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port foremen started a slow-down of their own worsening congestion in Israel's busiest harbor. The Haifa foremen acted in sympathy with foremen who started a slow-down earlier at the port of Ashdod, about 40 miles south of Haifa.

Port Authority Chairman Aharon Remez said today that he was considering asking the government to issue mandatory back-to-work orders. "We shall not tolerate a situation where every group of workers seeks its own justice, if it is justice at all," said Remez, a former Israel ambassador to Britain.

The longshoremen's slow-down created a backlog of citrus cargoes on the Haifa docks at the peak of the citrus export season. Several ships waiting for a loading berth have departed with empty holds. The Haifa dockworkers announced meanwhile that they would not work ships diverted to Haifa from Ashdod. Several factories have advised the Manufacturers Association that they were running short of raw materials due to the congestion at Haifa and may be forced to shut down unless work at the port returns to normal.

EL AL TO TRIPLE IN SIZE BY 1982
More U.S. Landing Rights Sought

NEW YORK, Feb. 17 (JTA)--By 1982, El Al Israel Airlines will have tripled in size and become complete 'round the world carrier, Mordechai Ben-Ari, El Al president, told a delegation of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations at a luncheon here. The most important problem facing El Al today, Ben-Ari said, was obtaining landing rights in cities other than New York in the United States. This, he said, is an absolute necessity to accommodate passengers from outside of New York who wish to avoid the changing of planes and terminals at John F. Kennedy International Airport.

Ben-Ari is in the US to negotiate expanded landing rights for the Israeli airline in the US. He will try to convince Federal aviation officials to extend El Al's landing rights from New York to Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago, Miami and Los Angeles. El Al has been seeking additional American landing rights for several years without success.

INFUX OF SOVIET IMMIGRANTS POSE
PROBLEMS IN EMPLOYMENT, POLITICS

TEL AVIV, Feb. 17 (JTA)--The heavy influx of Jewish immigrants from the Soviet Union is posing problems of employment and politics. The Israel Labor Party is upset over the fact that only a small number of the newcomers are joining its ranks while many more of them give their political allegiance to either the right-wing Herut opposition party or the Orthodox National Religious Party.

Yonna Kesse has resigned as chairman of the Russian Immigrants Association for "personal" reasons. It is believed, however, that he was irked by the criticism of Labor Party leaders that insufficient attention was being given the recruitment of the Russian emigres to Labor Party ranks.

Few Jobs for Specialists

At the same time, difficulties have been experienced in finding jobs for physicians and dentists arriving here from the USSR. This problem came up at a meeting of emigre physicians called by the Histadrut Slick Fund last week. A similar meeting was held by the Association of Russian Immigrants last night and another has been called by the Israel Medical Association for next week.

At the first of the meetings it was claimed that there was no employment problem for immigrating physicians because continuing immigration will increase the demand for their services. It developed,

however, that many of the doctors are specialists in fields that are not particularly needed in this country. In addition, many dentists from the USSR have been unable to find employment.

Health Minister Victor Shemtov announced last night that special courses will be given to train specialists in unwanted fields of medicine for other fields. He said absorption and re-training centers would be established at every large hospital. He also said that attempts will be made to organize dentists into cooperatives where they could set up clinics.

FUTURE OF TERRITORIES MAPPED

TEL AVIV, Feb. 17 (JTA)--An Israeli view of the eventual disposition of territories occupied in the Six-Day War was stated by certain sources here. The sources divided the territories into four categories, ranging from those from which only partial withdrawal is possible and territory which Israel will insist on retaining for security and other reasons. There was also a category on which no definite position has been formulated to date.

The sources indicated that in some instances the establishment of Israeli settlements in administered territory did not preclude eventual Israeli withdrawal but in others the settlements were established to consolidate Israel's permanent retention of the area. In the former category, the sources listed settlements such as Nahal Yam and along the Badawill Lagoon in northwest Sinai whose existence would not interfere with a decision to withdraw within the framework of an eventual peace treaty.

Security A Determining Factor

However, settlements established in the Jordan Valley and on the Golan Heights were described as serving fundamental security needs and indicate that Israel intends to remain permanently in those regions, the sources said.

Territories that Israel is not prepared to give up under any circumstances were given as East Jerusalem, the Golan Heights and the land approaches to Sharm el Sheikh in southern Sinai. No final position has been taken with regard to certain other territories where Jewish settlement has been established.

One of these is Hebron where a Jewish population existed until 1929 and the surrounding area where Jewish settlements were in existence until 1948. Whether or not Israel withdraws it will insist on the right of Jews to live in Hebron which the Orthodox regard as the second holiest city after Jerusalem, the sources said.

Strong Israel Nixon's Trump Card

Discussing global aspects of the Middle East conflict, the sources expressed the belief that a strong Israel may be President Nixon's trump card in his talks with Soviet leaders in Moscow next May. They also thought that an interim agreement with Egypt to reopen the Suez Canal held both advantages and disadvantages for Israel and for Western strategy.

They noted that once the waterway was back in use the Soviets would be in a position to expand their presence in the Indian Ocean and radically change the power balance in East Africa and on the Indian sub-continent. On the other hand, Egyptian morale would be bolstered enabling them to loosen the Russian grip. As far as Israel is concerned, withdrawal from the east bank of the Suez Canal would mean a retreat from its best natural line of defense, the sources said.

The Joint Distribution Committee has sent more than 607,500 lbs. of matzoh and matzo meal and 21,700 bottles of Passover wine to Europe and North Africa to help Jewish communities celebrate Passover properly.

YOUTH ALIYA EXPANSION POSES NEW FINANCIAL BURDENS ON MOVEMENT

LONDON, Feb. 17 (JTA)--The expansion of Youth Aliya to take on as wards 4600 disadvantaged children whose parents live in Israel and are Israeli citizens, will impose severe new financial burdens on the movement, Yosef Klarman, head of Youth Aliya and a member of the Jewish Agency executive, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in an interview this week. He said that the fact that Youth Aliya is embarking on a new course on the basis of the decisions taken at the recent 28th World Zionist Congress, did not mean that it has abandoned its established policy of caring for Jewish orphans and other children from abroad.

He said that in addition to the Israeli wards, Youth Aliya has 10,700 youngsters under its care from all over the globe. Some of them are not orphaned but were placed with Youth Aliya by their parents because of the economic or social upheaval in their respective countries. Klarman said that of the 4600 wards from Israeli families, 1500 will attend boarding schools, 2100 will be cared for in youth day centers and 1000 will reside in kibbutzim.

"Naturally, taking these children in means being responsible for their welfare and education wherever they are placed," Klarman said. "Apart from the new financial burden, it should be remembered that we have to increase the maintenance fees paid to the boarding schools and the kibbutzim and that the youth centers are more expensive now than they used to be," he said.

Klarman said Youth Aliya has "made a decisive move to improve the quality of education" received by its wards to meet the changing times. He said he was glad that the Minister of Education has loaned Youth Aliya the services of its deputy director general, Shraga Adiel, who was chairman of the committee for educational reform which has reshaped education in Israeli schools.

ISRAELI, ARAB DELEGATES CLASH AT WORLD PEACE ASSEMBLY

PARIS, Feb. 17 (JTA)--A three-day World Assembly for Peace and Independence for the Indo-Chinese Peoples was, for a while, the scene of a bitter clash between Israeli and Arab delegates. Six Israelis attended the international symposium, four of them members of the Israel Peace Movement. The Israeli delegation included one member of the Labor Party, two members of Mapam and two members of Rakach, the pro-Moscow Communist Party. None of the participants represented their parties.

The clash developed at a session of the political committee when an Algerian delegate defied the chairman's injunction that only matters relating to Vietnam be considered and launched a violent attack on Israel. The Algerian sought to establish a parallel between events in Vietnam and the Middle East and was joined by the Moroccan and Syrian delegates. He was answered by Dov Poudar of Mapam who called the Algerian's speech "racist in content and hysterically war-mongering in form."

During the three day sessions, Ben Gal met twice in the lobby with Yashaf Ossman, the delegate from the new state of Bangladesh and informed him of the activities of the Israeli Committee for Solidarity with Bangladesh. They also spoke of the work done by the French-Jewish Committee for Bangladesh. The Bangladesh delegate expressed his appreciation for the work done by both groups. The French committee has collected about \$20,000 for Bangladesh relief.

Israel's Magen David Adom will celebrate its 40th anniversary on Monday. Emanuel Celler (D.-N.Y.), board of directors chairman of the American Red Magen David, urged US Jews to give aid.

8 JEWISH GROUPS VOW ACTION AGAINST SATURDAY ANTI-POVERTY ELECTIONS

NEW YORK, Feb. 17 (JTA)--Eight major Jewish organizations yesterday told the city Council Against Poverty (CAP) they would take "all appropriate action" to "vigorously oppose" the holding of elections on Saturdays for the boards of community corporations in the city's 26 designated poverty areas. The elections are scheduled to be held in April.

In a telegram to David J. Billings 3rd, chairman of CAP, the Jewish organizations said that Saturday balloting "effectively disqualifies observant Jews from taking part" and requires them "to choose between their rights to participate in the democratic process and their religious obligations."

The message noted that CAP, the city's central anti-poverty agency, had decided last month to permit each poverty corporation to choose either a Tuesday or a Saturday for community-wide elections to its board. Noting that in the past most of those corporations had chosen Saturday--the Jewish Sabbath--for their elections, the Jewish organizations declared:

"We consider the disenfranchisement of any group to be an invasion of their civil rights. We are certain that all responsible groups in the community will rally to the support of equal voting rights for all persons. In order to protect the religious liberty and civil rights of Sabbath-observant Jews, we vigorously oppose the holding of elections on Saturdays. We intend to support this position by all appropriate action."

A spokesman for the organizations said the "appropriate action" they were considering included the possibility of legal action. The telegram was signed by: American Jewish Committee, NY Chapter; American Jewish Congress, NY Metropolitan Council; Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, NY Region; Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of NY; Jewish Community Relations Council of NY; Jewish Labor Committee, NY Chapter; National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs; and the New York Board of Rabbis.

LINDSAY CALLS FOR GLEZER'S RELEASE

NEW YORK, Feb. 17 (JTA)--Mayor John V. Lindsay said that he was "shocked" to learn of the arrest for political reasons of Ilia Glezer, a Jewish student at Moscow University. "This action of Soviet authorities is especially ominous" because "Ilia Glezer is the first Jewish activist in Moscow accused of political crimes," the Mayor said in a statement issued here.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency reported earlier that Glezer was sent to Lefortova prison in Moscow last Saturday--a jail for political offenders--after a search of his home by the KGB (secret police) yielded books on Jews and Judaic subjects. Lindsay, who is campaigning for the Democratic presidential nomination, called "on all who value human freedom to cry out against the arrest" of Glezer. The Mayor expressed the hope that Glezer's arrest "does not signal an end" to the recent Soviet relaxation of its policy on visas to Jews wishing to emigrate.

TEKOA H TO ISRAEL FOR FAMILY VISIT

UNITED NATIONS, Feb. 17 (JTA)--Israeli Ambassador Yosef Tekoa's office said today he will fly to Israel Saturday night for a "private family visit" of several days' duration because his mother-in-law is ill in Tel Aviv. The office denied a report from Jerusalem that Tekoa had asked for a holiday because no movement was noticeable in regard to the Jarring mission at this time.

JARRING NOT EXPECTED TO VISIT ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Feb. 17 (JTA)--Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring, the United Nations peace envoy for the Middle East, is not expected to come here when he visits Egypt next week, it was learned from reliable sources today. The sources noted that Israel's interest at present is focused on the American initiative to open close proximity talks between Israel and Egypt for an interim Suez accord. Top priority is being given to these efforts, the sources said. The US views are very close to those of Israel with regard to the procedures for the interim talks.

CIVIL MARRIAGE BILL DEFEATED

JERUSALEM, Feb. 17 (JTA)--A private member's bill by Uri Avneri, the maverick MK of Haolam Hazeq, calling for general civil marriage and divorce was overwhelmingly voted down by the Knesset last night. The vote was 113-3, with four abstentions. Avneri's only supporters were Shalom Cohen of Haolam Hazeq and one of the three representatives of the pro-Moscow Rakach Communists. Abstaining were two members of Mapam (the rest of the faction voted against the bill), and two of the State List. The government's case in favor of retaining halachic marriage and divorce was argued by Religious Affairs Minister Dr. Zerach Warhaftig.

NEO-FASCIST PARTY IN S. AFRICA

JOHANNESBURG, Feb. 17 (JTA)--Roberto Ascani, leader of the South African branch of the Italian neo-Fascist party MSI which opened an office here recently, believes that "if we had another Hitler today the world would be a better place." But he claims his party is not anti-Jewish, only anti-Communist. Ascani, who was quoted in an interview published in the Johannesburg Sunday Times, claims his party has several hundred members among the local Italian community. He has lived in South Africa for 12 years.

According to the Times, the local party operates under the name "The Three Color Committee for Italians All Over the World" and has as its symbol the green, white and red emblem of the Italian Fascists. The walls of Ascani's study are hung with photographs of Mussolini and other deceased Fascist leaders. He claims his party does not interfere in South African politics though it supports apartheid, the Times reported. Ascani described the late Duce as "a wonderful man."

ANTI-SEMITIC SLURS SOUNDED IN AUSTRIAN PARLIAMENT

BONN, Feb. 17 (JTA)--A debate in the Austrian parliament was ended abruptly Tuesday after the chamber echoed to the first anti-Semitic slurs heard there since the end of World War II, it was reported here today. The incident occurred during a debate on the building of a United Nations Center in Vienna. As the names of the firms commissioned for the job were read, members of the right-wing opposition Austrian Peoples Party shouted, "Jews, Jews, all of them Jews." Leopold Gratz, leader of the Socialist Party secretariat demanded an end to the debate which threatened to become openly anti-Semitic and the Speaker of the House complied.

LIPSKY DETAINED BY POLICE

TEL AVIV, Feb. 17 (JTA)--Claude Lipsky, the French-Jewish financier wanted by France in connection with a financial scandal, was detained by the police here today pending a district court decision on Paris' extradition request. The police said they feared Lipsky might try to escape.



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port foremen started a slow-down of their own worsening congestion in Israel's busiest harbor. The Haifa foremen acted in sympathy with foremen who started a slow-down earlier at the port of Ashdod, about 40 miles south of Haifa.

Port Authority Chairman Aharon Remez said today that he was considering asking the government to issue mandatory back-to-work orders. "We shall not tolerate a situation where every group of workers seeks its own justice, if it is justice at all," said Remez, a former Israel ambassador to Britain.

The longshoremen's slow-down created a backlog of citrus cargoes on the Haifa docks at the peak of the citrus export season. Several ships waiting for a loading berth have departed with empty holds. The Haifa dockworkers announced meanwhile that they would not work ships diverted to Haifa from Ashdod. Several factories have advised the Manufacturers Association that they were running short of raw materials due to the congestion at Haifa and may be forced to shut down unless work at the port returns to normal.

EL AL TO TRIPLE IN SIZE BY 1982
More U.S. Landing Rights Sought

NEW YORK, Feb. 17 (JTA)--By 1982, El Al Israel Airlines will have tripled in size and become complete 'round the world carrier, Mordechai Ben-Ari, El Al president, told a delegation of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations at a luncheon here. The most important problem facing El Al today, Ben-Ari said, was obtaining landing rights in cities other than New York in the United States. This, he said, is an absolute necessity to accommodate passengers from outside of New York who wish to avoid the changing of planes and terminals at John F. Kennedy International Airport.

Ben-Ari is in the US to negotiate expanded landing rights for the Israeli airline in the US. He will try to convince Federal aviation officials to extend El Al's landing rights from New York to Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago, Miami and Los Angeles. El Al has been seeking additional American landing rights for several years without success.

INFUX OF SOVIET IMMIGRANTS POSE
PROBLEMS IN EMPLOYMENT, POLITICS

TEL AVIV, Feb. 17 (JTA)--The heavy influx of Jewish immigrants from the Soviet Union is posing problems of employment and politics. The Israel Labor Party is upset over the fact that only a small number of the newcomers are joining its ranks while many more of them give their political allegiance to either the right-wing Herut opposition party or the Orthodox National Religious Party.

Yonna Kesse has resigned as chairman of the Russian Immigrants Association for "personal" reasons. It is believed, however, that he was irked by the criticism of Labor Party leaders that insufficient attention was being given the recruitment of the Russian emigres to Labor Party ranks.

Few Jobs for Specialists

At the same time, difficulties have been experienced in finding jobs for physicians and dentists arriving here from the USSR. This problem came up at a meeting of emigre physicians called by the Histadrut Slick Fund last week. A similar meeting was held by the Association of Russian Immigrants last night and another has been called by the Israel Medical Association for next week.

At the first of the meetings it was claimed that there was no employment problem for immigrating physicians because continuing immigration will increase the demand for their services. It developed,

however, that many of the doctors are specialists in fields that are not particularly needed in this country. In addition, many dentists from the USSR have been unable to find employment.

Health Minister Victor Shemtov announced last night that special courses will be given to train specialists in unwanted fields of medicine for other fields. He said absorption and re-training centers would be established at every large hospital. He also said that attempts will be made to organize dentists into cooperatives where they could set up clinics.

FUTURE OF TERRITORIES MAPPED

TEL AVIV, Feb. 17 (JTA)--An Israeli view of the eventual disposition of territories occupied in the Six-Day War was stated by certain sources here. The sources divided the territories into four categories, ranging from those from which only partial withdrawal is possible and territory which Israel will insist on retaining for security and other reasons. There was also a category on which no definite position has been formulated to date.

The sources indicated that in some instances the establishment of Israeli settlements in administered territory did not preclude eventual Israeli withdrawal but in others the settlements were established to consolidate Israel's permanent retention of the area. In the former category, the sources listed settlements such as Nahal Yam and along the Badawill Lagoon in northwest Sinai whose existence would not interfere with a decision to withdraw within the framework of an eventual peace treaty.

Security A Determining Factor

However, settlements established in the Jordan Valley and on the Golan Heights were described as serving fundamental security needs and indicate that Israel intends to remain permanently in those regions, the sources said.

Territories that Israel is not prepared to give up under any circumstances were given as East Jerusalem, the Golan Heights and the land approaches to Sharm el Sheikh in southern Sinai. No final position has been taken with regard to certain other territories where Jewish settlement has been established.

One of these is Hebron where a Jewish population existed until 1929 and the surrounding area where Jewish settlements were in existence until 1948. Whether or not Israel withdraws it will insist on the right of Jews to live in Hebron which the Orthodox regard as the second holiest city after Jerusalem, the sources said.

Strong Israel Nixon's Trump Card

Discussing global aspects of the Middle East conflict, the sources expressed the belief that a strong Israel may be President Nixon's trump card in his talks with Soviet leaders in Moscow next May. They also thought that an interim agreement with Egypt to reopen the Suez Canal held both advantages and disadvantages for Israel and for Western strategy.

They noted that once the waterway was back in use the Soviets would be in a position to expand their presence in the Indian Ocean and radically change the power balance in East Africa and on the Indian sub-continent. On the other hand, Egyptian morale would be bolstered enabling them to loosen the Russian grip. As far as Israel is concerned, withdrawal from the east bank of the Suez Canal would mean a retreat from its best natural line of defense, the sources said.

The Joint Distribution Committee has sent more than 607,500 lbs. of matzoh and matzo meal and 21,700 bottles of Passover wine to Europe and North Africa to help Jewish communities celebrate Passover properly.

YOUTH ALIYA EXPANSION POSES NEW FINANCIAL BURDENS ON MOVEMENT

LONDON, Feb. 17 (JTA)--The expansion of Youth Aliya to take on as wards 4600 disadvantaged children whose parents live in Israel and are Israeli citizens, will impose severe new financial burdens on the movement, Yosef Klarman, head of Youth Aliya and a member of the Jewish Agency executive, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in an interview this week. He said that the fact that Youth Aliya is embarking on a new course on the basis of the decisions taken at the recent 28th World Zionist Congress, did not mean that it has abandoned its established policy of caring for Jewish orphans and other children from abroad.

He said that in addition to the Israeli wards, Youth Aliya has 10,700 youngsters under its care from all over the globe. Some of them are not orphaned but were placed with Youth Aliya by their parents because of the economic or social upheaval in their respective countries. Klarman said that of the 4600 wards from Israeli families, 1500 will attend boarding schools, 2100 will be cared for in youth day centers and 1000 will reside in kibbutzim.

"Naturally, taking these children in means being responsible for their welfare and education wherever they are placed," Klarman said. "Apart from the new financial burden, it should be remembered that we have to increase the maintenance fees paid to the boarding schools and the kibbutzim and that the youth centers are more expensive now than they used to be," he said.

Klarman said Youth Aliya has "made a decisive move to improve the quality of education" received by its wards to meet the changing times. He said he was glad that the Minister of Education has loaned Youth Aliya the services of its deputy director general, Shraga Adiel, who was chairman of the committee for educational reform which has reshaped education in Israeli schools.

ISRAELI, ARAB DELEGATES CLASH AT WORLD PEACE ASSEMBLY

PARIS, Feb. 17 (JTA)--A three-day World Assembly for Peace and Independence for the Indo-Chinese Peoples was, for a while, the scene of a bitter clash between Israeli and Arab delegates. Six Israelis attended the international symposium, four of them members of the Israel Peace Movement. The Israeli delegation included one member of the Labor Party, two members of Mapam and two members of Rakach, the pro-Moscow Communist Party. None of the participants represented their parties.

The clash developed at a session of the political committee when an Algerian delegate defied the chairman's injunction that only matters relating to Vietnam be considered and launched a violent attack on Israel. The Algerian sought to establish a parallel between events in Vietnam and the Middle East and was joined by the Moroccan and Syrian delegates. He was answered by Dov Poudar of Mapam who called the Algerian's speech "racist in content and hysterically war-mongering in form."

During the three day sessions, Ben Gal met twice in the lobby with Yashaf Ossman, the delegate from the new state of Bangladesh and informed him of the activities of the Israeli Committee for Solidarity with Bangladesh. They also spoke of the work done by the French-Jewish Committee for Bangladesh. The Bangladesh delegate expressed his appreciation for the work done by both groups. The French committee has collected about \$20,000 for Bangladesh relief.

Israel's Magen David Adom will celebrate its 40th anniversary on Monday. Emanuel Celler (D.-N.Y.), board of directors chairman of the American Red Magen David, urged US Jews to give aid.

8 JEWISH GROUPS VOW ACTION AGAINST SATURDAY ANTI-POVERTY ELECTIONS

NEW YORK, Feb. 17 (JTA)--Eight major Jewish organizations yesterday told the city Council Against Poverty (CAP) they would take "all appropriate action" to "vigorously oppose" the holding of elections on Saturdays for the boards of community corporations in the city's 26 designated poverty areas. The elections are scheduled to be held in April.

In a telegram to David J. Billings 3rd, chairman of CAP, the Jewish organizations said that Saturday balloting "effectively disqualifies observant Jews from taking part" and requires them "to choose between their rights to participate in the democratic process and their religious obligations."

The message noted that CAP, the city's central anti-poverty agency, had decided last month to permit each poverty corporation to choose either a Tuesday or a Saturday for community-wide elections to its board. Noting that in the past most of those corporations had chosen Saturday--the Jewish Sabbath--for their elections, the Jewish organizations declared:

"We consider the disenfranchisement of any group to be an invasion of their civil rights. We are certain that all responsible groups in the community will rally to the support of equal voting rights for all persons. In order to protect the religious liberty and civil rights of Sabbath-observant Jews, we vigorously oppose the holding of elections on Saturdays. We intend to support this position by all appropriate action."

A spokesman for the organizations said the "appropriate action" they were considering included the possibility of legal action. The telegram was signed by: American Jewish Committee, NY Chapter; American Jewish Congress, NY Metropolitan Council; Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, NY Region; Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of NY; Jewish Community Relations Council of NY; Jewish Labor Committee, NY Chapter; National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs; and the New York Board of Rabbis.

LINDSAY CALLS FOR GLEZER'S RELEASE

NEW YORK, Feb. 17 (JTA)--Mayor John V. Lindsay said that he was "shocked" to learn of the arrest for political reasons of Ilia Glezer, a Jewish student at Moscow University. "This action of Soviet authorities is especially ominous" because "Ilia Glezer is the first Jewish activist in Moscow accused of political crimes," the Mayor said in a statement issued here.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency reported earlier that Glezer was sent to Lefortova prison in Moscow last Saturday--a jail for political offenders--after a search of his home by the KGB (secret police) yielded books on Jews and Judaic subjects. Lindsay, who is campaigning for the Democratic presidential nomination, called "on all who value human freedom to cry out against the arrest" of Glezer. The Mayor expressed the hope that Glezer's arrest "does not signal an end" to the recent Soviet relaxation of its policy on visas to Jews wishing to emigrate.

TEKOA H TO ISRAEL FOR FAMILY VISIT

UNITED NATIONS, Feb. 17 (JTA)--Israeli Ambassador Yosef Tekoa's office said today he will fly to Israel Saturday night for a "private family visit" of several days' duration because his mother-in-law is ill in Tel Aviv. The office denied a report from Jerusalem that Tekoa had asked for a holiday because no movement was noticeable in regard to the Jarring mission at this time.

JARRING NOT EXPECTED TO VISIT ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Feb. 17 (JTA)--Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring, the United Nations peace envoy for the Middle East, is not expected to come here when he visits Egypt next week, it was learned from reliable sources today. The sources noted that Israel's interest at present is focused on the American initiative to open close proximity talks between Israel and Egypt for an interim Suez accord. Top priority is being given to these efforts, the sources said. The US views are very close to those of Israel with regard to the procedures for the interim talks.

CIVIL MARRIAGE BILL DEFEATED

JERUSALEM, Feb. 17 (JTA)--A private member's bill by Uri Avneri, the maverick MK of Haolam Hazeq, calling for general civil marriage and divorce was overwhelmingly voted down by the Knesset last night. The vote was 113-3, with four abstentions. Avneri's only supporters were Shalom Cohen of Haolam Hazeq and one of the three representatives of the pro-Moscow Rakach Communists. Abstaining were two members of Mapam (the rest of the faction voted against the bill), and two of the State List. The government's case in favor of retaining halachic marriage and divorce was argued by Religious Affairs Minister Dr. Zerach Warhaftig.

NEO-FASCIST PARTY IN S. AFRICA

JOHANNESBURG, Feb. 17 (JTA)--Roberto Ascani, leader of the South African branch of the Italian neo-Fascist party MSI which opened an office here recently, believes that "if we had another Hitler today the world would be a better place." But he claims his party is not anti-Jewish, only anti-Communist. Ascani, who was quoted in an interview published in the Johannesburg Sunday Times, claims his party has several hundred members among the local Italian community. He has lived in South Africa for 12 years.

According to the Times, the local party operates under the name "The Three Color Committee for Italians All Over the World" and has as its symbol the green, white and red emblem of the Italian Fascists. The walls of Ascani's study are hung with photographs of Mussolini and other deceased Fascist leaders. He claims his party does not interfere in South African politics though it supports apartheid, the Times reported. Ascani described the late Duce as "a wonderful man."

ANTI-SEMITIC SLURS SOUNDED IN AUSTRIAN PARLIAMENT

BONN, Feb. 17 (JTA)--A debate in the Austrian parliament was ended abruptly Tuesday after the chamber echoed to the first anti-Semitic slurs heard there since the end of World War II, it was reported here today. The incident occurred during a debate on the building of a United Nations Center in Vienna. As the names of the firms commissioned for the job were read, members of the right-wing opposition Austrian Peoples Party shouted, "Jews, Jews, all of them Jews." Leopold Gratz, leader of the Socialist Party secretariat demanded an end to the debate which threatened to become openly anti-Semitic and the Speaker of the House complied.

LIPSKY DETAINED BY POLICE

TEL AVIV, Feb. 17 (JTA)--Claude Lipsky, the French-Jewish financier wanted by France in connection with a financial scandal, was detained by the police here today pending a district court decision on Paris' extradition request. The police said they feared Lipsky might try to escape.