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### PELED WANTS SMOOTHER WAY FOR NEW IMMIGRANTS Asks All Services Under One Roof

JERUSALEM, June 11 (JTA)--More steps need to be taken so that new immigrants can arrange, under one roof, all of their affairs which usually involve several government departments, according to a report by Absorption Minister Natan Peled to the Knesset.

Replying to the annual debate on the work of his Ministry, Peled said that, so far, very little had been done to implement the decision made when the Ministry was created to have officials of every government department available in the Absorption Ministry offices to save immigrants from running from one office to another.

He said the Labor Ministry has officials in every district Absorption Ministry office and at every absorption center but the other government departments do not. He said a discussion last month in the Cabinet had been aimed at getting the other Ministries to follow suit.

In an address earlier to students in Tel Aviv, Peled said his Ministry would soon remove at least one source of resentment by the established population toward new immigrants, At his recommendation, he said, automobiles purchased without the payment of taxes and duties will no longer be required to display a white frame around their license plates. The frame was intended to inform policemen that the driver of the car enjoyed tax exemption granted only to sew immigrants, temporary residents and invalids. Only the owner and his immediate blood relatives are entitled to drive exempted vehicles and the special marking enabled police to check for violations.

But the large number of such cars in Israel has aroused the ire of old-timers. Most Israeli car buyers must pay duties amounting to 250 percent over the price of the vehicle. Instead of a white frame, the tax exempt status of the car would, in the future, be noted on the driver's operating license.

In the Knesset debate, Peled said cutting down on material privileges given immigrants would not help solve the problems of Israel's disadvantaged sector. At the same time, he said, if the nation did not grapple seriously with the problems of the poor, immigration would not be successful.

### AMNESTY OFFICIAL SEES HOPE FOR IMPRISONED SYRIAN JEWS

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Ennals, secretary general of the London-based organization that acts on behalf of political prisoners said so here after speading four days in Damascus. He said he found the atmosphere in the Syrian capital much more relaxed than he had expected.

Ennals said he met with various Syrian officials but was prevented from meeting any officials of the Jewish community. He was the first representative of Amnesty International permitted to enter Syria. He said Syrian officials would admit to only two Jews imprisoned although according to Amnesty's lists there are four Jews still in Syrian jails.

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Last month, 14-18 Syrian Jews who had been imprisoned were released, Ennals said. He said that he asked Syrian authorities if they had complaints against Israel over the mistreatment of prisoners and was referred to the Palestinian organization in Damascus. Ennals said the organization gave him a list of 191 prisoners held in Israel

but no charges of mistreatment.
(A delegation of Canadian Jews led by Sol Kanee, president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, visited Dr. George J. Tomeh, Syrian Ambassador to the United Nations in New York yesterday. They reported having had a full and frank discussion on the situation of Syrian Jews.)

### Refused Civil Marriage In Moscow SEN, TAFT INTERVENING FOR SOVIET JEWISH ACTIVIST AND AMERICAN BRIDE

NEW YORK, June 11 (JTA)--The parents of Judy Silver said today that Sen. Robert Taft, Jr. (R. Chio) has promised to ask the White House to intervene with Soviet authorities to extend the visa of their daughter so that she can remain with her new husband, Miss Silver was married in Moscow Thursday to Gavriel Shapiro, a Soviet Jewish activist, in a religious ceremony performed by an American Orthodox rabbi. Soviet authorities have refused to grant the couple a civil marriage, Miss Silver's visa expires tomorrow.

Dr. and Mrs. Nathan Silver, of Cincinnati, have "implored" the Soviet Government "not to separate these young people," according to Glenn Richter, national coordinator of the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry, He said the Silvers expressed "contioned" that the Soviet authorities would "release" Shapiro who has applied for a visa to go to israel.

The couple was married at Shapiro's home. The ceremony was performed by Rabbi Harry Kranz, of Silver Springs, Md. under a bridal canopy which Miss Silver brought with her to Russia. The bride is a Cincinnati social worker who has been active in behalf of Russian Jews. Shapiro was one of 14 Jewish activists who went into hiding last month after receiving orders to report for military duty. All were officers in the Red Army Reserve and had previously completed their required military service. Their call-up was believed intended to keep them out of circulation during President Nixon's summit trip to Moscow.

Shapiro came out of hiding last Thursday for his wedding. It is feared that he will be either inducted or jailed, Richter told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. Shapiro and his bridge visited the Soviet Palace of Marriages twice last week but were refused a civil ceremony that would legalize their marriage under Soviet law. On the irrst occasion they were told, "We will put all obstacles in your path," Richter reported. On their second visit they were told to return Aug. 30.

# MORE CHURCHMEN CONDEMN LYDDA AIRPORT MASSACRE Workmen's Circle Asks US

Sue Lebanon For Victims

NEW YORK, June 11 (JTA)--Another group of
Christian church leaders has joined in the world-

wide condemnation of the May 30 attack on Lydda : Airport, declaring that "this kind of violence and killing of innocent people must end" and that "the freedom of international travel must be preserved and protected," The statement by four church leaders, issued through the New Jersey Council of Churches, said, "this barbaric assault which took the lives of 25 persons, including 16 Puerto Rican pilgrims to the Holy Land, and seriously wounded scores of others, is an outrage to the conscience of all humanity."

The church leaders added "we condemn the perpetrators of this heinous act and those Arab governments which harbor, support and enourage the barbaric activities of terrorist groups. Responsibility for this massacre must also be borne by the governments and airlines for their failure to provide adequate security and protection for all travelers." They urged the US Government and the United Nation "to put an end to such horrendous acts."

### US Govt. Steps Urged

Meanwhile, the National Council of Jewish Women's executive committee, declared, in a statement that it was "shocked and outraged by the wholesale murders in israel and attempted assassination in the United States," The NCJW called on the US Government to take immediate and specific steps to "break through the climate of intensitying violence

spreading over the national and international scene."
The Workmen's Circle said it had sent an appeal
to President Nixon urging the US to sue Lebanon
before the World Court at The Hague "for the massacre of American citizens at Lydda Airport and to
have the court declare Lebanon guilty of abetting international criminal acts because it permits guerrilla activities on its territory."

### Young Tourist Arouses Suspicion JAPANESE PASSENGER BARRED FROM LANDING IN ISRAEL

er HAIFA, June 11 (JTA)—A young Japanese passen ger who aroused the suspicton of Israeli authorities, was not permitted to disembark from the Italian line Enotria which arrived here several days ago. The passenger, Tadashi Mishimurah, of Osaka, carried a Japanese passport which listed no profession. He claimed to be touring the world but had very little money and no return ticket.

Mishimurah, who boarded the Enotria in Cyprus after visiting Egypt, speaks a little Hebrew. He said he wanted to go to a kibbutz. He also admitted leftist leanings. A guard was placed aboard the liner to prevent him from going ashore before the ship sailed,

The extra precautionary measure was taken in light of the May 30 Lydda Airport massacre by three Japanese gummen in the service of Arab terrorists. Meanwhile passengers aboard the Greek ship Sonion which arrived from Beirut, told newsmen that conditions seemed normal in the Lebanese capital when they were there June 5, the anniversary of the Six-Day War. The passengers said their guide told them "Lebanon wants to be neutral. We want peace with Israel. You can tell them that,"

### JERUSALEM "SEX BOUTIQUE" PROTESTED BY ZEALOTS

JERUSALEM, June 11 (JTA)--Police intervened last night to prevent religious zealots from breaking into the "Eros Boutique," Jerusalem's first "sex shop." The zealots, led by Rabbi Amram Blau of the Neturei Karta, had donned sackoloth and ashes to protest the "profanation of the Holy City." A shoutin match ensued during which some of Blau's followers struck police, but were persuaded to return home. No arrests were made,

### Fewer Leaving Than Want To Go WJC EXPRESSES "ANXIETY" OVER PLIGHT OF RUSSIAN JEWS

NEW YORK, June 11 (JTA)—The Governing Council of the World Jewish Congress registered "anxiety" at its closing session here Friday over the "increasing intimidation" of Soviet Jews, particularly those seeking exit permits to Israel. The Council also called for a world-wide commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the massacre of Jewish intellectuals in Russia which touched off the Stalin terror and marked the beginning of the liquidation of Jewish culture in the Soviet Union,

The resolution noted with appreciation the increased rate of Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union, and also "noted with regret that those who have been permitted to leave constitute only a small fraction of those who want to go." The right to leave a country, the resolution said, is a basic human right of every person. The resolution also called attention to the continued imprisonment of 43 Russian Jews in forced labor camps, "often in harsh conditions."

Dr. S. Levenburg, chairman of the WJC international affairs commission, who presented the report on Soviet Jewry, contrasted the cases of Angela Davis in California, who was freed in an open trial, with that of Sylvia Zalmanson, the Riga nurse who was sentenced to a labor camponly for demanding the right to leave for Israel.

### Goldmann Invites Four

The Council endorsed a proposal by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, WJC president, to invite four leading men in the WJC to work with him in dealing with its affairs. Those invited by Dr. Goldmann are Dr. Joachim Prinz of Orange, NJ., Governing Council Chairman; Dr. Tibor Rosenbaum of Geneva, treasurer; Dr. Gerhart Reigner of Geneva, secretary general; and Louis A. Pincus of Jerusalem, chairman of the executive of the World Zionist Organization.

The Council also took note of Dr. Goldmann's intention to invite to meetings of this leadership all or some of the WJC regional chairmen, the heads of its international affairs and israel political committees, heads of various departments, as well as representatives of major Jewish organizations affiliated with the WJC if their presence should be necessary for discussion of specific problems.

Since the Governing Council cannot make changes in the organizational structure of the WJC, it was understood that the WJC executive committee would review the situation at its meeting next year and confirm the composition of the leadership group, or make such changes as necessary. It was indicated that the final structure would rest with the plenary assembly which will meet in 1974 and make the necessary constitutional changes.

### NIXON EXPECTED TO SIGN ETHNIC STUDIES ACT

WASHINGTON, June 11 (JTA)—President Nixon is expected to sign into law early this week the "Ethnic Heritage Studies Program" act which its sponsor said will include Jewish communities in the United States. Congress approved the program Friday as part of the Higher Education Aid law.

The act, sponsored by Sen. Richard S. Schweiker (R. Pa.), recommends expenditure by the Administration of up to \$15 million for carrying out its provisions during the first year. The act authorizes the US Commissioner of Education to make grants for programs, development of curriculum material and dissemination of information relating to the history, culture and traditions of the country's various ethnic and minority groups."

An aide to Sen. Schweiker told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that "The Jewish communities certainly will be included in this program." Other groups include Blacks, Mexicans, Central and Eastern Europeans, Puerto Ricans and other Latin Americans, as well as Chinese, Japanese, American Indians and others.

The Department of Health, Education and Welfare will prepare the materials in cooperation with representatives of the ethnic groups. The materials will be disseminated through their centers. The aide said "In the case of the Jewish people, we expect they would be distributed from a temple, a community center or a school."

Sen. Schweiker described the act as "a pilot program" and said one of the measures of its success would be "how well various ethnic and minority groups work together in getting this program started,"

### CHURCH GROUP URGES MEMBERS TO CONTINUE ISRAEL TRAVEL

NEW YORK, June 11 (JTA)--The National Council of Churches asked its members today to engage in "continued travel to the Holy Land... as a direct way for Christians to witness with courage for peace there and to stand against the isolation of Israel." Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, Interreligious Affairs Director of the American Jewish Committee, an official observer at the Council's national board meeting, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency the appeal was "unprecedented" for the Council."

The unanimous resolution was keyed to the Lydda massacre, which the Council called an "act of terror" that "shocked the world community." Such "slaughter," it said, "cannot be tolerated either sia a technique for discouraging travel. . . to a Holy Land sacred to the three world religions or as an appropriate strategy in the struggle to find a solution to the problems of the Middle East." The Council urged "all Christians" to "join in prayer for the victims" families and for Israel and her people in this time of sorrow for all of us. "The measure called on the United Nations, world governments and airlines to "device and maintain more effective security measures."

In one passage the resolution said that "As Christians we cannot justify any terrories attacks regardless of the provocation" in Vietnam, Northern Ireland, the Middle East or elsewhere. It was reliably understood that this passage—implying Israeli responsibility for the Lydda Airport shootout—was a gesture to the Syrian Orthodox Church, which put "tremendous pressure" on the Council for a strong anti-israel measure.

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Sapir dismissed talk of reduced defense expenditures in the future. The defense budget will continue to have a heavy impact on the economy, he said.

### PELED WANTS SMOOTHER WAY FOR NEW IMMIGRANTS Asks All Services Under One Roof

JERUSALEM, June 11 (JTA)--More steps need to be taken so that new immigrants can arrange, under one roof, all of their affairs which usually involve several government departments, according to a report by Absorption Minister Natan Peled to the Knesset.

Replying to the annual debate on the work of his Ministry, Peled said that, so far, very little had been done to implement the decision made when the Ministry was created to have officials of every government department available in the Absorption Ministry offices to save immigrants from running from one office to another.

He said the Labor Ministry has officials in every district Absorption Ministry office and at every absorption center but the other government departments do not. He said a discussion last month in the Cabinet had been aimed at getting the other Ministries to follow suit.

In an address earlier to students in Tel Aviv, Peled said his Ministry would soon remove at least one source of resentment by the established population toward new immigrants, At his recommendation, he said, automobiles purchased without the payment of taxes and duties will no longer be required to display a white frame around their license plates. The frame was intended to inform policemen that the driver of the car enjoyed tax exemption granted only to sew immigrants, temporary residents and invalids. Only the owner and his immediate blood relatives are entitled to drive exempted vehicles and the special marking enabled police to check for violations.

But the large number of such cars in Israel has aroused the ire of old-timers. Most Israeli car buyers must pay duties amounting to 250 percent over the price of the vehicle. Instead of a white frame, the tax exempt status of the car would, in the future, be noted on the driver's operating license.

In the Knesset debate, Peled said cutting down on material privileges given immigrants would not help solve the problems of Israel's disadvantaged sector. At the same time, he said, if the nation did not grapple seriously with the problems of the poor, immigration would not be successful.

### AMNESTY OFFICIAL SEES HOPE FOR IMPRISONED SYRIAN JEWS

TEL AVIV. June 11 (JTA)—An official of Amnesty International expressed hope today that four Jews still imprisoned in Syria would be released. Martin ~3-

Ennals, secretary general of the London-based organization that acts on behalf of political prisoners said so here after speading four days in Damascus. He said he found the atmosphere in the Syrian capital much more relaxed than he had expected.

Ennals said he met with various Syrian officials but was prevented from meeting any officials of the Jewish community. He was the first representative of Amnesty International permitted to enter Syria. He said Syrian officials would admit to only two Jews imprisoned although according to Amnesty's lists there are four Jews still in Syrian jails.

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Last month, 14-18 Syrian Jews who had been imprisoned were released, Ennals said. He said that he asked Syrian authorities if they had complaints against Israel over the mistreatment of prisoners and was referred to the Palestinian organization in Damascus. Ennals said the organization gave him a list of 191 prisoners held in Israel

but no charges of mistreatment.
(A delegation of Canadian Jews led by Sol Kanee, president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, visited Dr. George J. Tomeh, Syrian Ambassador to the United Nations in New York yesterday. They reported having had a full and frank discussion on the situation of Syrian Jews.)

### Refused Civil Marriage In Moscow SEN, TAFT INTERVENING FOR SOVIET JEWISH ACTIVIST AND AMERICAN BRIDE

NEW YORK, June 11 (JTA)--The parents of Judy Silver said today that Sen. Robert Taft, Jr. (R. Chio) has promised to ask the White House to intervene with Soviet authorities to extend the visa of their daughter so that she can remain with her new husband, Miss Silver was married in Moscow Thursday to Gavriel Shapiro, a Soviet Jewish activist, in a religious ceremony performed by an American Orthodox rabbi. Soviet authorities have refused to grant the couple a civil marriage, Miss Silver's visa expires tomorrow.

Dr. and Mrs. Nathan Silver, of Cincinnati, have "implored" the Soviet Government "not to separate these young people," according to Glenn Richter, national coordinator of the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry, He said the Silvers expressed "contioned" that the Soviet authorities would "release" Shapiro who has applied for a visa to go to israel.

The couple was married at Shapiro's home. The ceremony was performed by Rabbi Harry Kranz, of Silver Springs, Md. under a bridal canopy which Miss Silver brought with her to Russia. The bride is a Cincinnati social worker who has been active in behalf of Russian Jews. Shapiro was one of 14 Jewish activists who went into hiding last month after receiving orders to report for military duty. All were officers in the Red Army Reserve and had previously completed their required military service. Their call-up was believed intended to keep them out of circulation during President Nixon's summit trip to Moscow.

Shapiro came out of hiding last Thursday for his wedding. It is feared that he will be either inducted or jailed, Richter told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. Shapiro and his bridge visited the Soviet Palace of Marriages twice last week but were refused a civil ceremony that would legalize their marriage under Soviet law. On the irrst occasion they were told, "We will put all obstacles in your path," Richter reported. On their second visit they were told to return Aug. 30.

# MORE CHURCHMEN CONDEMN LYDDA AIRPORT MASSACRE Workmen's Circle Asks US

Sue Lebanon For Victims

NEW YORK, June 11 (JTA)--Another group of
Christian church leaders has joined in the world-

wide condemnation of the May 30 attack on Lydda : Airport, declaring that "this kind of violence and killing of innocent people must end" and that "the freedom of international travel must be preserved and protected," The statement by four church leaders, issued through the New Jersey Council of Churches, said, "this barbaric assault which took the lives of 25 persons, including 16 Puerto Rican pilgrims to the Holy Land, and seriously wounded scores of others, is an outrage to the conscience of all humanity."

The church leaders added "we condemn the perpetrators of this heinous act and those Arab governments which harbor, support and enourage the barbaric activities of terrorist groups. Responsibility for this massacre must also be borne by the governments and airlines for their failure to provide adequate security and protection for all travelers." They urged the US Government and the United Nation "to put an end to such horrendous acts."

### US Govt. Steps Urged

Meanwhile, the National Council of Jewish Women's executive committee, declared, in a statement that it was "shocked and outraged by the wholesale murders in israel and attempted assassination in the United States," The NCJW called on the US Government to take immediate and specific steps to "break through the climate of intensitying violence

spreading over the national and international scene."
The Workmen's Circle said it had sent an appeal
to President Nixon urging the US to sue Lebanon
before the World Court at The Hague "for the massacre of American citizens at Lydda Airport and to
have the court declare Lebanon guilty of abetting international criminal acts because it permits guerrilla activities on its territory."

### Young Tourist Arouses Suspicion JAPANESE PASSENGER BARRED FROM LANDING IN ISRAEL

er HAIFA, June 11 (JTA)—A young Japanese passen ger who aroused the suspicton of Israeli authorities, was not permitted to disembark from the Italian line Enotria which arrived here several days ago. The passenger, Tadashi Mishimurah, of Osaka, carried a Japanese passport which listed no profession. He claimed to be touring the world but had very little money and no return ticket.

Mishimurah, who boarded the Enotria in Cyprus after visiting Egypt, speaks a little Hebrew. He said he wanted to go to a kibbutz. He also admitted leftist leanings. A guard was placed aboard the liner to prevent him from going ashore before the ship sailed,

The extra precautionary measure was taken in light of the May 30 Lydda Airport massacre by three Japanese gummen in the service of Arab terrorists. Meanwhile passengers aboard the Greek ship Sonion which arrived from Beirut, told newsmen that conditions seemed normal in the Lebanese capital when they were there June 5, the anniversary of the Six-Day War. The passengers said their guide told them "Lebanon wants to be neutral. We want peace with Israel. You can tell them that,"

### JERUSALEM "SEX BOUTIQUE" PROTESTED BY ZEALOTS

JERUSALEM, June 11 (JTA)--Police intervened last night to prevent religious zealots from breaking into the "Eros Boutique," Jerusalem's first "sex shop." The zealots, led by Rabbi Amram Blau of the Neturei Karta, had donned sackoloth and ashes to protest the "profanation of the Holy City." A shoutin match ensued during which some of Blau's followers struck police, but were persuaded to return home. No arrests were made,

### Fewer Leaving Than Want To Go WJC EXPRESSES "ANXIETY" OVER PLIGHT OF RUSSIAN JEWS

NEW YORK, June 11 (JTA)—The Governing Council of the World Jewish Congress registered "anxiety" at its closing session here Friday over the "increasing intimidation" of Soviet Jews, particularly those seeking exit permits to Israel. The Council also called for a world-wide commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the massacre of Jewish intellectuals in Russia which touched off the Stalin terror and marked the beginning of the liquidation of Jewish culture in the Soviet Union,

The resolution noted with appreciation the increased rate of Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union, and also "noted with regret that those who have been permitted to leave constitute only a small fraction of those who want to go." The right to leave a country, the resolution said, is a basic human right of every person. The resolution also called attention to the continued imprisonment of 43 Russian Jews in forced labor camps, "often in harsh conditions."

Dr. S. Levenburg, chairman of the WJC international affairs commission, who presented the report on Soviet Jewry, contrasted the cases of Angela Davis in California, who was freed in an open trial, with that of Sylvia Zalmanson, the Riga nurse who was sentenced to a labor camponly for demanding the right to leave for Israel.

### Goldmann Invites Four

The Council endorsed a proposal by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, WJC president, to invite four leading men in the WJC to work with him in dealing with its affairs. Those invited by Dr. Goldmann are Dr. Joachim Prinz of Orange, NJ., Governing Council Chairman; Dr. Tibor Rosenbaum of Geneva, treasurer; Dr. Gerhart Reigner of Geneva, secretary general; and Louis A. Pincus of Jerusalem, chairman of the executive of the World Zionist Organization.

The Council also took note of Dr. Goldmann's intention to invite to meetings of this leadership all or some of the WJC regional chairmen, the heads of its international affairs and israel political committees, heads of various departments, as well as representatives of major Jewish organizations affiliated with the WJC if their presence should be necessary for discussion of specific problems.

Since the Governing Council cannot make changes in the organizational structure of the WJC, it was understood that the WJC executive committee would review the situation at its meeting next year and confirm the composition of the leadership group, or make such changes as necessary. It was indicated that the final structure would rest with the plenary assembly which will meet in 1974 and make the necessary constitutional changes.

### NIXON EXPECTED TO SIGN ETHNIC STUDIES ACT

WASHINGTON, June 11 (JTA)—President Nixon is expected to sign into law early this week the "Ethnic Heritage Studies Program" act which its sponsor said will include Jewish communities in the United States. Congress approved the program Friday as part of the Higher Education Aid law.

The act, sponsored by Sen. Richard S. Schweiker (R. Pa.), recommends expenditure by the Administration of up to \$15 million for carrying out its provisions during the first year. The act authorizes the US Commissioner of Education to make grants for programs, development of curriculum material and dissemination of information relating to the history, culture and traditions of the country's various ethnic and minority groups."

An aide to Sen. Schweiker told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that "The Jewish communities certainly will be included in this program." Other groups include Blacks, Mexicans, Central and Eastern Europeans, Puerto Ricans and other Latin Americans, as well as Chinese, Japanese, American Indians and others.

The Department of Health, Education and Welfare will prepare the materials in cooperation with representatives of the ethnic groups. The materials will be disseminated through their centers. The aide said "In the case of the Jewish people, we expect they would be distributed from a temple, a community center or a school."

Sen. Schweiker described the act as "a pilot program" and said one of the measures of its success would be "how well various ethnic and minority groups work together in getting this program started,"

### CHURCH GROUP URGES MEMBERS TO CONTINUE ISRAEL TRAVEL

NEW YORK, June 11 (JTA)--The National Council of Churches asked its members today to engage in "continued travel to the Holy Land... as a direct way for Christians to witness with courage for peace there and to stand against the isolation of Israel." Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, Interreligious Affairs Director of the American Jewish Committee, an official observer at the Council's national board meeting, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency the appeal was "unprecedented" for the Council."

The unanimous resolution was keyed to the Lydda massacre, which the Council called an "act of terror" that "shocked the world community." Such "slaughter," it said, "cannot be tolerated either sia a technique for discouraging travel. . . to a Holy Land sacred to the three world religions or as an appropriate strategy in the struggle to find a solution to the problems of the Middle East." The Council urged "all Christians" to "join in prayer for the victims" families and for Israel and her people in this time of sorrow for all of us. "The measure called on the United Nations, world governments and airlines to "device and maintain more effective security measures."

In one passage the resolution said that "As Christians we cannot justify any terrories attacks regardless of the provocation" in Vietnam, Northern Ireland, the Middle East or elsewhere. It was reliably understood that this passage—implying Israeli responsibility for the Lydda Airport shootout—was a gesture to the Syrian Orthodox Church, which put "tremendous pressure" on the Council for a strong anti-israel measure.

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### YOUTHFUL ZIONIST LEADER HONORED ON ELECTION TO WZO EXECUTIVE

NEW YORK, June 11 (JTA)—Dr. Allen Pollack, a 34 year-old assistant professor of history at Yeshiva University, was honored by the Labor Zionist Alliance today on his election to the World Zionist Organization Executive of which he is one of the youngest members: A reception tendered him by the LZA also marked the establishment of the Allen Pollack Leadership Development Fund for Habonim, the Labor Zionist Youth Movement.

Dr. Pollack is a member of the Leadership Cabinet of the United Jewish Appeal, a member of the national executive committee of the LZA, and chair-

man of its community action committee.