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Israel Galili, a Labor Minister-Without-Portfolio, chided Mapam for its stand in a radio interview last night. This morning the Mapam newspaper, Al Hamishmar, urged Premier Golda Meir not to adopt Galili's attitude. Mapam leaders are due to meet with Mrs. Meir on the subject tomorrow.

### JDC ANNOUNCES \$8M PROGRAM TO IMPROVE FACILITIES FOR THE ELDERLY IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, March 22 (JTA)--Edward Ginsberg, chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, announced last night an \$8 million program to improve facilities for the care of the aged in Israel which he said will be completed by the end of 1974. The program is being carried out by the Association for Planning and Developing Services for the Aged under JDC auspices.

Ginsberg is in Israel on a fact-finding tour of JDC and Malben projects following a similar survey of JDC programs in other countries. He said the Association plans to add some 800 new beds for the aged in new institutions to be built and in existing institutions which will be expanded. He said the beds would be assigned mainly to infirm persons who need round-the-clock medical care.

### Funds Allocated For Training Programs

An additional 260 beds are to be provided in geriatric wards in general hospitals and comprehensive community service programs will be set up in ten localities for the aged able to live at home, he said. Many of the services are already being offered in Afula in Galilee and Beit Shemesh near Jerusalem. Other localities where services are planned include east and west Jerusalem, Beersheba, Ramle, Acre, Safad and Or Yehuda near Lydda.

The Association has also allocated funds to Tel Aviv University's School of Social Work for courses to train professional personnel to work with the aged and has made a grant to the University's Nursing School to allow faculty members to specialize in teaching for the care of the aged.

### MITTERAND: ISRAEL'S WITHDRAWAL SHOULD COME ONLY AFTER PEACE IS CONCLUDED Territory Needed To Preserve Security

PARIS, March 23 (JTA)--French Socialist leader, Francois Mitterand announced yesterday a three point Socialist approach to the Middle East which provides for Israel's withdrawal from the administered territories only after the conclusion of peace. Mitterand, who returned from Israel on Sunday, had been at the center of controversy over his stand on the Middle East after he made a number of contradictory statements which he subsequently denied. Last night Mitterand adopted a relatively clear stand, explaining that his approach to Israel and the Mideast is based on a three-point platform:

Israel has an absolute right to exist and as such should have the means "and the territories" to preserve its security; Israel's withdrawal from the territories should not be a pre-condition but "should follow the conclusion of an Arab-Israeli peace"; any solution must take into consideration "the Palestinian fact" and provide "a homeland for the two million Palestinians. Mitterand, who said that he plans to visit Egypt and Syria in the near future, stressed that in his view the Socialist principles also imply that Israel "must also make concessions."

### AZF HEAD URGES BLACK AMERICANS TO FOLLOW LEAD OF BLACK CONGRESSMEN

NEW YORK, March 22 (JTA)--Rabbi Israel Miller, president of the American Zionist Federation, called today on Blacks to follow the lead of the Congressional Black Caucus, which yesterday stressed Israel's "right to existence" and said the Jewish historical experience "has helped inspire Black people in this country to strive for self respect and dignity and to revive their own cultural heritage."

The AZF leader declared that "American Jews want to redevelop a good relationship with the Black community here, but the Black leadership must know that any such steps are impossible until the Blacks react in more positive fashion to values cherished by the Jewish community." It is "inconceivable," he continued, "that any real friendship can be developed between our two peoples until the Blacks are prepared to understand and accept our deep concern for Israel."

Rabbi Miller's criticism was in reference to the resolution passed last week at the National Black Political Convention in Gary, Ind., endorsing the "dismantling" of Israel. A spokesman for Rabbi Miller said he considered it an official resolution even though it was passed at the tail end of the convention with only some of the delegates present. Richard G. Hatcher, the Black Mayor of Gary, has called the resolution "very unfortunate" and unrepresentative of the convention's attitudes.

"Israel is not negotiable to Jews," Rabbi Miller asserted, "and the sooner this fact of life becomes apparent to the Black community, the sooner a real dialogue leading to reestablishment of friendly Black-Jewish relations will emerge. The action taken by the 13 Black (Caucus) Congressmen, therefore, is a step in the right direction and augurs well for improved Black-Jewish relationships."

### NABLUS MAYOR URGES RESIDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN WEST BANK ELECTIONS

JERUSALEM, March 22 (JTA)--Mayor Haj Mazouz el-Massri of Nablus called on the residents there today to participate in the West Bank municipal elections next Tuesday. At a special meeting of the Nablus Municipal Council, the West Bank mayor announced that he himself would vote, expressed support for the candidates and urged others who were qualified to stand for election. But he and former Mayor Hamdi Canaan said they would not change their minds about quitting the race themselves, confirming that they had received threatening letters from Palestinian terrorists.

Massri's announcement came two days after 10 West Bank notables revoked their candidacy, a move followed by a sharp dictum from Defense Minister Moshe Dayan that the government would not permit illegal activities in the administered former Jordanian territory. Dayan emphasized that Israel might close the bridges between the West Bank and Jordan if King Hussein used them to send into the territory Jordanians threatening the candidates. Lt. Col. Aharon Hirsch was nominated today to rule Nablus should the elections fall through.

### THERE MAY BE 10-12 JEWISH SERVICEMEN AMONG POWs IN INDOCHINA, BUT NOT OFFICIAL

WASHINGTON, March 22 (JTA)--The State Department said today that 1618 American soldiers have been taken prisoner in Indochina, but added that it did not have a breakdown by religion as that information is not included in its official documentation. The Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned from Department sources, however, that the total includes 10 or 12 prisoners "with Jewish-sounding surnames," which

is not necessarily an accurate guide.

Rabbi Schulem Rubin of New York, who recently tried unsuccessfully in Paris to gain permission to visit Jewish POWs in North Vietnam during Passover, has said that according to sources, whom he would not name, there were 30 Jewish POWs held by Hanoi in 1969. The State Department acknowledged today that several American rabbis, notably Rabbi Rubin, have sought to reach Jewish POWs.

In a related development, Secretary of State William P. Rogers announced today that President Nixon had designated March 26-April 1 as a "national week of concern for Americans who are prisoners of war or missing in action." That period was chosen, Rogers explained, because it is Holy Week, the week before Easter. His statement made no mention of Passover, which starts at sundown March 29 and ends April 6.

### RABIN DUE IN ISRAEL FOR CONSULTATIONS ON NIXON'S TRIP TO SOVIET UNION

JERUSALEM, March 22 (JTA)--Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin is due here from Washington within the next few days, it was learned today, but sources differ as to whether his return home has to do with his Ambassadorial duties or his own political future. According to official sources, Rabin is coming here for consultations connected with President Nixon's forthcoming trip to Moscow where matters of major importance to Israel are expected to be on the agenda of his talks with Soviet leaders.

(According to syndicated columnists Rowland Evans and Robert Novak, Israel fears that there will be "a US-Soviet deal at the expense of Israel during Mr. Nixon's mission to Moscow." They claim that Premier Golda Meir wants an assurance that Nixon "will bar any Middle East agreements" in his summit talks with Soviet leaders. According to Evans and Novak the Nixon administration is reacting to "these Israeli suspicions" with "extreme irritation." Continuing, they noted:

"No matter how ephemeral a Nixon-Brezhnev agreement on the Middle East may be, Mr. Nixon's top advisers deeply resent any effort by Israel to limit his freedom of negotiation at the Moscow summit.")

Unofficially, it was said today that Rabin is seeking clarification from Labor Party leaders of his status as a possible Cabinet minister. The Israeli envoy to the US had been scheduled to terminate his duties in Washington several months ago but his tour was extended to the end of the present calendar year.

### LINDSAY SIGNS PETITION ASKING NIXON TO SPEAK OUT FOR SOVIET JEWS

NEW YORK, March 22 (JTA)--Mayor John V. Lindsay signed a petition today asking President Nixon to "take advantage" of his "unique" Moscow visit and "help redeem Soviet Jewry" by acting "to help free Jewish prisoners of conscience and to help Soviet Jews achieve the fundamental right to live as Jews and to leave for Israel and elsewhere." The petition, which had already been signed by the five borough presidents and "hundreds of thousands" of other Americans, is being circulated here by the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry. The petitions are expected to gather some 500,000 signatures in NY and more than one million nationwide. Lindsay also called on concerned New Yorkers to participate in the Solidarity Sunday march and rally on April 30.

### PERES: INFLUX OF SOVIET JEWS AS GREAT AS ANY MILITARY VICTORY

NY UJA 1972 Drive Launched With \$31.6M;  
Weiler Receives Lehman Memorial Award

NEW YORK, March 22 (JTA)--The influx of Jews from the Soviet Union to Israel is an "historic development as great as any military victory," Shimon Peres, Israel's Minister of Communications and Transportation, said last night. "This historic development," he added, "is the product of faith and spiritual strength of the Russian Jews," who have been "cut off from the mainstream of Judaism for nearly 50 years" and have been "under the heavy control" of an "elaborate machine system, facing endless propaganda and threats typical of a police state."

Peres was speaking to some 800 Jewish community leaders attending the inaugural dinner of the 31st annual United Jewish Appeal campaign of Greater New York which launched its 1972 drive with an additional sum of \$31.6 million. The dinner was a testimonial to Jack D. Weiler, communal leader, philanthropist and real estate investor. Weiler was presented with the Herbert H. Lehman Memorial Award for "notable humanitarian leadership" for his 25 years of service as a leader in both the New York and nationwide UJA campaigns.

Peres told the dinner guests that "there is no question of priorities when it comes to deciding which should come first with us in Israel--immigration before defense, or defense before immigration." Judaism, he said, is based on values and virtues and not on priorities or some form of balance sheet and, he added that "the national priority" must be on both.

### U.S.-Israel Relations Deeper, Closer

Turning to Israel-Arab relations, Peres noted that "in a sea of fire and hostilities there is an island of coexistence (the administered territories)." He said that the two communities had been brought up on prejudice, suspicion and hatred. However, he added, "Since the Six-Day War, we found ourselves living under the same roof, cultivating the same land. And instead of confrontation, we discovered the potentials of a mutually respectful bordering and neighboring."

On US-Israel relations, Peres said "I can't remember the time when the relationship and understanding between the United States and Israel have been deeper and closer." But, he added, Israel remains an independent state where her military strength and responsible political judgement makes her fit to enjoy the friendship of "this great country" which is willing to help other democratic states "that are willing to help themselves."

Earlier in the afternoon at a press conference, Peres said that within 10 years Israel would have a Jewish population of between five and six million Jews. "And that will make a lot of difference in Israel's political stance," he stated. Commenting on the growth and problems of communication and transportation in Israel, Peres said that in June, Israel would "hook up" with an existing satellite which would permit her to receive and send worldwide television programs and phone calls.

He also said that Israel was planning to build a modern railroad transportation system to serve its needs since "our present railroads have more sentimental value than transportation value." He said the new transit system would be built in and between the cities with the lines going underground in the cities and above ground between them. Peres also said he was "greatly impressed" with the "second generation" of young UJA leaders he met on his current UJA tour.

### CITY TO AID IN CHOMETZ CLEANUP

NEW YORK, March 22 (JTA)--This Passover Jewish housewives in five Orthodox Jewish neighborhoods will be helped in their housecleaning chores by New York City's Sanitation Department. Rabbi Samuel Schrage, executive director of the Mayor's Neighborhood Action Programs, announced today that arrangements were made with the Sanitation Department to pick up bulk refuse on Tuesday March 28 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the neighborhoods of Crown Heights, East Flatbush, Washington Heights-Inwood-Fort Tryon, Laureleton and the Grand Concourse.

Large open sanitation trucks will make the rounds of these neighborhoods on Tuesday picking up all refuse. Schrage noted that in these neighborhoods, where thousands of Orthodox Jews reside, Passover cleaning is a major concern. Recognizing that Jewish housewives will be busily engaged in housecleaning, it was decided that this special bulk pickup arrangement would be helpful in these communities. Similar arrangements are being made for other neighborhoods with large Jewish population.

### KIEV JEWS SAY 'WE SHALL OVERCOME'

MIAMI, March 22 (JTA)--The Miami office of the American Jewish Congress placed two telephone calls to Kiev yesterday and Monday and received a special Passover message from 34 Jews in that city, the capital of the Soviet Ukraine. The Jews in Kiev, where authorities have barred access to the local synagogue, compared the Soviet Union to ancient Egypt and asserted that now, as then, "We shall overcome."

The message relayed in the two calls contained the names of 34 Jews who are seeking emigration visas for themselves and their families to go to Israel. The calls were placed by Yosef Yanich, southeastern regional director of the AJCongress, and Judy Silver, a former social worker from Cincinnati. The spokesman for the Kiev Jews was Michael Radomyselsky, a 24-year-old polygraph engineer who applied for a visa last Aug. and has been unemployed since last Sept.

The message said in part, "Our common special seder table stretches thousands of kilometers and is divided by land and water. But we are all together as one...Your support gives us new strength. We shall read the Haggadah at a special table. The Haggadah teaches us to celebrate Pesach like our ancestors when they were slaves in the land of Egypt. But the history of Exodus is not only a history for us. It is reality....Many of us are in prison for wanting to go to Israel. In our modern Egypt, as thousands of years ago, we shall overcome our enemies."

### RABBI GOREN'S HOME ARSON TARGET

TEL AVIV, March 22 (JTA)--Police are investigating an arson attempt last night at the home of Tel Aviv's Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren. The fire was spotted by neighbors who extinguished it before any damage was done. Rabbi Goren and his family were out at the time. The fire was started by two plastic fuel containers set against the door of the house. The door was slightly scorched.

Rabbi Goren said he had received no threats but assumed the arson was the work of religious zealots opposed to his candidacy for the post of Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi of Israel. Rabbi Goren was formerly the chief chaplain of Israel's armed forces and is regarded as a moderate in the Orthodox religious establishment.





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butzim are opposing the government while kibbutzim of the Labor and Ahdut Avodah movements support it.

Israel Galili, a Labor Minister-Without-Portfolio, chided Mapam for its stand in a radio interview last night. This morning the Mapam newspaper, Al Hamishmar, urged Premier Golda Meir not to adopt Galili's attitude. Mapam leaders are due to meet with Mrs. Meir on the subject tomorrow.

### JDC ANNOUNCES \$8M PROGRAM TO IMPROVE FACILITIES FOR THE ELDERLY IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, March 22 (JTA)--Edward Ginsberg, chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, announced last night an \$8 million program to improve facilities for the care of the aged in Israel which he said will be completed by the end of 1974. The program is being carried out by the Association for Planning and Developing Services for the Aged under JDC auspices.

Ginsberg is in Israel on a fact-finding tour of JDC and Malben projects following a similar survey of JDC programs in other countries. He said the Association plans to add some 800 new beds for the aged in new institutions to be built and in existing institutions which will be expanded. He said the beds would be assigned mainly to infirm persons who need round-the-clock medical care.

### Funds Allocated For Training Programs

An additional 260 beds are to be provided in geriatric wards in general hospitals and comprehensive community service programs will be set up in ten localities for the aged able to live at home, he said. Many of the services are already being offered in Afula in Galilee and Beit Shemesh near Jerusalem. Other localities where services are planned include east and west Jerusalem, Beersheba, Ramle, Acre, Safad and Or Yehuda near Lydda.

The Association has also allocated funds to Tel Aviv University's School of Social Work for courses to train professional personnel to work with the aged and has made a grant to the University's Nursing School to allow faculty members to specialize in teaching for the care of the aged.

### MITTERAND: ISRAEL'S WITHDRAWAL SHOULD COME ONLY AFTER PEACE IS CONCLUDED Territory Needed To Preserve Security

PARIS, March 23 (JTA)--French Socialist leader, Francois Mitterand announced yesterday a three point Socialist approach to the Middle East which provides for Israel's withdrawal from the administered territories only after the conclusion of peace. Mitterand, who returned from Israel on Sunday, had been at the center of controversy over his stand on the Middle East after he made a number of contradictory statements which he subsequently denied. Last night Mitterand adopted a relatively clear stand, explaining that his approach to Israel and the Mideast is based on a three-point platform:

Israel has an absolute right to exist and as such should have the means "and the territories" to preserve its security; Israel's withdrawal from the territories should not be a pre-condition but "should follow the conclusion of an Arab-Israeli peace"; any solution must take into consideration "the Palestinian fact" and provide "a homeland for the two million Palestinians. Mitterand, who said that he plans to visit Egypt and Syria in the near future, stressed that in his view the Socialist principles also imply that Israel "must also make concessions."

### AZF HEAD URGES BLACK AMERICANS TO FOLLOW LEAD OF BLACK CONGRESSMEN

NEW YORK, March 22 (JTA)--Rabbi Israel Miller, president of the American Zionist Federation, called today on Blacks to follow the lead of the Congressional Black Caucus, which yesterday stressed Israel's "right to existence" and said the Jewish historical experience "has helped inspire Black people in this country to strive for self respect and dignity and to revive their own cultural heritage."

The AZF leader declared that "American Jews want to redevelop a good relationship with the Black community here, but the Black leadership must know that any such steps are impossible until the Blacks react in more positive fashion to values cherished by the Jewish community." It is "inconceivable," he continued, "that any real friendship can be developed between our two peoples until the Blacks are prepared to understand and accept our deep concern for Israel."

Rabbi Miller's criticism was in reference to the resolution passed last week at the National Black Political Convention in Gary, Ind., endorsing the "dismantling" of Israel. A spokesman for Rabbi Miller said he considered it an official resolution even though it was passed at the tail end of the convention with only some of the delegates present. Richard G. Hatcher, the Black Mayor of Gary, has called the resolution "very unfortunate" and unrepresentative of the convention's attitudes.

"Israel is not negotiable to Jews," Rabbi Miller asserted, "and the sooner this fact of life becomes apparent to the Black community, the sooner a real dialogue leading to reestablishment of friendly Black-Jewish relations will emerge. The action taken by the 13 Black (Caucus) Congressmen, therefore, is a step in the right direction and augurs well for improved Black-Jewish relationships."

### NABLUS MAYOR URGES RESIDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN WEST BANK ELECTIONS

JERUSALEM, March 22 (JTA)--Mayor Haj Mazouz el-Massri of Nablus called on the residents there today to participate in the West Bank municipal elections next Tuesday. At a special meeting of the Nablus Municipal Council, the West Bank mayor announced that he himself would vote, expressed support for the candidates and urged others who were qualified to stand for election. But he and former Mayor Hamdi Canaan said they would not change their minds about quitting the race themselves, confirming that they had received threatening letters from Palestinian terrorists.

Massri's announcement came two days after 10 West Bank notables revoked their candidacy, a move followed by a sharp dictum from Defense Minister Moshe Dayan that the government would not permit illegal activities in the administered former Jordanian territory. Dayan emphasized that Israel might close the bridges between the West Bank and Jordan if King Hussein used them to send into the territory Jordanians threatening the candidates. Lt. Col. Aharon Hirsch was nominated today to rule Nablus should the elections fall through.

### THERE MAY BE 10-12 JEWISH SERVICEMEN AMONG POWs IN INDOCHINA, BUT NOT OFFICIAL

WASHINGTON, March 22 (JTA)--The State Department said today that 1618 American soldiers have been taken prisoner in Indochina, but added that it did not have a breakdown by religion as that information is not included in its official documentation. The Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned from Department sources, however, that the total includes 10 or 12 prisoners "with Jewish-sounding surnames," which

is not necessarily an accurate guide.

Rabbi Schulem Rubin of New York, who recently tried unsuccessfully in Paris to gain permission to visit Jewish POWs in North Vietnam during Passover, has said that according to sources, whom he would not name, there were 30 Jewish POWs held by Hanoi in 1969. The State Department acknowledged today that several American rabbis, notably Rabbi Rubin, have sought to reach Jewish POWs.

In a related development, Secretary of State William P. Rogers announced today that President Nixon had designated March 26-April 1 as a "national week of concern for Americans who are prisoners of war or missing in action." That period was chosen, Rogers explained, because it is Holy Week, the week before Easter. His statement made no mention of Passover, which starts at sundown March 29 and ends April 6.

### RABIN DUE IN ISRAEL FOR CONSULTATIONS ON NIXON'S TRIP TO SOVIET UNION

JERUSALEM, March 22 (JTA)--Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin is due here from Washington within the next few days, it was learned today, but sources differ as to whether his return home has to do with his Ambassadorial duties or his own political future. According to official sources, Rabin is coming here for consultations connected with President Nixon's forthcoming trip to Moscow where matters of major importance to Israel are expected to be on the agenda of his talks with Soviet leaders.

(According to syndicated columnists Rowland Evans and Robert Novak, Israel fears that there will be "a US-Soviet deal at the expense of Israel during Mr. Nixon's mission to Moscow." They claim that Premier Golda Meir wants an assurance that Nixon "will bar any Middle East agreements" in his summit talks with Soviet leaders. According to Evans and Novak the Nixon administration is reacting to "these Israeli suspicions" with "extreme irritation." Continuing, they noted:

"No matter how ephemeral a Nixon-Brezhnev agreement on the Middle East may be, Mr. Nixon's top advisers deeply resent any effort by Israel to limit his freedom of negotiation at the Moscow summit.")

Unofficially, it was said today that Rabin is seeking clarification from Labor Party leaders of his status as a possible Cabinet minister. The Israeli envoy to the US had been scheduled to terminate his duties in Washington several months ago but his tour was extended to the end of the present calendar year.

### LINDSAY SIGNS PETITION ASKING NIXON TO SPEAK OUT FOR SOVIET JEWS

NEW YORK, March 22 (JTA)--Mayor John V. Lindsay signed a petition today asking President Nixon to "take advantage" of his "unique" Moscow visit and "help redeem Soviet Jewry" by acting "to help free Jewish prisoners of conscience and to help Soviet Jews achieve the fundamental right to live as Jews and to leave for Israel and elsewhere." The petition, which had already been signed by the five borough presidents and "hundreds of thousands" of other Americans, is being circulated here by the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry. The petitions are expected to gather some 500,000 signatures in NY and more than one million nationwide. Lindsay also called on concerned New Yorkers to participate in the Solidarity Sunday march and rally on April 30.

### PERES: INFLUX OF SOVIET JEWS AS GREAT AS ANY MILITARY VICTORY

NY UJA 1972 Drive Launched With \$31.6M;  
Weiler Receives Lehman Memorial Award

NEW YORK, March 22 (JTA)--The influx of Jews from the Soviet Union to Israel is an "historic development as great as any military victory," Shimon Peres, Israel's Minister of Communications and Transportation, said last night. "This historic development," he added, "is the product of faith and spiritual strength of the Russian Jews," who have been "cut off from the mainstream of Judaism for nearly 50 years" and have been "under the heavy control" of an "elaborate machine system, facing endless propaganda and threats typical of a police state."

Peres was speaking to some 800 Jewish community leaders attending the inaugural dinner of the 31st annual United Jewish Appeal campaign of Greater New York which launched its 1972 drive with an additional sum of \$31.6 million. The dinner was a testimonial to Jack D. Weiler, communal leader, philanthropist and real estate investor. Weiler was presented with the Herbert H. Lehman Memorial Award for "notable humanitarian leadership" for his 25 years of service as a leader in both the New York and nationwide UJA campaigns.

Peres told the dinner guests that "there is no question of priorities when it comes to deciding which should come first with us in Israel--immigration before defense, or defense before immigration." Judaism, he said, is based on values and virtues and not on priorities or some form of balance sheet and, he added that "the national priority" must be on both.

### U.S.-Israel Relations Deeper, Closer

Turning to Israel-Arab relations, Peres noted that "in a sea of fire and hostilities there is an island of coexistence (the administered territories)." He said that the two communities had been brought up on prejudice, suspicion and hatred. However, he added, "Since the Six-Day War, we found ourselves living under the same roof, cultivating the same land. And instead of confrontation, we discovered the potentials of a mutually respectful bordering and neighboring."

On US-Israel relations, Peres said "I can't remember the time when the relationship and understanding between the United States and Israel have been deeper and closer." But, he added, Israel remains an independent state where her military strength and responsible political judgement makes her fit to enjoy the friendship of "this great country" which is willing to help other democratic states "that are willing to help themselves."

Earlier in the afternoon at a press conference, Peres said that within 10 years Israel would have a Jewish population of between five and six million Jews. "And that will make a lot of difference in Israel's political stance," he stated. Commenting on the growth and problems of communication and transportation in Israel, Peres said that in June, Israel would "hook up" with an existing satellite which would permit her to receive and send worldwide television programs and phone calls.

He also said that Israel was planning to build a modern railroad transportation system to serve its needs since "our present railroads have more sentimental value than transportation value." He said the new transit system would be built in and between the cities with the lines going underground in the cities and above ground between them. Peres also said he was "greatly impressed" with the "second generation" of young UJA leaders he met on his current UJA tour.

### CITY TO AID IN CHOMETZ CLEANUP

NEW YORK, March 22 (JTA)--This Passover Jewish housewives in five Orthodox Jewish neighborhoods will be helped in their housecleaning chores by New York City's Sanitation Department. Rabbi Samuel Schrage, executive director of the Mayor's Neighborhood Action Programs, announced today that arrangements were made with the Sanitation Department to pick up bulk refuse on Tuesday March 28 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the neighborhoods of Crown Heights, East Flatbush, Washington Heights-Inwood-Fort Tryon, Laureleton and the Grand Concourse.

Large open sanitation trucks will make the rounds of these neighborhoods on Tuesday picking up all refuse. Schrage noted that in these neighborhoods, where thousands of Orthodox Jews reside, Passover cleaning is a major concern. Recognizing that Jewish housewives will be busily engaged in housecleaning, it was decided that this special bulk pickup arrangement would be helpful in these communities. Similar arrangements are being made for other neighborhoods with large Jewish population.

### KIEV JEWS SAY 'WE SHALL OVERCOME'

MIAMI, March 22 (JTA)--The Miami office of the American Jewish Congress placed two telephone calls to Kiev yesterday and Monday and received a special Passover message from 34 Jews in that city, the capital of the Soviet Ukraine. The Jews in Kiev, where authorities have barred access to the local synagogue, compared the Soviet Union to ancient Egypt and asserted that now, as then, "We shall overcome."

The message relayed in the two calls contained the names of 34 Jews who are seeking emigration visas for themselves and their families to go to Israel. The calls were placed by Yosef Yanich, southeastern regional director of the AJCongress, and Judy Silver, a former social worker from Cincinnati. The spokesman for the Kiev Jews was Michael Radomyselsky, a 24-year-old polygraph engineer who applied for a visa last Aug. and has been unemployed since last Sept.

The message said in part, "Our common special seder table stretches thousands of kilometers and is divided by land and water. But we are all together as one...Your support gives us new strength. We shall read the Haggadah at a special table. The Haggadah teaches us to celebrate Pesach like our ancestors when they were slaves in the land of Egypt. But the history of Exodus is not only a history for us. It is reality....Many of us are in prison for wanting to go to Israel. In our modern Egypt, as thousands of years ago, we shall overcome our enemies."

### RABBI GOREN'S HOME ARSON TARGET

TEL AVIV, March 22 (JTA)--Police are investigating an arson attempt last night at the home of Tel Aviv's Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren. The fire was spotted by neighbors who extinguished it before any damage was done. Rabbi Goren and his family were out at the time. The fire was started by two plastic fuel containers set against the door of the house. The door was slightly scorched.

Rabbi Goren said he had received no threats but assumed the arson was the work of religious zealots opposed to his candidacy for the post of Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi of Israel. Rabbi Goren was formerly the chief chaplain of Israel's armed forces and is regarded as a moderate in the Orthodox religious establishment.