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The cancellation was announced in an advertisement published on the front pages of Montreal newspapers today. After expressing regrets to ticket holders, the Board of Directors of the Saidye Bronfman Center noted that the play, scheduled as part of the Center's current program on the theme of the holocaust, "has aroused deep and painful emotional reactions among many members of the community, particularly those pitiful few who survived that most terrible ordeal but who still bear its scars."

The announcement said that "It was out of respect and compassion for the feelings of those survivors who live among us, as well as in response to the stated desire of the majority of the community to spare them further suffering that the Board of Directors decided to cancel the production."

Author Blames 'Stupid Jews'

Author Robert Shaw, a British actor and playwright whose outspokenness on many issues has made him a controversial figure, waxed emotional himself over the cancellation. "It is only the stupid Jews who get emotional about the German thing in it (the play). Intelligent Jews are terribly moved by it," Shaw said in an interview published today in the Montreal Star. He denied that the play was "pro-German" or "anti-Semitic."

"The Man in the Glass Booth" had a successful run on Broadway and was performed in London and in Israel without stirring serious protests. It deals with the capture of an alleged Nazi mass murderer who is put on trial in Israel, ensconced in a glass booth for his protection. Parallels were drawn with the real life trial of Adolf Eichmann, but the Shaw play offers a final twist that raises unexpected aspects of guilt and responsibility.

NO WORD ON JARRING'S OUTLOOK

JERUSALEM, Feb. 27 (JTA)--A meeting between Acting Premier Yigal Allon, Foreign Minister Abba Eban and Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring ended Friday with no official indication that the United Nations' emissary had changed his demand that Israel commit itself to withdrawal before negotiations with Egypt begin. After his half-day visit here, Dr. Jarring proceeded to Geneva where he was scheduled to report to UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim.

(At the UN in New York, sources speculated that Dr. Jarring would suggest submitting a new questionnaire to Cairo and Jerusalem to supplant

his Feb. 8, 1971 aide memoire which demanded Israel's withdrawal. According to the sources, he may now tone down his earlier demand and instead seek an Israeli commitment that it does not intend to annex any territories.)

Dr. Jarring told correspondents on emerging from the Premier's office that his talks here had been useful and that his mission would continue. His remark that there have been periods of "greater" and "lesser" intensity during his mission was taken by observers as a hint that a period of "lesser intensity" lies ahead.

JOSEPH SAPHIR, LIBERAL PARTY CHAIRMAN, MEMBER OF KNESSET, DIES AT 70

TEL AVIV, Feb. 27 (JTA)--Funeral services will be held in Petach Tikva Tuesday for Joseph Saphir, a former Cabinet minister, member of the Knesset and chairman of the Liberal Party, who died yesterday in Australia where he was visiting as a member of a Knesset delegation. He was 70. His coffin will arrive here tomorrow accompanied by two members of the delegation, Knesset Speaker Reuben Barkat and MK Moshe Baran. Mr. Saphir, born in Jaffa, was a fourth generation Sabra whose parents were among the founders of Petach Tikva, a town in Israel's citrus belt.

He was trained as a farmer, educated at the Teachers Seminary and became a leader of the Farmers Association, the Citrus Growers Association and the General Zionist Party. He was president of the Petach Tikva Town Council and served as Mayor from 1941-50. Following the establishment of the State, Mr. Saphir emerged as a leader of the middle-road Liberal Party. He was elected to the Knesset in 1949, served as Minister of Transport in the Ben-Gurion Cabinet from 1952-55 and as a Minister-Without-Portfolio in the national unity coalition government formed by the late Premier Levi Eshkol in June, 1967.

Mr. Saphir was one of the Liberal Party leaders who fostered the alignment with the Herut faction to form Gahal, Israel's principal opposition party. His death occurred at a time of growing friction between Liberals and Herut members and some political observers believe that the loss of his leadership will further the trend, headed by Aryeh Dultzin, toward a Liberal split with Herut.

Israel Bond Goal: \$450M In 1972

\$126,460,000 RAISED IN PRE-INAUGURAL SALE

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Feb. 27 (JTA)--Subscriptions for Israel Bonds from communities in the United States and Canada in the unprecedented amount of \$126,460,000 initiated the 1972 campaign to raise a record sum of \$450 million for the economic absorption of a rising number of immigrants to Israel, Israel Bond Organization officials announced here yesterday. The announcement of the large pre-inaugural sale was made by Sam Rothberg, general chairman of the Israel Bond Organization, at an international inaugural dinner last night attended by more than 1,700 delegates.

Rothberg attributed the increased result to "the intense concern of American Jewry for the resettlement of Russian Jews who are now being permitted to leave for Israel in larger numbers than ever before." Rothberg characterized the record sale as "the kind of action which reaffirms our pride as Jews and as partners in the building of Israel."

Former Israeli Chief of Staff Gen. Haim Barlev, who was the guest of honor at the dinner last night, asserted that unless world Jewry was prepared to extend the fullest measure of financial support, Israel would not be able to fulfill its mis-

sion of absorbing an increased number of immigrants and meeting the needs for its security. "The responsibility of saving Jews and resettling them in Israel at this time belongs in the largest measure to the Jewish people everywhere. We cannot carry much of this burden in a period of crisis," Barlev declared.

Ira Gulden, president of the Israel Bond Organization, emphasized that the security of Israel was a matter of deep concern, not only to Jews but to the American people as a whole who "recognize that Israel and the United States have a common interest in preserving the forces of freedom in the Mediterranean."

Officers Named To Conduct 1972 Campaign

Israel's Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir stated today in a cable to the Bond conference that he has submitted a new development budget amounting to \$500 million. He said the Israel Bond campaign would have to provide 90 percent of this budget--\$450 million--if the projects included in it are to be financed.

Sapir indicated to the conference, which concludes today, that the largest item in the new development budget is \$207 million for the Israel government's share of the construction of housing, primarily for new immigrants, and that \$47.8 million was allocated for industrial development to create jobs for the newcomers. Promotion of agricultural development, transportation and exploitation of natural resources are other items in the new budget.

In a resolution summing up the objectives of the 1972 Israel Bond Conference, the delegates here pledged "our unbroken solidarity and our undivided energy to the fulfillment of Israel's three basic needs of 1972: a strong economy to prevent another war, economic expansion to provide housing and jobs for an increased number of immigrants from Russia and upgrading the housing and economic opportunities of the disadvantaged sector of the population."

Officers named at the conference to conduct this year's campaign include: Ira Gulden of New York; Sam Rothberg of Peoria, Ill.; Abraham Feinberg of New York, chairman of the Board of Directors; Jack D. Weller of New York, secretary-treasurer; Leo Bernstein of New York, executive vice-president and chief executive officer; Louis H. Boyer of Los Angeles, chairman of the Board of Governors; Julian B. Venezky of Peoria, national chairman for regions; and Mrs. Jan Pearce of New York, chairman of the National Women's Division.

FOUR JEWS ARRESTED IN KIEV

NEW YORK, Feb. 27 (JTA)--Soviet police arrested two of 30 Jews gathered at the Kiev synagogue yesterday and then seized two more as the remaining 28 headed toward the Kiev Central Committee to protest the initial arrests, the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry reported today. It was the second consecutive weekend marked by the arrests of Jews at the synagogue.

Mark Yampolsky and Dom Smuckler were the two arrested there yesterday and Prof. Vladimir Barbov and his son Boris were the ones taken on the way to the Central Committee. All four were charged with resisting the authorities, as were four Jews arrested a week ago who are still in police custody. Following yesterday's arrests, six Kiev Jews sent a telegram to Soviet President Nikolai V. Podgorny "protesting the arbitrariness of the Soviet police's arrest procedures," and demanded the release of all eight Jews arrested. Mrs. Barbov sent a similar telegram.

RIVLIN: UJA 1972 EFFORTS TOP PRIORITY; SOME 40,000 OLIM FROM USSR EXPECTED

NEW YORK, Feb. 27 (JTA)--Israel views the efforts of the United Jewish Appeal in 1972 "as the top-rated priority of Jewish effort in this or any other country on behalf of the great miracle of aliya of Soviet Jews and others." This view was stated here Thursday night by David Rivlin, Israel's Consul General in New York.

Addressing 117 representatives of 49 grassroots national, regional and city organizations at a meeting at the Consulate General of Israel convened jointly by the Consulate and the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York, Rivlin emphasized the tremendous cost of transportation and absorption--\$35,000 for the first year for a family of four. He said, "We hope for 35-40,000 olim from the Soviet Union alone. Our (financial) needs are staggering."

But, he emphasized, "If we Jewish people of the free countries, of Israel, cannot absorb these people; if they become disenchanted, disillusioned, bitter and frustrated--and even only a small portion return--it will mean the greatest defeat of everything we prayed for, demonstrated for, worked for and fought for." It will be a betrayal of those Jews still in the Soviet Union who demonstrate and demand the right to emigrate to Israel at great danger to themselves, he said. It will be a letdown for Israel, for "everyone who deserves the name of Jew, of Jewish."

Herbert Tenzer, president of the UJA of Greater New York, declared that Israel is committed to "take in every Jew" who wishes to come, and "30,000 Jews (the minimum hoped for in 1972) at \$7,500 per head, that comes to \$225 million." Tenzer reported that in 1971 his organization raised \$73 million. In August, it set a 1972 goal of \$105 million; but because of Israel's increasing need, the goal was increased to \$150 million.

"This means that we have to double our gifts," he said, adding, "of the \$73 million we raised last year, 73 percent was donated by 3,500 people." Only 150,000 of the 800,000 Jewish families in the metropolitan area gave to UJA, he observed. "We can't ask everyone to double the amount of their donations," he said. "We have got to double the number of our donors."

FIRST JEW IN 150 YEARS NAMED JUDGE ON MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 27 (JTA)--Solbert M. Wasserstrom a local lawyer, has been named a judge on the Missouri Court of Appeals. Appointed by Governor Warren E. Hearnes, he is believed to be the first Jew appointed to that court in the more than 150 years of Missouri statehood. The new judge, who has been a partner in the firm of Rosenwald, Wasserstrom and Jacob, has been an active member of Temple B'nai Jehudah, serving on its board of trustees for 12 years.

Wasserstrom was also a member for 10 years of the National Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism. A graduate of the University of Missouri School of Law, he was on the legal staff of the National Labor Relations Board in Washington, D.C. for several years. He was selected for the Court of Appeals from a panel of three lawyers nominated by the Appellate Judicial Commission.

WEISMAN: ZOA WILL NOT BE INTIMIDATED IN DECISION TO WITHDRAW FROM AZF

NEW YORK, Feb. 27 (JTA)--Herman L. Weisman, president of the Zionist Organization of America, said today that the ZOA "will not be intimidated in its decision to withdraw from the American Zionist Federation by either the unrealistic

appeal of Rabbi Israel Miller, the Federation's president, that the ZOA reconsider its decision, or by the intemperance and threatening language of Avraham Schenker, head of the organization department of the World Zionist Executive in Jerusalem, where he represents the leftist Mapam Party."

The ZOA announced last week its withdrawal from the AZF citing the fact that the AZF is "committed" to conducting "a wide spectrum of Zionist activities" which "compete with, disrupt and supplant" important ongoing Zionist programs traditionally conducted by the ZOA. Rabbi Miller charged the ZOA with violating a unanimous resolution adopted by the 28th World Zionist Congress which stated that the Zionist Federation in each country "is the unified and comprehensive framework within which all organizations and institutions cooperate in order to plan and carry out their Zionist functions which are held in common by all."

No Violation Involved

Schenker stated that the ZOA's withdrawal was an "ill-considered and ill-timed act which weakens the unity and cohesion of the Zionist movement" and urged the ZOA "to reconsider its action and return to the united Zionist fold." In response, Weisman declared that the ZOA's decision "in no way" violates the constitution of the WZO or any mandate of the 28th Congress. "Neither the Federation in New York nor Mr. Schenker in Jerusalem is vested with any authority to alter the ZOA's decision to withdraw from the Federation."

Weisman noted that the appeal for Zionist unity by Rabbi Miller, Schenker and Mrs. Faye L. Schenk, president of Hadassah, "sounds hollow in the light of their own partisan maneuvers during the recent election campaign to the Zionist Congress." Weisman was referring to the ZOA's difference with the AZF over the election of delegates to the Congress. Mrs. Schenk stated last week that the ZOA's decision to withdraw "will perforce dissipate our energies in unworthy inter-organizational competition, confusing the public, rendering a disservice to Israel and hindering rather than furthering Zionist objectives."

In his statement, Weisman reaffirmed the ZOA's decision and its implementation "in order to preserve the independence and individuality of its own programs. We do not propose to continue to waste long hours in debate in the Federation's committees. On both the national and local levels, this has proven an exercise in utter futility." He noted further that "the Zionist Organization of America is convinced that its leadership and members can do far more for Zionism, Israel and the American Jewish community through its own ongoing and manifold programs."

ISRAELI KILLED IN GAZA

TEL AVIV, Feb. 27 (JTA)--Israel Shemesh, 30, a member of the Israeli security services, was killed Friday in Gaza's main street when a hand grenade thrown at his car hit it and exploded. An Army officer in the car with him was injured and hospitalized. The security services arrested a number of terrorists in connection with the attack. With the approach of spring, there have been signs of increased terrorist activity in the Gaza Strip despite Israel's success in reducing the rate to almost nil. It was reported that a duplicating machine was stolen from a local office in Gaza, suggesting that terrorists intend to publish leaflets. It was also learned that some local merchants have been subjected to extortion demands, apparently to raise money for terrorist activities.



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The Canadian Jewish Congress and the Allied Jewish Community Services agreed with the statement by the Association president, Lou Zablou, that the play was "insulting...to the survivors of the holocaust" and "to all segments of this community." There are about 35,000 survivors of Nazi concentration camps and their families in Montreal who comprise about a third of the local Jewish community.

The cancellation was announced in an advertisement published on the front pages of Montreal newspapers today. After expressing regrets to ticket holders, the Board of Directors of the Saidye Bronfman Center noted that the play, scheduled as part of the Center's current program on the theme of the holocaust, "has aroused deep and painful emotional reactions among many members of the community, particularly those pitiful few who survived that most terrible ordeal but who still bear its scars."

The announcement said that "It was out of respect and compassion for the feelings of those survivors who live among us, as well as in response to the stated desire of the majority of the community to spare them further suffering that the Board of Directors decided to cancel the production."

Author Blames 'Stupid Jews'

Author Robert Shaw, a British actor and playwright whose outspokenness on many issues has made him a controversial figure, waxed emotional himself over the cancellation. "It is only the stupid Jews who get emotional about the German thing in it (the play). Intelligent Jews are terribly moved by it," Shaw said in an interview published today in the Montreal Star. He denied that the play was "pro-German" or "anti-Semitic."

"The Man in the Glass Booth" had a successful run on Broadway and was performed in London and in Israel without stirring serious protests. It deals with the capture of an alleged Nazi mass murderer who is put on trial in Israel, ensconced in a glass booth for his protection. Parallels were drawn with the real life trial of Adolf Eichmann, but the Shaw play offers a final twist that raises unexpected aspects of guilt and responsibility.

NO WORD ON JARRING'S OUTLOOK

JERUSALEM, Feb. 27 (JTA)--A meeting between Acting Premier Yigal Allon, Foreign Minister Abba Eban and Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring ended Friday with no official indication that the United Nations' emissary had changed his demand that Israel commit itself to withdrawal before negotiations with Egypt begin. After his half-day visit here, Dr. Jarring proceeded to Geneva where he was scheduled to report to UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim.

(At the UN in New York, sources speculated that Dr. Jarring would suggest submitting a new questionnaire to Cairo and Jerusalem to supplant

his Feb. 8, 1971 aide memoire which demanded Israel's withdrawal. According to the sources, he may now tone down his earlier demand and instead seek an Israeli commitment that it does not intend to annex any territories.)

Dr. Jarring told correspondents on emerging from the Premier's office that his talks here had been useful and that his mission would continue. His remark that there have been periods of "greater" and "lesser" intensity during his mission was taken by observers as a hint that a period of "lesser intensity" lies ahead.

JOSEPH SAPHIR, LIBERAL PARTY CHAIRMAN, MEMBER OF KNESSET, DIES AT 70

TEL AVIV, Feb. 27 (JTA)--Funeral services will be held in Petach Tikva Tuesday for Joseph Saphir, a former Cabinet minister, member of the Knesset and chairman of the Liberal Party, who died yesterday in Australia where he was visiting as a member of a Knesset delegation. He was 70. His coffin will arrive here tomorrow accompanied by two members of the delegation, Knesset Speaker Reuben Barkat and MK Moshe Baran. Mr. Saphir, born in Jaffa, was a fourth generation Sabra whose parents were among the founders of Petach Tikva, a town in Israel's citrus belt.

He was trained as a farmer, educated at the Teachers Seminary and became a leader of the Farmers Association, the Citrus Growers Association and the General Zionist Party. He was president of the Petach Tikva Town Council and served as Mayor from 1941-50. Following the establishment of the State, Mr. Saphir emerged as a leader of the middle-road Liberal Party. He was elected to the Knesset in 1949, served as Minister of Transport in the Ben-Gurion Cabinet from 1952-55 and as a Minister-Without-Portfolio in the national unity coalition government formed by the late Premier Levi Eshkol in June, 1967.

Mr. Saphir was one of the Liberal Party leaders who fostered the alignment with the Herut faction to form Gahal, Israel's principal opposition party. His death occurred at a time of growing friction between Liberals and Herut members and some political observers believe that the loss of his leadership will further the trend, headed by Aryeh Dultzin, toward a Liberal split with Herut.

Israel Bond Goal: \$450M In 1972

\$126,460,000 RAISED IN PRE-INAUGURAL SALE

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Feb. 27 (JTA)--Subscriptions for Israel Bonds from communities in the United States and Canada in the unprecedented amount of \$126,460,000 initiated the 1972 campaign to raise a record sum of \$450 million for the economic absorption of a rising number of immigrants to Israel, Israel Bond Organization officials announced here yesterday. The announcement of the large pre-inaugural sale was made by Sam Rothberg, general chairman of the Israel Bond Organization, at an international inaugural dinner last night attended by more than 1,700 delegates.

Rothberg attributed the increased result to "the intense concern of American Jewry for the resettlement of Russian Jews who are now being permitted to leave for Israel in larger numbers than ever before." Rothberg characterized the record sale as "the kind of action which reaffirms our pride as Jews and as partners in the building of Israel."

Former Israeli Chief of Staff Gen. Haim Barlev, who was the guest of honor at the dinner last night, asserted that unless world Jewry was prepared to extend the fullest measure of financial support, Israel would not be able to fulfill its mis-

sion of absorbing an increased number of immigrants and meeting the needs for its security. "The responsibility of saving Jews and resettling them in Israel at this time belongs in the largest measure to the Jewish people everywhere. We cannot carry much of this burden in a period of crisis," Barlev declared.

Ira Gulden, president of the Israel Bond Organization, emphasized that the security of Israel was a matter of deep concern, not only to Jews but to the American people as a whole who "recognize that Israel and the United States have a common interest in preserving the forces of freedom in the Mediterranean."

Officers Named To Conduct 1972 Campaign

Israel's Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir stated today in a cable to the Bond conference that he has submitted a new development budget amounting to \$500 million. He said the Israel Bond campaign would have to provide 90 percent of this budget--\$450 million--if the projects included in it are to be financed.

Sapir indicated to the conference, which concludes today, that the largest item in the new development budget is \$207 million for the Israel government's share of the construction of housing, primarily for new immigrants, and that \$47.8 million was allocated for industrial development to create jobs for the newcomers. Promotion of agricultural development, transportation and exploitation of natural resources are other items in the new budget.

In a resolution summing up the objectives of the 1972 Israel Bond Conference, the delegates here pledged "our unbroken solidarity and our undivided energy to the fulfillment of Israel's three basic needs of 1972: a strong economy to prevent another war, economic expansion to provide housing and jobs for an increased number of immigrants from Russia and upgrading the housing and economic opportunities of the disadvantaged sector of the population."

Officers named at the conference to conduct this year's campaign include: Ira Gulden of New York; Sam Rothberg of Peoria, Ill.; Abraham Feinberg of New York, chairman of the Board of Directors; Jack D. Weller of New York, secretary-treasurer; Leo Bernstein of New York, executive vice-president and chief executive officer; Louis H. Boyer of Los Angeles, chairman of the Board of Governors; Julian B. Venezky of Peoria, national chairman for regions; and Mrs. Jan Pearce of New York, chairman of the National Women's Division.

FOUR JEWS ARRESTED IN KIEV

NEW YORK, Feb. 27 (JTA)--Soviet police arrested two of 30 Jews gathered at the Kiev synagogue yesterday and then seized two more as the remaining 28 headed toward the Kiev Central Committee to protest the initial arrests, the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry reported today. It was the second consecutive weekend marked by the arrests of Jews at the synagogue.

Mark Yampolsky and Dom Smuckler were the two arrested there yesterday and Prof. Vladimir Barbov and his son Boris were the ones taken on the way to the Central Committee. All four were charged with resisting the authorities, as were four Jews arrested a week ago who are still in police custody. Following yesterday's arrests, six Kiev Jews sent a telegram to Soviet President Nikolai V. Podgorny "protesting the arbitrariness of the Soviet police's arrest procedures," and demanded the release of all eight Jews arrested. Mrs. Barbov sent a similar telegram.

RIVLIN: UJA 1972 EFFORTS TOP PRIORITY; SOME 40,000 OLIM FROM USSR EXPECTED

NEW YORK, Feb. 27 (JTA)--Israel views the efforts of the United Jewish Appeal in 1972 "as the top-rated priority of Jewish effort in this or any other country on behalf of the great miracle of aliya of Soviet Jews and others." This view was stated here Thursday night by David Rivlin, Israel's Consul General in New York.

Addressing 117 representatives of 49 grassroots national, regional and city organizations at a meeting at the Consulate General of Israel convened jointly by the Consulate and the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York, Rivlin emphasized the tremendous cost of transportation and absorption--\$35,000 for the first year for a family of four. He said, "We hope for 35-40,000 olim from the Soviet Union alone. Our (financial) needs are staggering."

But, he emphasized, "If we Jewish people of the free countries, of Israel, cannot absorb these people; if they become disenchanted, disillusioned, bitter and frustrated--and even only a small portion return--it will mean the greatest defeat of everything we prayed for, demonstrated for, worked for and fought for." It will be a betrayal of those Jews still in the Soviet Union who demonstrate and demand the right to emigrate to Israel at great danger to themselves, he said. It will be a letdown for Israel, for "everyone who deserves the name of Jew, of Jewish."

Herbert Tenzer, president of the UJA of Greater New York, declared that Israel is committed to "take in every Jew" who wishes to come, and "30,000 Jews (the minimum hoped for in 1972) at \$7,500 per head, that comes to \$225 million." Tenzer reported that in 1971 his organization raised \$73 million. In August, it set a 1972 goal of \$105 million; but because of Israel's increasing need, the goal was increased to \$150 million.

"This means that we have to double our gifts," he said, adding, "of the \$73 million we raised last year, 73 percent was donated by 3,500 people." Only 150,000 of the 800,000 Jewish families in the metropolitan area gave to UJA, he observed. "We can't ask everyone to double the amount of their donations," he said. "We have got to double the number of our donors."

FIRST JEW IN 150 YEARS NAMED JUDGE ON MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 27 (JTA)--Solbert M. Wasserstrom a local lawyer, has been named a judge on the Missouri Court of Appeals. Appointed by Governor Warren E. Hearnes, he is believed to be the first Jew appointed to that court in the more than 150 years of Missouri statehood. The new judge, who has been a partner in the firm of Rosenwald, Wasserstrom and Jacob, has been an active member of Temple B'nai Jehudah, serving on its board of trustees for 12 years.

Wasserstrom was also a member for 10 years of the National Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism. A graduate of the University of Missouri School of Law, he was on the legal staff of the National Labor Relations Board in Washington, D.C. for several years. He was selected for the Court of Appeals from a panel of three lawyers nominated by the Appellate Judicial Commission.

WEISMAN: ZOA WILL NOT BE INTIMIDATED IN DECISION TO WITHDRAW FROM AZF

NEW YORK, Feb. 27 (JTA)--Herman L. Weisman, president of the Zionist Organization of America, said today that the ZOA "will not be intimidated in its decision to withdraw from the American Zionist Federation by either the unrealistic

appeal of Rabbi Israel Miller, the Federation's president, that the ZOA reconsider its decision, or by the intemperance and threatening language of Avraham Schenker, head of the organization department of the World Zionist Executive in Jerusalem, where he represents the leftist Mapam Party."

The ZOA announced last week its withdrawal from the AZF citing the fact that the AZF is "committed" to conducting "a wide spectrum of Zionist activities" which "compete with, disrupt and supplant" important ongoing Zionist programs traditionally conducted by the ZOA. Rabbi Miller charged the ZOA with violating a unanimous resolution adopted by the 28th World Zionist Congress which stated that the Zionist Federation in each country "is the unified and comprehensive framework within which all organizations and institutions cooperate in order to plan and carry out their Zionist functions which are held in common by all."

No Violation Involved

Schenker stated that the ZOA's withdrawal was an "ill-considered and ill-timed act which weakens the unity and cohesion of the Zionist movement" and urged the ZOA "to reconsider its action and return to the united Zionist fold." In response, Weisman declared that the ZOA's decision "in no way" violates the constitution of the WZO or any mandate of the 28th Congress. "Neither the Federation in New York nor Mr. Schenker in Jerusalem is vested with any authority to alter the ZOA's decision to withdraw from the Federation."

Weisman noted that the appeal for Zionist unity by Rabbi Miller, Schenker and Mrs. Faye L. Schenker, president of Hadassah, "sounds hollow in the light of their own partisan maneuvers during the recent election campaign to the Zionist Congress." Weisman was referring to the ZOA's difference with the AZF over the election of delegates to the Congress. Mrs. Schenker stated last week that the ZOA's decision to withdraw "will perforce dissipate our energies in unworthy inter-organizational competition, confusing the public, rendering a disservice to Israel and hindering rather than furthering Zionist objectives."

In his statement, Weisman reaffirmed the ZOA's decision and its implementation "in order to preserve the independence and individuality of its own programs. We do not propose to continue to waste long hours in debate in the Federation's committees. On both the national and local levels, this has proven an exercise in utter futility." He noted further that "the Zionist Organization of America is convinced that its leadership and members can do far more for Zionism, Israel and the American Jewish community through its own ongoing and manifold programs."

ISRAELI KILLED IN GAZA

TEL AVIV, Feb. 27 (JTA)--Israel Shemesh, 30, a member of the Israeli security services, was killed Friday in Gaza's main street when a hand grenade thrown at his car hit it and exploded. An Army officer in the car with him was injured and hospitalized. The security services arrested a number of terrorists in connection with the attack. With the approach of spring, there have been signs of increased terrorist activity in the Gaza Strip despite Israel's success in reducing the rate to almost nil. It was reported that a duplicating machine was stolen from a local office in Gaza, suggesting that terrorists intend to publish leaflets. It was also learned that some local merchants have been subjected to extortion demands, apparently to raise money for terrorist activities.