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JERUSALEM, Jan. 9 (JTA)--The flu epidemic sweeping Israel continued unabated, with all sections of the country equally hit, the Health Ministry reported Friday. It is difficult to ascertain how many persons are ill at any one time, because flu is not one of the diseases that doctors are required to report to district health offices. But the sick funds reported that doctors' house calls have increased by 10 to 12 times, and that they are having difficulties in coping with them as many physicians have themselves been taken ill.

Most of the cases reported are of the comparative mild strain referred to as A-2, which becomes dangerous only when there are such complications as pneumonia, rheumatic fever, chronic disease or old age. A few cases appear to have been caused by a more virulent strain that has not yet been identified. Only when complications occur are patients hospitalized. Health Ministry officials estimate that tens of thousands of persons were ill from flu last week.

WEIZMANN INSTITUTE ADDS FOUR NEW PROFESSIONAL CHAIRS

Aided By Donations From U.S.

TEL AVIV, Jan. 9 (JTA)--The Weizmann Institute of Science at Rehovot, which this year has a record of 101 foreign scientists on campus, has announced the establishment of four new professional chairs through donations by American philanthropists. They are, according to Prof. Albert B. Sabin, Institute president:

The Henry and Bertha Benson chair in mathematics, to which Prof. Samuel Karlin of New Orleans, La., has been appointed; the Norman D. Cohen chair in computer science, to be filled by Prof. Smil Rubman of the Institute's Applied Mathematics Department, creator of the "Golem" electronic device; the George W. Dunne chair in chemical physics, to be filled by Prof. Shmuel Lifson, head of the Chemical Physics Department; and the Joseph Meyerhoff chair in biochemistry, to be filled by Prof. David Elson, dean of the Faculty of Biochemistry and Physics.

Henry Benson is a Montreal industrialist specializing in electronics. Cohen is a prominent Boston-area businessman. Dunne is president of the Cook County (Chicago) Board of Commissioners. Meyerhoff is a Baltimore industrial magnate and philanthropist.

ASHKELON INMATES MURDER CELLMATE

TEL AVIV, Jan. 9 (JTA)--Ashkelon prison has been closed to visitors since last Friday when two Arab terrorists serving life sentences murdered one of their cellmates. It was disclosed today. Prison authorities said the weapon used was a shoelace. The victim was identified as Haled Mustafa El Haid, 21, also serving a life term. Prison authorities said he was marked for death either because he was suspected of collaborating with Israeli authorities or because he made homosexual advances to other inmates. The two suspects have been questioned. The prison was the scene of an inmates' riot last October.

TWO BLACK CIVIL RIGHTS LEADERS SAY RACISM BEHIND HOUSING CONTROVERSY

NEW YORK, Jan. 9 (JTA)--Two prominent Black civil rights leaders have named racism as the prime motivating factor behind the bitter protests by residents of the predominantly Jewish Forest Hills section of Queens against a controversial low income housing project there. Articles on the controversy by Bayard Rustin, executive director of the A. Philip Randolph Institute of New York and Vernon E. Jordan, executive director of the National Urban League, were published in the latest issue of the Amsterdam News, the leading Negro newspaper in the US.

According to Jordan, the objections raised by Forest Hills residents that schools and transit facilities in the neighborhood would become hopelessly congested as a result of the project intended to house 840 families were openly a ruse to conceal their racism of which northern liberals are ashamed. "When it became easy to see through these false issues, the hidden code words of racism came into play. There would be 'crimes in the streets,' they howled," Jordan wrote.

Rustin contended that "Of all the significant civil rights laws enacted in the 1960s, open housing met with the least enthusiasm, even from liberals." Now, he continued, "We see another chapter in the history of society's resistance to open housing acted out on the streets of Forest Hills."

Those Who Made It Must Move Over

Noting that the spokesman for the Forest Hills community insist that they are not opposed to the possible influx of Blacks but to the large scale of the project and its impact on neighborhood schools, transit and other services, Rustin stated: "But one must ask himself whether these issues alone are sufficient to have provoked the intense passions which the protestors have daily displayed at the project site? Indeed, would the structure's aesthetics and size have brought about nightly picketing in sub-freezing temperatures had the project been slated for occupancy by upper income families."

Jordan noted, "What people in the suburbs or in upper middle income neighborhoods like Forest Hills have to learn is that they can't run anymore; they can no longer turn their backs on the cities and on the country's social problems. Those who have made it in our society are going to have to move over and give some breathing room to those who are still on the way up."

The two articles were published side-by-side under an overall caption, "Forest Hills: New Segregationist Symbol." The articles were illustrated with photographs of Black and white picketers who support the Forest Hills project. A Black picketer was shown carrying a sign which read, "Slumlord Birbach Get Job You Racist Dog." Jerry Birbach, a Jew, heads the Forest Hills Residents Association which has been in the forefront of the fight to halt construction of the project.

2,000 ORTHODOX JEWS PROTEST ISRAEL'S HANDLING OF 'WHO IS A JEW' ISSUE

NEW YORK, Jan. 9 (JTA)--Some 2,000 Orthodox Jews, among them heads of yeshivot, leaders of the Agudat Israel and Mizrahi, students and leaders of the Lubavitcher movement, met here today at the Beis Medrash Hagadol, the Lower East Side's largest and most historic synagogue, to protest Israel's handling of the "Who is a Jew" issue.

Called by the Union of Orthodox Rabbis (Agudas Horabonim), the conference urged the Israeli government to insert the words "according to halacha" into its "Who is a Jew" law, an amendment to the

Law of Return, which defines a Jew as one born of a Jewish mother or one converted to Judaism, without specifying how the conversion was accomplished. A number of speakers at the mass rally accused the Israel government of allowing non-Jews to enter Israel as Jews with full rights and privileges of an oleh.

Jewish Survival Endangered

"This practice is the greatest danger facing Jewish survival today," claimed Rabbi Simcha Elberg of the Agudas Horabonim, "because it accomplishes by legislation what the sword, lifted against Jews for centuries, could not accomplish." Rabbi Moshe Feinstein, president of the Agudas Horabonim, urged all Jews who care about our continuity to "scream out" to the Israel government on the issues of "Who is a Jew" as well as on the other two prevailing controversies--the autopsy and drafting of women issues.

A proclamation issued at the rally called for the resignation of three Mizrahi Ministers--Dr. Josef Burg, Minister of Interior, Dr. Zerach Warhaftig, Minister of Religion, and Michael Hazanni, Minister of Social Welfare--as a consequence of their misrepresentation of the policies and feelings of Israel's religious population. "We no longer intend to remain silent," Rabbi Elberg told the overflow audience. "The 'Who is a Jew' issue affects not only Israel but 14,000,000 Jews all over the world." Another speaker said the issue will ultimately "split the Jewish people in two."

CONFERENCE OF ORTHODOX RABBIS UNDER ATTACK FROM EXTREMISTS, MODERATES

JERUSALEM, Jan. 9 (JTA)--Some 1,500 Orthodox rabbis and lay leaders from all over the world are attending the World Conference of Synagogues and Community Organizations which opened here tonight. Premier Golda Meir and other government officials were on hand to greet them. But the gathering was promptly attacked by ultra-Orthodox elements at one end of the spectrum and religious moderates at the other.

One of the main topics to be discussed at the week-long meeting is the organization of a central world body for religious services that could supply ritual slaughterers and religious paraphernalia to out-of-the-way Jewish communities.

The ultra-Orthodox, ranging from the Naturel Karta through the Agudat Israel and Poale Agudat Israel, denounced the 500 participants from abroad and 1,000 Israeli rabbis and laymen as "coalitionists" who are willing to compromise the tenets of Judaism so that they can remain in office. From the more liberal Orthodox members of Mapai and Rabbi Menachem Hacohen, head of Histadrut's religious department, came a warning that anyone attending the conference should do so with the full knowledge that it is a meeting of National Religious Party rabbis.

The NRP is a coalition partner in the government and is generally regarded as occupying a middle ground between religious extremists and liberal elements. The NRP has been at serious odds with Orthodox militants in recent months on such issues as autopsies and the conscription of religious girls for national service.

No organized world body is expected to emerge from the conference due mainly to the traditional opposition of American Jews to any organization that purports to speak for the Jewish community as a whole.

MAJOR CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED TO MOBILIZE SUPPORT FOR EXPANSION OF TEL AVIV U \$2.5M Initiates Campaign

NEW YORK, Jan. 9 (JTA)--A total of more than \$2.5 million in contributions to spur the development and expansion of Tel Aviv University kicked off a major campaign today to mobilize support for the University. The record campaign opening was announced by Victor M. Carter of Los Angeles, chairman of the International Board of Governors of the University, at a luncheon at the Israeli Consulate-General here, honoring Professor Yuval Ne'eman, world-famous physicist who was recently elected president of Tel Aviv University. Ambassador David Z. Rivlin, Consul-General of the State of Israel, was the host of the luncheon attended by over 150 Jewish leaders and public figures.

In his address to the luncheon, Prof. Ne'eman, the first foreigner to win the Albert Einstein Award for scientific achievement, outlined the progress which Tel Aviv University has achieved. Since 1964, he indicated, the number of students increased from 2,000 to 14,000, of whom more than 1,200 are from the United States. The faculty, he said, has grown from 270 to 2,000, and the physical plant has been enlarged from two buildings to twenty-five.

Higher Education Crucial

Carter, a member of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency Board of Directors, cited Prof. Ne'eman's leadership and dedication and stressed the crucial role of higher education in Israel's future. "It is an unfortunate fact of life," he said, "that Israel must still concentrate much of its resources and effort on the very elementary need to assure its survival. Yet, even under these circumstances, the leaders of Israel--and, I might add, the people of Israel--have kept their sights on more than mere survival. They are concerned not only that their country have a future, but that it have the right kind of future."

Noting the degree to which Tel Aviv University has been a decisive force in this area, Carter called for a powerful and united effort to mobilize the maximum resources for the University throughout the American community.

Rivlin gave heightened emphasis to the importance which Israel attaches to higher education. Joining in the tribute to Prof. Ne'eman, he expressed confidence that the noted physicist would lead the University to ever greater levels of achievement. Pointing out that support of higher education in Israel is a crucial channel through which the American and Israeli communities are linked, Rivlin voiced appreciation for the efforts made in the past and those now being planned.

YIDDISH LANGUAGE NOT DIMINISHED BY DEMISE OF YIDDISH DAILY, SAYS MLOTEK

NEW YORK, Jan. 9 (JTA)--The demise of a Yiddish daily "does not reflect a diminution in the use of Yiddish as a language any more than the demise of daily newspapers in English means that the English language is dying." This assessment was given today by Joseph Mlotek, educational director of the Workmen's Circle, to some 900 guests attending the 54th annual luncheon-banquet of the Jewish labor fraternal order.

Mlotek was referring to the suspension of the publication of the Day-Jewish Journal on Dec. 28. Its closing left the 75-year-old Jewish Daily Forward as the country's only major Yiddish-language daily. Speaking at a luncheon tribute to actor-singer Theodore Bikel, Chaim Bess, executive director of the World Jewish Culture Congress and Mrs. Beatrice Bomus, an alumna of the Workmen's Circle Schools,

Mlotek said that when, for solely economic reasons, a foreign language daily or periodical fails, there are some who claim that the language itself has failed.

Jewish Heritage Linked To Yiddish

"Yiddish has survived many economic and social upheavals," he stated. "From the current proliferation of Chairs and courses in Yiddish in our largest universities, colleges and even high schools throughout the United States, as tragic as it is to those who were employed by it, the death of the Morning Journal-Day, is not the end of the Yiddish language as a cultural force among the Jewish people of the United States and abroad."

Mlotek said that "Jewish parents were becoming keenly aware" that the one link their children have to a Jewish heritage is a knowledge of Yiddish authors, poets and social leaders. "This is true in the United States as it is abroad, he said. "Even in Israel where Hebrew is the official language, both Yiddish and English are important secondary languages. No matter what the official tongue where Jews live is, Yiddish will remain an inherent part of the Jewish community's cultural soul."

Bikel told his audience that "We live in a world of easy access and it has had a devastating influence on our concept of culture. Easy and fast access makes for capsule culture; and capsule culture is to real culture what TV dinners are to gourmet cooking. Moreover, it tends to give emphasis only to the habits, mores, literature and poetry of the dominant culture of the land. It represents an invidious threat to anyone or group who seeks to maintain its own character and language."

350 U.S. JEWISH COMMUNITY LEADERS TO STUDY ISRAEL'S HUMANITARIAN NEEDS

ATLANTA, Jan. 9 (JTA)--A group of 46 Jewish community leaders of Atlanta left JFK International Airport in New York today on a nine-day study tour of Israel under the auspices of the United Jewish Appeal. They comprise the largest single contingent of a group of 350 from all over the United States who will visit Israeli institutions and confer with Israeli leaders in a study of that country's humanitarian needs.

The Atlanta contingent is headed by Sidney Feldman, 1972 campaign general chairman. It includes Milton Weinstein, Jewish Welfare Federation president; Harvey Jacobson and Jerry Dubrof, campaign vice-chairmen; and Mrs. Harvey Jacobson, general co-chairman of the women's division. The group will tour immigrant and absorption centers, facilities for the aged and handicapped operated by the Joint Distribution Committee-Malben and other programs supported by the Atlanta Jewish community through the UJA. Before returning home Jan. 19, they will be briefed by Israeli officials including Deputy Premier Yigal Allon, Jewish Agency treasurer Leon Dulzin, and Chief of Staff Gen. David Elazar.

NEW IMMIGRATION CENTERS ESTABLISHED

JERUSALEM, Jan. 9 (JTA)--Five new immigration centers have been established by the Jewish Agency's Immigration and Absorption Department because of the growing influx. They contain space for 1,500 persons. All the new centers are in existing buildings rented by the Jewish Agency. Geographically, they extend from 40 miles south of Tel Aviv almost to the Lebanese border in the north.



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Israelis noted that Russians have been invited to attend numerous international scientific and other gatherings in Israel but invariably failed to appear. They said the Soviet authorities seemed interested only in Communist-sponsored events.

FLU EPIDEMIC CONTINUES UNABATED Thousands Reported Ill

JERUSALEM, Jan. 9 (JTA)--The flu epidemic sweeping Israel continued unabated, with all sections of the country equally hit, the Health Ministry reported Friday. It is difficult to ascertain how many persons are ill at any one time, because flu is not one of the diseases that doctors are required to report to district health offices. But the sick funds reported that doctors' house calls have increased by 10 to 12 times, and that they are having difficulties in coping with them as many physicians have themselves been taken ill.

Most of the cases reported are of the comparative mild strain referred to as A-2, which becomes dangerous only when there are such complications as pneumonia, rheumatic fever, chronic disease or old age. A few cases appear to have been caused by a more virulent strain that has not yet been identified. Only when complications occur are patients hospitalized. Health Ministry officials estimate that tens of thousands of persons were ill from flu last week.

WEIZMANN INSTITUTE ADDS FOUR NEW PROFESSIONAL CHAIRS

Aided By Donations From U.S.

TEL AVIV, Jan. 9 (JTA)--The Weizmann Institute of Science at Rehovot, which this year has a record of 101 foreign scientists on campus, has announced the establishment of four new professional chairs through donations by American philanthropists. They are, according to Prof. Albert B. Sabin, Institute president:

The Henry and Bertha Benson chair in mathematics, to which Prof. Samuel Karlin of New Orleans, La., has been appointed; the Norman D. Cohen chair in computer science, to be filled by Prof. Smil Rubman of the Institute's Applied Mathematics Department, creator of the "Golem" electronic device; the George W. Dunne chair in chemical physics, to be filled by Prof. Shmuel Lifson, head of the Chemical Physics Department; and the Joseph Meyerhoff chair in biochemistry, to be filled by Prof. David Elson, dean of the Faculty of Biochemistry and Physics.

Henry Benson is a Montreal industrialist specializing in electronics. Cohen is a prominent Boston-area businessman. Dunne is president of the Cook County (Chicago) Board of Commissioners. Meyerhoff is a Baltimore industrial magnate and philanthropist.

ASHKELON INMATES MURDER CELLMATE

TEL AVIV, Jan. 9 (JTA)--Ashkelon prison has been closed to visitors since last Friday when two Arab terrorists serving life sentences murdered one of their cellmates. It was disclosed today. Prison authorities said the weapon used was a shoelace. The victim was identified as Haled Mustafa El Haid, 21, also serving a life term. Prison authorities said he was marked for death either because he was suspected of collaborating with Israeli authorities or because he made homosexual advances to other inmates. The two suspects have been questioned. The prison was the scene of an inmates' riot last October.

TWO BLACK CIVIL RIGHTS LEADERS SAY RACISM BEHIND HOUSING CONTROVERSY

NEW YORK, Jan. 9 (JTA)--Two prominent Black civil rights leaders have named racism as the prime motivating factor behind the bitter protests by residents of the predominantly Jewish Forest Hills section of Queens against a controversial low income housing project there. Articles on the controversy by Bayard Rustin, executive director of the A. Philip Randolph Institute of New York and Vernon E. Jordan, executive director of the National Urban League, were published in the latest issue of the Amsterdam News, the leading Negro newspaper in the US.

According to Jordan, the objections raised by Forest Hills residents that schools and transit facilities in the neighborhood would become hopelessly congested as a result of the project intended to house 840 families were openly a ruse to conceal their racism of which northern liberals are ashamed. "When it became easy to see through these false issues, the hidden code words of racism came into play. There would be 'crimes in the streets,' they howled," Jordan wrote.

Rustin contended that "Of all the significant civil rights laws enacted in the 1960s, open housing met with the least enthusiasm, even from liberals." Now, he continued, "We see another chapter in the history of society's resistance to open housing acted out on the streets of Forest Hills."

Those Who Made It Must Move Over

Noting that the spokesman for the Forest Hills community insist that they are not opposed to the possible influx of Blacks but to the large scale of the project and its impact on neighborhood schools, transit and other services, Rustin stated: "But one must ask himself whether these issues alone are sufficient to have provoked the intense passions which the protestors have daily displayed at the project site? Indeed, would the structure's aesthetics and size have brought about nightly picketing in sub-freezing temperatures had the project been slated for occupancy by upper income families."

Jordan noted, "What people in the suburbs or in upper middle income neighborhoods like Forest Hills have to learn is that they can't run anymore; they can no longer turn their backs on the cities and on the country's social problems. Those who have made it in our society are going to have to move over and give some breathing room to those who are still on the way up."

The two articles were published side-by-side under an overall caption, "Forest Hills: New Segregationist Symbol." The articles were illustrated with photographs of Black and white picketers who support the Forest Hills project. A Black picketer was shown carrying a sign which read, "Slumlord Birbach Get Job You Racist Dog." Jerry Birbach, a Jew, heads the Forest Hills Residents Association which has been in the forefront of the fight to halt construction of the project.

2,000 ORTHODOX JEWS PROTEST ISRAEL'S HANDLING OF 'WHO IS A JEW' ISSUE

NEW YORK, Jan. 9 (JTA)--Some 2,000 Orthodox Jews, among them heads of yeshivot, leaders of the Agudat Israel and Mizrahi, students and leaders of the Lubavitcher movement, met here today at the Beis Medrash Hagadol, the Lower East Side's largest and most historic synagogue, to protest Israel's handling of the "Who is a Jew" issue.

Called by the Union of Orthodox Rabbis (Agudas Horabonim), the conference urged the Israeli government to insert the words "according to halacha" into its "Who is a Jew" law, an amendment to the

Law of Return, which defines a Jew as one born of a Jewish mother or one converted to Judaism, without specifying how the conversion was accomplished. A number of speakers at the mass rally accused the Israel government of allowing non-Jews to enter Israel as Jews with full rights and privileges of an oleh.

Jewish Survival Endangered

"This practice is the greatest danger facing Jewish survival today," claimed Rabbi Simcha Elberg of the Agudas Horabonim, "because it accomplishes by legislation what the sword, lifted against Jews for centuries, could not accomplish." Rabbi Moshe Feinstein, president of the Agudas Horabonim, urged all Jews who care about our continuity to "scream out" to the Israel government on the issues of "Who is a Jew" as well as on the other two prevailing controversies--the autopsy and drafting of women issues.

A proclamation issued at the rally called for the resignation of three Mizrahi Ministers--Dr. Josef Burg, Minister of Interior, Dr. Zerach Warhaftig, Minister of Religion, and Michael Hazanni, Minister of Social Welfare--as a consequence of their misrepresentation of the policies and feelings of Israel's religious population. "We no longer intend to remain silent," Rabbi Elberg told the overflow audience. "The 'Who is a Jew' issue affects not only Israel but 14,000,000 Jews all over the world." Another speaker said the issue will ultimately "split the Jewish people in two."

CONFERENCE OF ORTHODOX RABBIS UNDER ATTACK FROM EXTREMISTS, MODERATES

JERUSALEM, Jan. 9 (JTA)--Some 1,500 Orthodox rabbis and lay leaders from all over the world are attending the World Conference of Synagogues and Community Organizations which opened here tonight. Premier Golda Meir and other government officials were on hand to greet them. But the gathering was promptly attacked by ultra-Orthodox elements at one end of the spectrum and religious moderates at the other.

One of the main topics to be discussed at the week-long meeting is the organization of a central world body for religious services that could supply ritual slaughterers and religious paraphernalia to out-of-the-way Jewish communities.

The ultra-Orthodox, ranging from the Naturel Karta through the Agudat Israel and Poale Agudat Israel, denounced the 500 participants from abroad and 1,000 Israeli rabbis and laymen as "coalitionists" who are willing to compromise the tenets of Judaism so that they can remain in office. From the more liberal Orthodox members of Mapai and Rabbi Menachem Hacohen, head of Histadrut's religious department, came a warning that anyone attending the conference should do so with the full knowledge that it is a meeting of National Religious Party rabbis.

The NRP is a coalition partner in the government and is generally regarded as occupying a middle ground between religious extremists and liberal elements. The NRP has been at serious odds with Orthodox militants in recent months on such issues as autopsies and the conscription of religious girls for national service.

No organized world body is expected to emerge from the conference due mainly to the traditional opposition of American Jews to any organization that purports to speak for the Jewish community as a whole.

MAJOR CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED TO MOBILIZE SUPPORT FOR EXPANSION OF TEL AVIV U \$2.5M Initiates Campaign

NEW YORK, Jan. 9 (JTA)--A total of more than \$2.5 million in contributions to spur the development and expansion of Tel Aviv University kicked off a major campaign today to mobilize support for the University. The record campaign opening was announced by Victor M. Carter of Los Angeles, chairman of the International Board of Governors of the University, at a luncheon at the Israeli Consulate-General here, honoring Professor Yuval Ne'eman, world-famous physicist who was recently elected president of Tel Aviv University. Ambassador David Z. Rivlin, Consul-General of the State of Israel, was the host of the luncheon attended by over 150 Jewish leaders and public figures.

In his address to the luncheon, Prof. Ne'eman, the first foreigner to win the Albert Einstein Award for scientific achievement, outlined the progress which Tel Aviv University has achieved. Since 1964, he indicated, the number of students increased from 2,000 to 14,000, of whom more than 1,200 are from the United States. The faculty, he said, has grown from 270 to 2,000, and the physical plant has been enlarged from two buildings to twenty-five.

Higher Education Crucial

Carter, a member of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency Board of Directors, cited Prof. Ne'eman's leadership and dedication and stressed the crucial role of higher education in Israel's future. "It is an unfortunate fact of life," he said, "that Israel must still concentrate much of its resources and effort on the very elementary need to assure its survival. Yet, even under these circumstances, the leaders of Israel--and, I might add, the people of Israel--have kept their sights on more than mere survival. They are concerned not only that their country have a future, but that it have the right kind of future."

Noting the degree to which Tel Aviv University has been a decisive force in this area, Carter called for a powerful and united effort to mobilize the maximum resources for the University throughout the American community.

Rivlin gave heightened emphasis to the importance which Israel attaches to higher education. Joining in the tribute to Prof. Ne'eman, he expressed confidence that the noted physicist would lead the University to ever greater levels of achievement. Pointing out that support of higher education in Israel is a crucial channel through which the American and Israeli communities are linked, Rivlin voiced appreciation for the efforts made in the past and those now being planned.

YIDDISH LANGUAGE NOT DIMINISHED BY DEMISE OF YIDDISH DAILY, SAYS MLOTEK

NEW YORK, Jan. 9 (JTA)--The demise of a Yiddish daily "does not reflect a diminution in the use of Yiddish as a language any more than the demise of daily newspapers in English means that the English language is dying." This assessment was given today by Joseph Mlotek, educational director of the Workmen's Circle, to some 900 guests attending the 54th annual luncheon-banquet of the Jewish labor fraternal order.

Mlotek was referring to the suspension of the publication of the Day-Jewish Journal on Dec. 28. Its closing left the 75-year-old Jewish Daily Forward as the country's only major Yiddish-language daily. Speaking at a luncheon tribute to actor-singer Theodore Bikel, Chaim Bess, executive director of the World Jewish Culture Congress and Mrs. Beatrice Bomus, an alumna of the Workmen's Circle Schools,

Mlotek said that when, for solely economic reasons, a foreign language daily or periodical fails, there are some who claim that the language itself has failed.

Jewish Heritage Linked To Yiddish

"Yiddish has survived many economic and social upheavals," he stated. "From the current proliferation of Chairs and courses in Yiddish in our largest universities, colleges and even high schools throughout the United States, as tragic as it is to those who were employed by it, the death of the Morning Journal-Day, is not the end of the Yiddish language as a cultural force among the Jewish people of the United States and abroad."

Mlotek said that "Jewish parents were becoming keenly aware" that the one link their children have to a Jewish heritage is a knowledge of Yiddish authors, poets and social leaders. "This is true in the United States as it is abroad, he said. "Even in Israel where Hebrew is the official language, both Yiddish and English are important secondary languages. No matter what the official tongue where Jews live is, Yiddish will remain an inherent part of the Jewish community's cultural soul."

Bikel told his audience that "We live in a world of easy access and it has had a devastating influence on our concept of culture. Easy and fast access makes for capsule culture; and capsule culture is to real culture what TV dinners are to gourmet cooking. Moreover, it tends to give emphasis only to the habits, mores, literature and poetry of the dominant culture of the land. It represents an invidious threat to anyone or group who seeks to maintain its own character and language."

350 U.S. JEWISH COMMUNITY LEADERS TO STUDY ISRAEL'S HUMANITARIAN NEEDS

ATLANTA, Jan. 9 (JTA)--A group of 46 Jewish community leaders of Atlanta left JFK International Airport in New York today on a nine-day study tour of Israel under the auspices of the United Jewish Appeal. They comprise the largest single contingent of a group of 350 from all over the United States who will visit Israeli institutions and confer with Israeli leaders in a study of that country's humanitarian needs.

The Atlanta contingent is headed by Sidney Feldman, 1972 campaign general chairman. It includes Milton Weinstein, Jewish Welfare Federation president; Harvey Jacobson and Jerry Dubrof, campaign vice-chairmen; and Mrs. Harvey Jacobson, general co-chairman of the women's division. The group will tour immigrant and absorption centers, facilities for the aged and handicapped operated by the Joint Distribution Committee-Malben and other programs supported by the Atlanta Jewish community through the UJA. Before returning home Jan. 19, they will be briefed by Israeli officials including Deputy Premier Yigal Allon, Jewish Agency treasurer Leon Dulzin, and Chief of Staff Gen. David Elazar.

NEW IMMIGRATION CENTERS ESTABLISHED

JERUSALEM, Jan. 9 (JTA)--Five new immigration centers have been established by the Jewish Agency's Immigration and Absorption Department because of the growing influx. They contain space for 1,500 persons. All the new centers are in existing buildings rented by the Jewish Agency. Geographically, they extend from 40 miles south of Tel Aviv almost to the Lebanese border in the north.