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Luiso said this applied to the swastika flag even though the ideas it symbolized were abhorrent to him and to a majority of the campus population. Asked if the university trustees supported his position, the Dean said they supported the policy of freedom of expression but he did not know whether they backed him in this specific instance. He conceded that there was a strong possibility of violence on campus if the flag continued to be displayed. But beyond expressing hope that "reason" will prevail, he stood fast in his refusal to force the removal of the offensive symbol.

No member of the Board of Trustees was available for comment today. University sources informed the JTA that Hofstra president Clifford Lord and the Board of Trustees were attending their regular Wednesday meeting which was expected to last all day. The sources thought it was "likely" that the flag incident was on the agenda.

## Student Body Ready To Act

The Nazi flag was displayed by David Kerr, a 21-year-old junior who is associated with the National Socialist White People's Party of Arlington Va., formerly the American Nazi Party and with the National Renaissance Party of James Madole. Kerr was responsible for placing paid advertisements in the student newspaper, "The Chronicle" seeking to recruit members to the neo-Nazi group. According to Rabbi Leo Wolf, director of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation on the Hofstra campus, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has a record on Kerr going back to his high school days.

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Rabbi Wolf said Kerr had less than a half dozen supporters among the 12,000 students at Hofstra. According to Rabbi Wolf, 40 percent of the student body and about 50 percent of the faculty are Jewish and half of the trustees are Jews. Dean Luiso estimated that 50 percent of the students are Jewish but couldn't say what percentage of the faculty. Hofstra is a private institution. Rabbi Wolf said that since the swastika appeared, Israeli flags have appeared in many dormitory windows. A Confederate flag was also displayed from a window

on Kerr's floor. Rabbi Wolf said that about one-seventh of the students at Hofstra are Black.

## Editors Split Down The Middle

Student and faculty protests against the Nazi recruiting ads in "The Chronicle" were countered by co-editor Adrienne Flipse with the same arguments for "freedom of expression" offered by Dean Luiso. One of the ads contained the slogan "Hitler Was Right, White Men Unite." Miss Flipse refused to ban a similar ad to appear in the next issue.

According to Rabbi Wolf, her co-editors are "split down the middle" on the issue. Rabbi Wolf said the Hillel Foundation is working with student and faculty groups to bring campus and community pressure to bear on the university administration to remove the source of provocation. He said Hillel's policy originally was to avoid publicity because "that's what Kerr wants" but this changed after a faculty member informed newspapers of the episode.

According to the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League's records, Kerr became involved in 1969 with the National Renaissance Party of James Madole, a professional anti-Semite and hate monger whose national headquarters is located in the Yorkville section of New York. Kerr became a section leader in New Jersey and a "security echelon leader" in 1971 when the party extended its activities to Long Island. He enrolled at Hofstra in Sept. 1971 and, according to the ADL, became associated shortly thereafter with the National Socialist White People's Party.

## JARRING-GHALEB PARLEY NOT CONFIRMED

JERUSALEM, Feb. 16 (JTA)--United Nations peace emissary Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring was expected to be in Cairo on Friday to meet with Egyptian Foreign Minister Murad Ghaleb, according to this morning's Al Ahran, the semi-official Cairo daily. The report could not be confirmed here by tonight. Al Ahran said there was actually little hope for a resumption of the Jarring mission, what with the intermediary still maintaining that Israel must give a prior commitment to withdraw and Israel continuing to reject that requirement.

## ESSO-STANDARD OIL CO. DENIES DISCRIMINATION AGAINST JEWS

JOHANNESBURG, Feb. 16 (JTA)--The Esso-Standard Oil Co. of South Africa denied today that it has a policy against hiring Jews. The denial by the firm's managing director, E. Hartman, followed publication of a story in the Sunday Express last week that Sharon Harber was refused a job because she is Jewish.

The paper claimed that Miss Harber said she was told this point blank by the Esso official who interviewed her. The Express also quoted an employment agency official who said an Esso spokesman told him when he inquired about Miss Harber, "You know we don't take Jews."

Hartman said the company official who interviewed the girl had no authority to make such a statement. He said that Esso South Africa, like its parent body in the United States, had no discriminatory policies in employment and that in fact it had employed Jews. One of them, I. Ber-

man, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he worked for Esso South Africa in 1969-1970 and that relations had been most cordial. He said there was never a question of discrimination.

#### GOVERNMENT PLANS TO SPEED UP DEVELOPMENT OF SHARM EL-SHEIKH SETTLEMENTS

TEL AVIV, Feb. 16 (JTA)--Minister Without Portfolio Israel Galili said today that the government plans to speed up the development of Israeli settlements in the Sharm el-Sheikh area and may increase the number of housing units scheduled to be built there. Galili, who heads the ministerial committee on settlement, visited the area in southern Sinai yesterday. He said the 90 housing units already started were not enough because many more Israelis want to settle in Sharm el-Sheikh. Galili said that during his trip he was acquainted with the needs of the Daheb and Neviot, settlements on the Sinai shore of the Gulf of Aqaba which are being developed as agricultural settlements and tourist resorts.

#### Trial Balloon Lofted?

#### SOVIET SHIP ANSWERS DISTRESS CALL FROM ISRAELI FREIGHTER

LONDON, Feb. 16 (JTA)--A routine incident at sea, reported in an obscure Soviet medical journal, is being viewed by observers in Moscow as a possible trial balloon lofted by Kremlin leaders to test the possibility of improved relations with Israel. The incident involved the response of a Soviet ship to a medical distress call from an Israeli freighter in the mid-Pacific recently. The doctor of the Russian ship, a woman, boarded the Israeli vessel to treat an injured seaman.

Such incidents at sea are commonplace. The fact that it was the subject of an article in the Medical Gazette two weeks ago seemed to be of significance to Jews and others in the USSR. The headline over the article, "Ships Change Course" seemed to them to have political significance in line with the fact that the article appeared just as President Anwar Sadat of Egypt arrived in Moscow for talks on the Middle East.

The name of the ship's doctor suggested that she was of Jewish origin and the article noted that the ship concerned belonged to a nation "with whom better relations could be desired." That in itself appeared to be an unusual formulation with reference to Israel. Students of the Soviet Press have long noted that important policy changes are often hinted at first in second rank newspapers so that reaction can be gauged on a small scale before the leadership commits itself. The "balloon" can easily be hauled down if it is seriously challenged.

The article in the Medical Gazette was filed by its correspondent in Vladivostok. It reported that the Israeli crew experienced a change of heart toward the Russians and appreciated the doctor's dedication and good intentions. "So it should be," he wrote, adding, "Soviet humanism carried the day."

#### RABIN: NO SHORTCUTS TO MIDEAST PEACE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (JTA)--Israeli Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin last night told the more than 300 women from 27 states attending the National Council of Jewish Women's four-day institute on local, national and international issues that there are no "shortcuts" to a Middle East peace. He declared that he did not believe the manner in which UN representative Gunnar V. Jarring is proceeding for an overall settlement will succeed, but considered that a partial agreement, such as solving the way for reopening the Suez Canal is a "realistic" way. Solving one problem will help to erode the suspicion and

hate rather than having a meaningless piece of paper, Rabin said. Israel, he added, cannot accept the borders of the past as its boundary lines of the future.

#### FOREST HILLS PROJECT CONSTRUCTION ORDERED HALTED; CITY TO APPEAL DECISION

NEW YORK, Feb. 16 (JTA)--Manhattan State Supreme Court Justice Irving H. Saypol today ordered that construction of the controversial public housing project in Forest Hills, Queens, be halted. Saypol described the project's design as "a defective plan" which does not resemble the original design for the project. He said the changes in the plan were made without a duly-called public hearing.

City Corporation Counsel J. Lee Rankin said the city will appeal the decision to the Appellate division of the state's highest court "at the earliest possible date." A spokesman for the Housing Authority expressed optimism that a stay would be granted to forestall execution of Saypol's order pending the appeal's outcome.

The Housing Authority spokesman asserted that there is "no major variance" between the current plans for the 840-unit low-income project and those formally adopted in 1966. Only the number and size of the proposed buildings were altered, he said, noting that three 24-story structures are now planned instead of one 22-story, three 12-story and three 10-story buildings.

#### Civil Rights, Jewish Leaders To Meet

But, the HA spokesman explained, all other aspects of the project--including the total number of units, the number to be allocated to low-income and elderly tenants, and the project's density--are "all virtually the same" as in the original plans. "Federal cost limitations" dictated the changes that were made, he said, and he added that the "original language (of the designs) is general enough to permit" such variance. He said the changes were "normal procedure."

Meanwhile, it was learned that leaders of civil rights organizations and local Jewish groups will meet for the first time Friday at Gracie Mansion to discuss the Forest Hills controversy. Those attending the session will include Roy Wilkins, executive director of the NAACP, Vernon E. Jordan, Jr., director of the National Urban League, and a delegation of four or five rabbis and Jewish lay leaders from the Forest Hills area.

Reacting to the court order calling a halt to the project's construction, Edward D. Moldover, president of the New York Chapter of the American Jewish Committee, said Saypol's decision "could provide a golden opportunity for our city to compose differences, to restore communication and rebuild harmonious relationships between our citizens. Certainly," he continued, "it is far better for the court to resolve the current issues than for them to be argued in the streets."

#### SDP HAILS BRANDT'S UPCOMING VISIT TO ISRAEL

BONN, Feb. 16 (JTA)--West Germany's governing Social Democratic Party gave its formal blessing to Chancellor Willy Brandt's forthcoming visit to Israel. A statement issued by the party which is headed by Brandt, took note of the special relationship that exists between West Germany and Israel against "the background of the incomprehensible wrong done to the Jews in the name of the German people." The statement noted that "The visit by Brandt to Israel will not close, by any means, this dark chapter in the history of the two peoples. Many things will still have to be done before this is so. Brandt seems to be the right man to do it."

### \$50M HOUSING LOAN TO ISRAEL SIGNED New Housing Must Be Located Within Israel's Pre-June 1967 Borders

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (JTA)--Israeli and American officials signed documents here this afternoon guaranteeing private loans totalling \$50 million to finance the construction of 11,000 housing units for lower middle income families in Israel, including immigrants arriving from the Soviet Union and other countries. The signing took place in the office of Dr. John A. Hannah, Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development (AID) in the State Department building. AID is an agency under State Department jurisdiction but separately funded by Congress.

Signing for their respective governments were Dr. Hannah and Pinhas Sapir, Finance Minister of Israel. Signing contracts for the loans were Moshe J. Mann, managing director of Tehafot, the government-controlled Israel Mortgage Bank, and Bryce Curry and Kenneth Myers, presidents respectively of the Federal Home Loan Banks of New York and Boston. Myers told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency later that the loans will be made by 200 private US savings and loan associations in average amounts of \$250,000 each. Present at the ceremony was Israel's Ambassador to the US, Yitzhak Rabin.

Speaking informally after the signings, Sapir and Mann expressed special thanks to Stanley Baruch, director of AID's Office of Housing for his efforts in arranging the guarantees for the loan repayments in record time. Under the guarantee contract negotiated by the two governments, the housing must be located within Israel's borders as they existed before the June, 1967 Six-Day War. This precludes use of the loan funds for planned new housing in East Jerusalem.

### No Connection With Pending Bills

State Department spokesman Charles Bray said in reply to questions at his regular press briefing earlier in the day that there was no connection between the government guaranteed housing loans to Israel and pending bills in Congress sponsored by Sens. Edmund Muskie (D.Me.) and Henry M. Jackson (D.Wash.) for financial aid to Israel to absorb the influx of Jewish immigrants from the Soviet Union expected this year.

The Muskie bill, and a matching bill in the House sponsored by Rep. Jonathan Bingham (D.NY) calls for \$85 million in refugee aid to Israel. The Jackson measure would provide \$250 million. Neither bill has come to the floor.

### Amount Of U.S. Aid Disclosed

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He said the Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration "to which we contribute in a major way" has assisted in defraying the costs of transportation from Vienna to Tel Aviv. Bray also disclosed that from July 1, 1970 through June 30, 1972 when the current fiscal year terminates, the US will have given Israel \$1.1 billion in aid in all categories including military assistance.

### Housing To Benefit Many

Beneficiaries of the housing will be mostly new immigrant families, newly formed families, Arab and other minority groups, and occupants of over-

crowded or substandard housing. The selling price to a beneficiary of a dwelling under this program must not exceed \$16,000. The loans are repayable to the American lending institutions over a period of 25 years at an annual interest rate of 7 1/2 percent. The home owners also will pay the AID guarantee fee of one-half of one percent on the outstanding amount of the loan. This brings the total interest paid to the US investor and AID to eight percent.

### TEKOAH LAUDS ENCYCLOPAEDIA JUDAICA

NEW YORK, Feb. 16 (JTA)--Asserting that Jewry's primary aim is to "preserve (its) splendid, brilliant, magnificent heritage," Israeli Ambassador Yosef Tekoah contended yesterday that the new Encyclopaedia Judaica was "indispensable" not only to schools but to Jewish homes. Israel's chief United Nations representative spoke at ceremonies, at the headquarters of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York, honoring 13 members of Federation's Commission on Synagogue Relations who contributed articles to the 16-volume set.

"Jewish civilization as such is an encyclopedic civilization," Tekoah told the luncheon audience. "Our heritage is an encyclopedic heritage.... This has always been so." But, he noted, "Faith cannot stand alone, faith cannot exist without knowledge," and thus he welcomed the "profound analysis" and "most magnificent form" of the Encyclopaedia Judaica, published worldwide by the Macmillan Company and in Jerusalem by Keter Publishing House Ltd.

Jeremiah Kaplan, president of Macmillan, called the Encyclopaedia a "unique" publishing event. He had been surprised, he said to general laughter, that the editors had managed to "get Jewish opinion so well organized."

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### INCREASE IN EXPORTS TO WEST GERMANY

BONN, Feb. 16 (JTA)--Israel's exports to West Germany are increasing but there is still considerable room for improvement in trade between the two countries, it was reported here. Israel exported \$193 million worth of goods to West Germany in the first 11 months of 1971, an increase of 35 percent over the same period of the previous year. Israeli exports to this country represented 10 percent of its total exports in 1971 and its imports from Germany accounted for 13 percent of all its imports that year.

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### JDL'ER CHARGED WITH ASSAULT AGAINST HEAD OF NAZI GROUP

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 16 (JTA)--Irving S. Rubin, 26, West Coast coordinator of the Jewish Defense League, has been arrested on a charge of assault with intent to commit murder against the Los Angeles County head of the American Nazi Party. He is free on bail after surrendering to authorities. Nazi leader Joseph Tomasci, 21, filed a complaint early this month charging Rubin with firing "several" shots at the Nazi's car two days after a mass JDL-sponsored demonstration Jan. 30 in front of the party's headquarters in El Monte, a Los Angeles suburb.

Tomasci, who lives at the Nazi headquarters, told police he recognized Rubin as the man who fired shots at his car as he returned home from a Los Angeles television station Feb. 1. Rubin and Tomasci were scheduled to appear on a local TV talk show but became involved in a loud verbal argument. Tomasci told police Rubin threw hot coffee at him.

The complaint against Rubin, which has been forwarded to the Los Angeles County district attorney's office for further action, also charges that as Tomasci was driving home from the television station he was fired upon from a passing vehicle. The Nazi leader reported that only one shot struck his car and that he was not injured. Tomasci filed the complaint after the incident.

The JDL and other local citizen groups recently have been attempting to apply pressure on the El Monte city officials in an effort to oust the Nazis, who call themselves the National Socialist White People's Party, from their El Monte headquarters. A rock and bottle-throwing melee erupted Jan. 30 at the headquarters site after the JDL marched past the swastika-decked building and dispersed. Forty persons were arrested and jailed on various charges, however, as violence broke out between spectators and the uniformed Nazis, some carrying rifles.

### UJA, IBO, FUND DRIVES BOOSTED BY SAPIR, PINCUS, DAYAN TOURS

NEW YORK, Feb. 16 (JTA)--Israeli Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir returned to Israel today after a round of appearances in major American cities on behalf of the 1972 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal and the Israel Bond Organization. Highlighting his two-week tour was a dramatic closed circuit radio broadcast from New York on Feb. 6 to thousands of Jewish community leaders in 130 cities throughout the country. Sapir answered questions following an address by Louis Pincus, Chairman of the Jewish Agency. The increased immigration of the Jews from the Soviet Union was the principal focus of Sapir's and Pincus' remarks.

The broadcast also included an address by UJA General Chairman Paul Zuckerman. The closed circuit broadcast was chaired by Max M. Fisher, president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. "With 70,000 new immigrants expected in Israel in 1972 this campaign becomes one of the most critical in the history of the UJA," Zuckerman said. "This new development is a blessing--but an expensive one. The people of Israel are more hard-pressed than ever to pay the price of their survival," he said. "The cost of absorbing these new immigrants so that they may have full and useful lives, in freedom, must be borne in large measure by the Jews of the United States through the UJA."

Zuckerman, commenting today on the appearance of Israel's Defense Minister Moshe Dayan at major UJA dinners said his presence and his ur-

gent message "set new levels of giving at Pace Setters' meetings in the three largest Jewish communities in the United States. The response of the leaders present at these meetings augurs well for the success of the campaign in these critical times." Dayan returned to Israel several days ago.

### CORRECTION

Due to an error in transmission the Wednesday Daily News Bulletin stated that the reimbursement to Israel for the Mirage jets will be \$137 million. The correct figure should have been \$75 million.

### NIXON URGED TO EXPRESS CONCERN FOR SOVIET JEWS WHEN HE VISITS USSR

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 16 (JTA)--Both houses of the Indiana General Assembly have passed resolutions urging President Nixon to "express his humanitarian concern and the concern of the people of Indiana, for the Jews of the Soviet Union," when he meets with the Soviet leaders this May.

The resolutions note the restrictions placed on Soviet Jews wanting to learn and transmit their religion and culture, call attention to the imprisonment of Soviet Jews and mention the limitations on emigration to Israel. Among the four legislators co-sponsoring the resolutions were a Roman Catholic priest and a Black.

### POWER OUT, BUT JTA GETS NEWS

NEW YORK, Feb. 16 (JTA)--There were no news transmissions today from Israel and Europe to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in New York because of massive power cuts in Britain due to the five-week strike of coal miners. News stories from Israel and Europe are transmitted to the JTA London Bureau which in turn is retransmitting to New York. To keep readers and subscribers abreast of the latest developments in Israel and Europe, the JTA in New York instituted emergency technical facilities to obtain the latest news. This will continue until the power is restored in Britain.

### 23 MOSCOW JEWS PROTEST DEATH OF JEWISH TEENAGER IN TOULOUSE

NEW YORK, Feb. 16 (JTA)--Twenty-three Moscow Jews have written what they call a "sharp" protest to the mayor of Toulouse, France, over the death of 14-year-old Roger Allouche following alleged beatings by anti-Semitic schoolmates. The Muscovites, the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry reported today, said the incident was significant in that France has had a tradition of "reason and humanism." They noted that "assimilation is not protection against anti-Semitism," apparently a reference to the fact that Allouche attended a Jesuit school. The Toulouse authorities and French Jewish groups are investigating the death of Allouche, who was buried Jan. 31.

### ISRAEL TRADE FAIR IN ADDIS ABABA

JERUSALEM, Feb. 16 (JTA)--The largest trade fair ever sponsored by Israel in another country was formally opened by Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia in Addis Ababa last night. The fair, organized by the Israel Fairs and Exhibitions Corp., contains displays by over 100 Israeli companies of commercial and industrial products. One of the main attractions is a model of the satellite communications station under construction in the Jerusalem area.

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Student and faculty protests against the Nazi recruiting ads in "The Chronicle" were countered by co-editor Adrienne Flipse with the same arguments for "freedom of expression" offered by Dean Luiso. One of the ads contained the slogan "Hitler Was Right, White Men Unite." Miss Flipse refused to ban a similar ad to appear in the next issue.

According to Rabbi Wolf, her co-editors are "split down the middle" on the issue. Rabbi Wolf said the Hillel Foundation is working with student and faculty groups to bring campus and community pressure to bear on the university administration to remove the source of provocation. He said Hillel's policy originally was to avoid publicity because "that's what Kerr wants" but this changed after a faculty member informed newspapers of the episode.

According to the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League's records, Kerr became involved in 1969 with the National Renaissance Party of James Madole, a professional anti-Semite and hate monger whose national headquarters is located in the Yorkville section of New York. Kerr became a section leader in New Jersey and a "security echelon leader" in 1971 when the party extended its activities to Long Island. He enrolled at Hofstra in Sept. 1971 and, according to the ADL, became associated shortly thereafter with the National Socialist White People's Party.

## JARRING-GHALEB PARLEY NOT CONFIRMED

JERUSALEM, Feb. 16 (JTA)--United Nations peace emissary Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring was expected to be in Cairo on Friday to meet with Egyptian Foreign Minister Murad Ghaleb, according to this morning's Al Ahran, the semi-official Cairo daily. The report could not be confirmed here by tonight. Al Ahran said there was actually little hope for a resumption of the Jarring mission, what with the intermediary still maintaining that Israel must give a prior commitment to withdraw and Israel continuing to reject that requirement.

## ESSO-STANDARD OIL CO. DENIES DISCRIMINATION AGAINST JEWS

JOHANNESBURG, Feb. 16 (JTA)--The Esso-Standard Oil Co. of South Africa denied today that it has a policy against hiring Jews. The denial by the firm's managing director, E. Hartman, followed publication of a story in the Sunday Express last week that Sharon Harber was refused a job because she is Jewish.

The paper claimed that Miss Harber said she was told this point blank by the Esso official who interviewed her. The Express also quoted an employment agency official who said an Esso spokesman told him when he inquired about Miss Harber, "You know we don't take Jews."

Hartman said the company official who interviewed the girl had no authority to make such a statement. He said that Esso South Africa, like its parent body in the United States, had no discriminatory policies in employment and that in fact it had employed Jews. One of them, I. Ber-

man, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he worked for Esso South Africa in 1969-1970 and that relations had been most cordial. He said there was never a question of discrimination.

#### GOVERNMENT PLANS TO SPEED UP DEVELOPMENT OF SHARM EL-SHEIKH SETTLEMENTS

TEL AVIV, Feb. 16 (JTA)--Minister Without Portfolio Israel Galili said today that the government plans to speed up the development of Israeli settlements in the Sharm el-Sheikh area and may increase the number of housing units scheduled to be built there. Galili, who heads the ministerial committee on settlement, visited the area in southern Sinai yesterday. He said the 90 housing units already started were not enough because many more Israelis want to settle in Sharm el-Sheikh. Galili said that during his trip he was acquainted with the needs of the Daheb and Neviot, settlements on the Sinai shore of the Gulf of Aqaba which are being developed as agricultural settlements and tourist resorts.

#### Trial Balloon Lofted?

#### SOVIET SHIP ANSWERS DISTRESS CALL FROM ISRAELI FREIGHTER

LONDON, Feb. 16 (JTA)--A routine incident at sea, reported in an obscure Soviet medical journal, is being viewed by observers in Moscow as a possible trial balloon lofted by Kremlin leaders to test the possibility of improved relations with Israel. The incident involved the response of a Soviet ship to a medical distress call from an Israeli freighter in the mid-Pacific recently. The doctor of the Russian ship, a woman, boarded the Israeli vessel to treat an injured seaman.

Such incidents at sea are commonplace. The fact that it was the subject of an article in the Medical Gazette two weeks ago seemed to be of significance to Jews and others in the USSR. The headline over the article, "Ships Change Course" seemed to them to have political significance in line with the fact that the article appeared just as President Anwar Sadat of Egypt arrived in Moscow for talks on the Middle East.

The name of the ship's doctor suggested that she was of Jewish origin and the article noted that the ship concerned belonged to a nation "with whom better relations could be desired." That in itself appeared to be an unusual formulation with reference to Israel. Students of the Soviet Press have long noted that important policy changes are often hinted at first in second rank newspapers so that reaction can be gauged on a small scale before the leadership commits itself. The "balloon" can easily be hauled down if it is seriously challenged.

The article in the Medical Gazette was filed by its correspondent in Vladivostok. It reported that the Israeli crew experienced a change of heart toward the Russians and appreciated the doctor's dedication and good intentions. "So it should be," he wrote, adding, "Soviet humanism carried the day."

#### RABIN: NO SHORTCUTS TO MIDEAST PEACE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (JTA)--Israeli Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin last night told the more than 300 women from 27 states attending the National Council of Jewish Women's four-day institute on local, national and international issues that there are no "shortcuts" to a Middle East peace. He declared that he did not believe the manner in which UN representative Gunnar V. Jarring is proceeding for an overall settlement will succeed, but considered that a partial agreement, such as solving the way for reopening the Suez Canal is a "realistic" way. Solving one problem will help to erode the suspicion and

hate rather than having a meaningless piece of paper, Rabin said. Israel, he added, cannot accept the borders of the past as its boundary lines of the future.

#### FOREST HILLS PROJECT CONSTRUCTION ORDERED HALTED; CITY TO APPEAL DECISION

NEW YORK, Feb. 16 (JTA)--Manhattan State Supreme Court Justice Irving H. Saypol today ordered that construction of the controversial public housing project in Forest Hills, Queens, be halted. Saypol described the project's design as "a defective plan" which does not resemble the original design for the project. He said the changes in the plan were made without a duly-called public hearing.

City Corporation Counsel J. Lee Rankin said the city will appeal the decision to the Appellate division of the state's highest court "at the earliest possible date." A spokesman for the Housing Authority expressed optimism that a stay would be granted to forestall execution of Saypol's order pending the appeal's outcome.

The Housing Authority spokesman asserted that there is "no major variance" between the current plans for the 840-unit low-income project and those formally adopted in 1966. Only the number and size of the proposed buildings were altered, he said, noting that three 24-story structures are now planned instead of one 22-story, three 12-story and three 10-story buildings.

#### Civil Rights, Jewish Leaders To Meet

But, the HA spokesman explained, all other aspects of the project--including the total number of units, the number to be allocated to low-income and elderly tenants, and the project's density--are "all virtually the same" as in the original plans. "Federal cost limitations" dictated the changes that were made, he said, and he added that the "original language (of the designs) is general enough to permit" such variance. He said the changes were "normal procedure."

Meanwhile, it was learned that leaders of civil rights organizations and local Jewish groups will meet for the first time Friday at Gracie Mansion to discuss the Forest Hills controversy. Those attending the session will include Roy Wilkins, executive director of the NAACP, Vernon E. Jordan, Jr., director of the National Urban League, and a delegation of four or five rabbis and Jewish lay leaders from the Forest Hills area.

Reacting to the court order calling a halt to the project's construction, Edward D. Moldover, president of the New York Chapter of the American Jewish Committee, said Saypol's decision "could provide a golden opportunity for our city to compose differences, to restore communication and rebuild harmonious relationships between our citizens. Certainly," he continued, "it is far better for the court to resolve the current issues than for them to be argued in the streets."

#### SDP HAILS BRANDT'S UPCOMING VISIT TO ISRAEL

BONN, Feb. 16 (JTA)--West Germany's governing Social Democratic Party gave its formal blessing to Chancellor Willy Brandt's forthcoming visit to Israel. A statement issued by the party which is headed by Brandt, took note of the special relationship that exists between West Germany and Israel against "the background of the incomprehensible wrong done to the Jews in the name of the German people." The statement noted that "The visit by Brandt to Israel will not close, by any means, this dark chapter in the history of the two peoples. Many things will still have to be done before this is so. Brandt seems to be the right man to do it."

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Signing for their respective governments were Dr. Hannah and Pinhas Sapir, Finance Minister of Israel. Signing contracts for the loans were Moshe J. Mann, managing director of Tehafot, the government-controlled Israel Mortgage Bank, and Bryce Curry and Kenneth Myers, presidents respectively of the Federal Home Loan Banks of New York and Boston. Myers told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency later that the loans will be made by 200 private US savings and loan associations in average amounts of \$250,000 each. Present at the ceremony was Israel's Ambassador to the US, Yitzhak Rabin.

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### JDL'ER CHARGED WITH ASSAULT AGAINST HEAD OF NAZI GROUP

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 16 (JTA)--Irving S. Rubin, 26, West Coast coordinator of the Jewish Defense League, has been arrested on a charge of assault with intent to commit murder against the Los Angeles County head of the American Nazi Party. He is free on bail after surrendering to authorities. Nazi leader Joseph Tomasci, 21, filed a complaint early this month charging Rubin with firing "several" shots at the Nazi's car two days after a mass JDL-sponsored demonstration Jan. 30 in front of the party's headquarters in El Monte, a Los Angeles suburb.

Tomasci, who lives at the Nazi headquarters, told police he recognized Rubin as the man who fired shots at his car as he returned home from a Los Angeles television station Feb. 1. Rubin and Tomasci were scheduled to appear on a local TV talk show but became involved in a loud verbal argument. Tomasci told police Rubin threw hot coffee at him.

The complaint against Rubin, which has been forwarded to the Los Angeles County district attorney's office for further action, also charges that as Tomasci was driving home from the television station he was fired upon from a passing vehicle. The Nazi leader reported that only one shot struck his car and that he was not injured. Tomasci filed the complaint after the incident.

The JDL and other local citizen groups recently have been attempting to apply pressure on the El Monte city officials in an effort to oust the Nazis, who call themselves the National Socialist White People's Party, from their El Monte headquarters. A rock and bottle-throwing melee erupted Jan. 30 at the headquarters site after the JDL marched past the swastika-decked building and dispersed. Forty persons were arrested and jailed on various charges, however, as violence broke out between spectators and the uniformed Nazis, some carrying rifles.

### UJA, IBO, FUND DRIVES BOOSTED BY SAPIR, PINCUS, DAYAN TOURS

NEW YORK, Feb. 16 (JTA)--Israeli Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir returned to Israel today after a round of appearances in major American cities on behalf of the 1972 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal and the Israel Bond Organization. Highlighting his two-week tour was a dramatic closed circuit radio broadcast from New York on Feb. 6 to thousands of Jewish community leaders in 130 cities throughout the country. Sapir answered questions following an address by Louis Pincus, Chairman of the Jewish Agency. The increased immigration of the Jews from the Soviet Union was the principal focus of Sapir's and Pincus' remarks.

The broadcast also included an address by UJA General Chairman Paul Zuckerman. The closed circuit broadcast was chaired by Max M. Fisher, president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. "With 70,000 new immigrants expected in Israel in 1972 this campaign becomes one of the most critical in the history of the UJA," Zuckerman said. "This new development is a blessing--but an expensive one. The people of Israel are more hard-pressed than ever to pay the price of their survival," he said. "The cost of absorbing these new immigrants so that they may have full and useful lives, in freedom, must be borne in large measure by the Jews of the United States through the UJA."

Zuckerman, commenting today on the appearance of Israel's Defense Minister Moshe Dayan at major UJA dinners said his presence and his ur-

gent message "set new levels of giving at Pace Setters' meetings in the three largest Jewish communities in the United States. The response of the leaders present at these meetings augurs well for the success of the campaign in these critical times." Dayan returned to Israel several days ago.

### CORRECTION

Due to an error in transmission the Wednesday Daily News Bulletin stated that the reimbursement to Israel for the Mirage jets will be \$137 million. The correct figure should have been \$75 million.

### NIXON URGED TO EXPRESS CONCERN FOR SOVIET JEWS WHEN HE VISITS USSR

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 16 (JTA)--Both houses of the Indiana General Assembly have passed resolutions urging President Nixon to "express his humanitarian concern and the concern of the people of Indiana, for the Jews of the Soviet Union," when he meets with the Soviet leaders this May.

The resolutions note the restrictions placed on Soviet Jews wanting to learn and transmit their religion and culture, call attention to the imprisonment of Soviet Jews and mention the limitations on emigration to Israel. Among the four legislators co-sponsoring the resolutions were a Roman Catholic priest and a Black.

### POWER OUT, BUT JTA GETS NEWS

NEW YORK, Feb. 16 (JTA)--There were no news transmissions today from Israel and Europe to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in New York because of massive power cuts in Britain due to the five-week strike of coal miners. News stories from Israel and Europe are transmitted to the JTA London Bureau which in turn is retransmitting to New York. To keep readers and subscribers abreast of the latest developments in Israel and Europe, the JTA in New York instituted emergency technical facilities to obtain the latest news. This will continue until the power is restored in Britain.

### 23 MOSCOW JEWS PROTEST DEATH OF JEWISH TEENAGER IN TOULOUSE

NEW YORK, Feb. 16 (JTA)--Twenty-three Moscow Jews have written what they call a "sharp" protest to the mayor of Toulouse, France, over the death of 14-year-old Roger Allouche following alleged beatings by anti-Semitic schoolmates. The Muscovites, the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry reported today, said the incident was significant in that France has had a tradition of "reason and humanism." They noted that "assimilation is not protection against anti-Semitism," apparently a reference to the fact that Allouche attended a Jesuit school. The Toulouse authorities and French Jewish groups are investigating the death of Allouche, who was buried Jan. 31.

### ISRAEL TRADE FAIR IN ADDIS ABABA

JERUSALEM, Feb. 16 (JTA)--The largest trade fair ever sponsored by Israel in another country was formally opened by Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia in Addis Ababa last night. The fair, organized by the Israel Fairs and Exhibitions Corp., contains displays by over 100 Israeli companies of commercial and industrial products. One of the main attractions is a model of the satellite communications station under construction in the Jerusalem area.

Reminder: There will be no Bulletin on Feb. 21.