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FARM WORKERS UNION PARTICIPATES IN SHIVA FOR GIRL KILLED ON PICKET LINE

WAKEFIELD, Mass., Jan. 31 (JTA)--The United Farm Workers Organizing Committee, AFL-CIO, is observing the traditional "shiva"--the Jewish seven-day mourning period--with the family of Nan Freeman, an 18-year-old sociology major who was killed last Tuesday by a hit-and-run driver in Belle Glade, Fla. Miss Freeman, who was attending New College in Sarasota, Fla., had joined the farm workers organizing drive in the sugar cane fields and was picketing the Tallisman Sugar Co. in Belle Glade when she was fatally injured by what witnesses claim was a company truck.

Caesar Chavez, head of the union, composed mainly of Mexican-American farm workers, announced that it would observe the Jewish mourning period. Funeral services for the girl were held here last Thursday.

Friends of the victim's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Freeman, indicated that the family would press for an investigation of the incident after the mourning period. According to the friends, Capt. Claude Tidball of the Sheriff's Department in Belle Glade has filed no charges against the truck driver whose vehicle struck Miss Freeman and a classmate of hers also on the picket line. The other girl was injured but recovered.

DEFENSE WORKERS PLAN STOPPAGES; DOCKS HIT BY SLOW-DOWNS, WALKOUTS

TEL AVIV, Jan. 31 (JTA)--A new wave of labor troubles has engulfed Israel's chief seaports and a vital section of the country's defense industries. Port workers at Haifa, Israel's largest seaport, have started a work slow-down that is causing serious delays in loading citrus cargoes at the peak of the citrus export season. Port foremen at Ashdod, Israel's second port, staged a three-hour work stoppage yesterday in support of the demands of their Haifa colleagues. The issue is a bonus in the form of an income tax reduction.

Potentially more serious is the first job action ever taken in Israel by civilian metal workers employed by the military industries. Several thousand workers have decided on a two-hour work stoppage twice a week--Mondays and Wednesdays--between 10 a.m. and noon to protest their exclusion from a two percent wage hike recently awarded metal workers in civilian industries. They have rejected a promise that the increase will be incorporated into their next wage contract.

DAYAN TO CONFER WITH TOP U.S. OFFICIALS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 31 (JTA)--Defense Minister Moshe Dayan will confer with top American officials when he visits the United States shortly on

behalf of the United Jewish Appeal. Dayan is scheduled to meet next Monday with Defense Secretary Melvin Laird, Secretary of State William P. Rogers and Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, Joseph J. Sisco, it was disclosed here today. Informed sources said that Dayan was not expected to discuss any specific matters such as a Suez interim accord or the Jarring mission as long as deliberations on these matters are continuing through normal diplomatic channels.

(Israeli Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin met with Sisco in Washington for a half hour this morning. The meeting was at Rabin's request. State Department spokesman Charles Bray said afterwards that the subject discussed was the possibility of an interim agreement to reopen the Suez Canal but he could not say "one way or the other" if any progress was made. He said the subject of Arab-Israeli "proximity" talks under US auspices was still being considered.)

The newspaper Maariv reported today that complete agreement has been reached between Israel and the US on the supply of Phantom jets to Israel including a delivery timetable satisfactory to Israel. Foreign Ministry officials refused to confirm the report when questioned by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. But they said negotiations over various subjects are presently in progress, but do not include the supply of Phantoms.

(In London today, Gen. Haim Barlev, former Chief of Staff of Israel's armed forces, said the US has shifted from a virtual halt of arms deliveries to Israel to become once again Israel's chief supplier of weapons in quantity and quality. Addressing a dinner in his honor, Barlev said the shift came about when the US realized after two years that it could not coerce Israel into accepting the Rogers plan for a Mideast settlement by threatening to withhold arms. According to Barlev the atmosphere for a Mideast peace settlement was never better although the danger of a new war has not been removed. He said the Soviet Union which had encouraged Egypt to take military action three years ago is now trying to hold Egypt back but may not succeed.)

YIDDISH LEXICOLOGY INSTITUTE RECEIVES \$90,000 IN GRANTS

NEW YORK, Jan. 31 (JTA)--City College's Institute of Yiddish Lexicology has received \$90,000 in grants, \$45,000 each from the National Endowment for the Humanities and The American Friends of the Hebrew University, it was announced today by Dr. R.E. Marshak, president of City College. The Institute of Yiddish Lexicology is under the direction of Prof. Nathan Susskind of the College's Department of Germanic and Slavic Languages.

It was established at the College in 1965, for the purpose of compiling a "Great Dictionary of the Yiddish Language," one which would "contain all the wealth created in Yiddish during the past one thousand years," Prof. Susskind said. The third volume of the Dictionary will be issued this spring, bringing the number of definitions of Yiddish words covered so far to 60,000. The entire Dictionary is expected to consist of at least ten volumes.

Work on the Dictionary originally began long before World War II in Eastern Europe. However, materials collected at that time were either lost or destroyed due to the war. Present work dates back to 1953 when a group of distinguished academic and lay leaders agreed, in cooperation with the YIVO Institute for Jewish Social Research in New York, to resume work on the Dictionary. A native of Czechoslovakia, Prof. Susskind came to this country in 1921, graduated from City College in 1929, and currently resides in Elmhurst, N.Y.

INTELLECTUALS DISPUTE FUTURE OF JEWISH CULTURE IN THE SOVIET UNION

JERUSALEM, Jan. 31 (JTA)--The thesis that Jewish culture in the Soviet Union is irretrievably doomed and must be given up for lost was disputed at a gathering of Israeli scholars and intellectuals, many of them recent immigrants, here today. The gathering was addressed by Prof. Mikhail Zand, a prominent Orientologist at Moscow's Institute of Eastern Studies, who emigrated to Israel with his family last year after a prolonged struggle to obtain an exit visa.

Zand, currently teaching at the Hebrew University, maintained that Jewish culture in the USSR has no future and that in fact most of it has already been destroyed by the Soviet State. He said that Jewish culture was being spread through the medium of the Hebrew language using underground channels but predicted that this too will end and the writers will wind up in jail or go to Israel.

Prof. Chone Shmerook, head of the Hebrew University's Yiddish department, took issue with Zand's gloomy prognostication. He said that what Zand was advocating was very grave because it gives up for lost millions of Russian Jews who will remain in Russia. "No one thinks of abandoning the Jews in the West who are not emigrating, and for the same reason Jews who remain in Russia should not be the victims of discrimination and their cultural life must be protected and preserved," Prof. Shmerook said. He urged world public opinion not to neglect the Russian Jews who are not emigrating to Israel and who have to fight for their national and cultural rights in the USSR.

FIVE VILNA JEWS ARRESTED

MONTREAL, Jan. 31 (JTA)--The Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that five Vilna Jews were arrested for refusing to leave the offices of the Central Committee of the Vilna Communist Party. The SSSJ said that in telephone conversations with Jewish activists Gavriel Shapiro and Zed Machlis in Moscow this afternoon, they learned that 26 Jews visited the Central Committee headquarters at 10 a.m. to discuss grievances, but authorities refused to see them.

At noon, a police detachment headed by a Col. Raynitz chased them out of the building. The 26 Jews returned at 2 p.m. One hour later, a second detachment of police led by Vilna Chief of Police Col. Riyapshitz, arrested five of the demonstrators. Those arrested were Veeta Goldberg, who is five months pregnant, Viktor Kaplan, Boris Shapira, David Olshvang and Sonya Furman.

GNP IN ADMINISTERED AREAS UP 15 PERCENT

JERUSALEM, Jan. 31 (JTA)--The gross national product in the administered territories where one million people live has risen by more than 15 percent for the second consecutive year, the Bank of Israel disclosed yesterday. One-third of the increase derived from earnings by Arabs working in Israel where the wage scale is higher than in the administered areas. Most of the improvement is concentrated in the Judaea-Samaria regions (West Bank) which has a population of 621,000. Output there rose by 18-20 percent according to the Bank of Israel report as a consequence of mechanization in agriculture and industry, improved work methods and a more intensive utilization of the labor force. In the Gaza Strip, with a population of 377,000, the GNP rose by 10-13 percent.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

PARIS (JTA)--A conference to discuss ways to combat racism, which was due to be conducted jointly by the League Against Racism and Anti-Semitism (LICA) and non-Jewish civil rights organizations, was cancelled Sunday after the Christian groups refused to cooperate with LICA. The reason for the last minute refusal was the scheduled participation of Jacques Soustelle, an anti-Gaullist activist during the Algerian War and a former Cabinet minister. Soustelle, a right-wing politician who is a member of the executive committee of LICA for the Rhone province, was physically assaulted last month for his pro-Israeli views and his rightist past. Among the groups which refused to participate was the French chapter of the League for Human Rights and various representatives of Catholic and Protestant French churches in this city.

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WARSAW (JTA)--Greetings to the national conference of the Israel-Soviet Friendship League in Tel Aviv were sent by Edward Raiber, chairman of the Jewish Social and Cultural Association here on behalf of the Association, and by Samuel Tenenblat, editor of Folkstimme, on behalf of the newspaper collective. Folkstimme is the Association's news weekly. Tenenblat wrote in his message: "We are with you today. We hope for friendship between Israel and the Soviet Union, and we condemn anti-Soviet propaganda."

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NEW YORK (JTA)--Businessmen in the metropolitan area--members of congregations of the NY Metropolitan Region of the United Synagogue of America--took time out last week from their busy work schedule to study Torah. Rabbi Bernard Mandelbaum, newly elected chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, presented a text from the Mishneh Torah of Moses Maimonides, noted medieval rabbi, philosopher and doctor. Victor Zager, president of the NY Region, said the businessmen "came together to study moral and ethical questions that are dealt with in our tradition and which can shed light on the daily problems that occur in business and family life." Other sessions are scheduled.

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BONN (JTA)--The municipality of the old German town of Worms has placed an annual sum of \$35,000 at the disposal of the Rashi House which was built in the Middle Ages. The grant, which has so far been approved for 1972 and 1973, may be augmented by further contributions by the West German Federal government. The restructured building will become the only Jewish museum in West Germany and serve also as a site for international conferences.

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SAN FRANCISCO (JTA)--Dr. Immanuel Jakobovits, the Chief Rabbi of Great Britain, is scheduled to come here from London on March 1 to aid in a drive for Jewish education. It will be his first visit to the Bay Area. On the following night he is scheduled to address the spring banquet of the Hebrew Academy on the subject of "The Crisis in World Jewry." During his week's stay on this side of the Atlantic, Rabbi Jakobovits will visit Dallas on March 3-4, and Montreal on March 5-6. He has just completed raising the equivalent of \$30 million to support the Jewish Day School movement in Britain and his local appearances is to assist in raising

a proportionate amount for the Hebrew Academy, a spokesman said.

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SANTIAGO (JTA)--The scheduled departure next month of Rabbi Egon Lubliner from this city to become spiritual leader of the Pestalozzi Street Synagogue in West Berlin will leave Chile's community of 35,000 Jews without a rabbi. At one time there were five rabbis--four in Santiago and one in Valparaiso--but over a number of years rabbis have been leaving to take posts in other countries. The Jewish communal organizations have sent out distress signals to Jewish communities in other South American countries asking them to help fill the vacuum. There is some hope that the Rabbinical Seminary in Buenos Aires can send at least one rabbi to Santiago which has a Jewish population of 30,000. There are 4,000 Jews in Valparaiso.

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WASHINGTON (JTA)--Rep. James H. Scheuer (D., N.Y.) denounced the firebombings last week of the offices of Sol Hurok and of Columbia Artists Management, Inc. He termed them "senseless, murderous violence" that are "utterly counter-productive." In a statement Friday on the House floor, he said that "no responsible Jewish organization is connected in any way with the bombings and I am gratified that the Jewish Defense League has disavowed any connection with this incident." Recalling his recent visit to the Soviet Union, Scheuer said the "Russians use these violent attacks to cloud the true issue--the cruel and inhuman oppression of the Jewish minority."

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WARSAW (JTA)--The Folkstimme, weekly organ of the Jewish Social and Cultural Association, in its current issue expresses support for Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, and condemns the World Zionist Organization Executive for withdrawing its invitation to him to address the festive session of the Zionist Congress. The article states: "The ban on Nahum Goldmann has wider implications. It is connected with the debate between those in favor of evacuation and those who believe that millions of Jews will remain in the Soviet Union. Sanctions against Goldmann are an expression of narrow-mindedness at the very least."

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NEW YORK (JTA)--Jewish students on 25 university campuses across the country will be challenged to ponder the universal implications of the kibbutz way of life when they host a traveling "Kibbutz Karavan" during the next two months. Muki Tsur of Kibbutz Ein Gev and co-editor of "The Seventh Day," who conceived the Karavan pian, said that mindful of American students' search for new social forms and new ways of communal living, the Karavan will recreate an archetypal kibbutz social structure and life style in the student centers. Tsur and Michal Kidron of Kibbutz Zikim will lecture on various facets of the kibbutz, and a group of five Israeli singers and an American poet will provide dramatic readings of Israeli and Yiddish poetry and songs.

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the WZO Executive. If it fails to achieve unanimity it can be tested in the Zionist Congress Tribunal.

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FARM WORKERS UNION PARTICIPATES IN SHIVA FOR GIRL KILLED ON PICKET LINE

WAKEFIELD, Mass., Jan. 31 (JTA)--The United Farm Workers Organizing Committee, AFL-CIO, is observing the traditional "shiva"--the Jewish seven-day mourning period--with the family of Nan Freeman, an 18-year-old sociology major who was killed last Tuesday by a hit-and-run driver in Belle Glade, Fla. Miss Freeman, who was attending New College in Sarasota, Fla., had joined the farm workers organizing drive in the sugar cane fields and was picketing the Tallisman Sugar Co. in Belle Glade when she was fatally injured by what witnesses claim was a company truck.

Caesar Chavez, head of the union, composed mainly of Mexican-American farm workers, announced that it would observe the Jewish mourning period. Funeral services for the girl were held here last Thursday.

Friends of the victim's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Freeman, indicated that the family would press for an investigation of the incident after the mourning period. According to the friends, Capt. Claude Tidball of the Sheriff's Department in Belle Glade has filed no charges against the truck driver whose vehicle struck Miss Freeman and a classmate of hers also on the picket line. The other girl was injured but recovered.

DEFENSE WORKERS PLAN STOPPAGES; DOCKS HIT BY SLOW-DOWNS, WALKOUTS

TEL AVIV, Jan. 31 (JTA)--A new wave of labor troubles has engulfed Israel's chief seaports and a vital section of the country's defense industries. Port workers at Haifa, Israel's largest seaport, have started a work slow-down that is causing serious delays in loading citrus cargoes at the peak of the citrus export season. Port foremen at Ashdod, Israel's second port, staged a three-hour work stoppage yesterday in support of the demands of their Haifa colleagues. The issue is a bonus in the form of an income tax reduction.

Potentially more serious is the first job action ever taken in Israel by civilian metal workers employed by the military industries. Several thousand workers have decided on a two-hour work stoppage twice a week--Mondays and Wednesdays--between 10 a.m. and noon to protest their exclusion from a two percent wage hike recently awarded metal workers in civilian industries. They have rejected a promise that the increase will be incorporated into their next wage contract.

DAYAN TO CONFER WITH TOP U.S. OFFICIALS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 31 (JTA)--Defense Minister Moshe Dayan will confer with top American officials when he visits the United States shortly on

behalf of the United Jewish Appeal. Dayan is scheduled to meet next Monday with Defense Secretary Melvin Laird, Secretary of State William P. Rogers and Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, Joseph J. Sisco, it was disclosed here today. Informed sources said that Dayan was not expected to discuss any specific matters such as a Suez interim accord or the Jarring mission as long as deliberations on these matters are continuing through normal diplomatic channels.

(Israeli Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin met with Sisco in Washington for a half hour this morning. The meeting was at Rabin's request. State Department spokesman Charles Bray said afterwards that the subject discussed was the possibility of an interim agreement to reopen the Suez Canal but he could not say "one way or the other" if any progress was made. He said the subject of Arab-Israeli "proximity" talks under US auspices was still being considered.)

The newspaper Maariv reported today that complete agreement has been reached between Israel and the US on the supply of Phantom jets to Israel including a delivery timetable satisfactory to Israel. Foreign Ministry officials refused to confirm the report when questioned by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. But they said negotiations over various subjects are presently in progress, but do not include the supply of Phantoms.

(In London today, Gen. Haim Barlev, former Chief of Staff of Israel's armed forces, said the US has shifted from a virtual halt of arms deliveries to Israel to become once again Israel's chief supplier of weapons in quantity and quality. Addressing a dinner in his honor, Barlev said the shift came about when the US realized after two years that it could not coerce Israel into accepting the Rogers plan for a Mideast settlement by threatening to withhold arms. According to Barlev the atmosphere for a Mideast peace settlement was never better although the danger of a new war has not been removed. He said the Soviet Union which had encouraged Egypt to take military action three years ago is now trying to hold Egypt back but may not succeed.)

YIDDISH LEXICOLOGY INSTITUTE RECEIVES \$90,000 IN GRANTS

NEW YORK, Jan. 31 (JTA)--City College's Institute of Yiddish Lexicology has received \$90,000 in grants, \$45,000 each from the National Endowment for the Humanities and The American Friends of the Hebrew University, it was announced today by Dr. R.E. Marshak, president of City College. The Institute of Yiddish Lexicology is under the direction of Prof. Nathan Susskind of the College's Department of Germanic and Slavic Languages.

It was established at the College in 1965, for the purpose of compiling a "Great Dictionary of the Yiddish Language," one which would "contain all the wealth created in Yiddish during the past one thousand years," Prof. Susskind said. The third volume of the Dictionary will be issued this spring, bringing the number of definitions of Yiddish words covered so far to 60,000. The entire Dictionary is expected to consist of at least ten volumes.

Work on the Dictionary originally began long before World War II in Eastern Europe. However, materials collected at that time were either lost or destroyed due to the war. Present work dates back to 1953 when a group of distinguished academic and lay leaders agreed, in cooperation with the YIVO Institute for Jewish Social Research in New York, to resume work on the Dictionary. A native of Czechoslovakia, Prof. Susskind came to this country in 1921, graduated from City College in 1929, and currently resides in Elmhurst, N.Y.

INTELLECTUALS DISPUTE FUTURE OF JEWISH CULTURE IN THE SOVIET UNION

JERUSALEM, Jan. 31 (JTA)--The thesis that Jewish culture in the Soviet Union is irretrievably doomed and must be given up for lost was disputed at a gathering of Israeli scholars and intellectuals, many of them recent immigrants, here today. The gathering was addressed by Prof. Mikhail Zand, a prominent Orientologist at Moscow's Institute of Eastern Studies, who emigrated to Israel with his family last year after a prolonged struggle to obtain an exit visa.

Zand, currently teaching at the Hebrew University, maintained that Jewish culture in the USSR has no future and that in fact most of it has already been destroyed by the Soviet State. He said that Jewish culture was being spread through the medium of the Hebrew language using underground channels but predicted that this too will end and the writers will wind up in jail or go to Israel.

Prof. Chone Shmerook, head of the Hebrew University's Yiddish department, took issue with Zand's gloomy prognostication. He said that what Zand was advocating was very grave because it gives up for lost millions of Russian Jews who will remain in Russia. "No one thinks of abandoning the Jews in the West who are not emigrating, and for the same reason Jews who remain in Russia should not be the victims of discrimination and their cultural life must be protected and preserved," Prof. Shmerook said. He urged world public opinion not to neglect the Russian Jews who are not emigrating to Israel and who have to fight for their national and cultural rights in the USSR.

FIVE VILNA JEWS ARRESTED

MONTREAL, Jan. 31 (JTA)--The Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that five Vilna Jews were arrested for refusing to leave the offices of the Central Committee of the Vilna Communist Party. The SSSJ said that in telephone conversations with Jewish activists Gavriel Shapiro and Zed Machlis in Moscow this afternoon, they learned that 26 Jews visited the Central Committee headquarters at 10 a.m. to discuss grievances, but authorities refused to see them.

At noon, a police detachment headed by a Col. Raynitz chased them out of the building. The 26 Jews returned at 2 p.m. One hour later, a second detachment of police led by Vilna Chief of Police Col. Riyapshitz, arrested five of the demonstrators. Those arrested were Veeta Goldberg, who is five months pregnant, Viktor Kaplan, Boris Shapira, David Olshvang and Sonya Furman.

GNP IN ADMINISTERED AREAS UP 15 PERCENT

JERUSALEM, Jan. 31 (JTA)--The gross national product in the administered territories where one million people live has risen by more than 15 percent for the second consecutive year, the Bank of Israel disclosed yesterday. One-third of the increase derived from earnings by Arabs working in Israel where the wage scale is higher than in the administered areas. Most of the improvement is concentrated in the Judaea-Samaria regions (West Bank) which has a population of 621,000. Output there rose by 18-20 percent according to the Bank of Israel report as a consequence of mechanization in agriculture and industry, improved work methods and a more intensive utilization of the labor force. In the Gaza Strip, with a population of 377,000, the GNP rose by 10-13 percent.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

PARIS (JTA)--A conference to discuss ways to combat racism, which was due to be conducted jointly by the League Against Racism and Anti-Semitism (LICA) and non-Jewish civil rights organizations, was cancelled Sunday after the Christian groups refused to cooperate with LICA. The reason for the last minute refusal was the scheduled participation of Jacques Soustelle, an anti-Gaullist activist during the Algerian War and a former Cabinet minister. Soustelle, a right-wing politician who is a member of the executive committee of LICA for the Rhone province, was physically assaulted last month for his pro-Israeli views and his rightist past. Among the groups which refused to participate was the French chapter of the League for Human Rights and various representatives of Catholic and Protestant French churches in this city.

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WARSAW (JTA)--Greetings to the national conference of the Israel-Soviet Friendship League in Tel Aviv were sent by Edward Raiber, chairman of the Jewish Social and Cultural Association here on behalf of the Association, and by Samuel Tenenblat, editor of Folkstimme, on behalf of the newspaper collective. Folkstimme is the Association's news weekly. Tenenblat wrote in his message: "We are with you today. We hope for friendship between Israel and the Soviet Union, and we condemn anti-Soviet propaganda."

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NEW YORK (JTA)--Businessmen in the metropolitan area--members of congregations of the NY Metropolitan Region of the United Synagogue of America--took time out last week from their busy work schedule to study Torah. Rabbi Bernard Mandelbaum, newly elected chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, presented a text from the Mishneh Torah of Moses Maimonides, noted medieval rabbi, philosopher and doctor. Victor Zager, president of the NY Region, said the businessmen "came together to study moral and ethical questions that are dealt with in our tradition and which can shed light on the daily problems that occur in business and family life." Other sessions are scheduled.

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BONN (JTA)--The municipality of the old German town of Worms has placed an annual sum of \$35,000 at the disposal of the Rashi House which was built in the Middle Ages. The grant, which has so far been approved for 1972 and 1973, may be augmented by further contributions by the West German Federal government. The restructured building will become the only Jewish museum in West Germany and serve also as a site for international conferences.

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SAN FRANCISCO (JTA)--Dr. Immanuel Jakobovits, the Chief Rabbi of Great Britain, is scheduled to come here from London on March 1 to aid in a drive for Jewish education. It will be his first visit to the Bay Area. On the following night he is scheduled to address the spring banquet of the Hebrew Academy on the subject of "The Crisis in World Jewry." During his week's stay on this side of the Atlantic, Rabbi Jakobovits will visit Dallas on March 3-4, and Montreal on March 5-6. He has just completed raising the equivalent of \$30 million to support the Jewish Day School movement in Britain and his local appearances is to assist in raising

a proportionate amount for the Hebrew Academy, a spokesman said.

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SANTIAGO (JTA)--The scheduled departure next month of Rabbi Egon Lubliner from this city to become spiritual leader of the Pestalozzi Street Synagogue in West Berlin will leave Chile's community of 35,000 Jews without a rabbi. At one time there were five rabbis--four in Santiago and one in Valparaiso--but over a number of years rabbis have been leaving to take posts in other countries. The Jewish communal organizations have sent out distress signals to Jewish communities in other South American countries asking them to help fill the vacuum. There is some hope that the Rabbinical Seminary in Buenos Aires can send at least one rabbi to Santiago which has a Jewish population of 30,000. There are 4,000 Jews in Valparaiso.

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WASHINGTON (JTA)--Rep. James H. Scheuer (D., N.Y.) denounced the firebombings last week of the offices of Sol Hurok and of Columbia Artists Management, Inc. He termed them "senseless, murderous violence" that are "utterly counter-productive." In a statement Friday on the House floor, he said that "no responsible Jewish organization is connected in any way with the bombings and I am gratified that the Jewish Defense League has disavowed any connection with this incident." Recalling his recent visit to the Soviet Union, Scheuer said the "Russians use these violent attacks to cloud the true issue--the cruel and inhuman oppression of the Jewish minority."

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WARSAW (JTA)--The Folkstimme, weekly organ of the Jewish Social and Cultural Association, in its current issue expresses support for Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, and condemns the World Zionist Organization Executive for withdrawing its invitation to him to address the festive session of the Zionist Congress. The article states: "The ban on Nahum Goldmann has wider implications. It is connected with the debate between those in favor of evacuation and those who believe that millions of Jews will remain in the Soviet Union. Sanctions against Goldmann are an expression of narrow-mindedness at the very least."

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NEW YORK (JTA)--Jewish students on 25 university campuses across the country will be challenged to ponder the universal implications of the kibbutz way of life when they host a traveling "Kibbutz Karavan" during the next two months. Muki Tsur of Kibbutz Ein Gev and co-editor of "The Seventh Day," who conceived the Karavan pian, said that mindful of American students' search for new social forms and new ways of communal living, the Karavan will recreate an archetypal kibbutz social structure and life style in the student centers. Tsur and Michal Kidron of Kibbutz Zikim will lecture on various facets of the kibbutz, and a group of five Israeli singers and an American poet will provide dramatic readings of Israeli and Yiddish poetry and songs.

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TEL AVIV (JTA)--A single shell was fired from Jordanian territory last night at an Israeli Army position in southern Golan Heights. No casualties or damage was reported.