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TEL AVIV, May 3 (JTA)--Income tax officials escorted by police today raided the home of Mordechai Friedman, former managing director of the Netivei Neft oil company, just a week after a government panel cleared Friedman of wrongdoing in his administration of the State-owned firm.

The raid was carried out to gather evidence in connection with suspicion that Friedman was involved in illegal transactions including tax evasion and violation of the Foreign Currency Act. The suspicion stems from information elicited during the four-month long inquiry into the affairs of Netivei Neft by a three-man panel headed by Supreme Court Justice Albert Vitkon. Although the panel decided by a 2-1 majority that Friedman's activities did not warrant his dismissal, the oil executive submitted his resignation last Friday to Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir and it was promptly accepted.

He resigned amid a public clamor for his ouster and widespread criticism of the panel's majority report in which Judge Vitkon had concurred. Attorney General Meir Shamgar announced Sunday that he had asked the police to probe Friedman's affairs in relation to Netivei Neft.

The raid on Friedman's home followed one yesterday on the home of Dr. Foca Hirsch, the agent for a large electronics and aircraft firm, who is also suspected of tax and foreign currency violations. The Hirsch case apparently is not connected with the Friedman case. Hirsch has been described as a "playboy" and "bon-vivant" of the international jet set. A tax official said yesterday, "We want to show that everyone is equal before the law. We make no distinction if a suspect is an ordinary citizen or a member of high society."

#### MARKISHES SEEK TO MEET WITH NIXON

TEL AVIV, May 3 (JTA)--The Markish family is desperately trying to get the highest level American intervention in behalf of their efforts to obtain exit visas from Soviet authorities to go to Israel. David Markish, son of the late Jewish poet Peretz Markish who was killed in the Stalin purges of 1952, said today in a telephone conversation from Moscow that he has asked for a meeting with President Nixon when the latter comes to Moscow May 22. He said that his mother, Mrs. Esther Markish, has also asked to see Nixon. Markish ended a three-day hunger strike yesterday.

SPECIAL JTA ANALYSISMRS. MEIR'S VISIT TO BUCHAREST SYMBOLIC OF 20 YEARS OF ISRAEL-RUMANIA AMITY

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PARIS, May 3 (JTA)--Israeli Premier Golda Meir's visit to Bucharest symbolizes 20 years of Israeli-Rumanian relations which have been almost consistently cordial. Since President Nicolae Ceausescu's rise to power, these relations have been, moreover, based on a joint interest: that of small countries to remain independent and to follow a foreign policy which best serves their national interests in spite of their relative dependence on one of the big powers.

For both Israel and Rumania the turning point in their relations and in their open claim to independent national policies came in June, 1967. Israel followed its own policy in the Middle East while Rumania stood its ground in the face of Soviet pressure on what, for it, was a relatively unimportant issue--its relations with Israel. Unimportant as it was, it served as an excellent occasion to prove Rumania's determination to conduct its own foreign policy even on issues on which it ran contrary to what the Kremlin defined as "common Socialist interests."

Immediately after the end of the Six-Day War, the Soviet Union called a conference in Moscow of all Warsaw Pact countries to define a joint attitude towards the Middle East. Though Rumania was officially, as far as Soviet interpretations went, bound by its decisions to break off diplomatic relations with Israel and express its solidarity with the Arab states, it followed neither.

One year before the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia, Moscow began to feel that its authority was slipping away and the Soviet ambassador called Ceausescu to task on at least a dozen occasions. Radio Moscow was even more explicit while the other Socialist countries openly threatened Rumania with "sanctions" should it fail to abide by the decision of the majority.

Great Success For Israeli Diplomacy

The Arab states also increased their pressure: Libya and Algeria formally protested; Iraq recalled its own envoy to Bucharest and declared the Rumanian ambassador as unwelcome in Baghdad. In this struggle, which for the Rumanians, according to their own diplomats abroad, was "all important" for their future self-determination, Bucharest stood its ground. It went even further: while no other Socialist country had diplomatic relations with Israel, it raised its own representation in Tel Aviv from the Legation to Embassy.

During this period, while Israel was practically boycotted by all East European countries, Rumania steadily increased its trade with Israel. Their commercial exchanges doubled between 1967 and 1968 and after this continued to increase each year. This continued relationship between the two countries does not mean, however, that Bucharest fully supports the Israeli government's position in all fields. Thus, Rumania has obstinately called for Israel's evacuation from the administered territories. This position has been official Rumanian policy since the United Nations Security Council Resolution 242 was adopted in Nov. 1967.

Last summer, the Rumanian official press agency, Agraph, summed up Bucharest's stand on the Middle East as based on three points: 1) the need for an Israeli withdrawal from administered territories, 2) the necessity of reaching a political solution based on negotiations, and 3) ensuring the

future through mutually accepted borders. There have been varying nuances on other issues as well. Thus, Rumania has refused to transfer its Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem and does not approve all aspects of Israeli administration of the territories or of the reunification of Jerusalem.

In spite of all these reserves, Mrs. Meir's trip to Bucharest is a great success for Israeli diplomacy. And not only for the sake of a further improvement of Israeli-Rumanian ties. Few believe that Rumania will be able to successfully mediate between Israel and Egypt but many observers discern in the trip the start of a normalization of Israel's relations with the Soviet Union and the Communist bloc. Both sides can only gain from such an improvement which would signify for both, and markedly for Israel, an even more independent foreign policy in the future.

EAST GERMAN REPORTER IN ISRAEL

COPENHAGEN, May 3 (JTA)--East Germany's official newspaper, Neues Deutschland, recently made public that it has a correspondent in Israel. In the past few days Hans Lebrecht has written articles about the Gaza Strip, Raffah and Mapam. He expressed sympathetic views toward that Socialist-Zionist party.

JDL DENIES TWO JAILED MEMBERSPHYSICALLY HARASSED SOVIET ENVOYS

NEW YORK, May 3 (JTA)--The Jewish Defense League denied today that two members arrested yesterday had physically harassed two Soviet diplomats yesterday. The Soviet Mission charged that the two youths cursed and interfered with the passage of cars of Ambassador Yakob A. Malik, the USSR's chief representative to the United Nations, and Second Secretary Gennady N. Serebryakov.

But Bertram Zweibon, JDL executive director, insisted to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the youths confronted the diplomats only "orally," in regard to the plight of Soviet Jews, and without obscenities or physical contact.

Ambassador William E. Schaufele, Jr., the senior advisor to United Nations Ambassador George Bush, voiced "deep regret" when advised of the incidents at a committee meeting yesterday. He explained to the JTA today that such regrets are routine on the part of the US government in connection with actions, whatever their intensity, against individual foreign officials in this country. The JDLers being held are Jeffrey Glasberg, 21, and Zalman A. Iloutitz, 19, both of Brooklyn.

GIRON NAMED NETIVEI NEFT HEAD

JERUSALEM, May 3 (JTA)--Meir Giron, a former oil and shipping executive, was named yesterday managing director of the government-owned Netivei Neft oil company by Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir. He replaces Mordechai Friedman who resigned last week. Giron was formerly managing director of Zim, Israel's national shipping company. Before that he headed the Haifa oil refineries. His experience in both shipping and oil, two related fields, was believed to be one of the reasons for his selection by Sapir. In another move, the Netivei Neft board of directors was enlarged from four to eight members and the company will appoint an internal comptroller.

The Jewish Labor Bund is releasing on May 6 a record of revolutionary songs, "Yiddish Songs of Work and Struggle." Most of the songs, written at the turn of this century, became popular among Jewish workers who were active in the Jewish labor movement in Eastern Europe.

# AJCOMMITTEE OFFICIAL SAYS THERE IS AN EROSION OF CONFIDENCE IN AMERICAN JEWISH INSTITUTIONS Jewish Poor Form Core Of Dissent

NEW YORK, May 3 (JTA)--An erosion of confidence in American Jewish institutions, paralleling that visible in American society at large, has been taking place for the past five years. This view will be presented tomorrow by Bertram H. Gold, executive vice-president of the American Jewish Committee, at the opening luncheon session of the organization's 68th annual meeting which will be held at the Americana Hotel through Sunday.

"The Jewish community has also experienced a crisis of confidence," he states in an advance text of his address, "a serious questioning of established Jewish organizations, their selection of priorities, their openness to change, their very right to lead. New anti-establishment groups have sprung up, some activist, some of a more purely intellectual bent, all claiming to speak for the Jewish interest."

Just as a populist movement has arisen in the general society that offers "quick, simplistic solutions" to the nation's problems, Gold points to a parallel mood within the Jewish community, citing as illustrations the rise of Rabbi Meir Kahane, head of the Jewish Defense League, and "the widening gulf between the leaders and the led."

The differences in American Jewish life show themselves, Gold explains, in a growing rift between rich, upper-class heterodox and poor, middle and lower class orthodox; and between inner-city urban Jews and suburban Jews. Much of this dissent from Jewish consensus, he adds, comes from what an AJ Committee task force on "The Future of the Jewish Community" has identified as "the neglected Jewish constituency"; the poor, the trapped population in the inner city, and the non-affiliated Jews. Gold pays tribute to the enthusiastic manner in which Federation and their affiliated agencies, in cities across the country, had been responding to these newly identified concerns.

## Diaspora-Israel Dialogue Needed

In his address, seeking to answer, "Who Speaks for the Jews?", Gold also urges creation of "voluntary Israeli organizations" as a way of creating new kinds of dialogues to address themselves to differences between Israel and Jewish communities in the US and elsewhere in the world. "Differences between Israel and Jewish communities in other parts of the world are inevitable," he is scheduled to tell the 500 delegates from all sections of the country. "They can be lessened, not by discouraging dissent but by encouraging an airing of differences; not by unilateral action but by authentic consultation; not by denying the independence and creative future of diaspora Jewry but by affirming it."

In that context, he adds: "What is desperately needed is the emergence of voluntary Israeli organizations to which the voluntary organized Jewish communities of the world can relate, instead of addressing themselves, as they do now, primarily to Israeli government spokesmen." Gold launches his discussion of Israel-Diaspora relations with what he calls "four assumptions on which, I believe, there will be little disagreement":

"Israel plays a vital symbolic role in Jewish conscious and unconscious self-perception, and is today a basic component of identity formation for Jews everywhere in the world." "There is an interdependence between Israel and other Jewish communities, and the behavior and actions of a particular community may have a direct bearing upon what happens to Israel, and vice versa." "Israel

decision-makers view Israel as a defender and representative of Jews who are in trouble anywhere in the world...." and "The majority of American Jews affirm the viability of Jewish life in the diaspora. They reject the classical Zionist ideology that predicts a continuous and irreversible erosion for Jewish life outside of Israel..."

Gold notes that some strains between Israel and diaspora Jewry have arisen, particularly in the five years since the end of the Six-Day War in the Middle East. He singles out several areas of tension: containment of criticism of Israeli policies and practices, which, he says, is "galling to many idealistic, committed young Jews"; the growing tendency on the part of young Israelis to look upon American Jewry as "a service community" whose function is to support the State of Israel; and differing perspectives on issues affecting Jews in other countries.

## UJWF CAMPAIGN HITS \$14,500,000

LOS ANGELES, May 3 (JTA)--The 1972 campaign of the Los Angeles United Jewish Welfare Fund/Israel Emergency Fund entered its final stages of public solicitation still ahead of the record-breaking 1971 drive, it was reported by general chairman Chester Firestein. The figure reached, as of April 30, is \$14.5 million, representing an increase of approximately 32 percent over the amount given by the same contributors last year.

## JARRING READY TO RESIGN?

UNITED NATIONS, May 3 (JTA)--There was growing speculation today that Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring, who returned to United Nations headquarters two days ago, is ready to terminate his role as special UN mediator in the Middle East. According to a UN spokesman, Dr. Jarring returned to discuss the future direction of his peace mission. Sources said that the envoy seems more frustrated than ever in his efforts to break the stalled peace talks and that he may decide to return full time to his job as Sweden's ambassador to the Soviet Union.

These speculations were rife in the wake of Secretary General Kurt Waldheim's proposal that he act as chairman of a Mideast peace conference in which Dr. Jarring would presumably play a secondary role. Waldheim indicated that he is willing to take over the role of mediator, at least temporarily, during separate discussions last week with Israel's Ambassador Yosef Tekoah and Egypt's Ambassador Ahmed Abdel Maguid.

## RESOLUTION DEMANDS ISRAEL QUIT AREAS

SANTIAGO, Chile, May 3 (JTA)--A heated debate is expected this week at the plenary session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) over a resolution demanding that Israel quit the administered territories. The resolution by Peru has been accepted by a Third World group at the Conference. The 22-item agenda also includes a debate on the continued closure of the Suez Canal.

In another development here, Carlos Vicuna, president of the Chilean Committee for Soviet Jews, appealed to the Soviet Ambassador to intercede for visas for Esther Markish, widow of the Jewish poet Peretz Markish, and her son David, who want to go to Israel. Peretz Markish was a victim of the Stalin purge of Jewish intellectuals in 1952. Vicuna's telegram to the Russian envoy noted that Mrs. Markish and her son have made repeated applications for exit visas without success.





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clared: "I believe that ways and means must be found in the diaspora to educate the young people to take pride in being Jews." Expanding his comments to the political sphere, Allon remarked: "It is not only a human task but a very Jewish one to see to it that our young generation will be educated in such a way that they will be good soldiers," but not to be filled with hatred for the Arabs. An Arab minority will always live in our midst, he noted, "and we will always be surrounded by Arab nations. I don't think that hatred is necessary in order to develop daring, courageous soldiers. I believe in love."

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#### FRIEDMAN'S HOME RAIDED; SUSPECTED OF INVOLVEMENT IN ILLEGAL TRANSACTIONS

TEL AVIV, May 3 (JTA)--Income tax officials escorted by police today raided the home of Mordechai Friedman, former managing director of the Netivei Neft oil company, just a week after a government panel cleared Friedman of wrongdoing in his administration of the State-owned firm.

The raid was carried out to gather evidence in connection with suspicion that Friedman was involved in illegal transactions including tax evasion and violation of the Foreign Currency Act. The suspicion stems from information elicited during the four-month long inquiry into the affairs of Netivei Neft by a three-man panel headed by Supreme Court Justice Albert Vitkon. Although the panel decided by a 2-1 majority that Friedman's activities did not warrant his dismissal, the oil executive submitted his resignation last Friday to Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir and it was promptly accepted.

He resigned amid a public clamor for his ouster and widespread criticism of the panel's majority report in which Judge Vitkon had concurred. Attorney General Meir Shamgar announced Sunday that he had asked the police to probe Friedman's affairs in relation to Netivei Neft.

The raid on Friedman's home followed one yesterday on the home of Dr. Foca Hirsch, the agent for a large electronics and aircraft firm, who is also suspected of tax and foreign currency violations. The Hirsch case apparently is not connected with the Friedman case. Hirsch has been described as a "playboy" and "bon-vivant" of the international jet set. A tax official said yesterday, "We want to show that everyone is equal before the law. We make no distinction if a suspect is an ordinary citizen or a member of high society."

#### MARKISHES SEEK TO MEET WITH NIXON

TEL AVIV, May 3 (JTA)--The Markish family is desperately trying to get the highest level American intervention in behalf of their efforts to obtain exit visas from Soviet authorities to go to Israel. David Markish, son of the late Jewish poet Peretz Markish who was killed in the Stalin purges of 1952, said today in a telephone conversation from Moscow that he has asked for a meeting with President Nixon when the latter comes to Moscow May 22. He said that his mother, Mrs. Esther Markish, has also asked to see Nixon. Markish ended a three-day hunger strike yesterday.

SPECIAL JTA ANALYSISMRS. MEIR'S VISIT TO BUCHAREST SYMBOLIC OF 20 YEARS OF ISRAEL-RUMANIA AMITY

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PARIS, May 3 (JTA)--Israeli Premier Golda Meir's visit to Bucharest symbolizes 20 years of Israeli-Rumanian relations which have been almost consistently cordial. Since President Nicolae Ceausescu's rise to power, these relations have been, moreover, based on a joint interest: that of small countries to remain independent and to follow a foreign policy which best serves their national interests in spite of their relative dependence on one of the big powers.

For both Israel and Rumania the turning point in their relations and in their open claim to independent national policies came in June, 1967. Israel followed its own policy in the Middle East while Rumania stood its ground in the face of Soviet pressure on what, for it, was a relatively unimportant issue--its relations with Israel. Unimportant as it was, it served as an excellent occasion to prove Rumania's determination to conduct its own foreign policy even on issues on which it ran contrary to what the Kremlin defined as "common Socialist interests."

Immediately after the end of the Six-Day War, the Soviet Union called a conference in Moscow of all Warsaw Pact countries to define a joint attitude towards the Middle East. Though Rumania was officially, as far as Soviet interpretations went, bound by its decisions to break off diplomatic relations with Israel and express its solidarity with the Arab states, it followed neither.

One year before the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia, Moscow began to feel that its authority was slipping away and the Soviet ambassador called Ceausescu to task on at least a dozen occasions. Radio Moscow was even more explicit while the other Socialist countries openly threatened Rumania with "sanctions" should it fail to abide by the decision of the majority.

Great Success For Israeli Diplomacy

The Arab states also increased their pressure: Libya and Algeria formally protested; Iraq recalled its own envoy to Bucharest and declared the Rumanian ambassador as unwelcome in Baghdad. In this struggle, which for the Rumanians, according to their own diplomats abroad, was "all important" for their future self-determination, Bucharest stood its ground. It went even further: while no other Socialist country had diplomatic relations with Israel, it raised its own representation in Tel Aviv from the Legation to Embassy.

During this period, while Israel was practically boycotted by all East European countries, Rumania steadily increased its trade with Israel. Their commercial exchanges doubled between 1967 and 1968 and after this continued to increase each year. This continued relationship between the two countries does not mean, however, that Bucharest fully supports the Israeli government's position in all fields. Thus, Rumania has obstinately called for Israel's evacuation from the administered territories. This position has been official Rumanian policy since the United Nations Security Council Resolution 242 was adopted in Nov. 1967.

Last summer, the Rumanian official press agency, Agradpress, summed up Bucharest's stand on the Middle East as based on three points: 1) the need for an Israeli withdrawal from administered territories, 2) the necessity of reaching a political solution based on negotiations, and 3) ensuring the

future through mutually accepted borders. There have been varying nuances on other issues as well. Thus, Rumania has refused to transfer its Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem and does not approve all aspects of Israeli administration of the territories or of the reunification of Jerusalem.

In spite of all these reserves, Mrs. Meir's trip to Bucharest is a great success for Israeli diplomacy. And not only for the sake of a further improvement of Israeli-Rumanian ties. Few believe that Rumania will be able to successfully mediate between Israel and Egypt but many observers discern in the trip the start of a normalization of Israel's relations with the Soviet Union and the Communist bloc. Both sides can only gain from such an improvement which would signify for both, and markedly for Israel, an even more independent foreign policy in the future.

EAST GERMAN REPORTER IN ISRAEL

COPENHAGEN, May 3 (JTA)--East Germany's official newspaper, Neues Deutschland, recently made public that it has a correspondent in Israel. In the past few days Hans Lebrecht has written articles about the Gaza Strip, Raffah and Mapam. He expressed sympathetic views toward that Socialist-Zionist party.

JDL DENIES TWO JAILED MEMBERSPHYSICALLY HARASSED SOVIET ENVOYS

NEW YORK, May 3 (JTA)--The Jewish Defense League denied today that two members arrested yesterday had physically harassed two Soviet diplomats yesterday. The Soviet Mission charged that the two youths cursed and interfered with the passage of cars of Ambassador Yakob A. Malik, the USSR's chief representative to the United Nations, and Second Secretary Gennady N. Serebryakov.

But Bertram Zweibon, JDL executive director, insisted to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the youths confronted the diplomats only "orally," in regard to the plight of Soviet Jews, and without obscenities or physical contact.

Ambassador William E. Schaufele, Jr., the senior advisor to United Nations Ambassador George Bush, voiced "deep regret" when advised of the incidents at a committee meeting yesterday. He explained to the JTA today that such regrets are routine on the part of the US government in connection with actions, whatever their intensity, against individual foreign officials in this country. The JDLers being held are Jeffrey Glasberg, 21, and Zalman A. Iloutitz, 19, both of Brooklyn.

GIRON NAMED NETIVEI NEFT HEAD

JERUSALEM, May 3 (JTA)--Meir Giron, a former oil and shipping executive, was named yesterday managing director of the government-owned Netivei Neft oil company by Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir. He replaces Mordechai Friedman who resigned last week. Giron was formerly managing director of Zim, Israel's national shipping company. Before that he headed the Haifa oil refineries. His experience in both shipping and oil, two related fields, was believed to be one of the reasons for his selection by Sapir. In another move, the Netivei Neft board of directors was enlarged from four to eight members and the company will appoint an internal comptroller.

The Jewish Labor Bund is releasing on May 6 a record of revolutionary songs, "Yiddish Songs of Work and Struggle." Most of the songs, written at the turn of this century, became popular among Jewish workers who were active in the Jewish labor movement in Eastern Europe.

# AJCOMMITTEE OFFICIAL SAYS THERE IS AN EROSION OF CONFIDENCE IN AMERICAN JEWISH INSTITUTIONS Jewish Poor Form Core Of Dissent

NEW YORK, May 3 (JTA)--An erosion of confidence in American Jewish institutions, paralleling that visible in American society at large, has been taking place for the past five years. This view will be presented tomorrow by Bertram H. Gold, executive vice-president of the American Jewish Committee, at the opening luncheon session of the organization's 68th annual meeting which will be held at the Americana Hotel through Sunday.

"The Jewish community has also experienced a crisis of confidence," he states in an advance text of his address, "a serious questioning of established Jewish organizations, their selection of priorities, their openness to change, their very right to lead. New anti-establishment groups have sprung up, some activist, some of a more purely intellectual bent, all claiming to speak for the Jewish interest."

Just as a populist movement has arisen in the general society that offers "quick, simplistic solutions" to the nation's problems, Gold points to a parallel mood within the Jewish community, citing as illustrations the rise of Rabbi Meir Kahane, head of the Jewish Defense League, and "the widening gulf between the leaders and the led."

The differences in American Jewish life show themselves, Gold explains, in a growing rift between rich, upper-class heterodox and poor, middle and lower class orthodox; and between inner-city urban Jews and suburban Jews. Much of this dissent from Jewish consensus, he adds, comes from what an AJ Committee task force on "The Future of the Jewish Community" has identified as "the neglected Jewish constituency"; the poor, the trapped population in the inner city, and the non-affiliated Jews. Gold pays tribute to the enthusiastic manner in which Federation and their affiliated agencies, in cities across the country, had been responding to these newly identified concerns.

## Diaspora-Israel Dialogue Needed

In his address, seeking to answer, "Who Speaks for the Jews?", Gold also urges creation of "voluntary Israeli organizations" as a way of creating new kinds of dialogues to address themselves to differences between Israel and Jewish communities in the US and elsewhere in the world. "Differences between Israel and Jewish communities in other parts of the world are inevitable," he is scheduled to tell the 500 delegates from all sections of the country. "They can be lessened, not by discouraging dissent but by encouraging an airing of differences; not by unilateral action but by authentic consultation; not by denying the independence and creative future of diaspora Jewry but by affirming it."

In that context, he adds: "What is desperately needed is the emergence of voluntary Israeli organizations to which the voluntary organized Jewish communities of the world can relate, instead of addressing themselves, as they do now, primarily to Israeli government spokesmen." Gold launches his discussion of Israel-Diaspora relations with what he calls "four assumptions on which, I believe, there will be little disagreement":

"Israel plays a vital symbolic role in Jewish conscious and unconscious self-perception, and is today a basic component of identity formation for Jews everywhere in the world." "There is an interdependence between Israel and other Jewish communities, and the behavior and actions of a particular community may have a direct bearing upon what happens to Israel, and vice versa." "Israel

decision-makers view Israel as a defender and representative of Jews who are in trouble anywhere in the world...." and "The majority of American Jews affirm the viability of Jewish life in the diaspora. They reject the classical Zionist ideology that predicts a continuous and irreversible erosion for Jewish life outside of Israel..."

Gold notes that some strains between Israel and diaspora Jewry have arisen, particularly in the five years since the end of the Six-Day War in the Middle East. He singles out several areas of tension: containment of criticism of Israeli policies and practices, which, he says, is "galling to many idealistic, committed young Jews"; the growing tendency on the part of young Israelis to look upon American Jewry as "a service community" whose function is to support the State of Israel; and differing perspectives on issues affecting Jews in other countries.

## UJWF CAMPAIGN HITS \$14,500,000

LOS ANGELES, May 3 (JTA)--The 1972 campaign of the Los Angeles United Jewish Welfare Fund/Israel Emergency Fund entered its final stages of public solicitation still ahead of the record-breaking 1971 drive, it was reported by general chairman Chester Firestein. The figure reached, as of April 30, is \$14.5 million, representing an increase of approximately 32 percent over the amount given by the same contributors last year.

## JARRING READY TO RESIGN?

UNITED NATIONS, May 3 (JTA)--There was growing speculation today that Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring, who returned to United Nations headquarters two days ago, is ready to terminate his role as special UN mediator in the Middle East. According to a UN spokesman, Dr. Jarring returned to discuss the future direction of his peace mission. Sources said that the envoy seems more frustrated than ever in his efforts to break the stalled peace talks and that he may decide to return full time to his job as Sweden's ambassador to the Soviet Union.

These speculations were rife in the wake of Secretary General Kurt Waldheim's proposal that he act as chairman of a Mideast peace conference in which Dr. Jarring would presumably play a secondary role. Waldheim indicated that he is willing to take over the role of mediator, at least temporarily, during separate discussions last week with Israel's Ambassador Yosef Tekoah and Egypt's Ambassador Ahmed Abdel Maguid.

## RESOLUTION DEMANDS ISRAEL QUIT AREAS

SANTIAGO, Chile, May 3 (JTA)--A heated debate is expected this week at the plenary session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) over a resolution demanding that Israel quit the administered territories. The resolution by Peru has been accepted by a Third World group at the Conference. The 22-item agenda also includes a debate on the continued closure of the Suez Canal.

In another development here, Carlos Vicuna, president of the Chilean Committee for Soviet Jews, appealed to the Soviet Ambassador to intercede for visas for Esther Markish, widow of the Jewish poet Peretz Markish, and her son David, who want to go to Israel. Peretz Markish was a victim of the Stalin purge of Jewish intellectuals in 1952. Vicuna's telegram to the Russian envoy noted that Mrs. Markish and her son have made repeated applications for exit visas without success.