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Rabbi Meir Kahane, chairman of the JDL, was not allowed to address the Congress this morning and departed peacefully, saying he would appeal to the Congress Court and might call a "Congress of my own." Rabbi Kahane's attempt to speak was supported only by the rightist Herut Party and a few individual members of Mizrahi.

Louis Pincus, chairman of the Zionist Executive and president of the World Zionist Congress, said the issue was not opinions but orderliness. Pincus said Rabbi Kahane had failed to participate in delegate elections and to appeal to the Congress Court before the Congress opened. "If we allow him to speak we shall endanger the democratic structure of this and future Congress," he said. After his bid was overwhelmingly defeated, the JDL leader charged the vote had been "fixed."

THIRD NEWSPAPER HIT BY ARSON

TEL AVIV, Jan. 20 (JTA)--Police are investigating the possibility that arson may have been the cause of a fire last night at the Mapam newspaper Al Hamishmar. A container with traces of kerosene in it was found by police near the editorial offices. The damage was slight and publication of the newspaper was uninterrupted. This was the third suspected arson attempt against newspapers here in the past few weeks.

A fire in the editorial office of Haolam Hazeh destroyed newspaper files and office equipment. Police said they found a stack of newspapers piled up in the center of the office which had been set afire. A week later, the offices of Hatzofeh, the Mizrahi newspaper, was also gutted by fire. Police suspected the arson was the work of religious extremists who disagreed with the newspaper's editorial policies. The fire caused extensive damage to Hatzofeh's printing equipment and one edition was published in Al Hamishmar's printing plant.

200 IMMIGRANTS ARRIVE IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Jan. 20 (JTA)--More than 200 immigrants arrived here last night from the Soviet Union, Iran and the United States. The largest group was from the USSR. Only two days ago, more than 300 Soviet Jews arrived on a single flight. Among today's arrivals from the Soviet Union was a group from Odessa. Absorption Ministry workers were divided into three teams--one speaking Russian, one Iranian and one English.

HEALTH DEPT. JOB NOTICE WITHDRAWN

NEW YORK, Jan. 20 (JTA)--A notice of job openings in the New York City Department of Health declaring that "we are particularly anxious to get

qualified Black or Puerto Rican staff" has been withdrawn following a protest by the American Jewish Congress. City Human Rights Commission Chairman Eleanor Holmes Norton, in a letter today to the Congress, said the Department of Health had agreed "to take corrective action" and "clear up any misunderstanding" in its recruitment notice for supervisory positions in seven categories.

The notice was issued last Nov. 4 over the signature of Dr. Mary C. McLaughlin, Commissioner, and was published in the Queens County Medical Society Bulletin. On Dec. 28, Herman Brown, director of the Congress' Metropolitan Council, wrote to Commissioners McLaughlin and Norton declaring that this statement indicated an intention by the Department of Health to prefer Black or Puerto Rican applicants "solely because of their ethnic identification over other candidates who are equally qualified or more qualified." He called for "immediate steps to remedy the erroneous conclusion" that many potential applicants may make on the basis of the statement.

In her response, received today, Mrs. Norton wrote, "The Department of Health has agreed to withdraw the statement and to inform those who received it of its withdrawal, and equal opportunity will be accorded all. The Department did not mean to imply otherwise, but the language used may nevertheless mislead. We are pleased that the agency has voluntarily agreed to take corrective action to clear up any misunderstanding after consulting with this Commission."

CONTROVERSY FLARES OVER ANTI-POVERTY ELECTIONS SCHEDULED FOR THE SABBATH

NEW YORK, Jan. 20 (JTA)--A controversy has developed over an option permitting community anti-poverty corporations in the city to hold local elections in April on either a Tuesday or a Saturday. There is concern that Sabbath observing Jews living in those of the 26 poverty areas whose corporations choose the Saturday date will not have the opportunity to vote. It is also feared that holding Saturday elections would establish a bad precedent for the future.

The Council Against Poverty, the central governing body of the local corporations, offered the choice of dates for the elections, which will fill expired seats on the community corporations' boards of directors. The last local corporation elections were held in Sept., 1970. Although the four areas with the heaviest concentration of Orthodox Jews--Williamsburg, Crown Heights, the Lower East Side and Bronx River--scheduled their elections for a Tuesday, the other 22 areas had a Saturday voting date.

Silverman Charges Anti-Semitism

City Councilman Theodore Silverman (D., Brooklyn) today charged three city officials with anti-Semitism because, he asserted, they permitted the community corporations to have their elections on Saturday this year. He stated that Human Resources Administrator Jule Sugarman, Council Against Poverty Chairman David Billings III, and Community Development Agency Commissioner Major Owens did not try to prevent the Sabbath elections recently authorized by the Council.

He said this will result in "the flagrant disenfranchising of many thousands of Jewish voters and potential candidates for the boards of directors of community anti-poverty corporations." Silverman also said that 21 of the 26 local groups now have no Jewish board members and he called this pattern "carefully planned...not an accident."

A spokesman for the Human Resources Admin-

istration, which is the umbrella agency for the CDA, the coordinator of the city's anti-poverty programs, called the charges of anti-Semitism leveled against the three officials "absurd" and "slanderous." He emphasized that the 51-member Council Against Poverty is a "wholly autonomous body" and that Sugarman, Billings and Owens were only three individual members. The spokesman said that there are about 10 prominent Jews on the council, including Sugarman, City Comptroller Abraham Beame and Bronx Borough President Robert Abrams.

The spokesman pointed out in recognition of the problems involved in the election arrangements a meeting was held three days ago which led to a top level meeting for today to discuss the whole issue. At today's meeting, held in the office of Deputy Mayor Edward K. Hamilton and attended by Sugarman, Billings, Owens and other city officials including Human Rights Commission Chairman Eleanor Holmes Norton, it was agreed to look into the situation and come up with a satisfactory solution. A city official who was at the meeting said afterwards he is "confident now that something will be worked out."

COST OF LIVING INCREMENT APPROVED

JERUSALEM, Jan. 20 (JTA)--All wage earners in Israel will be given an eight percent cost of living allowance as of this month, according to an agreement reached last night by Moshe Zanbar, Governor of the Bank of Israel, and Yehoshua Woschina, head of the trade union affairs department of Histadrut.

Zanbar had been authorized to negotiate the matter on behalf of the government. The employers' unions have years ago adopted the practice of accepting whatever the government does. The cost of living index actually rose by 13 1/2 percent in 1971. However, the two sides agreed that import surcharges that stemmed from the devaluation last August would be borne by the wage earners. The agreement does not cover basic pay, and negotiations with many unions over demands to raise it will now begin.

JEWISH SCHOLAR HONORED

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 20 (JTA)--Prof. Hendrik Samuel Houtakker of Harvard University was this week awarded an honorary doctorate in economics at the Amsterdam University, of which he is an alumnus, on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Amsterdam Faculty of Economics. Prof. Houtakker, the son of a famous Dutch Jewish art dealer, settled in the United States in the early 1950's. He was a member of President Nixon's three-man Advisory Economic Committee.

The ceremony had to be postponed at the very last minute and took place later in one of the campus administration buildings, as 100 students occupied the auditorium shouting slogans against Nixon. The students also protested against a decision of the Dutch Minister for Higher Education, Maurits Debrauw, to introduce cuts in the university's budget.

NARCOTICS PRICES SOAR

TEL AVIV, Jan. 20 (JTA)--The sharp increase in the price of narcotic drugs in Israel was attributed by police experts to police action. It seems that the success of the Israeli special squad formed to fight narcotics smugglers--an action which led to the discovery and destruction of large quantities of drugs of various kinds--caused a shortage of supply. As a result, prices skyrocketed.

10 JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS TELL CUNY STUDENTS NOT TO SIGN QUESTIONNAIRE Invasion Of Privacy Involved

NEW YORK, Jan. 20 (JTA)--Students and faculty members of the City University were advised today by 10 major Jewish organizations of their right to refuse to answer a City University of New York questionnaire about their race, religion and ethnic background. The joint statement came in the wake of a CUNY request, addressed to the university's instructional staff and student body, to fill out forms listing their creed, color and national origin.

The CUNY "Confidential Student Information Form" also requested information on family income, the number of persons supported by that income, and parents' educational and work background. The form included six questions to determine students' reactions to "open admissions" and its effect on the university's academic standards.

In a foreword to the 29 questions contained in the form, David E. Lavin, Director of Research of CUNY, advised the students that the "information in this confidential questionnaire is collected for a continuing study of students and their experiences on the various campuses of the City University," information which will be used to "achieve a better understanding" of how students are affected by their college experience, and "to help the university in developing programs" to better serve the students.

Lavin said the information requested was for purposes of "subsequent follow-up studies," and that "the data will be used for statistical purposes only," and answers "would be held in the strictest professional confidence." The CUNY questionnaire is similar to one introduced at Brooklyn College late last year but withdrawn after Jewish and non-Jewish campus and off-campus groups protested that the questionnaire was "a blatant invasion of privacy."

Referring to the CUNY questionnaire, the Jewish groups declared that such inquiries raise "the most serious questions regarding the invasion of privacy and the possibility of serious misuse of information for discriminatory ends. Legally no individual can be required to give such information and may not be coerced to do so." Expressing concern that many students and faculty members had not been made aware of this right, the Jewish organizations declared:

"We demand that the City University meet its responsibility fully and publicly to inform all students and faculty that no penalty can be imposed for such exercise of their rights." The statement was signed by the American Jewish Committee; New York Chapter; American Jewish Congress, New York Metropolitan Council; Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith; American Zionist Federation, Brooklyn Division; Brooklyn Jewish Community Council; Rabbinical Board of Flatbush; Rabbinical Council of America, NY Affairs Committee; United Zionists-Revislonists; NY Board of Rabbis and Queens Jewish Community Council.

DELEGATION SEEKS AID FOR SYRIA'S JEWS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 (JTA)--A New York delegation seeking aid for Syria's remaining 4,000 Jews was received "sympathetically" yesterday at the State Department and five Embassies and on Capitol Hill. Rabbi Abraham Hecht of the Syrian Jewish Congregation Shaare Zion, Brooklyn, who headed the delegation, said Edward Abington and Andrew Kilgore of the State Department's Syrian desk "showed very real interest" in the plight of Syrian Jews and "promised to continue every effort through third-party

nations and friendly countries" to assist them.

"We tried to emphasize," Rabbi Hecht said, "that while four years have passed since the Six-Day War, the imprisonment and torture of the Syrian Jews have continued and the conditions might get worse. The delegation visited the offices of five Senators and the Embassies of Argentina, Brazil, Italy, Mexico and Spain.

150 JEWISH LEADERS TO MEET WITH ISRAELI OFFICIALS ON ECONOMIC NEEDS

NEW YORK, Jan. 20 (JTA)--Prime Minister Golda Meir of Israel has invited 150 prominent business and communal leaders from the United States, Canada and Latin America to an extraordinary conference on Israel's economic needs which will be held in Jerusalem from Jan. 30 through Feb. 1. Announcement of the forthcoming meeting was made by Ira Gulden, of New York, president of the Israel Bond Organization under whose auspices the conference will be held.

The three-day conference has been convened by Mrs. Meir in order to deal with Israel's immediate and long-range economic problems, and to find ways to expand and strengthen Israel's economy during 1972 in the face of the ongoing crisis on its borders. The US members of the conference will be headed by Gulden, Sam Rothberg, general chairman of the Israel Bond Organization, and Leo Bernstein, its executive vice-president. The conferees will be the first representatives of Jewish communities from abroad to meet with members of the government in Israel in 1972 to review Israel's position in terms of its economic needs, Gulden said.

In her letter of invitation, Mrs. Meir indicated that the purpose of the conference was to give a select group of Jewish leaders "an intimate knowledge of the magnitude of Israel's problems at the present time." Gulden said the conference was expected to result in a plan of accelerated action for the unprecedented sale of \$450 million of Israel Bonds in Jewish communities throughout the United States, Canada and other countries of the free world in 1972. The 1971 Israel Bond campaign produced a record sale of \$251.6 million.

JACOB GLATSTEIN NAMED 1972 RECIPIENT OF B'NAI B'RITH JEWISH HERITAGE AWARD

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 (JTA)--Yiddish poet and author Jacob Glatstein, who died in November at the age of 75, was named this week to receive posthumously B'nai B'rith's annual \$1,000 Heritage Award "for excellence in Jewish literature." The selections committee described Glatstein, who was born in Poland and emigrated to the US in 1914, as "the outstanding Yiddish poet of his times" and cited his "memorable poems and writings of the vanished world of the shtetl and his enduring interpretations of Yiddishkeit, its values and its lyricism." Formal presentation of the award will be made Feb. 20 in New York, at a public "tribute to Jacob Glatstein" session at the Waldorf Astoria, held in conjunction with the annual meeting of B'nai B'rith's commission on adult Jewish education.

DAYAN DUE IN US NEXT MONTH

TEL AVIV, Jan. 20 (JTA)--Defense Minister Moshe Dayan will meet with top United States officials in Washington early next month during a visit to this country for the Israel Bond Drive. Among the officials he will meet during his trip, which was originally scheduled for last month and then postponed, are Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird, Secretary of State William P. Rogers and Assistant Secretary of State Joseph Sisco.



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That decision was "regrettable," the two factions said in a petition to the Congress, as Dr. Goldmann "was a central figure who did much to shape the character of the Zionist movement during a long period of its 75-year history." They added: "The Zionist Congress always served as a free and democratic forum, and it should continue in this way."

Kahane Not Allowed To Address Congress

Rabbi Meir Kahane, chairman of the JDL, was not allowed to address the Congress this morning and departed peacefully, saying he would appeal to the Congress Court and might call a "Congress of my own." Rabbi Kahane's attempt to speak was supported only by the rightist Herut Party and a few individual members of Mizrahi.

Louis Pincus, chairman of the Zionist Executive and president of the World Zionist Congress, said the issue was not opinions but orderliness. Pincus said Rabbi Kahane had failed to participate in delegate elections and to appeal to the Congress Court before the Congress opened. "If we allow him to speak we shall endanger the democratic structure of this and future Congress," he said. After his bid was overwhelmingly defeated, the JDL leader charged the vote had been "fixed."

THIRD NEWSPAPER HIT BY ARSON

TEL AVIV, Jan. 20 (JTA)--Police are investigating the possibility that arson may have been the cause of a fire last night at the Mapam newspaper Al Hamishmar. A container with traces of kerosene in it was found by police near the editorial offices. The damage was slight and publication of the newspaper was uninterrupted. This was the third suspected arson attempt against newspapers here in the past few weeks.

A fire in the editorial office of Haolam Hazeq destroyed newspaper files and office equipment. Police said they found a stack of newspapers piled up in the center of the office which had been set afire. A week later, the offices of Hatzofeh, the Mizrahi newspaper, was also gutted by fire. Police suspected the arson was the work of religious extremists who disagreed with the newspaper's editorial policies. The fire caused extensive damage to Hatzofeh's printing equipment and one edition was published in Al Hamishmar's printing plant.

200 IMMIGRANTS ARRIVE IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Jan. 20 (JTA)--More than 200 immigrants arrived here last night from the Soviet Union, Iran and the United States. The largest group was from the USSR. Only two days ago, more than 300 Soviet Jews arrived on a single flight. Among today's arrivals from the Soviet Union was a group from Odessa. Absorption Ministry workers were divided into three teams--one speaking Russian, one Iranian and one English.

HEALTH DEPT. JOB NOTICE WITHDRAWN

NEW YORK, Jan. 20 (JTA)--A notice of job openings in the New York City Department of Health declaring that "we are particularly anxious to get

qualified Black or Puerto Rican staff" has been withdrawn following a protest by the American Jewish Congress. City Human Rights Commission Chairman Eleanor Holmes Norton, in a letter today to the Congress, said the Department of Health had agreed "to take corrective action" and "clear up any misunderstanding" in its recruitment notice for supervisory positions in seven categories.

The notice was issued last Nov. 4 over the signature of Dr. Mary C. McLaughlin, Commissioner, and was published in the Queens County Medical Society Bulletin. On Dec. 28, Herman Brown, director of the Congress' Metropolitan Council, wrote to Commissioners McLaughlin and Norton declaring that this statement indicated an intention by the Department of Health to prefer Black or Puerto Rican applicants "solely because of their ethnic identification over other candidates who are equally qualified or more qualified." He called for "immediate steps to remedy the erroneous conclusion" that many potential applicants may make on the basis of the statement.

In her response, received today, Mrs. Norton wrote, "The Department of Health has agreed to withdraw the statement and to inform those who received it of its withdrawal, and equal opportunity will be accorded all. The Department did not mean to imply otherwise, but the language used may nevertheless mislead. We are pleased that the agency has voluntarily agreed to take corrective action to clear up any misunderstanding after consulting with this Commission."

CONTROVERSY FLARES OVER ANTI-POVERTY ELECTIONS SCHEDULED FOR THE SABBATH

NEW YORK, Jan. 20 (JTA)--A controversy has developed over an option permitting community anti-poverty corporations in the city to hold local elections in April on either a Tuesday or a Saturday. There is concern that Sabbath observing Jews living in those of the 26 poverty areas whose corporations choose the Saturday date will not have the opportunity to vote. It is also feared that holding Saturday elections would establish a bad precedent for the future.

The Council Against Poverty, the central governing body of the local corporations, offered the choice of dates for the elections, which will fill expired seats on the community corporations' boards of directors. The last local corporation elections were held in Sept., 1970. Although the four areas with the heaviest concentration of Orthodox Jews--Williamsburg, Crown Heights, the Lower East Side and Bronx River--scheduled their elections for a Tuesday, the other 22 areas had a Saturday voting date.

Silverman Charges Anti-Semitism

City Councilman Theodore Silverman (D., Brooklyn) today charged three city officials with anti-Semitism because, he asserted, they permitted the community corporations to have their elections on Saturday this year. He stated that Human Resources Administrator Jule Sugarman, Council Against Poverty Chairman David Billings III, and Community Development Agency Commissioner Major Owens did not try to prevent the Sabbath elections recently authorized by the Council.

He said this will result in "the flagrant disenfranchising of many thousands of Jewish voters and potential candidates for the boards of directors of community anti-poverty corporations." Silverman also said that 21 of the 26 local groups now have no Jewish board members and he called this pattern "carefully planned...not an accident."

A spokesman for the Human Resources Admin-

istration, which is the umbrella agency for the CDA, the coordinator of the city's anti-poverty programs, called the charges of anti-Semitism leveled against the three officials "absurd" and "slanderous." He emphasized that the 51-member Council Against Poverty is a "wholly autonomous body" and that Sugarman, Billings and Owens were only three individual members. The spokesman said that there are about 10 prominent Jews on the council, including Sugarman, City Comptroller Abraham Beame and Bronx Borough President Robert Abrams.

The spokesman pointed out in recognition of the problems involved in the election arrangements a meeting was held three days ago which led to a top level meeting for today to discuss the whole issue. At today's meeting, held in the office of Deputy Mayor Edward K. Hamilton and attended by Sugarman, Billings, Owens and other city officials including Human Rights Commission Chairman Eleanor Holmes Norton, it was agreed to look into the situation and come up with a satisfactory solution. A city official who was at the meeting said afterwards he is "confident now that something will be worked out."

COST OF LIVING INCREMENT APPROVED

JERUSALEM, Jan. 20 (JTA)--All wage earners in Israel will be given an eight percent cost of living allowance as of this month, according to an agreement reached last night by Moshe Zanbar, Governor of the Bank of Israel, and Yehoshua Woschina, head of the trade union affairs department of Histadrut.

Zanbar had been authorized to negotiate the matter on behalf of the government. The employers' unions have years ago adopted the practice of accepting whatever the government does. The cost of living index actually rose by 13 1/2 percent in 1971. However, the two sides agreed that import surcharges that stemmed from the devaluation last August would be borne by the wage earners. The agreement does not cover basic pay, and negotiations with many unions over demands to raise it will now begin.

JEWISH SCHOLAR HONORED

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 20 (JTA)--Prof. Hendrik Samuel Houtakker of Harvard University was this week awarded an honorary doctorate in economics at the Amsterdam University, of which he is an alumnus, on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Amsterdam Faculty of Economics. Prof. Houtakker, the son of a famous Dutch Jewish art dealer, settled in the United States in the early 1950's. He was a member of President Nixon's three-man Advisory Economic Committee.

The ceremony had to be postponed at the very last minute and took place later in one of the campus administration buildings, as 100 students occupied the auditorium shouting slogans against Nixon. The students also protested against a decision of the Dutch Minister for Higher Education, Maurits Debrauw, to introduce cuts in the university's budget.

NARCOTICS PRICES SOAR

TEL AVIV, Jan. 20 (JTA)--The sharp increase in the price of narcotic drugs in Israel was attributed by police experts to police action. It seems that the success of the Israeli special squad formed to fight narcotics smugglers--an action which led to the discovery and destruction of large quantities of drugs of various kinds--caused a shortage of supply. As a result, prices skyrocketed.

10 JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS TELL CUNY STUDENTS NOT TO SIGN QUESTIONNAIRE Invasion Of Privacy Involved

NEW YORK, Jan. 20 (JTA)--Students and faculty members of the City University were advised today by 10 major Jewish organizations of their right to refuse to answer a City University of New York questionnaire about their race, religion and ethnic background. The joint statement came in the wake of a CUNY request, addressed to the university's instructional staff and student body, to fill out forms listing their creed, color and national origin.

The CUNY "Confidential Student Information Form" also requested information on family income, the number of persons supported by that income, and parents' educational and work background. The form included six questions to determine students' reactions to "open admissions" and its effect on the university's academic standards.

In a foreword to the 29 questions contained in the form, David E. Lavin, Director of Research of CUNY, advised the students that the "information in this confidential questionnaire is collected for a continuing study of students and their experiences on the various campuses of the City University," information which will be used to "achieve a better understanding" of how students are affected by their college experience, and "to help the university in developing programs" to better serve the students.

Lavin said the information requested was for purposes of "subsequent follow-up studies," and that "the data will be used for statistical purposes only," and answers "would be held in the strictest professional confidence." The CUNY questionnaire is similar to one introduced at Brooklyn College late last year but withdrawn after Jewish and non-Jewish campus and off-campus groups protested that the questionnaire was "a blatant invasion of privacy."

Referring to the CUNY questionnaire, the Jewish groups declared that such inquiries raise "the most serious questions regarding the invasion of privacy and the possibility of serious misuse of information for discriminatory ends. Legally no individual can be required to give such information and may not be coerced to do so." Expressing concern that many students and faculty members had not been made aware of this right, the Jewish organizations declared:

"We demand that the City University meet its responsibility fully and publicly to inform all students and faculty that no penalty can be imposed for such exercise of their rights." The statement was signed by the American Jewish Committee; New York Chapter; American Jewish Congress, New York Metropolitan Council; Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith; American Zionist Federation, Brooklyn Division; Brooklyn Jewish Community Council; Rabbinical Board of Flatbush; Rabbinical Council of America, NY Affairs Committee; United Zionists-Revislonists; NY Board of Rabbis and Queens Jewish Community Council.

DELEGATION SEEKS AID FOR SYRIA'S JEWS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 (JTA)--A New York delegation seeking aid for Syria's remaining 4,000 Jews was received "sympathetically" yesterday at the State Department and five Embassies and on Capitol Hill. Rabbi Abraham Hecht of the Syrian Jewish Congregation Shaare Zion, Brooklyn, who headed the delegation, said Edward Abington and Andrew Kilgore of the State Department's Syrian desk "showed very real interest" in the plight of Syrian Jews and "promised to continue every effort through third-party

nations and friendly countries" to assist them.

"We tried to emphasize," Rabbi Hecht said, "that while four years have passed since the Six-Day War, the imprisonment and torture of the Syrian Jews have continued and the conditions might get worse. The delegation visited the offices of five Senators and the Embassies of Argentina, Brazil, Italy, Mexico and Spain.

150 JEWISH LEADERS TO MEET WITH ISRAELI OFFICIALS ON ECONOMIC NEEDS

NEW YORK, Jan. 20 (JTA)--Prime Minister Golda Meir of Israel has invited 150 prominent business and communal leaders from the United States, Canada and Latin America to an extraordinary conference on Israel's economic needs which will be held in Jerusalem from Jan. 30 through Feb. 1. Announcement of the forthcoming meeting was made by Ira Gulden, of New York, president of the Israel Bond Organization under whose auspices the conference will be held.

The three-day conference has been convened by Mrs. Meir in order to deal with Israel's immediate and long-range economic problems, and to find ways to expand and strengthen Israel's economy during 1972 in the face of the ongoing crisis on its borders. The US members of the conference will be headed by Gulden, Sam Rothberg, general chairman of the Israel Bond Organization, and Leo Bernstein, its executive vice-president. The conferees will be the first representatives of Jewish communities from abroad to meet with members of the government in Israel in 1972 to review Israel's position in terms of its economic needs, Gulden said.

In her letter of invitation, Mrs. Meir indicated that the purpose of the conference was to give a select group of Jewish leaders "an intimate knowledge of the magnitude of Israel's problems at the present time." Gulden said the conference was expected to result in a plan of accelerated action for the unprecedented sale of \$450 million of Israel Bonds in Jewish communities throughout the United States, Canada and other countries of the free world in 1972. The 1971 Israel Bond campaign produced a record sale of \$251.6 million.

JACOB GLATSTEIN NAMED 1972 RECIPIENT OF B'NAI B'RITH JEWISH HERITAGE AWARD

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 (JTA)--Yiddish poet and author Jacob Glatstein, who died in November at the age of 75, was named this week to receive posthumously B'nai B'rith's annual \$1,000 Heritage Award "for excellence in Jewish literature." The selections committee described Glatstein, who was born in Poland and emigrated to the US in 1914, as "the outstanding Yiddish poet of his times" and cited his "memorable poems and writings of the vanished world of the shtetl and his enduring interpretations of Yiddishkeit, its values and its lyricism." Formal presentation of the award will be made Feb. 20 in New York, at a public "tribute to Jacob Glatstein" session at the Waldorf Astoria, held in conjunction with the annual meeting of B'nai B'rith's commission on adult Jewish education.

DAYAN DUE IN US NEXT MONTH

TEL AVIV, Jan. 20 (JTA)--Defense Minister Moshe Dayan will meet with top United States officials in Washington early next month during a visit to this country for the Israel Bond Drive. Among the officials he will meet during his trip, which was originally scheduled for last month and then postponed, are Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird, Secretary of State William P. Rogers and Assistant Secretary of State Joseph Sisco.