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NEW YORK, May 17 (JTA)--A full page advertisement signed by more than 2000 American academicians, appealing to President Nixon to intercede for Soviet Jews in his Moscow talks, will be published in tomorrow's edition of The New York Times, it was announced today by the Academic Committee on Soviet Jewry which sponsored the ad. "Mr. President, Soviet Jewry--whose renewed strength has been not in numbers, weapons or organizations, but in exalted spirit--stands today at the crossroads," the public statement by the Academic Committee declares.

"At this moment," it adds, "you have a unique opportunity to play an historic role of moral leadership. Your intercession could well prove decisive." Among the signers, who come from a variety of academic disciplines and faculties at 140 universities and who otherwise represent a wide spectrum of political, economic and social views, are Nobel Laureates Dr. Julius Axelrod of the National Institute of Health and Dr. Paul Samuelson of M.I.T.

The Academic Committee on Soviet Jewry is headed by Dr. Hans J. Morgenthau, the political scientist and has been active since 1969 in mobilizing support among intellectuals and college educators in behalf of Soviet Jews. In their published appeal tomorrow the academicians are asking the President to urge Soviet leaders to adopt "a simple course of action" that would include the release of some 40 "Jewish prisoners of conscience," freedom to immigrate to Israel "with dignity rather than in the atmosphere of harassment that currently prevails," and the restoration of Jewish institutions and cultural rights in the Soviet Union.

WILSON REAFFIRMS SUPPORT TO ISRAEL

LONDON, May 17 (JTA)--Former Prime Minister Harold Wilson said here last night that in the view of his Labor Party "We cannot afford to see (Israel) defeated in any of her objectives. A setback for Israel would be a blow to Social-Democrats and indeed to many others all over the world." The leader of the British Parliamentary Opposition also said that "A military defeat for Israel is inconceivable."

Wilson, addressing a dinner of the dental division of the British Friends of the Hebrew University marking the 20th anniversary of the school of dental medicine, said: "We have always supported and we shall continue to support the right of Israel to exist within secure, recognized borders. We would resolutely reject any plan which does not guarantee that to Israel."

KOCH MEASURE WOULD BAR LOCAL ANTI-POVERTY ELECTIONS ON SABBATH

WASHINGTON, May 17 (JTA)--Rep. Edward I. Koch (D.L.N.Y.), has introduced a bill to bar the holding of an election for membership on boards of Community Action Agencies funded by the federal anti-poverty program on a Sabbath day. He indicated that he was introducing his bill as a result of a recent experience in New York City in which elections for such local anti-poverty boards were scheduled for a Saturday. The NYC problem was resolved when the New York State Legislature and the New York City Council both passed legislation requiring that such anti-poverty board elections be held on a non-Sabbath day.

The Koch bill would affect such elections throughout the country. The bill, which has been referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor, amends the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 and simply provides that no election or other democratic selection procedure shall be held on a Sabbath day which is observed by members of the poor in the area to be served by the board. The bill, which also authorizes the director of OEO to settle any disputes that might arise as to whether or not a particular day is a Sabbath day for some of the community's members, is not expected to encounter serious obstacles in the Committee or on the House floor.

LAST SYNAGOGUE IN ALGERIA THREATENED

RABAT, May 17 (JTA)--Algerian authorities are threatening to expropriate Kanoui Temple, the only remaining synagogue in the Algerian city of Oran, according to informed sources in that city. Since Algeria proclaimed its independence from France in 1962, 17 of the 19 synagogues in this western city have been nationalized. One of the two temples left for the Jewish community's use was later rented out for commercial purposes. Kanoui, built in 1880, is therefore the only synagogue left for the approximately 300 Jews of this city.

WEST GERMANY MAY INDEMNIFY MORE HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS, GOLDMANN SAYS

TEL AVIV, May 17 (JTA)--Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, said today there was a chance that Holocaust survivors who lived in Communist countries after World War II and recently moved to Israel might be personally indemnified by West Germany. At a meeting with a delegation of the Haifa Documentation Center, Dr. Goldmann said the German authorities seemed inclined toward accepting this arrangement, even though the deadline for reparations claims was 1965. He indicated that instead of claims being transmitted directly to Bonn, the Germans would give a lump sum to Israeli authorities, who would distribute it to applicants.

UNCTAD ADOPTS RESOLUTION, 70-0, BLAMING ISRAEL FOR CONTINUED CANAL CLOSURE

SANTIAGO, May 17 (JTA)--With the approval of Britain, France and the Soviet Union and the United States abstaining, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) last night adopted a resolution blaming Israel for the continued closure of the Suez Canal. The resolution, passed by a vote of 70-0 with 37 abstentions, was drafted by the "Third World" bloc of developing nations and reflected Arab influence in that bloc.

It affirmed full support for the Security Council's Resolution 242 and declared that Israel's withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories was a prerequisite to reopen the Suez Canal. Israel did not par-

ticipate in the voting and the head of its delegation, Ambassador Gideon Rafael, accused UNCTAD of exceeding its area of competence by entering the field of political issues and, in effect, interpreting the Security Council's resolution and distorting its meaning.

Rafael pointed out that there is nothing in Resolution 242 that says Israel's withdrawal is a prerequisite for reopening the canal. He criticized the resolution's paragraphs dealing with the Suez Canal as "controversial, one-sided, partial, inaccurate political references." Passage of the resolution followed two weeks of debate during which Israel urged UNCTAD to avoid becoming mired in political issues.

HOUSE ADOPTS BY 305-65 VOTE \$85M TO HELP RESETTLE SOVIET JEWS IN ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, May 17 (JTA)--The House unexpectedly late today took up the Bingham Bill providing for \$85 million to aid in resettling Soviet Jews in Israel and adopted it by a vote of 305-65. The measure sponsored by Jonathan Bingham (D.N.Y.) was an authorization measure. It was adopted without controversy apart from questions raised on the floor.

However, complications for the measure may arise in view of the fact that the appropriations bill to fund the authorization does not contain any sum to be granted for this purpose. Rep. John Rooney (D.N.Y.) observed in presenting the appropriations bill that such refugee legislation is included in the foreign aid legislation rather than in the State Department budget. The Bingham bill is an amendment to the State Department budget and authorizes the Secretary of State to distribute the funds.

A similar bill introduced in the Senate by Sen. Edmund S. Muskie (D. Me.) has been adopted by the Foreign Relations Committee but has not yet been discussed on the Senate floor.

SOVIET SENDS SPECIALLY EQUIPPED MIGS, MISSILE BOATS TO EGYPT

TEL AVIV, May 17 (JTA)--The Soviet Union recently sent Egypt seven specially equipped MIG-23 jets equipped with the most sophisticated filming apparatus and designed for intelligence flights, according to a diplomat of a country friendly to Egypt quoted by Yediot Achronot. These, it was said, may be the MIG-23s that Egypt has claimed are being flown by Egyptian pilots.

The new jet deliveries coincide with the Cairo visit of the Soviet Defense Minister, Marshal Andrei Grechko, and the upcoming Moscow visit of President Nixon. Observers said the Kremlin could be reminding the world, busy with the problems of Vietnam, that the Middle East is still a big issue.

Additionally, Egypt appears to be getting new, sophisticated Russian missile boats, presumably in response to the new Israeli flotilla of French Saar boats equipped with the Israeli Gabriel missile. Observers said the Russian boats may be of the modernized Osa type. It was recently reported that the Russians have been building docks and a speedier missile boat named "Ninutchka" in Leningrad, which is on the Gulf of Finland.

A Moroccan association for Muslim solidarity has recently been formed in Rabat to oppose Zionism, Communism, imperialism and colonialism. The association, comprising secondary school and university students, stated that the Muslim world is strong enough to "face the challenge hurled at it" by these four forces.

TWO SOVIET JEWS BEGIN 36-HOUR HUNGER STRIKE WITHIN SHADOW OF SOVIET EMBASSY

WASHINGTON, May 17 (JTA)--Two Soviet Jews began a 36-hour hunger strike this morning a little more than a block away from the Soviet Embassy as an expression of "support and solidarity" for Jews being harassed in the Soviet Union. Although they were within sight of the White House, their immediate purpose, friends said, was to demonstrate to the Soviet Embassy officials that they wish to speak out for their people in the Soviet Union who are being denied permission to leave.

The hunger strikers are Dr. Michael Eppelman, whose wife Paulina, and their nine-year-old daughter, Julia, are unable to leave the USSR and join him in Israel, and Katya Palatnik, sister of the Russian Jewish prisoner of conscience, Raiza Palatnik. The two Soviet Jews are guests here of the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington. Dr. Eppelman left the Soviet Union in Feb. of last year because, he said, "it was not possible for me to live my life as a Jew" in Russia and that he felt "the Soviet policy toward Israel and the Middle East conflict was totally unacceptable to me."

Could Not Live And Work As A Jew

He added, "as a Jew I could not live and work in a country whose government blindly supported regimes seeking to destroy my people." He said that his wife, the head of pharmacology at the Leningrad Hospital, knew "how strongly I felt about my identification as a Jew, but I was unwilling to inform her about my decision to escape because I did not wish to make her an accomplice to my act of leaving." He said that after his arrival in Israel she indicated her desire to be reunited with him "in Israel and sent her the necessary documents for an exit visa for herself and their daughter." Mrs. Eppelman's attempts to obtain emigration papers have been denied.

Dr. Eppelman said his wife has appealed to the Secretary General of the United Nations and to the International Red Cross for intervention. No answer, he said, has been received from either of these agencies. Dr. Isaac Frank, executive vice-president of the Greater Washington organization, has urged that telegrams be sent to President Nixon care of the American Embassy in Moscow to "remind him that we expect him to be the advocate of Soviet Jewry" when he meets with Soviet leaders next week.

REBUILT EUROPEAN JEWISH COMMUNITIES SHOW SIGNS OF GROWING STRENGTH, MATURITY

NEW YORK, May 17 (JTA)--The \$270,000 five-year operating budget newly adopted by the European Council of Jewish Community Services demonstrates the growing strength and maturity of the rebuilt European Jewish communities, according to Samuel L. Haber, executive vice chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee. Voicing confidence that the increased funds would be obtained, Haber noted:

"Not only are most of these communities able to take care of their own welfare needs, they have actually raised over \$1.35 million in the past decade to help member communities meet emergency needs arising from the sudden influx of refugees and from natural disasters such as floods and earthquakes."

Pointing out that the expanded budget will pay for programs and personnel to attract youthful and uncommitted Jews and to strengthen Jewish organizational operations, Haber declared: "JDC will continue to help the Council play a more dynamic role in European Jewish community life."

He added that "until the European communities can develop their own corps of leaders and experts, JDC will continue to make available to them its consultants on center and youth work, Jewish education, social services, community organization and fundraising." JDC financial aid to the European Council will be phased out as the Council becomes more autonomous, Haber said. Of the countries aided by the Council, three--France, Rumania, and Yugoslavia--continue to require substantial financial help.

FORWARD TO MARK 75TH ANNIVERSARY

NEW YORK, May 17 (JTA)--The Forward, the oldest and only Yiddish daily in this country, will mark its 75th anniversary this Sunday at a gala celebration at the Philharmonic Hall in Lincoln Center. Among the speakers will be Simon Weber, editor of the Forward; Ambassador David Rivlin, Consul General, Harold Ostroff, newly elected president of the Workmen's Circle; and Dr. Samuel Silverberg, president of the Forward Association who will introduce Judge Jacob Zuckerman, chairman of the Jewish Labor Committee.

The highlight of the celebration will be the presentation of an award by Louis Stulberg, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, AFL-CIO, to George Meany, president of the AFL-CIO. Others expected to participate in the gala include Jacob Potofsky, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union, AFL-CIO. A program of music and folk singing is also scheduled.

AZYF PLEASED WITH ISRAEL DAY PARADE

NEW YORK, May 17 (JTA)--The American Zionist Youth Foundation expressed gratification today with the large turnout at the Salute to Israel Parade last Sunday, in spite of the, at times, heavy downpour. The spokesman said "It was the most colorful Parade we've had in eight years, with more youth participating as spectators and marchers than ever in the past...the largest marching contingents were from United Synagogue Youth, National Federation of Temple Youth, Young Israel and the Zionist youth movements."

BRITAIN BANS AIR PARCELS

JERUSALEM, May 17 (JTA)--The British postal authorities have informed the Communications Ministry that postal matter other than letters sent to Israel after May 5 will be transported by ship not by airmail. According to the Ministry spokesman, British authorities gave no reason for their decision. However, he believed it stemmed from the fear that the mails are being used for bomb packages. Britain is the only country restricting airmail to Israel to letters.

HEBREW U. TO SEND GRADUATE SCIENTISTS FOR POST-DOCTORAL TRAINING IN U.S.

JERUSALEM, May 17 (JTA)--An important boost to the training of applied scientists in Israel has been given by the decision of the Hebrew University's School of Applied Science and Technology to send graduate scientists for post-doctoral training in applied research laboratories in the United States to return as teachers.

The main patron of this program is the Robert Szold Center of Applied Science at the Hebrew University. The Szold Center will cover half the cost of sending four scientists for two years of experience in areas important to the industrial and technological development of Israel. The current demand for graduates trained in applied science exceeds the supply and the \$80,000 program is aimed at stepping up this training.



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The Pimen visit was proclaimed "days of sorrow" by the (White) Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia, based in New York. The entourage was described as "servants of the USSR anti-religious government on whose conscience are tens of millions of martyred and murdered laymen and clergymen." Israel recognized the Soviet-based church some years ago and turned church property over to the Moscow Patriarchate. Jordan, however, has not done so; and the White Russian Church continues functioning on the West Bank, where Jordanian law prevails.

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NEW YORK, May 17 (JTA)--A full page advertisement signed by more than 2000 American academicians, appealing to President Nixon to intercede for Soviet Jews in his Moscow talks, will be published in tomorrow's edition of The New York Times, it was announced today by the Academic Committee on Soviet Jewry which sponsored the ad. "Mr. President, Soviet Jewry--whose renewed strength has been not in numbers, weapons or organizations, but in exalted spirit--stands today at the crossroads," the public statement by the Academic Committee declares.

"At this moment," it adds, "you have a unique opportunity to play an historic role of moral leadership. Your intercession could well prove decisive." Among the signers, who come from a variety of academic disciplines and faculties at 140 universities and who otherwise represent a wide spectrum of political, economic and social views, are Nobel Laureates Dr. Julius Axelrod of the National Institute of Health and Dr. Paul Samuelson of M.I.T.

The Academic Committee on Soviet Jewry is headed by Dr. Hans J. Morgenthau, the political scientist and has been active since 1969 in mobilizing support among intellectuals and college educators in behalf of Soviet Jews. In their published appeal tomorrow the academicians are asking the President to urge Soviet leaders to adopt "a simple course of action" that would include the release of some 40 "Jewish prisoners of conscience," freedom to immigrate to Israel "with dignity rather than in the atmosphere of harassment that currently prevails," and the restoration of Jewish institutions and cultural rights in the Soviet Union.

WILSON REAFFIRMS SUPPORT TO ISRAEL

LONDON, May 17 (JTA)--Former Prime Minister Harold Wilson said here last night that in the view of his Labor Party "We cannot afford to see (Israel) defeated in any of her objectives. A setback for Israel would be a blow to Social-Democrats and indeed to many others all over the world." The leader of the British Parliamentary Opposition also said that "A military defeat for Israel is inconceivable."

Wilson, addressing a dinner of the dental division of the British Friends of the Hebrew University marking the 20th anniversary of the school of dental medicine, said: "We have always supported and we shall continue to support the right of Israel to exist within secure, recognized borders. We would resolutely reject any plan which does not guarantee that to Israel."

KOCH MEASURE WOULD BAR LOCAL ANTI-POVERTY ELECTIONS ON SABBATH

WASHINGTON, May 17 (JTA)--Rep. Edward I. Koch (D.L.N.Y.), has introduced a bill to bar the holding of an election for membership on boards of Community Action Agencies funded by the federal anti-poverty program on a Sabbath day. He indicated that he was introducing his bill as a result of a recent experience in New York City in which elections for such local anti-poverty boards were scheduled for a Saturday. The NYC problem was resolved when the New York State Legislature and the New York City Council both passed legislation requiring that such anti-poverty board elections be held on a non-Sabbath day.

The Koch bill would affect such elections throughout the country. The bill, which has been referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor, amends the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 and simply provides that no election or other democratic selection procedure shall be held on a Sabbath day which is observed by members of the poor in the area to be served by the board. The bill, which also authorizes the director of OEO to settle any disputes that might arise as to whether or not a particular day is a Sabbath day for some of the community's members, is not expected to encounter serious obstacles in the Committee or on the House floor.

LAST SYNAGOGUE IN ALGERIA THREATENED

RABAT, May 17 (JTA)--Algerian authorities are threatening to expropriate Kanoui Temple, the only remaining synagogue in the Algerian city of Oran, according to informed sources in that city. Since Algeria proclaimed its independence from France in 1962, 17 of the 19 synagogues in this western city have been nationalized. One of the two temples left for the Jewish community's use was later rented out for commercial purposes. Kanoui, built in 1880, is therefore the only synagogue left for the approximately 300 Jews of this city.

WEST GERMANY MAY INDEMNIFY MORE HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS, GOLDMANN SAYS

TEL AVIV, May 17 (JTA)--Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, said today there was a chance that Holocaust survivors who lived in Communist countries after World War II and recently moved to Israel might be personally indemnified by West Germany. At a meeting with a delegation of the Haifa Documentation Center, Dr. Goldmann said the German authorities seemed inclined toward accepting this arrangement, even though the deadline for reparations claims was 1965. He indicated that instead of claims being transmitted directly to Bonn, the Germans would give a lump sum to Israeli authorities, who would distribute it to applicants.

UNCTAD ADOPTS RESOLUTION, 70-0, BLAMING ISRAEL FOR CONTINUED CANAL CLOSURE

SANTIAGO, May 17 (JTA)--With the approval of Britain, France and the Soviet Union and the United States abstaining, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) last night adopted a resolution blaming Israel for the continued closure of the Suez Canal. The resolution, passed by a vote of 70-0 with 37 abstentions, was drafted by the "Third World" bloc of developing nations and reflected Arab influence in that bloc.

It affirmed full support for the Security Council's Resolution 242 and declared that Israel's withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories was a prerequisite to reopen the Suez Canal. Israel did not par-

ticipate in the voting and the head of its delegation, Ambassador Gideon Rafael, accused UNCTAD of exceeding its area of competence by entering the field of political issues and, in effect, interpreting the Security Council's resolution and distorting its meaning.

Rafael pointed out that there is nothing in Resolution 242 that says Israel's withdrawal is a prerequisite for reopening the canal. He criticized the resolution's paragraphs dealing with the Suez Canal as "controversial, one-sided, partial, inaccurate political references." Passage of the resolution followed two weeks of debate during which Israel urged UNCTAD to avoid becoming mired in political issues.

HOUSE ADOPTS BY 305-65 VOTE \$85M TO HELP RESETTLE SOVIET JEWS IN ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, May 17 (JTA)--The House unexpectedly late today took up the Bingham Bill providing for \$85 million to aid in resettling Soviet Jews in Israel and adopted it by a vote of 305-65. The measure sponsored by Jonathan Bingham (D.N.Y.) was an authorization measure. It was adopted without controversy apart from questions raised on the floor.

However, complications for the measure may arise in view of the fact that the appropriations bill to fund the authorization does not contain any sum to be granted for this purpose. Rep. John Rooney (D.N.Y.) observed in presenting the appropriations bill that such refugee legislation is included in the foreign aid legislation rather than in the State Department budget. The Bingham bill is an amendment to the State Department budget and authorizes the Secretary of State to distribute the funds.

A similar bill introduced in the Senate by Sen. Edmund S. Muskie (D. Me.) has been adopted by the Foreign Relations Committee but has not yet been discussed on the Senate floor.

SOVIET SENDS SPECIALLY EQUIPPED MIGS, MISSILE BOATS TO EGYPT

TEL AVIV, May 17 (JTA)--The Soviet Union recently sent Egypt seven specially equipped MIG-23 jets equipped with the most sophisticated filming apparatus and designed for intelligence flights, according to a diplomat of a country friendly to Egypt quoted by Yediot Achronot. These, it was said, may be the MIG-23s that Egypt has claimed are being flown by Egyptian pilots.

The new jet deliveries coincide with the Cairo visit of the Soviet Defense Minister, Marshal Andrei Grechko, and the upcoming Moscow visit of President Nixon. Observers said the Kremlin could be reminding the world, busy with the problems of Vietnam, that the Middle East is still a big issue.

Additionally, Egypt appears to be getting new, sophisticated Russian missile boats, presumably in response to the new Israeli flotilla of French Saar boats equipped with the Israeli Gabriel missile. Observers said the Russian boats may be of the modernized Osa type. It was recently reported that the Russians have been building docks and a speedier missile boat named "Ninutchka" in Leningrad, which is on the Gulf of Finland.

A Moroccan association for Muslim solidarity has recently been formed in Rabat to oppose Zionism, Communism, imperialism and colonialism. The association, comprising secondary school and university students, stated that the Muslim world is strong enough to "face the challenge hurled at it" by these four forces.

TWO SOVIET JEWS BEGIN 36-HOUR HUNGER STRIKE WITHIN SHADOW OF SOVIET EMBASSY

WASHINGTON, May 17 (JTA)--Two Soviet Jews began a 36-hour hunger strike this morning a little more than a block away from the Soviet Embassy as an expression of "support and solidarity" for Jews being harassed in the Soviet Union. Although they were within sight of the White House, their immediate purpose, friends said, was to demonstrate to the Soviet Embassy officials that they wish to speak out for their people in the Soviet Union who are being denied permission to leave.

The hunger strikers are Dr. Michael Eppelman, whose wife Paulina, and their nine-year-old daughter, Julia, are unable to leave the USSR and join him in Israel, and Katya Palatnik, sister of the Russian Jewish prisoner of conscience, Raiza Palatnik. The two Soviet Jews are guests here of the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington. Dr. Eppelman left the Soviet Union in Feb. of last year because, he said, "it was not possible for me to live my life as a Jew" in Russia and that he felt "the Soviet policy toward Israel and the Middle East conflict was totally unacceptable to me."

Could Not Live And Work As A Jew

He added, "as a Jew I could not live and work in a country whose government blindly supported regimes seeking to destroy my people." He said that his wife, the head of pharmacology at the Leningrad Hospital, knew "how strongly I felt about my identification as a Jew, but I was unwilling to inform her about my decision to escape because I did not wish to make her an accomplice to my act of leaving." He said that after his arrival in Israel she indicated her desire to be reunited with him "in Israel and sent her the necessary documents for an exit visa for herself and their daughter." Mrs. Eppelman's attempts to obtain emigration papers have been denied.

Dr. Eppelman said his wife has appealed to the Secretary General of the United Nations and to the International Red Cross for intervention. No answer, he said, has been received from either of these agencies. Dr. Isaac Frank, executive vice-president of the Greater Washington organization, has urged that telegrams be sent to President Nixon care of the American Embassy in Moscow to "remind him that we expect him to be the advocate of Soviet Jewry" when he meets with Soviet leaders next week.

REBUILT EUROPEAN JEWISH COMMUNITIES SHOW SIGNS OF GROWING STRENGTH, MATURITY

NEW YORK, May 17 (JTA)--The \$270,000 five-year operating budget newly adopted by the European Council of Jewish Community Services demonstrates the growing strength and maturity of the rebuilt European Jewish communities, according to Samuel L. Haber, executive vice chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee. Voicing confidence that the increased funds would be obtained, Haber noted:

"Not only are most of these communities able to take care of their own welfare needs, they have actually raised over \$1.35 million in the past decade to help member communities meet emergency needs arising from the sudden influx of refugees and from natural disasters such as floods and earthquakes."

Pointing out that the expanded budget will pay for programs and personnel to attract youthful and uncommitted Jews and to strengthen Jewish organizational operations, Haber declared: "JDC will continue to help the Council play a more dynamic role in European Jewish community life."

He added that "until the European communities can develop their own corps of leaders and experts, JDC will continue to make available to them its consultants on center and youth work, Jewish education, social services, community organization and fundraising." JDC financial aid to the European Council will be phased out as the Council becomes more autonomous, Haber said. Of the countries aided by the Council, three--France, Rumania, and Yugoslavia--continue to require substantial financial help.

FORWARD TO MARK 75TH ANNIVERSARY

NEW YORK, May 17 (JTA)--The Forward, the oldest and only Yiddish daily in this country, will mark its 75th anniversary this Sunday at a gala celebration at the Philharmonic Hall in Lincoln Center. Among the speakers will be Simon Weber, editor of the Forward; Ambassador David Rivlin, Consul General, Harold Ostroff, newly elected president of the Workmen's Circle; and Dr. Samuel Silverberg, president of the Forward Association who will introduce Judge Jacob Zuckerman, chairman of the Jewish Labor Committee.

The highlight of the celebration will be the presentation of an award by Louis Stulberg, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, AFL-CIO, to George Meany, president of the AFL-CIO. Others expected to participate in the gala include Jacob Potofsky, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union, AFL-CIO. A program of music and folk singing is also scheduled.

AZYF PLEASED WITH ISRAEL DAY PARADE

NEW YORK, May 17 (JTA)--The American Zionist Youth Foundation expressed gratification today with the large turnout at the Salute to Israel Parade last Sunday, in spite of the, at times, heavy downpour. The spokesman said "It was the most colorful Parade we've had in eight years, with more youth participating as spectators and marchers than ever in the past...the largest marching contingents were from United Synagogue Youth, National Federation of Temple Youth, Young Israel and the Zionist youth movements."

BRITAIN BANS AIR PARCELS

JERUSALEM, May 17 (JTA)--The British postal authorities have informed the Communications Ministry that postal matter other than letters sent to Israel after May 5 will be transported by ship not by airmail. According to the Ministry spokesman, British authorities gave no reason for their decision. However, he believed it stemmed from the fear that the mails are being used for bomb packages. Britain is the only country restricting airmail to Israel to letters.

HEBREW U. TO SEND GRADUATE SCIENTISTS FOR POST-DOCTORAL TRAINING IN U.S.

JERUSALEM, May 17 (JTA)--An important boost to the training of applied scientists in Israel has been given by the decision of the Hebrew University's School of Applied Science and Technology to send graduate scientists for post-doctoral training in applied research laboratories in the United States to return as teachers.

The main patron of this program is the Robert Szold Center of Applied Science at the Hebrew University. The Szold Center will cover half the cost of sending four scientists for two years of experience in areas important to the industrial and technological development of Israel. The current demand for graduates trained in applied science exceeds the supply and the \$80,000 program is aimed at stepping up this training.