, he said, will be established on the Golan Heights and the Mt. Hermon crest to protect northern Golan. New settlements will be established between Gaza and El Arish in the area known as Rafiah. According to Tsur, there will also be more settlements in Araba and a highway will be constructed to link Dead Sea settlements with Jerusalem bypassing Bethlehem.

SYMPATHY HUNGER STRIKES WITH JAILED

SOVIET JEWS WIDESPREAD IN USSR

Report 142-158 Participated

LONDON, Dec. 28 (JTA)--This past weekend's solidarity hunger strike across the Soviet Union in sympathy with Soviet Jewish prisoners was more widespread than expected, according to sources there. The three-day fast--Friday, Saturday and Sunday--was reportedly observed by 34 Jews in Moscow, 21 in Kishinev, 11 in Wilna and seven in Odessa, in addition to the earlier-reported 29 in Riga, 19 in Kiev, 12 in Leningrad, eight in Tashkent and one in Rostov.

Earlier reports said there were 22 strikers in Moscow and did not indicate figures for Kishinev, Wilna or Odessa. Thus, the total, according to the sources, was 142. (In New York, the National Conference on Soviet Jewry reported the same total. In Los Angeles, the Southern California Council for Soviet Jews put it at 158.)

The hunger strike was called in solidarity with 22 sentenced Jewish political prisoners in the Potma jail in central Mordovia. The fast by the prisoners themselves was supposed to last one day--Friday--but it is reported that Aleksel Murzhenko, a 29-year-old non-Jew sentenced to 14 years in a specially strict-regime camp at the first Leningrad trial, fasted for 27 days. He had to be force-fed five times during that period. After the first 12 days he was joined by Edvard Kuznetsov, 30, and Yuri Fedorov, a 28-year-old non-Jew, who fasted with Murzhenko for 15 days.

Appeal For World Public Opinion

The first anniversary of the sentences at the first Leningrad trial was marked Friday by a letter smuggled out by prisoners, the text of which has reached London. The letter signed by the "Potma 22," is one of the strongest protests ever issued publicly by Soviet Jews. The signers demanded "a reexamination of our files" and the release of Silva Zalmanson, the wife of Edvard Kuznetsov. In the meantime, the prisoners wrote, they wanted to be transferred to the foreign-nationals sector of the jail, since as "Israeli citizens" they "do not wish to be together with people who have sullied their hands with Jewish blood during the Second World War"--a reference to former Nazis also imprisoned in Potma.

The petitioners concluded: "In connection with the cruel treatment meted out to us by the administration of the camps, we demand the presence of representatives of the International Red Cross. We appeal for support to world public opinion and to Jews everywhere."

JDC ALLOCATES CLOSE TO \$1M TO AID 145 YESHIVOTH IN ISRAEL IN 1972

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 (JTA)--Continuing its traditional support of religious institutions in Israel, the Joint Distribution Committee has budgeted close to a million dollars to provide financial aid to 145

yeshivoth and special research and scholarship programs in 1972, it was announced by Samuel L. Haber, JDC executive vice-chairman.

The 145 yeshivoth, which receive monthly subventions amounting to between 10 and 15 percent of their operating budgets, have a total enrollment of close to 20,000 students, Haber said. Another thirty yeshivoth receive special holiday grants twice a year.

In 1971, Haber reported, 65 of the religious institutions received special appropriations for the improvement of kitchen and dormitory facilities. JDC funds also provide for feeding programs, health, care and personal loans to the yeshivoth and to the students.

Some 800 refugee rabbis were aided during 1971, including welfare assistance to over 500 of them. Another 214 scholars were assisted in various research and publication projects and teachers' training, fellowships and scholarships. In all, Haber concluded, more than 29,000 students, scholars and their dependents were aided by JDC during 1971.

SPECIAL BULLETIN

DAY-JEWISH JOURNAL CEASES PUBLICATION

Sandler: "It Was A Part Of Our Culture, A Part Of Our Body Has Been Cut Off"

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 (JTA)--The number of Yiddish-language daily American newspapers was halved today when the Day-Jewish Journal ceased publication. The decision "came suddenly, without any explanations," city editor Philip Sandler told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

He said he was "shaken" by the decision, adding: "I really cannot comprehend this action." Publication ceased as of today's issue. Ted Singer, legal representative for the paper, confirmed its closing but declined to explain the decision.

The newspaper originated in 1914 as the 'Day. Eighteen years ago it merged with the Jewish Journal. Its current circulation, daily and Sunday, is approximately 43,000. Its closing leaves the 75-year-old Jewish Daily Forward as the country's only Yiddish-language daily.

Sandler said the Day-Jewish Journal employed 60-75 persons, many of them young. A "past 65" veteran of a dozen years with the paper, he said he was not "worried" for himself by its closing, as "I have a lot of writing to do." He said he was saddened by the demise of an "institution," observing: "It was a part of our culture. A part of our body has been cut off."

OLDEST SMUGGLER ALIVE CAUGHT

JERICHO, Dec. 28 (JTA)--Border police at the Allenby Bridge have apprehended possibly the oldest smuggler alive--Hassan Abdul Karim, aged 91. The police said he had tried to bring cigarette paper into the West Bank from Jordan and then offered a bribe to the customs officer who nabbed him. Because of his age, Abdul Karim was released after a brief interrogation. He will be spared detention in a cell while awaiting trial.

MRS. MEIR FAVORED IN POLL

TEL AVIV, Dec. 28 (JTA)--A majority of Israelis want Premier Golda Meir to remain in her post after her term expires officially in 1973, according to the results of a Gallup poll conducted here. The poll found that 61 percent wanted her to stay in office, 33 percent wanted her out and six percent had no opinion. Fifty-one percent chose Defense Minister Moshe Dayan as her successor.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

BONN (JTA)--The East Berlin daily, *Berliner Zeitung*, denied Monday a report issued several days ago by the West Berlin Jewish Community that a synagogue in East Berlin had been badly damaged by vandals. The newspaper said that "all that happened was that a few children threw stones through the windows of the synagogue's offices." The West Berlin Jewish Community had reported that several youths were arrested and charged with breaking into the synagogue, destroying its furniture, tearing up prayer books and Torah scrolls. It was also reported that Jewish graves in the Weissensee cemetery had been desecrated and tombstones overturned. The Berlin *Zeitung* had no comment on the last charge.

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LOS ANGELES (JTA)--A total of 158 Soviet Jews fasted over the weekend in solidarity with the Soviet Jewish prisoners who staged a hunger strike last Friday on the first anniversary of the Leningrad show trials. This information was relayed by telephone to Si Frumkin, chairman of the Southern California Council for Soviet Jews, by Mrs. Leila Kornfeld, a Moscow activist. Mrs. Kornfeld said the sympathy hunger strike involved Jews in five cities and that two of them have already fasted 24 days. She added that her own application for a visa to Israel was rejected 10 days ago.

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TEL AVIV (JTA)--Barclay's Bank, a landmark here since Britain assumed the mandate for Palestine after World War I, will be absorbed by the Israel Discount Bank on Jan. 1. Merger negotiations have been underway for some time but were delayed pending arrangements to satisfy claims of Barclay Bank employees. A Tel Aviv court ratified the agreement this weekend which establishes Barclay's Discount Bank Ltd. The merger does not affect the parent firm's operations in Britain and other countries.

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NORFOLK, Va. (JTA)--The United States Navy will honor the memory of Commodore Uriah Phillips Levy (1792-1862) who rose from cabin boy to the Navy's highest rank during his long career. Ceremonies dedicating a commemorative plaque for Levy will be held Jan. 9 at the Norfolk Naval Station Chapel Center. The plaque was donated by the United Jewish Federation of Norfolk and Virginia Beach and commemorates the naming of the chapel for Levy in Dec. 1959. It is the first permanent Jewish chapel on a US military installation. Levy was born in Philadelphia and went to sea at the age of 10. His first command was the sloop-of-war *Macedonian*. Levy is recognized as the leading protagonist of the law which outlawed punishment by flogging in the Navy.

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NEW YORK (JTA)--The Jewish Book Council of the National Jewish Welfare Board has called on the American Jewish community to participate in International Book Year, which will be observed throughout 1972 under the sponsorship of UNESCO. Pointing out that strengthening the usefulness of books in the service of education, international understanding and peaceful cooperation is among the objectives of IBY, Dr. Judah Nadich, Jewish Book Council president, said: "If there is any literature that is international in scope, it is Jewish literature. It is, therefore, most appropriate that all Jewish organizations participate in the observance of IBY, stressing the Jewish books written in many

languages and in many countries, as well as the contributions of Jews to world literature."

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BONN (JTA)--The correspondent for the Italian Communist Party newspaper, *Unita*, was beaten up on a street in Warsaw last month by anti-Semites who mistook him for a Jew, it was learned here Monday. As a result, the paper has decided not to send another correspondent to Poland but agreed to hush up the incident. The Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned of the incident from other newsmen who were informed unofficially by Communist journalists. The correspondent, A. Fabiani, was reportedly assaulted, called a "dirty Jew," and threatened with severe bodily harm. Police refused to intervene or arrest the assailants. One of the policemen suggested to Fabiani that he leave the country. The journalist took his advice.

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TEL AVIV (JTA)--The families of some 1,500 Israeli soldiers killed in action during the Six-Day War and in subsequent clashes along the borders and cease-fire lines, assembled here several days ago to mark the publication of the Third Book of Memorial Scrolls which contain letters, essays, poems and drawings by the fallen soldiers. The two previous volumes contained similar writings by soldiers killed in Israel's War of Independence and during the 1956 Suez campaign. Gen. David Elazar told the families: "Our soldiers were killed in a war that was fought to keep our enemies from destroying us and to bring peace nearer. They did not go to war because of hatred in their hearts but because our generation cannot afford a second holocaust."

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GREAT NECK, N.Y. (JTA)--An extensive group exhibit of Israeli art is being held through Jan. 18 at the Great Neck Public Library. During the next few months the exhibit is scheduled to travel to museums and galleries in cities throughout the country and several of the artists will, in addition, have one-man shows. The artists include Mona Lender, Rina Effendi, Izrael Tomarkin, Lea Nickel, Moshe Gat, Baruch Nachshon, Itzhak Kalsky, Perry Rosenfeld, Yechayahv Sheinfeld and Itzhak Katz. The exhibit was arranged by the Library Art Committee in cooperation with Tehilla Waldinger of Kings Point, N.Y., who is herself an Israeli.

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RIO DE JANEIRO (JTA)--The Israeli Embassy building here has been placed on the market with an asking price of 1,600,000 cruzeiros (approximately \$250,000). Hannan Olami, first secretary of the Embassy, said a new Embassy building will be built in Brazil's capital city, Brasilia. A building has been rented in the Copacabana section of Rio to house Israel's Consulate and Public Relations Department. The Embassy building here was the gift of the local Jewish community to Israel 18 years ago.

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ROCHESTER, N.Y. (JTA)--The University of Rochester has pledged that it will no longer begin the fall semester on any Jewish holiday. President Robert L. Sproull, in a letter to the American Jewish Congress, said that the university, "which usually starts on a Monday, will not start on Monday next year (1972) because of Yom Kippur. The first day of classes will be Tuesday, September 19."