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LEFTIST PARTIES DENOUNCE MASSACRE

JERUSALEM, June 1 (JTA)--Leftist parties and politicians in Israel have strongly condemned Tuesday night's massacre. The Moscow-oriented New Communist Party said in a statement released last night that only Nazi and Fascist groups would resort to the mass murder of innocent persons to achieve their ends. Such methods harm the legitimate aspira-

tions of people seeking self-determination, the statement said.

The Israel Communist Party which does not adhere to the Soviet line called the carnage an abhorrent mass murder and condemned the use of the terms Marxist, Leninist and left-wing by the Arab and Japanese terror groups to describe themselves. Uri Avneri, a Knesset member of the Haolam Hazeh faction, called on left-wing organizations throughout the world to denounce the Lydda massacre.

U.S. LEFTISTS APPALLED

NEW YORK, June 1 (JTA)--Major left-wing parties in the United States today condemned the attack at Lydda Airport terming it "senseless, barbaric, and abominable." Simon W. Gerson, executive editor of the Daily World, the Communist Party newspaper, said, "Marxists have always opposed such terrorism," and said the assassins were anti-Marxist. He also said that imperialists would profit from this action. Richard Hirst of the Progressive Labor Party, a pro-Maoist group, said, "We feel that these (the Japanese) are crazy fascists making war on workers. They're not Marxists." He added that terrorism doesn't win people.

An editorial today in the Morning Freiheit also said that the terrorists were not Marxists and not fighters for freedom. It placed the responsibility for the attack with the Arabs and also with the airlines. Andy Rose of the Trotskyist Young Socialist Alliance, the youth arm of the Socialist Workers Party, said that his group is opposed to terrorism, but thinks that the final responsibility rests with Israel. "The reason that people are driven to such acts is the continued aggression by Israel of the Palestinians," he said. The SWP declined to comment, saying it was in the process of preparing a statement.

POPE EXPRESSES SORROW

JERUSALEM, June 1 (JTA)--Pope Paul VI today instructed Msgr. Pietro Zambi, charge d'affaires of the apostolic delegation in Jerusalem, to express his condolences to President Zalman Shazar. The statement from the Pope said, "With profound sorrow we have received the terrible news of the tragedy that occurred last night at Tel Aviv airport. In deploring this tragic act of unheard of violence against innocent persons, we desire to express to your excellency our deepest, heartfelt sympathy for the stricken families in great mourning, and our best wishes for the wounded." The statement continued, "We incessantly invoke God to halt this conflict of hate and bloodshed that outrages the human conscience and Christian sentiments."

Israeli border police units today took over security control inside Lydda Airport. The police, who had been guarding the outside area and runways, are now massed inside the terminal fully armed.

The foreign victims in the airport shooting will receive the same financial benefits as the Israelis, the National Insurance Institute noted yesterday. Benefits include coverage of all medical and rehabilitation expenses and survivors' aid. The Institute has set up a special team to assist the foreigners wounded at Lydda.

Transport Minister Shimon Peres is investigating a reported attempt to sabotage an El Al airliner in Copenhagen. The report said El Al employees foiled an attempt to smuggle explosives into an air cargo scheduled to fly to Israel today. Copenhagen authorities said they had no knowledge of the attempt.

JEWISH; NON-JEWISH LEADERS URGE NIXON, POPE, WALDHEIM TO HELP END TERRORISM

NEW YORK, June 1 (JTA)--More Jewish and non-Jewish leaders issued statements expressing shock and dismay at the Lydda Airport killings. The lay and rabbinic heads of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations petitioned President Nixon, Pope Paul VI and United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim to use their good offices to put an end to acts of killing and terrorism.

In a telegram, Rabbi Maurice N. Eisenrath, president of the UAHC and Sidney I. Cole, chairman of the board, said, "We wish to express our concern, shock and dismay at the cowardly act perpetrated by international murderers against innocent men, women and children. We are particularly disturbed that those who came to seek spiritual nourishment in the land of the Bible, the Christian pilgrims, should be among the victims.... Had we acted in unison before, this might never have occurred. We urge you to use your moral persuasion upon those leaders who can put an end to these wanton acts."

Sol S. Weiner, general campaign chairman of the Jewish United Fund and the Israel Emergency Fund of Chicago; Raymond Epstein, chairman of the board; Hamilton M. Loeb, Jr., president; and James P. Rice, executive director, sent a telegram to Premier Golda Meir expressing their sorrow. "We share the sense of loss and extend our deepest sympathy to the families of the innocent victims of this inhuman attack."

Congressman Hugh L. Carey (D. N.Y.) said, "The tragic and brutal killing of innocent travelers is a crime against humanity. I have communicated to Prime Minister Golda Meir my deep sympathy at this despicable crime." Carey urged President Nixon and the director of the Federal Aviation Agency to initiate steps "to improve security for travelers on the basis of international technical and law enforcement assistance." He also called for a conference led by the US with representatives of all nations involved in international air traffic "to adopt all necessary steps and implement an international airport security agreement as soon as possible."

MRS. ABZUG URGES BOYCOTT OF BEIRUT

WASHINGTON, June 1 (JTA)--Congresswoman Bella Abzug (D. N.Y.) introduced a resolution today to the House calling upon President Nixon to express the strong disapproval of the United States to the Lebanese and other governments harboring, aiding or encouraging Arab-sponsored terrorist groups.

The resolution urged Congress to call on all international airlines to boycott Beirut until such time as the Lebanese government takes "strong effective measures to terminate the existence of this group (the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine) or any other similar group on its territory." Mrs. Abzug's resolution expressed the "horror, shock and dismay" of Congress at the killing and wounding of innocent civilians, many of them religious pilgrims.

The resolution stated that "Although the perpetrators of this outrage were apparently not of Arab nationality, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine has claimed responsibility for the incident. It is well known that even though this group and other Arab terrorist groups may not be officially connected with the government of Arab nations, they receive the protection and covert support of these governments in planning and carrying out their activities."

PUERTO RICANS TO CONTINUE PILGRIMAGE

JERUSALEM, June 1 (JTA)--The Puerto Rican

survivors of the airport massacre decided, after meeting at their hotel last night, to continue their tour of Israel as planned. Moreover, a second group of pilgrims due to fly here from Rome on Sunday have decided to proceed as originally planned. The leader of the group, the Reverend Avner Munios, told reporters today that one of the factors guiding them in their decision to stay was that they did not want to abandon their fellow pilgrims who had been wounded.

Meanwhile, the Israel government has instructed the head of the Israel Ministry of Tourism in New York, Amram Zur, to fly to Puerto Rico in order to convey Israel's condolences to the families of the dead. If the relatives wish the bodies to be returned to Puerto Rico for burial, the Ministry of Tourism said it will arrange for coffins to be prepared and will bear the cost of their transport. However, if a family decides to have the deceased buried in Israel, the Ministry will bear the expenses of the burial.

WALDHEIM PROMISES TO AID EPPELMAN

NEW YORK, June 1 (JTA)--United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim met with Jewish activists at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J., today and promised to pursue personally the case of Prof. Michael Eppelman, the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry reported. Eppelman left Leningrad for Israel a year ago, but his wife and small daughter have not been allowed to go. Eppelman was scheduled to start a hunger strike today--Universal Children's Day--at the Geneva headquarters of the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

Concurrently, his wife, Paulina, prepared to start a hunger strike in Leningrad. She issued an appeal of the UN Human Rights Commission decrying the "monstrous" Soviet policy of thwarting the "natural desire" and "legal right" of a child to be with her father. Her daughter, Julia, is 8. The prearranged SSSJ meeting with Waldheim was held in the office of Rutgers president Edward Blaustein and was attended by board chairman Archibald Alexander. Waldheim accepted two Bibles and said he would try to have them delivered to Soviet Jewish prisoners Sylva Zalmanson Kuznetsov and Raiza Palatnik.

U.S. OFFICIALS VISIT WARSAW GHETTO SITE

WARSAW, June 1 (JTA)--United States Secretary of State William P. Rogers today visited the monument erected at the site of the Warsaw Ghetto in memory of the Jews who perished fighting German troops there. Rogers was accompanied by Assistant Secretary of State Martin J. Hillenbrand, the newly named ambassador to West Germany; Walter J. Stoessel, Jr., ambassador to Poland; and Peter Johnson, special assistant to Rogers.

The visit, Johnson said, was part of a 45-minute tour of the city by the group made at short notice without informing the press in advance. The group spent five or ten minutes at the memorial, he said. Trybuna Ludu, Poland's official newspaper, published today a story headed "Tragedy at Israel Airport at Lod" and told of what it called the "massacre" there.

The trial of Yuri Brind began today in Kharkov, according to the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry. No information was immediately available on what happened. The SSSJ also reported that Aleksander Zhenin and his wife, Etta Bonder, Jewish activists who were jailed for refusing to testify against the defendants in the Kishinev trial, have been allowed to leave the Soviet Union for Israel. The couple were sentenced last Aug. to a six-month term.

DORON REFUTES CHARGE THAT ISRAEL COMMITTS 'WAR CRIMES' IN TERRITORIES

UNITED NATIONS, June 1 (JTA)--Ambassador Jacob Doron, Israel's deputy permanent representative to the United Nations, refuted charges by the United Nations Commission on Human Rights that "grave breaches of the Fourth Geneva Convention committed by Israel in the occupied Arab territories constitute war crimes and an affront to humanity." The commission adopted the resolution on May 23 by a vote of 12-8 with 10 abstentions.

Addressing the UN's Economic and Social Council, Doron said Thursday the very notion of using the expression "war crimes" in any form or manner with reference to actions of Israel in the areas administered by it since 1967, should be "repugnant and abhorrent" to anybody who has preserved a minimal sense of fairness and decency.

The fact is, Doron said, life is progressing normally. "The very fact that last year some 110,000 Arabs from neighboring and other countries came over to visit their relatives and friends" and to tour the areas, speaks for itself, Doron stated. He added that judging by applications for entry permits received so far, the figure of Arab visitors to the areas in the next few months of 1972 will be about 150,000.

Conditions Improve For Arabs

"Has anyone ever heard of tourists going as visitors to places where war crimes were being committed against their brethren?" he asked. Doron pointed out that the Arab residents of the areas, including the Gaza Strip, can travel freely inside Israel and go abroad. He stated that about 100,000 persons from the administered areas have visited Israel, Jordan and other countries, Arab and non-Arab, and then "returned to the areas." Now, he asked, can "allegations of war crimes, supposedly being committed in the areas against these very same people, stand up against these simple facts."

Doron spoke of development programs, including health programs, instituted by Israel for the Arabs in the administered areas and added that instead of being kept in "veritable concentration camps" and not allowed "either freedom of movement or a chance of obtaining employment" as was the situation during Egyptian rule in the Gaza Strip, the Arab residents of the Strip, in addition to freedom of movement, are also free to take up employment in Israel or in the West Bank and many of them are availing themselves of this opportunity.

"It is this enormous change for the better in the Gaza Strip," Doron continued, "which apparently is the cause for Egyptian complaints against Israeli policy and actions there," which - as pointed out on previous occasions - have been, at all times, directed towards ensuring "the safety, welfare and security of the inhabitants of the areas" in accordance with the tenets of international law and Security Council Resolution 237 of 1967.

FIRST WOMAN RABBI BECOMES ASSISTANT AT STEPHEN WISE FREE SYNAGOGUE

NEW YORK, June 1 (JTA)--Dr. Edward E. Klein, senior rabbi of the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue, announced today that Rabbi Sally Priesand, the first woman to be ordained a rabbi, has been appointed assistant rabbi of the synagogue, a congregation of 750 families.

Dr. Klein said, "Rabbi Priesand was selected because of her dedication to the ministry and her splendid record in student pulpits in the south and midwest. She is extremely well equipped for distinguished service as an assistant rabbi by virtue of her deep interest in youth, teaching, preaching,

counseling, and pastoral visiting." Dr. Klein added that the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue, founded in 1907 by the late Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, has always pioneered in social and community action, "and now we are proudly the first to include on our staff a woman rabbi," he said.

Rabbi Priesand will begin her services at the synagogue Aug. 1. She is 25 years old and was born in Fairview Park, Ohio, where she attended the public schools. She received her baccalaureate degree from the University of Cincinnati in 1968. She has served student pulpits in Champaign, Illinois, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, Jackson, Michigan, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and, during the past year, was assistant at the historic Wise Temple in Cincinnati. In 1971 Rabbi Priesand was honored by B'nai B'rith Women at their International Triennial convention in Washington, D.C. for her pioneering role in Jewish religious life. She will receive her diploma at the Cincinnati School of the Hebrew Union College Jewish Institute of Religion tomorrow.

SOVIET JEWISH WOMEN PLEAD FOR HELP FOR IMPRISONED RELATIVES

NEW YORK, June 1 (JTA)--Addressing the Executive Committee of the National Women's League of the United Synagogue of America, two Soviet Jewish women, who are recent emigres to Israel, appealed for help "to let the Soviet Union know that the whole world is aware of their injustices." Mrs. Serafima Kaminsky, whose husband Lassa is in a Soviet jail serving a five-year sentence, said that he was imprisoned on charges of "anti-Soviet activity" simply because he had studied Hebrew and Jewish history, and printed a Hebrew textbook.

Mrs. Mindl Weinger, the sister-in-law of David Chernoglaiz who is also in jail, said that the Soviet government could not break the spirit of those incarcerated. She explained that the Soviets were conducting the trials against Jews in the hopes of frightening them.

Mrs. Henry N. Rapaport, president of the National Women's League, spoke of the success her organization had had in training 5200 women leaders during the League's branch conferences held between April and June. "When we point up the evils of drug abuse, the reasons for lack of communication between the generations, and show the way to building a stronger Jewish family unit, then our women sit up and take notice," she said.

The branch conferences train women who are then responsible for the programming and organizational tasks of sisterhoods throughout the North American continent.

9 OF 10 JEWISH ACTIVISTS RELEASED

NEW YORK, June 1 (JTA)--Nine of the ten Jewish activists arrested in Moscow before President Nixon's arrival have been released now that Nixon has left the Soviet Union, it was reported today by the National Conference on Soviet Jewry. The nine are Vladimir Slepak, Aleksander Slepak, Joseph Begun, Victor Polsky, Boris Orlov, Valentine Prussakov, Roman Rutman, Lev Lebov and Leonid Tsypin. Vladimir Prestin is still being held, and according to unconfirmed reports has been given an additional 15-day term for "hooliganism."

Israel officials reported that the largest number of Soviet immigrants in Israel's history arrived this week, adding that during President Nixon's visit to Moscow the largest number of newcomers ever recorded in a seven-day period arrived. They said this was pure coincidence. No official figures on the number of newcomers were given.



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LEFTIST PARTIES DENOUNCE MASSACRE

JERUSALEM, June 1 (JTA)--Leftist parties and politicians in Israel have strongly condemned Tuesday night's massacre. The Moscow-oriented New Communist Party said in a statement released last night that only Nazi and Fascist groups would resort to the mass murder of innocent persons to achieve their ends. Such methods harm the legitimate aspira-

tions of people seeking self-determination, the statement said.

The Israel Communist Party which does not adhere to the Soviet line called the carnage an abhorrent mass murder and condemned the use of the terms Marxist, Leninist and left-wing by the Arab and Japanese terror groups to describe themselves. Uri Avneri, a Knesset member of the Haolam Hazeh faction, called on left-wing organizations throughout the world to denounce the Lydda massacre.

U.S. LEFTISTS APPALLED

NEW YORK, June 1 (JTA)--Major left-wing parties in the United States today condemned the attack at Lydda Airport terming it "senseless, barbaric, and abominable." Simon W. Gerson, executive editor of the Daily World, the Communist Party newspaper, said, "Marxists have always opposed such terrorism," and said the assassins were anti-Marxist. He also said that imperialists would profit from this action. Richard Hirst of the Progressive Labor Party, a pro-Maoist group, said, "We feel that these (the Japanese) are crazy fascists making war on workers. They're not Marxists." He added that terrorism doesn't win people.

An editorial today in the Morning Freiheit also said that the terrorists were not Marxists and not fighters for freedom. It placed the responsibility for the attack with the Arabs and also with the airlines. Andy Rose of the Trotskyist Young Socialist Alliance, the youth arm of the Socialist Workers Party, said that his group is opposed to terrorism, but thinks that the final responsibility rests with Israel. "The reason that people are driven to such acts is the continued aggression by Israel of the Palestinians," he said. The SWP declined to comment, saying it was in the process of preparing a statement.

POPE EXPRESSES SORROW

JERUSALEM, June 1 (JTA)--Pope Paul VI today instructed Msgr. Pietro Zambi, charge d'affaires of the apostolic delegation in Jerusalem, to express his condolences to President Zalman Shazar. The statement from the Pope said, "With profound sorrow we have received the terrible news of the tragedy that occurred last night at Tel Aviv airport. In deploring this tragic act of unheard of violence against innocent persons, we desire to express to your excellency our deepest, heartfelt sympathy for the stricken families in great mourning, and our best wishes for the wounded." The statement continued, "We incessantly invoke God to halt this conflict of hate and bloodshed that outrages the human conscience and Christian sentiments."

Israeli border police units today took over security control inside Lydda Airport. The police, who had been guarding the outside area and runways, are now massed inside the terminal fully armed.

The foreign victims in the airport shooting will receive the same financial benefits as the Israelis, the National Insurance Institute noted yesterday. Benefits include coverage of all medical and rehabilitation expenses and survivors' aid. The Institute has set up a special team to assist the foreigners wounded at Lydda.

Transport Minister Shimon Peres is investigating a reported attempt to sabotage an El Al airliner in Copenhagen. The report said El Al employees foiled an attempt to smuggle explosives into an air cargo scheduled to fly to Israel today. Copenhagen authorities said they had no knowledge of the attempt.

JEWISH; NON-JEWISH LEADERS URGE NIXON, POPE, WALDHEIM TO HELP END TERRORISM

NEW YORK, June 1 (JTA)--More Jewish and non-Jewish leaders issued statements expressing shock and dismay at the Lydda Airport killings. The lay and rabbinic heads of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations petitioned President Nixon, Pope Paul VI and United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim to use their good offices to put an end to acts of killing and terrorism.

In a telegram, Rabbi Maurice N. Eisenrath, president of the UAHC and Sidney I. Cole, chairman of the board, said, "We wish to express our concern, shock and dismay at the cowardly act perpetrated by international murderers against innocent men, women and children. We are particularly disturbed that those who came to seek spiritual nourishment in the land of the Bible, the Christian pilgrims, should be among the victims.... Had we acted in unison before, this might never have occurred. We urge you to use your moral persuasion upon those leaders who can put an end to these wanton acts."

Sol S. Weiner, general campaign chairman of the Jewish United Fund and the Israel Emergency Fund of Chicago; Raymond Epstein, chairman of the board; Hamilton M. Loeb, Jr., president; and James P. Rice, executive director, sent a telegram to Premier Golda Meir expressing their sorrow. "We share the sense of loss and extend our deepest sympathy to the families of the innocent victims of this inhuman attack."

Congressman Hugh L. Carey (D. N.Y.) said, "The tragic and brutal killing of innocent travelers is a crime against humanity. I have communicated to Prime Minister Golda Meir my deep sympathy at this despicable crime." Carey urged President Nixon and the director of the Federal Aviation Agency to initiate steps "to improve security for travelers on the basis of international technical and law enforcement assistance." He also called for a conference led by the US with representatives of all nations involved in international air traffic "to adopt all necessary steps and implement an international airport security agreement as soon as possible."

MRS. ABZUG URGES BOYCOTT OF BEIRUT

WASHINGTON, June 1 (JTA)--Congresswoman Bella Abzug (D. N.Y.) introduced a resolution today to the House calling upon President Nixon to express the strong disapproval of the United States to the Lebanese and other governments harboring, aiding or encouraging Arab-sponsored terrorist groups.

The resolution urged Congress to call on all international airlines to boycott Beirut until such time as the Lebanese government takes "strong effective measures to terminate the existence of this group (the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine) or any other similar group on its territory." Mrs. Abzug's resolution expressed the "horror, shock and dismay" of Congress at the killing and wounding of innocent civilians, many of them religious pilgrims.

The resolution stated that "Although the perpetrators of this outrage were apparently not of Arab nationality, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine has claimed responsibility for the incident. It is well known that even though this group and other Arab terrorist groups may not be officially connected with the government of Arab nations, they receive the protection and covert support of these governments in planning and carrying out their activities."

PUERTO RICANS TO CONTINUE PILGRIMAGE

JERUSALEM, June 1 (JTA)--The Puerto Rican

survivors of the airport massacre decided, after meeting at their hotel last night, to continue their tour of Israel as planned. Moreover, a second group of pilgrims due to fly here from Rome on Sunday have decided to proceed as originally planned. The leader of the group, the Reverend Avner Munios, told reporters today that one of the factors guiding them in their decision to stay was that they did not want to abandon their fellow pilgrims who had been wounded.

Meanwhile, the Israel government has instructed the head of the Israel Ministry of Tourism in New York, Amram Zur, to fly to Puerto Rico in order to convey Israel's condolences to the families of the dead. If the relatives wish the bodies to be returned to Puerto Rico for burial, the Ministry of Tourism said it will arrange for coffins to be prepared and will bear the cost of their transport. However, if a family decides to have the deceased buried in Israel, the Ministry will bear the expenses of the burial.

WALDHEIM PROMISES TO AID EPPELMAN

NEW YORK, June 1 (JTA)--United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim met with Jewish activists at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J., today and promised to pursue personally the case of Prof. Michael Eppelman, the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry reported. Eppelman left Leningrad for Israel a year ago, but his wife and small daughter have not been allowed to go. Eppelman was scheduled to start a hunger strike today--Universal Children's Day--at the Geneva headquarters of the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

Concurrently, his wife, Paulina, prepared to start a hunger strike in Leningrad. She issued an appeal of the UN Human Rights Commission decrying the "monstrous" Soviet policy of thwarting the "natural desire" and "legal right" of a child to be with her father. Her daughter, Julia, is 8. The prearranged SSSJ meeting with Waldheim was held in the office of Rutgers president Edward Blaustein and was attended by board chairman Archibald Alexander. Waldheim accepted two Bibles and said he would try to have them delivered to Soviet Jewish prisoners Sylva Zalmanson Kuznetsov and Raiza Palatnik.

U.S. OFFICIALS VISIT WARSAW GHETTO SITE

WARSAW, June 1 (JTA)--United States Secretary of State William P. Rogers today visited the monument erected at the site of the Warsaw Ghetto in memory of the Jews who perished fighting German troops there. Rogers was accompanied by Assistant Secretary of State Martin J. Hillenbrand, the newly named ambassador to West Germany; Walter J. Stoessel, Jr., ambassador to Poland; and Peter Johnson, special assistant to Rogers.

The visit, Johnson said, was part of a 45-minute tour of the city by the group made at short notice without informing the press in advance. The group spent five or ten minutes at the memorial, he said. Trybuna Ludu, Poland's official newspaper, published today a story headed "Tragedy at Israel Airport at Lod" and told of what it called the "massacre" there.

The trial of Yuri Brind began today in Kharkov, according to the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry. No information was immediately available on what happened. The SSSJ also reported that Aleksander Zhenin and his wife, Etta Bonder, Jewish activists who were jailed for refusing to testify against the defendants in the Kishinev trial, have been allowed to leave the Soviet Union for Israel. The couple were sentenced last Aug. to a six-month term.

DORON REFUTES CHARGE THAT ISRAEL COMMITTS 'WAR CRIMES' IN TERRITORIES

UNITED NATIONS, June 1 (JTA)--Ambassador Jacob Doron, Israel's deputy permanent representative to the United Nations, refuted charges by the United Nations Commission on Human Rights that "grave breaches of the Fourth Geneva Convention committed by Israel in the occupied Arab territories constitute war crimes and an affront to humanity." The commission adopted the resolution on May 23 by a vote of 12-8 with 10 abstentions.

Addressing the UN's Economic and Social Council, Doron said Thursday the very notion of using the expression "war crimes" in any form or manner with reference to actions of Israel in the areas administered by it since 1967, should be "repugnant and abhorrent" to anybody who has preserved a minimal sense of fairness and decency.

The fact is, Doron said, life is progressing normally. "The very fact that last year some 110,000 Arabs from neighboring and other countries came over to visit their relatives and friends" and to tour the areas, speaks for itself, Doron stated. He added that judging by applications for entry permits received so far, the figure of Arab visitors to the areas in the next few months of 1972 will be about 150,000.

Conditions Improve For Arabs

"Has anyone ever heard of tourists going as visitors to places where war crimes were being committed against their brethren?" he asked. Doron pointed out that the Arab residents of the areas, including the Gaza Strip, can travel freely inside Israel and go abroad. He stated that about 100,000 persons from the administered areas have visited Israel, Jordan and other countries, Arab and non-Arab, and then "returned to the areas." Now, he asked, can "allegations of war crimes, supposedly being committed in the areas against these very same people, stand up against these simple facts."

Doron spoke of development programs, including health programs, instituted by Israel for the Arabs in the administered areas and added that instead of being kept in "veritable concentration camps" and not allowed "either freedom of movement or a chance of obtaining employment" as was the situation during Egyptian rule in the Gaza Strip, the Arab residents of the Strip, in addition to freedom of movement, are also free to take up employment in Israel or in the West Bank and many of them are availing themselves of this opportunity.

"It is this enormous change for the better in the Gaza Strip," Doron continued, "which apparently is the cause for Egyptian complaints against Israeli policy and actions there," which - as pointed out on previous occasions - have been, at all times, directed towards ensuring "the safety, welfare and security of the inhabitants of the areas" in accordance with the tenets of international law and Security Council Resolution 237 of 1967.

FIRST WOMAN RABBI BECOMES ASSISTANT AT STEPHEN WISE FREE SYNAGOGUE

NEW YORK, June 1 (JTA)--Dr. Edward E. Klein, senior rabbi of the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue, announced today that Rabbi Sally Priesand, the first woman to be ordained a rabbi, has been appointed assistant rabbi of the synagogue, a congregation of 750 families.

Dr. Klein said, "Rabbi Priesand was selected because of her dedication to the ministry and her splendid record in student pulpits in the south and midwest. She is extremely well equipped for distinguished service as an assistant rabbi by virtue of her deep interest in youth, teaching, preaching,

counseling, and pastoral visiting." Dr. Klein added that the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue, founded in 1907 by the late Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, has always pioneered in social and community action, "and now we are proudly the first to include on our staff a woman rabbi," he said.

Rabbi Priesand will begin her services at the synagogue Aug. 1. She is 25 years old and was born in Fairview Park, Ohio, where she attended the public schools. She received her baccalaureate degree from the University of Cincinnati in 1968. She has served student pulpits in Champaign, Illinois, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, Jackson, Michigan, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and, during the past year, was assistant at the historic Wise Temple in Cincinnati. In 1971 Rabbi Priesand was honored by B'nai B'rith Women at their International Triennial convention in Washington, D.C. for her pioneering role in Jewish religious life. She will receive her diploma at the Cincinnati School of the Hebrew Union College Jewish Institute of Religion tomorrow.

SOVIET JEWISH WOMEN PLEAD FOR HELP FOR IMPRISONED RELATIVES

NEW YORK, June 1 (JTA)--Addressing the Executive Committee of the National Women's League of the United Synagogue of America, two Soviet Jewish women, who are recent emigres to Israel, appealed for help "to let the Soviet Union know that the whole world is aware of their injustices." Mrs. Serafima Kaminsky, whose husband Lassa! is in a Soviet jail serving a five-year sentence, said that he was imprisoned on charges of "anti-Soviet activity" simply because he had studied Hebrew and Jewish history, and printed a Hebrew textbook.

Mrs. Mindl Weinger, the sister-in-law of David Chernogla! who is also in jail, said that the Soviet government could not break the spirit of those incarcerated. She explained that the Soviets were conducting the trials against Jews in the hopes of frightening them.

Mrs. Henry N. Rapaport, president of the National Women's League, spoke of the success her organization had had in training 5200 women leaders during the League's branch conferences held between April and June. "When we point up the evils of drug abuse, the reasons for lack of communication between the generations, and show the way to building a stronger Jewish family unit, then our women sit up and take notice," she said.

The branch conferences train women who are then responsible for the programming and organizational tasks of sisterhoods throughout the North American continent.

9 OF 10 JEWISH ACTIVISTS RELEASED

NEW YORK, June 1 (JTA)--Nine of the ten Jewish activists arrested in Moscow before President Nixon's arrival have been released now that Nixon has left the Soviet Union, it was reported today by the National Conference on Soviet Jewry. The nine are Vladimir Slepak, Aleksander Slepak, Joseph Begun, Victor Polsky, Boris Orlov, Valentine Prussakov, Roman Rutman, Lev Lebov and Leonid Tsypin. Vladimir Prestin is still being held, and according to unconfirmed reports has been given an additional 15-day term for "hooliganism."

Israel officials reported that the largest number of Soviet immigrants in Israel's history arrived this week, adding that during President Nixon's visit to Moscow the largest number of newcomers ever recorded in a seven-day period arrived. They said this was pure coincidence. No official figures on the number of newcomers were given.