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JERUSALEM, April 19 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir received--and accepted in principle--an invitation to visit Rumania, the first Communist country to be visited by a Prime Minister of Israel, it was learned today from official sources. No date for the visit has been set. The invitation followed the visit to Israel last week of Rumania's Deputy Foreign Minister Georgie Macovescu.

Observers here said it was in line with Rumania's policy of maintaining friendly relations with both Israel and the Arab countries and a further demonstration of Bucharest's independence in foreign policy. Rumania is the only Communist bloc nation that refused to break diplomatic relations with Israel after the Six-Day War. Mrs. Meir's visit to Bucharest at some future date was seen as balancing the recent visit of Rumania's President Nicolae Ceausescu to Egypt. Rumania has indicated interest in assuming a mediating role in the Arab-Israel conflict.

At the same time it was learned today according to reports from Cairo, that President Anwar Sadat of Egypt may visit Moscow for talks with Soviet leaders next month, before President Nixon's scheduled arrival there May 22.

TWO JEWISH YOUTHS FACE LIFE SENTENCES

RIO DE JANEIRO, April 19 (JTA)--Two Jewish youths of this city were among nine leftist terrorists condemned here by a military court to life imprisonment for the 1970 kidnapping of Ehrenfried von Holleben, the West German ambassador to Brazil. The two, Jose Mauricio Gradel and Alfredo Helleo Sirkys, have been at large since the incident and were tried in absentia. Von Holleben was released after five days when the Brazilian government made good on an agreement to release 40 political prisoners and let them go to Algeria.

BRILLE PETITION ON SOVIET JEWS SENT TO NIXON

NEW YORK, April 19 (JTA)--Eighty blind persons--Jews and non-Jews, whites and Blacks--signed a Braille petition yesterday asking President Nixon to demand equal rights for Soviet Jews when he visits Moscow in May. The unusual petition, a project of the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry, was devised by Joshua Barzilai, a Columbia University student who is a volunteer at the Jewish Guild for the Blind. The SSSJ said it welcomed cooperation in the project by other groups assisting the sightless.

JEWISH FEDERATION APPROPRIATES \$1.2M TO AID INNER CITY JEWISH POOR 5 Local Centers To Be Established

NEW YORK, April 19 (JTA)--The Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York has climaxed a year-long study by authorization of an allocation of \$1.2 million from its Emergency Fund to expand its existing programs for the Jewish poor and innovate others on an experimental basis.

Mounting statistics on the plight of New York's inner city Jews have recently created wide-spread major public concern throughout the metropolitan area reinforcing the urgent need for the action taken by Federation.

Lawrence B. Buttenwieser, Federation president, announced today that the appropriation provides for the establishment of five Neighborhood Service Centers; expansion of direct services to individuals and families through Federation agencies or through development of new resources where necessary; participation in the funding of a city-wide planning and coordination effort by Jewish organizations concerned with the Jewish poor; and appointment of a Special Committee on Jews in the Inner City and a Staff Coordinator to help organize the Neighborhood Service Centers and work closely with participating agencies.

Urgency Of Jewish Poor Cited

In explaining the purpose of the allocation, Buttenwieser stated, "The Jewish community cannot ignore the urgency of the needs of the Jewish poor." He noted programs sponsored by government "have not taken into account special needs of the Jewish poor in any significant way...and therefore additional Jewish communal resources must be directed to this group." Acknowledging that the present Board appropriation is extraordinary, he stressed, "The nature of the problem calls for extraordinary action."

The Emergency Fund allocation will extend over a four-year period. It will be supplemented by additional funds from the regular maintenance budget of Federation to provide a total of \$600,000 annually for programs and services for the inner city Jewish poor. It is expected that a total of \$2.7 million will be expended by the fiscal year 1976-77 when the ongoing cost of the program will be absorbed into the regular Federation budget for services.

Jewish Poor To Participate

The Neighborhood Service Centers will be established in five strategic areas to supplement the work of local offices of Federation agencies. Two of these will be organized in the first year of the program. The remaining Centers will be set up thereafter and will draw upon the experiences of the first two. If additional funds become available, other Centers will be established.

Each Center will have a Committee representing local Jewish institutions concerned with the poor, persons from Federation's health and welfare institutions and leadership drawn from the local community. This Committee will make program and budget recommendations, with the Federation agency in that area assuming administrative and fiscal responsibility.

A new approach to city-wide coordination of Jewish organizational activity on behalf of the Jewish poor will be undertaken, involving not only representatives of interested Jewish organizations but also of the Jewish poor themselves. Major financing of the inter-organizational planning and action program will be provided by Federation, but contributions will be expected from each of the participating major organizations.

HEADS OF STATES GREET ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, April 19 (JTA)--Heads of states and

other governing officials around the world sent messages of greetings to Israel today on the occasion of the 24th anniversary of its independence. Messages addressed to President Zalman Shazar were received here from the Emperor of Japan, the Queen of England, the King of Belgium, the Queen of The Netherlands and the King of Nepal.

Messages were also received from the Presidents of the United States, West Germany, Austria, Italy, Iceland, Ecuador, Upper Volta, the Dominican Republic, Switzerland, Rwanda, Rumania, Turkey, Ivory Coast, Togo, Madagascar, Mexico, Malawi, Senegal, Peru and Cuba.

Good wishes were also sent by the Governor Generals of Malta, Australia and Canada and the Chairman of the Revolutionary Council of Burma. Earlier in the week President Shazar received messages from Jews in the Soviet Union. These included letters and cables signed by 107 Moscow Jews, 35 from Minsk, 17 from Leningrad and a message from the Jewish prisoners at Camp 19 at Potma.

AIPAC URGES NIXON TO SEEK WITHDRAWAL OF SOVIET TROOPS FROM THE MIDEAST

WASHINGTON, April 19 (JTA)--The American Israel Public Affairs Committee today urged President Nixon to "continue efforts to secure the withdrawal of Soviet military forces from the Middle East and to oppose any arrangement legitimizing their presence." The action was taken at the AIPAC's opening session of its two-day annual conference here and in light of Nixon's scheduled arrival in Moscow May 22 for a conference with Soviet leaders.

Irving Kane of Cleveland, national chairman of AIPAC, thanked both President Nixon and members of both houses of Congress for their support to Israel. To the Congressmen he expressed gratitude for their resolutions urging Phantom aircraft for Israel as well as voting \$300 million in military credits and \$50 million in a grant for supporting economic assistance in view of Israel's heavy defense burdens.

The Nixon administration, Kane told the approximately 300 members of the committee, has "responded vigorously in support of Israel. There is now far better understanding of America's interest and responsibility in the Near East and we warmly commend the administration for its much firmer commitment."

The committee also demanded that the Soviet Union "release all Jews harshly treated as political prisoners" and that "the Soviet Union grant exit permits to all who seek to join their people in Israel." Nixon was also urged to bring up the matter of Soviet Jewry at the summit meeting in Moscow.

Regarding the situation in the Middle East, AIPAC said "The road to an Arab-Israel peace will be traveled when Arabs and Israelis travel it together" and that peace could be achieved "only through negotiations between the parties directly involved."

Protesting "the cruel treatment of Jews living in Arab countries, especially in Syria" the committee urged the United Nations "to end these harsh and vindictive policies." It recommended that the "small remnant of Syrian Jews should be permitted to emigrate to Israel or any other country of their choice."

Dr. S. Pincham, the first South African Consul General in Israel, arrived today in Israel to take up his post as head of the Consulate General of South Africa which will be established in Tel Aviv.

SPECIAL JTA ANALYSIS**ELIE WISEL -- THE JEWISH GUILT SYNDROME**

By JACK SIEGEL, JTA Executive Vice-President

In a recent speech given in New York City, Elie Wiesel charged the American Jewish leadership with silence and failure in 1942-43 to come to the aid of the Jews in Nazi concentration camps and forced ghettos. "They did nothing," he said, "why didn't they go mad?" Apart from the rather bizarre suggestion, what good would that have done for the Jews in concentration camps and ghettos? Besides which, and perhaps Wiesel does not know this, the American Jewish community was quite well organized and militant in the anti-Nazi struggle.

"How many marched on Washington?" he asked. By 1943, some of that Jewish leadership and many of their sons were in uniform and were marching, not on Washington, but on Berlin. And that was no mere demonstration; their lives were being put on the line.

"How many (Jewish leaders) tore their clothes in mourning?" Wiesel asked. This is a rather strange request, forty years later, but again, how would that have helped Jews in concentration camps and ghettos? "How many weddings took place without music?" This sounds like the end line of one of Wiesel's twice-told dark and demonological tales. Even in Auschwitz there was music. Music is the sound of hope in the heart of man. But again, weddings without music would not have helped the Jews in Auschwitz and the ghettos.

"What," asked Wiesel, "made one people (presumably the Germans) turn overnight into murderers, another part into victims, all others accomplices?" This was not an overnight process but the answer quite simply and horribly is terror. Hitler's major contribution to contemporary civilization was the banality of violence. He made a science of what its application to human beings can do.

Western Powers Appeased Hitler

This writer, who was assigned by the US Military Intelligence Service to an American internment camp for Nazi political prisoners after the war, had occasion to see to what depths and dehumanization the Nazi terror had reduced people. In these camps, devoted to interrogation, but without terror or violence, there was no song. There was only the cry of betrayal and false claims of innocence.

Wiesel also asked why the French did not march into the Rhineland in 1936. Now for the first time in his talk before the Holocaust Memorial Day Observance, Wiesel deals with a reality. Why, in fact, did the French not march into the Rhineland? Asking a question in history, Wiesel is bound by its conventions. He cannot escape, nor can his listeners, into myth and legend. The answer is Appeasement.

It is now commonly accepted that the Western powers appeased Hitler, gave him concessions and nations and allowed him to build his army on the promise that he would march that army into the East. A minor and corollary casualty would be the genocide of six million Jews; but this the leaders of the Western "democracies" were prepared to accept in order to insure the success of the larger goal. By 1943, Hitler was not to be deterred. What greater deterrent could there have been than the Allied bombers blasting the German people and countryside, reducing the latter to rubble? Hitler by then was enslaving other people as well and his personal destiny was linked to the outcome of his war.

But we are no longer innocent. That ceremony has been played out and it is time we assessed the Holocaust in terms of its historical context. There were more than 25 million people killed as a result of the Hitler era and war. Six million were Jews. We must not forget these Jews or the lessons arising

like a Phoenix out of their ashes.

Realistic View Of Holocaust Imperative

But to do justice to our history, and history in general, in order to understand it, we and the young people moving into the pages of that history must place the cause of the Holocaust squarely where it belongs. It does not belong in the dark pages of Wiesel's books. Nor in his private sufferings, for no matter how we may sympathize with that experience, it boggles our minds as well.

But the guilt for the Holocaust, on which Wiesel has worked so well over recent years, is not with a Jewish leadership. It is not the fault of survivors. It is universal and has its roots in a reality which continues on today. Wiesel may be a talented writer and consider it his ministry to be a consciousness-raiser, but his burning soul is not necessarily the torch to lead us, and our youth, through the guilt-ridden, shadowed alleyways to the right road of redemption and Jewish realization.

The Warsaw Ghetto fighters did not lament, nor did they invoke mythic demons. They sang, yes they sang, "Do not say this is the end." They fought and cried out, "Do not forget us!" They died....

To everything there is a season. Now it is incumbent on the Jewish community and its leadership to give a forum and a currency to a realistic view of how the Holocaust happened. This way, it seems to this writer, we will never forget the Holocaust. This way, we will make it part of our heritage without disassociating it from the rest of the world in which we must live. And this way, we can make certain that it will never happen again.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

SANTIAGO (JTA)--Cuban Foreign Affairs Minister Raul Roa, speaking Tuesday at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), declared Cuba's solidarity with the Arab nations of the Middle East against Israeli "invaders." Roa called for the reopening of the Suez Canal after the "unconditional" withdrawal of "aggressor troops" from the occupied areas.

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ROME (JTA)--The Union of Italian Jewish Communities has disavowed any connection with ex-Gen. Giorgio Liuzzi who has announced his support of the neo-Fascist Italian Social Movement (MSI) Party in the current election campaign. The Italian press has made much of the fact that Liuzzi is Jewish. A statement issued Wednesday by the Union said Liuzzi does not in any way or under any title represent any organ or body of Italian Jewry.

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MRS. MEIR ACCEPTS IN PRINCIPLE INVITATION TO VISIT RUMANIA

JERUSALEM, April 19 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir received--and accepted in principle--an invitation to visit Rumania, the first Communist country to be visited by a Prime Minister of Israel, it was learned today from official sources. No date for the visit has been set. The invitation followed the visit to Israel last week of Rumania's Deputy Foreign Minister Georgie Macovescu.

Observers here said it was in line with Rumania's policy of maintaining friendly relations with both Israel and the Arab countries and a further demonstration of Bucharest's independence in foreign policy. Rumania is the only Communist bloc nation that refused to break diplomatic relations with Israel after the Six-Day War. Mrs. Meir's visit to Bucharest at some future date was seen as balancing the recent visit of Rumania's President Nicolae Ceausescu to Egypt. Rumania has indicated interest in assuming a mediating role in the Arab-Israel conflict.

At the same time it was learned today according to reports from Cairo, that President Anwar Sadat of Egypt may visit Moscow for talks with Soviet leaders next month, before President Nixon's scheduled arrival there May 22.

TWO JEWISH YOUTHS FACE LIFE SENTENCES

RIO DE JANEIRO, April 19 (JTA)--Two Jewish youths of this city were among nine leftist terrorists condemned here by a military court to life imprisonment for the 1970 kidnapping of Ehrenfried von Holleben, the West German ambassador to Brazil. The two, Jose Mauricio Gradel and Alfredo Hello Sirkys, have been at large since the incident and were tried in absentia. Von Holleben was released after five days when the Brazilian government made good on an agreement to release 40 political prisoners and let them go to Algeria.

BRILLE PETITION ON SOVIET JEWS SENT TO NIXON

NEW YORK, April 19 (JTA)--Eighty blind persons--Jews and non-Jews, whites and Blacks--signed a Braille petition yesterday asking President Nixon to demand equal rights for Soviet Jews when he visits Moscow in May. The unusual petition, a project of the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry, was devised by Joshua Barzilai, a Columbia University student who is a volunteer at the Jewish Guild for the Blind. The SSSJ said it welcomed cooperation in the project by other groups assisting the sightless.

JEWISH FEDERATION APPROPRIATES \$1.2M TO AID INNER CITY JEWISH POOR 5 Local Centers To Be Established

NEW YORK, April 19 (JTA)--The Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York has climaxed a year-long study by authorization of an allocation of \$1.2 million from its Emergency Fund to expand its existing programs for the Jewish poor and innovate others on an experimental basis.

Mounting statistics on the plight of New York's inner city Jews have recently created wide-spread major public concern throughout the metropolitan area reinforcing the urgent need for the action taken by Federation.

Lawrence B. Buttenwieser, Federation president, announced today that the appropriation provides for the establishment of five Neighborhood Service Centers; expansion of direct services to individuals and families through Federation agencies or through development of new resources where necessary; participation in the funding of a city-wide planning and coordination effort by Jewish organizations concerned with the Jewish poor; and appointment of a Special Committee on Jews in the Inner City and a Staff Coordinator to help organize the Neighborhood Service Centers and work closely with participating agencies.

Urgency Of Jewish Poor Cited

In explaining the purpose of the allocation, Buttenwieser stated, "The Jewish community cannot ignore the urgency of the needs of the Jewish poor." He noted programs sponsored by government "have not taken into account special needs of the Jewish poor in any significant way...and therefore additional Jewish communal resources must be directed to this group." Acknowledging that the present Board appropriation is extraordinary, he stressed, "The nature of the problem calls for extraordinary action."

The Emergency Fund allocation will extend over a four-year period. It will be supplemented by additional funds from the regular maintenance budget of Federation to provide a total of \$600,000 annually for programs and services for the inner city Jewish poor. It is expected that a total of \$2.7 million will be expended by the fiscal year 1976-77 when the ongoing cost of the program will be absorbed into the regular Federation budget for services.

Jewish Poor To Participate

The Neighborhood Service Centers will be established in five strategic areas to supplement the work of local offices of Federation agencies. Two of these will be organized in the first year of the program. The remaining Centers will be set up thereafter and will draw upon the experiences of the first two. If additional funds become available, other Centers will be established.

Each Center will have a Committee representing local Jewish institutions concerned with the poor, persons from Federation's health and welfare institutions and leadership drawn from the local community. This Committee will make program and budget recommendations, with the Federation agency in that area assuming administrative and fiscal responsibility.

A new approach to city-wide coordination of Jewish organizational activity on behalf of the Jewish poor will be undertaken, involving not only representatives of interested Jewish organizations but also of the Jewish poor themselves. Major financing of the inter-organizational planning and action program will be provided by Federation, but contributions will be expected from each of the participating major organizations.

HEADS OF STATES GREET ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, April 19 (JTA)--Heads of states and

other governing officials around the world sent messages of greetings to Israel today on the occasion of the 24th anniversary of its independence. Messages addressed to President Zalman Shazar were received here from the Emperor of Japan, the Queen of England, the King of Belgium, the Queen of The Netherlands and the King of Nepal.

Messages were also received from the Presidents of the United States, West Germany, Austria, Italy, Iceland, Ecuador, Upper Volta, the Dominican Republic, Switzerland, Rwanda, Rumania, Turkey, Ivory Coast, Togo, Madagascar, Mexico, Malawi, Senegal, Peru and Cuba.

Good wishes were also sent by the Governor Generals of Malta, Australia and Canada and the Chairman of the Revolutionary Council of Burma. Earlier in the week President Shazar received messages from Jews in the Soviet Union. These included letters and cables signed by 107 Moscow Jews, 35 from Minsk, 17 from Leningrad and a message from the Jewish prisoners at Camp 19 at Potma.

AIPAC URGES NIXON TO SEEK WITHDRAWAL OF SOVIET TROOPS FROM THE MIDEAST

WASHINGTON, April 19 (JTA)--The American Israel Public Affairs Committee today urged President Nixon to "continue efforts to secure the withdrawal of Soviet military forces from the Middle East and to oppose any arrangement legitimizing their presence." The action was taken at the AIPAC's opening session of its two-day annual conference here and in light of Nixon's scheduled arrival in Moscow May 22 for a conference with Soviet leaders.

Irving Kane of Cleveland, national chairman of AIPAC, thanked both President Nixon and members of both houses of Congress for their support to Israel. To the Congressmen he expressed gratitude for their resolutions urging Phantom aircraft for Israel as well as voting \$300 million in military credits and \$50 million in a grant for supporting economic assistance in view of Israel's heavy defense burdens.

The Nixon administration, Kane told the approximately 300 members of the committee, has "responded vigorously in support of Israel. There is now far better understanding of America's interest and responsibility in the Near East and we warmly commend the administration for its much firmer commitment."

The committee also demanded that the Soviet Union "release all Jews harshly treated as political prisoners" and that "the Soviet Union grant exit permits to all who seek to join their people in Israel." Nixon was also urged to bring up the matter of Soviet Jewry at the summit meeting in Moscow.

Regarding the situation in the Middle East, AIPAC said "The road to an Arab-Israel peace will be traveled when Arabs and Israelis travel it together" and that peace could be achieved "only through negotiations between the parties directly involved."

Protesting "the cruel treatment of Jews living in Arab countries, especially in Syria" the committee urged the United Nations "to end these harsh and vindictive policies." It recommended that the "small remnant of Syrian Jews should be permitted to emigrate to Israel or any other country of their choice."

Dr. S. Pincham, the first South African Consul General in Israel, arrived today in Israel to take up his post as head of the Consulate General of South Africa which will be established in Tel Aviv.

SPECIAL JTA ANALYSIS**ELIE WISEL -- THE JEWISH GUILT SYNDROME**

By JACK SIEGEL, JTA Executive Vice-President

In a recent speech given in New York City, Elie Wiesel charged the American Jewish leadership with silence and failure in 1942-43 to come to the aid of the Jews in Nazi concentration camps and forced ghettos. "They did nothing," he said, "why didn't they go mad?" Apart from the rather bizarre suggestion, what good would that have done for the Jews in concentration camps and ghettos? Besides which, and perhaps Wiesel does not know this, the American Jewish community was quite well organized and militant in the anti-Nazi struggle.

"How many marched on Washington?" he asked. By 1943, some of that Jewish leadership and many of their sons were in uniform and were marching, not on Washington, but on Berlin. And that was no mere demonstration; their lives were being put on the line.

"How many (Jewish leaders) tore their clothes in mourning?" Wiesel asked. This is a rather strange request, forty years later, but again, how would that have helped Jews in concentration camps and ghettos? "How many weddings took place without music?" This sounds like the end line of one of Wiesel's twice-told dark and demonological tales. Even in Auschwitz there was music. Music is the sound of hope in the heart of man. But again, weddings without music would not have helped the Jews in Auschwitz and the ghettos.

"What," asked Wiesel, "made one people (presumably the Germans) turn overnight into murderers, another part into victims, all others accomplices?" This was not an overnight process but the answer quite simply and horribly is terror. Hitler's major contribution to contemporary civilization was the banality of violence. He made a science of what its application to human beings can do.

Western Powers Appeased Hitler

This writer, who was assigned by the US Military Intelligence Service to an American internment camp for Nazi political prisoners after the war, had occasion to see to what depths and dehumanization the Nazi terror had reduced people. In these camps, devoted to interrogation, but without terror or violence, there was no song. There was only the cry of betrayal and false claims of innocence.

Wiesel also asked why the French did not march into the Rhineland in 1936. Now for the first time in his talk before the Holocaust Memorial Day Observance, Wiesel deals with a reality. Why, in fact, did the French not march into the Rhineland? Asking a question in history, Wiesel is bound by its conventions. He cannot escape, nor can his listeners, into myth and legend. The answer is Appeasement.

It is now commonly accepted that the Western powers appeased Hitler, gave him concessions and nations and allowed him to build his army on the promise that he would march that army into the East. A minor and corollary casualty would be the genocide of six million Jews; but this the leaders of the Western "democracies" were prepared to accept in order to insure the success of the larger goal. By 1943, Hitler was not to be deterred. What greater deterrent could there have been than the Allied bombers blasting the German people and countryside, reducing the latter to rubble? Hitler by then was enslaving other people as well and his personal destiny was linked to the outcome of his war.

But we are no longer innocent. That ceremony has been played out and it is time we assessed the Holocaust in terms of its historical context. There were more than 25 million people killed as a result of the Hitler era and war. Six million were Jews. We must not forget these Jews or the lessons arising

like a Phoenix out of their ashes.

Realistic View Of Holocaust Imperative

But to do justice to our history, and history in general, in order to understand it, we and the young people moving into the pages of that history must place the cause of the Holocaust squarely where it belongs. It does not belong in the dark pages of Wiesel's books. Nor in his private sufferings, for no matter how we may sympathize with that experience, it boggles our minds as well.

But the guilt for the Holocaust, on which Wiesel has worked so well over recent years, is not with a Jewish leadership. It is not the fault of survivors. It is universal and has its roots in a reality which continues on today. Wiesel may be a talented writer and consider it his ministry to be a consciousness-raiser, but his burning soul is not necessarily the torch to lead us, and our youth, through the guilt-ridden, shadowed alleyways to the right road of redemption and Jewish realization.

The Warsaw Ghetto fighters did not lament, nor did they invoke mythic demons. They sang, yes they sang, "Do not say this is the end." They fought and cried out, "Do not forget us!" They died....

To everything there is a season. Now it is incumbent on the Jewish community and its leadership to give a forum and a currency to a realistic view of how the Holocaust happened. This way, it seems to this writer, we will never forget the Holocaust. This way, we will make it part of our heritage without disassociating it from the rest of the world in which we must live. And this way, we can make certain that it will never happen again.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

SANTIAGO (JTA)--Cuban Foreign Affairs Minister Raul Roa, speaking Tuesday at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), declared Cuba's solidarity with the Arab nations of the Middle East against Israeli "invaders." Roa called for the reopening of the Suez Canal after the "unconditional" withdrawal of "aggressor troops" from the occupied areas.

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ROME (JTA)--The Union of Italian Jewish Communities has disavowed any connection with ex-Gen. Giorgio Liuzzi who has announced his support of the neo-Fascist Italian Social Movement (MSI) Party in the current election campaign. The Italian press has made much of the fact that Liuzzi is Jewish. A statement issued Wednesday by the Union said Liuzzi does not in any way or under any title represent any organ or body of Italian Jewry.

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BONN (JTA)--Unidentified vandals desecrated the Jewish monument at the site of the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp last week-end, the Interior Ministry of Lower Saxony reported Wednesday.

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NEW YORK (JTA)--Mayor John V. Lindsay said Wednesday he was "happy to join my fellow New Yorkers of all faiths in wishing Israel a 'Happy Birthday'" on its 24th anniversary.