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But he expanded his earlier list of projects involved by citing the summer youth corps (60-80 camps), kosher food in municipal hospitals, Head Start centers, day care centers, Youth Corps in-school and out-of-school programs, the English-as-a-second-language program, the Labor Department's "Job '70," public service career programs, on-the-job training, the Ohel Children's Home, foster care, a girls' residence, Crown Heights and Williamsburg (Brooklyn) anti-poverty projects, addiction treatment, college work-study programs and a \$5 million "neighborhood stabilization" program.

"Job '70," the mayoral aide said, is 100 percent federally funded and "runs into the millions of dollars." Other programs, Dr. Schick added, are also funded in whole or in part by the federal government. Rosen had called the reputed \$15 million over-all effort "a nefarious lie." Dr. Schick has called that figure an "honest estimate" that is probably "low."

Non-Jews Involved In Programs

There remained, however, the question of how much of the money involved aids needy and under-qualified Jews specifically. Dr. Schick contends that the above-mentioned programs are specifically aid to Jews. The organizational administrators interviewed by the JTA, while welcoming the funds, disagreed. Baxt said that while all 40 enrollees in this year's neighborhood projects, geared to largely Jewish areas, are Jewish, half of the 375-400 enrollees since 1964 have been non-Jewish.

"Under the law," he said, "I couldn't work specifically with Jews. I couldn't refuse to work with non-Jews. I wouldn't characterize this as a program for Jews." The city, he added, has "a long way to go" to prove its "total commitment" to the resuscitation of the Jewish poor. In addition, he said, there should not be a "damn mystery" about an expenditure breakdown, which "we ought to know."

Dr. Schnell said that while its programs were undertaken in largely Jewish-poor areas, 35 percent of those aided are non-Jewish, because it would be "definitely" illegal to bar non-Jews in the areas. He added that while Dr. Schick "does very good work," nonetheless "there's no question about it--the city should give more (for the Jewish poor)." Young Israel's Rabbi Sturm commented: "I don't think the Jews do get enough money."

ROAD NAMED FOR ZOA LEADER

JERUSALEM, Jan. 24 (JTA)--A new road named for Herman L. Welsman, president of the Zionist Organization of America and former president of the Jewish National Fund, was dedicated yesterday. Constructed by the JNF, the four-mile road leads from the village of Ora southwest of Jerusalem to the vicinity of the John F. Kennedy Memorial.

A special page in tomorrow's bulletin will be devoted to highlights of the Zionist Congress.

WALDHEIM: AFRICAN NATIONS HAVE IMPORTANT ROLE IN MIDEAST PEACE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 (JTA)--United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim said here today that Africa has an important place in efforts to bring about improved conditions in the Middle East. Waldheim addressed newsmen after meeting separately today with President Nixon and Secretary of State William P. Rogers. He said most of their discussions were related to financial and other problems of the UN.

The Secretary General stated, in reply to a question from the Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent, that the "African countries are very interested in solving the problem in the Middle East" and noted that the UN's Middle East mediator Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring will visit this week Senegal for talks with President Leopold Senghor and to Mauritania for talks with President Moktar Ould Daddah. Waldheim did not elaborate. Senghor headed a group of four African Presidents who conducted an exploratory peace mission in the Middle East last fall on behalf of the Organization for African Unity.

KNESSET SPOTLIGHTS PLIGHT OF SYRIA'S JEWS, URGES CAMPAIGN

JERUSALEM, Jan. 24 (JTA)--The Knesset marked the third anniversary of the public hanging of nine Jews in Iraq this afternoon but the focus of their attention was on the plight of Jews remaining in Syria. Foreign Minister Abba Eban, speaking on behalf of the government described in detail the physical suffering of the Syrian Jewish community. He said the movements of Jews are curtailed during the day and they are confined to their homes at night. They are kept in abject poverty and subjected to constant physical maltreatment and abuse, Eban said.

He declared that the free world placed no credence in Damascus' disclaimers intended to prove that all was well with Syrian Jews. The Israeli Foreign Minister called on governments, institutions and personalities everywhere to raise their voices in a campaign to save the victims. He assured the Knesset that the Israeli government would not rest or keep silent until the last Jew is permitted to leave Syria. The Knesset later adopted a resolution stating that emigration was the only solution for Jews remaining in Syria and other Arab countries.

NEW RESIDENTIAL QUARTERS PLANNED FOR GAZA STRIP

TEL AVIV, Jan. 24 (JTA)--The Gaza military government is planning to construct four new residential quarters in the Gaza Strip to further thin out the densely populated refugee camps, it was announced today. Two of the quarters will be built near the town of Gaza and will be incorporated into it. The others will be in Khan Yunis and Raffah. All three areas are thickly populated by refugees and have been the source of terrorist activity and crime. The military government also plans to move Gaza Strip residents on a voluntary basis to better living quarters on the West Bank.

Plans call for Gaza residents who have some savings--teachers, clerks, administrative workers and employees of the United Nations Work and Relief Agency--to build their own homes assisted by loans from the military government. Each flat is estimated to cost \$1,200 of which \$600 would be in the form of a loan that will become a grant if the families stay in their new homes for at least five years. Since thinning out operations began last year, terrorist activities in the area were

greatly reduced and security, health and sanitary services in the refugee camps were improved.

ZIONISTS URGED TO ESTABLISH FUND TO AID FINANCIALLY AILING JEWISH PRESS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 24 (JTA)--The establishment of a special fund to strengthen financially ailing Jewish newspapers all over the world was proposed to the 28th World Zionist Congress yesterday by Arye Tsimuki, coordinator of the World Federation of Jewish Journalists. He stressed that the fund would be employed to ensure the continued publication of the newspapers, not as a welfare fund to support their writers.

He told a Congress plenary session that the recent demise of the Day-Morning Journal in New York illustrated the need for such a fund. His proposal was referred to the Congress' education and culture committee which is to draft a resolution for the plenum. Tsimuki also suggested that the Congress commission a research project on the state of the Jewish press all over the world.

Ezra Shapiro, world chairman of the Keren Hayesod-United Israel Appeal told the Congress yesterday that he had found a noticeable absence of Zionist leaders among the supporters of the UIA and its operations. Acknowledging that there are "some exceptions," Shapiro said "I raise this issue because it would be a tragic and unforgivable phenomenon if our fellow Zionists were to interpret the creation of the reconstituted Jewish Agency as absolving them of at least their equal responsibility for doing their utmost to render financial assistance to the Jewish Agency for all its important operations."

Revisionists Win Token Delegation

The Congress Tribunal has ruled that the United Zionists-Revisionists of America which boycotted the Congress elections in the US on the grounds that they were conducted illegally had a right to one delegate at the Congress. The area elections committee of the American Zionist Federation had contended that factions not participating in the elections were not entitled to any delegates, a position disputed by the Revisionists. Their token delegate was deducted from the United Non-Party Zionists list (Hadassah, B'nai Zion, American Jewish League for Israel) but the latter regained its strength of 66 delegates when one of the student delegates announced his alignment with the United Non-Party list.

NO DRAMATIC IMPROVEMENTS WITH FRANCE

TEL AVIV, Jan. 24 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban warned Israelis today not to expect a dramatic improvement in relations with France. He said there were many major problems outstanding between the two countries, not the least of which were France's insistence on Israel's total withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories and the negative French attitude toward preferential treatment for Israel by the European Common Market. Eban said there should be no illusions over a prompt settlement with France on reimbursement to Israel for 50 embargoed Mirage V jets. The negotiations to be resumed in Paris this week are very detailed and very tiring and it is still not known where they will lead, Eban said.

FLATS SCHEDULED FOR EAST JERUSALEM ARABS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 24 (JTA)--Housing Minister Zeev Sharef said today that 500 apartments will be built for Arab residents of East Jerusalem within the next two years. Each of the three-room flats will cost \$18,000 with a \$4,300 down-payment.

SPECIAL TO JTA**NO FUTURE FOR MALTESE JEWS**

By Michael Levy

JTA Scandinavian Correspondent

MALTA, Jan. 24 (JTA)--The head of the Maltese Jewish community, Sidney Berger, today expressed anxiety that "there is no future left for Malta's Jews. The community will die and disappear in a not too distant future." Berger told this correspondent who is currently visiting the island where the government of Dom Mintoff is at cross ends with Britain, that in spite of the fact that the community has increased during the last 15 years from nine Jewish families to 40 "we seem doomed as there are absolutely no young people among us."

Practically all the 40 Jewish families living in Malta are elderly Jewish couples mainly of British origin who have retired on the island. Many of these will also probably leave Malta should the current negotiations with Britain fail to resolve the differences. The community has a small synagogue which is located in an area due to be razed for town planning purposes. Berger has drawn up plans and has secured most of the money necessary to build in two years time a new synagogue in the island capital of Valetta.

Besides an occasional minyan for the High Holidays there is practically no Jewish life or activities on the island and no Zionist programs. One of the last remembered Jewish activities was a luncheon given last year by the community to the first Israeli Ambassador to Malta, Yitzhak Ben Yaakov. For the High Holidays the synagogue secures a rabbi from London and kosher meat is flown in once a week from Rome for the several families who maintain kashrut. There has been no immigration whatsoever to Israel from Malta and only a handful of its inhabitants have visited the country or plan to do so.

FOUR JEWISH GROUPS PROTEST SABBATH VOTING FOR ANTI-POVERTY CORPORATIONS

NEW YORK, Jan. 24 (JTA)--Four Jewish organizations have protested to Mayor John V. Lindsay against the scheduling of community anti-poverty corporation elections on a Saturday on grounds that it would disenfranchise observant Jews who are unable to go to the polls on the Jewish Sabbath.

The B'nai B'rith's Anti-Defamation League called the selection of Saturday "blatantly discriminatory." The Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York said the decision to allow the anti-poverty corporations the option of holding elections on either Saturday or a week day "was taken in disregard for the rights of the Jewish community." The elections are to be held next April.

The two other organizations, both Orthodox, declared unacceptable a tentative compromise proposed Friday by the city administration which would spread the elections over two days--Saturday for general voters and a Sunday or week day for observant Jews. According to Rabbi Abraham Gross, president of the Rabbinical Alliance of America, the plan discriminates against Jews who will have only one day to vote compared to two for the rest of the community and who, for religious reasons, will not be able to have poll watchers on Saturday.

S. Elly Rosen, executive director of the Association of Jewish Anti-Poverty Workers, made the same points and noted in addition that according to Jewish law no Sabbath observer may have his name on a voting ballot on the Sabbath day. Rosen added that "It is wrong to set a precedent of holding elections on a Sabbath day" as "Jews

always have been and should continue to be held during the week." He suggested that if the goal is larger voter participation the elections should be held on two week days.

Neither the Federation nor the ADL have commented so far on the compromise suggestion which reportedly emerged from a meeting of city and anti-poverty officials in the office of Deputy Mayor Edward Hamilton. Informed sources said the compromise would set up two consecutive election days in April, one a Saturday and the other a Friday or a Sunday.

SISCO, HUMPHREY TO ADDRESS TECHNION SOCIETY'S FIRST NATIONAL CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, Jan. 24 (JTA)--Joseph J. Sisco, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, will deliver an address on US policy in the Middle East, at the first National Conference of the American Society for Technion, Israel Institute of Technology, to be held at the Americana Hotel in Miami Beach, Feb. 5 and 6. Sisco will be the key speaker of the Conference dinner on Saturday night. Senator Hubert H. Humphrey will be the main speaker of the Conference luncheon on Sunday.

In announcing the Conference, Laurence A. Tisch, president of the Society, stated: "This is an exciting new concept for friends and supporters of the Technion. Our leaders and members will assemble to discuss all aspects of our program, and map out plans for the next few years, with emphasis on the Technion's 50th Anniversary Year celebration in 1974." Participating in the Conference will be Jacob Doron, Ambassador and Deputy Representative of Israel to the United Nations, and Carl Alpert, executive vice chairman of the Board of Governors of the Technion in Haifa.

\$3.123M IN ISRAEL BONDS SOLD AT DINNER

NEW YORK, Jan. 24 (JTA)--A landmark in the business community's support of Israel's economy was reached with a sale of \$3.123 million in Israel Bonds at a dinner honoring Joseph Binder, president of the Bohack Corporation, it was reported today. The dinner, held here recently, was sponsored by the Supermarkets, Tobacco, Confectionary and Allied Industries Division of State of Israel Bonds, and attended by 2,500 persons.

Abe Gordon, president of Local 805 of the National Brotherhood of Teamsters, announced the record-breaking results. Binder, who lives in Oceanside, L.I., received the Israel Bond Organization's Shield of David Award. Binder will be among a group of American business executives who will leave for Jerusalem on Jan. 29 to attend a special three-day economic conference at the invitation of Premier Golda Meir.

JAABARI URGES JEWS, CHRISTIANS TO COME TO AN UNDERSTANDING WITH MOSLEMS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 24 (JTA)--Sheikh Mohammed Ali Jaabari, Hebron Mayor, called today on Jews and Christians to come to an understanding with Moslems. Speaking before the Israeli Interfaith Committee, the West Bank leader observed that "We all worship one God." He noted that Jews and Moslems enjoyed good relations for centuries and blamed "British imperialism" for stirring bad feelings between the two peoples in this country. Sheikh Mohammed added that Islam accepts both the Jewish and Christian prophets and called on Jews and Christians to accept Mohammed as one of God's messengers. Jaabari has tried unsuccessfully to get Saudi Arabia to permit Israeli Arabs to make their pilgrimage to Mecca this year.



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But he expanded his earlier list of projects involved by citing the summer youth corps (60-80 camps), kosher food in municipal hospitals, Head Start centers, day care centers, Youth Corps in-school and out-of-school programs, the English-as-a-second-language program, the Labor Department's "Job '70," public service career programs, on-the-job training, the Ohel Children's Home, foster care, a girls' residence, Crown Heights and Williamsburg (Brooklyn) anti-poverty projects, addiction treatment, college work-study programs and a \$5 million "neighborhood stabilization" program.

"Job '70," the mayoral aide said, is 100 percent federally funded and "runs into the millions of dollars." Other programs, Dr. Schick added, are also funded in whole or in part by the federal government. Rosen had called the reputed \$15 million over-all effort "a nefarious lie." Dr. Schick has called that figure an "honest estimate" that is probably "low."

Non-Jews Involved In Programs

There remained, however, the question of how much of the money involved aids needy and under-qualified Jews specifically. Dr. Schick contends that the above-mentioned programs are specifically aid to Jews. The organizational administrators interviewed by the JTA, while welcoming the funds, disagreed. Baxt said that while all 40 enrollees in this year's neighborhood projects, geared to largely Jewish areas, are Jewish, half of the 375-400 enrollees since 1964 have been non-Jewish.

"Under the law," he said, "I couldn't work specifically with Jews. I couldn't refuse to work with non-Jews. I wouldn't characterize this as a program for Jews." The city, he added, has "a long way to go" to prove its "total commitment" to the resuscitation of the Jewish poor. In addition, he said, there should not be a "damn mystery" about an expenditure breakdown, which "we ought to know."

Dr. Schnell said that while its programs were undertaken in largely Jewish-poor areas, 35 percent of those aided are non-Jewish, because it would be "definitely" illegal to bar non-Jews in the areas. He added that while Dr. Schick "does very good work," nonetheless "there's no question about it--the city should give more (for the Jewish poor)." Young Israel's Rabbi Sturm commented: "I don't think the Jews do get enough money."

ROAD NAMED FOR ZOA LEADER

JERUSALEM, Jan. 24 (JTA)--A new road named for Herman L. Welsman, president of the Zionist Organization of America and former president of the Jewish National Fund, was dedicated yesterday. Constructed by the JNF, the four-mile road leads from the village of Ora southwest of Jerusalem to the vicinity of the John F. Kennedy Memorial.

A special page in tomorrow's bulletin will be devoted to highlights of the Zionist Congress.

WALDHEIM: AFRICAN NATIONS HAVE IMPORTANT ROLE IN MIDEAST PEACE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 (JTA)--United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim said here today that Africa has an important place in efforts to bring about improved conditions in the Middle East. Waldheim addressed newsmen after meeting separately today with President Nixon and Secretary of State William P. Rogers. He said most of their discussions were related to financial and other problems of the UN.

The Secretary General stated, in reply to a question from the Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent, that the "African countries are very interested in solving the problem in the Middle East" and noted that the UN's Middle East mediator Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring will visit this week Senegal for talks with President Leopold Senghor and to Mauritania for talks with President Moktar Ould Daddah. Waldheim did not elaborate. Senghor headed a group of four African Presidents who conducted an exploratory peace mission in the Middle East last fall on behalf of the Organization for African Unity.

KNESSET SPOTLIGHTS PLIGHT OF SYRIA'S JEWS, URGES CAMPAIGN

JERUSALEM, Jan. 24 (JTA)--The Knesset marked the third anniversary of the public hanging of nine Jews in Iraq this afternoon but the focus of their attention was on the plight of Jews remaining in Syria. Foreign Minister Abba Eban, speaking on behalf of the government described in detail the physical suffering of the Syrian Jewish community. He said the movements of Jews are curtailed during the day and they are confined to their homes at night. They are kept in abject poverty and subjected to constant physical maltreatment and abuse, Eban said.

He declared that the free world placed no credence in Damascus' disclaimers intended to prove that all was well with Syrian Jews. The Israeli Foreign Minister called on governments, institutions and personalities everywhere to raise their voices in a campaign to save the victims. He assured the Knesset that the Israeli government would not rest or keep silent until the last Jew is permitted to leave Syria. The Knesset later adopted a resolution stating that emigration was the only solution for Jews remaining in Syria and other Arab countries.

NEW RESIDENTIAL QUARTERS PLANNED FOR GAZA STRIP

TEL AVIV, Jan. 24 (JTA)--The Gaza military government is planning to construct four new residential quarters in the Gaza Strip to further thin out the densely populated refugee camps, it was announced today. Two of the quarters will be built near the town of Gaza and will be incorporated into it. The others will be in Khan Yunis and Raffah. All three areas are thickly populated by refugees and have been the source of terrorist activity and crime. The military government also plans to move Gaza Strip residents on a voluntary basis to better living quarters on the West Bank.

Plans call for Gaza residents who have some savings--teachers, clerks, administrative workers and employees of the United Nations Work and Relief Agency--to build their own homes assisted by loans from the military government. Each flat is estimated to cost \$1,200 of which \$600 would be in the form of a loan that will become a grant if the families stay in their new homes for at least five years. Since thinning out operations began last year, terrorist activities in the area were

greatly reduced and security, health and sanitary services in the refugee camps were improved.

ZIONISTS URGED TO ESTABLISH FUND TO AID FINANCIALLY AILING JEWISH PRESS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 24 (JTA)--The establishment of a special fund to strengthen financially ailing Jewish newspapers all over the world was proposed to the 28th World Zionist Congress yesterday by Arye Tsimuki, coordinator of the World Federation of Jewish Journalists. He stressed that the fund would be employed to ensure the continued publication of the newspapers, not as a welfare fund to support their writers.

He told a Congress plenary session that the recent demise of the Day-Morning Journal in New York illustrated the need for such a fund. His proposal was referred to the Congress' education and culture committee which is to draft a resolution for the plenum. Tsimuki also suggested that the Congress commission a research project on the state of the Jewish press all over the world.

Ezra Shapiro, world chairman of the Keren Hayesod-United Israel Appeal told the Congress yesterday that he had found a noticeable absence of Zionist leaders among the supporters of the UIA and its operations. Acknowledging that there are "some exceptions," Shapiro said "I raise this issue because it would be a tragic and unforgivable phenomenon if our fellow Zionists were to interpret the creation of the reconstituted Jewish Agency as absolving them of at least their equal responsibility for doing their utmost to render financial assistance to the Jewish Agency for all its important operations."

Revisionists Win Token Delegation

The Congress Tribunal has ruled that the United Zionists-Revisionists of America which boycotted the Congress elections in the US on the grounds that they were conducted illegally had a right to one delegate at the Congress. The area elections committee of the American Zionist Federation had contended that factions not participating in the elections were not entitled to any delegates, a position disputed by the Revisionists. Their token delegate was deducted from the United Non-Party Zionists list (Hadassah, Bnai Zion, American Jewish League for Israel) but the latter regained its strength of 66 delegates when one of the student delegates announced his alignment with the United Non-Party list.

NO DRAMATIC IMPROVEMENTS WITH FRANCE

TEL AVIV, Jan. 24 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban warned Israelis today not to expect a dramatic improvement in relations with France. He said there were many major problems outstanding between the two countries, not the least of which were France's insistence on Israel's total withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories and the negative French attitude toward preferential treatment for Israel by the European Common Market. Eban said there should be no illusions over a prompt settlement with France on reimbursement to Israel for 50 embargoed Mirage V jets. The negotiations to be resumed in Paris this week are very detailed and very tiring and it is still not known where they will lead, Eban said.

FLATS SCHEDULED FOR EAST JERUSALEM ARABS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 24 (JTA)--Housing Minister Zeev Sharef said today that 500 apartments will be built for Arab residents of East Jerusalem within the next two years. Each of the three-room flats will cost \$18,000 with a \$4,300 down-payment.

SPECIAL TO JTA**NO FUTURE FOR MALTESE JEWS**

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MALTA, Jan. 24 (JTA)--The head of the Maltese Jewish community, Sidney Berger, today expressed anxiety that "there is no future left for Malta's Jews. The community will die and disappear in a not too distant future." Berger told this correspondent who is currently visiting the island where the government of Dom Mintoff is at cross ends with Britain, that in spite of the fact that the community has increased during the last 15 years from nine Jewish families to 40 "we seem doomed as there are absolutely no young people among us."

Practically all the 40 Jewish families living in Malta are elderly Jewish couples mainly of British origin who have retired on the island. Many of these will also probably leave Malta should the current negotiations with Britain fail to resolve the differences. The community has a small synagogue which is located in an area due to be razed for town planning purposes. Berger has drawn up plans and has secured most of the money necessary to build in two years time a new synagogue in the island capital of Valetta.

Besides an occasional minyan for the High Holidays there is practically no Jewish life or activities on the island and no Zionist programs. One of the last remembered Jewish activities was a luncheon given last year by the community to the first Israeli Ambassador to Malta, Yitzhak Ben Yaakov. For the High Holidays the synagogue secures a rabbi from London and kosher meat is flown in once a week from Rome for the several families who maintain kashrut. There has been no immigration whatsoever to Israel from Malta and only a handful of its inhabitants have visited the country or plan to do so.

FOUR JEWISH GROUPS PROTEST SABBATH VOTING FOR ANTI-POVERTY CORPORATIONS

NEW YORK, Jan. 24 (JTA)--Four Jewish organizations have protested to Mayor John V. Lindsay against the scheduling of community anti-poverty corporation elections on a Saturday on grounds that it would disenfranchise observant Jews who are unable to go to the polls on the Jewish Sabbath.

The B'nai B'rith's Anti-Defamation League called the selection of Saturday "blatantly discriminatory." The Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York said the decision to allow the anti-poverty corporations the option of holding elections on either Saturday or a week day "was taken in disregard for the rights of the Jewish community." The elections are to be held next April.

The two other organizations, both Orthodox, declared unacceptable a tentative compromise proposed Friday by the city administration which would spread the elections over two days--Saturday for general voters and a Sunday or week day for observant Jews. According to Rabbi Abraham Gross, president of the Rabbinical Alliance of America, the plan discriminates against Jews who will have only one day to vote compared to two for the rest of the community and who, for religious reasons, will not be able to have poll watchers on Saturday.

S. Elly Rosen, executive director of the Association of Jewish Anti-Poverty Workers, made the same points and noted in addition that according to Jewish law no Sabbath observer may have his name on a voting ballot on the Sabbath day. Rosen added that "It is wrong to set a precedent of holding elections on a Sabbath day" as "Jews

always have been and should continue to be held during the week." He suggested that if the goal is larger voter participation the elections should be held on two week days.

Neither the Federation nor the ADL have commented so far on the compromise suggestion which reportedly emerged from a meeting of city and anti-poverty officials in the office of Deputy Mayor Edward Hamilton. Informed sources said the compromise would set up two consecutive election days in April, one a Saturday and the other a Friday or a Sunday.

SISCO, HUMPHREY TO ADDRESS TECHNION SOCIETY'S FIRST NATIONAL CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, Jan. 24 (JTA)--Joseph J. Sisco, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, will deliver an address on US policy in the Middle East, at the first National Conference of the American Society for Technion, Israel Institute of Technology, to be held at the Americana Hotel in Miami Beach, Feb. 5 and 6. Sisco will be the key speaker of the Conference dinner on Saturday night. Senator Hubert H. Humphrey will be the main speaker of the Conference luncheon on Sunday.

In announcing the Conference, Laurence A. Tisch, president of the Society, stated: "This is an exciting new concept for friends and supporters of the Technion. Our leaders and members will assemble to discuss all aspects of our program, and map out plans for the next few years, with emphasis on the Technion's 50th Anniversary Year celebration in 1974." Participating in the Conference will be Jacob Doron, Ambassador and Deputy Representative of Israel to the United Nations, and Carl Alpert, executive vice chairman of the Board of Governors of the Technion in Haifa.

\$3.123M IN ISRAEL BONDS SOLD AT DINNER

NEW YORK, Jan. 24 (JTA)--A landmark in the business community's support of Israel's economy was reached with a sale of \$3.123 million in Israel Bonds at a dinner honoring Joseph Binder, president of the Bohack Corporation, it was reported today. The dinner, held here recently, was sponsored by the Supermarkets, Tobacco, Confectionary and Allied Industries Division of State of Israel Bonds, and attended by 2,500 persons.

Abe Gordon, president of Local 805 of the National Brotherhood of Teamsters, announced the record-breaking results. Binder, who lives in Oceanside, L.I., received the Israel Bond Organization's Shield of David Award. Binder will be among a group of American business executives who will leave for Jerusalem on Jan. 29 to attend a special three-day economic conference at the invitation of Premier Golda Meir.

JAABARI URGES JEWS, CHRISTIANS TO COME TO AN UNDERSTANDING WITH MOSLEMS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 24 (JTA)--Sheikh Mohammed Ali Jaabari, Hebron Mayor, called today on Jews and Christians to come to an understanding with Moslems. Speaking before the Israeli Interfaith Committee, the West Bank leader observed that "We all worship one God." He noted that Jews and Moslems enjoyed good relations for centuries and blamed "British imperialism" for stirring bad feelings between the two peoples in this country. Sheikh Mohammed added that Islam accepts both the Jewish and Christian prophets and called on Jews and Christians to accept Mohammed as one of God's messengers. Jaabari has tried unsuccessfully to get Saudi Arabia to permit Israeli Arabs to make their pilgrimage to Mecca this year.