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Police are investigating the Natanya and Kfar Saba explosions. A large number of Arabs have been questioned and some were reportedly still under detention. Both towns are frequented by Arabs from the nearby West Bank towns of Tulkarem and Qalqilya. Four persons were injured in Kfar Saba this morning when a device consisting of two hand grenades and an electric detonator exploded in a trash can near the bus station on the main street of the town. About an hour earlier, a grenade exploded under a peddler's cart in Natanya injuring the 71-year-old peddler and a woman bystander. Three shop windows were shattered by the blast.

A parcel containing explosives was discovered today in Natanya, addressed to a local insurance company. It bore a Yugoslavian postmark. Police disclosed that bomb parcels have been addressed to a number of public figures, police officials, scientists businessmen and directors of national institutions. Among the addressees was Gen. Ezer Weizman, former Air Force commander and chairman of the Herut party, chief inspector Ben Porat of Police Headquarters and Prof. Ernst Bergmann, a senior scientist.

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Parcels have turned up in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Eilat. Two were found today addressed to the director of the Israel Land Development Co. in Jerusalem and the director of the Coins and Medals Co. Another came to a watch-maker in Beer-sheba, leading authorities to believe that many of the booby-traps are addressed at random and are calculated to stir panic among the population.

Police believe the bomb parcels are the work of the Arab terrorist organization Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine - General Command headed by Ahmed Jabril. The Jabril group split from the PFLP which is headed by Dr. George Habash, the group that was held responsible for a mid-air explosion that destroyed an Israel-bound Swissair jet in 1970. Among the members of the Jabril group are reportedly former Syrian Army officers who are explosives experts.

Most of the parcels have come from Vienna but several of the most recent ones were mailed in Yugoslavia, a country which has no diplomatic ties with Israel and is known to harbor Arab terrorists. The public has been alerted to be wary of any suspicious-looking or unexpected parcels. Police

have introduced elaborate measures to detect the booby-traps. These include a recent invention by an Israeli scientist that "smells out" explosives, and X-ray machines.

The only victim of the devices so far has been police inspector Nissim Sasson, 51, who was seriously injured yesterday while trying to dismantle a parcel filled with explosives. His condition after surgery was described as serious but he was reported to be out of danger.

GOVERNMENT, RABBINICAL TRIBUNAL CLASH

JERUSALEM, Jan. 5 (JTA)--A new clash shaped up today between government authorities and the Orthodox religious establishment. States Attorney Meir Shamgar has prepared a brief asking the Supreme Court to restrain the Supreme Rabbinical Tribunal from summoning a Cabinet minister to account to it for actions taken in his official capacity. But filing of the brief has been delayed pending a consensus by the Cabinet.

The Supreme Rabbinical Tribunal has ordered Minister of Social Welfare Michael Hazani to appear before a district tribunal to explain his activities in support of a government program for civilian national service for religious girls, a measure bitterly opposed in ultra-Orthodox circles. Under Israeli law, rabbinical courts have jurisdiction only in matters of personal status. But the rabbinical tribunal contends that its authority is supreme for all observant Jews. Hazani is a member of the Orthodox National Religious Party.

A more liberal position on the issue was taken by Tel Aviv's Chief Rabbi, Shlomo Goren, a leading candidate for the post of Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi of Israel. Rabbi Goren told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in Tel Aviv today that in his opinion a Cabinet minister could not be called to account for his actions to a rabbinical court unless the entire Cabinet approved. He said that inasmuch as Cabinet ministers have collective responsibility, summoning one minister is tantamount to calling the entire Cabinet to account.

\$1,500 'FOR ISRAEL'S DEFENSE'

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 5 (JTA)--An anonymous donor sent a \$1,500 check to the Israeli Embassy here today stating that he wanted the money used "for Israel's defense." The check came from the town of Esbjerg and the donor is believed to be non-Jewish. It was the largest sum to be donated anonymously in recent years.

ALLON REPLACES GOLDMANN AS SPEAKER

JERUSALEM, Jan. 5 (JTA)--Yigal Allon Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education and Culture, has replaced Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, as the speaker at a festive session of the 28th World Zionist Congress to mark 75 years of Zionist history. It was announced today. Dr. Goldmann's invitation to address the session was withdrawn by majority vote of the Zionist Executive last month following his remarks on Soviet Jewry in London Dec. 19.

'PAROLE AUTHORITY' FAMILY DUE IN U.S.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5 (JTA)--The first Soviet Jewish family to emigrate to the United States

under the Attorney General's "parole authority" was scheduled to arrive at Kennedy International Airport late this afternoon. The family of four consists of Simeon Feldman, a 36-year-old locksmith, his 34-year-old wife Enma and their children, Dina 10 and Igor 7. Their last residence in the USSR was Chernovsky, a Ukrainian town.

Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R,N.Y.), in a statement today to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, said: "The arrival of the Feldman family from the Soviet Union is a heartening portent that, as in the early part of this century, the doors of the United States are open to Jews fleeing from Russian oppression."

The parole authority allows the Attorney General to waive procedural red tape to admit aliens without delay. Attorney General John Mitchell announced last Sept. that he would use this authority to admit any Soviet Jews who obtained exit visas. The Feldmans were added in their immigration by the United Hias Service of New York. They flew from Moscow to Rome on Dec. 28 and boarded a flight to New York today.

The Soviet government requires that all persons wishing to emigrate produce a "visov," an invitation from relatives abroad. This was supplied to the Feldman family by an uncle, Charles Miller, a hotel proprietor from the Bronx. Hias officials were at the airport with Miller to welcome the newcomers. Sol Marks, district director of the US Immigration and Naturalization Service was also present representing Attorney General Mitchell.

DULZIN: GOVERNMENT TO CONSTRUCT 6,000 NEW HOUSING UNITS COSTING \$10M

Program To Meet Needs Of Immigrants In 1972

TEL AVIV, Jan. 5 (JTA)--Leon Dulzin, Jewish Agency treasurer, disclosed today that the government will start immediately on the construction of 6,000 new housing units at a cost of \$10 million to meet the heavy influx of immigrants expected during 1972. Dulzin said at a press conference here that half of the sum will be covered by the Jewish Agency through loans and fund-raising drives abroad. Dulzin aroused a controversy two weeks ago when he suggested that the Absorption Ministry be abolished for economic reasons because it allegedly duplicates the work of the Jewish Agency. He said later he was expressing only his personal views.

At today's press conference, Dulzin said that he has not yet made that proposal formally, but he offered newsmen statistics calculated to enhance the Jewish Agency's importance in the spheres of immigration and absorption. Dulzin stated that the Agency's overall expenditures since the 1967 Six-Day War totalled \$1,468,327,000. He said the Jewish Agency's at present looks after 25,108 immigrants in 22 hostels, five student hostels, 28 absorption centers and four ulpanim--Hebrew study centers.

Dulzin added that the Agency's Youth Aliya department was taking care of more than 11,000 children at institutions and kibbutzim and that some 500 settlements receive support from the Jewish Agency. He noted that 57 new settlements were established since the Six-Day War.

Of the 13,000 Soviet Jews who immigrated to Israel during 1971, Dulzin said, that not a single one wanted to go to the United States although American authorities have announced their readiness to accept Russian Jews with exit visas. Soviet Jews seeking emigration must present Russian authorities with documents from relatives in Israel inviting them to come.

According to a Jewish Agency report prepared for the 28th World Zionist Congress, 40 percent of the immigrants who arrived in Israel since 1968 came from the 12 richest countries of the world and

even those from the poorer countries represented the better educated, more affluent strata of society. The report stated that most of these immigrants had to lower their living standards on arrival in Israel.

The report said that one-third of all newcomers were college and university graduates and professionals such as engineers, physicians, chemists and lawyers. More than 60 percent were under 26 years of age and only six percent were over 65. The report said that since the last Zionist Congress in 1968, 30,000 immigrants came from North America. The total immigration since then was 105,000.

FRENCH WAR HERO WAS FIGHTER IN ISRAEL DURING INDEPENDENCE WAR

PARIS, Jan. 5 (JTA)--A French war hero and government official who was killed in an automobile accident in the south of France last weekend, was identified today as a volunteer who fought for Israel during the 1948 war for independence and distinguished himself as commander of a commando regiment that helped drive the Egyptian army out of the Negev.

Thadee Difree, 60, a son of one of France's oldest families, joined the Gaullist forces in London in 1940 and eventually won France's highest order, "Companion of the Liberation." He interrupted a budding political career in 1948 to volunteer to fight for Israel.

Difree was a senior government official in Marseilles when he approached a Jewish Agency representative and declared, "I want to fight in Israel," circles here recalled. He was shipped to Haifa with a boatload of Polish refugees and enlisted in the Israel Army as private, second class. Col. Itzhak Sadah, then the commander of Palmach, recognized his military abilities and commissioned him an officer with the assignment to create a commando regiment of Jewish and non-Jewish volunteers from France.

Difree's commandos participated in the capture of Beersheba from the Egyptians. He set up Israel's first armored unit and saw further action on the Egyptian front. When the war ended, Difree, and his wife who had accompanied him to Israel, returned to France where he resumed his government career. In 1957 he was sent to the Ivory Coast as an advisor to President Houphouet Boigny and later was named a minister in the cabinet of that African nation. Difree was prominent in the Gaullist party in southwest France. He never spoke publicly of his experiences in Israel after his return to France in 1949. But Israelis regarded him as one of their staunchest friends.

CONTROVERSY BUILDING OVER JEWISH HEBRON SUBURB

JERUSALEM, Jan. 5 (JTA)--A controversy over who will control Kiryat Arba, a newly built Jewish suburb of the West Bank town of Hebron, will be brought before the government shortly, Interior Minister Joseph Burg told the Knesset Interior Committee yesterday. The local military government and the Housing Ministry presently have jurisdiction over the 250-house quarter which is inhabited mostly by Orthodox Jews. The latter are trying to gain municipal control for themselves in order to maintain the religious character of the quarter and to perpetuate religious control in the area.

The Housing Ministry prefers to appoint a non-political group of experts to administer the area until its political future is decided. Ac-

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JEWS IN Ukraine Threatened FOR STAGING HUNGER STRIKE

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AID TO JEWISH POOR TOTALING \$2.1M APPROVED BY LINDSAY ADMINISTRATION State To Match Federal Funds

NEW YORK, Jan. 5 (JTA)--The Lindsay administration advised the Rockefeller administration in Albany yesterday by hand-delivered letter that it had approved three major programs to aid Jewish poor that the state has promised to provide matching federal funds for them. Formal state approval of the city's request is expected within a few days. The programs include:

Aid totaling \$1.5 million this year for nutritional, educational and other assistance to the Jewish aging, termed by Dr. Marvin Schick, mayoral aide for intergroup relations, as "by far the largest grant" for such a project in the country's history; aid totaling \$100,000 this year for additional manpower training for civil service careers in social and human services and related fields; and "close to \$500,000" for special civil service training for Orthodox Jewish youngsters who are high school dropouts, unable to go to college or otherwise underqualified. The aid-to-the-aging project was coordinated with the Jewish Agency for Services for the Aged. (JASA)

Dr. Schick said that with these new programs, New York City was spending "a minimum of \$15 million for parochial Jewish programs," several times more than any other American city. In Chicago, he noted, "not 5 cents is provided" for such programs.

HOUSING AUTHORITY CONFIRMS ADVISORY ROLE FOR HOUSING COUNCIL IN TENANT SELECTION

NEW YORK, Jan. 5 (JTA)--A Housing Authority spokesman confirmed today that the Community Housing Council in the Arverne-Edgemere section of Queens, led by Orthodox Rabbi Herschel Solnica of the Young Israel of the Rockaways, has been granted an advisory role in the selection of tenants for a low-income housing project. But the spokesman stressed to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that "we have not given up our right to select tenants." The 712-unit project is scheduled to open in June in the middle-income neighborhood.

The Housing Authority spokesman indicated, however, that the Authority did not act to increase social and psychiatric services and security in the neighborhood only after pressure by the Community Housing Council. If Rabbi Solnica wanted to make such a claim, he said, it was up to him, but the Authority would not agree with it.

Rabbi Solnica had told the JTA yesterday that his Council's efforts had led to an awakening by Housing Authority chairman Slineone Golar to special neighborhood needs in view of the impending influx of low-income residents. The Housing Authority spokesman contended that the unit's "special effort" in that regard had not necessarily been catalyzed by the community group.

REPARATIONS SET FOR STUDENTS WHOSE STUDIES WERE INTERRUPTED BY NAZIS

BONN, Jan. 5 (JTA)--A precedent-setting decision by the West German Supreme Court in Karlsruhe last month has opened the way for the payment of reparations to victims of Nazism who were students in Germany during the Nazi era but were unable to complete their doctorates because of persecution. The decision was taken, it was learned today, by the Second Senate of the West German Constitutional Court, which sits in Karlsruhe.

Legal sources here said today that the amount of reparations to be paid under the new court ruling would be "very high." The court decided that

according to the statutes of the reparations law, Jewish and other students forced to interrupt their studies in 1933 are entitled to reparations. Jewish sources here said applicants for reparations should refer to file 2-BVR-493/66 of the Second Senate.

PLIGHT OF FALASHAS DEBATED

LONDON, Jan. 5 (JTA)--Is emigration to Israel the only solution for the Falashas, the poverty-stricken black Jews of Ethiopia, or should they be regarded as a branch of diaspora Jewry entitled to help from the rest of world Jewry in order to better their lives where they live? That question was debated here last night following a slide lecture on the Falashas by David Kessler before the Society for Jewish Study.

Kessler disagreed with several speakers who maintained that emigration to Israel was the only solution because there was no hope for the Falashas to achieve better living standards. He thought they should be aided to improve their position in Ethiopia. Kessler noted in his lecture that there are presently between 25-30,000 Falashas in Ethiopia compared to about a half million a century ago. He said they were always considered Jews and that he was pleased that Tel Aviv's Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren had recently dispelled doubts about their Jewish credentials.

"The Falashas are treated with contempt both by the Moslems and the Christians," Kessler said. "Christian missionaries are going all out to secure their conversion. The Emperor (Haile Selassie) is well disposed toward them but considers that world Jewry should give them more help. He is opposed to mass emigration of the Falashas. They are now trying to establish themselves in the plains where it is easier to eke out a living but this entails pioneering work in the bush," he said. Kessler pointed out that Israel aided the Falashas at various times but to a lesser extent today. He said various Jewish organizations here were also trying to organize material aid for the Falashas.

RABBI BERZON SAYS RELIGIOUS JEWS SHOULD ESCHEW VIOLENCE, SCORES ZEALOTS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 5 (JTA)--The head of the largest Orthodox rabbinical group in America says that religious Jews should use persuasion, not violence to perpetuate their views in Israel. Rabbi Bernard L. Berzon, president of the Rabbinical Council of America, scored militant religious zealots and "secularists" alike in remarks prepared for delivery at the opening session of the Council's midwinter conference here. He claimed that both would undermine the image of Israel and the teachings of religion all over the world, especially in the US.

Rabbi Berzon's remarks were in reference to recent violence by religious zealots against Sabbath violators and threats and harassment of pathologists who perform autopsies at government hospitals. He also assailed non-observant elements in Israel who oppose Orthodox views. "The religious groups must understand that they will achieve their goals not only through legislation and certainly not through demonstrations," Rabbi Berzon said.

"They will achieve them by persuading the population of the relevance of their religious concepts to Israel's needs today." At the same time he warned "Israel's secularists" that "a kulturkampf will destroy their future." Rabbi Berzon claimed that Israel is not only a haven for homeless Jews but "a crucible for Jewish religion and spiritual enhancement."



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JERUSALEM, Jan. 5 (JTA)--A new clash shaped up today between government authorities and the Orthodox religious establishment. States Attorney Meir Shamgar has prepared a brief asking the Supreme Court to restrain the Supreme Rabbinical Tribunal from summoning a Cabinet minister to account to it for actions taken in his official capacity. But filing of the brief has been delayed pending a consensus by the Cabinet.

The Supreme Rabbinical Tribunal has ordered Minister of Social Welfare Michael Hazani to appear before a district tribunal to explain his activities in support of a government program for civilian national service for religious girls, a measure bitterly opposed in ultra-Orthodox circles. Under Israeli law, rabbinical courts have jurisdiction only in matters of personal status. But the rabbinical tribunal contends that its authority is supreme for all observant Jews. Hazani is a member of the Orthodox National Religious Party.

A more liberal position on the issue was taken by Tel Aviv's Chief Rabbi, Shlomo Goren, a leading candidate for the post of Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi of Israel. Rabbi Goren told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in Tel Aviv today that in his opinion a Cabinet minister could not be called to account for his actions to a rabbinical court unless the entire Cabinet approved. He said that inasmuch as Cabinet ministers have collective responsibility, summoning one minister is tantamount to calling the entire Cabinet to account.

\$1,500 'FOR ISRAEL'S DEFENSE'

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 5 (JTA)--An anonymous donor sent a \$1,500 check to the Israeli Embassy here today stating that he wanted the money used "for Israel's defense." The check came from the town of Esbjerg and the donor is believed to be non-Jewish. It was the largest sum to be donated anonymously in recent years.

ALLON REPLACES GOLDMANN AS SPEAKER

JERUSALEM, Jan. 5 (JTA)--Yigal Allon Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education and Culture, has replaced Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, as the speaker at a festive session of the 28th World Zionist Congress to mark 75 years of Zionist history. It was announced today. Dr. Goldmann's invitation to address the session was withdrawn by majority vote of the Zionist Executive last month following his remarks on Soviet Jewry in London Dec. 19.

'PAROLE AUTHORITY' FAMILY DUE IN U.S.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5 (JTA)--The first Soviet Jewish family to emigrate to the United States

under the Attorney General's "parole authority" was scheduled to arrive at Kennedy International Airport late this afternoon. The family of four consists of Simeon Feldman, a 36-year-old locksmith, his 34-year-old wife Enma and their children, Dina 10 and Igor 7. Their last residence in the USSR was Chernovsky, a Ukrainian town.

Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R,N.Y.), in a statement today to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, said: "The arrival of the Feldman family from the Soviet Union is a heartening portent that, as in the early part of this century, the doors of the United States are open to Jews fleeing from Russian oppression."

The parole authority allows the Attorney General to waive procedural red tape to admit aliens without delay. Attorney General John Mitchell announced last Sept. that he would use this authority to admit any Soviet Jews who obtained exit visas. The Feldmans were added in their immigration by the United Hias Service of New York. They flew from Moscow to Rome on Dec. 28 and boarded a flight to New York today.

The Soviet government requires that all persons wishing to emigrate produce a "visov," an invitation from relatives abroad. This was supplied to the Feldman family by an uncle, Charles Miller, a hotel proprietor from the Bronx. Hias officials were at the airport with Miller to welcome the newcomers. Sol Marks, district director of the US Immigration and Naturalization Service was also present representing Attorney General Mitchell.

DULZIN: GOVERNMENT TO CONSTRUCT 6,000 NEW HOUSING UNITS COSTING \$10M

Program To Meet Needs Of Immigrants In 1972

TEL AVIV, Jan. 5 (JTA)--Leon Dulzin, Jewish Agency treasurer, disclosed today that the government will start immediately on the construction of 6,000 new housing units at a cost of \$10 million to meet the heavy influx of immigrants expected during 1972. Dulzin said at a press conference here that half of the sum will be covered by the Jewish Agency through loans and fund-raising drives abroad. Dulzin aroused a controversy two weeks ago when he suggested that the Absorption Ministry be abolished for economic reasons because it allegedly duplicates the work of the Jewish Agency. He said later he was expressing only his personal views.

At today's press conference, Dulzin said that he has not yet made that proposal formally, but he offered newsmen statistics calculated to enhance the Jewish Agency's importance in the spheres of immigration and absorption. Dulzin stated that the Agency's overall expenditures since the 1967 Six-Day War totalled \$1,468,327,000. He said the Jewish Agency's at present looks after 25,108 immigrants in 22 hostels, five student hostels, 28 absorption centers and four ulpanim--Hebrew study centers.

Dulzin added that the Agency's Youth Aliya department was taking care of more than 11,000 children at institutions and kibbutzim and that some 500 settlements receive support from the Jewish Agency. He noted that 57 new settlements were established since the Six-Day War.

Of the 13,000 Soviet Jews who immigrated to Israel during 1971, Dulzin said, that not a single one wanted to go to the United States although American authorities have announced their readiness to accept Russian Jews with exit visas. Soviet Jews seeking emigration must present Russian authorities with documents from relatives in Israel inviting them to come.

According to a Jewish Agency report prepared for the 28th World Zionist Congress, 40 percent of the immigrants who arrived in Israel since 1968 came from the 12 richest countries of the world and

even those from the poorer countries represented the better educated, more affluent strata of society. The report stated that most of these immigrants had to lower their living standards on arrival in Israel.

The report said that one-third of all newcomers were college and university graduates and professionals such as engineers, physicians, chemists and lawyers. More than 60 percent were under 26 years of age and only six percent were over 65. The report said that since the last Zionist Congress in 1968, 30,000 immigrants came from North America. The total immigration since then was 105,000.

FRENCH WAR HERO WAS FIGHTER IN ISRAEL DURING INDEPENDENCE WAR

PARIS, Jan. 5 (JTA)--A French war hero and government official who was killed in an automobile accident in the south of France last weekend, was identified today as a volunteer who fought for Israel during the 1948 war for independence and distinguished himself as commander of a commando regiment that helped drive the Egyptian army out of the Negev.

Thadee Difree, 60, a son of one of France's oldest families, joined the Gaullist forces in London in 1940 and eventually won France's highest order, "Companion of the Liberation." He interrupted a budding political career in 1948 to volunteer to fight for Israel.

Difree was a senior government official in Marseilles when he approached a Jewish Agency representative and declared, "I want to fight in Israel," circles here recalled. He was shipped to Haifa with a boatload of Polish refugees and enlisted in the Israel Army as private, second class. Col. Itzhak Sadah, then the commander of Palmach, recognized his military abilities and commissioned him an officer with the assignment to create a commando regiment of Jewish and non-Jewish volunteers from France.

Difree's commandos participated in the capture of Beersheba from the Egyptians. He set up Israel's first armored unit and saw further action on the Egyptian front. When the war ended, Difree, and his wife who had accompanied him to Israel, returned to France where he resumed his government career. In 1957 he was sent to the Ivory Coast as an advisor to President Houphouet Boigny and later was named a minister in the cabinet of that African nation. Difree was prominent in the Gaullist party in southwest France. He never spoke publicly of his experiences in Israel after his return to France in 1949. But Israelis regarded him as one of their staunchest friends.

CONTROVERSY BUILDING OVER JEWISH HEBRON SUBURB

JERUSALEM, Jan. 5 (JTA)--A controversy over who will control Kiryat Arba, a newly built Jewish suburb of the West Bank town of Hebron, will be brought before the government shortly, Interior Minister Joseph Burg told the Knesset Interior Committee yesterday. The local military government and the Housing Ministry presently have jurisdiction over the 250-house quarter which is inhabited mostly by Orthodox Jews. The latter are trying to gain municipal control for themselves in order to maintain the religious character of the quarter and to perpetuate religious control in the area.

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NEW YORK, Jan. 5 (JTA)--The Lindsay administration advised the Rockefeller administration in Albany yesterday by hand-delivered letter that it had approved three major programs to aid Jewish poor that the state has promised to provide matching federal funds for them. Formal state approval of the city's request is expected within a few days. The programs include:

Aid totaling \$1.5 million this year for nutritional, educational and other assistance to the Jewish aging, termed by Dr. Marvin Schick, mayoral aide for intergroup relations, as "by far the largest grant" for such a project in the country's history; aid totaling \$100,000 this year for additional manpower training for civil service careers in social and human services and related fields; and "close to \$500,000" for special civil service training for Orthodox Jewish youngsters who are high school dropouts, unable to go to college or otherwise underqualified. The aid-to-the-aging project was coordinated with the Jewish Agency for Services for the Aged. (JASA)

Dr. Schick said that with these new programs, New York City was spending "a minimum of \$15 million for parochial Jewish programs," several times more than any other American city. In Chicago, he noted, "not 5 cents is provided" for such programs.

HOUSING AUTHORITY CONFIRMS ADVISORY ROLE FOR HOUSING COUNCIL IN TENANT SELECTION

NEW YORK, Jan. 5 (JTA)--A Housing Authority spokesman confirmed today that the Community Housing Council in the Arverne-Edgemere section of Queens, led by Orthodox Rabbi Herschel Solnica of the Young Israel of the Rockaways, has been granted an advisory role in the selection of tenants for a low-income housing project. But the spokesman stressed to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that "we have not given up our right to select tenants." The 712-unit project is scheduled to open in June in the middle-income neighborhood.

The Housing Authority spokesman indicated, however, that the Authority did not act to increase social and psychiatric services and security in the neighborhood only after pressure by the Community Housing Council. If Rabbi Solnica wanted to make such a claim, he said, it was up to him, but the Authority would not agree with it.

Rabbi Solnica had told the JTA yesterday that his Council's efforts had led to an awakening by Housing Authority chairman Slineone Golar to special neighborhood needs in view of the impending influx of low-income residents. The Housing Authority spokesman contended that the unit's "special effort" in that regard had not necessarily been catalyzed by the community group.

REPARATIONS SET FOR STUDENTS WHOSE STUDIES WERE INTERRUPTED BY NAZIS

BONN, Jan. 5 (JTA)--A precedent-setting decision by the West German Supreme Court in Karlsruhe last month has opened the way for the payment of reparations to victims of Nazism who were students in Germany during the Nazi era but were unable to complete their doctorates because of persecution. The decision was taken, it was learned today, by the Second Senate of the West German Constitutional Court, which sits in Karlsruhe.

Legal sources here said today that the amount of reparations to be paid under the new court ruling would be "very high." The court decided that

according to the statutes of the reparations law, Jewish and other students forced to interrupt their studies in 1933 are entitled to reparations. Jewish sources here said applicants for reparations should refer to file 2-BVR-493/66 of the Second Senate.

PLIGHT OF FALASHAS DEBATED

LONDON, Jan. 5 (JTA)--Is emigration to Israel the only solution for the Falashas, the poverty-stricken black Jews of Ethiopia, or should they be regarded as a branch of diaspora Jewry entitled to help from the rest of world Jewry in order to better their lives where they live? That question was debated here last night following a slide lecture on the Falashas by David Kessler before the Society for Jewish Study.

Kessler disagreed with several speakers who maintained that emigration to Israel was the only solution because there was no hope for the Falashas to achieve better living standards. He thought they should be aided to improve their position in Ethiopia. Kessler noted in his lecture that there are presently between 25-30,000 Falashas in Ethiopia compared to about a half million a century ago. He said they were always considered Jews and that he was pleased that Tel Aviv's Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren had recently dispelled doubts about their Jewish credentials.

"The Falashas are treated with contempt both by the Moslems and the Christians," Kessler said. "Christian missionaries are going all out to secure their conversion. The Emperor (Haile Selassie) is well disposed toward them but considers that world Jewry should give them more help. He is opposed to mass emigration of the Falashas. They are now trying to establish themselves in the plains where it is easier to eke out a living but this entails pioneering work in the bush," he said. Kessler pointed out that Israel aided the Falashas at various times but to a lesser extent today. He said various Jewish organizations here were also trying to organize material aid for the Falashas.

RABBI BERZON SAYS RELIGIOUS JEWS SHOULD ESCHEW VIOLENCE, SCORES ZEALOTS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 5 (JTA)--The head of the largest Orthodox rabbinical group in America says that religious Jews should use persuasion, not violence to perpetuate their views in Israel. Rabbi Bernard L. Berzon, president of the Rabbinical Council of America, scored militant religious zealots and "secularists" alike in remarks prepared for delivery at the opening session of the Council's midwinter conference here. He claimed that both would undermine the image of Israel and the teachings of religion all over the world, especially in the US.

Rabbi Berzon's remarks were in reference to recent violence by religious zealots against Sabbath violators and threats and harassment of pathologists who perform autopsies at government hospitals. He also assailed non-observant elements in Israel who oppose Orthodox views. "The religious groups must understand that they will achieve their goals not only through legislation and certainly not through demonstrations," Rabbi Berzon said.

"They will achieve them by persuading the population of the relevance of their religious concepts to Israel's needs today." At the same time he warned "Israel's secularists" that "a kulturkampf will destroy their future." Rabbi Berzon claimed that Israel is not only a haven for homeless Jews but "a crucible for Jewish religion and spiritual enhancement."