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INCREASE IN NEO-FASCIST ANTI-SEMITIC ACTIVITY SEEN AS TEST OF PUBLIC OPINION ON EVE OF GENERAL ELECTIONS
Vandalism, Threats Widespread

ROME, May 1 (JTA)--Leaders of Italy's Jewish community warned yesterday that a rash of anti-Semitic acts by Italian neo-Fascists were intended to test whether Italian public opinion would tolerate such acts on the eve of the general elections to be held May 7-8. Sergio Piperno, president of the Union of Italian Jewish Communities, and Chief Rabbi Elio Toaff spoke at ceremonies reconsecrating the 18th century synagogue in Gorizia which was broken into and vandalized last week by unknown persons believed to be neo-Fascists.

Piperno disclosed that the attack on the Gorizia synagogue was only the latest in a series of assaults on Jewish property. He said the synagogue in Ferrara and Jewish cemeteries in Pisa and Viareggio were recently vandalized and that Jewish personalities have received offensive and threatening letters. Piperno attributed these acts to neo-Fascist organizations which are particularly strong in the Veneto region.

These actions should sound the alarm for Italian Jews who "know from experience that such anti-Semitic manifestations constitute a prologue to the outright persecution of Jews," he said. The neo-Fascist groups are centered in Padua and Udine where an anti-Semitic booklet titled "The Star of David, The Cross and The Swastika" recently appeared. Piperno said it was obvious that the Gorizia synagogue was attacked by Fascist vandals because "holy books were destroyed and pages were torn out of prayer books."

Rabbi Toaff said that "by representing themselves by actions of this kind, the Fascists are attempting to test public reaction on the eve of the elections. They want to see whether Italians are ready to tolerate this type of Fascist activity."

SADAT SAYS ONLY COMPLETE DESTRUCTION OF ISRAEL WILL SATISFY EGYPT

JERUSALEM, May 1 (JTA)--Repeating that Egypt was prepared to sacrifice a million men in battle against Israel, President Anwar Sadat promised today in a May Day speech in Alexandria that Israel would "pay an even higher price." He declared that Egypt would not be satisfied with the liberation of the territories occupied by Israel but only with "the complete destruction of the Israeli arrogance."

Sadat likened Israel to the Crusaders of the 11th century and said all Arab peoples must fight against the "Zionist invaders." Sadat also rejected the American proposal for an interim agreement with Israel to reopen the Suez Canal. He told his audience, "The Russians help us with armaments but we shall fight by ourselves." Political circles here commenting on Sadat's speech said it represented a verbal escalation against Israel.

EFFORTS TO RESTORE OLD SYNAGOGUE DOOMED TO FAILURE; \$10,000 NEEDED FOR RENOVATIONS NOT AVAILABLE

BONN, May 1 (JTA)--Efforts by a New Jersey man to restore an 88-year-old synagogue in the West German town of Hechingen appeared doomed to failure today by his inability to raise the \$10,000

needed to buy the building from its present owner and a similar amount to renovate it.

The synagogue, built in 1884, was gutted by the Nazis on "Kristal Nacht," Nov. 9, 1938, though it was one of the few synagogues not burned to the ground. It was expropriated along with all Jewish property in the town. The Nazis planned to rebuild it as a sports arena but abandoned the plan when war broke out and used the building as a storehouse. In 1946 the West German government returned the synagogue and the Jewish community center to the Jewish community of Stuttgart, the nearest large city.

But in 1952 it was sold to Arthur Fausner, a 49-year-old Jew who used the premises as a lumber warehouse. Fausner also purchased the community center, converting it to a six-family apartment house which he sold to German businessmen in 1971. Fausner now wants to sell the synagogue and a former classmate of his, Heinz Hofheimer, who lives in New Jersey, offered to buy it if he could raise the money.

He appealed to the Stuttgart Jewish community for help after Mayor Norbert Roth of Hechingen told him the municipality could not provide financial assistance. The Jewish community, however, is not interested in restoring the synagogue because there are few Jews left in Hechingen who would make use of it.

Fausner said there are many deserted synagogues in the Baden-Wuerttemberg region but not enough Jews left to warrant the cost of restoring them. Hofheimer has written to the Central Council of Jews in Germany asking for financial help but has not yet received an answer. Fausner said he could wait only until late summer for Hofheimer to raise the money.

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT TO INSURE CANADIAN INVESTORS IN ISRAEL AGAINST NON-COMMERCIAL RISKS

OTTAWA, May 1 (JTA)--The Canadian government undertook today to insure Canadian investors in Israel against non-commercial risks, a move calculated to encourage private Canadian investments in the Jewish State. The agreement was made effective through an exchange of notes between Canadian Foreign Secretary Mitchell Sharp and the Israel Ambassador Theodore Meron at a brief ceremony here. Meron expressed the hope that the agreement will apply to a number of investment projects currently under consideration.

Canadian investors in Israel are, as a result of the agreement, insured against losses through war, riots, insurrection, revolution, rebellion, confiscation, deprivation of property rights and inconvertibility of foreign exchange. The agreement is believed to be the most comprehensive of its kind that Israel has with any nation.

It stemmed from the Canadian government's Investment Insurance Programs established in 1964 with the purpose of promoting Canadian investments abroad. Sharp called the accord with Israel "one further manifestation of close and harmonious relations between the governments and peoples of Canada and Israel."

Canada recently extended to Israel credits in the amount of \$100 million for the development of its road and rail transportation facilities and

various projects connected with tourism. Trade between Canada and Israel is relatively small, amounting to about \$14 million a year in both directions in 1971. Canadian exports to Israel, however, are now running at about \$18 million and further increases are expected as a result of the investment insurance agreement.

MRS. MEIR DUE IN BUCHAREST ON THURSDAY; RUMANIA SEEN AS COMMUNICATION CHANNEL BETWEEN ISRAEL, EGYPT, THE SOVIET UNION

JERUSALEM, May 1 (JTA)--On the eve of Premier Golda Meir's visit to Rumania high ranking political sources here indicated today that she expects to learn of Egypt's latest position on a peace settlement from President Nicolae Ceausescu who visited Cairo last month. Mrs. Meir will fly to Bucharest on Thursday.

The political sources confirmed reports that Ceausescu found signs of flexibility in Egypt. They also indicated that Israel views Rumania's role as a channel of communication between Israel and Egypt and the Soviet Union. They disclosed that following the Suez cease-fire in 1970, Rumanian officials conveyed Israel's attitude to Soviet leaders.

(According to a report today from Rome, Ceausescu will visit President Tito of Yugoslavia in Belgrade during the latter part of May, after his talks with Mrs. Meir. Tito is then scheduled to visit Moscow where he is expected to report to Soviet Communist Party General Secretary Leonid I. Brezhnev, Israel's position as relayed to him by Ceausescu. Brezhnev is expected to report on his discussions with President Nixon due to take place in Moscow several days before Tito's arrival.)

Five Principles Outlined

The Israeli sources said Rumania's Middle East position is based on five principles: The need for a political settlement of the conflict; the Security Council's Resolution 242 as the basis for a settlement; Israeli withdrawal from the occupied territories; recognition of the independence and sovereignty of all nations in the region; and a solution of the problem of the Palestinians. Mrs. Meir is expected to ask Ceausescu for clarification of Rumania's position on the latter point in view of his meeting in Cairo last month with El Fatah leader Yassir Arafat. In Israel's view, that meeting helped strengthen Arafat's shaky position.

Asked to comment on Rumania's attitude toward Jewish emigration, the sources emphasized that Rumanian policy permits the re-unification of families. There are about 100,000 Jews in Rumania.

WALDHEIM WILLING TO CHAIR MIDEAST PEACE CONFERENCE

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., May 1 (JTA)--United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim has apparently taken over the reins, at least temporarily, from UN mediator Gunnar V. Jarring in an attempt to break the impasse over Middle East peace negotiations. While the Jarring mission has not been written off, Waldheim is known to have approached the Israeli and Egyptian Ambassadors to the UN separately last week with a proposal for a Middle East peace conference which he indicated he would be willing to chair.

The idea was broached to Israel's Ambassador Yosef Tekoa and Egypt's Ambassador Ahmed Abdel Maguid. Waldheim's plan reportedly would involve Israel, Egypt, Jordan and Syria in talks of some sort, probably indirect to begin with, but with direct contacts at later stages.

According to reports from Jerusalem, consulta-

tions are taking place over Waldheim's proposal but no position has been formulated by the Israel government. There has been no indication of what the Arab position is. The Arab states have insisted on a prior commitment from Israel to withdraw from all the occupied territories before they come to the negotiating table.

Rhodes-Type Confab

When he was elected to the office of Secretary General early this year, Waldheim indicated that he believed the UN should play an active role as a peace-maker. He has also said that he might personally take charge of the Middle East problem should the Jarring mission remain deadlocked. Dr. Jarring is returning to UN headquarters here this week to resume his efforts to bring the parties together for peace talks.

The type of conference Waldheim is believed to have in mind has precedence in the Rhodes Armistice talks of 1949 held under the aegis of the late Dr. Ralph Bunche. Israel's position is believed to be that any talks with the Arab states under any auspices would be useful. But sources here do not expect any new developments before President Nixon's visit to Moscow.

DEPORTATION HEARING TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED OVER USE OF TERM 'S.S.'

NEW YORK, May 1 (JTA)--The methodical deportation hearing of convicted Nazi guard Hermine Braunsteiner Ryan exploded and collapsed temporarily today when the Jewish interpreter added the initials "SS" to her identification of a German officer. Mrs. Ryan, who was convicted in Austria in 1949 of beating women and children prisoners in concentration camps, was being asked by the prosecutor, Vincent A. Schlano of the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service, about the identity of a German official who had invited her to assume the job of "watching women." She identified him as "Sturmabfuhrer Kroeger;" which the interpreter translated as "Lt. Col. Kroeger, SS."

Mrs. Ryan's attorney, John J. Barry, immediately demanded the removal of the interpreter, Abraham Wassner. The parole officer, Francis J. Lyons, gave Barry until next Monday morning to obtain another interpreter to "monitor the official interpreter," but he did not indicate whether Wassner would be retained. Pressed by reporters afterwards, Lyons continued to leave his options open until the hearing resumed.

'He Is A Jew'

Wassner--who is Polish-born and Jewish and can translate in 20 languages, including English, German, Hebrew and Yiddish--insisted to reporters later that he had not distorted Mrs. Ryan's reply "in the least." His job, he explained, was to deliver a "fluid and natural English version" with a "clear meaning" and without "obfuscations." By definition, he said, "Sturmabfuhrer" was a position in the SS, the Nazi elite guard. As for his neutrality, he stated: "I will translate for any alien, including Eichmann, dispassionately."

Schlano insisted to the press that "Sturmabfuhrer" was by definition an SS term, though he conceded that Wassner's use of the initials had been "unnecessary" and "unfortunate." He said his next question of Mrs. Ryan would have been whether Kroeger had in fact been an SS officer. Barry, however, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency separately that such a followup would not have erased the first question, adding that Wassner could "color" the rest of the testimony too.

Asked by the JTA whether he had had any qualms

HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS MARCH IN 100 CITIES TO PROCLAIM SOLIDARITY WITH SOVIET JEWS; DEMAND 'LET MY PEOPLE GO'

NEW YORK, May 1 (JTA)--Hundreds of thousands of people marched yesterday in some 100 cities across the country to express their support for Soviet Jewry and to urge President Nixon to intercede in behalf of Soviet Jewry when he meets with the Russian leaders May 22. The largest demonstrations outside New York were in Detroit where 4000 people and a 200-car motorcade participated in a rally, and in Chicago where more than 2500 attended a rally in the Civic Opera House. In Dallas, an overflow crowd of 4000 massed at the McFarlin Arena in an event cosponsored by the city's churches and synagogues.

Organizers of the marches and meetings termed yesterday's events a major success and an indication that the American Jewish community was actively involved and committed to aid their brethren in the USSR. The National Conference on Soviet Jewry, which sponsored the National Solidarity Day for Soviet Jewry, and the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, which coordinated local activities and mobilized forces and resources for the event on behalf of the NCSJ, was termed by Richard Maass, NCSJ chairman, the most concerted and cohesive undertaking by American Jewry in the cause of Soviet Jewry.

Throughout the country petitions were circulated to collect one million signatures to be given to Nixon prior to his departure for Moscow. The emphasis during the marches and rallies was on freeing Soviet Jews now imprisoned and treated as criminals and the restoration of fundamental human rights to Soviet Jews, including the right to emigrate freely.

As the events across the country were taking place, a report from London stated that according to Jewish sources in the Soviet Union 67 Jews proclaimed a hunger strike in Kiev and Moscow to protest against delays in issuing them visas and to express solidarity with the demonstrators in the US. Their 30-hour hunger strike is due to end tonight.

Release Prisoners Now

In Philadelphia, several hundred people took part in a 24-hour vigil for Soviet Jews and hundreds more, including 100 union, religious and community leaders, participated in a rally at Congress Hall. Benjamin Loewenstein, president of the Jewish Community Relations Council, told the gathering that mass expressions of concern about the plight of Soviet Jewry "can have an incalculable impact on the Soviet government."

Mrs. Serafima Kaminsky, wife of Lassa Kaminsky who was brought to trial on May 11, 1971 and given a five-year sentence, told the hushed audience: "I have come to the United States to ask you to help me, my husband and his friends in prison. What is our guilt? We dreamed of going to Israel...." Mrs. Kaminsky expressed the hope that the American people "will not forget those arrested as you have not forgotten us before." She stated that the sentence pronounced against her husband and his friends must be reexamined and they must be released.

Noting that now, when many Jews are receiving permission to go to Israel, there is no meaning in holding her husband and others in labor camps, Mrs. Kaminsky declared: "You, my friends, have the responsibility to see to it that he and his friends will not serve their full sentences. They must be released now."

In Miami, several hundred turned out in a tropical downpour to hear Sen. Claude D. Pepper (D.Fla.)

urge Nixon to use his influence to help Soviet Jews. Some 20,000 petitions were delivered to the Senator. In Chicago and other cities, a statement was read from Dr. Albert B. Sabin, president of the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, Israel, who called upon Nixon to take up with Soviet leaders the plight of Soviet Jewry and to urge that Soviet Jewish citizens who wish to go to Israel should be permitted to do so "without fear and painful retribution."

Dr. Sabin, developer of the Sabin oral polio vaccine and who last year received from Nixon the National Medal of Science, expressed this plea in a cable, sent in behalf of himself and the scientific staff of the Weizmann Institute, to Prof. Hans Morgenstern, president of the Academic Committee on Soviet Jewry.

The Oppressed Are Not Alone

In Atlanta, Governor Jimmy Carter declared yesterday a state-wide Solidarity Day for Soviet Jewry. In his proclamation he called upon the Soviet leaders to "adhere in letter and spirit to the provisions of the Soviet Constitution which guarantees religious and cultural expression of all its people and to insure that the international right to emigrate be freely granted." Jewish, Protestant and Catholic leaders were present at the signing of the declaration and later participated in a mass rally. Churches throughout Atlanta conducted prayer services for Soviet Jews.

In Rochester, N.Y., Mayor Stephen May sent a letter to Nixon urging him to "place world concern for the human rights of Russia's Jews on your agenda for the forthcoming discussions with Soviet leaders." May pleaded with the President to "exercise farsighted leadership by making it clear to the leaders of the Soviet Union that the conscience of the world cannot endure continued, callous denials of human rights. In so doing, you will remind Soviet Jews and all oppressed peoples that they are not alone."

In New York, some 1000 people marched for 20 blocks in a candlelight walk Saturday night. Speakers at the rally, which was coordinated by the Washington Heights-Inwood Council for Soviet Jewry, reported that Sylva Zalmanson Kuznetsov was in grave danger of losing her life and warned that other prisoners in labor camps were also seriously ill. A procession carried coffins marked with slogans "Hear Their Plea," and "Let My People Go."

Need Unity Of Jewish People

At Hunter College last night, Boris Kochubievsky drew rounds of applause from the 500 persons attending a rally when he stated that one generation ago American Jews should have spoken out about what was happening in Europe. Because they didn't speak out, six million Jews died, he said. "Those who kept silent must share in that guilt," he declared. "Now, this new generation must do that which was not done." He concluded with a plea for support from all segments of the Jewish people for Soviet Jewry--from the liberals to Betar to the Jewish Defense League. The Soviet Union is sensitive to public opinion, he said. "We need all the help we can get."

Mrs. Irina Markish, who earlier in the day addressed a rally in Chicago where she was greeted by a 20-minute ovation, told the Hunter College audience that Jewish nationalism grew in the Soviet Union because the government refused to grant the Jews the same rights as those granted to other national groups - the right to study their language, history and culture. Mrs. Markish, the wife of

David Markish and the daughter-in-law of Mrs. Esther Markish, said the Soviet Union is "afraid" of public opinion. She said it was important that "we to all in our power to help our brothers in the Soviet Union before President Nixon's visit." The Soviet Jews have done all they can, she said. "You, here, have to do everything you can to help them."

Catholic, Protestant Support Assured

In Washington, residents were urged to send cables on behalf of Soviet Jews to the American Embassy in Moscow addressed to President Nixon and timed to coincide with his arrival in the Soviet capital. Howard University history professor David Korn, chairman of the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington's Soviet Jewry Committee, made the appeal last night at Temple Israel to an audience of about 500 people. About 17,000 in the Washington area have signed petitions urging Nixon to intercede for the Soviet Jews. The petitions are being sent to the White House in batches of 2000-3000 signatures.

The Rev. John Kelly, director of the Department of Judaic Studies at the University of Dayton, Ohio and the Rev. John Steinbruck, pastor of Lutheran Place Memorial Church in Washington, assured the audience of Catholic and Protestant community involvement and dedication in behalf of Soviet Jews. Rabbi Gilbert Klaperman, chairman of the New York Conference on Soviet Jewry, stressed the need to continue the struggle for Jewish rights in the Soviet Union.

Solidarity Day was also observed in other major cities including Baltimore, Cleveland, Denver, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Atlantic City, San Francisco, and Boston. In Cleveland an estimated 8000 people participated in a march and rally.

Mindl Veinger, the sister-in-law of David Chernoglaz who was sentenced June 21, 1971, to five years' imprisonment, told an estimated 200,000 persons in New York that "our relatives and friends who are imprisoned have not lost their spirit." She said she had received a letter from Chernoglaz in which he wrote: "I live in anticipation of the meetings in Israel to come. As compared to 2000 years, the three years that are left for me to wait is nothing at all." Miss Veinger added: "But we cannot stand innocent people's imprisonment. We are pleading to all free people. Help us!"

WHERE IS VICTOR YAKHOUT?

LONDON, May 1 (JTA)--The whereabouts of Victor Yakhout were unknown today after an ambulance pulled up outside his home to take him to a mental hospital and found him gone. Yakhout, one of ten Jewish activists called up for military duty with the Red Army reserves, was examined Friday by a psychiatrist and told that his desire to go to Israel indicated a disturbed mind. Jewish sources in the Soviet Union reported today. According to the sources, the psychiatrist recommended that Yakhout be treated at a hospital for the mentally ill. He flatly refused and was permitted to return to his home and has not been seen since.

TEN JEWISH ACTIVISTS APPEAL TO WALDHEIM

NEW YORK, May 1 (JTA)--Ten Jewish activists in Moscow, ordered to active duty in the Soviet Army, transmitted an appeal to UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim through the American Jewish Congress charging the call-up was a "Direct act to take away our freedom." The message was dictated by Gavriel Shapiro of Moscow in a telephone call placed to the USSR several days ago.

Shapiro said the military call-up was designed to keep the Jewish activists out of circulation during President Nixon's visit to Moscow next month. The Jews called up for military duty are among those who earlier had written to the President requesting an appointment with him during his visit to the Soviet capital. The ten activists, all of whom have applied to emigrate to Israel and renounced their Soviet citizenship, said in the message to Waldheim that Soviet authorities were attempting to "pursue" them by "new methods of persecution."

"If we are placed in military camps, the authorities will then accuse us of being privy to military secrets and will thus deny our applications to emigrate to Israel," they charged, adding, "We appeal to all persons of good will to help us in our struggle." The message was signed by Shapiro and by Vladimir Lerner, Dan Rozhinsky, Boris Einbinder, Victor Yakhout, David Markish, Shmuel Gurvitch, Mark Nashpitz, Pavel Abramovitch and Mikhail Kliatohkin.

LINDSAY EXPRESSES DISAPPOINTMENT WITH WHITE HOUSE LETTER ON SOVIET JEWRY

NEW YORK, May 1 (JTA)--Mayor John V. Lindsay reported today that he had received a "disappointing" reply from the White House to a letter he sent to President Nixon asking the President to take up the matter "of the denial to Soviet Jews of expressions of their religious and cultural life and their desire to emigrate" when the President meets with Soviet leaders in Moscow.

The Mayor said that, in his letter he had recalled that the Soviet people had suffered "greatly" from the German invasion and that they should be "responsive to a people who suffered six million dead. Their own history should lead the Soviet leaders to recognize the rights of their Jewish citizens, the same rights accorded to the various national and ethnic groups of the Soviet Union." Asserting that the matter "merits a high place on your agenda," the Mayor wrote that it was his "profound hope that it will be discussed during your visit, and the matter equitably resolved."

Lindsay said he received a reply from Martin J. Hillebrand, assistant secretary for European Affairs. Hillebrand cited the administration's support of the "fundamental right of all people to emigrate" and "concern for the plight of minorities of all nations denied the freedom due them under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights."

In commenting on the reply, Lindsay said he wanted to stress "the point that the experience of Soviet Jews is unique, in that they, out of the many national and ethnic groups in the Soviet Union, are singled out for discriminatory treatment. Synagogues are being closed down, there is no rabbinic body to continue the training of rabbis, there are no schools teaching the Yiddish or Hebrew language, many obstacles are placed in the way of their emigration." The Mayor added that, "since Soviet Jews are singled out for discriminatory treatment, the matter should be dealt with as a specific issue, to be equitably resolved."

30 JEWS DRIVEN FROM SYNAGOGUE STEPS

NEW YORK, May 1 (JTA)--Soviet police and auxiliary police drove 30 Jews from the steps of the Moscow Synagogue last Saturday and shoved them down the length of the street. Jewish sources in the Soviet Union reported today. One of the persons manhandled was Mrs. Isolda Avar who is in her seventh month of pregnancy. Two Jews were arrested at the synagogue and released shortly afterward. The 30 Jews signed a letter to President Nikolai Podgorny protesting the assault.

about a Jewish interpreter in this particular case, he said no. The JTA correspondent, however, overheard Mrs. Ryan—who was calm and composed during her questioning—say bitterly to Barry after the adjournment: "He (Wassner) is a Jew. He has his hate."

Mrs. Ryan lost her American citizenship last September for not admitting her Austrian conviction. Her husband, Russell, three years younger, testified March 20, and Mrs. Ryan's neighbors defended her March 21. The hearings were postponed then to allow Schiano and Barry to collect depositions from witnesses, with Barry saying he needed time to go to Austria. He never went, however, because of what he called "the unavailability of people over there." But he added: "We still haven't given it up."

ALLON CONFERS WITH ROGERS; SUBJECTS INCLUDE SUMMIT CONFERENCE, MIDEAST PEACE, ALLON PLAN FOR WEST BANK
Allon Confident U.S. Will Not Surprise Israel With Mideast Policy Changes

WASHINGTON, May 1 (JTA)--Israel's Deputy Premier Yigal Allon conferred today with Secretary of State William P. Rogers at the State Department for 80 minutes. It was their first meeting in a year and the final US-Israel consultation before the Moscow summit visit of President Nixon. Allon was accompanied by Israel Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin and top officials of the Israeli Embassy here. The meeting was also attended by Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs Joseph J. Sisco, his aide, Deputy Assistant Secretary Alfred L. Atherton, and H.H. Stackhouse, the State Department's Israel Desk officer.

Neither Allon nor State Department sources would comment on the content of the discussions. It was understood, however, that the subjects discussed included the US-Soviet summit conference, the Israeli and Egyptian attitudes toward a peace settlement and the Allon plan for the West Bank.

Premier Golda Meir's visit to Rumania this week was reportedly not brought up at the Rogers-Allon meeting nor, apparently, was the reported proposal by United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim for a conference of Israel and the Arab states which he is prepared to chair. The Waldheim plan was said not to have been received by Israel or the US.

It was understood that Allon left the meeting confident that the US will not surprise Israel with policy changes on the Middle East without prior consultation with Jerusalem. Nor was Allon said to expect any US policy changes in the foreseeable future. Allon reportedly told Rogers that Nixon's earlier pledge that the US would not allow friendly nations to lose their sovereignty was warmly welcomed in Israel.

Egypt Wants Imposed Solution

Allon was understood to have conveyed to the US officials his belief that Egypt wants the Middle East question to be given highest priority at the summit conference and that President Anwar Sadat went to Moscow last week expressly to influence Soviet leaders in that direction. Sadat wants more arms and wants to create a psychological situation of escalation that would give Moscow an excuse to make the Middle East a global issue and justify Soviet intervention, according to the Israeli view.

The Israelis also reportedly indicated their belief that Egypt wants an imposed solution—preferably one imposed by the Big Powers—in order to avoid the necessity of negotiating with Israel. Israel, on the other hand, supports the American pro-

posal for proximity talks with Egypt and supports a resumption of the Jarring mission under the mandate of the Security Council's Resolution 242 but still opposes Jarring's aide-memoire of Feb. 8, 1971 and the General Assembly's endorsement of it.

Allon is understood to have referred to the plan for the West Bank's future map which bears his name which calls for permanent Israeli strong-points along the West Bank of the Jordan River while heavily populated Arab areas in the hinterland would revert to Arab sovereignty within the framework of a peace treaty. Another subject understood to have come up in Allon's talk with Rogers was King Hussein's recent proposal for a Palestinian state on the West Bank federated with Jordan.

In contrast to his meeting with Rogers a year ago when TV cameras were set up in the diplomatic lobby and Allon was interviewed by scores of reporters, only Israeli correspondents and the Jewish Telegraphic Agency were on hand today. The poor media turnout was attributed to the fact that the meeting, originally scheduled for 3 p.m. was advanced to noon so that Rogers could attend a meeting with President Nixon at the White House at 1:30 p.m.

In U.S. For 10 Days

The Israeli Deputy Premier and Minister of Education and Culture arrived in the US last night for a ten-day visit. Israeli officials said the principle purpose of Allon's visit was to speak Friday before the National Academy of Education at Brookings Institution. The Institution will devote an all-day program to education in Israel. On Thursday, Allon is scheduled to lunch with Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Elliot L. Richardson. During his American visit he will also appear at a series of rallies on behalf of Israel Bonds.

In New York tomorrow morning Allon is scheduled to visit an experimental high school in the Coney Island section of Brooklyn as guest of Dr. Seymour Lachman, president of the Board of Education. In the afternoon, Allon will address leaders of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. Later in the day the Board of Jewish Education and the American Association for Jewish Education will tender a convocation and reception to Allon. He will be greeted by Consul General David Rivlin and Robert H. Arnow, president of the AAJE and president of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

POLICE ASKED TO INVESTIGATE SOME OF FRIEDMAN'S ACTIVITIES

JERUSALEM, May 1 (JTA)--Attorney General Meir Shamgar disclosed today that he has asked the police to investigate certain activities of Mordechai Friedman who resigned last week as managing director of the government-owned Netivei Neft oil company. A government panel investigating Netivei Neft absolved Friedman of wrong doing. Shamgar told newsmen, however, that his request for an investigation stemmed from certain matters that came up during the panel's investigation.

He said these matters included income tax and foreign currency activities by Friedman and the mixing of his private funds with public property in the accounts of Netivei Neft. The panel, which concluded in its majority report that administrative irregularities on Friedman's part did not warrant his dismissal, said, nevertheless, that the proper authorities should look into them if they saw fit to do so.

TWO JEWISH GROUPS CONDEMN ESCALATION OF VIETNAM WAR, DEMAND WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS

NEW YORK, May 1 (JTA)--Two Jewish organizations have demanded that the US pull out of the escalating Vietnam war. A resolution of the national governing council of the American Jewish Congress, condemning the "massive escalation" of the war in Southeast Asia, urged the Nixon administration to set July 1 as the date for a complete withdrawal of all US forces and a cessation of hostilities.

The National Council of Jewish Women named no date but called on the US government to withdraw all American troops and to "immediately resume the negotiations in Paris in the hope that some agreement can be reached to end the senseless killing of innocent people." Since the statement was drafted, negotiations have been resumed.

The AJCongress said it was "deeply shocked" at the increased US military activities in Southeast Asia. "The increased engagement by US forces on the ground and in the air is viewed by the world as a stunning reversal of announced US policy and a betrayal of the repeated public pledge of withdrawal by this administration," the resolution said.

"The only rational and moral course available to our country at this tragic moment is to proceed expeditiously with the complete removal of US forces from Southeast Asia as the only way of stopping the killing and securing a quick release of our prisoners," according to the AJCongress.

The National Council of Jewish Women branded President Nixon's decision to bomb the environs of Hanoi and Haiphong as military operations conducive to sparking a confrontation with the allies of Hanoi and a possible widening of the war. The women's organization declared that the President's action was contrary to his previously stated commitment to end the war through negotiations. On the contrary, "It is our view that these military operations imply a military solution to the war," the NCJW said.

UJA RAISES \$213.3M IN 4 MONTHS

NEW YORK, May 1 (JTA)--The nationwide United Jewish Appeal campaign raised \$213.3 million during Jan. 1-April 26, compared with \$170.63 million for the same period last year, general chairman Paul Zuckerman reported today. The increase, he said, "reflects the determined efforts of American Jewry and its leaders to take up the challenge and meet in full their responsibility toward the 70,000 immigrants--many of them from the Soviet Union--expected in Israel during 1972." Additional funds, he went on, are "desperately required to solve the many humanitarian needs of the people of Israel."

JEWISH LEADERS CASTIGATED FOR INACTION ON DESECRATION OF MONUMENT, GRAVES

LONDON, May 1 (JTA)--Joseph Rosensaft, the chairman of the World Federation of Bergen-Belsen Associations, castigated Jewish leaders yesterday for what he said was their failure to respond vigorously to the recent desecration of a Jewish memorial monument and graves at the site of the former concentration camp. Rosensaft told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the desecration itself was not surprising but what was, "was the lack of action, response and protest by Jewish leaders and in the Jewish world generally."

Rosensaft said, "I am now beginning to think that perhaps even Jews have learned nothing from the 1939-1945 era." Asked what his organization of concentration camp survivors has done,

Rosensaft said they would ask the authorities in Lower Saxony to place a round-the-clock guard at the site.

SALUTE TO ISRAEL PARADE ON MAY 14

NEW YORK, May 1 (JTA)--Among the 300,000 spectators expected at this year's Salute to Israel Parade on May 14 will be many prominent Americans and Israelis. The guests of honor at the event, to take place on New York's Fifth Avenue, include Yitzhak Rabin, Israel's Ambassador to the US, Yosef Tekoah, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, and Consul General of Israel, Ambassador David Rivlin. The Parade is a project of the American Zionist Youth Foundation in cooperation with major Jewish organizations. Joining the Israelis in the reviewing stands will be numerous state and city officials who will join the metropolitan area residents viewing the expected 75,000 marchers, scores of floats and 40 marching bands from 10 states.

RENTAL HOUSING POSSIBLE SOLUTION TO SOARING PRICE OF APARTMENTS

TEL AVIV, May 1 (JTA)--Israel's urgent housing problem and the prevailing atmosphere against immigration were the major problems discussed at a week-end meeting of the Labor Zionist Movement Secretariat. Louis Pincus, chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, said the construction of more rental housing might be the solution to the soaring price of flats in Israel and suggested an international conference of Jewish economic bodies to consider it.

Pincus said a thorough study should be made of the feasibility of building housing for rent. Pincus and Itzhak Korn, secretary general of the Labor Movement, agreed that the anti-alibi atmosphere posed a serious threat that could undermine immigration and proposed an education campaign to reverse the trend.

ISRAEL MAY SELL PLANES TO BRAZIL

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 1 (JTA)--Israeli Gen. Ariel Sharon, a leading military figure who has seen action from Hagana days to the Six-Day War, was received here several days ago by Gen. Idalio Sardenberg, chief of the Brazilian Army's General Staff. According to reports, they discussed the possibility of Israel's sale to Brazil of the Israeli version of the French Mirage warplane. Concurrently, military sources in Brasilia said Israeli technicians will train the pilots of the first squadron of 16 Mirages from France, due in July. Additionally, Israeli experts and pilots will come to Brazil to supply technical orientation, the sources said.

RABBI GOREN IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, May 1 (JTA)--Rabbi Shlomo Goren, Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv, arrived in New York late yesterday afternoon. Rabbi Goren, who for 24 years was the Chief Rabbi of the Israeli Defense Forces, will address the Jerusalem Festival celebration in Walt Whitman Hall, Brooklyn College, tomorrow afternoon. The festival, which will celebrate the fifth anniversary of the liberation of Jerusalem, is being sponsored by the American Zionist Youth Foundation in cooperation with religious youth organizations. Students from the city's yeshivas, high schools and colleges are expected to attend. Rabbi Goren will be honored at a reception to be held Wednesday by the Rabbinical Council of America.

A mass screening for Tay Sachs disease detected five married couples in the Toronto area who are carriers of this condition.



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INCREASE IN NEO-FASCIST ANTI-SEMITIC ACTIVITY SEEN AS TEST OF PUBLIC OPINION ON EVE OF GENERAL ELECTIONS
Vandalism, Threats Widespread

ROME, May 1 (JTA)--Leaders of Italy's Jewish community warned yesterday that a rash of anti-Semitic acts by Italian neo-Fascists were intended to test whether Italian public opinion would tolerate such acts on the eve of the general elections to be held May 7-8. Sergio Piperno, president of the Union of Italian Jewish Communities, and Chief Rabbi Elio Toaff spoke at ceremonies reconsecrating the 18th century synagogue in Gorizia which was broken into and vandalized last week by unknown persons believed to be neo-Fascists.

Piperno disclosed that the attack on the Gorizia synagogue was only the latest in a series of assaults on Jewish property. He said the synagogue in Ferrara and Jewish cemeteries in Pisa and Viareggio were recently vandalized and that Jewish personalities have received offensive and threatening letters. Piperno attributed these acts to neo-Fascist organizations which are particularly strong in the Veneto region.

These actions should sound the alarm for Italian Jews who "know from experience that such anti-Semitic manifestations constitute a prologue to the outright persecution of Jews," he said. The neo-Fascist groups are centered in Padua and Udine where an anti-Semitic booklet titled "The Star of David, The Cross and The Swastika" recently appeared. Piperno said it was obvious that the Gorizia synagogue was attacked by Fascist vandals because "holy books were destroyed and pages were torn out of prayer books."

Rabbi Toaff said that "by representing themselves by actions of this kind, the Fascists are attempting to test public reaction on the eve of the elections. They want to see whether Italians are ready to tolerate this type of Fascist activity."

SADAT SAYS ONLY COMPLETE DESTRUCTION OF ISRAEL WILL SATISFY EGYPT

JERUSALEM, May 1 (JTA)--Repeating that Egypt was prepared to sacrifice a million men in battle against Israel, President Anwar Sadat promised today in a May Day speech in Alexandria that Israel would "pay an even higher price." He declared that Egypt would not be satisfied with the liberation of the territories occupied by Israel but only with "the complete destruction of the Israeli arrogance."

Sadat likened Israel to the Crusaders of the 11th century and said all Arab peoples must fight against the "Zionist invaders." Sadat also rejected the American proposal for an interim agreement with Israel to reopen the Suez Canal. He told his audience, "The Russians help us with armaments but we shall fight by ourselves." Political circles here commenting on Sadat's speech said it represented a verbal escalation against Israel.

EFFORTS TO RESTORE OLD SYNAGOGUE DOOMED TO FAILURE; \$10,000 NEEDED FOR RENOVATIONS NOT AVAILABLE

BONN, May 1 (JTA)--Efforts by a New Jersey man to restore an 88-year-old synagogue in the West German town of Hechingen appeared doomed to failure today by his inability to raise the \$10,000

needed to buy the building from its present owner and a similar amount to renovate it.

The synagogue, built in 1884, was gutted by the Nazis on "Kristal Nacht," Nov. 9, 1938, though it was one of the few synagogues not burned to the ground. It was expropriated along with all Jewish property in the town. The Nazis planned to rebuild it as a sports arena but abandoned the plan when war broke out and used the building as a storehouse. In 1946 the West German government returned the synagogue and the Jewish community center to the Jewish community of Stuttgart, the nearest large city.

But in 1952 it was sold to Arthur Fausner, a 49-year-old Jew who used the premises as a lumber warehouse. Fausner also purchased the community center, converting it to a six-family apartment house which he sold to German businessmen in 1971. Fausner now wants to sell the synagogue and a former classmate of his, Heinz Hofheimer, who lives in New Jersey, offered to buy it if he could raise the money.

He appealed to the Stuttgart Jewish community for help after Mayor Norbert Roth of Hechingen told him the municipality could not provide financial assistance. The Jewish community, however, is not interested in restoring the synagogue because there are few Jews left in Hechingen who would make use of it.

Fausner said there are many deserted synagogues in the Baden-Wuerttemberg region but not enough Jews left to warrant the cost of restoring them. Hofheimer has written to the Central Council of Jews in Germany asking for financial help but has not yet received an answer. Fausner said he could wait only until late summer for Hofheimer to raise the money.

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT TO INSURE CANADIAN INVESTORS IN ISRAEL AGAINST NON-COMMERCIAL RISKS

OTTAWA, May 1 (JTA)--The Canadian government undertook today to insure Canadian investors in Israel against non-commercial risks, a move calculated to encourage private Canadian investments in the Jewish State. The agreement was made effective through an exchange of notes between Canadian Foreign Secretary Mitchell Sharp and the Israel Ambassador Theodore Meron at a brief ceremony here. Meron expressed the hope that the agreement will apply to a number of investment projects currently under consideration.

Canadian investors in Israel are, as a result of the agreement, insured against losses through war, riots, insurrection, revolution, rebellion, confiscation, deprivation of property rights and inconvertibility of foreign exchange. The agreement is believed to be the most comprehensive of its kind that Israel has with any nation.

It stemmed from the Canadian government's Investment Insurance Programs established in 1964 with the purpose of promoting Canadian investments abroad. Sharp called the accord with Israel "one further manifestation of close and harmonious relations between the governments and peoples of Canada and Israel."

Canada recently extended to Israel credits in the amount of \$100 million for the development of its road and rail transportation facilities and

various projects connected with tourism. Trade between Canada and Israel is relatively small, amounting to about \$14 million a year in both directions in 1971. Canadian exports to Israel, however, are now running at about \$18 million and further increases are expected as a result of the investment insurance agreement.

MRS. MEIR DUE IN BUCHAREST ON THURSDAY; RUMANIA SEEN AS COMMUNICATION CHANNEL BETWEEN ISRAEL, EGYPT, THE SOVIET UNION

JERUSALEM, May 1 (JTA)--On the eve of Premier Golda Meir's visit to Rumania high ranking political sources here indicated today that she expects to learn of Egypt's latest position on a peace settlement from President Nicolae Ceausescu who visited Cairo last month. Mrs. Meir will fly to Bucharest on Thursday.

The political sources confirmed reports that Ceausescu found signs of flexibility in Egypt. They also indicated that Israel views Rumania's role as a channel of communication between Israel and Egypt and the Soviet Union. They disclosed that following the Suez cease-fire in 1970, Rumanian officials conveyed Israel's attitude to Soviet leaders.

(According to a report today from Rome, Ceausescu will visit President Tito of Yugoslavia in Belgrade during the latter part of May, after his talks with Mrs. Meir. Tito is then scheduled to visit Moscow where he is expected to report to Soviet Communist Party General Secretary Leonid I. Brezhnev, Israel's position as relayed to him by Ceausescu. Brezhnev is expected to report on his discussions with President Nixon due to take place in Moscow several days before Tito's arrival.)

Five Principles Outlined

The Israeli sources said Rumania's Middle East position is based on five principles: The need for a political settlement of the conflict; the Security Council's Resolution 242 as the basis for a settlement; Israeli withdrawal from the occupied territories; recognition of the independence and sovereignty of all nations in the region; and a solution of the problem of the Palestinians. Mrs. Meir is expected to ask Ceausescu for clarification of Rumania's position on the latter point in view of his meeting in Cairo last month with El Fatah leader Yassir Arafat. In Israel's view, that meeting helped strengthen Arafat's shaky position.

Asked to comment on Rumania's attitude toward Jewish emigration, the sources emphasized that Rumanian policy permits the re-unification of families. There are about 100,000 Jews in Rumania.

WALDHEIM WILLING TO CHAIR MIDEAST PEACE CONFERENCE

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., May 1 (JTA)--United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim has apparently taken over the reins, at least temporarily, from UN mediator Gunnar V. Jarring in an attempt to break the impasse over Middle East peace negotiations. While the Jarring mission has not been written off, Waldheim is known to have approached the Israeli and Egyptian Ambassadors to the UN separately last week with a proposal for a Middle East peace conference which he indicated he would be willing to chair.

The idea was broached to Israel's Ambassador Yosef Tekoa and Egypt's Ambassador Ahmed Abdel Maguid. Waldheim's plan reportedly would involve Israel, Egypt, Jordan and Syria in talks of some sort, probably indirect to begin with, but with direct contacts at later stages.

According to reports from Jerusalem, consulta-

tions are taking place over Waldheim's proposal but no position has been formulated by the Israel government. There has been no indication of what the Arab position is. The Arab states have insisted on a prior commitment from Israel to withdraw from all the occupied territories before they come to the negotiating table.

Rhodes-Type Confab

When he was elected to the office of Secretary General early this year, Waldheim indicated that he believed the UN should play an active role as a peace-maker. He has also said that he might personally take charge of the Middle East problem should the Jarring mission remain deadlocked. Dr. Jarring is returning to UN headquarters here this week to resume his efforts to bring the parties together for peace talks.

The type of conference Waldheim is believed to have in mind has precedence in the Rhodes Armistice talks of 1949 held under the aegis of the late Dr. Ralph Bunche. Israel's position is believed to be that any talks with the Arab states under any auspices would be useful. But sources here do not expect any new developments before President Nixon's visit to Moscow.

DEPORTATION HEARING TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED OVER USE OF TERM 'S.S.'

NEW YORK, May 1 (JTA)--The methodical deportation hearing of convicted Nazi guard Hermine Braunsteiner Ryan exploded and collapsed temporarily today when the Jewish interpreter added the initials "SS" to her identification of a German officer. Mrs. Ryan, who was convicted in Austria in 1949 of beating women and children prisoners in concentration camps, was being asked by the prosecutor, Vincent A. Schlano of the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service, about the identity of a German official who had invited her to assume the job of "watching women." She identified him as "Sturmabfuhrer Kroeger," which the interpreter translated as "Lt. Col. Kroeger, SS."

Mrs. Ryan's attorney, John J. Barry, immediately demanded the removal of the interpreter, Abraham Wassner. The parole officer, Francis J. Lyons, gave Barry until next Monday morning to obtain another interpreter to "monitor the official interpreter," but he did not indicate whether Wassner would be retained. Pressed by reporters afterwards, Lyons continued to leave his options open until the hearing resumed.

'He Is A Jew'

Wassner--who is Polish-born and Jewish and can translate in 20 languages, including English, German, Hebrew and Yiddish--insisted to reporters later that he had not distorted Mrs. Ryan's reply "in the least." His job, he explained, was to deliver a "fluid and natural English version" with a "clear meaning" and without "obfuscations." By definition, he said, "Sturmabfuhrer" was a position in the SS, the Nazi elite guard. As for his neutrality, he stated: "I will translate for any alien, including Eichmann, dispassionately."

Schlano insisted to the press that "Sturmabfuhrer" was by definition an SS term, though he conceded that Wassner's use of the initials had been "unnecessary" and "unfortunate." He said his next question of Mrs. Ryan would have been whether Kroeger had in fact been an SS officer. Barry, however, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency separately that such a followup would not have erased the first question, adding that Wassner could "color" the rest of the testimony too.

Asked by the JTA whether he had had any qualms

HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS MARCH IN 100 CITIES TO PROCLAIM SOLIDARITY WITH SOVIET JEWS; DEMAND 'LET MY PEOPLE GO'

NEW YORK, May 1 (JTA)--Hundreds of thousands of people marched yesterday in some 100 cities across the country to express their support for Soviet Jewry and to urge President Nixon to intercede in behalf of Soviet Jewry when he meets with the Russian leaders May 22. The largest demonstrations outside New York were in Detroit where 4000 people and a 200-car motorcade participated in a rally, and in Chicago where more than 2500 attended a rally in the Civic Opera House. In Dallas, an overflow crowd of 4000 massed at the McFarlin Arena in an event cosponsored by the city's churches and synagogues.

Organizers of the marches and meetings termed yesterday's events a major success and an indication that the American Jewish community was actively involved and committed to aid their brethren in the USSR. The National Conference on Soviet Jewry, which sponsored the National Solidarity Day for Soviet Jewry, and the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, which coordinated local activities and mobilized forces and resources for the event on behalf of the NCSJ, was termed by Richard Maass, NCSJ chairman, the most concerted and cohesive undertaking by American Jewry in the cause of Soviet Jewry.

Throughout the country petitions were circulated to collect one million signatures to be given to Nixon prior to his departure for Moscow. The emphasis during the marches and rallies was on freeing Soviet Jews now imprisoned and treated as criminals and the restoration of fundamental human rights to Soviet Jews, including the right to emigrate freely.

As the events across the country were taking place, a report from London stated that according to Jewish sources in the Soviet Union 67 Jews proclaimed a hunger strike in Kiev and Moscow to protest against delays in issuing them visas and to express solidarity with the demonstrators in the US. Their 30-hour hunger strike is due to end tonight.

Release Prisoners Now

In Philadelphia, several hundred people took part in a 24-hour vigil for Soviet Jews and hundreds more, including 100 union, religious and community leaders, participated in a rally at Congress Hall. Benjamin Loewenstein, president of the Jewish Community Relations Council, told the gathering that mass expressions of concern about the plight of Soviet Jewry "can have an incalculable impact on the Soviet government."

Mrs. Serafima Kaminsky, wife of Lassa Kaminsky who was brought to trial on May 11, 1971 and given a five-year sentence, told the hushed audience: "I have come to the United States to ask you to help me, my husband and his friends in prison. What is our guilt? We dreamed of going to Israel...." Mrs. Kaminsky expressed the hope that the American people "will not forget those arrested as you have not forgotten us before." She stated that the sentence pronounced against her husband and his friends must be reexamined and they must be released.

Noting that now, when many Jews are receiving permission to go to Israel, there is no meaning in holding her husband and others in labor camps, Mrs. Kaminsky declared: "You, my friends, have the responsibility to see to it that he and his friends will not serve their full sentences. They must be released now."

In Miami, several hundred turned out in a tropical downpour to hear Sen. Claude D. Pepper (D.Fla.)

urge Nixon to use his influence to help Soviet Jews. Some 20,000 petitions were delivered to the Senator. In Chicago and other cities, a statement was read from Dr. Albert B. Sabin, president of the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, Israel, who called upon Nixon to take up with Soviet leaders the plight of Soviet Jewry and to urge that Soviet Jewish citizens who wish to go to Israel should be permitted to do so "without fear and painful retribution."

Dr. Sabin, developer of the Sabin oral polio vaccine and who last year received from Nixon the National Medal of Science, expressed this plea in a cable, sent in behalf of himself and the scientific staff of the Weizmann Institute, to Prof. Hans Morgenstern, president of the Academic Committee on Soviet Jewry.

The Oppressed Are Not Alone

In Atlanta, Governor Jimmy Carter declared yesterday a state-wide Solidarity Day for Soviet Jewry. In his proclamation he called upon the Soviet leaders to "adhere in letter and spirit to the provisions of the Soviet Constitution which guarantees religious and cultural expression of all its people and to insure that the international right to emigrate be freely granted." Jewish, Protestant and Catholic leaders were present at the signing of the declaration and later participated in a mass rally. Churches throughout Atlanta conducted prayer services for Soviet Jews.

In Rochester, N.Y., Mayor Stephen May sent a letter to Nixon urging him to "place world concern for the human rights of Russia's Jews on your agenda for the forthcoming discussions with Soviet leaders." May pleaded with the President to "exercise farsighted leadership by making it clear to the leaders of the Soviet Union that the conscience of the world cannot endure continued, callous denials of human rights. In so doing, you will remind Soviet Jews and all oppressed peoples that they are not alone."

In New York, some 1000 people marched for 20 blocks in a candlelight walk Saturday night. Speakers at the rally, which was coordinated by the Washington Heights-Inwood Council for Soviet Jewry, reported that Sylvia Zalmanson Kuznetsov was in grave danger of losing her life and warned that other prisoners in labor camps were also seriously ill. A procession carried coffins marked with slogans "Hear Their Plea," and "Let My People Go."

Need Unity Of Jewish People

At Hunter College last night, Boris Kochubievsky drew rounds of applause from the 500 persons attending a rally when he stated that one generation ago American Jews should have spoken out about what was happening in Europe. Because they didn't speak out, six million Jews died, he said. "Those who kept silent must share in that guilt," he declared. "Now, this new generation must do that which was not done." He concluded with a plea for support from all segments of the Jewish people for Soviet Jewry--from the liberals to Betar to the Jewish Defense League. The Soviet Union is sensitive to public opinion, he said. "We need all the help we can get."

Mrs. Irina Markish, who earlier in the day addressed a rally in Chicago where she was greeted by a 20-minute ovation, told the Hunter College audience that Jewish nationalism grew in the Soviet Union because the government refused to grant the Jews the same rights as those granted to other national groups - the right to study their language, history and culture. Mrs. Markish, the wife of

David Markish and the daughter-in-law of Mrs. Esther Markish, said the Soviet Union is "afraid" of public opinion. She said it was important that "we to all in our power to help our brothers in the Soviet Union before President Nixon's visit." The Soviet Jews have done all they can, she said. "You, here, have to do everything you can to help them."

Catholic, Protestant Support Assured

In Washington, residents were urged to send cables on behalf of Soviet Jews to the American Embassy in Moscow addressed to President Nixon and timed to coincide with his arrival in the Soviet capital. Howard University history professor David Korn, chairman of the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington's Soviet Jewry Committee, made the appeal last night at Temple Israel to an audience of about 500 people. About 17,000 in the Washington area have signed petitions urging Nixon to intercede for the Soviet Jews. The petitions are being sent to the White House in batches of 2000-3000 signatures.

The Rev. John Kelly, director of the Department of Judaic Studies at the University of Dayton, Ohio and the Rev. John Steinbruck, pastor of Lutheran Place Memorial Church in Washington, assured the audience of Catholic and Protestant community involvement and dedication in behalf of Soviet Jews. Rabbi Gilbert Klaperman, chairman of the New York Conference on Soviet Jewry, stressed the need to continue the struggle for Jewish rights in the Soviet Union.

Solidarity Day was also observed in other major cities including Baltimore, Cleveland, Denver, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Atlantic City, San Francisco, and Boston. In Cleveland an estimated 8000 people participated in a march and rally.

Mindl Veinger, the sister-in-law of David Chernoglaz who was sentenced June 21, 1971, to five years' imprisonment, told an estimated 200,000 persons in New York that "our relatives and friends who are imprisoned have not lost their spirit." She said she had received a letter from Chernoglaz in which he wrote: "I live in anticipation of the meetings in Israel to come. As compared to 2000 years, the three years that are left for me to wait is nothing at all." Miss Veinger added: "But we cannot stand innocent people's imprisonment. We are pleading to all free people. Help us!"

WHERE IS VICTOR YAKHOUT?

LONDON, May 1 (JTA)--The whereabouts of Victor Yakhout were unknown today after an ambulance pulled up outside his home to take him to a mental hospital and found him gone. Yakhout, one of ten Jewish activists called up for military duty with the Red Army reserves, was examined Friday by a psychiatrist and told that his desire to go to Israel indicated a disturbed mind. Jewish sources in the Soviet Union reported today. According to the sources, the psychiatrist recommended that Yakhout be treated at a hospital for the mentally ill. He flatly refused and was permitted to return to his home and has not been seen since.

TEN JEWISH ACTIVISTS APPEAL TO WALDHEIM

NEW YORK, May 1 (JTA)--Ten Jewish activists in Moscow, ordered to active duty in the Soviet Army, transmitted an appeal to UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim through the American Jewish Congress charging the call-up was a "Direct act to take away our freedom." The message was dictated by Gavriel Shapiro of Moscow in a telephone call placed to the USSR several days ago.

Shapiro said the military call-up was designed to keep the Jewish activists out of circulation during President Nixon's visit to Moscow next month. The Jews called up for military duty are among those who earlier had written to the President requesting an appointment with him during his visit to the Soviet capital. The ten activists, all of whom have applied to emigrate to Israel and renounced their Soviet citizenship, said in the message to Waldheim that Soviet authorities were attempting to "pursue" them by "new methods of persecution."

"If we are placed in military camps, the authorities will then accuse us of being privy to military secrets and will thus deny our applications to emigrate to Israel," they charged, adding, "We appeal to all persons of good will to help us in our struggle." The message was signed by Shapiro and by Vladimir Lerner, Dan Rozhinsky, Boris Einbinder, Victor Yakhout, David Markish, Shmuel Gurvitch, Mark Nashpitz, Pavel Abramovitch and Mikhail Kliatchkin.

LINDSAY EXPRESSES DISAPPOINTMENT WITH WHITE HOUSE LETTER ON SOVIET JEWRY

NEW YORK, May 1 (JTA)--Mayor John V. Lindsay reported today that he had received a "disappointing" reply from the White House to a letter he sent to President Nixon asking the President to take up the matter "of the denial to Soviet Jews of expressions of their religious and cultural life and their desire to emigrate" when the President meets with Soviet leaders in Moscow.

The Mayor said that, in his letter he had recalled that the Soviet people had suffered "greatly" from the German invasion and that they should be "responsive to a people who suffered six million dead. Their own history should lead the Soviet leaders to recognize the rights of their Jewish citizens, the same rights accorded to the various national and ethnic groups of the Soviet Union." Asserting that the matter "merits a high place on your agenda," the Mayor wrote that it was his "profound hope that it will be discussed during your visit, and the matter equitably resolved."

Lindsay said he received a reply from Martin J. Hillebrand, assistant secretary for European Affairs. Hillebrand cited the administration's support of the "fundamental right of all people to emigrate" and "concern for the plight of minorities of all nations denied the freedom due them under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights."

In commenting on the reply, Lindsay said he wanted to stress "the point that the experience of Soviet Jews is unique, in that they, out of the many national and ethnic groups in the Soviet Union, are singled out for discriminatory treatment. Synagogues are being closed down, there is no rabbinic body to continue the training of rabbis, there are no schools teaching the Yiddish or Hebrew language, many obstacles are placed in the way of their emigration." The Mayor added that, "since Soviet Jews are singled out for discriminatory treatment, the matter should be dealt with as a specific issue, to be equitably resolved."

30 JEWS DRIVEN FROM SYNAGOGUE STEPS

NEW YORK, May 1 (JTA)--Soviet police and auxiliary police drove 30 Jews from the steps of the Moscow Synagogue last Saturday and shoved them down the length of the street. Jewish sources in the Soviet Union reported today. One of the persons manhandled was Mrs. Isolda Avar who is in her seventh month of pregnancy. Two Jews were arrested at the synagogue and released shortly afterward. The 30 Jews signed a letter to President Nikolai Podgorny protesting the assault.

about a Jewish interpreter in this particular case, he said no. The JTA correspondent, however, overheard Mrs. Ryan—who was calm and composed during her questioning—say bitterly to Barry after the adjournment: "He (Wassner) is a Jew. He has his hate."

Mrs. Ryan lost her American citizenship last September for not admitting her Austrian conviction. Her husband, Russell, three years younger, testified March 20, and Mrs. Ryan's neighbors defended her March 21. The hearings were postponed then to allow Schiano and Barry to collect depositions from witnesses, with Barry saying he needed time to go to Austria. He never went, however, because of what he called "the unavailability of people over there." But he added: "We still haven't given it up."

ALLON CONFERS WITH ROGERS; SUBJECTS INCLUDE SUMMIT CONFERENCE, MIDEAST PEACE, ALLON PLAN FOR WEST BANK
Allon Confident U.S. Will Not Surprise Israel With Mideast Policy Changes

WASHINGTON, May 1 (JTA)--Israel's Deputy Premier Yigal Allon conferred today with Secretary of State William P. Rogers at the State Department for 80 minutes. It was their first meeting in a year and the final US-Israel consultation before the Moscow summit visit of President Nixon. Allon was accompanied by Israel Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin and top officials of the Israeli Embassy here. The meeting was also attended by Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs Joseph J. Sisco, his aide, Deputy Assistant Secretary Alfred L. Atherton, and H.H. Stackhouse, the State Department's Israel Desk officer.

Neither Allon nor State Department sources would comment on the content of the discussions. It was understood, however, that the subjects discussed included the US-Soviet summit conference, the Israeli and Egyptian attitudes toward a peace settlement and the Allon plan for the West Bank.

Premier Golda Meir's visit to Rumania this week was reportedly not brought up at the Rogers-Allon meeting nor, apparently, was the reported proposal by United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim for a conference of Israel and the Arab states which he is prepared to chair. The Waldheim plan was said not to have been received by Israel or the US.

It was understood that Allon left the meeting confident that the US will not surprise Israel with policy changes on the Middle East without prior consultation with Jerusalem. Nor was Allon said to expect any US policy changes in the foreseeable future. Allon reportedly told Rogers that Nixon's earlier pledge that the US would not allow friendly nations to lose their sovereignty was warmly welcomed in Israel.

Egypt Wants Imposed Solution

Allon was understood to have conveyed to the US officials his belief that Egypt wants the Middle East question to be given highest priority at the summit conference and that President Anwar Sadat went to Moscow last week expressly to influence Soviet leaders in that direction. Sadat wants more arms and wants to create a psychological situation of escalation that would give Moscow an excuse to make the Middle East a global issue and justify Soviet intervention, according to the Israeli view.

The Israelis also reportedly indicated their belief that Egypt wants an imposed solution—preferably one imposed by the Big Powers—in order to avoid the necessity of negotiating with Israel. Israel, on the other hand, supports the American pro-

posal for proximity talks with Egypt and supports a resumption of the Jarring mission under the mandate of the Security Council's Resolution 242 but still opposes Jarring's aide-memoire of Feb. 8, 1971 and the General Assembly's endorsement of it.

Allon is understood to have referred to the plan for the West Bank's future map which bears his name which calls for permanent Israeli strong-points along the West Bank of the Jordan River while heavily populated Arab areas in the hinterland would revert to Arab sovereignty within the framework of a peace treaty. Another subject understood to have come up in Allon's talk with Rogers was King Hussein's recent proposal for a Palestinian state on the West Bank federated with Jordan.

In contrast to his meeting with Rogers a year ago when TV cameras were set up in the diplomatic lobby and Allon was interviewed by scores of reporters, only Israeli correspondents and the Jewish Telegraphic Agency were on hand today. The poor media turnout was attributed to the fact that the meeting, originally scheduled for 3 p.m. was advanced to noon so that Rogers could attend a meeting with President Nixon at the White House at 1:30 p.m.

In U.S. For 10 Days

The Israeli Deputy Premier and Minister of Education and Culture arrived in the US last night for a ten-day visit. Israeli officials said the principle purpose of Allon's visit was to speak Friday before the National Academy of Education at Brookings Institution. The Institution will devote an all-day program to education in Israel. On Thursday, Allon is scheduled to lunch with Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Elliot L. Richardson. During his American visit he will also appear at a series of rallies on behalf of Israel Bonds.

In New York tomorrow morning Allon is scheduled to visit an experimental high school in the Coney Island section of Brooklyn as guest of Dr. Seymour Lachman, president of the Board of Education. In the afternoon, Allon will address leaders of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. Later in the day the Board of Jewish Education and the American Association for Jewish Education will tender a convocation and reception to Allon. He will be greeted by Consul General David Rivlin and Robert H. Arnow, president of the AAJE and president of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

POLICE ASKED TO INVESTIGATE SOME OF FRIEDMAN'S ACTIVITIES

JERUSALEM, May 1 (JTA)--Attorney General Meir Shamgar disclosed today that he has asked the police to investigate certain activities of Mordechai Friedman who resigned last week as managing director of the government-owned Netivei Neft oil company. A government panel investigating Netivei Neft absolved Friedman of wrong doing. Shamgar told newsmen, however, that his request for an investigation stemmed from certain matters that came up during the panel's investigation.

He said these matters included income tax and foreign currency activities by Friedman and the mixing of his private funds with public property in the accounts of Netivei Neft. The panel, which concluded in its majority report that administrative irregularities on Friedman's part did not warrant his dismissal, said, nevertheless, that the proper authorities should look into them if they saw fit to do so.

TWO JEWISH GROUPS CONDEMN ESCALATION OF VIETNAM WAR, DEMAND WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS

NEW YORK, May 1 (JTA)--Two Jewish organizations have demanded that the US pull out of the escalating Vietnam war. A resolution of the national governing council of the American Jewish Congress, condemning the "massive escalation" of the war in Southeast Asia, urged the Nixon administration to set July 1 as the date for a complete withdrawal of all US forces and a cessation of hostilities.

The National Council of Jewish Women named no date but called on the US government to withdraw all American troops and to "immediately resume the negotiations in Paris in the hope that some agreement can be reached to end the senseless killing of innocent people." Since the statement was drafted, negotiations have been resumed.

The AJCongress said it was "deeply shocked" at the increased US military activities in Southeast Asia. "The increased engagement by US forces on the ground and in the air is viewed by the world as a stunning reversal of announced US policy and a betrayal of the repeated public pledge of withdrawal by this administration," the resolution said.

"The only rational and moral course available to our country at this tragic moment is to proceed expeditiously with the complete removal of US forces from Southeast Asia as the only way of stopping the killing and securing a quick release of our prisoners," according to the AJCongress.

The National Council of Jewish Women branded President Nixon's decision to bomb the environs of Hanoi and Haiphong as military operations conducive to sparking a confrontation with the allies of Hanoi and a possible widening of the war. The women's organization declared that the President's action was contrary to his previously stated commitment to end the war through negotiations. On the contrary, "It is our view that these military operations imply a military solution to the war," the NCJW said.

UJA RAISES \$213.3M IN 4 MONTHS

NEW YORK, May 1 (JTA)--The nationwide United Jewish Appeal campaign raised \$213.3 million during Jan. 1-April 26, compared with \$170.63 million for the same period last year, general chairman Paul Zuckerman reported today. The increase, he said, "reflects the determined efforts of American Jewry and its leaders to take up the challenge and meet in full their responsibility toward the 70,000 immigrants--many of them from the Soviet Union--expected in Israel during 1972." Additional funds, he went on, are "desperately required to solve the many humanitarian needs of the people of Israel."

JEWISH LEADERS CASTIGATED FOR INACTION ON DESECRATION OF MONUMENT, GRAVES

LONDON, May 1 (JTA)--Joseph Rosensaft, the chairman of the World Federation of Bergen-Belsen Associations, castigated Jewish leaders yesterday for what he said was their failure to respond vigorously to the recent desecration of a Jewish memorial monument and graves at the site of the former concentration camp. Rosensaft told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the desecration itself was not surprising but what was, "was the lack of action, response and protest by Jewish leaders and in the Jewish world generally."

Rosensaft said, "I am now beginning to think that perhaps even Jews have learned nothing from the 1939-1945 era." Asked what his organization of concentration camp survivors has done,

Rosensaft said they would ask the authorities in Lower Saxony to place a round-the-clock guard at the site.

SALUTE TO ISRAEL PARADE ON MAY 14

NEW YORK, May 1 (JTA)--Among the 300,000 spectators expected at this year's Salute to Israel Parade on May 14 will be many prominent Americans and Israelis. The guests of honor at the event, to take place on New York's Fifth Avenue, include Yitzhak Rabin, Israel's Ambassador to the US, Yosef Tekoah, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, and Consul General of Israel, Ambassador David Rivlin. The Parade is a project of the American Zionist Youth Foundation in cooperation with major Jewish organizations. Joining the Israelis in the reviewing stands will be numerous state and city officials who will join the metropolitan area residents viewing the expected 75,000 marchers, scores of floats and 40 marching bands from 10 states.

RENTAL HOUSING POSSIBLE SOLUTION TO SOARING PRICE OF APARTMENTS

TEL AVIV, May 1 (JTA)--Israel's urgent housing problem and the prevailing atmosphere against immigration were the major problems discussed at a week-end meeting of the Labor Zionist Movement Secretariat. Louis Pincus, chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, said the construction of more rental housing might be the solution to the soaring price of flats in Israel and suggested an international conference of Jewish economic bodies to consider it.

Pincus said a thorough study should be made of the feasibility of building housing for rent. Pincus and Itzhak Korn, secretary general of the Labor Movement, agreed that the anti-alibi atmosphere posed a serious threat that could undermine immigration and proposed an education campaign to reverse the trend.

ISRAEL MAY SELL PLANES TO BRAZIL

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 1 (JTA)--Israeli Gen. Ariel Sharon, a leading military figure who has seen action from Hagana days to the Six-Day War, was received here several days ago by Gen. Idalio Sardenberg, chief of the Brazilian Army's General Staff. According to reports, they discussed the possibility of Israel's sale to Brazil of the Israeli version of the French Mirage warplane. Concurrently, military sources in Brasilia said Israeli technicians will train the pilots of the first squadron of 16 Mirages from France, due in July. Additionally, Israeli experts and pilots will come to Brazil to supply technical orientation, the sources said.

RABBI GOREN IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, May 1 (JTA)--Rabbi Shlomo Goren, Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv, arrived in New York late yesterday afternoon. Rabbi Goren, who for 24 years was the Chief Rabbi of the Israeli Defense Forces, will address the Jerusalem Festival celebration in Walt Whitman Hall, Brooklyn College, tomorrow afternoon. The festival, which will celebrate the fifth anniversary of the liberation of Jerusalem, is being sponsored by the American Zionist Youth Foundation in cooperation with religious youth organizations. Students from the city's yeshivas, high schools and colleges are expected to attend. Rabbi Goren will be honored at a reception to be held Wednesday by the Rabbinical Council of America.

A mass screening for Tay Sachs disease detected five married couples in the Toronto area who are carriers of this condition.