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LONDON, Jan. 13 (JTA)--Nine Soviet Jewish scientists who were fired from their jobs after applying for visas to go to Israel and whose visa requests were rejected, have appealed for help to international scientific bodies abroad. The text of the appeal, just released, noted that "The Soviet authorities particularly tried to oppose the departure of professional people" and called this "amoral and contrary to the letter and spirit of international agreements and declarations."

The scientists said, "At present we are debarred from scientific work, from teaching and from associating with our colleagues. The international character of science gives us the right to appeal to you for help." The appeal was sent to the International Amalgamation of Electronic Societies; the International Federation of Automatic Controls; the International Mathematical Union; and the International Federation for Information Processing.

The group of nine is headed by Prof. Alexander Lerner, the famous computer expert and professor of cybernetics in Moscow. The other signatories were Dr. Roman Rutman, Vladimir Vaksman, Viacheslav Hauchman, Leonid Frank, Viktor Polsky, Joseph Begum, Vladimir Slepak, and Lev Libov.

#### Scheuer Arrested In Scientist's Home

An American Congressman, Rep. James Scheuer (D,N.Y.) was arrested by Soviet police while a guest in Prof. Lerner's home in Moscow last night. Scheuer, who has been touring Soviet educational institutions with a Congressional study group, was detained for 40 minutes in a Moscow jail along with Lerner's son, Vladimir. Both were released.

The police reportedly entered Lerner's apartment allegedly looking for a wanted criminal masquerading as a foreigner. The Congressman for some reason was unable to produce his passport and was arrested. Jewish sources in Russia said the police raid was a deliberate harassment of Prof. Lerner since it was obvious that he was not harboring criminals.

#### NCSJ ASKS VISITING SOVIET OFFICIAL TO INTERCEDE ON BEHALF OF USSR JEWS

NEW YORK, Jan. 13 (JTA)--The National Conference on Soviet Jewry today called on the Soviet Minister of Culture, who is visiting the United States to expand US - Soviet cultural exchange, to help give Soviet Jews the cultural rights and the freedom of which they are now deprived.

The Conference directed its appeal at Yekaterina A. Furtseva, the Soviet Minister of Culture, who is here to open a Soviet art exhibit in Washington, D.C. today. While in the United States, she is expected to meet with

cultural leaders to discuss exchanges between the two countries. The exhibit will later be seen in five other cities under the US-USSR cultural exchange program.

In issuing the statement, Richard Maass, chairman of the Conference, said that "in order to help achieve world peace, we welcome the easing of tensions between the two countries, but we also want to show a positive concern for Soviet Jews who are deprived of their culture and their freedoms."

Maass called upon Mrs. Furtseva that on her return to the USSR she "help alleviate existing tensions by seeking immediate unconditional release of all Jewish prisoners of conscience now rotting in labor camps." Maass also called for the easing of emigration procedures and stated: "Even though Soviet Russia has apparently relaxed some of its restrictions and allowed a certain number of Jews to go to Israel--a move which must be welcomed--regrettably this does not answer the basic problem of Soviet Jews."

He noted that in the various Soviet art and music groups now touring the US, "there is no expression whatsoever of the Jewish contribution to Soviet life," despite the fact that Jews have contributed greatly to the world of Soviet art. "Why are they not represented?" Maass asked.

#### RABBI SAYS SPIRITUAL DRAIN CLAIMS HIGHLY EXAGGERATED

NEW YORK, Jan. 13 (JTA)--A Conservative rabbinical leader today disputed the contention of some delegates to this week's World Conference of Synagogues and Community Organizations in Jerusalem that the aliya of rabbis must be curbed because a spiritual drain is developing in the diaspora. Rabbi Wolfe Kelman, executive vice-president of the Rabbinical Assembly, insisted that there is no shortage of rabbis available to serve "viable" Jewish communities in the United States and abroad.

He charged that "it is either irresponsibility or press release pandering which prompts statements about curbing aliya or other remedies for an ailment which has been insufficiently analyzed and for which obsolete remedies are recommended."

At the world conference, which was held earlier this week, French Jewish leaders said that emigrants to Israel in recent years included five or six chief rabbis of cities with large Jewish communities as well as Jewish scholars, doctors, lawyers and others who had participated in the spiritual leadership of their communities.

It was reported that in 122 Jewish communities affiliated with the Jewish Consistory of France, there are now only 60 rabbis left and 80 reverends. Some delegates to the conference advocated that a rabbi, shochet or mohel in the diaspora who wishes to settle in Israel should not be allowed to do so unless he finds a replacement for himself.

#### Enough Rabbis To Meet Needs

Rabbi Kelman, who recently completed a study on the synagogues and the rabbinate for the American Jewish Committee's Task Force on the future of the Jewish community, said that "in recent years, enough rabbis of all persuasions and denominational loyalties have become available to meet the needs of virtually every viable community which is prepared to request and elect a rabbi."

At the present time, he continued, "there is a reasonable equilibrium between the available sources of rabbis and the needs of viable communities." He said a viable community is one which can afford a rabbi and where there are enough activities, including a Hebrew school, to keep a rabbi busy.

Rabbi Kelman stated that "the readiness of rabbis to serve communities which actually need them

is particularly true overseas. I do not know of any community abroad, whether in Europe, Latin America, Iran or elsewhere, which has been denied the services of a rabbi because of the unavailability of rabbis from American, Israeli or European seminaries or yeshivot ready to serve them," he said.

"Insofar as there is a shortage," Rabbi Kelman noted, "it exists primarily in communities which are in the process of dissolution because of changing neighborhoods, emigration and other irreversible factors."

#### JEWISH WRITERS AS NON-PERSONS

LONDON, Jan. 13 (JTA)--The names of five Soviet Jewish writers who have frequently contributed to the Moscow Yiddish monthly "Sovietish Heimland" and are now in Israel were omitted without explanation from a full bibliography of contributions that have appeared in that journal during its first ten years of existence. The bibliography, listing the names of contributing authors in alphabetical order, was published in the current issue of the periodical, which is put out by the Soviet Writers' Union. The authors left off the list are all members of the editorial collective. Their names are: Hirsh Osherovich, Rachel Boimwoi, Zlame Telesin, Leizer Podratichik and Josef Kerler.

#### SPECIAL NEWS BULLETIN

NEW YORK, Jan. 13 (JTA)--President Anwar Sadat of Egypt said tonight that his country was at the brink of war with Israel when the Indo-Pakistani war broke out last month. He implied that it was only that grave international crisis that prevented Egypt from going to war. Sadat made the claim in a broadcast from Cairo beamed to the entire Middle East. He also warned President Nixon against sending more Phantom jets to Israel. According to some observers here, Sadat was using the Indo-Pakistani war as a face-saving device to explain why 1971, his proclaimed "year of decision" on war with Israel, ended with no decision.

#### NIXON APPLAUDS ROLE OF NCJW

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (JTA)--President Nixon applauded the contribution "to humanity" of the National Council of Jewish Women in a proclamation issued by the White House to announce the national observance of NCJW Week this week. In telegrams to an area-wide NCJW meeting here Tuesday and to a luncheon meeting today of the Executive Committee of the NCJW at its national headquarters in New York, the President cited the Council's "dedicated participation in civic affairs and volunteer community services" for almost 80 years, and added that "the Council has, through its many worthwhile endeavors, sought to promote the kind of human compassion, dignity and justice that are basic to lasting harmony and progress."

#### HOUSING PROGRAM TO BE LAUNCHED

JERUSALEM, Jan. 13 (JTA)--Israel may import laborers from abroad and will temporarily lower certain building standards in order to provide housing for the wave of immigrants expected to arrive during 1972. Details of the crash program that will cost at least \$100 million were disclosed here by Yosef Sharon, director general of the Housing Ministry. He said the foreign labor would consist of tile layers and plasterers, a category of workers in short supply in Israel. The Ministry will rely heavily on pre-fabricated homes which cuts construction time by a third.

### AJCOMMITTEE PROPOSES SPECIAL MEETING TO RESOLVE FOREST HILLS CONTROVERSY

NEW YORK, Jan. 13 (JTA)--Warning that the Forest Hills housing controversy may foreshadow "mass conflict" in New York City, the New York chapter of the American Jewish Committee has offered to sponsor a "laboratory for crisis resolution" between the principals in the dispute to help settle the issue. In a letter yesterday to Mayor John V. Lindsay, the AJCommittee Chapter urged his endorsement for the proposal to meet the "overriding problem" of the intergroup health of the city.

The laboratory would involve gathering the opinion leaders of all factions in one room for airing their views on the grievances and arriving at a consensus for their solution. The proposal for the use of professional specialists' help in resolving the issue has been endorsed by the New York Interracial Colloquy. The Colloquy is sponsored by the AJCommittee, the NAACP, the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and the National Urban League.

In the letter to Lindsay, Edward D. Moldover, president of the AJCommittee Chapter, and Haskell L. Lazere, its director, proposed that the techniques employed by Community Confrontation and Communication Associates to settle racial disputes in Camden, N.J., Asbury Park, N.J., Grand Rapids, Mich., and elsewhere be employed in the current controversy. "We offer to arrange immediately for the services of those same experienced professionals so that the Forest Hills controversy can be resolved," Moldover stated.

He pointed out that the AJCommittee had not taken a position on the housing project. "Our efforts in the past many weeks have been directed to the amelioration of the complex community relations problems so evident in the present crisis," he declared. Pointing up the dangers in allowing the present situation to fester, Moldover insisted that "Forest Hills has already become a nightmare.... The name-calling, rapidly deteriorating inter and intra-group relations, violent emotionalism and irrational fears are symptoms of grave urban and national social crisis."

The AJCommittee leader cautioned that harmonious relations could not be restored within New York until the issues were removed from the streets. If this were not done, he added, "not only will the future of scatter-site and public housing be jeopardized but it will be impossible to achieve a just solution to the dispute over the project itself."

### 1971 ISRAEL BOND CAMPAIGN PRODUCED RECORD SALE OF \$251M, 20% OVER 1970

NEW YORK, Jan. 13 (JTA)--An all-time record-setting total of \$251,476,600 in Israel Bonds was sold in 1971, it was reported today by Sam Rothberg, general chairman of the worldwide Israel Bond Organization. This represented a 20 percent increase over the amount sold in the previous year and 16 percent more than was realized in 1967, the year of the Six-Day War when the response to the Israel Bond campaign broke all existing records.

Rothberg stated that of the over-all Bond receipts for last year, \$209,161,350 or 83 percent came from sales in the United States; \$15,236,050 was sold in Canada and the balance in other countries. The impressive 1971 result brought to a grand total of \$1.89 billion the proceeds from the sale of Israel Bonds since the establishment of the Bond Organization twenty-one years ago, he said.

"The record total for 1971 is very significant because it testifies to the high degree of solidarity which is being maintained between the Jewish people and Israel," Rothberg said. "It also demonstrates

their determination to respond on an increasing scale to Israel's needs at a time when its economy is burdened with maximum defense expenditures, the greater pressures of rising immigration and the urgent demands of the disadvantaged sector of the population."

### TEKOAH TO JARRING: ISRAEL READY FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITHOUT PRECONDITIONS

UNITED NATIONS, Jan. 13 (JTA)--Israeli Ambassador Yosef Tekoah conferred for 20 minutes this morning with Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring, the United Nations' special representative for the Middle East. Tekoah told newsmen afterward that he had told Dr. Jarring that Israel was ready to resume the negotiations if there were no preconditions. The intermediary was expected to meet with Egyptian Ambassador Mohammed H. el-Zayyat today or tomorrow.

### RABBI MELCHIOR: CONVERSIONS IN DENMARK 'OBJECTIVELY KOSHER'

Criticizes Lubavitcher Rebbe For Remarks

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 13 (JTA)--Denmark's Chief Rabbi Bent Melchior today offered to give "all necessary information" to any envoy who might wish to check the religious legality of his conversions. "All conversions to Judaism carried out in Denmark are objectively kosher," he said. "I shall be glad to welcome any envoy and put at his disposal all necessary material," the Chief Rabbi added.

The "Danish conversions," mostly of spouses of Soviet Jews, had come under fire both in Israel and in the US, the last and most virulent attack on Rabbi Melchior's conversions being that of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Schneerson, who said last week in New York that the Danish conversions are "illegal" and "a danger to Judaism."

If he has been quoted correctly then "the Lubavitcher's words are an outright lie," Rabbi Melchior said. He said that the Rebbe, leader of a Hassidic sect with a world-wide following, did not contact him before making his pronouncement. Rabbi Melchior declared, "I must therefore declare that the Lubavitcher's words are nothing but an outright lie as our conversions are carried out according to religious law and under my jurisdiction."

(In New York, a spokesman for the Lubavitcher Rebbe told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that when the Rebbe made his remarks in synagogue he mentioned no names and he (the spokesman) did not know why Rabbi Melchior felt he had been maligned.)

### FORMER JORDANIAN PRIME MINISTER TO BE TREATED AT HADASSAH HOSPITAL

JERUSALEM, Jan. 13 (JTA)--A former Prime Minister of Jordan who has lived in exile for the past two years, is expected to arrive here this week for medical treatment at Hadassah Hospital. Maj. Gen. Mohammed Daud was flown to Amman last Saturday night from Paris where he had been undergoing treatment for a brain hemorrhage he reportedly suffered while living in Libya. The Interior Minister has granted him an entry permit at the request of family members here.

Gen. Daud headed King Hussein's military government at the height of the Jordanian civil war in Sept. 1970. He resigned after eight days in office. His resignation was sent to the Jordanian Embassy in Cairo where Daud had gone to attend an Arab summit meeting called to arrange an armistice between King Hussein and the Palestinian guerrillas.





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ington "said that the American intelligence community did feel the Israelis wanted atomic information but he said he did not know why." Wall said he was trained to listen in on the telephone calls of the Israeli Embassy, a fact confirmed by outside sources who said the FBI also tapped Arab Embassy phones. Wall said in the Times interview that during the Six-Day War the FBI was short-handed and he was pressed into service at a switchboard set up to monitor all the calls being made to and from the Israeli Embassy. He said he had not overheard any interesting conversations.

#### NINE SOVIET JEWISH SCIENTISTS APPEAL TO INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC BODIES

LONDON, Jan. 13 (JTA)--Nine Soviet Jewish scientists who were fired from their jobs after applying for visas to go to Israel and whose visa requests were rejected, have appealed for help to international scientific bodies abroad. The text of the appeal, just released, noted that "The Soviet authorities particularly tried to oppose the departure of professional people" and called this "amoral and contrary to the letter and spirit of international agreements and declarations."

The scientists said, "At present we are debarred from scientific work, from teaching and from associating with our colleagues. The international character of science gives us the right to appeal to you for help." The appeal was sent to the International Amalgamation of Electronic Societies; the International Federation of Automatic Controls; the International Mathematical Union; and the International Federation for Information Processing.

The group of nine is headed by Prof. Alexander Lerner, the famous computer expert and professor of cybernetics in Moscow. The other signatories were Dr. Roman Rutman, Vladimir Vaksman, Viacheslav Hauchman, Leonid Frank, Viktor Polsky, Joseph Begum, Vladimir Slepak, and Lev Libov.

#### Scheuer Arrested In Scientist's Home

An American Congressman, Rep. James Scheuer (D,N.Y.) was arrested by Soviet police while a guest in Prof. Lerner's home in Moscow last night. Scheuer, who has been touring Soviet educational institutions with a Congressional study group, was detained for 40 minutes in a Moscow jail along with Lerner's son, Vladimir. Both were released.

The police reportedly entered Lerner's apartment allegedly looking for a wanted criminal masquerading as a foreigner. The Congressman for some reason was unable to produce his passport and was arrested. Jewish sources in Russia said the police raid was a deliberate harassment of Prof. Lerner since it was obvious that he was not harboring criminals.

#### NCSJ ASKS VISITING SOVIET OFFICIAL TO INTERCEDE ON BEHALF OF USSR JEWS

NEW YORK, Jan. 13 (JTA)--The National Conference on Soviet Jewry today called on the Soviet Minister of Culture, who is visiting the United States to expand US - Soviet cultural exchange, to help give Soviet Jews the cultural rights and the freedom of which they are now deprived.

The Conference directed its appeal at Yekaterina A. Furtseva, the Soviet Minister of Culture, who is here to open a Soviet art exhibit in Washington, D.C. today. While in the United States, she is expected to meet with

cultural leaders to discuss exchanges between the two countries. The exhibit will later be seen in five other cities under the US-USSR cultural exchange program.

In issuing the statement, Richard Maass, chairman of the Conference, said that "in order to help achieve world peace, we welcome the easing of tensions between the two countries, but we also want to show a positive concern for Soviet Jews who are deprived of their culture and their freedoms."

Maass called upon Mrs. Furtseva that on her return to the USSR she "help alleviate existing tensions by seeking immediate unconditional release of all Jewish prisoners of conscience now rotting in labor camps." Maass also called for the easing of emigration procedures and stated: "Even though Soviet Russia has apparently relaxed some of its restrictions and allowed a certain number of Jews to go to Israel--a move which must be welcomed--regrettably this does not answer the basic problem of Soviet Jews."

He noted that in the various Soviet art and music groups now touring the US, "there is no expression whatsoever of the Jewish contribution to Soviet life," despite the fact that Jews have contributed greatly to the world of Soviet art. "Why are they not represented?" Maass asked.

#### RABBI SAYS SPIRITUAL DRAIN CLAIMS HIGHLY EXAGGERATED

NEW YORK, Jan. 13 (JTA)--A Conservative rabbinical leader today disputed the contention of some delegates to this week's World Conference of Synagogues and Community Organizations in Jerusalem that the aliya of rabbis must be curbed because a spiritual drain is developing in the diaspora. Rabbi Wolfe Kelman, executive vice-president of the Rabbinical Assembly, insisted that there is no shortage of rabbis available to serve "viable" Jewish communities in the United States and abroad.

He charged that "it is either irresponsibility or press release pandering which prompts statements about curbing aliya or other remedies for an ailment which has been insufficiently analyzed and for which obsolete remedies are recommended."

At the world conference, which was held earlier this week, French Jewish leaders said that emigrants to Israel in recent years included five or six chief rabbis of cities with large Jewish communities as well as Jewish scholars, doctors, lawyers and others who had participated in the spiritual leadership of their communities.

It was reported that in 122 Jewish communities affiliated with the Jewish Consistory of France, there are now only 60 rabbis left and 80 reverends. Some delegates to the conference advocated that a rabbi, shochet or mohel in the diaspora who wishes to settle in Israel should not be allowed to do so unless he finds a replacement for himself.

#### Enough Rabbis To Meet Needs

Rabbi Kelman, who recently completed a study on the synagogues and the rabbinate for the American Jewish Committee's Task Force on the future of the Jewish community, said that "in recent years, enough rabbis of all persuasions and denominational loyalties have become available to meet the needs of virtually every viable community which is prepared to request and elect a rabbi."

At the present time, he continued, "there is a reasonable equilibrium between the available sources of rabbis and the needs of viable communities." He said a viable community is one which can afford a rabbi and where there are enough activities, including a Hebrew school, to keep a rabbi busy.

Rabbi Kelman stated that "the readiness of rabbis to serve communities which actually need them

is particularly true overseas. I do not know of any community abroad, whether in Europe, Latin America, Iran or elsewhere, which has been denied the services of a rabbi because of the unavailability of rabbis from American, Israeli or European seminaries or yeshivot ready to serve them," he said.

"Insofar as there is a shortage," Rabbi Kelman noted, "it exists primarily in communities which are in the process of dissolution because of changing neighborhoods, emigration and other irreversible factors."

#### JEWISH WRITERS AS NON-PERSONS

LONDON, Jan. 13 (JTA)--The names of five Soviet Jewish writers who have frequently contributed to the Moscow Yiddish monthly "Sovietish Heimland" and are now in Israel were omitted without explanation from a full bibliography of contributions that have appeared in that journal during its first ten years of existence. The bibliography, listing the names of contributing authors in alphabetical order, was published in the current issue of the periodical, which is put out by the Soviet Writers' Union. The authors left off the list are all members of the editorial collective. Their names are: Hirsh Osherovich, Rachel Boimwoi, Zlame Telesin, Leizer Podratichik and Josef Kerler.

#### SPECIAL NEWS BULLETIN

NEW YORK, Jan. 13 (JTA)--President Anwar Sadat of Egypt said tonight that his country was at the brink of war with Israel when the Indo-Pakistani war broke out last month. He implied that it was only that grave international crisis that prevented Egypt from going to war. Sadat made the claim in a broadcast from Cairo beamed to the entire Middle East. He also warned President Nixon against sending more Phantom jets to Israel. According to some observers here, Sadat was using the Indo-Pakistani war as a face-saving device to explain why 1971, his proclaimed "year of decision" on war with Israel, ended with no decision.

#### NIXON APPLAUDS ROLE OF NCJW

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (JTA)--President Nixon applauded the contribution "to humanity" of the National Council of Jewish Women in a proclamation issued by the White House to announce the national observance of NCJW Week this week. In telegrams to an area-wide NCJW meeting here Tuesday and to a luncheon meeting today of the Executive Committee of the NCJW at its national headquarters in New York, the President cited the Council's "dedicated participation in civic affairs and volunteer community services" for almost 80 years, and added that "the Council has, through its many worthwhile endeavors, sought to promote the kind of human compassion, dignity and justice that are basic to lasting harmony and progress."

#### HOUSING PROGRAM TO BE LAUNCHED

JERUSALEM, Jan. 13 (JTA)--Israel may import laborers from abroad and will temporarily lower certain building standards in order to provide housing for the wave of immigrants expected to arrive during 1972. Details of the crash program that will cost at least \$100 million were disclosed here by Yosef Sharon, director general of the Housing Ministry. He said the foreign labor would consist of tile layers and plasterers, a category of workers in short supply in Israel. The Ministry will rely heavily on pre-fabricated homes which cuts construction time by a third.

## AJCOMMITTEE PROPOSES SPECIAL MEETING TO RESOLVE FOREST HILLS CONTROVERSY

NEW YORK, Jan. 13 (JTA)--Warning that the Forest Hills housing controversy may foreshadow "mass conflict" in New York City, the New York chapter of the American Jewish Committee has offered to sponsor a "laboratory for crisis resolution" between the principals in the dispute to help settle the issue. In a letter yesterday to Mayor John V. Lindsay, the AJCommittee Chapter urged his endorsement for the proposal to meet the "overriding problem" of the intergroup health of the city.

The laboratory would involve gathering the opinion leaders of all factions in one room for airing their views on the grievances and arriving at a consensus for their solution. The proposal for the use of professional specialists' help in resolving the issue has been endorsed by the New York Interracial Colloquy. The Colloquy is sponsored by the AJCommittee, the NAACP, the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and the National Urban League.

In the letter to Lindsay, Edward D. Moldover, president of the AJCommittee Chapter, and Haskell L. Lazere, its director, proposed that the techniques employed by Community Confrontation and Communication Associates to settle racial disputes in Camden, N.J., Asbury Park, N.J., Grand Rapids, Mich., and elsewhere be employed in the current controversy. "We offer to arrange immediately for the services of those same experienced professionals so that the Forest Hills controversy can be resolved," Moldover stated.

He pointed out that the AJCommittee had not taken a position on the housing project. "Our efforts in the past many weeks have been directed to the amelioration of the complex community relations problems so evident in the present crisis," he declared. Pointing up the dangers in allowing the present situation to fester, Moldover insisted that "Forest Hills has already become a nightmare.... The name-calling, rapidly deteriorating inter and intra-group relations, violent emotionalism and irrational fears are symptoms of grave urban and national social crisis."

The AJCommittee leader cautioned that harmonious relations could not be restored within New York until the issues were removed from the streets. If this were not done, he added, "not only will the future of scatter-site and public housing be jeopardized but it will be impossible to achieve a just solution to the dispute over the project itself."

## 1971 ISRAEL BOND CAMPAIGN PRODUCED RECORD SALE OF \$251M, 20% OVER 1970

NEW YORK, Jan. 13 (JTA)--An all-time record-setting total of \$251,476,600 in Israel Bonds was sold in 1971, it was reported today by Sam Rothberg, general chairman of the worldwide Israel Bond Organization. This represented a 20 percent increase over the amount sold in the previous year and 16 percent more than was realized in 1967, the year of the Six-Day War when the response to the Israel Bond campaign broke all existing records.

Rothberg stated that of the over-all Bond receipts for last year, \$209,161,350 or 83 percent came from sales in the United States; \$15,236,050 was sold in Canada and the balance in other countries. The impressive 1971 result brought to a grand total of \$1.89 billion the proceeds from the sale of Israel Bonds since the establishment of the Bond Organization twenty-one years ago, he said.

"The record total for 1971 is very significant because it testifies to the high degree of solidarity which is being maintained between the Jewish people and Israel," Rothberg said. "It also demonstrates

their determination to respond on an increasing scale to Israel's needs at a time when its economy is burdened with maximum defense expenditures, the greater pressures of rising immigration and the urgent demands of the disadvantaged sector of the population."

## TEKOAH TO JARRING: ISRAEL READY FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITHOUT PRECONDITIONS

UNITED NATIONS, Jan. 13 (JTA)--Israeli Ambassador Yosef Tekoah conferred for 20 minutes this morning with Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring, the United Nations' special representative for the Middle East. Tekoah told newsmen afterward that he had told Dr. Jarring that Israel was ready to resume the negotiations if there were no preconditions. The intermediary was expected to meet with Egyptian Ambassador Mohammed H. el-Zayyat today or tomorrow.

## RABBI MELCHIOR: CONVERSIONS IN DENMARK 'OBJECTIVELY KOSHER'

Criticizes Lubavitcher Rebbe For Remarks

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 13 (JTA)--Denmark's Chief Rabbi Bent Melchior today offered to give "all necessary information" to any envoy who might wish to check the religious legality of his conversions. "All conversions to Judaism carried out in Denmark are objectively kosher," he said. "I shall be glad to welcome any envoy and put at his disposal all necessary material," the Chief Rabbi added.

The "Danish conversions," mostly of spouses of Soviet Jews, had come under fire both in Israel and in the US, the last and most virulent attack on Rabbi Melchior's conversions being that of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Schneerson, who said last week in New York that the Danish conversions are "illegal" and "a danger to Judaism."

If he has been quoted correctly then "the Lubavitcher's words are an outright lie," Rabbi Melchior said. He said that the Rebbe, leader of a Hassidic sect with a world-wide following, did not contact him before making his pronouncement. Rabbi Melchior declared, "I must therefore declare that the Lubavitcher's words are nothing but an outright lie as our conversions are carried out according to religious law and under my jurisdiction."

(In New York, a spokesman for the Lubavitcher Rebbe told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that when the Rebbe made his remarks in synagogue he mentioned no names and he (the spokesman) did not know why Rabbi Melchior felt he had been maligned.)

## FORMER JORDANIAN PRIME MINISTER TO BE TREATED AT HADASSAH HOSPITAL

JERUSALEM, Jan. 13 (JTA)--A former Prime Minister of Jordan who has lived in exile for the past two years, is expected to arrive here this week for medical treatment at Hadassah Hospital. Maj. Gen. Mohammed Daud was flown to Amman last Saturday night from Paris where he had been undergoing treatment for a brain hemorrhage he reportedly suffered while living in Libya. The Interior Minister has granted him an entry permit at the request of family members here.

Gen. Daud headed King Hussein's military government at the height of the Jordanian civil war in Sept. 1970. He resigned after eight days in office. His resignation was sent to the Jordanian Embassy in Cairo where Daud had gone to attend an Arab summit meeting called to arrange an armistice between King Hussein and the Palestinian guerrillas.