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Ben Natan, who addressed a luncheon at the Foreign Correspondents Club here, was especially bitter over the recent French vote in favor of an Arab-backed resolution of the United Nations Human Rights Commission which accused Israel of violating the Geneva Convention and committing war crimes in the administered territories. "The facts on which France based its vote are false and France knows it," Ben Natan said.

On the other hand, he described the recent contretemps over the participation of Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek in the opening ceremonies of a Paris exhibit in Jerusalem as "a tempest in a tea pot." The Ambassador said the lack of French realism in its approach to Israel was manifested by the fact that no high French official has ever visited Israel to see "the Israeli reality close up" although a majority of the other European foreign ministers have visited Israel. Ben Natan expressed hope that Franco-Israeli relations would improve.

JAKOBSON GETS POST AS ENVOY TO SWEDEN

COPENHAGEN, April 18 (JTA)--The Finnish government announced yesterday the appointment of Max Jakobson as Ambassador to Sweden. The Finnish diplomat, the son of a Helsinki Zionist committee member, had asked to be relieved of his previous post as Finland's Ambassador to the United Nations after he failed to be elected Secretary General. Jakobson had been regarded for a time as the most likely candidate to succeed Secretary General U Thant who retired last year. His failure to win election was attributed in part to Soviet hostility. He was accused by the Russians of having expressed anti-Soviet views in a book he wrote on the Russo-Finnish war of 1940-41.

LATE NEWS BULLETIN

ALBANY, N.Y., April 18 (JTA)--Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller today signed the Silverman-Lewis Bill banning all types of elections in New York State on the Jewish Sabbath and holy days of all faiths. The bill was co-sponsored in the State Assembly by Leonard Silverman and Stanley Steingut of New York City. An identical bill in the State Senate was sponsored by Albert B. Lewis of Brooklyn. The new law covers all elections in which city, state or federal monies are involved. The bill in the Senate was approved March 27 by a vote of 52-4. The bill in the Assembly was approved March 15 by a 127-9 vote.

Harrogate Approach Reaffirmed BRITISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL PRaises ARAB LEAGUE, CALLS FOR ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL

LONDON, April 18 (JTA)--A high-ranking British government official today heaped praise on the Arab League, referred apologetically to the construction of submarines for Israel by British yards, and claimed that Foreign Minister Sir Alec Douglas-Home's Harrogate speech of Dec. 1970 in which he called for Israel's withdrawal from the administered territories remained the keystone of Britain's Middle East policy.

The remarks, by Joseph Godber, Minister of State at the Foreign Office and supervisor of its Middle East department, were made at the annual dinner of the Anglo-Arab Association honoring Abdel Khalik Hassouna, secretary general of the Arab League. Godber described Hassouna as "one of the most respected and distinguished figures in the world."

Godber did not mention Israel by name in connection with the three submarines being built by the Vickers firm. He stressed that Britain has never embargoed military supplies to the Middle East, that it has supplied Egypt and other Arab states and that in any event the submarines are "small ones." He said he wanted to "repudiate" the "rumor" that there has been a shift of emphasis in Britain's policy toward a settlement of the Mideast dispute.

Seeks Peaceful Mideast Solution

"This is totally unfounded," Godber said. "We want to see a peaceful settlement in accordance with Resolution 242. Our view about the terms of the Resolution is, as Sir Alec Douglas-Home said it out in Harrogate, that any settlement must be based on two principles: The inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by war, the need for a just and lasting peace in which every state in the area could live in security."

This means, Godber continued, "that Israeli armed forces must withdraw from the territories occupied in the conflict and the state of belligerency must be ended, and the right of every state to live in peace and secure and recognized boundaries must be recognized." Sir Alec recently visited Israel and expressed a modified view of his Harrogate speech.

Godber said his government regards President Nixon's forthcoming visit to Moscow "as the next milestone." He added "We hope that the two superpowers will be able to reach some agreement on steps to break the Middle East deadlock."

GALILI: ISRAEL INTENDS TO RETAIN TERRITORIES ESSENTIAL TO SECURITY

TEL AVIV, April 18 (JTA)--The Israeli government is attempting to convey the message that while it intends to retain all territories it considers essential to national security, it is laying down no pre-conditions for peace talks with the Arabs. The latest reiteration of this position was contained in an interview with Israel Galili, a Labor Minister-Without-Portfolio who is a member of Premier Golda Meir's inner circle and is considered a spokesman for her government.

In the interview published today in the newspaper, Haaretz, Galili said there was no secret of Israel's intention to retain the Gaza Strip, the Golan Heights and Sharm el-Sheikh. But, he emphasized, these are intentions, not conditions, and therefore Israel can legitimately speak of sitting down to peace talks with the Arabs without pre-conditions. He said he saw nothing wrong in making Israel's intentions public.

No Return To Rogers Plan

Galili said Israel should make it clear to the US that there will be no return to the Rogers Plan borders--the armistice lines that existed before the June, 1967 war. He said this position has to be stressed on the eve of President Nixon's Moscow trip. "We have to do everything to convince the Americans that we are serious when we talk of the necessity of substantial changes in the borders to the extent that we are ready to undergo risks for them," Galili said.

He repeated his warning that Israel cannot afford to be complacent over Nixon's impending summit meeting in Moscow with Soviet leaders as if no danger could arise from that meeting. "I hope the Americans will not buy a Soviet promise to pull Russian troops out of Egypt in return for a promise to see to the implementation of the Rogers Plan," Galili said.

Referring to the controversial cordoning off of an area between the southern Gaza Strip and northern Sinai, which involved the relocation of several thousand Bedouins, Galili said the operation was decided by the military for security reasons and therefore did not require advance approval by the government. He said the move was not made to clear the land for future Jewish settlement and that there are no current plans to settle the region. However, Galili added, this does not mean such plans would not come up at a later date.

REPORT LEOPOLD TREPPER TO FILE LIBEL SUIT AGAINST FRENCH OFFICIAL

PARIS, April 18 (JTA)--The head of the Leopold Trepper Defense Committee reported today that the World War II master spy will file a libel suit against Jean Rochet, director of the French counter-espionage service, who has accused Trepper of collaboration with the Gestapo. In a letter published today in Le Monde, Gilles Perrault said Trepper told him of his intention to sue Rochet in a telephone conversation Friday from Warsaw. Last Thursday Le Monde published Rochet's charge that Trepper turned over his comrades, many of them Jews, to the Gestapo after the Nazis arrested him in 1942.

Trepper headed the Soviet espionage network in Western Europe during World War II, known as the "Red Orchestra." He and his wife live in Poland and have been trying, in vain, to get exit visas to go to Israel to join their son, Edgar. Mrs. Elisabeth Trepper, who was given a temporary exit visa earlier this month, was refused entry to France on grounds that her husband was an undesirable foreign agent who could be harmful to Western countries.

Not A Gestapo Collaborator

Trepper's defense here was undertaken by Perrault, the author of a book on the "Red Orchestra." In his Le Monde letter, Perrault accused Rochet of using portions of the book out of context to support charges against Trepper. He claimed that the reason Trepper wasn't tortured by the Gestapo was because they intended to use him to communicate false intelligence to Russia.

Perrault also came to Trepper's defense in an article published in the current issue of the French weekly Le Nouvel Observateur. He maintained that had Trepper been a Gestapo collaborator he would not claim the right to go to Israel, a country which is well informed about war crimes and does not pardon them. Perrault also observed that Trepper stood up to the official anti-Semitic campaign in Poland led by former Interior Minister Mieczyslaw Moczar in 1968.

SOVIET JEWRY ACTIVITIES INCREASING**April 30, May 15 Set As Action Days**

NEW YORK, April 18 (JTA)--As President Nixon prepares for his mid-May summit meeting in Moscow, the White House is being deluged with calls to intercede with the Soviet leadership on behalf of Soviet Jews, it was reported to the Executive Committee of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, meeting here yesterday.

According to the report by Theodore R. Mann of Philadelphia, chairman of the NCRAC's Commission in International Community Relations Concerns, one or both houses of at least 25 state legislatures have adopted resolutions deploring Soviet denial of rights to Jews and urging the President to seek the right of emigration for those Soviet Jews who wish to leave Russia. Similar resolutions are awaiting committee action in a number of other legislatures. Many governors, mayors and other public officials have issued proclamations with identical appeals.

The NCRAC report also stated that with five weeks remaining before the President leaves for the Soviet Union, the goal of a million signatures on petitions making the same request is well within sight. Many thousands of petitions already have reached the White House or are on their way by mail. In about 100 cities, April 30 will be observed as Solidarity Sunday for Soviet Jewry. Hundreds of thousands of participants, non-Jewish as well as Jewish, are expected to take part in public events, the NCRAC stated.

Albert E. Arent, NCRAC chairman, told the Executive Committee that a National Assembly on Soviet Jewry in Washington, sponsored by the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, has been set for May 15.

BILL BANNING SABBATH ELECTIONS**SIGNED INTO LAW BY LINDSAY**

NEW YORK, April 18 (JTA)--Mayor John V. Lindsay signed into law yesterday a bill he personally sponsored to ban elections to boards of city anti-poverty agencies in response to persistent complaints that such scheduling disfranchised observant Jews from voting in such elections. The bill generally prohibits local community elections to all quasi-official or official offices from sundown Friday through Sunday.

In signing the measure, the Mayor said there was a critical need for such legislation because it would permit "the widest community participation of the electorate" in choosing members of boards of anti-poverty agencies and local school districts.

The bill, approved by the City Council two weeks ago by a vote of 33 to 2, was introduced by Councilmen Theodore Silverman and Kenneth Haber, both of Brooklyn. The elections, originally scheduled for April, have been postponed to July.

Currently, Jews have substantial representation on the boards of only two of the city's 25 local community anti-poverty agencies--Crown Heights and Williamsburg--the only two agencies which did not conduct their last elections on the Jewish Sabbath. A similar bill, passed by the State Legislature, is now awaiting the signature of Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller.

FOUNDERS OF THE JEWISH WELFARE FUND OF METROPOLITAN CHICAGO HONORED

CHICAGO, April 18 (JTA)--Raymond Epstein, president of the Jewish Welfare Fund of Metropolitan Chicago and vice-president of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, paid tribute to the men who created the Fund 36 years ago and developed it into a powerful institution aiding Jews in this country and abroad. Epstein presided over a special meeting honoring the founders of the Fund and commemorating Holocaust Day.

He reported that since 1936, when the Fund came into existence, through 1971 the Fund appropriated over \$140 million including \$113,315,000 for overseas needs, chiefly for the United Jewish Appeal; \$15 million for Jewish education; \$6,660,000 for national Jewish organizations; and more than \$1 million for resettlement of Jewish refugees in Chicago.

James P. Rice, executive director of the Fund, praised Samuel Goldsmith for his work overseas as Joint Distribution Committee country director and executive director of United HIAS Service. Goldsmith retired in 1966 as the executive director of the Fund and Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago. Referring to the men being honored and to the work of the Fund, Rice said: "There are times, and places, and people we must remember. Because on this 36th anniversary of the Jewish Welfare Fund of Metropolitan Chicago, the twice 'chai' anniversary, and on the eve of Holocaust Day, we must not forget."

250 YOUTHS TO PARTICIPATE IN ZOA ISRAEL SUMMER PROGRAMS

NEW YORK, April 18 (JTA)--More than 250 Jewish high school and college students will participate in the Zionist Organization of America's study-and-travel programs this summer in Israel. The students, from 73 communities in 19 states, were selected from among 1800 applicants for the seven-week camping, institute and leadership training programs, Bernard M. Rifkin, chairman of the ZOA's National Youth Committee, reported. Rifkin said that the large number of applications enabled the ZOA to close registration at the earliest date in the programs' 10-year history. The programs are conducted by Masada, national youth movement of the 110,000-member ZOA. This year's programs begin July 3.

ISRAELI LEFTISTS INVITED TO MOSCOW

TEL AVIV, April 18 (JTA)--The Moscow Peace Committee has invited another group of Israeli leftists and Communists for a two-week visit to Russia, it was reported today. The invitations were sent through Mrs. Ruth Luwitz, a member of the pro-Moscow Rakach Communist Party. The invitees include Chaim Drapkin of Mapam, Emile Thoma and Ziva Yariv, a left-wing journalist. A group of Israeli Communists and leftists visited the USSR last year at the invitation of the Moscow Peace Committee.

THE PHONES ARE RINGING

JERUSALEM, April 18 (JTA)--The Communications Ministry reported today that there are 19 telephones in Israel for every 100 people, a higher per capita rate than in France or Italy and almost equal to that of England. The Ministry said a record number of phones were installed during the 12 month period that ended March 31. The national telephone network grew by 15 percent in the past year, a near world record according to the Ministry.

WANTED TERRORIST CAPTURED

TEL AVIV, April 18 (JTA)--A terrorist responsible for the death of four Israeli Army officers in a mining incident west of Hebron a year ago, was captured last night after a gun-battle with an Israeli patrol. The wanted man, Youssef Mouhamed Dieb, was wounded during an exchange of fire near Idna village in the Hebron area.



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Ben Natan, who addressed a luncheon at the Foreign Correspondents Club here, was especially bitter over the recent French vote in favor of an Arab-backed resolution of the United Nations Human Rights Commission which accused Israel of violating the Geneva Convention and committing war crimes in the administered territories. "The facts on which France based its vote are false and France knows it," Ben Natan said.

On the other hand, he described the recent contretemps over the participation of Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek in the opening ceremonies of a Paris exhibit in Jerusalem as "a tempest in a tea pot." The Ambassador said the lack of French realism in its approach to Israel was manifested by the fact that no high French official has ever visited Israel to see "the Israeli reality close up" although a majority of the other European foreign ministers have visited Israel. Ben Natan expressed hope that Franco-Israeli relations would improve.

JAKOBSON GETS POST AS ENVOY TO SWEDEN

COPENHAGEN, April 18 (JTA)--The Finnish government announced yesterday the appointment of Max Jakobson as Ambassador to Sweden. The Finnish diplomat, the son of a Helsinki Zionist committee member, had asked to be relieved of his previous post as Finland's Ambassador to the United Nations after he failed to be elected Secretary General. Jakobson had been regarded for a time as the most likely candidate to succeed Secretary General U Thant who retired last year. His failure to win election was attributed in part to Soviet hostility. He was accused by the Russians of having expressed anti-Soviet views in a book he wrote on the Russo-Finnish war of 1940-41.

LATE NEWS BULLETIN

ALBANY, N.Y., April 18 (JTA)--Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller today signed the Silverman-Lewis Bill banning all types of elections in New York State on the Jewish Sabbath and holy days of all faiths. The bill was co-sponsored in the State Assembly by Leonard Silverman and Stanley Steingut of New York City. An identical bill in the State Senate was sponsored by Albert B. Lewis of Brooklyn. The new law covers all elections in which city, state or federal monies are involved. The bill in the Senate was approved March 27 by a vote of 52-4. The bill in the Assembly was approved March 15 by a 127-9 vote.

Harrogate Approach Reaffirmed BRITISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL PRaises ARAB LEAGUE, CALLS FOR ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL

LONDON, April 18 (JTA)--A high-ranking British government official today heaped praise on the Arab League, referred apologetically to the construction of submarines for Israel by British yards, and claimed that Foreign Minister Sir Alec Douglas-Home's Harrogate speech of Dec. 1970 in which he called for Israel's withdrawal from the administered territories remained the keystone of Britain's Middle East policy.

The remarks, by Joseph Godber, Minister of State at the Foreign Office and supervisor of its Middle East department, were made at the annual dinner of the Anglo-Arab Association honoring Abdel Khalik Hassouna, secretary general of the Arab League. Godber described Hassouna as "one of the most respected and distinguished figures in the world."

Godber did not mention Israel by name in connection with the three submarines being built by the Vickers firm. He stressed that Britain has never embargoed military supplies to the Middle East, that it has supplied Egypt and other Arab states and that in any event the submarines are "small ones." He said he wanted to "repudiate" the "rumor" that there has been a shift of emphasis in Britain's policy toward a settlement of the Mideast dispute.

Seeks Peaceful Mideast Solution

"This is totally unfounded," Godber said. "We want to see a peaceful settlement in accordance with Resolution 242. Our view about the terms of the Resolution is, as Sir Alec Douglas-Home said it out in Harrogate, that any settlement must be based on two principles: The inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by war, the need for a just and lasting peace in which every state in the area could live in security."

This means, Godber continued, "that Israeli armed forces must withdraw from the territories occupied in the conflict and the state of belligerency must be ended, and the right of every state to live in peace and secure and recognized boundaries must be recognized." Sir Alec recently visited Israel and expressed a modified view of his Harrogate speech.

Godber said his government regards President Nixon's forthcoming visit to Moscow "as the next milestone." He added "We hope that the two superpowers will be able to reach some agreement on steps to break the Middle East deadlock."

GALILI: ISRAEL INTENDS TO RETAIN TERRITORIES ESSENTIAL TO SECURITY

TEL AVIV, April 18 (JTA)--The Israeli government is attempting to convey the message that while it intends to retain all territories it considers essential to national security, it is laying down no pre-conditions for peace talks with the Arabs. The latest reiteration of this position was contained in an interview with Israel Galili, a Labor Minister-Without-Portfolio who is a member of Premier Golda Meir's inner circle and is considered a spokesman for her government.

In the interview published today in the newspaper, Haaretz, Galili said there was no secret of Israel's intention to retain the Gaza Strip, the Golan Heights and Sharm el-Sheikh. But, he emphasized, these are intentions, not conditions, and therefore Israel can legitimately speak of sitting down to peace talks with the Arabs without pre-conditions. He said he saw nothing wrong in making Israel's intentions public.

No Return To Rogers Plan

Galili said Israel should make it clear to the US that there will be no return to the Rogers Plan borders--the armistice lines that existed before the June, 1967 war. He said this position has to be stressed on the eve of President Nixon's Moscow trip. "We have to do everything to convince the Americans that we are serious when we talk of the necessity of substantial changes in the borders to the extent that we are ready to undergo risks for them," Galili said.

He repeated his warning that Israel cannot afford to be complacent over Nixon's impending summit meeting in Moscow with Soviet leaders as if no danger could arise from that meeting. "I hope the Americans will not buy a Soviet promise to pull Russian troops out of Egypt in return for a promise to see to the implementation of the Rogers Plan," Galili said.

Referring to the controversial cordoning off of an area between the southern Gaza Strip and northern Sinai, which involved the relocation of several thousand Bedouins, Galili said the operation was decided by the military for security reasons and therefore did not require advance approval by the government. He said the move was not made to clear the land for future Jewish settlement and that there are no current plans to settle the region. However, Galili added, this does not mean such plans would not come up at a later date.

REPORT LEOPOLD TREPPER TO FILE LIBEL SUIT AGAINST FRENCH OFFICIAL

PARIS, April 18 (JTA)--The head of the Leopold Trepper Defense Committee reported today that the World War II master spy will file a libel suit against Jean Rochet, director of the French counter-espionage service, who has accused Trepper of collaboration with the Gestapo. In a letter published today in Le Monde, Gilles Perrault said Trepper told him of his intention to sue Rochet in a telephone conversation Friday from Warsaw. Last Thursday Le Monde published Rochet's charge that Trepper turned over his comrades, many of them Jews, to the Gestapo after the Nazis arrested him in 1942.

Trepper headed the Soviet espionage network in Western Europe during World War II, known as the "Red Orchestra." He and his wife live in Poland and have been trying, in vain, to get exit visas to go to Israel to join their son, Edgar. Mrs. Elisabeth Trepper, who was given a temporary exit visa earlier this month, was refused entry to France on grounds that her husband was an undesirable foreign agent who could be harmful to Western countries.

Not A Gestapo Collaborator

Trepper's defense here was undertaken by Perrault, the author of a book on the "Red Orchestra." In his Le Monde letter, Perrault accused Rochet of using portions of the book out of context to support charges against Trepper. He claimed that the reason Trepper wasn't tortured by the Gestapo was because they intended to use him to communicate false intelligence to Russia.

Perrault also came to Trepper's defense in an article published in the current issue of the French weekly Le Nouvel Observateur. He maintained that had Trepper been a Gestapo collaborator he would not claim the right to go to Israel, a country which is well informed about war crimes and does not pardon them. Perrault also observed that Trepper stood up to the official anti-Semitic campaign in Poland led by former Interior Minister Mieczyslaw Moczar in 1968.

SOVIET JEWRY ACTIVITIES INCREASING**April 30, May 15 Set As Action Days**

NEW YORK, April 18 (JTA)--As President Nixon prepares for his mid-May summit meeting in Moscow, the White House is being deluged with calls to intercede with the Soviet leadership on behalf of Soviet Jews, it was reported to the Executive Committee of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, meeting here yesterday.

According to the report by Theodore R. Mann of Philadelphia, chairman of the NCRAC's Commission in International Community Relations Concerns, one or both houses of at least 25 state legislatures have adopted resolutions deploring Soviet denial of rights to Jews and urging the President to seek the right of emigration for those Soviet Jews who wish to leave Russia. Similar resolutions are awaiting committee action in a number of other legislatures. Many governors, mayors and other public officials have issued proclamations with identical appeals.

The NCRAC report also stated that with five weeks remaining before the President leaves for the Soviet Union, the goal of a million signatures on petitions making the same request is well within sight. Many thousands of petitions already have reached the White House or are on their way by mail. In about 100 cities, April 30 will be observed as Solidarity Sunday for Soviet Jewry. Hundreds of thousands of participants, non-Jewish as well as Jewish, are expected to take part in public events, the NCRAC stated.

Albert E. Arent, NCRAC chairman, told the Executive Committee that a National Assembly on Soviet Jewry in Washington, sponsored by the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, has been set for May 15.

BILL BANNING SABBATH ELECTIONS**SIGNED INTO LAW BY LINDSAY**

NEW YORK, April 18 (JTA)--Mayor John V. Lindsay signed into law yesterday a bill he personally sponsored to ban elections to boards of city anti-poverty agencies in response to persistent complaints that such scheduling disfranchised observant Jews from voting in such elections. The bill generally prohibits local community elections to all quasi-official or official offices from sundown Friday through Sunday.

In signing the measure, the Mayor said there was a critical need for such legislation because it would permit "the widest community participation of the electorate" in choosing members of boards of anti-poverty agencies and local school districts.

The bill, approved by the City Council two weeks ago by a vote of 33 to 2, was introduced by Councilmen Theodore Silverman and Kenneth Haber, both of Brooklyn. The elections, originally scheduled for April, have been postponed to July.

Currently, Jews have substantial representation on the boards of only two of the city's 25 local community anti-poverty agencies--Crown Heights and Williamsburg--the only two agencies which did not conduct their last elections on the Jewish Sabbath. A similar bill, passed by the State Legislature, is now awaiting the signature of Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller.

FOUNDERS OF THE JEWISH WELFARE FUND OF METROPOLITAN CHICAGO HONORED

CHICAGO, April 18 (JTA)--Raymond Epstein, president of the Jewish Welfare Fund of Metropolitan Chicago and vice-president of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, paid tribute to the men who created the Fund 36 years ago and developed it into a powerful institution aiding Jews in this country and abroad. Epstein presided over a special meeting honoring the founders of the Fund and commemorating Holocaust Day.

He reported that since 1936, when the Fund came into existence, through 1971 the Fund appropriated over \$140 million including \$113,315,000 for overseas needs, chiefly for the United Jewish Appeal; \$15 million for Jewish education; \$6,660,000 for national Jewish organizations; and more than \$1 million for resettlement of Jewish refugees in Chicago.

James P. Rice, executive director of the Fund, praised Samuel Goldsmith for his work overseas as Joint Distribution Committee country director and executive director of United HIAS Service. Goldsmith retired in 1966 as the executive director of the Fund and Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago. Referring to the men being honored and to the work of the Fund, Rice said: "There are times, and places, and people we must remember. Because on this 36th anniversary of the Jewish Welfare Fund of Metropolitan Chicago, the twice 'chai' anniversary, and on the eve of Holocaust Day, we must not forget."

250 YOUTHS TO PARTICIPATE IN ZOA ISRAEL SUMMER PROGRAMS

NEW YORK, April 18 (JTA)--More than 250 Jewish high school and college students will participate in the Zionist Organization of America's study-and-travel programs this summer in Israel. The students, from 73 communities in 19 states, were selected from among 1800 applicants for the seven-week camping, institute and leadership training programs, Bernard M. Rifkin, chairman of the ZOA's National Youth Committee, reported. Rifkin said that the large number of applications enabled the ZOA to close registration at the earliest date in the programs' 10-year history. The programs are conducted by Masada, national youth movement of the 110,000-member ZOA. This year's programs begin July 3.

ISRAELI LEFTISTS INVITED TO MOSCOW

TEL AVIV, April 18 (JTA)--The Moscow Peace Committee has invited another group of Israeli leftists and Communists for a two-week visit to Russia, it was reported today. The invitations were sent through Mrs. Ruth Luwitz, a member of the pro-Moscow Rakach Communist Party. The invitees include Chaim Drapkin of Mapam, Emile Thoma and Ziva Yariv, a left-wing journalist. A group of Israeli Communists and leftists visited the USSR last year at the invitation of the Moscow Peace Committee.

THE PHONES ARE RINGING

JERUSALEM, April 18 (JTA)--The Communications Ministry reported today that there are 19 telephones in Israel for every 100 people, a higher per capita rate than in France or Italy and almost equal to that of England. The Ministry said a record number of phones were installed during the 12 month period that ended March 31. The national telephone network grew by 15 percent in the past year, a near world record according to the Ministry.

WANTED TERRORIST CAPTURED

TEL AVIV, April 18 (JTA)--A terrorist responsible for the death of four Israeli Army officers in a mining incident west of Hebron a year ago, was captured last night after a gun-battle with an Israeli patrol. The wanted man, Youssef Mouhamed Dieb, was wounded during an exchange of fire near Idna village in the Hebron area.