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He said he had "a suspicion" that the news item attributing to him "a statement I did not make" was made public by elements interested in interfering with his visit to Israel. (It was learned here that the French Socialist Party, while approving Mitterand's visit to Israel, had rejected sending a parallel delegation to the Arab countries.)

Mitterand refused to make any statement regarding the Palestinian refugees. "I want to see first, I may decide to make a statement before I leave." He did, however, express the hope that Franco-Israeli relations would continue to improve. The French people were in favor of an improvement in relations, he said.

GOLDMANN STRESSES NEED FOR CREATIVE DIASPORA; PRIORITY FOR SOVIET JEWS IS EMIGRATION TO ISRAEL

KIAMESHA LAKE, N.Y., March 14 (JTA)--The recapture of our youthful Jewish intellectuals may well be "the number one problem of our Jewish generation," according to Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress. Addressing the 72nd annual five-day convention of the Rabbinical Assembly, the organization of Conservative rabbis, Dr. Goldmann said this afternoon that Jews are living in "the most revolutionary period of their history" and that their leadership must refocus the strategy from day to day problems to more fundamental, basic questions of identification and survival."

"Our efforts," he said, "must be primarily concentrated on developing new cultural, religious and social challenges, which will bring back to Jewish life the hundreds of thousands of Jewish intellectuals, and the idealistic part of our youth, which does not identify its idealistic longings and hopes with Jewish issues and values." The two great threats to contemporary Jewish life, Dr. Goldmann warned, are "the danger to Jewish survival arising from the emancipation of the Jews in the Western world and their growing integration into the life and culture of the peoples among whom they live as equal citizens" and the threat to the full acceptance of the diaspora by all Jews as a necessity for Jewish life.

He said: "Our unique problem is, therefore, how to create a situation in which, without impinging on the equality of rights and the position of Jews as equal citizens of their countries, a permanent link between the Jewish diaspora and the State of Israel can be secured, not only based on emotional motivation but in an organized and solid form."

Warning against "an extreme tendency in Israel to disregard the diaspora and to consider it only as a reservoir of material and political help and a source of aliya to Israel," Dr. Goldmann said that "for Israel to attempt to dominate diaspora Jewry would antagonize major parts of the Jewish communities and would hinder the cultural and spiritual development of diaspora Jewry." He further warned that the current attachment of diaspora Jewry to Israel "should not mislead us into the belief that it will forever stay like that."

Jewish Rights in Communist Countries

On the subject of Jewish life in the Soviet Union, Dr. Goldmann reiterated his position that "at the moment, priority should be given to the demand for ever increasing immigration to Israel." But, rejecting the thesis that Jewish life is impossible in Communist regimes, Dr. Goldmann said that "statesmanlike policies--unlike demagogic ones--can never consider only one aspect of a problem and, in addition to demanding the right of every Jew to go to Israel or elsewhere, we must insist on the rights and facilities for the Jewish communities to maintain their Jewish identity and develop their Jewish life, both religiously and culturally."

To give up hope that Jews in Communist countries can continue to remain Jewish "means to despair of the Jewish survival of hundreds of thousands, even millions of Jews, which would be a real crime," Dr. Goldmann declared.

He paid tribute to the "excellent job in constructive cooperation that Israel has done with many of the nations of the Third World." He said that it is the duty of Jewish leadership to see "that the governments of the Third World begin to understand the

uniqueness of the Jewish problem and the justification of our demands, both with regard to Israel and the right of an autonomous Jewish life in the diaspora."

NATIONWIDE CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED TO REMOVE RACIST DOLL FROM STORES

PARIS, March 14 (JTA)--The International League Against Racism and Anti-Semitism (LICA) announced that it is conducting a nationwide search to remove from store shelves a doll labeled "The Jew" which it described as an anti-Semitic caricature. Jean Pierre-Bloch, LICA president, said a civil action was planned against the Carrefour department store chain which retails the doll and that efforts were being made to track down the West German firm that manufactures it.

The doll was removed last week by court order from a Carrefour store near Dijon. But it has turned up on the shelves of other Carrefour outlets, notably in Creil, a suburb of Paris, and in Lyons and Marseilles. According to the process server who had the doll removed from the Dijon store, it has a tall ending in a hairy ball, a big red nose, a wide open mouth, a bald head and enormous ears. The sale of the dolls was deplored earlier by Msgr. Charles de la Brousse, the Bishop of Dijon.

LEBANESE PROPOSAL FOR UN OBSERVERS WILL NOT AID TO RELAX BORDER TENSIONS

JERUSALEM, March 14 (JTA)--Israeli officials confirmed yesterday that they had heard of a Lebanese proposal to station United Nations observers on the Lebanese side of the border with Israel. Such a step, while feasible, would not contribute anything to a relaxation of tension along the troubled border, they commented, since observers can report only what they see and terrorist attacks are usually made at night.

Moreover, the officials said, the problem is not whether or not there are terrorist attacks; Lebanon freely admits that it has put part of its land at the disposal of the Palestinians and that it does not object to their crossing the border to strike at Israelis and their property. Placing UN observers on the border, the officials continued, might make it appear to be a reactivation of the Mixed Armistice Commission, to which Israel objects because Beirut violated it by declaring war on Israel in 1967, though it did not actually dispatch troops. Lebanon subsequently accepted the cease-fire, the Israelis stress, and should adhere to it.

The Israeli officials added that the Jordanian-Israeli border is quiet although there are no UN observers there. This, they pointed out, stems from Amman's decision to curb the terrorists operating from Jordan.

20 JEWISH FAMILIES RECEIVE VISAS

NEW YORK, March 14 (JTA)--Twenty Jewish families in Moscow have received visas to go to Israel, Jewish sources here said today. All the families had applied for emigration in recent months. There were apparently no significant activists among them. Glenn Richter of the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry, who recently reported that emigration from Moscow had been cut off, suggested that a "major factor" in the decision to let the 20 families go was "sensitivity relating to the impending Nixon visit."

Bar Ilan University in Ramat Gan was back to normal today after the student council voted last night to end the three-week student strike.

CLASSES TO BE RESCHEDULED TO AVOID CONFLICT WITH HIGH HOLY DAYS

COLUMBUS, O., March 14 (JTA)--An agreement to assure there will be no repetition of conflicts with Jewish holy days in class scheduling at the start of the school year has been reached with Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, according to the regional office here of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. Philip R. Shriver, president of the university, said the first day of classes for the next four academic years, starting next fall, will be scheduled to avoid conflict with the High Holy Days.

The agreement was announced by Hersh L. Adlerstein, director of the ADL regional office for Ohio and Kentucky, after a meeting with representatives of Jewish community relations agencies from throughout Ohio.

The ADL official said Shriver had indicated appreciation to the Jewish agencies for "alerting me to the particular sense of concern of the Jewish community that the first day of classes not coincide with a religious holiday, particularly Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur." The meeting was a result of such conflicts in prior years. Shriver said that when "we make out the calendar for 1976-80, we shall certainly keep this in mind. The first day of classes in those years will fall on some other date."

The ADL official said that in prior years there had been such problems with almost every university in Ohio. He said some had been settled at the local level and others required participation of agencies throughout the state. Robert L. Reiner of the Jewish Community Council of Dayton, headed the delegation which met with Shriver. Adlerstein expressed the hope that other universities in Ohio would emulate Shriver's "concern for the Jewish community."

AZF NATIONAL BOARD URGES ZOA TO RESCIND DECISION TO WITHDRAW

NEW YORK, March 14 (JTA)--The National Board of Directors of the American Zionist Federation has adopted a resolution taking note of the decision by the Zionist Organization of America to withdraw from the AZF. Declaring that the ZOA has "disassociated itself from the entire organized Zionist movement and has disfranchised its own members and leaders on all levels of organized Zionist life, both nationally and internationally," the resolution called on the ZOA leadership to "rescind its regrettable decision, to recognize the need for Zionist discipline, and to resume its place in the unified Zionist movement."

The resolution also expressed the AZF's "welcome" of the "reaffirmation of support" for the AZF by other American Zionist organizations and by the Executive of the World Zionist Organization. It pledged that the AZF would "renew our commitment to carry out the Zionist program and to build a strong Zionist movement in the United States."

GEORGIA, KENTUCKY LEGISLATURES PASS RESOLUTIONS SUPPORTING SOVIET JEWS

ATLANTA, March 14 (JTA)--Georgia and Kentucky have become the first two Southern states to pass official resolutions in support of the rights of Soviet Jewry. The Georgian measure was adopted by the House of Representatives. The Kentucky resolution was passed by both houses of the State's General Assembly. The resolutions, which are identical, asserted that "Jews and other religious minorities in the Soviet Union are being denied the means to exercise their religion and sustain their identity."

The USSR, the resolutions said, "is persecuting

Jewish citizens by denying them the same rights and privileges accorded other recognized religions in the Soviet Union and by discriminating against Jews in cultural activities and access to higher education." Soviet Jews are also denied the right to emigrate, the document stated, and "these infringements of human rights are an obstacle to the development of better understanding and better relations between the people of the United States and the people of the Soviet Union."

The legislators asked President Nixon "to call upon the Soviet government to permit the free exercise of religion by all its citizens in accordance with the Soviet Constitution, to end discrimination against religious minorities, and to permit its citizens to emigrate from the Soviet Union to the countries of their choice as affirmed by the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights."

JDC TO GIVE ORT \$2,850,000 FOR OVERSEAS PROGRAMS IN 1972

NEW YORK, March 14 (JTA)--The Joint Distribution Committee will provide \$2,850,000 during 1972 toward the overseas vocational training programs of ORT, the Organization for Rehabilitation through Training, it was announced this week by officials of both organizations. The 1972 allocation is an increase of \$250,000 over last year, reflecting primarily increased needs in Israel. It will also help finance technical education, youth welfare, and economic rehabilitation services of ORT in Europe, North Africa, Iran and India.

More than 65,000 persons in 20 countries are expected to receive ORT aid during the year, for which the 1972 ORT budget is \$23,116,800. ORT services in Israel, with schools in 50 cities and towns, comprising the biggest vocational school system in the country, will receive by far the largest portion of the grant.

The JDC allocation also includes provision for substantial funds to be used by ORT in France for job skills, education and other training programs for North African refugees. ORT trade schools, apprentice programs for youth and courses for adults have been greatly enlarged to meet the needs of 300,000 arrivals of recent years.

The two-agency pact was announced by Edward Ginsberg, JDC chairman, Samuel L. Haber, JDC executive vice-chairman, Dr. William Haber, president of the American ORT Federation, and Max A. Braude, ORT director-general. The agreement specifies that the American ORT Federation will refrain from conducting independent fund-raising campaigns in the United States. ORT will, however, continue its membership activities.

ELAZAR: ATTACKS ON BORDERS WILL BE MET WITH SWIFT RETALIATION

TEL AVIV, March 14 (JTA)--Chief of Staff David Elazar warned again that any attacks on Israeli border settlements will be met with swift, hard retaliation. Speaking at a B'nai B'rith function, Elazar said the settlements and the Army were joined in a combat alliance, since it is the settlements in the north that have been constantly struck by terrorists. Unlike other countries, he noted, in Israel it is the border settlements that protect the big cities, and they in turn must be protected by the Army.

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MITTERAND DENIES SUPPORT FOR PALESTINIAN REFUGEES

TEL AVIV, March 14 (JTA)--French Socialist Party leader Francois Mitterand denied today having expressed support for the demands of the Palestinian refugees to be permitted to return to their former homes in Israel. He arrived at Lydda Airport at the head of a six-member Socialist Party delegation for a four-day visit as the guest of Israel's Labor Party. Angry at being questioned by reporters about the alleged statement, Mitterand denied having said at a March 8 press conference at his party headquarters in Paris that "I am on the side of all oppressed nations of the world, including the Palestinians."

He said he had "a suspicion" that the news item attributing to him "a statement I did not make" was made public by elements interested in interfering with his visit to Israel. (It was learned here that the French Socialist Party, while approving Mitterand's visit to Israel, had rejected sending a parallel delegation to the Arab countries.)

Mitterand refused to make any statement regarding the Palestinian refugees. "I want to see first, I may decide to make a statement before I leave." He did, however, express the hope that Franco-Israeli relations would continue to improve. The French people were in favor of an improvement in relations, he said.

GOLDMANN STRESSES NEED FOR CREATIVE DIASPORA; PRIORITY FOR SOVIET JEWS IS EMIGRATION TO ISRAEL

KIAMESHA LAKE, N.Y., March 14 (JTA)--The recapture of our youthful Jewish intellectuals may well be "the number one problem of our Jewish generation," according to Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress. Addressing the 72nd annual five-day convention of the Rabbinical Assembly, the organization of Conservative rabbis, Dr. Goldmann said this afternoon that Jews are living in "the most revolutionary period of their history" and that their leadership must refocus the strategy from day to day problems to more fundamental, basic questions of identification and survival."

"Our efforts," he said, "must be primarily concentrated on developing new cultural, religious and social challenges, which will bring back to Jewish life the hundreds of thousands of Jewish intellectuals, and the idealistic part of our youth, which does not identify its idealistic longings and hopes with Jewish issues and values." The two great threats to contemporary Jewish life, Dr. Goldmann warned, are "the danger to Jewish survival arising from the emancipation of the Jews in the Western world and their growing integration into the life and culture of the peoples among whom they live as equal citizens" and the threat to the full acceptance of the diaspora by all Jews as a necessity for Jewish life.

He said: "Our unique problem is, therefore, how to create a situation in which, without impinging on the equality of rights and the position of Jews as equal citizens of their countries, a permanent link between the Jewish diaspora and the State of Israel can be secured, not only based on emotional motivation but in an organized and solid form."

Warning against "an extreme tendency in Israel to disregard the diaspora and to consider it only as a reservoir of material and political help and a source of aliya to Israel," Dr. Goldmann said that "for Israel to attempt to dominate diaspora Jewry would antagonize major parts of the Jewish communities and would hinder the cultural and spiritual development of diaspora Jewry." He further warned that the current attachment of diaspora Jewry to Israel "should not mislead us into the belief that it will forever stay like that."

Jewish Rights in Communist Countries

On the subject of Jewish life in the Soviet Union, Dr. Goldmann reiterated his position that "at the moment, priority should be given to the demand for ever increasing immigration to Israel." But, rejecting the thesis that Jewish life is impossible in Communist regimes, Dr. Goldmann said that "statesmanlike policies--unlike demagogic ones--can never consider only one aspect of a problem and, in addition to demanding the right of every Jew to go to Israel or elsewhere, we must insist on the rights and facilities for the Jewish communities to maintain their Jewish identity and develop their Jewish life, both religiously and culturally."

To give up hope that Jews in Communist countries can continue to remain Jewish "means to despair of the Jewish survival of hundreds of thousands, even millions of Jews, which would be a real crime," Dr. Goldmann declared.

He paid tribute to the "excellent job in constructive cooperation that Israel has done with many of the nations of the Third World." He said that it is the duty of Jewish leadership to see "that the governments of the Third World begin to understand the

uniqueness of the Jewish problem and the justification of our demands, both with regard to Israel and the right of an autonomous Jewish life in the diaspora."

NATIONWIDE CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED TO REMOVE RACIST DOLL FROM STORES

PARIS, March 14 (JTA)--The International League Against Racism and Anti-Semitism (LICA) announced that it is conducting a nationwide search to remove from store shelves a doll labeled "The Jew" which it described as an anti-Semitic caricature. Jean Pierre-Bloch, LICA president, said a civil action was planned against the Carrefour department store chain which retails the doll and that efforts were being made to track down the West German firm that manufactures it.

The doll was removed last week by court order from a Carrefour store near Dijon. But it has turned up on the shelves of other Carrefour outlets, notably in Creil, a suburb of Paris, and in Lyons and Marseilles. According to the process server who had the doll removed from the Dijon store, it has a tail ending in a hairy ball, a big red nose, a wide open mouth, a bald head and enormous ears. The sale of the dolls was deplored earlier by Msgr. Charles de la Brousse, the Bishop of Dijon.

LEBANESE PROPOSAL FOR UN OBSERVERS WILL NOT AID TO RELAX BORDER TENSIONS

JERUSALEM, March 14 (JTA)--Israeli officials confirmed yesterday that they had heard of a Lebanese proposal to station United Nations observers on the Lebanese side of the border with Israel. Such a step, while feasible, would not contribute anything to a relaxation of tension along the troubled border, they commented, since observers can report only what they see and terrorist attacks are usually made at night.

Moreover, the officials said, the problem is not whether or not there are terrorist attacks; Lebanon freely admits that it has put part of its land at the disposal of the Palestinians and that it does not object to their crossing the border to strike at Israelis and their property. Placing UN observers on the border, the officials continued, might make it appear to be a reactivation of the Mixed Armistice Commission, to which Israel objects because Beirut violated it by declaring war on Israel in 1967, though it did not actually dispatch troops. Lebanon subsequently accepted the cease-fire, the Israelis stress, and should adhere to it.

The Israeli officials added that the Jordanian-Israeli border is quiet although there are no UN observers there. This, they pointed out, stems from Amman's decision to curb the terrorists operating from Jordan.

20 JEWISH FAMILIES RECEIVE VISAS

NEW YORK, March 14 (JTA)--Twenty Jewish families in Moscow have received visas to go to Israel, Jewish sources here said today. All the families had applied for emigration in recent months. There were apparently no significant activists among them. Glenn Richter of the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry, who recently reported that emigration from Moscow had been cut off, suggested that a "major factor" in the decision to let the 20 families go was "sensitivity relating to the impending Nixon visit."

Bar Ilan University in Ramat Gan was back to normal today after the student council voted last night to end the three-week student strike.

CLASSES TO BE RESCHEDULED TO AVOID CONFLICT WITH HIGH HOLY DAYS

COLUMBUS, O., March 14 (JTA)--An agreement to assure there will be no repetition of conflicts with Jewish holy days in class scheduling at the start of the school year has been reached with Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, according to the regional office here of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. Philip R. Shriver, president of the university, said the first day of classes for the next four academic years, starting next fall, will be scheduled to avoid conflict with the High Holy Days.

The agreement was announced by Hersh L. Adlerstein, director of the ADL regional office for Ohio and Kentucky, after a meeting with representatives of Jewish community relations agencies from throughout Ohio.

The ADL official said Shriver had indicated appreciation to the Jewish agencies for "alerting me to the particular sense of concern of the Jewish community that the first day of classes not coincide with a religious holiday, particularly Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur." The meeting was a result of such conflicts in prior years. Shriver said that when "we make out the calendar for 1976-80, we shall certainly keep this in mind. The first day of classes in those years will fall on some other date."

The ADL official said that in prior years there had been such problems with almost every university in Ohio. He said some had been settled at the local level and others required participation of agencies throughout the state. Robert L. Reiner of the Jewish Community Council of Dayton, headed the delegation which met with Shriver. Adlerstein expressed the hope that other universities in Ohio would emulate Shriver's "concern for the Jewish community."

AZF NATIONAL BOARD URGES ZOA TO RESCIND DECISION TO WITHDRAW

NEW YORK, March 14 (JTA)--The National Board of Directors of the American Zionist Federation has adopted a resolution taking note of the decision by the Zionist Organization of America to withdraw from the AZF. Declaring that the ZOA has "disassociated itself from the entire organized Zionist movement and has disfranchised its own members and leaders on all levels of organized Zionist life, both nationally and internationally," the resolution called on the ZOA leadership to "rescind its regrettable decision, to recognize the need for Zionist discipline, and to resume its place in the unified Zionist movement."

The resolution also expressed the AZF's "welcome" of the "reaffirmation of support" for the AZF by other American Zionist organizations and by the Executive of the World Zionist Organization. It pledged that the AZF would "renew our commitment to carry out the Zionist program and to build a strong Zionist movement in the United States."

GEORGIA, KENTUCKY LEGISLATURES PASS RESOLUTIONS SUPPORTING SOVIET JEWS

ATLANTA, March 14 (JTA)--Georgia and Kentucky have become the first two Southern states to pass official resolutions in support of the rights of Soviet Jewry. The Georgian measure was adopted by the House of Representatives. The Kentucky resolution was passed by both houses of the State's General Assembly. The resolutions, which are identical, asserted that "Jews and other religious minorities in the Soviet Union are being denied the means to exercise their religion and sustain their identity."

The USSR, the resolutions said, "is persecuting

Jewish citizens by denying them the same rights and privileges accorded other recognized religions in the Soviet Union and by discriminating against Jews in cultural activities and access to higher education." Soviet Jews are also denied the right to emigrate, the document stated, and "these infringements of human rights are an obstacle to the development of better understanding and better relations between the people of the United States and the people of the Soviet Union."

The legislators asked President Nixon "to call upon the Soviet government to permit the free exercise of religion by all its citizens in accordance with the Soviet Constitution, to end discrimination against religious minorities, and to permit its citizens to emigrate from the Soviet Union to the countries of their choice as affirmed by the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights."

JDC TO GIVE ORT \$2,850,000 FOR OVERSEAS PROGRAMS IN 1972

NEW YORK, March 14 (JTA)--The Joint Distribution Committee will provide \$2,850,000 during 1972 toward the overseas vocational training programs of ORT, the Organization for Rehabilitation through Training, it was announced this week by officials of both organizations. The 1972 allocation is an increase of \$250,000 over last year, reflecting primarily increased needs in Israel. It will also help finance technical education, youth welfare, and economic rehabilitation services of ORT in Europe, North Africa, Iran and India.

More than 65,000 persons in 20 countries are expected to receive ORT aid during the year, for which the 1972 ORT budget is \$23,116,800. ORT services in Israel, with schools in 50 cities and towns, comprising the biggest vocational school system in the country, will receive by far the largest portion of the grant.

The JDC allocation also includes provision for substantial funds to be used by ORT in France for job skills, education and other training programs for North African refugees. ORT trade schools, apprentice programs for youth and courses for adults have been greatly enlarged to meet the needs of 300,000 arrivals of recent years.

The two-agency pact was announced by Edward Ginsberg, JDC chairman, Samuel L. Haber, JDC executive vice-chairman, Dr. William Haber, president of the American ORT Federation, and Max A. Braude, ORT director-general. The agreement specifies that the American ORT Federation will refrain from conducting independent fund-raising campaigns in the United States. ORT will, however, continue its membership activities.

ELAZAR: ATTACKS ON BORDERS WILL BE MET WITH SWIFT RETALIATION

TEL AVIV, March 14 (JTA)--Chief of Staff David Elazar warned again that any attacks on Israeli border settlements will be met with swift, hard retaliation. Speaking at a B'nai B'rith function, Elazar said the settlements and the Army were joined in a combat alliance, since it is the settlements in the north that have been constantly struck by terrorists. Unlike other countries, he noted, in Israel it is the border settlements that protect the big cities, and they in turn must be protected by the Army.

Seven young Jerusalemites returned their Army reserve cards asserting they will refuse to carry out their reserve duties until the government changes its social policies.