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The Deputy Premier told the group that 24 years had passed since the villagers were evacuated in the heat of battle during the war and rehabilitated elsewhere. He added that "now that the problem of their return" to the area had come up, Mrs. Meir would have to study the problem and find a solution. He stressed that the issue would not be reviewed under threats of pressure or violence.

Sources said that some 600 residents were evicted from Ikrit and 800 from Baram, two Maronite villages. They said the eviction was a necessity during the 1948 war because the area was then considered a security zone.

ARAFAT DENIES TERRORISTS AGREED TO PULL BACK FROM LEBANON BORDER

JERUSALEM, July 2 (JTA)--Yasir Arafat, head of the El Fatah terrorist group, denied last night reports that El Fatah was withdrawing its forces from the Lebanese border area adjacent to Israel. Speaking at a meeting at the South Lebanon town of Salyde, Arafat said "the Fedayeen will not withdraw from southern Lebanon and their numbers there will not be decreased." The area is known as Fatahland in recognition of the fact that for some time, it has been under control of various guerrilla groups which have used it for staging areas for strikes into Israel, bringing Israeli reprisals which have evoked concern from Lebanese authorities and condemnations of Israel by the United Nations Security Council.

Arafat insisted that the Lebanese-based guerrilla groups had undertaken only to act in a way which would not "prejudice" Lebanon's interests. He added that he was seeking a formula which would satisfy both the guerrilla groups and the Lebanese authorities.

OKAMOTO COOPERATING WITH ATTORNEY, SAYS HE PREFERS CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

TEL AVIV, July 2 (JTA)--Kozo Okamoto, the Japanese "kamikaze" gunman, promised today to cooperate fully with his Israeli defense attorney when he goes on trial for his part in the May 30 Lydda Airport massacre. Max Kritzman, the court-appointed lawyer, said he had a three hour talk with Okamoto through an interpreter from the Japanese Embassy, at which a psychiatrist was present.

He said Okamoto told him that he would prefer to be tried in Japan which has capital punishment but that otherwise the prisoner was agreeable and said he wanted nothing to stand in the way of a swift trial. According to Kritzman, Okamoto offered to give him power of attorney in order to avert possible procedural difficulties at the start of the trial. But the attorney said he preferred to act as the nominee of the court.

Okamoto will be tried by a military tribunal which, owing to its composition, cannot impose the death penalty. Preparations for the trial, to be held at a military base as yet undisclosed, are expected to take another two weeks.

JERUSALEM, July 2 (JTA)--Israelis face a five percent hike in their electric bills next month. A ministerial committee decided Sunday to raise the rates of the State-owned electric company to meet rising fuel and labor costs. Israel's electric plants operate entirely on fossil fuels because of the lack of water power in the country, which ups costs.

Sees Parallel Problems NJCRC CHAIRMAN URGES STRONGER PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN ISRAELIS, AMERICAN JEWS

LOS ANGELES, July 2 (JTA)--The need for a stronger partnership between the Jewish communities of Israel and America is pointed up by the parallels between the social problems of the two communities, the annual plenary of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council was told here today.

Albert E. Arent of Washington, D.C. NJCRAC chairman, cited Israel's urban crisis, integration problems and church-state disputes as "familiar echoes" of Jewish community relations issues in the United States. Elected to a third one-year term as chairman at the plenary closing session, he told the 300 delegates that both communities had much to gain from "a partnership to share experiences and insights from our respective histories as dynamic Jewish communities." He expressed criticism of Israeli Jews who still "regard diaspora communities as merely sources of aliyah and aid and support." He added he was "appalled" by the "depth of ignorance among so many Israelis about the American Jewish community--its structure, diversity, dynamism, achievements and failures."

The implication, he added, is that Israelis educators believe that Jewish communities outside of Israel do not "merit inclusion" in Israeli education planning. He said "this troubles me deeply because the Jewish future is not only in Israel but in all the vital centers of Jewish life that will survive."

In proposing a partnership which would "freely and openly exchange opinions, criticisms and suggestions," he stressed that "neither" would be "a silent partner." He said that the American Jewish community could gain from study of how Israel "is trying to speed upward economic and social mobility of her depressed Jews" and that perhaps Israel could "learn something from us about the integration of minorities." Similarly, he said, "the Jewishness of the State does not insulate it against clashes with religion," and Israel "might also learn from the development of the pluralistic American Jewish community in which the several wings of Judaism" have "accommodated to their differences."

It was announced here that the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago was unanimously elected to membership in the NJCRAC, the 93rd community to join with its nine national Jewish organizations in the activities of the coordinating agency.

"Alarmist" Statements Denounced

A policy statement approved at an earlier session denounced as "irresponsible and reprehensible" any "alarmist assertions" that a massive wave of anti-Semitism was likely to confront the American Jewish community. While the statement did not refer by name to the Jewish Defense League, it was understood to represent a sharp repudiation of publicized statements by the JDL and its leader, Rabbi Meir Kahane, of an impending "American holocaust."

The Jewish leaders declared that "in no place and at no time in modern history have Jews as a group been more secure than in the United States in the present generation."

Ratification of Genocide Convention Seen Likely

The delegates were told yesterday that the genocide convention, shelved by the US Senate for more than 23 years, will be up for a floor vote this fall with ratification likely. David M. Blumberg, president of B'nai B'rith, told the session that the B'nai B'rith had been advised that Senate majority leader Mike Mansfield was "favorably disposed" toward bringing

up the long-stalled measure during the current Congressional session.

Blumberg told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he had written Mansfield to commend him for his initiative and leadership in support of the convention as a significant contribution toward setting "a higher standard of international morality and law." Many of the NJCRAC's constituent national organizations and local community relations councils have been seeking ratification of the convention for more than two decades.

AJCONGRESS HAILS SUPREME COURT RULING COMPULSORY CHAPEL UNCONSTITUTIONAL

NEW YORK, July 2 (JTA)--The American Jewish Congress expressed gratification today over the US Supreme Court's ruling that compulsory attendance at chapel by cadets at US service academies was unconstitutional. The Court's decision upheld a brief filed as friend-of-the-court by AJCongress special counsel Leo Pfeffer on behalf of 13 Jewish organizations, secular and religious. The organizations included affiliates of the Orthodox, Conservative and Reform branches of American Judaism.

They were joined in similar briefs filed by 42 Protestant groups. Pfeffer's brief argued that compulsory chapel attendance was "archaic" and "inconsistent with American traditions of religious freedom."

It cited the "long and ignoble history" of government surveillance of religious worship, especially as it affected Jewish communities from the Roman domination in Judea through Czarist Russia. "Wherever there has been an established church there is a history of governmental surveillance of church services to uncover heresy in worship and in totalitarian states to uncover sedition in sermons," Pfeffer wrote. "Revulsion to governmental and military intrusion upon sacred premises is reflected in the Biblical prohibition to which the only exception occurs when the intrusion is necessary to apprehend a deliberate murderer," he pointed out.

DUTCH OFFICIALS CONSIDERING ARMED GUARDS FOR KLM PLANES

AMSTERDAM, July 2 (JTA)--The Secretary of the Dutch Ministry of Communications, A. Krusinga, today confirmed that the Dutch government is considering staffing its most "threatened" airplanes with security guards who will be armed with pistols. Sources close to the Ministry said the Middle Eastern routes of KLM would "obviously" come under the threatened heading.

The pistols to be used by the security guards will be equipped with explosive dum-dum bullets, "since any other kind of bullets could perforate the plane's body," Krusinga said. The use of dum-dum bullets was forbidden during World War I and still is proscribed by many international agreements, including the Geneva Convention. Until now only the Israeli El Al Airlines has put armed security guards on its planes.

In another development, KLM announced today that it has signed an agreement with Israel allowing it to make a fourth weekly landing at Lydda Airport. The agreement took effect yesterday when a jumbo jet with 200 passengers took off from Schiphol Airport here for Lydda.

LONDON, July 2 (JTA)--Teachers and students of Carmel College wrote Prime Minister Edward Heath to thank him for supporting the Soviet Jewry campaign and to ask him to intervene with the Soviet authorities to expedite delivery of 32 packages sent to Leonid Slepak of Moscow on his bar mitzvah.

REP. BINGHAM AIDS ORTHODOX GROUP OVER RULE MAKING POULTRY UNACCEPTABLE TO RELIGIOUS JEWS

WASHINGTON, July 2 (JTA)--Rep. Jonathan Bingham (D., N.Y.), has introduced legislation to bar a decision by the United States Department of Agriculture which would deny an exemption to an Orthodox Jewish group from a Federal statute regarding feather removal and cooling and chilling requirements for dressed poultry.

In presenting his bill which went to the House Agricultural Committee for consideration, Rep. Bingham criticized the department for its "insensitivity to the needs of the Orthodox Jewish community." Without an exemption, Bingham said, Orthodox Jews will not be able to buy poultry in conformity with Jewish dietary laws. Bingham described the department's pending ruling as "an intolerable breach of freedom of religion."

"There are many Jewish citizens, who, because of their religious beliefs and observance of Jewish laws, will only consume chickens that are freshly slaughtered and will not purchase plucked and frozen chickens," Bingham said. According to Bingham's office, the request for the exemption was made by Rabbi Meyer Cohen of New York, Director of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada.

Dr. William Dubert, an aide to Dr. Kenneth McEnroe, head of the meat and poultry inspection program of the Agriculture Department, confirmed to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the department was preparing to issue a denial of the requested exemption. The problem, according to Dr. Dubert, has arisen from the acceptance by state authorities of the Federal Wholesale Products Act of 1968, which calls for plucking and chilling of fowl used in interstate commerce. Fowl handled locally are not subjected to the Federal jurisdiction but the regulations both locally and Federally are now practically joined, according to Dubert.

In the department's investigation, Dubert said, Federal inspectors found they could not satisfactorily examine unplucked chickens. He also said that retail outlets may continue to be a source of live poultry which may be handled in accordance with the individual's requirements. He conceded this arrangement may not be satisfactory. Dubert also asserted that there is no uniformity within the Jewish community of concern regarding the regulations.

US, YEMEN, RESUME DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

WASHINGTON, July 2 (JTA)--The United States and Yemen formally resumed diplomatic relations today, the State Department announced. The move, symbolized by an exchange of toasts between US Secretary of State William P. Rogers and Yemeni Premier and Foreign Minister Mohsen el-Ayni in Sana, ended a breach that dated from June, 1967 when Yemen broke relations with Washington during the Arab-Israeli Six-Day War.

Yemen is the first of the Arab countries that severed ties with the US at that time to re-establish them. Secretary Rogers is the first American Secretary of State to visit the nation on the southwestern tip of the Arabian peninsula. His flight there from Jakarta, Indonesia, yesterday was an unscheduled detour from the Secretary's current world trip.

A State Department official said of the renewed relations today, "We think it is a very positive and important development," but declined to say whether other Arab countries would follow Yemen's example.

According to Yemeni government sources, President Abdul Rahman al-Iryani of Yemen sent a mes-

sage to other Arab heads of state before Rogers' visit explaining that Yemen has suffered economic set-backs because of the absence of relations with the US. He was said to have remarked that none of the other Arab nations had offered to assist Yemen to meet its financial problems.

CAMPERS, HILLEL STUDENTS AIDED FLOOD VICTIMS

NEW YORK, July 2 (JTA)--Students affiliated with the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at State University in Buffalo and campers at Ramah Camp in the Poconos were in the vanguard of groups aiding victims of the floods that devastated parts of upper New York State and Pennsylvania in the wake of tropical storm Agnes, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned.

Camp Ramah, one of a network of summer camps maintained by the Conservative movement in American Judaism, sent substantial food supplies to the Scranton-Wilkes-Barre area. It also provided temporary living quarters for the parents of campers whose homes in the stricken area were flooded. The camp sent clean-up crews consisting of adults and youngsters aged 10-18 to assist in cleaning synagogues in the region damaged by flood waters.

The Hillel House on the Buffalo campus served as a drop-off point for food, clothing and medical supplies donated for flood victims in upper NY State.

ANTI-SEMITIC PLAY BY JEWS SCORED IN ARGENTINA

BUENOS AIRES, July 2 (JTA)--A play with serious anti-Semitic implications, written by two Jews and staged by two others, has aroused a storm of controversy here. Titled "Jew or Innocent," it is being performed by the "Xirgu" Theater. The critic of La Prensa, one of Argentina's leading newspapers, called it "a rapid training course in anti-Semitism."

As the title implies, the play presents a fictitious courtroom proceeding in which the prosecutor accuses Jews of being God-killers, userers and racists. The case for the "prosecution" lasts three times as long as the "defense," and the lines given the "defense" attorney are weak and apologetic, according to persons who have seen the play. The Jewish School Committee, which booked a benefit performance of the play on the basis of its Jewish authorship, issued a statement claiming it was duped.

The play was written by Matilde Benziñgor and Ricardo Halac, both Jews. The choreography and scenery were the work of two other Jews, Lia Jelin and Carlos Cyntrynowski. Critics of the play pointed out that the very title indicates presumption of guilt. The "defense" counsel has lines mentioning the Nazi holocaust and the Vatican II injunction against anti-Semitism. But he also states at one point, "The vampires are not only Jews"; at another he asks, "Why is it that if a Jew goes to Israel all Jews are called traitors?" The implication is that Jews who go to Israel are ipso facto traitors.

BULGARIAN JEW GETS GOVERNMENT AWARD

SOFIA, July 2 (JTA)--The Bulgarian Council of State has awarded Haim Loise Salomonov, a Jew, the order of "Ninth September 1944" for his "outstanding performance in socialist competition," government sources announced today. The order is awarded to Bulgarian workers who distinguish themselves in work for the national economy. Salomonov, a resident of Yasna Poliana, a village in the region of Burgas, was awarded the order on the occasion of the yearly festival of the light industry workers.



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The protesters ended their demonstration when the Archbishop told them he had received word that Acting Premier Yigal Allon would meet with

a delegation the next day. The Deputy Premier met with some of the demonstrators and with the Archbishop in Haifa on Friday and said the matter of their return to the two villages would have to be decided on by Premier Golda Meir on her return from her current visit to an International Socialist conference in Vienna. He did not mention rumors that Israeli authorities might allow the return of the villagers to the sites under certain conditions.

The Deputy Premier told the group that 24 years had passed since the villagers were evacuated in the heat of battle during the war and rehabilitated elsewhere. He added that "now that the problem of their return" to the area had come up, Mrs. Meir would have to study the problem and find a solution. He stressed that the issue would not be reviewed under threats of pressure or violence.

Sources said that some 600 residents were evicted from Ikrit and 800 from Baram, two Maronite villages. They said the eviction was a necessity during the 1948 war because the area was then considered a security zone.

ARAFAT DENIES TERRORISTS AGREED TO PULL BACK FROM LEBANON BORDER

JERUSALEM, July 2 (JTA)--Yasir Arafat, head of the El Fatah terrorist group, denied last night reports that El Fatah was withdrawing its forces from the Lebanese border area adjacent to Israel. Speaking at a meeting at the South Lebanon town of Salyde, Arafat said "the Fedayeen will not withdraw from southern Lebanon and their numbers there will not be decreased." The area is known as Fatahland in recognition of the fact that for some time, it has been under control of various guerrilla groups which have used it for staging areas for strikes into Israel, bringing Israeli reprisals which have evoked concern from Lebanese authorities and condemnations of Israel by the United Nations Security Council.

Arafat insisted that the Lebanese-based guerrilla groups had undertaken only to act in a way which would not "prejudice" Lebanon's interests. He added that he was seeking a formula which would satisfy both the guerrilla groups and the Lebanese authorities.

OKAMOTO COOPERATING WITH ATTORNEY, SAYS HE PREFERS CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

TEL AVIV, July 2 (JTA)--Kozo Okamoto, the Japanese "kamikaze" gunman, promised today to cooperate fully with his Israeli defense attorney when he goes on trial for his part in the May 30 Lydda Airport massacre. Max Kritzman, the court-appointed lawyer, said he had a three hour talk with Okamoto through an interpreter from the Japanese Embassy, at which a psychiatrist was present.

He said Okamoto told him that he would prefer to be tried in Japan which has capital punishment but that otherwise the prisoner was agreeable and said he wanted nothing to stand in the way of a swift trial. According to Kritzman, Okamoto offered to give him power of attorney in order to avert possible procedural difficulties at the start of the trial. But the attorney said he preferred to act as the nominee of the court.

Okamoto will be tried by a military tribunal which, owing to its composition, cannot impose the death penalty. Preparations for the trial, to be held at a military base as yet undisclosed, are expected to take another two weeks.

JERUSALEM, July 2 (JTA)--Israelis face a five percent hike in their electric bills next month. A ministerial committee decided Sunday to raise the rates of the State-owned electric company to meet rising fuel and labor costs. Israel's electric plants operate entirely on fossil fuels because of the lack of water power in the country, which ups costs.

Sees Parallel Problems NJCRC CHAIRMAN URGES STRONGER PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN ISRAELIS, AMERICAN JEWS

LOS ANGELES, July 2 (JTA)--The need for a stronger partnership between the Jewish communities of Israel and America is pointed up by the parallels between the social problems of the two communities, the annual plenary of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council was told here today.

Albert E. Arent of Washington, D.C. NJCRAC chairman, cited Israel's urban crisis, integration problems and church-state disputes as "familiar echoes" of Jewish community relations issues in the United States. Elected to a third one-year term as chairman at the plenary closing session, he told the 300 delegates that both communities had much to gain from "a partnership to share experiences and insights from our respective histories as dynamic Jewish communities." He expressed criticism of Israeli Jews who still "regard diaspora communities as merely sources of aliya and aid and support." He added he was "appalled" by the "depth of ignorance among so many Israelis about the American Jewish community--its structure, diversity, dynamism, achievements and failures."

The implication, he added, is that Israelis educators believe that Jewish communities outside of Israel do not "merit inclusion" in Israeli education planning. He said "this troubles me deeply because the Jewish future is not only in Israel but in all the vital centers of Jewish life that will survive."

In proposing a partnership which would "freely and openly exchange opinions, criticisms and suggestions," he stressed that "neither" would be "a silent partner." He said that the American Jewish community could gain from study of how Israel "is trying to speed upward economic and social mobility of her depressed Jews" and that perhaps Israel could "learn something from us about the integration of minorities." Similarly, he said, "the Jewishness of the State does not insulate it against clashes with religion," and Israel "might also learn from the development of the pluralistic American Jewish community in which the several wings of Judaism" have "accommodated to their differences."

It was announced here that the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago was unanimously elected to membership in the NJCRAC, the 93rd community to join with its nine national Jewish organizations in the activities of the coordinating agency.

"Alarmist" Statements Denounced

A policy statement approved at an earlier session denounced as "irresponsible and reprehensible" any "alarmist assertions" that a massive wave of anti-Semitism was likely to confront the American Jewish community. While the statement did not refer by name to the Jewish Defense League, it was understood to represent a sharp repudiation of publicized statements by the JDL and its leader, Rabbi Meir Kahane, of an impending "American holocaust."

The Jewish leaders declared that "in no place and at no time in modern history have Jews as a group been more secure than in the United States in the present generation."

Ratification of Genocide Convention Seen Likely

The delegates were told yesterday that the genocide convention, shelved by the US Senate for more than 23 years, will be up for a floor vote this fall with ratification likely. David M. Blumberg, president of B'nai B'rith, told the session that the B'nai B'rith had been advised that Senate majority leader Mike Mansfield was "favorably disposed" toward bringing

up the long-stalled measure during the current Congressional session.

Blumberg told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he had written Mansfield to commend him for his initiative and leadership in support of the convention as a significant contribution toward setting "a higher standard of international morality and law." Many of the NJCRAC's constituent national organizations and local community relations councils have been seeking ratification of the convention for more than two decades.

AJCONGRESS HAILS SUPREME COURT RULING COMPULSORY CHAPEL UNCONSTITUTIONAL

NEW YORK, July 2 (JTA)--The American Jewish Congress expressed gratification today over the US Supreme Court's ruling that compulsory attendance at chapel by cadets at US service academies was unconstitutional. The Court's decision upheld a brief filed as friend-of-the-court by AJCongress special counsel Leo Pfeffer on behalf of 13 Jewish organizations, secular and religious. The organizations included affiliates of the Orthodox, Conservative and Reform branches of American Judaism.

They were joined in similar briefs filed by 42 Protestant groups. Pfeffer's brief argued that compulsory chapel attendance was "archaic" and "inconsistent with American traditions of religious freedom."

It cited the "long and ignoble history" of government surveillance of religious worship, especially as it affected Jewish communities from the Roman domination in Judea through Czarist Russia. "Wherever there has been an established church there is a history of governmental surveillance of church services to uncover heresy in worship and in totalitarian states to uncover sedition in sermons," Pfeffer wrote. "Revulsion to governmental and military intrusion upon sacred premises is reflected in the Biblical prohibition to which the only exception occurs when the intrusion is necessary to apprehend a deliberate murderer," he pointed out.

DUTCH OFFICIALS CONSIDERING ARMED GUARDS FOR KLM PLANES

AMSTERDAM, July 2 (JTA)--The Secretary of the Dutch Ministry of Communications, A. Krusinga, today confirmed that the Dutch government is considering staffing its most "threatened" airplanes with security guards who will be armed with pistols. Sources close to the Ministry said the Middle Eastern routes of KLM would "obviously" come under the threatened heading.

The pistols to be used by the security guards will be equipped with explosive dum-dum bullets, "since any other kind of bullets could perforate the plane's body," Krusinga said. The use of dum-dum bullets was forbidden during World War I and still is proscribed by many international agreements, including the Geneva Convention. Until now only the Israeli El Al Airlines has put armed security guards on its planes.

In another development, KLM announced today that it has signed an agreement with Israel allowing it to make a fourth weekly landing at Lydda Airport. The agreement took effect yesterday when a jumbo jet with 200 passengers took off from Schiphol Airport here for Lydda.

LONDON, July 2 (JTA)--Teachers and students of Carmel College wrote Prime Minister Edward Heath to thank him for supporting the Soviet Jewry campaign and to ask him to intervene with the Soviet authorities to expedite delivery of 32 packages sent to Leonid Slepak of Moscow on his bar mitzvah.

REP. BINGHAM AIDS ORTHODOX GROUP OVER RULE MAKING POULTRY UNACCEPTABLE TO RELIGIOUS JEWS

WASHINGTON, July 2 (JTA)--Rep. Jonathan Bingham (D., N.Y.), has introduced legislation to bar a decision by the United States Department of Agriculture which would deny an exemption to an Orthodox Jewish group from a Federal statute regarding feather removal and cooling and chilling requirements for dressed poultry.

In presenting his bill which went to the House Agricultural Committee for consideration, Rep. Bingham criticized the department for its "insensitivity to the needs of the Orthodox Jewish community." Without an exemption, Bingham said, Orthodox Jews will not be able to buy poultry in conformity with Jewish dietary laws. Bingham described the department's pending ruling as "an intolerable breach of freedom of religion."

"There are many Jewish citizens, who, because of their religious beliefs and observance of Jewish laws, will only consume chickens that are freshly slaughtered and will not purchase plucked and frozen chickens," Bingham said. According to Bingham's office, the request for the exemption was made by Rabbi Meyer Cohen of New York, Director of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada.

Dr. William Dubert, an aide to Dr. Kenneth McEnroe, head of the meat and poultry inspection program of the Agriculture Department, confirmed to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the department was preparing to issue a denial of the requested exemption. The problem, according to Dr. Dubert, has arisen from the acceptance by state authorities of the Federal Wholesale Products Act of 1968, which calls for plucking and chilling of fowl used in interstate commerce. Fowl handled locally are not subjected to the Federal jurisdiction but the regulations both locally and Federally are now practically joined, according to Dubert.

In the department's investigation, Dubert said, Federal inspectors found they could not satisfactorily examine unplucked chickens. He also said that retail outlets may continue to be a source of live poultry which may be handled in accordance with the individual's requirements. He conceded this arrangement may not be satisfactory. Dubert also asserted that there is no uniformity within the Jewish community of concern regarding the regulations.

US, YEMEN, RESUME DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

WASHINGTON, July 2 (JTA)--The United States and Yemen formally resumed diplomatic relations today, the State Department announced. The move, symbolized by an exchange of toasts between US Secretary of State William P. Rogers and Yemeni Premier and Foreign Minister Mohsen el-Ayni in Sana, ended a breach that dated from June, 1967 when Yemen broke relations with Washington during the Arab-Israeli Six-Day War.

Yemen is the first of the Arab countries that severed ties with the US at that time to re-establish them. Secretary Rogers is the first American Secretary of State to visit the nation on the southwestern tip of the Arabian peninsula. His flight there from Jakarta, Indonesia, yesterday was an unscheduled detour from the Secretary's current world trip.

A State Department official said of the renewed relations today, "We think it is a very positive and important development," but declined to say whether other Arab countries would follow Yemen's example.

According to Yemeni government sources, President Abdul Rahman al-Iryani of Yemen sent a mes-

sage to other Arab heads of state before Rogers' visit explaining that Yemen has suffered economic set-backs because of the absence of relations with the US. He was said to have remarked that none of the other Arab nations had offered to assist Yemen to meet its financial problems.

CAMPERS, HILLEL STUDENTS AIDED FLOOD VICTIMS

NEW YORK, July 2 (JTA)--Students affiliated with the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at State University in Buffalo and campers at Ramah Camp in the Poconos were in the vanguard of groups aiding victims of the floods that devastated parts of upper New York State and Pennsylvania in the wake of tropical storm Agnes, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned.

Camp Ramah, one of a network of summer camps maintained by the Conservative movement in American Judaism, sent substantial food supplies to the Scranton-Wilkes-Barre area. It also provided temporary living quarters for the parents of campers whose homes in the stricken area were flooded. The camp sent clean-up crews consisting of adults and youngsters aged 10-18 to assist in cleaning synagogues in the region damaged by flood waters.

The Hillel House on the Buffalo campus served as a drop-off point for food, clothing and medical supplies donated for flood victims in upper NY State.

ANTI-SEMITIC PLAY BY JEWS SCORED IN ARGENTINA

BUENOS AIRES, July 2 (JTA)--A play with serious anti-Semitic implications, written by two Jews and staged by two others, has aroused a storm of controversy here. Titled "Jew or Innocent," it is being performed by the "Xirgu" Theater. The critic of La Prensa, one of Argentina's leading newspapers, called it "a rapid training course in anti-Semitism."

As the title implies, the play presents a fictitious courtroom proceeding in which the prosecutor accuses Jews of being God-killers, userers and racists. The case for the "prosecution" lasts three times as long as the "defense," and the lines given the "defense" attorney are weak and apologetic, according to persons who have seen the play. The Jewish School Committee, which booked a benefit performance of the play on the basis of its Jewish authorship, issued a statement claiming it was duped.

The play was written by Matilde Benziñgor and Ricardo Halac, both Jews. The choreography and scenery were the work of two other Jews, Lia Jelin and Carlos Cyntrynowski. Critics of the play pointed out that the very title indicates presumption of guilt. The "defense" counsel has lines mentioning the Nazi holocaust and the Vatican II injunction against anti-Semitism. But he also states at one point, "The vampires are not only Jews"; at another he asks, "Why is it that if a Jew goes to Israel all Jews are called traitors?" The implication is that Jews who go to Israel are ipso facto traitors.

BULGARIAN JEW GETS GOVERNMENT AWARD

SOFIA, July 2 (JTA)--The Bulgarian Council of State has awarded Haim Loise Salomonov, a Jew, the order of "Ninth September 1944" for his "outstanding performance in socialist competition," government sources announced today. The order is awarded to Bulgarian workers who distinguish themselves in work for the national economy. Salomonov, a resident of Yasna Poliana, a village in the region of Burgas, was awarded the order on the occasion of the yearly festival of the light industry workers.