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TEL AVIV, Jan. 17 (JTA)--Fifteen suspected terrorists were arrested for questioning in the Gaza Strip today following an ambush attack on a private car last night in which an American nurse was killed and an American Baptist minister and his daughter were wounded. The victims were Miss Mavis Pate, 46, of Ringgold, La., who died of bullet wounds in the head, and Edward Nicholas, 49, of Austin, Texas and his daughter, Carol, 17, who were treated for injuries at Beersheba Hospital.

The car which Nicholas was driving was peppered with machinegun bullets near the Jabaliya refugee camp. Police said it was apparently mistaken in dusk for a military vehicle. Defense Minister Moshe Dayan visited Nicholas in the hospital last night as a widespread manhunt was launched by Israeli authorities for the attackers.

JEWISH AGENCY TO REVIEW JNF STATUS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 17 (JTA)--The independent status of the Jewish National Fund is to be reviewed by the Jewish Agency, Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson, a member of the American Section of the World Zionist Executive, last night told a meeting of the World Confederation of General Zionists now in progress here.

She said the Jewish Agency Executive had several times discussed the activities of the JNF and its status which currently is largely independent of the Jewish Agency and the WZO. Mrs. Jacobson said no concrete proposals were ready to be submitted to the World Zionist Congress which opens here tomorrow. However, she added, the question may come up in committees and some recommendations may be made.

JEWISH ESSAYIST HONORED

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 17 (JTA)--Ludwig Kunz, the Jewish essayist, has been awarded the "Massimo Prize" by the West German government. It was learned here today. Kunz, a Jewish-German writer, escaped the Nazi persecutions in 1933 and has been living since then in Amsterdam. The prize was awarded for "half a century of activity in German letters."

TWO DISPUTE CHARGE THAT MAIMONIDES HOSPITAL IS 'BLOCK-BUSTING'

NEW YORK, Jan. 17 (JTA)--Daniel L. Dube, president of the Community League for Maimonides Hospital in the Boro Park section of Brooklyn, said today that the hospital was making an effort to fill staff vacancies with local neighborhood people but conceded that in the past it may have hired a disproportionate number of outsiders.

In a telephone interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Dube denied emphatically that the hospital was engaging in "block-busting" tactics to acquire nearby property to house Black and Puerto Rican employees. The block-busting charge was made by a group calling itself Citizens for a Better Boro Park which staged a demonstration outside of the hospital yesterday. They demanded that the hospital give priority to hiring residents of the neighborhood which is predominantly Jewish.

Dube, a businessman who manufactures surgical instruments, said the hospital claimed it was unable to find prospective employees in the neighborhood but that he personally did not agree. He said that since the Community League brought the matter to the attention of the hospital authorities, one local Jew was added to the kitchen staff, another was engaged as a dietician and a third as a carpenter.

He said the hospital has placed want ads in the Jewish Press, a local Jewish weekly, and in *Il Progresso*, an Italian language newspaper. Dube said the population of Boro Park was a mixture of Jewish and Italian with Blacks and Puerto Ricans living in some sections. He described the Community League as a liaison group between the community and Maimonides, one of the largest Jewish voluntary hospitals in the city.

No Discrimination in Hiring

Dube said he did not know the people involved in the Citizens for a Better Boro Park. He said he was "inclined to believe" that their demonstration was linked to recent efforts by ultra-Orthodox elements in Boro Park to convert Maimonides into a "glatt kosher" hospital and install their kashrut supervisors.

He said that the majority of the patients were not Orthodox but that the hospital is kosher and employs a mashgiach, kashrut supervisor. Dube said the hospital recently acquired nearby property earmarked for future expansion. He said that for the time being it was used to house families of employees, most of whom are Black or Puerto Rican. He said the employees included registered nurses, attendants and ambulance drivers, some of whom have lived in the neighborhood for years.

Peter Baglio, deputy executive vice-president of Maimonides Hospital told the JTA that it did not discriminate in hiring and employed qualified persons of all ethnic groups. He said he thought the hospital staff reflected the composition of the surrounding community. Baglio said the hospital was working through local YMHA's and synagogues to recruit personnel from the neighborhood.

He too dismissed charges of block-busting and said part of the adjacent property was acquired by the Metropolitan Jewish Geriatric Center which is presently building a nursing and old aged home on the site. He said the Center selected the site because of its proximity to Maimonides which will provide medical services for its residents when completed.

PROPOSAL TO EXCHANGE ARAB TERRORISTS FOR SYRIAN JEWS

TEL AVIV, Jan. 17 (JTA)--A proposal to exchange

Arab terrorists for Syrian Jews held virtual captives in that country may soon be brought up in the Knesset, it was learned today. The proposal was made at a symposium on Syrian Jews discussing their plight and ways to rescue them. According to Dov Barnes, one of the participants, this was a realistic bargaining point which the Arabs might accept.

Dr. Benjamin Halevi, a Gahal MK and member of the Knesset Foreign Affairs Committee, said he would present the proposal in the form of a motion at the next meeting of the committee. Another proposal was made to inform the Syrian authorities that persons held responsible for torturing imprisoned Jews would be brought to Israel to face trial "like Adolf Eichmann." Eichmann, the Gestapo official in charge of the mass deportation of Jews during World War II, was kidnapped in Argentina by Israeli agents in 1960 and was tried and executed as a war criminal in Israel the following year.

GEORGIAN JEWS IN USSR CRITICAL OF EMIGRES WHO SAY THEY WANT TO RETURN

NEW YORK, Jan. 17 (JTA)--Six Jews in Soviet Georgia have sent a letter to Israel reprimanding those Georgian Jewish emigres who have expressed the wish to return to the USSR and urged the Israeli government to take special steps to help Georgian Jews adapt to Israeli life, it was reported today by the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry. The letter stated that "you who wish to return thought you would get rich in Israel, but the vast majority of Georgian Jews want only to enrich Israel."

The letter, according to the SSSJ, asked the Ministry of Absorption to assist Georgian Jews by broadcasting from Israel in Georgian and by providing those who emigrate to Israel with Georgian-Hebrew dictionaries as well as special books for Georgians to learn Hebrew. "We are certain that the Jews of Georgia will prove themselves loyal sons of Israel," the letter said, concluding: "We shall see you soon in our homeland."

Three Moscow Dissidents Are Jewish

The SSSJ also disclosed that three of the eight Moscow dissidents whose homes were raided last Friday night by the Soviet secret police (KGB) are Jewish. One of the three is Pytor Yakir, 48, whose father, Maj. Iona E. Yakir, was liquidated in Stalin's 1937 purge of the Red Army's general staff. Yakir's father and other victims of the Stalin purges were rehabilitated during Nikita Khrushchev's anti-Stalin campaign during the late 1950s. The other two Jewish dissidents whose homes were raided were, according to the SSSJ, Yuri Shechanovich and one surnamed Gyenkin. The searches occurred during an 18-hour period.

The raids on their homes, as well as arrests the same night of 12 non-Jewish Soviet dissidents from the Ukraine, followed the expulsion of US Rep. James H. Scheuer (D., N.Y.) from Russia for allegedly encouraging Soviet Jews to emigrate. The order expelling Scheuer was issued Friday.

There was, however, no evidence of any direct connection between the Scheuer incident and the harassment of the Soviet dissidents in Moscow and the Ukraine. One of those arrested in the Ukraine was Leonid Plush, the SSSJ reported. Plush has publicly protested the treatment of Boris Kochubiyevsky, the Soviet Jewish engineer who recently completed a three-year jail sentence and is now in Israel. During the raids in Moscow the KGB reportedly took stacks of books and papers, saying they were needed for probes in progress.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

ROME (JTA)--Former Italian President Giuseppe Saragat has accepted an invitation to visit Israel but said the exact date of his visit will depend on his schedule. The invitation was extended to him by Israel's Ambassador Amiel Najar on behalf of the Israeli government. Saragat, who at the end of Dec. concluded a seven-year term as Italy's Chief of State, resumed last week his former political activities when he was re-elected a member of the Italian Social Democratic Party. He is also a member of the Italian Senate and considered by most Italians as one of the country's most important political figures.

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PARIS (JTA)--Anti-Semitic leaflets charging extreme left-wingers with being "Zionist agents" were distributed throughout the city last week. The leaflets signed by an extreme right-wing organization, "Oeuvre Francaise," called for an end to "anarchy in the country's political and social life caused by Jewish half-castes." The leaflets singled out such well-known anti-Israeli figures as Alain Krivine, a leader of one of the Trotskyist splinter groups, and Jacques Geissmar as "typical Zionist agents."

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TEL AVIV (JTA)--A sudden power failure Friday night plunged most of Israel into darkness for nearly four hours causing traffic jams on highways where signal lights were put out of action. The failure was attributed to a breakdown at the Tel Aviv central power station, one of the country's main electric generating plants. The blackout extended from Safad in the north to Eilat in the south. An overload knocked out power stations in Haifa, Jerusalem, Ashdod and Beersheba. Rumors of Arab sabotage spread but were dispelled for those Israelis who switched on transistor radios. Orthodox communities were plunged into near panic as religious Jews refused to light candles on the Sabbath. Hospitals and larger hotels with their own power plants out in emergency generators.

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BONN (JTA)--The number of extremist right-wing organizations in West Germany increased from 18 at the beginning of 1971 to 108 at the end of the year, it was revealed here several days ago by the Minister of Interior Hans Dietrich Genscher. He said the proliferation of so many extremist groups indicates how deeply divided the neo-Nazis are currently. Genscher said that the main neo-Nazi party, the National Democratic Party, has no more than 20,000 paid up members and is represented only by one member in the Baden legislature. Nevertheless, he noted, the party's rank and file has become more extreme than in the past.

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NEW YORK (JTA)--Former Congressman Herbert Tenzer, an attorney and communal leader, has been named president of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York. Announcement of his election followed the 30th annual meeting of the organization's board of directors. Tenzer succeeds Morris L. Levinson who has been elected as chairman of the Board of Governors. Referring to the 13,000 Soviet Jews who arrived in Israel last year and noting that Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union currently continues on a large scale, Tenzer said: "This historic exodus presents an unprecedented challenge to the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York. It means that support of the UJA campaign in this community

must reach far greater heights than ever before."

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JERUSALEM (JTA)--A petition expressing full support for the Cabinet's stand on questions of war and peace was signed by 900 students within 24 hours and sent Friday to Premier Golda Meir. The students - all from Hebrew University - specifically disassociated themselves from the position of the 32 professors of Hebrew U and Tel Aviv University who claimed earlier last week that the Cabinet was not doing enough to achieve peace with the Arabs.

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NEW YORK (JTA)--Yitzhak Rabin, Israel's Ambassador to the United States, will be guest of honor at the American ORT Federation dinner Jan. 22 at the Hotel Americana, it was announced Monday by Dr. William Haber, American ORT president. The dinner will highlight the 50th anniversary national conference of the overseas vocational and training agency. The two-day conclave is expected to bring together some 750 delegates representing ORT organizations in the US. The dinner will also honor Louis Hollander, a founder of American ORT, who is secretary-treasurer of the New York State AFL-CIO.

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BONN (JTA)--Some 2,500 Israeli youths visited West Germany during 1971 as guests of the federal government and local authorities in the framework of an agreement between the government and local Israeli authorities. During the same period, some 4,300 German youths visited Israel as guests of the Israelis. Most of them went to kibbutzim where they worked for several weeks or months.

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WASHINGTON (JTA)--The International Committee of the Red Cross has "been in touch with the Alliance of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies of the USSR inquiring about the health and welfare of specific individuals now being held in detention centers of the USSR." This was disclosed in a letter by Samuel Krakow, international relations director of the American Red Cross, in a letter to Rabbi Gilbert I. Klapperman, chairman of the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry. Krakow, responding to an inquiry by Rabbi Klapperman, added that "we are prepared to initiate health and welfare inquiries if such services are requested by a close relative of individuals believed to be seriously ill and in situations where there has been difficulty in communications."

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PHILADELPHIA (JTA)--Dr. Abraham I. Katsh, president of The Dropsie University, was awarded Friday a Citation of Honor by the Jewish Library Association of Greater Philadelphia for his "wide and constructive work in the field of Jewish libraries." The citation called attention to his founding and for many years directing the Library of Judaica and Hebraica at New York University, his microfilming of ancient Hebrew manuscripts in Russia and other Eastern European countries which he made available to The Dropsie University library and his authorship of numerous books. Accepting the citation, Dr. Katsh paid tribute to the Jewish librarians and laymen who are collecting books of Jewish interest.



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TERRORISTS HELD FOR QUESTIONING IN KILLING OF U.S. NURSE

TEL AVIV, Jan. 17 (JTA)--Fifteen suspected terrorists were arrested for questioning in the Gaza Strip today following an ambush attack on a private car last night in which an American nurse was killed and an American Baptist minister and his daughter were wounded. The victims were Miss Mavis Pate, 46, of Ringgold, La., who died of bullet wounds in the head, and Edward Nicholas, 49, of Austin, Texas and his daughter, Carol, 17, who were treated for injuries at Beersheba Hospital.

The car which Nicholas was driving was peppered with machinegun bullets near the Jabaliya refugee camp. Police said it was apparently mistaken in dusk for a military vehicle. Defense Minister Moshe Dayan visited Nicholas in the hospital last night as a widespread manhunt was launched by Israeli authorities for the attackers.

JEWISH AGENCY TO REVIEW JNF STATUS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 17 (JTA)--The independent status of the Jewish National Fund is to be reviewed by the Jewish Agency, Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson, a member of the American Section of the World Zionist Executive, last night told a meeting of the World Confederation of General Zionists now in progress here.

She said the Jewish Agency Executive had several times discussed the activities of the JNF and its status which currently is largely independent of the Jewish Agency and the WZO. Mrs. Jacobson said no concrete proposals were ready to be submitted to the World Zionist Congress which opens here tomorrow. However, she added, the question may come up in committees and some recommendations may be made.

JEWISH ESSAYIST HONORED

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 17 (JTA)--Ludwig Kunz, the Jewish essayist, has been awarded the "Massimo Prize" by the West German government. It was learned here today. Kunz, a Jewish-German writer, escaped the Nazi persecutions in 1933 and has been living since then in Amsterdam. The prize was awarded for "half a century of activity in German letters."

TWO DISPUTE CHARGE THAT MAIMONIDES HOSPITAL IS 'BLOCK-BUSTING'

NEW YORK, Jan. 17 (JTA)--Daniel L. Dube, president of the Community League for Maimonides Hospital in the Boro Park section of Brooklyn, said today that the hospital was making an effort to fill staff vacancies with local neighborhood people but conceded that in the past it may have hired a disproportionate number of outsiders.

In a telephone interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Dube denied emphatically that the hospital was engaging in "block-busting" tactics to acquire nearby property to house Black and Puerto Rican employees. The block-busting charge was made by a group calling itself Citizens for a Better Boro Park which staged a demonstration outside of the hospital yesterday. They demanded that the hospital give priority to hiring residents of the neighborhood which is predominantly Jewish.

Dube, a businessman who manufactures surgical instruments, said the hospital claimed it was unable to find prospective employees in the neighborhood but that he personally did not agree. He said that since the Community League brought the matter to the attention of the hospital authorities, one local Jew was added to the kitchen staff, another was engaged as a dietician and a third as a carpenter.

He said the hospital has placed want ads in the Jewish Press, a local Jewish weekly, and in *Il Progresso*, an Italian language newspaper. Dube said the population of Boro Park was a mixture of Jewish and Italian with Blacks and Puerto Ricans living in some sections. He described the Community League as a liaison group between the community and Maimonides, one of the largest Jewish voluntary hospitals in the city.

No Discrimination in Hiring

Dube said he did not know the people involved in the Citizens for a Better Boro Park. He said he was "inclined to believe" that their demonstration was linked to recent efforts by ultra-Orthodox elements in Boro Park to convert Maimonides into a "glatt kosher" hospital and install their kashrut supervisors.

He said that the majority of the patients were not Orthodox but that the hospital is kosher and employs a mashgiach, kashrut supervisor. Dube said the hospital recently acquired nearby property earmarked for future expansion. He said that for the time being it was used to house families of employees, most of whom are Black or Puerto Rican. He said the employees included registered nurses, attendants and ambulance drivers, some of whom have lived in the neighborhood for years.

Peter Baglio, deputy executive vice-president of Maimonides Hospital told the JTA that it did not discriminate in hiring and employed qualified persons of all ethnic groups. He said he thought the hospital staff reflected the composition of the surrounding community. Baglio said the hospital was working through local YMHA's and synagogues to recruit personnel from the neighborhood.

He too dismissed charges of block-busting and said part of the adjacent property was acquired by the Metropolitan Jewish Geriatric Center which is presently building a nursing and old aged home on the site. He said the Center selected the site because of its proximity to Maimonides which will provide medical services for its residents when completed.

PROPOSAL TO EXCHANGE ARAB TERRORISTS FOR SYRIAN JEWS

TEL AVIV, Jan. 17 (JTA)--A proposal to exchange

Arab terrorists for Syrian Jews held virtual captives in that country may soon be brought up in the Knesset, it was learned today. The proposal was made at a symposium on Syrian Jews discussing their plight and ways to rescue them. According to Dov Barnes, one of the participants, this was a realistic bargaining point which the Arabs might accept.

Dr. Benjamin Halevi, a Gahal MK and member of the Knesset Foreign Affairs Committee, said he would present the proposal in the form of a motion at the next meeting of the committee. Another proposal was made to inform the Syrian authorities that persons held responsible for torturing imprisoned Jews would be brought to Israel to face trial "like Adolf Eichmann." Eichmann, the Gestapo official in charge of the mass deportation of Jews during World War II, was kidnapped in Argentina by Israeli agents in 1960 and was tried and executed as a war criminal in Israel the following year.

GEORGIAN JEWS IN USSR CRITICAL OF EMIGRES WHO SAY THEY WANT TO RETURN

NEW YORK, Jan. 17 (JTA)--Six Jews in Soviet Georgia have sent a letter to Israel reprimanding those Georgian Jewish emigres who have expressed the wish to return to the USSR and urged the Israeli government to take special steps to help Georgian Jews adapt to Israeli life, it was reported today by the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry. The letter stated that "you who wish to return thought you would get rich in Israel, but the vast majority of Georgian Jews want only to enrich Israel."

The letter, according to the SSSJ, asked the Ministry of Absorption to assist Georgian Jews by broadcasting from Israel in Georgian and by providing those who emigrate to Israel with Georgian-Hebrew dictionaries as well as special books for Georgians to learn Hebrew. "We are certain that the Jews of Georgia will prove themselves loyal sons of Israel," the letter said, concluding: "We shall see you soon in our homeland."

Three Moscow Dissidents Are Jewish

The SSSJ also disclosed that three of the eight Moscow dissidents whose homes were raided last Friday night by the Soviet secret police (KGB) are Jewish. One of the three is Pytor Yakir, 48, whose father, Maj. Iona E. Yakir, was liquidated in Stalin's 1937 purge of the Red Army's general staff. Yakir's father and other victims of the Stalin purges were rehabilitated during Nikita Khrushchev's anti-Stalin campaign during the late 1950s. The other two Jewish dissidents whose homes were raided were, according to the SSSJ, Yuri Shechanovich and one surnamed Gyenkin. The searches occurred during an 18-hour period.

The raids on their homes, as well as arrests the same night of 12 non-Jewish Soviet dissidents from the Ukraine, followed the expulsion of US Rep. James H. Scheuer (D., N.Y.) from Russia for allegedly encouraging Soviet Jews to emigrate. The order expelling Scheuer was issued Friday.

There was, however, no evidence of any direct connection between the Scheuer incident and the harassment of the Soviet dissidents in Moscow and the Ukraine. One of those arrested in the Ukraine was Leonid Plush, the SSSJ reported. Plush has publicly protested the treatment of Boris Kochubiyevsky, the Soviet Jewish engineer who recently completed a three-year jail sentence and is now in Israel. During the raids in Moscow the KGB reportedly took stacks of books and papers, saying they were needed for probes in progress.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

ROME (JTA)--Former Italian President Giuseppe Saragat has accepted an invitation to visit Israel but said the exact date of his visit will depend on his schedule. The invitation was extended to him by Israel's Ambassador Amiel Najar on behalf of the Israeli government. Saragat, who at the end of Dec. concluded a seven-year term as Italy's Chief of State, resumed last week his former political activities when he was re-elected a member of the Italian Social Democratic Party. He is also a member of the Italian Senate and considered by most Italians as one of the country's most important political figures.

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PARIS (JTA)--Anti-Semitic leaflets charging extreme left-wingers with being "Zionist agents" were distributed throughout the city last week. The leaflets signed by an extreme right-wing organization, "Oeuvre Francaise," called for an end to "anarchy in the country's political and social life caused by Jewish half-castes." The leaflets singled out such well-known anti-Israeli figures as Alain Krivine, a leader of one of the Trotskyist splinter groups, and Jacques Geissmar as "typical Zionist agents."

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TEL AVIV (JTA)--A sudden power failure Friday night plunged most of Israel into darkness for nearly four hours causing traffic jams on highways where signal lights were put out of action. The failure was attributed to a breakdown at the Tel Aviv central power station, one of the country's main electric generating plants. The blackout extended from Safad in the north to Eilat in the south. An overload knocked out power stations in Haifa, Jerusalem, Ashdod and Beersheba. Rumors of Arab sabotage spread but were dispelled for those Israelis who switched on transistor radios. Orthodox communities were plunged into near panic as religious Jews refused to light candles on the Sabbath. Hospitals and larger hotels with their own power plants out in emergency generators.

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BONN (JTA)--The number of extremist right-wing organizations in West Germany increased from 18 at the beginning of 1971 to 108 at the end of the year, it was revealed here several days ago by the Minister of Interior Hans Dietrich Genscher. He said the proliferation of so many extremist groups indicates how deeply divided the neo-Nazis are currently. Genscher said that the main neo-Nazi party, the National Democratic Party, has no more than 20,000 paid up members and is represented only by one member in the Baden legislature. Nevertheless, he noted, the party's rank and file has become more extreme than in the past.

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NEW YORK (JTA)--Former Congressman Herbert Tenzer, an attorney and communal leader, has been named president of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York. Announcement of his election followed the 30th annual meeting of the organization's board of directors. Tenzer succeeds Morris L. Levinson who has been elected as chairman of the Board of Governors. Referring to the 13,000 Soviet Jews who arrived in Israel last year and noting that Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union currently continues on a large scale, Tenzer said: "This historic exodus presents an unprecedented challenge to the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York. It means that support of the UJA campaign in this community

must reach far greater heights than ever before."

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JERUSALEM (JTA)--A petition expressing full support for the Cabinet's stand on questions of war and peace was signed by 900 students within 24 hours and sent Friday to Premier Golda Meir. The students - all from Hebrew University - specifically disassociated themselves from the position of the 32 professors of Hebrew U and Tel Aviv University who claimed earlier last week that the Cabinet was not doing enough to achieve peace with the Arabs.

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NEW YORK (JTA)--Yitzhak Rabin, Israel's Ambassador to the United States, will be guest of honor at the American ORT Federation dinner Jan. 22 at the Hotel Americana, it was announced Monday by Dr. William Haber, American ORT president. The dinner will highlight the 50th anniversary national conference of the overseas vocational and training agency. The two-day conclave is expected to bring together some 750 delegates representing ORT organizations in the US. The dinner will also honor Louis Hollander, a founder of American ORT, who is secretary-treasurer of the New York State AFL-CIO.

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BONN (JTA)--Some 2,500 Israeli youths visited West Germany during 1971 as guests of the federal government and local authorities in the framework of an agreement between the government and local Israeli authorities. During the same period, some 4,300 German youths visited Israel as guests of the Israelis. Most of them went to kibbutzim where they worked for several weeks or months.

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WASHINGTON (JTA)--The International Committee of the Red Cross has "been in touch with the Alliance of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies of the USSR inquiring about the health and welfare of specific individuals now being held in detention centers of the USSR." This was disclosed in a letter by Samuel Krakow, international relations director of the American Red Cross, in a letter to Rabbi Gilbert I. Klapperman, chairman of the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry. Krakow, responding to an inquiry by Rabbi Klapperman, added that "we are prepared to initiate health and welfare inquiries if such services are requested by a close relative of individuals believed to be seriously ill and in situations where there has been difficulty in communications."

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PHILADELPHIA (JTA)--Dr. Abraham I. Katsh, president of The Dropsie University, was awarded Friday a Citation of Honor by the Jewish Library Association of Greater Philadelphia for his "wide and constructive work in the field of Jewish libraries." The citation called attention to his founding and for many years directing the Library of Judaica and Hebraica at New York University, his microfilming of ancient Hebrew manuscripts in Russia and other Eastern European countries which he made available to The Dropsie University library and his authorship of numerous books. Accepting the citation, Dr. Katsh paid tribute to the Jewish librarians and laymen who are collecting books of Jewish interest.