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Until ten months ago, Israel was represented on Malta by a non-resident ambassador. A resident Israeli Ambassador, accredited to Valletta, Malta's capital last year, apparently raised Maltese hopes of Israeli political support. The Ministry sources said there has been no further deterioration in relations and that the small technical aid given by Israel to some projects on the island continue.

14 ACTIVISTS, ORDERED TO REPORT FOR RESERVE DUTY, FAIL TO SHOW UP

NEW YORK, May 10 (JTA)--One year ago tomorrow, an "infamous" trial of nine Jews "whose crime was their dedication to live as Jews" got underway in Leningrad, it was recalled today by Richard Maass, chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry. The defendants subsequently received labor-camp sentences ranging from one to 10 years. "Today in the Soviet Union," Maass commented, "a situation exists where the Soviet government is using the vehicle of military duty to punish Jews who have expressed an active desire to emigrate to Israel. These Jews have gone into hiding, refusing to submit to the unjust and arbitrary use of the military as a repressive measure."

Meanwhile, it was learned from the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry that the 14 Moscow activists ordered to report for reserve duty this morning did not show up, preferring to risk seven years in prison if found. According to Boris Kogen, another activist there, the 14 fear that if they serve in the reserves "even for one day," they will be deemed privy to military secrets and retained in the service for five years. The situation is "very grave," the SSSJ said.

In another development, Mrs. Ella Kukui has appealed to President Nixon to effect the release of her husband, Valeriy, of Sverdlovsk, who is serving a three-year term for disseminating "anti-Soviet" materials. The evidence submitted against him was "the result of pressure," wrote Mrs. Kukui from Israel, where she lives with their 7-year-old daughter, and the charges against him were "never proven in court" since even the prosecution witnesses "refused to confirm" them. Mrs. Kukui wrote Nixon, "Help my family to reunite."

FOOD-CANNERY WORKERS' STRIKE APPROVED

TEL AVIV, May 10 (JTA)--The trade union department of Histadrut, Israel's labor federation, has approved the strike of food-cannery employees, effective Sunday, thus backing the decision of the food workers' union. Histadrut's approval aggravated the labor situation in Israel, as the employers claim the workers' demands go beyond the general agreement signed two months ago by the employers and the federation. The employers' threat to shut down struck plants has been deplored by Histadrut trade union chiefs as "unacceptable and unjust."

[SPECIAL JTA ANALYSIS]**THE HORNS OF THE HIJACK DILEMMA**

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JERUSALEM, May 10 (JTA)--Two main considerations engaged Israel's Cabinet and Army in their deliberations when they realized that a hijacked plane was stationed on Israel's home ground, and they were contradictory. Israel places a very high value on human life. Stories of how Israelis risked being killed extricating wounded soldiers from the firing line--and many of them were indeed killed--are kept alive by soldiers and civilians.

Police discovering time bombs in Jerusalem in the years of terror after the Six-Day War would pick them up and run to empty spaces so that they would hurt as few persons as possible. They ran the risk, of course, that they themselves would be blown up before reaching their destination.

Several times in the annals of Israel young people have thrown themselves on live grenades, shielding bystanders with their bodies and giving up their lives for them. The last such act occurred in Munich, when terrorists attacked an airport bus on its way to an El Al plane. A young man from Haifa sacrificed his life so that the other passengers would remain safe. Such attitudes toward human life are sanctioned and encouraged by the country's leaders.

On the other hand, Israel has been asking countries to which planes have been hijacked not to give in to blackmail. The consideration was that once blackmail pays it will continue and branch out. Faced with such a threat on its own soil, Israel was thus forced to take her own advice and take it seriously.

May Help Other Nations

The question was, therefore, how to find a way to both free the airliner and do so without causing death. It seemed an impossible task. However, the ministers at Lydda Airport and later the entire Cabinet hit on the solution that dragging out negotiations might tire the hijackers to a point where they might let their guard down, enabling the Army to overpower them. Thus offers and counteroffers were traded. Eventually, more than 20 hours after the hijacking, during which the hijackers got no sleep, their request for technicians was ostensibly complied with and the Army was able to get men into the plane. The resistance of the tired terrorists was short and futile.

The question is being asked in Jerusalem if any lessons can be learned from this happy ending. It appears that one lesson is what some passengers later told reporters: the terrorists were even more frightened and nervous than the passengers themselves. Another lesson is that even hijackers do not willingly commit suicide; if some hope is held out to them that they may achieve part of their objectives, chances are they will accept.

Lastly, when the whole government machinery of a nation is faced with threats by a single man or a small group, the government will usually be able to out-think the individual or group, however, ferocious the threats. In this respect--and possibly in this only--Israel's example may lead other nations to rethink their methods and their reactions when faced with the demands of hijackers.

NCRAC OPPOSES MEASURES TO HALT BUSING, DESEGREGATION MEASURES

WASHINGTON, May 10 (JTA)--"Adoption of a constitutional amendment designed to halt busing or other desegregation measures would be a sig-

nal to the world that the American people had departed from the principles of freedom and equality," a representative of nine national Jewish religious and civic organizations today told a House Judiciary subcommittee considering various anti-busing amendments. "The answer is to end segregation and improve the schools. Plainly, this has nothing to do with busing," testified Albert E. Arent, a Washington tax lawyer who is chairman of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NCRAC).

Arent asserted that President Nixon's proposed "moratorium" on school busing, coupled with federal upgrading of poor schools, "would be tragic, and probably illegal," since "Our whole system of law would be undermined if courts were compelled to tell persons applying for redress: 'Yes, your constitutional rights have been invaded. But we are barred from giving you effective relief.'"

'Forced Busing' Is Rhetorical Trick

NCRAC is convinced "that every group in our multi-cultural society--religious, racial and ethnic--is threatened when one is oppressed," Arent said, adding: "They are convinced that enactment of any amendment to our Constitution curbing the power of the courts to deal with racial segregation would be a betrayal of the principles which this country stands for in the eyes of oppressed peoples throughout the world."

Busing, he continued, "is a particularly effective tool for (desegregation)--which may well be why it is so vigorously opposed by former supporters of separation of the races." Besides, he noted, "only a very small proportion--3 percent--of the total amount of busing is related to race." The term "forced busing" is "no more than a rhetorical trick," Arent charged, pointing out that "No one describes the laws requiring children to go to school as forced school attendance laws."

HOUSE MIDEAST CHAIRMAN WARNS OF GATHERING STORM; URGES U.S. TO ACT

WASHINGTON, May 10 (JTA)--The Chairman of the House Subcommittee on the Near East has warned that "the present quiet interlude in the Middle East is deceptive and urged the US to 'circumvent any gathering storm. Rep. Lee Hamilton (D, Ind.) declared in a floor speech yesterday that the Nixon administration "must redouble its efforts" in three areas: To bring Egypt and Israel "to the table so they can negotiate"; to talk with the Soviet Union about peace and arms limitations in the Middle East; and to "facilitate" Dr. Gunnar Jarring's mission "pursuant" to UN Resolution 242.

FINAL EXAMS SCHEDULED FOR SHAVUOT RESCHEDULED

NEW YORK, May 10 (JTA)--The Bernard M. Baruch College of the City University of New York--the only senior college in the city that had final examinations scheduled for Shavuot (May 19)--has agreed to move them to May 30 following "widespread protests" by individual students, the campus Hillel organizations, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and other groups. A meeting scheduled for yesterday afternoon between Jewish leaders on campus and president Clyde J. Wingfield was canceled when the college agreed to the change. "I think the (Jewish) students had a legitimate concern here," the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was told by dean of faculties William Monat, who estimated they constituted 40 percent of the studentry. Makeup exams for students choosing not to attend May 19 were deemed "not satisfactory" to the protesters.

SISCO TELLS ISRAELI PUBLISHER U.S. WELCOMED RUMANIAN INITIATIVE U.S. Role In Mideast Largely In Suspension Until After Moscow Summit

NEW YORK, May 10 (JTA)--Joseph J. Sisco, the US Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, told an Israeli publisher in a Washington interview last week that he welcomed "The Rumanian initiative" as a move that could help promote negotiations between Israel and Egypt. Sisco was referring to Premier Golda Meir's visit to Rumania when he made that remark to Noah Mozes, publisher of the afternoon daily, Yedioth Aharonoth. Sisco also told Mozes that in his judgement, despite harsh Egyptian statements, Egypt has still not closed the door to the American mediation effort. During his 10-day visit to the US, Mozes also had a private conversation with Dr. Kurt Waldheim, Secretary General of the United Nations.

Mozes said that in a friendly but frank and serious session Sisco emphasized that although the US had no prior knowledge of the Rumanian initiative, the US viewed it as a possible helpful instrument towards peace. "Anything that could lead toward negotiation is welcome here," Sisco said. It had been speculated that State Department officials might be wary of the effort of a Communist bloc nation, however independent of the Soviet Union, to take a mediating role--and further, that they might be unhappy about the prospect of the mediating lead being taken away from the Americans themselves. But Sisco, Mozes reported, insisted that he did not see the Rumanian move as "cutting across" any American role.

Proximity Talks In Mothballs

As for the American role, Sisco indicated that regardless of what has been said publicly by Egyptian leaders, "the doors have not been closed privately." But he conceded that "very little is happening now" in Cairo in terms of discussions between US representative Joseph Greene and Egyptian officials on the American suggestion for close proximity talks toward an interim settlement. Sisco also reiterated that the American middle-man role "is largely in suspension" at least until after President Nixon's trip to Moscow in two weeks.

Sisco termed the current American posture one of "watchful availability." In response to questions from Mozes, he stressed his continued belief that "some partial, interim settlement would be the most plausible step" in the process toward peace.

All Steps Welcomed

Sisco seemed to be in an open mood, receptive to various ideas for engendering some movement: The Rumanian effort, even the trial balloon floated by Waldheim, for a Middle East peace conference. On this proposal, Mozes said, it was understood that the Americans would prefer any such conference to include only the regional parties directly involved--probably Israel, Egypt and Jordan at first--without involving the Security Council or the Big Four.

But Sisco's relaxed mood also appeared to reflect his inability to take new action now, at least until after the Moscow summit, Mozes said. Sisco reportedly commented that he did not know what the Russians would bring up there, but of course they could make any number of proposals on the Middle East. Nevertheless, he reassured Mozes that he did not expect that any deal unfavorable to Israel would emanate from the summit.

Mozes said that Waldheim told him he has not

given up hope to find a solution to the Arab-Israeli dispute and reiterated that he was ready to take a personal initiative to bring about negotiations that would lead to a peace agreement. Waldheim also said that he would welcome help that any country could give to find a total or partial solution of the Arab-Israeli conflict. He specifically said that he would welcome an interim solution as was initiated by the US but that so far nothing came of it.

CONSERVATIVE, REFORM JEWISH LEADERS URGE ISRAEL NOT TO REVISE LAW OF RETURN

NEW YORK, May 10 (JTA)--Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir was cautioned yesterday by the principal international and American bodies of Conservative and Reform Judaism that new attempts by the Orthodox rabbinate to revise the Law of Return, and exclude converts of non-Orthodox rabbis, could seriously jeopardize the flow of new immigrants and divide the Jewish community throughout the world. In the first statement ever to be issued jointly by these groups, they implored Israeli officials to "reject the misguided advocacy of those who seek to revise the Law of Return" and urged retention of the present form of the law.

The 400-word document was a response to new legislative proposals and newspaper campaigns, during the past few weeks, by Israel's religious parties and Orthodox rabbinate to change the Law of Return. "The Orthodox rabbinate is motivated by concern for preserving their monopolistic control of Halacha (Jewish law) and of using the Halacha to reinforce their political power," the Conservative and Reform groups charged. "Their intention is to exclude all converts and their progeny accepted into the Jewish people by Reform and Conservative rabbis, and even by Orthodox rabbis whose credentials are not recognized by the Israeli Chief Rabbinate."

They advised the Israeli leader, "The Jewish world cannot tolerate a paradox where persons who consider themselves Jews in every respect should discover that in fulfilling the act of aliya to Israel they are thereby disqualified from membership in the Jewish people." It was pointed out that in the US, where non-Orthodox Jews comprise the majority, all branches of Judaism, Zionists and secular agencies work together in various umbrella agencies "on the principal of Jewish unity through mutual respect for ideological diversity." The statement was signed by the leaders of:

World Union for Progressive Judaism, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and Central Conference of American Rabbis, the Reform bodies, and by the World Council of Synagogues, United Synagogue of America, and Rabbinical Assembly, the Conservative bodies.

Nahal Golan, for four years a para-military outpost in the Golan Heights, officially became a civilian settlement and took the new name of Kibbutz Afik. The commander of the Nahal units, Zvi Levanon, formally turned the settlement over to Agriculture Minister Chaim Gvati. Kibbutz Afik is sponsored by the Mapai (Labor Party) kibbutz movement.

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mitted that relations between Israel and the island state in the Western Mediterranean have been strained for some months. The sources attributed the strain to the Malta government's disappointment that economic and political aid they expected from Israel did not materialize.

They said that during Malta's recent dispute with Britain, Israel was expected to mobilize political and financial support for it in the US and other countries where Jews live. The Israelis explained that they were straining their own resources to the maximum but the Maltese were not convinced and took offense, the Ministry sources said.

Until ten months ago, Israel was represented on Malta by a non-resident ambassador. A resident Israeli Ambassador, accredited to Valletta, Malta's capital last year, apparently raised Maltese hopes of Israeli political support. The Ministry sources said there has been no further deterioration in relations and that the small technical aid given by Israel to some projects on the island continue.

14 ACTIVISTS, ORDERED TO REPORT FOR RESERVE DUTY, FAIL TO SHOW UP

NEW YORK, May 10 (JTA)--One year ago tomorrow, an "infamous" trial of nine Jews "whose crime was their dedication to live as Jews" got underway in Leningrad, it was recalled today by Richard Maass, chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry. The defendants subsequently received labor-camp sentences ranging from one to 10 years. "Today in the Soviet Union," Maass commented, "a situation exists where the Soviet government is using the vehicle of military duty to punish Jews who have expressed an active desire to emigrate to Israel. These Jews have gone into hiding, refusing to submit to the unjust and arbitrary use of the military as a repressive measure."

Meanwhile, it was learned from the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry that the 14 Moscow activists ordered to report for reserve duty this morning did not show up, preferring to risk seven years in prison if found. According to Boris Kogen, another activist there, the 14 fear that if they serve in the reserves "even for one day," they will be deemed privy to military secrets and retained in the service for five years. The situation is "very grave," the SSSJ said.

In another development, Mrs. Ella Kukui has appealed to President Nixon to effect the release of her husband, Valeriy, of Sverdlovsk, who is serving a three-year term for disseminating "anti-Soviet" materials. The evidence submitted against him was "the result of pressure," wrote Mrs. Kukui from Israel, where she lives with their 7-year-old daughter, and the charges against him were "never proven in court" since even the prosecution witnesses "refused to confirm" them. Mrs. Kukui wrote Nixon, "Help my family to reunite."

FOOD-CANNERY WORKERS' STRIKE APPROVED

TEL AVIV, May 10 (JTA)--The trade union department of Histadrut, Israel's labor federation, has approved the strike of food-cannery employees, effective Sunday, thus backing the decision of the food workers' union. Histadrut's approval aggravated the labor situation in Israel, as the employers claim the workers' demands go beyond the general agreement signed two months ago by the employers and the federation. The employers' threat to shut down struck plants has been deplored by Histadrut trade union chiefs as "unacceptable and unjust."

[SPECIAL JTA ANALYSIS]**THE HORNS OF THE HIJACK DILEMMA**

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JERUSALEM, May 10 (JTA)--Two main considerations engaged Israel's Cabinet and Army in their deliberations when they realized that a hijacked plane was stationed on Israel's home ground, and they were contradictory. Israel places a very high value on human life. Stories of how Israelis risked being killed extricating wounded soldiers from the firing line--and many of them were indeed killed--are kept alive by soldiers and civilians.

Police discovering time bombs in Jerusalem in the years of terror after the Six-Day War would pick them up and run to empty spaces so that they would hurt as few persons as possible. They ran the risk, of course, that they themselves would be blown up before reaching their destination.

Several times in the annals of Israel young people have thrown themselves on live grenades, shielding bystanders with their bodies and giving up their lives for them. The last such act occurred in Munich, when terrorists attacked an airport bus on its way to an El Al plane. A young man from Haifa sacrificed his life so that the other passengers would remain safe. Such attitudes toward human life are sanctioned and encouraged by the country's leaders.

On the other hand, Israel has been asking countries to which planes have been hijacked not to give in to blackmail. The consideration was that once blackmail pays it will continue and branch out. Faced with such a threat on its own soil, Israel was thus forced to take her own advice and take it seriously.

May Help Other Nations

The question was, therefore, how to find a way to both free the airliner and do so without causing death. It seemed an impossible task. However, the ministers at Lydda Airport and later the entire Cabinet hit on the solution that dragging out negotiations might tire the hijackers to a point where they might let their guard down, enabling the Army to overpower them. Thus offers and counteroffers were traded. Eventually, more than 20 hours after the hijacking, during which the hijackers got no sleep, their request for technicians was ostensibly complied with and the Army was able to get men into the plane. The resistance of the tired terrorists was short and futile.

The question is being asked in Jerusalem if any lessons can be learned from this happy ending. It appears that one lesson is what some passengers later told reporters: the terrorists were even more frightened and nervous than the passengers themselves. Another lesson is that even hijackers do not willingly commit suicide; if some hope is held out to them that they may achieve part of their objectives, chances are they will accept.

Lastly, when the whole government machinery of a nation is faced with threats by a single man or a small group, the government will usually be able to out-think the individual or group, however, ferocious the threats. In this respect--and possibly in this only--Israel's example may lead other nations to rethink their methods and their reactions when faced with the demands of hijackers.

NCRAC OPPOSES MEASURES TO HALT BUSING, DESEGREGATION MEASURES

WASHINGTON, May 10 (JTA)--"Adoption of a constitutional amendment designed to halt busing or other desegregation measures would be a sig-

nal to the world that the American people had departed from the principles of freedom and equality," a representative of nine national Jewish religious and civic organizations today told a House Judiciary subcommittee considering various anti-busing amendments. "The answer is to end segregation and improve the schools. Plainly, this has nothing to do with busing," testified Albert E. Arent, a Washington tax lawyer who is chairman of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NCRAC).

Arent asserted that President Nixon's proposed "moratorium" on school busing, coupled with federal upgrading of poor schools, "would be tragic, and probably illegal," since "Our whole system of law would be undermined if courts were compelled to tell persons applying for redress: 'Yes, your constitutional rights have been invaded. But we are barred from giving you effective relief.'"

'Forced Busing' Is Rhetorical Trick

NCRAC is convinced "that every group in our multi-cultural society--religious, racial and ethnic--is threatened when one is oppressed," Arent said, adding: "They are convinced that enactment of any amendment to our Constitution curbing the power of the courts to deal with racial segregation would be a betrayal of the principles which this country stands for in the eyes of oppressed peoples throughout the world."

Busing, he continued, "is a particularly effective tool for (desegregation)--which may well be why it is so vigorously opposed by former supporters of separation of the races." Besides, he noted, "only a very small proportion--3 percent--of the total amount of busing is related to race." The term "forced busing" is "no more than a rhetorical trick," Arent charged, pointing out that "No one describes the laws requiring children to go to school as forced school attendance laws."

HOUSE MIDEAST CHAIRMAN WARNS OF GATHERING STORM; URGES U.S. TO ACT

WASHINGTON, May 10 (JTA)--The Chairman of the House Subcommittee on the Near East has warned that "the present quiet interlude in the Middle East is deceptive and urged the US to 'circumvent any gathering storm. Rep. Lee Hamilton (D, Ind.) declared in a floor speech yesterday that the Nixon administration "must redouble its efforts" in three areas: To bring Egypt and Israel "to the table so they can negotiate"; to talk with the Soviet Union about peace and arms limitations in the Middle East; and to "facilitate" Dr. Gunnar Jarring's mission "pursuant" to UN Resolution 242.

FINAL EXAMS SCHEDULED FOR SHAVUOT RESCHEDULED

NEW YORK, May 10 (JTA)--The Bernard M. Baruch College of the City University of New York--the only senior college in the city that had final examinations scheduled for Shavuot (May 19)--has agreed to move them to May 30 following "widespread protests" by individual students, the campus Hillel organizations, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and other groups. A meeting scheduled for yesterday afternoon between Jewish leaders on campus and president Clyde J. Wingfield was canceled when the college agreed to the change. "I think the (Jewish) students had a legitimate concern here," the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was told by dean of faculties William Monat, who estimated they constituted 40 percent of the studentry. Makeup exams for students choosing not to attend May 19 were deemed "not satisfactory" to the protesters.

SISCO TELLS ISRAELI PUBLISHER U.S. WELCOMED RUMANIAN INITIATIVE U.S. Role In Mideast Largely In Suspension Until After Moscow Summit

NEW YORK, May 10 (JTA)--Joseph J. Sisco, the US Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, told an Israeli publisher in a Washington interview last week that he welcomed "The Rumanian initiative" as a move that could help promote negotiations between Israel and Egypt. Sisco was referring to Premier Golda Meir's visit to Rumania when he made that remark to Noah Mozes, publisher of the afternoon daily, Yedioth Aharonoth. Sisco also told Mozes that in his judgement, despite harsh Egyptian statements, Egypt has still not closed the door to the American mediation effort. During his 10-day visit to the US, Mozes also had a private conversation with Dr. Kurt Waldheim, Secretary General of the United Nations.

Mozes said that in a friendly but frank and serious session Sisco emphasized that although the US had no prior knowledge of the Rumanian initiative, the US viewed it as a possible helpful instrument towards peace. "Anything that could lead toward negotiation is welcome here," Sisco said. It had been speculated that State Department officials might be wary of the effort of a Communist bloc nation, however independent of the Soviet Union, to take a mediating role--and further, that they might be unhappy about the prospect of the mediating lead being taken away from the Americans themselves. But Sisco, Mozes reported, insisted that he did not see the Rumanian move as "cutting across" any American role.

Proximity Talks In Mothballs

As for the American role, Sisco indicated that regardless of what has been said publicly by Egyptian leaders, "the doors have not been closed privately." But he conceded that "very little is happening now" in Cairo in terms of discussions between US representative Joseph Greene and Egyptian officials on the American suggestion for close proximity talks toward an interim settlement. Sisco also reiterated that the American middle-man role "is largely in suspension" at least until after President Nixon's trip to Moscow in two weeks.

Sisco termed the current American posture one of "watchful availability." In response to questions from Mozes, he stressed his continued belief that "some partial, interim settlement would be the most plausible step" in the process toward peace.

All Steps Welcomed

Sisco seemed to be in an open mood, receptive to various ideas for engendering some movement: The Rumanian effort, even the trial balloon floated by Waldheim, for a Middle East peace conference. On this proposal, Mozes said, it was understood that the Americans would prefer any such conference to include only the regional parties directly involved--probably Israel, Egypt and Jordan at first--without involving the Security Council or the Big Four.

But Sisco's relaxed mood also appeared to reflect his inability to take new action now, at least until after the Moscow summit, Mozes said. Sisco reportedly commented that he did not know what the Russians would bring up there, but of course they could make any number of proposals on the Middle East. Nevertheless, he reassured Mozes that he did not expect that any deal unfavorable to Israel would emanate from the summit.

Mozes said that Waldheim told him he has not

given up hope to find a solution to the Arab-Israeli dispute and reiterated that he was ready to take a personal initiative to bring about negotiations that would lead to a peace agreement. Waldheim also said that he would welcome help that any country could give to find a total or partial solution of the Arab-Israeli conflict. He specifically said that he would welcome an interim solution as was initiated by the US but that so far nothing came of it.

CONSERVATIVE, REFORM JEWISH LEADERS URGE ISRAEL NOT TO REVISE LAW OF RETURN

NEW YORK, May 10 (JTA)--Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir was cautioned yesterday by the principal international and American bodies of Conservative and Reform Judaism that new attempts by the Orthodox rabbinate to revise the Law of Return, and exclude converts of non-Orthodox rabbis, could seriously jeopardize the flow of new immigrants and divide the Jewish community throughout the world. In the first statement ever to be issued jointly by these groups, they implored Israeli officials to "reject the misguided advocacy of those who seek to revise the Law of Return" and urged retention of the present form of the law.

The 400-word document was a response to new legislative proposals and newspaper campaigns, during the past few weeks, by Israel's religious parties and Orthodox rabbinate to change the Law of Return. "The Orthodox rabbinate is motivated by concern for preserving their monopolistic control of Halacha (Jewish law) and of using the Halacha to reinforce their political power," the Conservative and Reform groups charged. "Their intention is to exclude all converts and their progeny accepted into the Jewish people by Reform and Conservative rabbis, and even by Orthodox rabbis whose credentials are not recognized by the Israeli Chief Rabbinate."

They advised the Israeli leader, "The Jewish world cannot tolerate a paradox where persons who consider themselves Jews in every respect should discover that in fulfilling the act of aliya to Israel they are thereby disqualified from membership in the Jewish people." It was pointed out that in the US, where non-Orthodox Jews comprise the majority, all branches of Judaism, Zionists and secular agencies work together in various umbrella agencies "on the principal of Jewish unity through mutual respect for ideological diversity." The statement was signed by the leaders of:

World Union for Progressive Judaism, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and Central Conference of American Rabbis, the Reform bodies, and by the World Council of Synagogues, United Synagogue of America, and Rabbinical Assembly, the Conservative bodies.

Nahal Golan, for four years a para-military outpost in the Golan Heights, officially became a civilian settlement and took the new name of Kibbutz Afik. The commander of the Nahal units, Zvi Levanon, formally turned the settlement over to Agriculture Minister Chaim Gvati. Kibbutz Afik is sponsored by the Mapai (Labor Party) kibbutz movement.

Hebrew University students who took over a university building to protest police brutality against the Black Panthers will be brought up before university authorities on charges of breaching discipline and disturbing the peace on the campus. If charges are substantiated the students may face disciplinary action ranging from a reprimand to suspension.