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### CABINET BARS RETURN OF ARABS TO BORDER VILLAGES EVACUATED IN '48

JERUSALEM, July 23 (JTA)--The Cabinet ruled by a majority decision today not to permit the former residents of Ikrit and Baram villages to return to the sites of their former homes in a security zone established along the Lebanese border in 1949. The Cabinet thus upheld the contention of Israeli military authorities that the security considerations that warranted the evacuation of the Arab villages 25 years ago remain valid.

Cabinet Secretary Reuven Aloni refused to tell newsmen after the Cabinet meeting which ministers opposed the majority decision or which, if any, abstained. It was generally believed that the two Mapam ministers were opposed. The villagers' claim to return to their old lands was supported by Archbishop Joseph Raya of the Greek Catholic (Maronite) church to which most of the Baram and Ikrit people belong. Raya had brought the matter directly to Premier Golda Meir's attention and subsequently agreed to her proposal to abide by whatever the Cabinet would decide. The Government agreed to continue efforts to compensate the villagers for their lost property and to relocate those not satisfied with their present dwellings.

According to Aloni the Cabinet considered the villagers' claims carefully and heard detailed testimony from Israeli officials. These included States Attorney Meir Shamgar, who related the legal history of the affair; Shmuel Toledano, the Premier's Arab affairs expert who discussed the political and social aspects of the case; and Army Chief of Staff Gen. David Elazar who explained the security considerations. Ikrit and Baram surrendered to the Israeli Army in Oct. 1948 and the inhabitants of both villages were evacuated.

## FEAR MOSCOW JEWS FACE TRIAL IN SVERDLOVSK

LONDON, July 23 (JTA)--The Soviet secret police is trying to involve three Jewish activists from Moscow in the trial of Vladimir Markman scheduled to open shortly in Sverdlovsk, Jewish sources in the Soviet Union reported today. The sources said that under interrogated by the KGB, Markman was asked repeatedly about alleged contacts with Vladimir Slepak, Valentina Prestin and Viktor Polski, all of Moscow. All have applied for visas to go to Israel.

Although he denied having anything to do with them, the three may be forced to stand trial with Markman as co-defendants. The charges against Markman relate to alleged "anti-Soviet activities." The sources said Soviet authorities would prefer to have Slepak, Prestin and Polski stand trial in Sverdlovsk, an industrial city in the Urals, rather than in Moscow where the trial would attract the attention of the Western press.

The sources claimed that a KGB Col., N. S. Pozdniadov tried to persuade the three Moscow Jews to testify against Markman by promising them quick action on their exit visas if they complied. The sources said that all three refused. According to Jewish circles in the USSR, the Sverdlovsk trial may be followed by other "show trials" of alleged Zionist activists.

## REFUSAL OF LANDING RIGHTS CAN LEAD TO ILL-WILL TOWARD ISRAEL, DUTCH MINISTER WARNS

AMSTERDAM, July 23 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Norbert Schmeltzer has criticized Israeli aviation authorities for refusing to grant the Dutch airline, KLM, additional charter flight landing rights in Israel. Schmeltzer said Friday that he was "seriously concerned and disappointed" by Israel's attitude.

He warned that that attitude "is likely to influence Dutch public opinion regarding Israel. The ban on charter flights has already inconvenienced hundreds of tourists and has caused a great deal of ill feeling," Schmeltzer said. On July 1, Israel increased KLM's regular landing rights at Lydda Airport from three to four flights a week. The increase was said to have been in exchange for a promise by The Hague Government to persuade the government of The Netherlands West Indies to grant El Al landing rights at Curacao which have not materialized.

## CHILD BENEFITS TO INCREASE INCOME OF POOR FAMILIES

JERUSALEM, July 23 (JTA)--The Israeli cabinet has approved a bill that would double the welfare grants to poor families with three or more children. The new allowances would cost the government some \$24 million a year.

Aiming to get the measure into law by October, the government would grant 100 percent allowance hikes for the fourth child and additional children of impoverished families. Increases for the first three children would be on a more modest scale.

When the new minimum wage of nearly \$100 a month goes into effect next Jan., a married man whose wife does not work will receive a higher income than his actual wage. Including children's benefits, a minimum income for a father of five will be \$147 a month, about \$30 of this derived from the new child allowance provision.

## JERUSALEM POLICE OUST HERUT YOUTHS FROM TEMPLE MOUNT

JERUSALEM, July 23 (JTA)--Fifteen members of the Herut youth movement who tried to hold prayer services in the Temple Mount area in East Jerusalem

on Tisha B'Av, dispersed peacefully after police ordered them out of the area. The Temple Mount, site of the Mosque of Omar and the El Aksa Mosque, is controlled by the Waqf, the Moslem religious council, and is out of bounds to Jewish worshippers.

The Herut youths were accompanied by Gahal City Councilman Gershon Solomon. Solomon said afterwards that he would appeal to the Premier and the Defense Minister to abolish the restrictions in the Temple Mount area.

## OFFICER IN EILAT MUNITIONS BLAST GETS 4-MONTH SUSPENDED SENTENCE

TEL AVIV, July 23 (JTA)--A special military tribunal today pronounced a four month suspended sentence on an Israeli Lt. Col. who was in command of a unit in Eilat in Jan. 1970 when a munitions explosion killed 25 persons and injured many others. The officer, whose name was not disclosed, was found guilty on various technical counts though not of direct responsibility for the fatal accident. The court recommended that he be allowed to retain his rank.

Several other officers and men were found directly responsible and were tried and sentenced last year. The court at that time indicated that the commanding officer should also be brought to trial and the Army Chief of Staff accepted its recommendation. The explosion occurred when Israeli soldiers were unloading ammunition captured during a raid on the Egyptian island of Shadwan in the Gulf of Suez.

## WOULD-BE BOMBER'S HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TEL AVIV, July 23 (JTA)--The house in Tulkarem of Hamil Goumaah, a 25-year-old terrorist who attempted to bomb the Nathanya bus terminal two weeks ago, has been demolished by Israeli security forces, it was reported yesterday. Goumaah was severely burned when a bomb he was assembling in the terminal lavatory caught fire and ignited his clothing. He is still in a hospital but reported out of danger.

Goumaah's father and brother were arrested after a search of their home yielded explosives and sabotage equipment. They were released after questioning.

Five persons in the Nablus area were arrested for questioning yesterday following the discovery of an arms and explosives arsenal in a house at Kfar Bala, a village on the West Bank.

## COMBAT ASSIMILATION THROUGH JEWISH EDUCATION AND ZIONISM, LABOR PARTY LEADER SAYS

TEL AVIV, July 23 (JTA)--Aharon Yadlin, Secretary General of the Labor Party, claimed today that it was Israel's mission to combat assimilation and mixed marriages among Jews all over the world and thus "assume responsibility for the Jewish nation." Addressing the Labor Zionist secretariate here, Yadlin said the task could be accomplished by strengthening Zionist feelings and furthering Jewish education among the youth in the diaspora. Israel, he said, must serve as a "nation of absorption" and he called on the Labor movement here to create the necessary atmosphere for absorbing newcomers while its followers abroad become the spearheads of Jewish education and Zionism.

BONN, July 23 (JTA)--The Supreme Court has rejected a defense appeal to reverse the life sentence imposed by a Saarbruecken jury in 1971 on former SS officer Fritz Gebauer who was convicted of murdering three Jews between 1941-43. The victims were slave laborers employed in a German munitions plant in Lwow.

### A Palestinian's Complaint ISRAELI BOOKS HOTTEST ITEMS IN ARAB LIBRARIES

JERUSALEM, July 23 (JTA)--Israeli books, translated into Arabic, have recently become a sought-after item on the Arab market, more so almost than books on sex — and all this because of compliance with the motto "know thine enemy."

This complaint was issued by the Palestinian writer Mamoud Darwish, in an article in the Cairo newspaper Al Ahram. Darwish, a former correspondent for "Al Itihad," a newspaper which was published in Haifa, expresses annoyance and complains bitterly that libraries in Arab countries have become distribution centers for Israeli books.

"The many downfalls we have suffered, which stemmed from a lack of knowledge of our enemy, have pushed us to the other extreme," Darwish writes. "So much so, that books on religion and sex in Arab libraries have made way for Israeli literature, which is widely circulated in the Arab countries. The situation has deteriorated to a dangerous level. We have reached a point where the boundaries between 'knowledge' and 'propaganda' have become blurred."

Ignorance of Israeli society may well have been one of the factors of Arab defeats, especially during the Six-Day War, Darwish notes. "The Arab has almost lost his faith in the Arab communications, and publicity media and therefore, in his search for truth, he turns to the Israeli broadcasts and publications."

The attitude of Arabs as a result of the influx of Israeli books has changed from one of contempt to an exaggerated appreciation bordering on admiration, Darwish writes. Not only that, but the more the Arab press disseminates stories about the Israeli Panthers, which was viewed as an Israeli internal collapse, and frontpaged Moshe Dayan's divorce as a sign of growing immorality, the more Arabs admired Israel.

"In fact, however, those very reports aroused admiration in the Arab public, which saw Israel's society as a true and healthy form of life where workers could strike, and students could criticize government policy, without causing internal upheavals."

Darwish declared that while it is the duty of Arabs to know "the enemy," this obligation must not be confused with a readiness to conduct "his propaganda for him." He calls for "guidance and control" in the dissemination of Israeli books and literature in Arab countries.

### HIAS REPORTS IT HELPED OVER 3000 JEWS RESETTLE IN US IN '71

NEW YORK, July 23 (JTA)--The United Hias Service helped 3,174 Jewish immigrants and refugees resettle in the United States during 1971 according to the annual report of the Jewish immigrant aid agency released today by Gaynor I. Jacobson, its executive vice president. The report noted that the aid recipients came from countries of Europe, North Africa and the Middle East and from Cuba and Chile.

Hias assisted more than 45,000 other Jews with various problems related to immigration and resettlement, the report said. These included helping persons reach countries of temporary asylum and assisting aliens in the US with naturalization or adjustment of status problems. Hias also aided in the prevention of deportation and jeopardy in various cases and in the location of relatives through its world-wide location service, the report said. It

rendered resettlement assistance in Latin America to migrants who arrived in prior years; aided in documentation, counselling of relatives and migrants and intervened with government officials on behalf of prospective migrants and aided their relatives and sponsors.

The report noted that a significant development in 1971 was the resettlement by Hias of 265 Jews from the Soviet Union, double the number of the previous year. Of that number, 214 were helped to come to the US, 24 to Canada and the rest to other areas. Jacobson's report said a further increase in the arrival of Soviet Jews in the US is expected owing to the favorable climate here toward the admission of Soviet Jews. Jacobson said his organization remains alert to the situation of Soviet Jewry and is making every effort to assist requested family reunions in the US and other Western countries. He said Hias has a current caseload of 5000 persons in the USSR who wish to join relatives in the West. The agency has assisted 800 Iraqi Jews who left that country to join relatives in Western countries, he said.

### NON-ITALIAN RABBIS ACCUSED OF INTERFERING IN DUTIES OF ITALIAN RABBINATE

ROME, July 23 (JTA)--The General Assembly of Italian Rabbis has accused non-Italian rabbis of interfering in local affairs by classifying certain hotels and restaurants as "kosher." A communique published following the Assembly's meeting in Florence did not mention the names or nationality of the non-Italian rabbis who it accused of "repeated insupportable behavior."

The communique claimed these rabbis were violating "the Jewish principle that imposes respect for the competence of each local rabbinical authority." It deplored the alleged behavior as "intolerable interference" and urged Italian rabbis "to combat this phenomenon with all means in accordance with halacha" (religious law). The rabbis meeting in Florence asked the Jewish public not to patronize hotels and restaurants designated "kosher" by other than the local rabbinical authorities.

### FEW ITALIAN JEWS PARTICIPATE IN JEWISH COMMUNAL AFFAIRS, MEETING TOLD

ROME, July 23 (JTA)--The failure of Jewish youth and the Jewish public generally to participate in organized Jewish activities was criticized at a meeting here over the weekend of Italian Jewish community and organizational representatives. The meeting was organized by the Union of Italian Jewish Communities to discuss international Jewish cooperation at the institutional and service level.

Participants were told that less than ten percent of the Jewish population votes in community elections here. Speakers noted that better coordination was needed within the Italian Jewish community before cooperation between Jewish bodies in Italy and those in other European countries can become fruitful. The international cooperation sought is in education, health services and press institutions.

### BRITISH EXPERT TO HEAD JERUSALEM PLANNING AUTHORITY

JERUSALEM, July 23 (JTA)--The Jerusalem Municipality has moved to appoint a leading British town planner to head the Jerusalem Planning Authority for the next 18 months. Prof Nathan Lichfield, 56, who teaches town planning at London University, was approved by the Labor Alignment.





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to the leaders of Herut to avoid such an event. One strong section of Herut, headed by Knesset-member Yochanan Bader, has in fact urged a break-up of the alliance forthwith. Gen. Ezer Weizman, chairman of the Herut Party Executive, expressed hope however that despite the tense atmosphere, the partnership can survive. A similar hope was expressed by Simha Ehrlich, leader of the Liberal wing, who predicted contacts between the two factions soon to "thaw the icy atmosphere" that has developed between them. The Liberals claim that Gahal's fate depends on Herut chief Menachem Beigin who, they say, holds the key to the situation and can alone pave the way for a renewed understanding. Beigin however, castigated the Liberals in an article appearing in the week-end edition of the newspaper Maariv.

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### CABINET BARS RETURN OF ARABS TO BORDER VILLAGES EVACUATED IN '48

JERUSALEM, July 23 (JTA)--The Cabinet ruled by a majority decision today not to permit the former residents of Ikrit and Baram villages to return to the sites of their former homes in a security zone established along the Lebanese border in 1949. The Cabinet thus upheld the contention of Israeli military authorities that the security considerations that warranted the evacuation of the Arab villages 25 years ago remain valid.

Cabinet Secretary Reuven Aloni refused to tell newsmen after the Cabinet meeting which ministers opposed the majority decision or which, if any, abstained. It was generally believed that the two Mapam ministers were opposed. The villagers' claim to return to their old lands was supported by Archbishop Joseph Raya of the Greek Catholic (Maronite) church to which most of the Baram and Ikrit people belong. Raya had brought the matter directly to Premier Golda Meir's attention and subsequently agreed to her proposal to abide by whatever the Cabinet would decide. The Government agreed to continue efforts to compensate the villagers for their lost property and to relocate those not satisfied with their present dwellings.

According to Aloni the Cabinet considered the villagers' claims carefully and heard detailed testimony from Israeli officials. These included States Attorney Meir Shamgar, who related the legal history of the affair; Shmuel Toledano, the Premier's Arab affairs expert who discussed the political and social aspects of the case; and Army Chief of Staff Gen. David Elazar who explained the security considerations. Ikrit and Baram surrendered to the Israeli Army in Oct. 1948 and the inhabitants of both villages were evacuated.

## FEAR MOSCOW JEWS FACE TRIAL IN SVERDLOVSK

LONDON, July 23 (JTA)--The Soviet secret police is trying to involve three Jewish activists from Moscow in the trial of Vladimir Markman scheduled to open shortly in Sverdlovsk, Jewish sources in the Soviet Union reported today. The sources said that under interrogated by the KGB, Markman was asked repeatedly about alleged contacts with Vladimir Slepak, Valentina Prestin and Viktor Polski, all of Moscow. All have applied for visas to go to Israel.

Although he denied having anything to do with them, the three may be forced to stand trial with Markman as co-defendants. The charges against Markman relate to alleged "anti-Soviet activities." The sources said Soviet authorities would prefer to have Slepak, Prestin and Polski stand trial in Sverdlovsk, an industrial city in the Urals, rather than in Moscow where the trial would attract the attention of the Western press.

The sources claimed that a KGB Col., N. S. Pozdniadov tried to persuade the three Moscow Jews to testify against Markman by promising them quick action on their exit visas if they complied. The sources said that all three refused. According to Jewish circles in the USSR, the Sverdlovsk trial may be followed by other "show trials" of alleged Zionist activists.

## REFUSAL OF LANDING RIGHTS CAN LEAD TO ILL-WILL TOWARD ISRAEL, DUTCH MINISTER WARNS

AMSTERDAM, July 23 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Norbert Schmeltzer has criticized Israeli aviation authorities for refusing to grant the Dutch airline, KLM, additional charter flight landing rights in Israel. Schmeltzer said Friday that he was "seriously concerned and disappointed" by Israel's attitude.

He warned that that attitude "is likely to influence Dutch public opinion regarding Israel. The ban on charter flights has already inconvenienced hundreds of tourists and has caused a great deal of ill feeling," Schmeltzer said. On July 1, Israel increased KLM's regular landing rights at Lydda Airport from three to four flights a week. The increase was said to have been in exchange for a promise by The Hague Government to persuade the government of The Netherlands West Indies to grant El Al landing rights at Curacao which have not materialized.

## CHILD BENEFITS TO INCREASE INCOME OF POOR FAMILIES

JERUSALEM, July 23 (JTA)--The Israeli cabinet has approved a bill that would double the welfare grants to poor families with three or more children. The new allowances would cost the government some \$24 million a year.

Aiming to get the measure into law by October, the government would grant 100 percent allowance hikes for the fourth child and additional children of impoverished families. Increases for the first three children would be on a more modest scale.

When the new minimum wage of nearly \$100 a month goes into effect next Jan., a married man whose wife does not work will receive a higher income than his actual wage. Including children's benefits, a minimum income for a father of five will be \$147 a month, about \$30 of this derived from the new child allowance provision.

## JERUSALEM POLICE OUST HERUT YOUTHS FROM TEMPLE MOUNT

JERUSALEM, July 23 (JTA)--Fifteen members of the Herut youth movement who tried to hold prayer services in the Temple Mount area in East Jerusalem

on Tisha B'Av, dispersed peacefully after police ordered them out of the area. The Temple Mount, site of the Mosque of Omar and the El Aksa Mosque, is controlled by the Waqf, the Moslem religious council, and is out of bounds to Jewish worshippers.

The Herut youths were accompanied by Gahal City Councilman Gershon Solomon. Solomon said afterwards that he would appeal to the Premier and the Defense Minister to abolish the restrictions in the Temple Mount area.

## OFFICER IN EILAT MUNITIONS BLAST GETS 4-MONTH SUSPENDED SENTENCE

TEL AVIV, July 23 (JTA)--A special military tribunal today pronounced a four month suspended sentence on an Israeli Lt. Col. who was in command of a unit in Eilat in Jan. 1970 when a munitions explosion killed 25 persons and injured many others. The officer, whose name was not disclosed, was found guilty on various technical counts though not of direct responsibility for the fatal accident. The court recommended that he be allowed to retain his rank.

Several other officers and men were found directly responsible and were tried and sentenced last year. The court at that time indicated that the commanding officer should also be brought to trial and the Army Chief of Staff accepted its recommendation. The explosion occurred when Israeli soldiers were unloading ammunition captured during a raid on the Egyptian island of Shadwan in the Gulf of Suez.

## WOULD-BE BOMBER'S HOUSE DEMOLISHED

TEL AVIV, July 23 (JTA)--The house in Tulkarem of Hamil Goumaah, a 25-year-old terrorist who attempted to bomb the Nathanya bus terminal two weeks ago, has been demolished by Israeli security forces, it was reported yesterday. Goumaah was severely burned when a bomb he was assembling in the terminal lavatory caught fire and ignited his clothing. He is still in a hospital but reported out of danger.

Goumaah's father and brother were arrested after a search of their home yielded explosives and sabotage equipment. They were released after questioning.

Five persons in the Nablus area were arrested for questioning yesterday following the discovery of an arms and explosives arsenal in a house at Kfar Bala, a village on the West Bank.

## COMBAT ASSIMILATION THROUGH JEWISH EDUCATION AND ZIONISM, LABOR PARTY LEADER SAYS

TEL AVIV, July 23 (JTA)--Aharon Yadlin, Secretary General of the Labor Party, claimed today that it was Israel's mission to combat assimilation and mixed marriages among Jews all over the world and thus "assume responsibility for the Jewish nation." Addressing the Labor Zionist secretariate here, Yadlin said the task could be accomplished by strengthening Zionist feelings and furthering Jewish education among the youth in the diaspora. Israel, he said, must serve as a "nation of absorption" and he called on the Labor movement here to create the necessary atmosphere for absorbing newcomers while its followers abroad become the spearheads of Jewish education and Zionism.

BONN, July 23 (JTA)--The Supreme Court has rejected a defense appeal to reverse the life sentence imposed by a Saarbruecken jury in 1971 on former SS officer Fritz Gebauer who was convicted of murdering three Jews between 1941-43. The victims were slave laborers employed in a German munitions plant in Lwow.

### A Palestinian's Complaint ISRAELI BOOKS HOTTEST ITEMS IN ARAB LIBRARIES

JERUSALEM, July 23 (JTA)--Israeli books, translated into Arabic, have recently become a sought-after item on the Arab market, more so almost than books on sex — and all this because of compliance with the motto "know thine enemy."

This complaint was issued by the Palestinian writer Mamoud Darwish, in an article in the Cairo newspaper Al Ahram. Darwish, a former correspondent for "Al Itihad," a newspaper which was published in Haifa, expresses annoyance and complains bitterly that libraries in Arab countries have become distribution centers for Israeli books.

"The many downfalls we have suffered, which stemmed from a lack of knowledge of our enemy, have pushed us to the other extreme," Darwish writes. "So much so, that books on religion and sex in Arab libraries have made way for Israeli literature, which is widely circulated in the Arab countries. The situation has deteriorated to a dangerous level. We have reached a point where the boundaries between 'knowledge' and 'propaganda' have become blurred."

Ignorance of Israeli society may well have been one of the factors of Arab defeats, especially during the Six-Day War, Darwish notes. "The Arab has almost lost his faith in the Arab communications, and publicity media and therefore, in his search for truth, he turns to the Israeli broadcasts and publications."

The attitude of Arabs as a result of the influx of Israeli books has changed from one of contempt to an exaggerated appreciation bordering on admiration, Darwish writes. Not only that, but the more the Arab press disseminates stories about the Israeli Panthers, which was viewed as an Israeli internal collapse, and frontpaged Moshe Dayan's divorce as a sign of growing immorality, the more Arabs admired Israel.

"In fact, however, those very reports aroused admiration in the Arab public, which saw Israel's society as a true and healthy form of life where workers could strike, and students could criticize government policy, without causing internal upheavals."

Darwish declared that while it is the duty of Arabs to know "the enemy," this obligation must not be confused with a readiness to conduct "his propaganda for him." He calls for "guidance and control" in the dissemination of Israeli books and literature in Arab countries.

### HIAS REPORTS IT HELPED OVER 3000 JEWS RESETTLE IN US IN '71

NEW YORK, July 23 (JTA)--The United Hias Service helped 3,174 Jewish immigrants and refugees resettle in the United States during 1971 according to the annual report of the Jewish immigrant aid agency released today by Gaynor I. Jacobson, its executive vice president. The report noted that the aid recipients came from countries of Europe, North Africa and the Middle East and from Cuba and Chile.

Hias assisted more than 45,000 other Jews with various problems related to immigration and resettlement, the report said. These included helping persons reach countries of temporary asylum and assisting aliens in the US with naturalization or adjustment of status problems. Hias also aided in the prevention of deportation and jeopardy in various cases and in the location of relatives through its world-wide location service, the report said. It

rendered resettlement assistance in Latin America to migrants who arrived in prior years; aided in documentation, counselling of relatives and migrants and intervened with government officials on behalf of prospective migrants and aided their relatives and sponsors.

The report noted that a significant development in 1971 was the resettlement by Hias of 265 Jews from the Soviet Union, double the number of the previous year. Of that number, 214 were helped to come to the US, 24 to Canada and the rest to other areas. Jacobson's report said a further increase in the arrival of Soviet Jews in the US is expected owing to the favorable climate here toward the admission of Soviet Jews. Jacobson said his organization remains alert to the situation of Soviet Jewry and is making every effort to assist requested family reunions in the US and other Western countries. He said Hias has a current caseload of 5000 persons in the USSR who wish to join relatives in the West. The agency has assisted 800 Iraqi Jews who left that country to join relatives in Western countries, he said.

### NON-ITALIAN RABBIS ACCUSED OF INTERFERING IN DUTIES OF ITALIAN RABBINATE

ROME, July 23 (JTA)--The General Assembly of Italian Rabbis has accused non-Italian rabbis of interfering in local affairs by classifying certain hotels and restaurants as "kosher." A communique published following the Assembly's meeting in Florence did not mention the names or nationality of the non-Italian rabbis who it accused of "repeated insupportable behavior."

The communique claimed these rabbis were violating "the Jewish principle that imposes respect for the competence of each local rabbinical authority." It deplored the alleged behavior as "intolerable interference" and urged Italian rabbis "to combat this phenomenon with all means in accordance with halacha" (religious law). The rabbis meeting in Florence asked the Jewish public not to patronize hotels and restaurants designated "kosher" by other than the local rabbinical authorities.

### FEW ITALIAN JEWS PARTICIPATE IN JEWISH COMMUNAL AFFAIRS, MEETING TOLD

ROME, July 23 (JTA)--The failure of Jewish youth and the Jewish public generally to participate in organized Jewish activities was criticized at a meeting here over the weekend of Italian Jewish community and organizational representatives. The meeting was organized by the Union of Italian Jewish Communities to discuss international Jewish cooperation at the institutional and service level.

Participants were told that less than ten percent of the Jewish population votes in community elections here. Speakers noted that better coordination was needed within the Italian Jewish community before cooperation between Jewish bodies in Italy and those in other European countries can become fruitful. The international cooperation sought is in education, health services and press institutions.

### BRITISH EXPERT TO HEAD JERUSALEM PLANNING AUTHORITY

JERUSALEM, July 23 (JTA)--The Jerusalem Municipality has moved to appoint a leading British town planner to head the Jerusalem Planning Authority for the next 18 months. Prof Nathan Lichfield, 56, who teaches town planning at London University, was approved by the Labor Alignment.