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The committee declared him politically untrustworthy and said it would urge the administration to fire him. Since the meeting, Vilen has not been permitted to meet with his classes or to receive his students' examination papers, the sources said.

According to the same sources, Valery Kukui, a Jewish engineer from Sverdlovsk who was sentenced to three years at hard labor last June 15, is suffering severe hardships at a forced labor camp in the Urals. According to information from sources who visited the camp recently, he is forced to work out of doors in temperatures as low as 40 degrees below zero in nothing but his prison uniform.

Kukui's outer garments were stolen and the prison authorities have refused to replace them, the sources reported. They said further that Kukui is beaten almost daily by fellow prisoners and was once assaulted while he slept. He has not been allowed visitors for two months because of an alleged minor infraction of prison rules.

EILAT STRIKE SETTLED

TEL AVIV, Feb. 15 (JTA)--A strike at the port of Eilat was settled last night but the work slowdown at Haifa port continued, delaying the loading of citrus cargoes at the peak of the citrus export season. The Eilat workers, who walked off the job last Friday, scored a victory when the Transport Ministry agreed to study the possibilities of increasing the flow of cargo through Eilat, Israel's port on the Gulf of Aqaba. Pending completion of the study, Israel's national shipping company, the Zim Lines, agreed to shelve its plans to open a new service to the Far East via the Panama Canal. In Haifa, a Labor Council committee met with longshoremen to urge them to return to work.

POSSIBLE RETURN OF FORMER NAZI COLLABORATOR SPARKS PROTESTS

Resurgence Of Anti-Semitism Feared

PARIS, Feb. 15 (JTA)--Two major French-Jewish organizations protested vigorously today against the possible return to France of Darquier De Pellepoix, a notorious Nazi collaborator during World War II who was personally responsible for rounding up French Jews for deportation. Pellepoix has been living in Spain under political asylum since 1944.

Though condemned to death in absentia by a French military court in Dec. 1947, the statute of limitations on the sentence became effective in 1969 and he has since applied to French authorities to relax or cancel their subsequent order forbidding him to return to France.

Today's protest was lodged by the Representative Council of Jewish Organizations in France (CRIF) and the International League Against Anti-Semitism and Racism (LICA). They said the possibility of Pellepoix' return "might be considered a provocation" and could lead to a resurgence of anti-Semitic activity by rightist elements in France. They urged the authorities to refuse categorically any request for permission to return by the collaborator.

Pellepoix, a right-wing nationalist politician before the war, collaborated with the Nazis during the occupation of France and became Commissioner for Jewish Affairs in the Vichy regime of Marshal Petain in June, 1942, succeeding Xavier Valiat.

Once in office, he personally organized raids to capture Jews who had eluded the Gestapo dragnet and turned them over to Nazi authorities for deportation to Eastern Europe. Pellepoix continued his anti-Jewish activities until Feb. 1944 when he escaped across the Spanish border and was granted political asylum by the Franco government.

PROFESSOR SAYS HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE TEXTBOOKS IGNORE CONTRIBUTIONS OF JEWS

NEW YORK, Feb. 15 (JTA)--Dr. Gavin I. Langmuir, professor of history at Stanford University, asserted that social studies textbooks currently in use in US high schools and colleges largely ignore the contributions of Judaism and Jews to modern civilization. Speaking at an American Jewish Committee luncheon meeting, Prof. Langmuir charged that this "neglect" was directly responsible for the ignorance of most Americans about Judaism, Jewish history, and the persecution of Jews through the ages.

Even courses in prejudice and race relations, Prof. Langmuir said, "have little to say about Judaism or Jewish history. For the overwhelming majority of students, the only portrayal of Judaism and Jews at any level of sophistication is provided by courses in world or western civilization or by the more specialized courses given by history departments. But that portrayal is minimal and more likely to reinforce stereotypes than to reduce them."

Yehuda Rosenman, director of the AJCommittee's Jewish Communal Affairs Department, which sponsored the luncheon meeting last Friday, said that to remedy this situation "we expect publishing houses to develop a Judaic series of supplementary social studies reading and audio-visual materials on different phases and ideas in Jewish history"; "that American historians and universities should establish courses in Jewish history and integrate Jewish history into general history"; and at the same time, "we hope that school boards will revise their curricula to introduce clearly into public school studies aspects of Jewish civilization."

PROTESTANTS OPPOSE INTERNATIONALIZATION OF JERUSALEM; FAVOR PALESTINIAN PARTICIPATION IN CONTROL OF THE CITY

CHARLOTTE, N.C., Feb. 15 (JTA)--The National Council of Churches, claiming 42 million members, received here a report opposing the internationalization of Jerusalem and favoring increased Palestinian participation in the control of the city. The report was presented to a meeting of the executive committee of the 250-member general board.

Originally, it was proposed as a resolution but then it was decided to make it a report which the NCC general board commissioned for study and debate by local chapters, pending a determination of policy at the next triennial convention of the NCC in Dallas, Texas next December. The general board held a five-day midwinter meeting here. The report said that "while we believe that Jerusalem should be unified, in the present circumstances we see no advantage of a separate political entity under international control."

The report added that "the Palestinians have not so far played a significant role in the planning and decision-making concerning the future of the city. Unless they actively and freely participate in all necessary decisions and actions, mutually acceptable agreements cannot be found that respond to the needs and rights of all the people in the city, and antagonisms will be perpetuated that threaten the peace of the region and of the world."

Historic Disassociation

The passage opposing internationalization of Jerusalem was hailed by Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, director of interreligious affairs for the American Jewish Committee, who attended the meeting as an observer, along with his assistant, Rabbi A. James Rudin. Rabbi Tanenbaum told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that "this is the first time the Council has publicly dissociated itself from a proposal for the internationalization" of Jerusalem. He said that in that sense that is a positive gain but he called the reference to the Palestinians, though "sympathetic" to them, also "unnecessarily one-sided" and "unnecessarily insensitive to Israel."

The report also contended that "without presuming to adjudge the status quo itself, the question of the Holy Places should be dealt with separately or in the context of an overall peace settlement." In another statement, the board was urged to continue its national and international efforts to mobilize support for the religious freedom and human rights of Jews, Christians, intellectuals and other dissenters in the Soviet Union.

$50M IN HOUSING LOANS TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (JTA)--Israeli and American officials will sign tomorrow an agreement guaranteeing private loans totalling $50 million to finance the construction of approximately 11,000 homes for lower middle income families in Israel. The agreement will be signed at the State Department by Pinhas Sapir, Finance Minister of Israel, and John A. Hannah, administrator of the US Agency for International Development. The loans will be made by American savings and loan institutions to Tefahot, the Israel government controlled mortgage bank. Interest charges will be 7 1/2 percent. The loan to Israel is the largest made thus far under the AID program and is the first loan for housing made to Israel. The loan was negotiated in 12 months, the shortest time on record. Sapir is in the US for appearances at United Jewish Appeal and Israel Bond Organization rallies.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

PARIS (JTA)--The Union of Jewish Societies, which represents French Communist Party Jewish dissidents and other Jewish left-wing groups and individuals, has adopted a resolution calling upon the Polish government to permit Leopold Trepper to emigrate to Israel. An official communique from the Union to the Polish government stated that it was making this request "out of humanitarian considerations." The communique added that it was asking all Jewish organizations to participate in the campaign to free the former chief of Soviet wartime intelligence in Europe.

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COPENHAGEN (JTA)--An Israeli economic mission completed visits to Norway and Denmark last week to ascertain the effects on Israeli trade of those countries' impending membership in the European Common Market. The mission, headed by Shimon Amir, deputy director general of Israel's Foreign Ministry, met with senior officials of the Danish Ministry of Foreign Trade. The latter expressed "understanding" of Israel's problems with the EEC and promised to work within the organization's framework for fairer treatment of Israel. They did not promise to support Israel's demand for admission to the EEC. Imports from Israel account for about 1.5 percent of the combined imports of the present six Common Market countries.

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NEW YORK (JTA)--Jacob Stein, president of the United Synagogue of America, has announced the gift of two buildings and land in the heart of Jerusalem which will become the headquarters of his organization in Israel. The buildings which were formerly a part of an American Protestant Mission, will also house the World Council of Synagogues. "Through its offices in our new quarters," Stein said, "the United Synagogue of America will develop a full program of activities to service Conservative congregations in Israel." The properties and half an acre of land, worth more than $500,000, are the gift of Morris Speizman of Charlotte, N.C., WCS president, and Jacob Zucker of N.Y., son of David Zucker, a WCS board member and initiator of the Jerusalem project.

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BRUSSELS (JTA)--A work on the Jewish press in The Netherlands was published here last week by the National Center of Jewish Studies. The essay, prepared by the young Jewish sociologist Maurice Krajman, reports that six Jewish newspapers were published by the Belgian Jewish underground during the Nazi occupation. From 1841 to 1972, 234 Jewish periodicals were published in Belgium. The first Hebrew newspaper appeared in Antwerp in 1926. Currently, there are seven Jewish newspapers, including one weekly.

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JERUSALEM (JTA)--The Chief Rabbi of Denmark, Bent Melchior, began Friday a series of meetings with Israeli rabbis on the controversy over conversions performed by the Copenhagen Beth Din. Criticism that the conversions do not fully conform with halachic demands have been raised in a number of quarters. Rabbi Melchior arrived here with a group of Danish visitors ostensibly on a routine tour, but it appeared that his main purpose was to convince Israel's rabbis that the Danish conversions are satisfactory from an Orthodox point of view. If they are not, converts migrating to Israel could run into difficulties concerning their personal status.

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PARIS (JTA)--A number of left-wing Zionist youths, members of the Jewish Revolutionary Organization (OJR), clashed Saturday inside the Notre Dame church with rightist and neo-fascist youths of "L'Action Francaise" movement shortly after a mass was celebrated for Vichy's Commissioner for Jewish Affairs, Xavier Vallat, who died here a few weeks ago. The right-wingers had turned the mass into a demonstration of solidarity with the ideas represented by Vallat, the man who was most responsible for Petain's anti-Semitic policy. As the mass concluded some 20 members of the OJR, who had entered the church and remained silent until the mass ended, began to sing the "Song of the Partisans." A clash ensued and police arrested 10 Jewish youths. They were subsequently freed.

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TEL AVIV (JTA)--A Defense Ministry spokesman has denied that a decision has been made to build a third deep-water port for Israel on the northeast shore of the Sinai peninsula between Raffah and El Arish. The denial referred to a report broadcast on Kol Israel radio that planning crews have already been assigned to the project. But the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned from reliable sources that plans have been discussed to build a new port city in the Sinai that would serve as the main outlet for Israeli phosphate exports from the Dead Sea and Negev regions. The city could serve as an urban center for Jewish settlements planned in the area, several of which already exist. A 15,000-acre site has been surveyed for that purpose and found suitable for an initial population of 40,000, the sources said.

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MONTREAL (JTA)--"Justice for Jerusalem" was the theme of an address delivered by Msgr. John M. Oesterreicher, director of the Institute of Judaeo-Christian Studies at Seton Hall University in South Orange, N.J., to 250 clergymen and educators attending the 31st annual institute on Judaism here. "My conscience demands that I stand by the people of Israel in its hour of trial and I make it clear that Jerusalem must remain united," the Catholic leader declared. "I consider the foundation of the State of Israel and the rejuvination of the Jewish people, as well as the reunification of Jerusalem as revelatory events," he said. The Msgr. noted that never before have the holy places in Jerusalem of Christians, Moslems and Jews been as safe and inviolate as they are today and that Jerusalem today is truly a universal city.

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Almogi stated that the problem of absorbing Russian immigrants with university degrees would be relatively greater than for others because the Russians were used to a different type of economy and pattern of skills. So far, he said, jobs have been readily available for them, with few exceptions. But in 1972 their employment will be a major challenge to the success of the absorption program, he said.

JEWISH TEACHER SUSPENDED AFTER APPLYING FOR VISA; KUKUI SUFFERING SEVERE HARDSHIPS

NEW YORK, Feb. 15 (JTA)--Vilen Zevin, a Jewish lecturer in physics at the Kiev Technical Institute has been suspended following his application for a visa to go to Israel, it was learned from Jewish sources here today. Vilen was accused of "selling himself to the Zionists" when he appeared at a meeting of the physics faculty at the Institute to get the character reference necessary for a visa application.

The committee declared him politically untrustworthy and said it would urge the administration to fire him. Since the meeting, Vilen has not been permitted to meet with his classes or to receive his students' examination papers, the sources said.

According to the same sources, Valery Kukui, a Jewish engineer from Sverdlovsk who was sentenced to three years at hard labor last June 15, is suffering severe hardships at a forced labor camp in the Urals. According to information from sources who visited the camp recently, he is forced to work out of doors in temperatures as low as 40 degrees below zero in nothing but his prison uniform.

Kukui's outer garments were stolen and the prison authorities have refused to replace them, the sources reported. They said further that Kukui is beaten almost daily by fellow prisoners and was once assaulted while he slept. He has not been allowed visitors for two months because of an alleged minor infraction of prison rules.

EILAT STRIKE SETTLED

TEL AVIV, Feb. 15 (JTA)--A strike at the port of Eilat was settled last night but the work slowdown at Haifa port continued, delaying the loading of citrus cargoes at the peak of the citrus export season. The Eilat workers, who walked off the job last Friday, scored a victory when the Transport Ministry agreed to study the possibilities of increasing the flow of cargo through Eilat, Israel's port on the Gulf of Aqaba. Pending completion of the study, Israel's national shipping company, the Zim Lines, agreed to shelve its plans to open a new service to the Far East via the Panama Canal. In Haifa, a Labor Council committee met with longshoremen to urge them to return to work.

POSSIBLE RETURN OF FORMER NAZI COLLABORATOR SPARKS PROTESTS

Resurgence Of Anti-Semitism Feared

PARIS, Feb. 15 (JTA)--Two major French-Jewish organizations protested vigorously today against the possible return to France of Darquier De Pellepoix, a notorious Nazi collaborator during World War II who was personally responsible for rounding up French Jews for deportation. Pellepoix has been living in Spain under political asylum since 1944.

Though condemned to death in absentia by a French military court in Dec. 1947, the statute of limitations on the sentence became effective in 1969 and he has since applied to French authorities to relax or cancel their subsequent order forbidding him to return to France.

Today's protest was lodged by the Representative Council of Jewish Organizations in France (CRIF) and the International League Against Anti-Semitism and Racism (LICA). They said the possibility of Pellepoix' return "might be considered a provocation" and could lead to a resurgence of anti-Semitic activity by rightist elements in France. They urged the authorities to refuse categorically any request for permission to return by the collaborator.

Pellepoix, a right-wing nationalist politician before the war, collaborated with the Nazis during the occupation of France and became Commissioner for Jewish Affairs in the Vichy regime of Marshal Petain in June, 1942, succeeding Xavier Valiat.

Once in office, he personally organized raids to capture Jews who had eluded the Gestapo dragnet and turned them over to Nazi authorities for deportation to Eastern Europe. Pellepoix continued his anti-Jewish activities until Feb. 1944 when he escaped across the Spanish border and was granted political asylum by the Franco government.

PROFESSOR SAYS HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE TEXTBOOKS IGNORE CONTRIBUTIONS OF JEWS

NEW YORK, Feb. 15 (JTA)--Dr. Gavin I. Langmuir, professor of history at Stanford University, asserted that social studies textbooks currently in use in US high schools and colleges largely ignore the contributions of Judaism and Jews to modern civilization. Speaking at an American Jewish Committee luncheon meeting, Prof. Langmuir charged that this "neglect" was directly responsible for the ignorance of most Americans about Judaism, Jewish history, and the persecution of Jews through the ages.

Even courses in prejudice and race relations, Prof. Langmuir said, "have little to say about Judaism or Jewish history. For the overwhelming majority of students, the only portrayal of Judaism and Jews at any level of sophistication is provided by courses in world or western civilization or by the more specialized courses given by history departments. But that portrayal is minimal and more likely to reinforce stereotypes than to reduce them."

Yehuda Rosenman, director of the AJCommittee's Jewish Communal Affairs Department, which sponsored the luncheon meeting last Friday, said that to remedy this situation "we expect publishing houses to develop a Judaic series of supplementary social studies reading and audio-visual materials on different phases and ideas in Jewish history"; "that American historians and universities should establish courses in Jewish history and integrate Jewish history into general history"; and at the same time, "we hope that school boards will revise their curricula to introduce clearly into public school studies aspects of Jewish civilization."

PROTESTANTS OPPOSE INTERNATIONALIZATION OF JERUSALEM; FAVOR PALESTINIAN PARTICIPATION IN CONTROL OF THE CITY

CHARLOTTE, N.C., Feb. 15 (JTA)--The National Council of Churches, claiming 42 million members, received here a report opposing the internationalization of Jerusalem and favoring increased Palestinian participation in the control of the city. The report was presented to a meeting of the executive committee of the 250-member general board.

Originally, it was proposed as a resolution but then it was decided to make it a report which the NCC general board commissioned for study and debate by local chapters, pending a determination of policy at the next triennial convention of the NCC in Dallas, Texas next December. The general board held a five-day midwinter meeting here. The report said that "while we believe that Jerusalem should be unified, in the present circumstances we see no advantage of a separate political entity under international control."

The report added that "the Palestinians have not so far played a significant role in the planning and decision-making concerning the future of the city. Unless they actively and freely participate in all necessary decisions and actions, mutually acceptable agreements cannot be found that respond to the needs and rights of all the people in the city, and antagonisms will be perpetuated that threaten the peace of the region and of the world."

Historic Disassociation

The passage opposing internationalization of Jerusalem was hailed by Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, director of interreligious affairs for the American Jewish Committee, who attended the meeting as an observer, along with his assistant, Rabbi A. James Rudin. Rabbi Tanenbaum told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that "this is the first time the Council has publicly dissociated itself from a proposal for the internationalization" of Jerusalem. He said that in that sense that is a positive gain but he called the reference to the Palestinians, though "sympathetic" to them, also "unnecessarily one-sided" and "unnecessarily insensitive to Israel."

The report also contended that "without presuming to adjudge the status quo itself, the question of the Holy Places should be dealt with separately or in the context of an overall peace settlement." In another statement, the board was urged to continue its national and international efforts to mobilize support for the religious freedom and human rights of Jews, Christians, intellectuals and other dissenters in the Soviet Union.

$50M IN HOUSING LOANS TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (JTA)--Israeli and American officials will sign tomorrow an agreement guaranteeing private loans totalling $50 million to finance the construction of approximately 11,000 homes for lower middle income families in Israel. The agreement will be signed at the State Department by Pinhas Sapir, Finance Minister of Israel, and John A. Hannah, administrator of the US Agency for International Development. The loans will be made by American savings and loan institutions to Tefahot, the Israel government controlled mortgage bank. Interest charges will be 7 1/2 percent. The loan to Israel is the largest made thus far under the AID program and is the first loan for housing made to Israel. The loan was negotiated in 12 months, the shortest time on record. Sapir is in the US for appearances at United Jewish Appeal and Israel Bond Organization rallies.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

PARIS (JTA)--The Union of Jewish Societies, which represents French Communist Party Jewish dissidents and other Jewish left-wing groups and individuals, has adopted a resolution calling upon the Polish government to permit Leopold Trepper to emigrate to Israel. An official communique from the Union to the Polish government stated that it was making this request "out of humanitarian considerations." The communique added that it was asking all Jewish organizations to participate in the campaign to free the former chief of Soviet wartime intelligence in Europe.

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COPENHAGEN (JTA)--An Israeli economic mission completed visits to Norway and Denmark last week to ascertain the effects on Israeli trade of those countries' impending membership in the European Common Market. The mission, headed by Shimon Amir, deputy director general of Israel's Foreign Ministry, met with senior officials of the Danish Ministry of Foreign Trade. The latter expressed "understanding" of Israel's problems with the EEC and promised to work within the organization's framework for fairer treatment of Israel. They did not promise to support Israel's demand for admission to the EEC. Imports from Israel account for about 1.5 percent of the combined imports of the present six Common Market countries.

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NEW YORK (JTA)--Jacob Stein, president of the United Synagogue of America, has announced the gift of two buildings and land in the heart of Jerusalem which will become the headquarters of his organization in Israel. The buildings which were formerly a part of an American Protestant Mission, will also house the World Council of Synagogues. "Through its offices in our new quarters," Stein said, "the United Synagogue of America will develop a full program of activities to service Conservative congregations in Israel." The properties and half an acre of land, worth more than $500,000, are the gift of Morris Speizman of Charlotte, N.C., WCS president, and Jacob Zucker of N.Y., son of David Zucker, a WCS board member and initiator of the Jerusalem project.

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BRUSSELS (JTA)--A work on the Jewish press in The Netherlands was published here last week by the National Center of Jewish Studies. The essay, prepared by the young Jewish sociologist Maurice Krajman, reports that six Jewish newspapers were published by the Belgian Jewish underground during the Nazi occupation. From 1841 to 1972, 234 Jewish periodicals were published in Belgium. The first Hebrew newspaper appeared in Antwerp in 1926. Currently, there are seven Jewish newspapers, including one weekly.

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JERUSALEM (JTA)--The Chief Rabbi of Denmark, Bent Melchior, began Friday a series of meetings with Israeli rabbis on the controversy over conversions performed by the Copenhagen Beth Din. Criticism that the conversions do not fully conform with halachic demands have been raised in a number of quarters. Rabbi Melchior arrived here with a group of Danish visitors ostensibly on a routine tour, but it appeared that his main purpose was to convince Israel's rabbis that the Danish conversions are satisfactory from an Orthodox point of view. If they are not, converts migrating to Israel could run into difficulties concerning their personal status.

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PARIS (JTA)--A number of left-wing Zionist youths, members of the Jewish Revolutionary Organization (OJR), clashed Saturday inside the Notre Dame church with rightist and neo-fascist youths of "L'Action Francaise" movement shortly after a mass was celebrated for Vichy's Commissioner for Jewish Affairs, Xavier Vallat, who died here a few weeks ago. The right-wingers had turned the mass into a demonstration of solidarity with the ideas represented by Vallat, the man who was most responsible for Petain's anti-Semitic policy. As the mass concluded some 20 members of the OJR, who had entered the church and remained silent until the mass ended, began to sing the "Song of the Partisans." A clash ensued and police arrested 10 Jewish youths. They were subsequently freed.

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NEW YORK (JTA)--Itzhak Perlman, world-renowned Israeli violin virtuoso, will give a benefit performance Tuesday evening, Feb. 22, at Temple Rodeph Sholom. Performing with him will be Josef Kalichstein, the young Israeli concert pianist who has appeared with major orchestras around the world. The performance will be for the benefit of the scholarship fund of the Rodeph Sholom Nursery and Day Schools. Since the Temple absorbs the school's large operating deficit, all scholarship money is raised by the parents at an annual benefit.

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TEL AVIV (JTA)--A Defense Ministry spokesman has denied that a decision has been made to build a third deep-water port for Israel on the northeast shore of the Sinai peninsula between Raffah and El Arish. The denial referred to a report broadcast on Kol Israel radio that planning crews have already been assigned to the project. But the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned from reliable sources that plans have been discussed to build a new port city in the Sinai that would serve as the main outlet for Israeli phosphate exports from the Dead Sea and Negev regions. The city could serve as an urban center for Jewish settlements planned in the area, several of which already exist. A 15,000-acre site has been surveyed for that purpose and found suitable for an initial population of 40,000, the sources said.

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MONTREAL (JTA)--"Justice for Jerusalem" was the theme of an address delivered by Msgr. John M. Oesterreicher, director of the Institute of Judaeo-Christian Studies at Seton Hall University in South Orange, N.J., to 250 clergymen and educators attending the 31st annual institute on Judaism here. "My conscience demands that I stand by the people of Israel in its hour of trial and I make it clear that Jerusalem must remain united," the Catholic leader declared. "I consider the foundation of the State of Israel and the rejuvination of the Jewish people, as well as the reunification of Jerusalem as revelatory events," he said. The Msgr. noted that never before have the holy places in Jerusalem of Christians, Moslems and Jews been as safe and inviolate as they are today and that Jerusalem today is truly a universal city.

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HONG KONG (JTA)--Ten Hong Kong firms, specializing in interior decoration and art objects, will participate in the Tel Aviv "Modern Living" fair from May 25 through June 10.