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Gen. Dayan's remarks to the Knesset had the desired effect on the house which promptly voted 60-6 to drop a no confidence motion introduced by Meir Wilner of the New Communist faction. Wilner had based his motion on the fact that the buffer zones were cleared of their residents and closed to agriculture, facts which Dayan readily admitted, saying the cleared zones were vital to security. Dayan said the areas to be reappraised included the fields of Akraha village east of Nablus. He said the recent defoliation of that area by poison spraying had been an error of judgement committed in good faith. Dayan said it was necessary to halt cultivation so that terrorist infiltrators could be tracked down more easily. But he added that he disagreed with the methods employed.

Dayan reported that all borders were quiet during the past six months except the Lebanese where 87 terrorists were killed during that period.

ISRAEL HOLDS OUT FOR GENERAL POW EXCHANGE

JERUSALEM, July 18 (JTA)--Political circles here said tonight that Israel would submit a resolution to the Security Council calling for a general prisoner-of-war exchange should Lebanon and Syria introduce resolutions of their own demanding the return of five high-ranking Syrian officers and a Lebanese captain captured by Israel last June 21.

The circles reaffirmed Israel's objection to any arrangement other than a general POW exchange between Israel, Egypt and Syria. Israeli authorities say that a new session of the Security Council on the matter would hamper efforts currently underway through the Red Cross and UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim to effect a POW exchange. Israel holds over 100 Egyptian, Syrian and Lebanese POWs. There are ten Israeli prisoners in Cairo and three in Damascus.

CAMBODIA TO OPEN EMBASSY IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, July 18 (JTA)--The Cambodian government has advised the Foreign Ministry that it intends to open an Embassy in Jerusalem shortly, it was reported today. Cambodia presently has no resident ambassador in Israel. Its envoy in London is accredited to Jerusalem. Israel has a resident ambassador in the Cambodian capital.

PODGORNY ASKED TO LET RED CROSS INSPECT SOVIET LABOR CAMPS

BRUSSELS, July 18 (JTA)--Maj. Gen. Albert Guerisse, a wartime resistance leader who is president of the International Committee for the Defense of the Rights of Man in the Soviet Union, has asked Soviet President Nikolai V. Podgorny to permit representatives of the World Health Organization, the International Red Cross or the United Nations to enter Soviet labor camps and prisons "to ascertain if the prisoners' conditions have been bettered."

Guerisse, whose appeal is backed by more than 500 European personalities, also wrote to UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim, who arrived in Moscow yesterday. He asked Waldheim to remind Soviet leaders that world opinion expects them to act in accordance with their support of UN human-rights declarations. He cited the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, adopted by the UN on Dec. 21, 1965, which endorsed "the right to circulate freely...leave any country including one's own...freedom of thought, conscience and religion...freedom of opinion and expression...and...peaceful assembly."

In a related development, more than 30 science professors at the Free University of Brussels asked Foreign Minister Pierre Harmel to intercede with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko on behalf of Prof. Benjamin Levitch, a member of the Soviet Academy of Sciences. The petitioners said Prof. Levitch had been denied migration to Israel and permission to attend the 15th annual conference here last month of the International Institute of Physics and Chemistry. The appeal supported Prof. Levitch's right to choose where he wanted to perform his scientific work.

MARKMAN'S WIFE ARRESTED AS SHE SOUGHT LAWYER IN MOSCOW

NEW YORK, July 18 (JTA)--The wife of Vladimir Markman of Sverdlovsk was detained today by Moscow police and sent back to Sverdlovsk under police escort, according to the National Conference on Soviet Jewry. Mrs. Markman was in Moscow to employ a lawyer to defend her husband, who is scheduled to go on trial in Sverdlovsk in about two weeks.

Mrs. Markman had sent messages to Communist Party leader Leonid Brezhnev, Prosecutor-General Roman A. Rudenko and Soviet President Nikolai Podgorny but received no answer. She was picked up by police shortly after announcing she would go on a hunger strike.

A petition signed by 113 people from various cities in the USSR was sent to the Moscow Bar Association protesting the government's refusal to permit a Moscow lawyer to defend Markman even though six top Moscow attorneys expressed readiness to take his case. The authorities decided that a court-assigned lawyer from Sverdlovsk would defend the 34-year-old engineer who was forced to resign from his job after he applied for a visa to emigrate to Israel. He was arrested April 29 on charges of "systematic dissemination of anti-Soviet literature."

SOVIET JEWS IN NEW APPEAL TO WALDHEIM

LONDON, July 18 (JTA)--Jewish sources in the Soviet Union reported today that scores of Jews in Leningrad, Minsk, Moscow, Kiev, Riga and Novosibirsk have signed a petition to UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim asking him to intervene on behalf of those Jews who wish to emigrate to Israel. Dr. Waldheim is due to visit the Soviet Union soon.

The Board of Deputies of British Jews has written to the Secretary General drawing his attention to the plight of Vladimir Markman and Mark Nashpitz, Jew-

ish activists awaiting trial in the Soviet Union. The Board asked Waldheim "to bring the plight of Markman and Nashpitz to the attention of the Soviet authorities."

ISRAEL SEEKING NEW TARIFF AGREEMENT WITH EUROPEAN COMMON MARKET

JERUSALEM, July 18 (JTA)--Two senior officials of the European Common Market left Israel yesterday after a 48-hour visit in which they heard Israel's position on new tariff proposals to be negotiated with the six Common-Market countries. Israel is seeking a tariff waiver or reduced tariffs on agricultural products exported to the EEC countries.

A new agreement is necessary because of the imminent entry of Britain, Ireland and two Scandinavian nations into the Common Market. Holland suggested that all non-Market Mediterranean states be included in the new agreement. France has proposed that the new terms be worked out with Israel and Spain.

The two EEC officials, Helmut Sigrist and Jean Petit-Laurent, met with Israeli negotiators headed by Avraham Agmon, director-general of the Finance Ministry. They also met with Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir.

U.S., ISRAEL TO RENEW TALKS ON JOINT DESALINATION SCHEME

TEL AVIV, July 18 (JTA)--An advanced desalination program prepared by the National Council for Research and Development, a branch of the Prime Minister's office, will be part of a joint Israeli-US exchange on water problems opening here shortly. The Israeli team of desalination experts will be headed by Natan Berman. The American contingent will be composed of Emory Roberts of the Agency for International Development, and Robert Evans, Francis Colley and John Callahan representing other US agencies engaged in desalination programs.

Consideration of a joint Israeli-US project dates back to 1964 when an agreement to coordinate efforts in desalination was reached between former President Lyndon B. Johnson and the late Premier Levi Eshkol of Israel. The present scheme was researched at a power station in Ashdod named in memory of Premier Eshkol. It is to be fitted with equipment capable of producing 13 million cubic meters of potable water per year.

ORAN'S LAST SYNAGOGUE NOW A PUBLIC HALL; EFFECTS SENT TO JEWS IN PARIS

RABAT, July 18 (JTA)--The Algerian government has nationalized the 92-year-old Kanaoui Synagogue of Oran, one of the last remaining synagogues in Algeria. It is being used as a public meeting hall, leaving Oran without a synagogue. Two hundred Jews live in Oran, which had a Jewish population of 15,000 before Algeria's independence.

The Algerian authorities announced their intention to nationalize the synagogue, which was built in 1880, last May. Jewish community leaders negotiated an agreement providing for the dismantling of the synagogue's religious articles and their shipment to former Oran Jews now living in Paris. The Jewish community asked that the building not be used for political purposes or to house a mosque.

The Jerusalem Municipality has put a permanent padlock on the local sex boutique after operators of the "Eros" shop lost a court battle in which they maintained that they did not require a license.

U.S. COURT UPHOLDS RIGHT OF SABBATH OBSERVER

NEW YORK, July 18 (JTA)--A US Court of Appeals ruling that an employee may not be fired solely because he refuses to work on his Sabbath was hailed today as "a reaffirmation of the right of all Americans to avoid having to choose between their religion and their job." The statement welcoming the unanimous decision of the Appeals Court for the Fifth Circuit was released today by Howard Rhine, president of the National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs (COLPA).

COLPA had filed a friend-of-the-court brief in the case which arose from the firing of a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church by the Bendix Corp. for refusing to work between sundown Friday and sundown Saturday, his Sabbath. At issue was the validity of guidelines issued by the US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) which requires employers to make "reasonable accommodations to the religious needs of employees and prospective employees where such accommodations may be made without undue hardship on the conduct of the employer's business." In this case, Bendix argued that the EEOC, which administers the equal employment provisions of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, had exceeded its authority by requiring employers to permit deviations from regular employment practices.

COLPA, which had assisted in drafting the EEOC guidelines noted that the Civil Rights Act was amended in March 1972 to include the requirement to accommodate but the case in question was begun prior to the enactment of the amendment. What the Appeals Court ruling did in effect was to confirm that the amendment represented the intent of Congress when the Civil Rights Act was passed and thus had retroactive bearing on the Bendix case.

ORTHODOX GROUP ASKS CONGRESSMAN TO WITHDRAW YEAR-ROUND DAYLIGHT TIME BILL

NEW YORK, July 18 (JTA)--Rep. Daniel Rostenkowski (D.Ill.) was urged by the Agudath Israel of America today to withdraw a bill he introduced last week to extend daylight saving time throughout the entire calendar year. This request, by Rabbi Moshe Sherer, executive president of Agudath Israel and Rabbi Chaim C. Keller, chairman of its Public Affairs Commission in Chicago, noted that despite the possible benefits accruing from an extra hour of daylight during the early evening hours, year-round daylight saving time would create a major problem for religious Jews.

According to Jewish religious law, the earliest time for morning prayers is one hour before sunrise. As a result, during winter time, prayers cannot begin before 6:15 a.m., the Agudath Israel officials explained. By advancing the clock one hour, the observant Jew would not be able to begin his morning prayers until 7:15 a.m. The Agudath Israel spokesmen said this would "create an anomalous situation for thousands of religious Jews who must be at work prior to 8 or 8:30 a.m."

JEWISH CULTURE FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 72-73 GRANTS

NEW YORK, July 18 (JTA)--A total of seven Grants-in-Aid have been awarded for the academic year 1972-73 by the National Foundation for Jewish Culture, it was announced today by Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver, president of the NFJC. Six of the grants will enable the recipients, all outstanding scholars, to pursue their research plans toward the completion of their particular projects. In the case of Rabbi Dov Z. Rotstein of New York, the grant is to defray part of

the publication cost of his extensive study, The Responsa of Rabbenu Yitzchak b'reb Yaakov Alfasi.

In addition to Rabbi Rotstein, grant-in-aid winners are: Eliezer Berkovits of Skokie, Illinois, chairman, Department of Jewish Philosophy, Hebrew Theological College, who is preparing a book on what Judaism has to say on contemporary moral issues; Shamma Friedman of New York, associate professor of Rabbinics, Jewish Theological Seminary, for further research leading to publication on "Tractate Bava Mezia--Form Analysis and Legal History"; Israel Katz of New York, assistant professor, Department of Music, Columbia University, who is preparing a biography of Kurt Schindler; Herman Pollack of Brookline, Massachusetts, Rabbi, B'nai B'rith Hillel at MIT, for continuation of his work on "The Social Concerns of Jewish Communities in Germanic and East European Lands"; Robert N. Seltzer of New York, assistant professor, Department of History, Hunter College, for preparation for publication of his study of the formation of the nationalist ideology of Simon Dubnow (1860-1941); and Kenneth Stow of New York, for post-doctoral research to determine the relationship between Pope Paul IV and Marquardus de Süssanlis, author of the "De Judaels et Alus infidelibus."

Bank Heists Alarm Officials REWARD OFFERED FOR ARMED BANDITS IN LATEST STICK-UPS

TEL AVIV, July 18 (JTA)--A \$4800 reward was offered here Friday by a committee of bankers and police for information leading to the arrest of the gang responsible for bank robberies in Tel Aviv and Ashdod last week. Armed bandits with face masks walked into a Tel Aviv bank and grabbed \$8333 without firing a shot. But in Ashdod, four bystanders were injured in a hail of gunfire. One of them was reported in serious condition.

According to the committee, there has been a rash of bank robberies in suburbs and in the centers of towns. Some occurred in broad daylight and the pattern is almost always the same. Masked gunmen enter the bank, demand money and threaten to shoot. Sometimes they shoot to frighten the customers and clerks, the committee said. They grab whatever money is available and speed away in a stolen car before police get to the scene.

The committee was formed three weeks ago by bank officials and the police to combat the wave of stick-ups. Friday's reward offer represented the first attempt to enlist the public in the campaign.

VOLUNTEERS SEEK TO CURE DRUG ABUSE IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, July 18 (JTA)--There are about 20,000 drug abusers in Israel, according to Dr. R. Meyer, a government psychiatrist who addressed a pilot meeting of volunteers here last week. The volunteers, headed by Mrs. Ruth Dayan, former wife of Defense Minister Moshe Dayan, intends to establish a drive against drug abuse by setting up an information center, first aid stations and a clinic for drug addicts. The volunteers are seeking to implement preventative techniques among youngsters who are exposed to drugs. The use of illegal drugs may be the main cause for the recent crime wave in Israel, speakers at the meeting said.



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Yaroslavsky expressed dismay over the President's failure to acknowledge several telegrams sent to him by Mrs. Shapiro asking his assistance. He said he had no confirmation that Nixon watched the program but noted that the Western White House had been alerted by telegram to his appearance on the Putnam show "and there is good reason to believe he was watching Friday night."

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JERUSALEM, July 18 (JTA)--Defense Minister Moshe Dayan announced to the Knesset yesterday that military authorities would soon review the status of buffer zones on the West Bank and other cordoned off security areas. He said the projected review stemmed from the increasing success in the fight against terrorist infiltration and that if the security situation continued to improve, the number of administrative detainees--persons held in custody without formal charges--would be drastically reduced and might number no more than 25 by next Sept. compared to about 600 two years ago.

Gen. Dayan's remarks to the Knesset had the desired effect on the house which promptly voted 60-6 to drop a no confidence motion introduced by Meir Wilner of the New Communist faction. Wilner had based his motion on the fact that the buffer zones were cleared of their residents and closed to agriculture, facts which Dayan readily admitted, saying the cleared zones were vital to security. Dayan said the areas to be reappraised included the fields of Akraha village east of Nablus. He said the recent defoliation of that area by poison spraying had been an error of judgement committed in good faith. Dayan said it was necessary to halt cultivation so that terrorist infiltrators could be tracked down more easily. But he added that he disagreed with the methods employed.

Dayan reported that all borders were quiet during the past six months except the Lebanese where 87 terrorists were killed during that period.

ISRAEL HOLDS OUT FOR GENERAL POW EXCHANGE

JERUSALEM, July 18 (JTA)--Political circles here said tonight that Israel would submit a resolution to the Security Council calling for a general prisoner-of-war exchange should Lebanon and Syria introduce resolutions of their own demanding the return of five high-ranking Syrian officers and a Lebanese captain captured by Israel last June 21.

The circles reaffirmed Israel's objection to any arrangement other than a general POW exchange between Israel, Egypt and Syria. Israeli authorities say that a new session of the Security Council on the matter would hamper efforts currently underway through the Red Cross and UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim to effect a POW exchange. Israel holds over 100 Egyptian, Syrian and Lebanese POWs. There are ten Israeli prisoners in Cairo and three in Damascus.

CAMBODIA TO OPEN EMBASSY IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, July 18 (JTA)--The Cambodian government has advised the Foreign Ministry that it intends to open an Embassy in Jerusalem shortly, it was reported today. Cambodia presently has no resident ambassador in Israel. Its envoy in London is accredited to Jerusalem. Israel has a resident ambassador in the Cambodian capital.

PODGORNY ASKED TO LET RED CROSS INSPECT SOVIET LABOR CAMPS

BRUSSELS, July 18 (JTA)--Maj. Gen. Albert Guerisse, a wartime resistance leader who is president of the International Committee for the Defense of the Rights of Man in the Soviet Union, has asked Soviet President Nikolai V. Podgorny to permit representatives of the World Health Organization, the International Red Cross or the United Nations to enter Soviet labor camps and prisons "to ascertain if the prisoners' conditions have been bettered."

Guerisse, whose appeal is backed by more than 500 European personalities, also wrote to UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim, who arrived in Moscow yesterday. He asked Waldheim to remind Soviet leaders that world opinion expects them to act in accordance with their support of UN human-rights declarations. He cited the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, adopted by the UN on Dec. 21, 1965, which endorsed "the right to circulate freely...leave any country including one's own...freedom of thought, conscience and religion...freedom of opinion and expression...and...peaceful assembly."

In a related development, more than 30 science professors at the Free University of Brussels asked Foreign Minister Pierre Harmel to intercede with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko on behalf of Prof. Benjamin Levitch, a member of the Soviet Academy of Sciences. The petitioners said Prof. Levitch had been denied migration to Israel and permission to attend the 15th annual conference here last month of the International Institute of Physics and Chemistry. The appeal supported Prof. Levitch's right to choose where he wanted to perform his scientific work.

MARKMAN'S WIFE ARRESTED AS SHE SOUGHT LAWYER IN MOSCOW

NEW YORK, July 18 (JTA)--The wife of Vladimir Markman of Sverdlovsk was detained today by Moscow police and sent back to Sverdlovsk under police escort, according to the National Conference on Soviet Jewry. Mrs. Markman was in Moscow to employ a lawyer to defend her husband, who is scheduled to go on trial in Sverdlovsk in about two weeks.

Mrs. Markman had sent messages to Communist Party leader Leonid Brezhnev, Prosecutor-General Roman A. Rudenko and Soviet President Nikolai Podgorny but received no answer. She was picked up by police shortly after announcing she would go on a hunger strike.

A petition signed by 113 people from various cities in the USSR was sent to the Moscow Bar Association protesting the government's refusal to permit a Moscow lawyer to defend Markman even though six top Moscow attorneys expressed readiness to take his case. The authorities decided that a court-assigned lawyer from Sverdlovsk would defend the 34-year-old engineer who was forced to resign from his job after he applied for a visa to emigrate to Israel. He was arrested April 29 on charges of "systematic dissemination of anti-Soviet literature."

SOVIET JEWS IN NEW APPEAL TO WALDHEIM

LONDON, July 18 (JTA)--Jewish sources in the Soviet Union reported today that scores of Jews in Leningrad, Minsk, Moscow, Kiev, Riga and Novosibirsk have signed a petition to UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim asking him to intervene on behalf of those Jews who wish to emigrate to Israel. Dr. Waldheim is due to visit the Soviet Union soon.

The Board of Deputies of British Jews has written to the Secretary General drawing his attention to the plight of Vladimir Markman and Mark Nashpitz, Jew-

ish activists awaiting trial in the Soviet Union. The Board asked Waldheim "to bring the plight of Markman and Nashpitz to the attention of the Soviet authorities."

ISRAEL SEEKING NEW TARIFF AGREEMENT WITH EUROPEAN COMMON MARKET

JERUSALEM, July 18 (JTA)--Two senior officials of the European Common Market left Israel yesterday after a 48-hour visit in which they heard Israel's position on new tariff proposals to be negotiated with the six Common-Market countries. Israel is seeking a tariff waiver or reduced tariffs on agricultural products exported to the EEC countries.

A new agreement is necessary because of the imminent entry of Britain, Ireland and two Scandinavian nations into the Common Market. Holland suggested that all non-Market Mediterranean states be included in the new agreement. France has proposed that the new terms be worked out with Israel and Spain.

The two EEC officials, Helmut Sigrst and Jean Petit-Laurent, met with Israeli negotiators headed by Avraham Agmon, director-general of the Finance Ministry. They also met with Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir.

U.S., ISRAEL TO RENEW TALKS ON JOINT DESALINATION SCHEME

TEL AVIV, July 18 (JTA)--An advanced desalination program prepared by the National Council for Research and Development, a branch of the Prime Minister's office, will be part of a joint Israeli-US exchange on water problems opening here shortly. The Israeli team of desalination experts will be headed by Natan Berman. The American contingent will be composed of Emory Roberts of the Agency for International Development, and Robert Evans, Francis Colley and John Callahan representing other US agencies engaged in desalination programs.

Consideration of a joint Israeli-US project dates back to 1964 when an agreement to coordinate efforts in desalination was reached between former President Lyndon B. Johnson and the late Premier Levi Eshkol of Israel. The present scheme was researched at a power station in Ashdod named in memory of Premier Eshkol. It is to be fitted with equipment capable of producing 13 million cubic meters of potable water per year.

ORAN'S LAST SYNAGOGUE NOW A PUBLIC HALL; EFFECTS SENT TO JEWS IN PARIS

RABAT, July 18 (JTA)--The Algerian government has nationalized the 92-year-old Kanaoui Synagogue of Oran, one of the last remaining synagogues in Algeria. It is being used as a public meeting hall, leaving Oran without a synagogue. Two hundred Jews live in Oran, which had a Jewish population of 15,000 before Algeria's independence.

The Algerian authorities announced their intention to nationalize the synagogue, which was built in 1880, last May. Jewish community leaders negotiated an agreement providing for the dismantling of the synagogue's religious articles and their shipment to former Oran Jews now living in Paris. The Jewish community asked that the building not be used for political purposes or to house a mosque.

The Jerusalem Municipality has put a permanent padlock on the local sex boutique after operators of the "Eros" shop lost a court battle in which they maintained that they did not require a license.

U.S. COURT UPHOLDS RIGHT OF SABBATH OBSERVER

NEW YORK, July 18 (JTA)--A US Court of Appeals ruling that an employee may not be fired solely because he refuses to work on his Sabbath was hailed today as "a reaffirmation of the right of all Americans to avoid having to choose between their religion and their job." The statement welcoming the unanimous decision of the Appeals Court for the Fifth Circuit was released today by Howard Rhine, president of the National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs (COLPA).

COLPA had filed a friend-of-the-court brief in the case which arose from the firing of a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church by the Bendix Corp. for refusing to work between sundown Friday and sundown Saturday, his Sabbath. At issue was the validity of guidelines issued by the US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) which requires employers to make "reasonable accommodations to the religious needs of employees and prospective employees where such accommodations may be made without undue hardship on the conduct of the employer's business." In this case, Bendix argued that the EEOC, which administers the equal employment provisions of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, had exceeded its authority by requiring employers to permit deviations from regular employment practices.

COLPA, which had assisted in drafting the EEOC guidelines noted that the Civil Rights Act was amended in March 1972 to include the requirement to accommodate but the case in question was begun prior to the enactment of the amendment. What the Appeals Court ruling did in effect was to confirm that the amendment represented the intent of Congress when the Civil Rights Act was passed and thus had retroactive bearing on the Bendix case.

ORTHODOX GROUP ASKS CONGRESSMAN TO WITHDRAW YEAR-ROUND DAYLIGHT TIME BILL

NEW YORK, July 18 (JTA)--Rep. Daniel Rostenkowski (D., Ill.) was urged by the Agudath Israel of America today to withdraw a bill he introduced last week to extend daylight saving time throughout the entire calendar year. This request, by Rabbi Moshe Sherer, executive president of Agudath Israel and Rabbi Chaim C. Keller, chairman of its Public Affairs Commission in Chicago, noted that despite the possible benefits accruing from an extra hour of daylight during the early evening hours, year-round daylight saving time would create a major problem for religious Jews.

According to Jewish religious law, the earliest time for morning prayers is one hour before sunrise. As a result, during winter time, prayers cannot begin before 6:15 a.m., the Agudath Israel officials explained. By advancing the clock one hour, the observant Jew would not be able to begin his morning prayers until 7:15 a.m. The Agudath Israel spokesmen said this would "create an anomalous situation for thousands of religious Jews who must be at work prior to 8 or 8:30 a.m."

JEWISH CULTURE FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 72-73 GRANTS

NEW YORK, July 18 (JTA)--A total of seven Grants-in-Aid have been awarded for the academic year 1972-73 by the National Foundation for Jewish Culture, it was announced today by Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver, president of the NFJC. Six of the grants will enable the recipients, all outstanding scholars, to pursue their research plans toward the completion of their particular projects. In the case of Rabbi Dov Z. Rotstein of New York, the grant is to defray part of

the publication cost of his extensive study, The Responsa of Rabbenu Yitzchak b'reb Yaakov Alfasi.

In addition to Rabbi Rotstein, grant-in-aid winners are: Eliezer Berkovits of Skokie, Illinois, chairman, Department of Jewish Philosophy, Hebrew Theological College, who is preparing a book on what Judaism has to say on contemporary moral issues; Shamma Friedman of New York, associate professor of Rabbinics, Jewish Theological Seminary, for further research leading to publication on "Tractate Bava Mezia--Form Analysis and Legal History"; Israel Katz of New York, assistant professor, Department of Music, Columbia University, who is preparing a biography of Kurt Schindler; Herman Pollack of Brookline, Massachusetts, Rabbi, B'nai B'rith Hillel at MIT, for continuation of his work on "The Social Concerns of Jewish Communities in Germanic and East European Lands"; Robert N. Seltzer of New York, assistant professor, Department of History, Hunter College, for preparation for publication of his study of the formation of the nationalist ideology of Simon Dubnow (1860-1941); and Kenneth Stow of New York, for post-doctoral research to determine the relationship between Pope Paul IV and Marquardus de Susannus, author of the "De Judaels et Alus infidelibus."

Bank Heists Alarm Officials REWARD OFFERED FOR ARMED BANDITS IN LATEST STICK-UPS

TEL AVIV, July 18 (JTA)--A \$4800 reward was offered here Friday by a committee of bankers and police for information leading to the arrest of the gang responsible for bank robberies in Tel Aviv and Ashdod last week. Armed bandits with face masks walked into a Tel Aviv bank and grabbed \$8333 without firing a shot. But in Ashdod, four bystanders were injured in a hail of gunfire. One of them was reported in serious condition.

According to the committee, there has been a rash of bank robberies in suburbs and in the centers of towns. Some occurred in broad daylight and the pattern is almost always the same. Masked gunmen enter the bank, demand money and threaten to shoot. Sometimes they shoot to frighten the customers and clerks, the committee said. They grab whatever money is available and speed away in a stolen car before police get to the scene.

The committee was formed three weeks ago by bank officials and the police to combat the wave of stick-ups. Friday's reward offer represented the first attempt to enlist the public in the campaign.

VOLUNTEERS SEEK TO CURE DRUG ABUSE IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, July 18 (JTA)--There are about 20,000 drug abusers in Israel, according to Dr. R. Meyer, a government psychiatrist who addressed a pilot meeting of volunteers here last week. The volunteers, headed by Mrs. Ruth Dayan, former wife of Defense Minister Moshe Dayan, intends to establish a drive against drug abuse by setting up an information center, first aid stations and a clinic for drug addicts. The volunteers are seeking to implement preventative techniques among youngsters who are exposed to drugs. The use of illegal drugs may be the main cause for the recent crime wave in Israel, speakers at the meeting said.