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USSR BUILDING MILITARY AIRBASE NEAR ASWAN DAM FOR USE BY SOVIET AIR FORCE

LONDON, Jan. 4 (JTA)--East European sources described as very reliable have confirmed reports that the Soviet Union is building a military airbase near the Aswan High Dam in Egypt for the exclusive use of the Soviet Air Force. According to the sources an agreement for construction of the base was signed by President Anwar Sadat when he visited Moscow last Oct. and construction is proceeding very rapidly. The base is expected to be fully operational by next May, coincidental with President Nixon's summit visit to Moscow. It will be manned entirely by Russian personnel.

The immediate purpose of the airbase according to informed sources is to deter an Israeli retaliatory strike against the dam in the likelihood of renewed hostilities in the Middle East. The Aswan High Dam was designed, built and financed by the Soviet Union, after the US withdrew from a similar project in the 1950s and is regarded as the single most important project that opened the door to Soviet influence in Egypt. Israeli Phantom jets have the range to reach the dam and Israel is believed to have developed weapons capable of breaching it.

Destruction of the Aswan Dam, if permitted by the Russians, would subject Egypt to disastrous floods and constitute a major blow to Soviet prestige. The Israelis are not considered likely to attack the dam unless provoked by Egyptian attacks on Israeli civilian centers, such as an air raid on Tel Aviv.

Political, Military Implications

East European sources said the new Soviet airbase has other important military and political purposes. It will be handy for aerial reconnaissance over the Indian Ocean. It can be used to put pressure on the Sudan which has been drawing close to China. It will give the Soviet Union a large measure of control of the air over the Red Sea and will enable Moscow to meet the challenge of expanding Chinese influence in southern Yemen.

Finally, the airbase will give Moscow a stranglehold over Egypt which construction of the Aswan dam never did. The sources said the base would be used by MIG-21s, MIG-23s and Tupolev 16 bombers. It will be defended by SAM-3 surface-to-air missiles. The same source sources also revealed that Egypt's Mansura airbase west of Cairo is now exclusively manned by Soviet pilots and ground crews.

FIRST WOMAN JUDGE IN CRIMINAL COURT

LONDON, Jan. 4 (JTA)--Rose Heilbron, QC, a well-known criminal lawyer, has become the first woman today to sit as a judge at the Central Criminal Court, London's famous Old Bailey. Mrs. Heilbron, 56, is the wife of a Jewish surgeon in Liverpool. In 1956 she was the first woman recorder at Burnley, Lancashire where she still sits.

JEWISH GROUPS TO HOLD EMERGENCY SESSION ON COURT SUIT CHALLENGING RITUAL SLAUGHTER OF LIVESTOCK

NEW YORK, Jan. 4 (JTA)--Representatives of 12 national and 91 local Jewish organizations will hold an "emergency meeting" next Monday afternoon to decide how to "defend the constitutionality...of Jewish ritual slaughter of livestock" against a suit filed yesterday in Federal Court here. The suit was filed by Henry Mark Holzer, a local lawyer who contends that the "special" laws for Jewish ritual slaughter (shechita) violate the First Amendment's separation of church and state. Holzer is a Jewish-born atheist.

The Jewish organizations planning to oppose the suit are members of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council and the Synagogue Council of America. Holzer's suit names the United States Secretary of Agriculture, the New York State Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets, and the latter's chief of kosher-law enforcement. It opposes the use of taxes to enforce what Holzer calls an unconstitutional law.

Leo Pfeffer, special counsel to the American Jewish Congress and drafter--on behalf of NJCRAC and the SCA--of the section of the law under challenge, said in a statement that there was "no doubt" about its constitutionality. It is "universally acknowledged," he said, that shechita is "as humane as, if not more humane than, any other method." Rabbi Moshe Sherer, executive president of Agudath Israel (Orthodox), predicted from Washington that Holzer's suit would meet with "instant defeat" because of the "proven humaneness" of shechita and the concept of "religious freedom."

Rabbi Sherer declared: "It is shameful that one who claims to be a Jew is attempting to accomplish that which professional anti-Semites have been unable to do for decades. His efforts will be as futile as theirs." He added that according to Congressional sources, Holzer's suit is an "extremist" measure.

KEREN HAYESOD-UNITED ISRAEL APPEAL RAISED OVER \$100M IN 1971

JERUSALEM, Jan. 4 (JTA)--The Keren Hayesod-United Israel Appeal raised over \$100 million in 1971, a 30 percent increase over the amount raised in 1970. It was disclosed today. The results of the campaign in 69 countries was contained in the summary of a report by Keren Hayesod chairman Ezra Shapiro to be submitted to the forthcoming World Zionist Congress. The report noted that the 1971 campaign raised the most funds since the Six-Day War. It also said that advance pledges for the 1972-73 campaign indicated a further increase in response to Israel's growing needs for immigrant absorption.

PANTHERS THREATEN TO 'EXPLODE' CONGRESS IF DENIED FORUM

JERUSALEM, Jan. 4 (JTA)--Jerusalem's Black Panthers threatened today to "explode" the World Zionist Congress which opens here Jan. 17 unless the organization of alium dwellers is permitted to address the forum. The threat was made during a demonstration at Menorah Square which drew some 600 persons and was dispersed by the police after one Panther leader exhorted the crowd to riot.

The Panther leaders claimed that they represented the underprivileged classes of Israel and said they would demonstrate outside the Congress hall. The pretext for tonight's demonstration was the reduction in money allocated for education and welfare by the government.

SWISS WHO SAVED JEWS REWARDED

BONN, Jan. 4 (JTA)--An 80-year-old former Swiss

police officer who lost his job for an act of mercy that saved 3,000 Austrian Jews from deportation and probable death at the hands of the Nazis during World War II, was honored by President Gustav Heinemann of the West German Federal Republic. President Heinemann disclosed today that he had written a letter to Paul Gruniger in recognition of his courage and sent him a television set as a gesture of appreciation. Gruniger was fired when, contrary to the instructions of the Swiss government, he admitted some 3,000 fleeing Austrian Jews into Switzerland. He was rehabilitated 33 years later.

BOOBY-TRAP PARCEL INJURES POLICE BOMB EXPERT

JERUSALEM, Jan. 4 (JTA)--A police bomb disposal expert was seriously injured this morning while trying to dismantle a booby-trapped parcel presumably mailed by Arab terrorists abroad. The parcel was addressed to an address in the Tel Aviv area. The victim's name was not disclosed. He reportedly lost his eyesight and underwent surgery. His condition was reported serious but not grave.

An undisclosed number of bomb-parcels have arrived in Israel during the past few days. One was found yesterday in the Kiryah post office in Tel Aviv and others reportedly have turned up at the post offices in Jerusalem and Eilat. Except for today's incident, all were safely dismantled. Israeli police have approached Interpol, the international police organization, and have alerted the public to be wary of suspicious-looking parcels.

The parcels appear to have been sent from Vienna. They resemble books or a box of chocolates and are usually wrapped in colorful paper, tied with colored ribbons and addressed in green ink on a white label, police said. The addresses were not disclosed but special warnings have been issued to security officers at large public institutions. All mails are being inspected for bomb parcels.

MEDIATOR NAMED IN STRIKE

NEW YORK, Jan. 4 (JTA)--Mayor John V. Lindsay has named a mediator in the strike of the 400 group-work personnel of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, which was in its 16th day today. The appointee is Harold G. Israelson, a veteran labor negotiator with offices on Fifth Avenue. He will hold his first meeting with the parties Thursday afternoon in the Roger Smith Hotel. Erik Strong, spokesman for Local 1707, Community and Social Agency Employees Union, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency: "We got them to the bargaining table, anyway. That's something." A Federation spokesman could not be reached for comment.

Also today, members of Federation's Golden Age Clubs converged on the organization's headquarters and sent a delegation of nine to meet with Graenum Berger, consultant on community centers. According to Strong there were 300 Golden Agers altogether; according to Berger, 80 to 90. Strong said they asked Federation officials to "use their influence" toward settling the group workers' contract grievances and cease using the "coop out" that they may not participate in the affairs of affiliated agencies. Berger told the JTA that because Federation had "no contract with the union," it had "no right" to "deal directly" in the matter. But Federation, he said, "has urged our agencies to do everything humanly possible to resolve this situation."

SPECIAL JTA INTERVIEW**PINCUS: DR. GOLDMANN MADE A POLITICAL BLUNDER**

By AMOS BEN-VERED, JTA Middle East Bureau Chief

JERUSALEM, Jan. 4 (JTA)--The demand for equal rights for Soviet Jewry, which has been raised for many years, has led nowhere while the demand that they be allowed to leave has brought results, the chairman of the Zionist Executive, Louis Pincus, said in a special interview reacting to criticisms of Zionist and Jewish leaders over the Zionist Executive's decision not to let Dr. Nahum Goldmann make the central speech on 75 years of Zionism at the forthcoming Zionist Congress.

Pincus said that the World Jewish Congress which Dr. Goldmann heads, as well as other Jewish organizations, had expressed their considered opinion on Soviet Jewry at the Brussels conference last February. The relevant resolution called for the return of Soviet Jews to Israel and also for letting them live a free Jewish life.

In his London speech to the Board of Deputies which led to the cancellation of the invitation, Dr. Goldmann, Pincus noted, had emphasized the two demands in the exactly opposite order: he had demanded first of all free cultural life for Soviet Jewry and also their being allowed to emigrate to Israel. In addition, he had belittled emigration saying that in any case only a small number would really leave for Israel if permitted to do so, Pincus said.

Saying these things at the present moment was a political blunder of the first order, Pincus observed. "To choose the moment when our efforts are being crowned with success--with thousands pouring into the country--diminishing the centrality of the demand for emigration is diluting our strength as the fight has begun to show results," he stated.

Soviet Jews Demand Emigration

It had been the demand of Soviet Jews themselves that world Jewish bodies come to their aid, Pincus revealed. They themselves had come to the conclusion that no rights would be given to them. Therefore, they asked that world opinion be enlisted in their behalf for one purpose: their right to emigrate. The World Jewish Congress is a political body conducting a political fight. For its president to try and turn the clock back to two-pronged demands is inappropriate and uncalled for, Pincus said. "For a Zionist, *aliya* is *summum bonum*," he stated.

"Dr. Goldmann is too experienced a politician not to have realized what his statement would do. This is not the time for stating philosophies--there is no choice between living a Jewish life and emigrating. Dr. Goldmann surely knows this. It is not wrong to ask for Jewish rights. But is it practical? The Soviet authorities have closed schools, our-talled synagogues, suppressed community life until the Russian Jews themselves have come to the conclusion that the only salvation for them lay outside the Soviet Union. They have asked help in this demand and not in the other."

Recounting conversations he recently had with olim from the Soviet Union, Pincus said that they certainly do not see things like Dr. Goldmann. All this made the Zionist Executive take the decision to cancel his appearance as the only speaker at an evening devoted to the history of Zionism, although Dr. Goldmann is free to come and speak on any subject he chooses, Pincus stated.

Negated Primacy of Aliya

He then recounted some of the history of the Goldmann invitation. Pincus said that when Dr. Goldmann first suggested it, he made it a condition

that the invitation be unanimous. The Herut representative in the Executive voted against the invitation but Dr. Goldmann had been prepared to accept this for practical purposes as unanimous. The proposal, however, had to go, according to the Zionist constitution, to the Zionist General Council. There it was opposed at the time by the Independent Liberals, Achdut Avoda, the World Union of General Zionists and of course Herut. This meeting took place before the London speech.

Dr. Goldmann himself had written Pincus several times that if the idea would meet any difficulty he would not have the slightest hesitation in stepping down, Pincus said. Then came the London speech to which the reaction in Israel was very strong. The fact that Dr. Goldmann was negating the primacy of *aliya* at this moment--a fact borne out by the full transcript of the London speech--was so sharply attacked that it was clear the unanimity required by Dr. Goldmann for his invitation to appear on the festive occasion of 75 years of Zionism no longer existed.

The Executive's decision, therefore, reflected not only the feeling among Russian immigrants and public opinion in Israel but was also in keeping with Dr. Goldmann's stipulations themselves, Pincus explained. "The highest solution to Jewish distress, of which reports abound from the Soviet Union, is *aliya* to the Jewish State. The Zionist Congress must give expression to this clear opinion if it is to be true to itself. With all my personal distress over the matter I could not recommend any other course than I did," Pincus concluded.

RAPID EXPANSION OF HILLEL PROGRAM

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 4 (JTA)--The need of young people to be involved in activities related to Jewish society, culture and tradition is responsible for the rapid expansion here of an active Hillel program. In answer to that need Hillel on-campus chapters now number 33 in Los Angeles County and throughout most of Southern California. After a humble beginning two years ago with one staff director and three part-time workers, the Hillel expansion program now entails scores of rabbis, student coordinators and administrators who cover eight intercollegiate areas.

Mrs. Sylvia Simon, Los Angeles Hillel extension program administrator, said "The first extension campus proved a great success in terms of the numbers of Jewish students who were eager to participate in Jewish-oriented activities, to meet each other and become part of a community feeling." She added that the initial efforts triggered development of the other Southern California Hillel chapters.

She explained that the students participating in the extension program have a wide range of interests, including a "deep commitment" to the plight of Soviet Jewry, and a genuine desire to stay abreast of the social, political, economic and other problems facing Israel today. Rabbi Henry Rabin is executive director of the Los Angeles Hillel Council, an agency of the Jewish Federation-Council and the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation.

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Although in great demand, he offered to contrib-

ute his services to the JTA for which he covered last year's attempted coup against King Hassan II of Morocco. He wrote then under the pen name of Francois Chabernet. Ullman holds the title of deputy chief editor of the AFP. He was formerly the AFP's bureau chief in Peking and Moscow. His journalistic career spans 25 years during which he has covered world events from wars to presidential elections. French television has described Ullman as "the ideal foreign correspondent."

USSR BUILDING MILITARY AIRBASE NEAR ASWAN DAM FOR USE BY SOVIET AIR FORCE

LONDON, Jan. 4 (JTA)--East European sources described as very reliable have confirmed reports that the Soviet Union is building a military airbase near the Aswan High Dam in Egypt for the exclusive use of the Soviet Air Force. According to the sources an agreement for construction of the base was signed by President Anwar Sadat when he visited Moscow last Oct. and construction is proceeding very rapidly. The base is expected to be fully operational by next May, coincidental with President Nixon's summit visit to Moscow. It will be manned entirely by Russian personnel.

The immediate purpose of the airbase according to informed sources is to deter an Israeli retaliatory strike against the dam in the likelihood of renewed hostilities in the Middle East. The Aswan High Dam was designed, built and financed by the Soviet Union, after the US withdrew from a similar project in the 1950s and is regarded as the single most important project that opened the door to Soviet influence in Egypt. Israeli Phantom jets have the range to reach the dam and Israel is believed to have developed weapons capable of breaching it.

Destruction of the Aswan Dam, if permitted by the Russians, would subject Egypt to disastrous floods and constitute a major blow to Soviet prestige. The Israelis are not considered likely to attack the dam unless provoked by Egyptian attacks on Israeli civilian centers, such as an air raid on Tel Aviv.

Political, Military Implications

East European sources said the new Soviet airbase has other important military and political purposes. It will be handy for aerial reconnaissance over the Indian Ocean. It can be used to put pressure on the Sudan which has been drawing close to China. It will give the Soviet Union a large measure of control of the air over the Red Sea and will enable Moscow to meet the challenge of expanding Chinese influence in southern Yemen.

Finally, the airbase will give Moscow a stranglehold over Egypt which construction of the Aswan dam never did. The sources said the base would be used by MIG-21s, MIG-23s and Tupolev 16 bombers. It will be defended by SAM-3 surface-to-air missiles. The same source sources also revealed that Egypt's Mansura airbase west of Cairo is now exclusively manned by Soviet pilots and ground crews.

FIRST WOMAN JUDGE IN CRIMINAL COURT

LONDON, Jan. 4 (JTA)--Rose Heilbron, QC, a well-known criminal lawyer, has become the first woman today to sit as a judge at the Central Criminal Court, London's famous Old Bailey. Mrs. Heilbron, 56, is the wife of a Jewish surgeon in Liverpool. In 1956 she was the first woman recorder at Burnley, Lancashire where she still sits.

JEWISH GROUPS TO HOLD EMERGENCY SESSION ON COURT SUIT CHALLENGING RITUAL SLAUGHTER OF LIVESTOCK

NEW YORK, Jan. 4 (JTA)--Representatives of 12 national and 91 local Jewish organizations will hold an "emergency meeting" next Monday afternoon to decide how to "defend the constitutionality...of Jewish ritual slaughter of livestock" against a suit filed yesterday in Federal Court here. The suit was filed by Henry Mark Holzer, a local lawyer who contends that the "special" laws for Jewish ritual slaughter (shechita) violate the First Amendment's separation of church and state. Holzer is a Jewish-born atheist.

The Jewish organizations planning to oppose the suit are members of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council and the Synagogue Council of America. Holzer's suit names the United States Secretary of Agriculture, the New York State Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets, and the latter's chief of kosher-law enforcement. It opposes the use of taxes to enforce what Holzer calls an unconstitutional law.

Leo Pfeffer, special counsel to the American Jewish Congress and drafter--on behalf of NJCRAC and the SCA--of the section of the law under challenge, said in a statement that there was "no doubt" about its constitutionality. It is "universally acknowledged," he said, that shechita is "as humane as, if not more humane than, any other method." Rabbi Moshe Sherer, executive president of Agudath Israel (Orthodox), predicted from Washington that Holzer's suit would meet with "instant defeat" because of the "proven humaneness" of shechita and the concept of "religious freedom."

Rabbi Sherer declared: "It is shameful that one who claims to be a Jew is attempting to accomplish that which professional anti-Semites have been unable to do for decades. His efforts will be as futile as theirs." He added that according to Congressional sources, Holzer's suit is an "extremist" measure.

KEREN HAYESOD-UNITED ISRAEL APPEAL RAISED OVER \$100M IN 1971

JERUSALEM, Jan. 4 (JTA)--The Keren Hayesod-United Israel Appeal raised over \$100 million in 1971, a 30 percent increase over the amount raised in 1970. It was disclosed today. The results of the campaign in 69 countries was contained in the summary of a report by Keren Hayesod chairman Ezra Shapiro to be submitted to the forthcoming World Zionist Congress. The report noted that the 1971 campaign raised the most funds since the Six-Day War. It also said that advance pledges for the 1972-73 campaign indicated a further increase in response to Israel's growing needs for immigrant absorption.

PANTHERS THREATEN TO 'EXPLODE' CONGRESS IF DENIED FORUM

JERUSALEM, Jan. 4 (JTA)--Jerusalem's Black Panthers threatened today to "explode" the World Zionist Congress which opens here Jan. 17 unless the organization of alium dwellers is permitted to address the forum. The threat was made during a demonstration at Menorah Square which drew some 600 persons and was dispersed by the police after one Panther leader exhorted the crowd to riot.

The Panther leaders claimed that they represented the underprivileged classes of Israel and said they would demonstrate outside the Congress hall. The pretext for tonight's demonstration was the reduction in money allocated for education and welfare by the government.

SWISS WHO SAVED JEWS REWARDED

BONN, Jan. 4 (JTA)--An 80-year-old former Swiss

police officer who lost his job for an act of mercy that saved 3,000 Austrian Jews from deportation and probable death at the hands of the Nazis during World War II, was honored by President Gustav Heinemann of the West German Federal Republic. President Heinemann disclosed today that he had written a letter to Paul Gruniger in recognition of his courage and sent him a television set as a gesture of appreciation. Gruniger was fired when, contrary to the instructions of the Swiss government, he admitted some 3,000 fleeing Austrian Jews into Switzerland. He was rehabilitated 33 years later.

BOOBY-TRAP PARCEL INJURES POLICE BOMB EXPERT

JERUSALEM, Jan. 4 (JTA)--A police bomb disposal expert was seriously injured this morning while trying to dismantle a booby-trapped parcel presumably mailed by Arab terrorists abroad. The parcel was addressed to an address in the Tel Aviv area. The victim's name was not disclosed. He reportedly lost his eyesight and underwent surgery. His condition was reported serious but not grave.

An undisclosed number of bomb-parcels have arrived in Israel during the past few days. One was found yesterday in the Kiryah post office in Tel Aviv and others reportedly have turned up at the post offices in Jerusalem and Eilat. Except for today's incident, all were safely dismantled. Israeli police have approached Interpol, the international police organization, and have alerted the public to be wary of suspicious-looking parcels.

The parcels appear to have been sent from Vienna. They resemble books or a box of chocolates and are usually wrapped in colorful paper, tied with colored ribbons and addressed in green ink on a white label, police said. The addresses were not disclosed but special warnings have been issued to security officers at large public institutions. All mails are being inspected for bomb parcels.

MEDIATOR NAMED IN STRIKE

NEW YORK, Jan. 4 (JTA)--Mayor John V. Lindsay has named a mediator in the strike of the 400 group-work personnel of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, which was in its 16th day today. The appointee is Harold G. Israelson, a veteran labor negotiator with offices on Fifth Avenue. He will hold his first meeting with the parties Thursday afternoon in the Roger Smith Hotel. Erik Strong, spokesman for Local 1707, Community and Social Agency Employees Union, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency: "We got them to the bargaining table, anyway. That's something." A Federation spokesman could not be reached for comment.

Also today, members of Federation's Golden Age Clubs converged on the organization's headquarters and sent a delegation of nine to meet with Graenum Berger, consultant on community centers. According to Strong there were 300 Golden Agers altogether; according to Berger, 80 to 90. Strong said they asked Federation officials to "use their influence" toward settling the group workers' contract grievances and cease using the "coop out" that they may not participate in the affairs of affiliated agencies. Berger told the JTA that because Federation had "no contract with the union," it had "no right" to "deal directly" in the matter. But Federation, he said, "has urged our agencies to do everything humanly possible to resolve this situation."

SPECIAL JTA INTERVIEW**PINCUS: DR. GOLDMANN MADE A POLITICAL BLUNDER**

By AMOS BEN-VERED, JTA Middle East Bureau Chief

JERUSALEM, Jan. 4 (JTA)--The demand for equal rights for Soviet Jewry, which has been raised for many years, has led nowhere while the demand that they be allowed to leave has brought results, the chairman of the Zionist Executive, Louis Pincus, said in a special interview reacting to criticisms of Zionist and Jewish leaders over the Zionist Executive's decision not to let Dr. Nahum Goldmann make the central speech on 75 years of Zionism at the forthcoming Zionist Congress.

Pincus said that the World Jewish Congress which Dr. Goldmann heads, as well as other Jewish organizations, had expressed their considered opinion on Soviet Jewry at the Brussels conference last February. The relevant resolution called for the return of Soviet Jews to Israel and also for letting them live a free Jewish life.

In his London speech to the Board of Deputies which led to the cancellation of the invitation, Dr. Goldmann, Pincus noted, had emphasized the two demands in the exactly opposite order: he had demanded first of all free cultural life for Soviet Jewry and also their being allowed to emigrate to Israel. In addition, he had belittled emigration saying that in any case only a small number would really leave for Israel if permitted to do so, Pincus said.

Saying these things at the present moment was a political blunder of the first order, Pincus observed. "To choose the moment when our efforts are being crowned with success--with thousands pouring into the country--diminishing the centrality of the demand for emigration is diluting our strength as the fight has begun to show results," he stated.

Soviet Jews Demand Emigration

It had been the demand of Soviet Jews themselves that world Jewish bodies come to their aid, Pincus revealed. They themselves had come to the conclusion that no rights would be given to them. Therefore, they asked that world opinion be enlisted in their behalf for one purpose: their right to emigrate. The World Jewish Congress is a political body conducting a political fight. For its president to try and turn the clock back to two-pronged demands is inappropriate and uncalled for, Pincus said. "For a Zionist, *aliya* is *summum bonum*," he stated.

"Dr. Goldmann is too experienced a politician not to have realized what his statement would do. This is not the time for stating philosophies--there is no choice between living a Jewish life and emigrating. Dr. Goldmann surely knows this. It is not wrong to ask for Jewish rights. But is it practical? The Soviet authorities have closed schools, our-talled synagogues, suppressed community life until the Russian Jews themselves have come to the conclusion that the only salvation for them lay outside the Soviet Union. They have asked help in this demand and not in the other."

Recounting conversations he recently had with olim from the Soviet Union, Pincus said that they certainly do not see things like Dr. Goldmann. All this made the Zionist Executive take the decision to cancel his appearance as the only speaker at an evening devoted to the history of Zionism, although Dr. Goldmann is free to come and speak on any subject he chooses, Pincus stated.

Negated Primacy of Aliya

He then recounted some of the history of the Goldmann invitation. Pincus said that when Dr. Goldmann first suggested it, he made it a condition

that the invitation be unanimous. The Herut representative in the Executive voted against the invitation but Dr. Goldmann had been prepared to accept this for practical purposes as unanimous. The proposal, however, had to go, according to the Zionist constitution, to the Zionist General Council. There it was opposed at the time by the Independent Liberals, Achdut Avoda, the World Union of General Zionists and of course Herut. This meeting took place before the London speech.

Dr. Goldmann himself had written Pincus several times that if the idea would meet any difficulty he would not have the slightest hesitation in stepping down, Pincus said. Then came the London speech to which the reaction in Israel was very strong. The fact that Dr. Goldmann was negating the primacy of *aliya* at this moment--a fact borne out by the full transcript of the London speech--was so sharply attacked that it was clear the unanimity required by Dr. Goldmann for his invitation to appear on the festive occasion of 75 years of Zionism no longer existed.

The Executive's decision, therefore, reflected not only the feeling among Russian immigrants and public opinion in Israel but was also in keeping with Dr. Goldmann's stipulations themselves, Pincus explained. "The highest solution to Jewish distress, of which reports abound from the Soviet Union, is *aliya* to the Jewish State. The Zionist Congress must give expression to this clear opinion if it is to be true to itself. With all my personal distress over the matter I could not recommend any other course than I did," Pincus concluded.

RAPID EXPANSION OF HILLEL PROGRAM

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 4 (JTA)--The need of young people to be involved in activities related to Jewish society, culture and tradition is responsible for the rapid expansion here of an active Hillel program. In answer to that need Hillel on-campus chapters now number 33 in Los Angeles County and throughout most of Southern California. After a humble beginning two years ago with one staff director and three part-time workers, the Hillel expansion program now entails scores of rabbis, student coordinators and administrators who cover eight intercollegiate areas.

Mrs. Sylvia Simon, Los Angeles Hillel extension program administrator, said "The first extension campus proved a great success in terms of the numbers of Jewish students who were eager to participate in Jewish-oriented activities, to meet each other and become part of a community feeling." She added that the initial efforts triggered development of the other Southern California Hillel chapters.

She explained that the students participating in the extension program have a wide range of interests, including a "deep commitment" to the plight of Soviet Jewry, and a genuine desire to stay abreast of the social, political, economic and other problems facing Israel today. Rabbi Henry Rabin is executive director of the Los Angeles Hillel Council, an agency of the Jewish Federation-Council and the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation.

Staff personnel come from varied backgrounds and contribute a myriad of individual talents while working from 25 to 30 hours a month planning and organizing Hillel programs.