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In a letter to the Black Political Convention released yesterday, NAACP executive director Roy Wilkins cited its "repugnant" resolutions on Israel and busing. Dr. John Morsell, assistant executive director, told the JTA that the NAACP was dismayed by a report in a NY metropolitan daily which attributed Wilkin's position to the organization's desire to retain its Jewish and integrationist support. He said NAACP support for Israel was always a matter of principle and in fact ante-dated the establishment of the Jewish State.

Dr. Morsell recalled that in 1947 when the United Nations General Assembly was debating whether to partition Palestine into Jewish and Arab states, the late Walter White, NAACP executive secretary, lobbied vigorously for partition with the delegates from Ethiopia, Haiti and Liberia, and succeeded in influencing two affirmative votes and one abstention.

In his letter withdrawing the NAACP from the National Black Political Convention, Wilkins took exception to a resolution passed in the closing minutes of the Convention's meeting in Gary, Indiana, last March 12 which called for the "dis-mantling" of Israel. The resolution was subsequently revised but the revised version, announced this week, still condemned Israel for "expansionist policies and forceful occupation of the sovereign territories of another state."

#### PALATNIK GIVEN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT

WASHINGTON, May 18 (JTA)--Raiza Palatnik, having concluded a seven-day hunger strike in a Russian prison last Friday, is being overworked despite being very ill and unable to see, it was reported this morning by her sister, Katya, who yesterday morning began a hunger strike near the Soviet Embassy. Katya Palatnik, who spoke with her parents in Odessa by telephone, said they told her that her sister refused to work last Saturday--Lenin Day--and was given seven days' solitary confinement, during which she has been allowed only water and only a chair to sleep in.

The camp commander, it was said, took away her eyeglasses although she cannot see without them and can barely see with them. She is made to work from 5 a.m. through 2 a.m. each day. The sisters' mother, aged 61, and father, 71, also went on a hunger strike, to protest the prison treatment, advising Russian officials in advance that they would. They have not heard from the librarian-prisoner since last Saturday.

Katya Palatnik and Dr. Michael Eppelman, who are staging a joint hunger strike here, sent a telegram to Nixon yesterday asking him to help release Raiza Palatnik and help effect visas for Dr. Eppelman's wife and daughter.

**PETITION CAMPAIGN TERMED HUGE SUCCESS**

NEW YORK, May 18 (JTA)--On the eve of President Nixon's departure for Moscow, hundreds of thousands of petitions in support of Soviet Jewry, addressed to the President have been pouring into the White House and the offices of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, it was reported today by Richard Maass, NCSJ chairman. The total number of signatures now stands at close to 1.4 million and representatives of national organizations, local affiliates, and local community councils on Soviet Jewry continue to tally. No other single cause in recent history has drawn such tremendous response, Maass said.

The petition campaign, sponsored by the NCSJ and coordinated by local community councils and the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, began 4 months ago. The petitions urge President Nixon "on behalf of 3 million Jews...to exert your influence to help free Jewish prisoners of conscience and to help Soviet Jews achieve the fundamental right to live as Jews and to leave for Israel and elsewhere."

More than 30 states expressed their concern for Soviet Jewry by appealing to the President with special state legislative resolutions and Governors' proclamations. A petition circulated by Rep. Jack F. Kemp (R.-C. N.Y.) was signed by 143 members of Congress from almost every state in the union. Maass stated that "dramatic proof of support for Soviet Jewry is clearly demonstrated by this massive response to the petition drive. We know that the impact of the petition campaign has been felt in the Congress and in the White House."

**GHALEB-POMPIDOU TALKS DEAL WITH CLOSER TIES BETWEEN TWO NATIONS, MIDEAST CRISIS**

PARIS, May 18 (JTA)--Egyptian Foreign Minister Mourad Ghaled said today his meeting with President Georges Pompidou had "certainly contributed" to promoting a political solution to the Middle East crisis. The Egyptian minister, who met with Pompidou this afternoon, described the meeting as "cordial" and said he transmitted to the French President a written message from Egyptian President Anwar Sadat. He did not divulge its contents.

Ghaled said means of developing Franco-Egyptian cultural, economic, technical and scientific relations were also discussed. The Egyptian minister, who arrived here last night, also met with Foreign Minister Maurice Schumann and Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs Jeanne Lepkowski. During the course of a luncheon given in the Egyptian envoy's honor, Schumann said the meeting with Pompidou "will permit the formation of a base of action to resolve the Middle East conflict."

Schumann said France continues to believe any agreement must be based on Security Council Resolution 242. "The only objective of French policy in the Middle East is the respect of the right of your country and that of your neighbors to develop economic and social independence," Schumann said. After the luncheon, Lepkowski said France and Egypt had similar analyses on the Middle East.

**DOUBT EXPRESSED THAT USSR HAS GIVEN EGYPT ADVANCED WEAPONS**

TEL AVIV, May 18 (JTA)--Informed sources here dismissed as doubtful today reports that Russia has turned over to Egypt some of its most modern and sophisticated weapons. According to the reports the weapons are a new speedy missile-boat and Tupolev-22 long-range bombers. The sources said that the Tupolevs along with MIG-23 jets, the world's fastest and highest-flying combat aircraft, are de-

ployed in Egypt not as part of Egypt's armed forces but in a Soviet concentration aimed at the West and especially the southern flank of NATO.

Egyptian sources hinted strongly yesterday that the two MIG-23s which overflew the Israel-occupied Sinai peninsula Tuesday were piloted by Egyptians. But observers here believe this is propaganda. They noted that Russia has not supplied the still experimental MIG-23 to its close allies and that even if a few Egyptian pilots have been trained to fly the advanced jets, they would never be permitted to risk them in a flight under combat conditions over Israel-held territory.

**U.S. Interested In The Gabriel**

American military circles have recently shown interest in purchasing Israel's sea-to-sea missile known as the Gabriel, it was disclosed today. The American interest in the weapon which is designed and produced in Israel, was said to have developed after a US-designed sea-to-sea missile known as the Harpoon proved unsatisfactory.

The Gabriel is designed to be carried by the Saar-class missile boats that were built for Israel by France. Twelve of the Saars were ordered. Seven were delivered but the last five, embargoed by France, were spirited out of Cherbourg by Israeli crews on Christmas Eve, 1969. According to some sources, the Gabriel missile is sought by a number of navies and Israel has already sold some in the amount of \$38 million.

**U.S. MACCABI ASSOCIATION PREPARING FOR JEWISH OLYMPICS GAMES IN 1973**

LEVITTOWN, Pa., May 18 (JTA)--Five members of the United States Maccabi Association have been named to the organizing committee of the US Jewish Olympic Team that will participate in the Ninth World Maccabiad (Jewish Olympics) in Tel Aviv in July 1973. Sol Leiber, president of the US Maccabi Association, said in announcing the appointments that the USMA planned a nationwide fundraising drive to make the Maccabiad both a financial and an athletic success. Leiber, a New York businessman who used to play professional basketball for the Detroit Clowns, was elected USMA chief earlier this month.

He also named a chairman and committees to prepare for USMA participation in the World Maccabi Union's Youth Sports and Cultural Jamboree, to be held in conjunction with the Maccabiad, and launched a campaign to enlist more than 100,000 American Jewish youths in the "sound mind and sound body" program of the US Maccabi movement. The movement's beneficiaries include the Orde Wingate Institute for Physical Education and Sports in Natanya, Israel. Leiber said a committee would seek funds to help the Institute operate for the next five years. A part-time national executive secretary will be named soon.

**PINCUS: JEWISH EDUCATION IN DIASPORA A TOP PRIORITY ITEM**

JERUSALEM, May 18 (JTA)--Louis A. Pincus, chairman of the World Zionist Organization Executive, said that Jewish education in the diaspora must be the top priority item on the WZO's budget. He also announced plans to aid Israeli students of Oriental origin seeking higher degrees. Pincus addressed a session of the Zionist General Council's permanent finance and budget committee which must approve the WZO's \$30 million budget for fiscal 1972. He said special assistance will be extended this year to post graduate students of Oriental origin who excel in their studies. He said the aid would include scholarships and housing.

### UJA OFFICIAL CRITICIZES ACLU LAWYER FOR GIVING NEO-NAZIS LEGAL AID

JERSEY CITY, N.J., May 18 (JTA)--The United Jewish Appeal chairman here has criticized a Jewish lawyer for the American Civil Liberties Union for "masochistic tendencies" in backing the right of a neo-Nazi group to hold a rally here. The UJA leader, Norman Pearlman, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that he had had "a rather bitter argument" on the issue with the ACLU lawyer, Jesse Moskowitz.

There must be "limits" to the Constitutional guarantee of free speech so as not to allow "murderers, rapists and torturers" to make use of it, Pearlman told the JTA. He said the rightist group in question, the National Renaissance Party, was composed of "professed Nazis," and said that "vicious elements of that type" were not entitled to First Amendment protection. Pearlman would not elaborate in a telephone interview initiated by the JTA in New York.

### ACLU Challenges Police Bar

The ACLU here is preparing a Superior Court challenge to a police decision not to let the Renaissance group rally in Journal Square May 27. "They're entitled to a permit" on Constitutional grounds, Moskowitz told the JTA. He stressed that the party is not an ACLU client and that he has never met and does not intend to meet its national director, James H. Madole.

Police director Frederick W. Stevens denied the NRP application because "There are no compelling reasons for approval." He said the city code permitted assemblies at four other locations but not Journal Square, which he called "a very busy area," especially during "one of the busiest shopping times of the year." Such permission, he said, "would require manpower and expense which we simply cannot afford to devote to one group," as it would "require that other citizens be deprived of police protection." At the last rally of the NRP in Sept. police had to set up cordons to prevent a possible confrontation sparked by listeners who felt insulted by the speeches.

### SOVIET JEWS ISSUE LAST MINUTE APPEAL TO NIXON TO INTERCEDE DURING SUMMIT

LONDON, May 18 (JTA)--A letter to President Nixon from 24 Moscow Jews urges him to "raise with the Soviet leaders the issue about people convicted for no crime and only for their expressed wish to go to Israel." As detailed by USSR Jewish sources, the writers insist to Nixon on behalf of "our near ones in jails and forced-labor camps" that "by raising your voice in this matter you will, Mr. President, not only perform a good deed but also strike a blow for democracy and humanity and for the high ideals people in all countries have been cherishing for generations." The signers include Samuel Zalmanson, Mira Kaminskaya, Mira Korenblit, Eva Butman, Ida Boguslavskaya and Galina Boguslavskaya.

In another reported development, the 20-year-old Miss Korenblit visited her father, Lev, in the Potma prison in Soviet Mordovia, where he is serving a three-year sentence imposed at the first Leningrad trial a year ago. She said his condition is not good and that he and the other Jewish prisoners lack warm clothing. She herself has returned to work after a successful court appeal against her dismissal for applying for a visa to Israel. Her fiancé has been in Israel since last year.

### Riga Jews Anxious To Emigrate

In Riga, it was reported, the ovir (visa office) lists the names of successful emigration applicants on a bulletin board. The board is constantly

surrounded by Jews seeking their names, even though notifications are sent to homes. A number of Jews there who wanted to change jobs were told: "We would have you, but you will be sure to stay only for a short time and then go off to Israel."

There are 3500 Jews left in Tallin, the capital of Soviet Estonia, in a population of 280,000. Unlike the Jews of Wilna, Lithuania, and Riga, Latvia, they have no background of Jewish education, yet a number of them want to go to Israel sources say.

Things are not bad for all Soviet Jews, sources note. The ovir in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, is helpful and polite in the matter of emigration. Officials assist applicants in completing forms. There are 10,000 Bukharan Jews there in a population of 195,000. Those who left for Israel report they are well-treated there and have settled down happily.

### ORTHODOX RABBIS DEMAND HALACHIC CONVERSIONS IN ISRAEL Rap Reform, Conservative Conversions

NEW YORK, May 18 (JTA)--A demand for re-institution of halachic conversions in Israel was made here by 150 rabbis and more than 3000 Orthodox Jews at a two-day conference sponsored by the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada (Agudath Horabonim). The conference warned that if non-Orthodox conversions were recognized, they would "lead to the opening of doors to Reform and Conservatism from which the Jews in the diaspora are suffering so much."

The conference also reaffirmed the call by the Israeli Chief Rabbinate and the Orthodox Rabbinate in the diaspora for the resignation of the "religious ministers" from Israel's Cabinet. Rabbi Simcha Elberg, chairman of Agudath Horabonim, announced that a large international delegation would go to Israel to try to influence a change in the "Who is a Jew?" law. The 150 rabbis attending the conference were from the Americas, Canada, Israel, Europe and Australia.

The meeting resolved that when the Torah authorities in Israel proclaim a public fast on the conversion question, Agudath Horabonim would proclaim it in the diaspora. In addition, the conference issued three other appeals: to American Jewry to aid new Soviet immigrants in Israel, especially Georgian Jews; to the Israeli government to let Georgian Jewish immigrants "lead their lives in accordance with their traditions for which they have sacrificed themselves for the last 50 years," and to the Soviet Union to "allow full religious freedom for the Jews in Russia."

### NATIONALIST JEWISH STUDENTS TO ORGANIZE

NEW YORK, May 18 (JTA)--The formation of a nationalist Zionist student group has been announced. The group, Zeirei Herut, is to be part of the United Zionist-Revisionists of America but will work independently on campuses. Zeirei Herut is designed to bring students together, coordinate their activities, and provide a central source of educational and other materials.

The new group plans to carry on both campus and community based activities to promote the Zionist Revisionist program: democratization of the Jewish community, raising of Jewish national consciousness through education and free discussion, aliya, and an Israel based on social justice and traditional Jewish values, an Israel that will include the liberated territories.





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In a letter to the Black Political Convention released yesterday, NAACP executive director Roy Wilkins cited its "repugnant" resolutions on Israel and busing. Dr. John Morsell, assistant executive director, told the JTA that the NAACP was dismayed by a report in a NY metropolitan daily which attributed Wilkin's position to the organization's desire to retain its Jewish and integrationist support. He said NAACP support for Israel was always a matter of principle and in fact ante-dated the establishment of the Jewish State.

Dr. Morsell recalled that in 1947 when the United Nations General Assembly was debating whether to partition Palestine into Jewish and Arab states, the late Walter White, NAACP executive secretary, lobbied vigorously for partition with the delegates from Ethiopia, Haiti and Liberia, and succeeded in influencing two affirmative votes and one abstention.

In his letter withdrawing the NAACP from the National Black Political Convention, Wilkins took exception to a resolution passed in the closing minutes of the Convention's meeting in Gary, Indiana, last March 12 which called for the "dis-mantling" of Israel. The resolution was subsequently revised but the revised version, announced this week, still condemned Israel for "expansionist policies and forceful occupation of the sovereign territories of another state."

#### PALATNIK GIVEN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT

WASHINGTON, May 18 (JTA)--Raiza Palatnik, having concluded a seven-day hunger strike in a Russian prison last Friday, is being overworked despite being very ill and unable to see, it was reported this morning by her sister, Katya, who yesterday morning began a hunger strike near the Soviet Embassy. Katya Palatnik, who spoke with her parents in Odessa by telephone, said they told her that her sister refused to work last Saturday--Lenin Day--and was given seven days' solitary confinement, during which she has been allowed only water and only a chair to sleep in.

The camp commander, it was said, took away her eyeglasses although she cannot see without them and can barely see with them. She is made to work from 5 a.m. through 2 a.m. each day. The sisters' mother, aged 61, and father, 71, also went on a hunger strike, to protest the prison treatment, advising Russian officials in advance that they would. They have not heard from the librarian-prisoner since last Saturday.

Katya Palatnik and Dr. Michael Eppelman, who are staging a joint hunger strike here, sent a telegram to Nixon yesterday asking him to help release Raiza Palatnik and help effect visas for Dr. Eppelman's wife and daughter.

**PETITION CAMPAIGN TERMED HUGE SUCCESS**

NEW YORK, May 18 (JTA)--On the eve of President Nixon's departure for Moscow, hundreds of thousands of petitions in support of Soviet Jewry, addressed to the President have been pouring into the White House and the offices of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, it was reported today by Richard Maass, NCSJ chairman. The total number of signatures now stands at close to 1.4 million and representatives of national organizations, local affiliates, and local community councils on Soviet Jewry continue to tally. No other single cause in recent history has drawn such tremendous response, Maass said.

The petition campaign, sponsored by the NCSJ and coordinated by local community councils and the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, began 4 months ago. The petitions urge President Nixon "on behalf of 3 million Jews...to exert your influence to help free Jewish prisoners of conscience and to help Soviet Jews achieve the fundamental right to live as Jews and to leave for Israel and elsewhere."

More than 30 states expressed their concern for Soviet Jewry by appealing to the President with special state legislative resolutions and Governors' proclamations. A petition circulated by Rep. Jack F. Kemp (R.-C. N.Y.) was signed by 143 members of Congress from almost every state in the union. Maass stated that "dramatic proof of support for Soviet Jewry is clearly demonstrated by this massive response to the petition drive. We know that the impact of the petition campaign has been felt in the Congress and in the White House."

**GHALEB-POMPIDOU TALKS DEAL WITH CLOSER TIES BETWEEN TWO NATIONS, MIDEAST CRISIS**

PARIS, May 18 (JTA)--Egyptian Foreign Minister Mourad Ghaled said today his meeting with President Georges Pompidou had "certainly contributed" to promoting a political solution to the Middle East crisis. The Egyptian minister, who met with Pompidou this afternoon, described the meeting as "cordial" and said he transmitted to the French President a written message from Egyptian President Anwar Sadat. He did not divulge its contents.

Ghaled said means of developing Franco-Egyptian cultural, economic, technical and scientific relations were also discussed. The Egyptian minister, who arrived here last night, also met with Foreign Minister Maurice Schumann and Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs Jeanne Lepkowski. During the course of a luncheon given in the Egyptian envoy's honor, Schumann said the meeting with Pompidou "will permit the formation of a base of action to resolve the Middle East conflict."

Schumann said France continues to believe any agreement must be based on Security Council Resolution 242. "The only objective of French policy in the Middle East is the respect of the right of your country and that of your neighbors to develop economic and social independence," Schumann said. After the luncheon, Lepkowski said France and Egypt had similar analyses on the Middle East.

**DOUBT EXPRESSED THAT USSR HAS GIVEN EGYPT ADVANCED WEAPONS**

TEL AVIV, May 18 (JTA)--Informed sources here dismissed as doubtful today reports that Russia has turned over to Egypt some of its most modern and sophisticated weapons. According to the reports the weapons are a new speedy missile-boat and Tupolev-22 long-range bombers. The sources said that the Tupolevs along with MIG-23 jets, the world's fastest and highest-flying combat aircraft, are de-

ployed in Egypt not as part of Egypt's armed forces but in a Soviet concentration aimed at the West and especially the southern flank of NATO.

Egyptian sources hinted strongly yesterday that the two MIG-23s which overflew the Israel-occupied Sinai peninsula Tuesday were piloted by Egyptians. But observers here believe this is propaganda. They noted that Russia has not supplied the still experimental MIG-23 to its close allies and that even if a few Egyptian pilots have been trained to fly the advanced jets, they would never be permitted to risk them in a flight under combat conditions over Israel-held territory.

**U.S. Interested In The Gabriel**

American military circles have recently shown interest in purchasing Israel's sea-to-sea missile known as the Gabriel, it was disclosed today. The American interest in the weapon which is designed and produced in Israel, was said to have developed after a US-designed sea-to-sea missile known as the Harpoon proved unsatisfactory.

The Gabriel is designed to be carried by the Saar-class missile boats that were built for Israel by France. Twelve of the Saars were ordered. Seven were delivered but the last five, embargoed by France, were spirited out of Cherbourg by Israeli crews on Christmas Eve, 1969. According to some sources, the Gabriel missile is sought by a number of navies and Israel has already sold some in the amount of \$38 million.

**U.S. MACCABI ASSOCIATION PREPARING FOR JEWISH OLYMPICS GAMES IN 1973**

LEVITTOWN, Pa., May 18 (JTA)--Five members of the United States Maccabi Association have been named to the organizing committee of the US Jewish Olympic Team that will participate in the Ninth World Maccabiad (Jewish Olympics) in Tel Aviv in July 1973. Sol Leiber, president of the US Maccabi Association, said in announcing the appointments that the USMA planned a nationwide fundraising drive to make the Maccabiad both a financial and an athletic success. Leiber, a New York businessman who used to play professional basketball for the Detroit Clowns, was elected USMA chief earlier this month.

He also named a chairman and committees to prepare for USMA participation in the World Maccabi Union's Youth Sports and Cultural Jamboree, to be held in conjunction with the Maccabiad, and launched a campaign to enlist more than 100,000 American Jewish youths in the "sound mind and sound body" program of the US Maccabi movement. The movement's beneficiaries include the Orde Wingate Institute for Physical Education and Sports in Natanya, Israel. Leiber said a committee would seek funds to help the Institute operate for the next five years. A part-time national executive secretary will be named soon.

**PINCUS: JEWISH EDUCATION IN DIASPORA A TOP PRIORITY ITEM**

JERUSALEM, May 18 (JTA)--Louis A. Pincus, chairman of the World Zionist Organization Executive, said that Jewish education in the diaspora must be the top priority item on the WZO's budget. He also announced plans to aid Israeli students of Oriental origin seeking higher degrees. Pincus addressed a session of the Zionist General Council's permanent finance and budget committee which must approve the WZO's \$30 million budget for fiscal 1972. He said special assistance will be extended this year to post graduate students of Oriental origin who excel in their studies. He said the aid would include scholarships and housing.

## UJA OFFICIAL CRITICIZES ACLU LAWYER FOR GIVING NEO-NAZIS LEGAL AID

JERSEY CITY, N.J., May 18 (JTA)--The United Jewish Appeal chairman here has criticized a Jewish lawyer for the American Civil Liberties Union for "masochistic tendencies" in backing the right of a neo-Nazi group to hold a rally here. The UJA leader, Bernard Pearlman, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that he had had "a rather bitter argument" on the issue with the ACLU lawyer, Jesse Moskowitz.

There must be "limits" to the Constitutional guarantee of free speech so as not to allow "murderers, rapists and torturers" to make use of it, Pearlman told the JTA. He said the rightist group in question, the National Renaissance Party, was composed of "professed Nazis," and said that "vicious elements of that type" were not entitled to First Amendment protection. Pearlman would not elaborate in a telephone interview initiated by the JTA in New York.

## ACLU Challenges Police Bar

The ACLU here is preparing a Superior Court challenge to a police decision not to let the Renaissance group rally in Journal Square May 27. "They're entitled to a permit" on Constitutional grounds, Moskowitz told the JTA. He stressed that the party is not an ACLU client and that he has never met and does not intend to meet its national director, James H. Madole.

Police director Frederick W. Stevens denied the NRP application because "There are no compelling reasons for approval." He said the city code permitted assemblies at four other locations but not Journal Square, which he called "a very busy area," especially during "one of the busiest shopping times of the year." Such permission, he said, "would require manpower and expense which we simply cannot afford to devote to one group," as it would "require that other citizens be deprived of police protection." At the last rally of the NRP in Sept. police had to set up cordons to prevent a possible confrontation sparked by listeners who felt insulted by the speeches.

## SOVIET JEWS ISSUE LAST MINUTE APPEAL TO NIXON TO INTERCEDE DURING SUMMIT

LONDON, May 18 (JTA)--A letter to President Nixon from 24 Moscow Jews urges him to "raise with the Soviet leaders the issue about people convicted for no crime and only for their expressed wish to go to Israel." As detailed by USSR Jewish sources, the writers insist to Nixon on behalf of "our near ones in jails and forced-labor camps" that "by raising your voice in this matter you will, Mr. President, not only perform a good deed but also strike a blow for democracy and humanity and for the high ideals people in all countries have been cherishing for generations." The signers include Samuel Zalmanson, Mira Kaminskaya, Mira Korenblit, Eva Butman, Ida Boguslavskaya and Galina Boguslavskaya.

In another reported development, the 20-year-old Miss Korenblit visited her father, Lev, in the Potma prison in Soviet Mordovia, where he is serving a three-year sentence imposed at the first Leningrad trial a year ago. She said his condition is not good and that he and the other Jewish prisoners lack warm clothing. She herself has returned to work after a successful court appeal against her dismissal for applying for a visa to Israel. Her fiancé has been in Israel since last year.

## Riga Jews Anxious To Emigrate

In Riga, it was reported, the ovir (visa office) lists the names of successful emigration applicants on a bulletin board. The board is constantly

surrounded by Jews seeking their names, even though notifications are sent to homes. A number of Jews there who wanted to change jobs were told: "We would have you, but you will be sure to stay only for a short time and then go off to Israel."

There are 3500 Jews left in Tallin, the capital of Soviet Estonia, in a population of 280,000. Unlike the Jews of Wilna, Lithuania, and Riga, Latvia, they have no background of Jewish education, yet a number of them want to go to Israel sources say.

Things are not bad for all Soviet Jews, sources note. The ovir in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, is helpful and polite in the matter of emigration. Officials assist applicants in completing forms. There are 10,000 Bukharan Jews there in a population of 195,000. Those who left for Israel report they are well-treated there and have settled down happily.

## ORTHODOX RABBIS DEMAND HALACHIC CONVERSIONS IN ISRAEL Rap Reform, Conservative Conversions

NEW YORK, May 18 (JTA)--A demand for re-institution of halachic conversions in Israel was made here by 150 rabbis and more than 3000 Orthodox Jews at a two-day conference sponsored by the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada (Agudath Horabonim). The conference warned that if non-Orthodox conversions were recognized, they would "lead to the opening of doors to Reform and Conservatism from which the Jews in the diaspora are suffering so much."

The conference also reaffirmed the call by the Israeli Chief Rabbinate and the Orthodox Rabbinate in the diaspora for the resignation of the "religious ministers" from Israel's Cabinet. Rabbi Simcha Elberg, chairman of Agudath Horabonim, announced that a large international delegation would go to Israel to try to influence a change in the "Who is a Jew?" law. The 150 rabbis attending the conference were from the Americas, Canada, Israel, Europe and Australia.

The meeting resolved that when the Torah authorities in Israel proclaim a public fast on the conversion question, Agudath Horabonim would proclaim it in the diaspora. In addition, the conference issued three other appeals: to American Jewry to aid new Soviet immigrants in Israel, especially Georgian Jews; to the Israeli government to let Georgian Jewish immigrants "lead their lives in accordance with their traditions for which they have sacrificed themselves for the last 50 years," and to the Soviet Union to "allow full religious freedom for the Jews in Russia."

## NATIONALIST JEWISH STUDENTS TO ORGANIZE

NEW YORK, May 18 (JTA)--The formation of a nationalist Zionist student group has been announced. The group, Zeirei Herut, is to be part of the United Zionist-Revisionists of America but will work independently on campuses. Zeirei Herut is designed to bring students together, coordinate their activities, and provide a central source of educational and other materials.

The new group plans to carry on both campus and community based activities to promote the Zionist Revisionist program: democratization of the Jewish community, raising of Jewish national consciousness through education and free discussion, aliya, and an Israel based on social justice and traditional Jewish values, an Israel that will include the liberated territories.